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I've always been proud to be a Bostonian, but never more proud than I was this week. We had been severely tested and Bostonians have passed that test with flying colors. I witnessed many acts of kindness and incredible acts of bravery on that very difficult day. It started as a great day, with everyone smiling, cheering on the runners. There were spectators and runners from every walk of life, from all ages celebrating Patriots Day in Boston. When tragedy struck, ordinary citizens became heroes without thinking of their own safety.

Courage under fire! We think of that phrase when talking about our soldiers, police or firemen, but Monday we saw great courage from those groups and our ordinary citizens. I saw young women who were standing at the ready to wheel runners with a sprained ankle or leg

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
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President Flies Over South Boston -
God's Country

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cramp, running toward the danger without skipping a beat after the first explosion. After the second explosion, we were obviously under

attack but they continued coming and wheeling those that were able, quickly to our skilled doctors and

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President Obama's appearance and inspiring words at the Cathedral of The Holy Cross underlined a basic truth central to and shared by all Americans of good will. While our philosophy or methodology on how to make America a better country may differ, we are united in our rejection of violence as one of those methods. We are united in our rejection of those who use fear as a weapon. We

should, instead, show that unity by embracing the President's challenge to "finish the race."

We are all frustrated with thoughts of "I wish I could have done something, I wish I could aid the injured, I wish I could help the police". But, we can do something. This week our first duty should be to join, in whatever way each person can, those services and memorials that mourn and honor those fallen and injured. We should

also join together in a way to show our strength. To show we are not afraid to come together in a gathering of our fellow Americans.

South Boston Today suggests and urges our readers to write, call, or email Mayor Menino to invite every citizen of Boston, Massachusetts, of America and of the world, to join him as he leads us on a symbolic walk to "finish the race". When the authorities re-open Boylston Street, the mayor should simply invite "everybody and their mother" to meet him at Mass Ave and Boylston and make the walk. "Finish the race" in honor of the unknowing sacrifice of so many who were taken from us or injured trying to do just that.



"You cannot escape the responsibility of the future by evading it today"

- Abraham Lincoln

Last week's poll results:

In light of the heightened security needed in the wake of the marathon tragedy – how long do you think increased law enforcement should be present in our city?

Here's how you answered.

A Week	44%
A Month	15%
A Year	2%
Indefinitely	39%



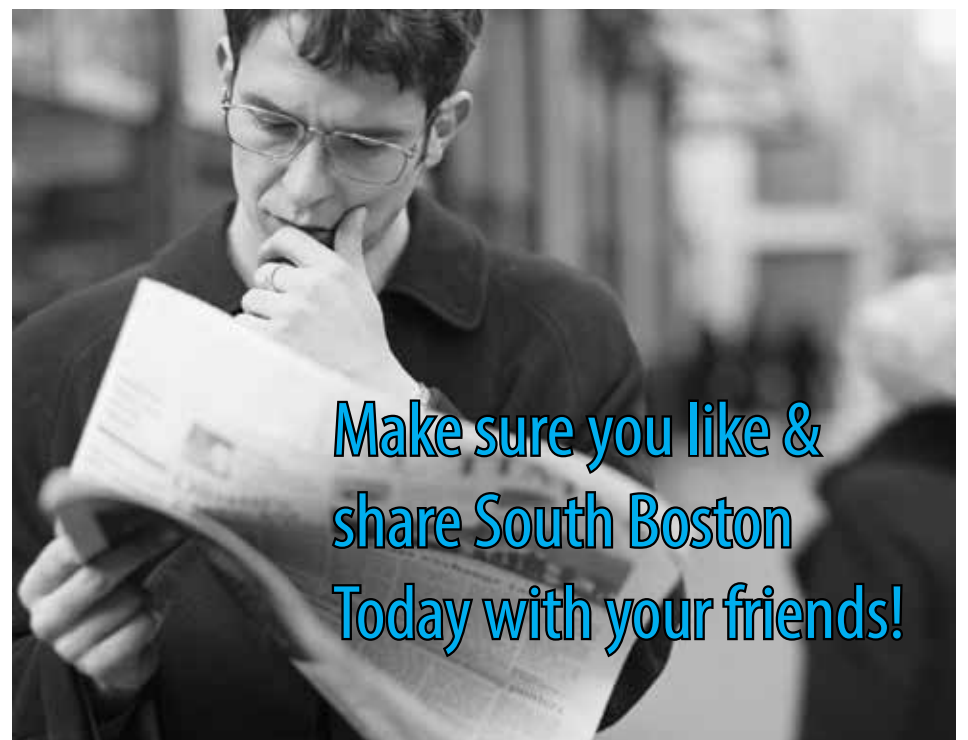
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Emotions Still Running Deep

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
John Ciccone

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We got a call the other day by a South Boston woman, whose brother is a Boston Police officer. He was on duty and deployed during the Marathon, not far from where the bombing took place and of course remained on duty with only time to sleep in between shifts for the following days leading up to killing of one terrorist bombing suspect and the capture of the other. Like all family members and friends who had someone serving in the area, she was afraid for her brother's safety and frantic and praying that he would return home safely to his family. She thanks God that he finally did.

As she waited tensely, watching every minute of the situation on FOX News Channel 25, she hung on each word with all the update. And then the news finally came. They got the second suspect after a hail of gunfire was unleashed. Minutes later, she got word that her brother was ok and just at the same time when her worry turned to joy, the church bells from St. Brigid's began to play God Bless America in response to the news that it was over. The young woman, a long time good friend, expressed to me the feeling of relief that she had and the emotions that welled up inside her at the combination of the good news and the sound of that beautiful song being played all at the same time. It's a feeling and a point in time she will always remember.

While most Americans feel a rightful surge of patriotism when their fellow Americans are attacked

and unite with each other in the common cause at the time, there are unfortunately those who do not. Just hours after the bombs went off, the crazies in the media, in Hollywood and so many of the lunatic leftist bloggers who pollute the internet with their childish venom launched into their usual blame game. "It must have been members of the TEA Party" was one attack. It was tax day when it happened so it had to be anti tax radicals who planted the bombs another well known documentary film maker in need of a bath proclaimed. Others blamed Conservative talk radio followers; while one said it might have been pro Second Amendment 'fanatics'. One columnist for a major daily newspaper actually said that he truly hoped it was a White American who

was responsible. How's that for a real dose of liberal tolerance?

Ah, but when the suspects were caught and identified and turned out to be who most American thought they'd be affiliated with in the first place, Islamist terrorists, well then, the tone and the attitudes of the media crazies changed immediately. There are actually people in the media now writing in their finest 'progressive' sympathetic way that ok well yes, they were foreign born Jihadists, but they had it tough being different and living here in America. Life was not easy for them in this country and on and on nauseatingly they go trying to get the rest of us to understand these poor misguided lads. Not that they condone the actions you understand, but perhaps they were driven to these acts by the way they were treated.

Oh how terrible these "lads" had it here? Are they kidding?! They were given food, housing, cell phones and thousands of dollars in Scholarship money. They receive benefits that most Americans born here are not entitled to. All thanks to us evil American tax payers. And how do they show their gratitude? They blow us up, of course. That's what the American infidels deserve – right? When Obama came on TV after it was over, he quickly but briefly praised the work of law enforcement, the first responders and all the civilians who rushed to aid the victims, but then launched right into his lecture on how we should not jump to conclusions and blame whole groups of people. The man is a master at how not to ever utter the term 'Islamic Terrorists'. He

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just won't do it. Well, I will. To deny it is senseless. These 'Islamic Terrorists' will continue to hit us whenever they can and with whatever weapons they have. It's who they are. It's what they live for. Whether Obama and the politically correct fools say the words or not, the American people know it's true. These people are out to kill Americans. They are at war with us.

The now famous Ted Nugent is well known for never mincing words. His take on this is, if the suspect still living is proven guilty, he should be hung in public. Nugent says he will personally supply the rope and the lumber for the gallows. I have a feeling, a lot of people would be glad to chip in to help Ted with the expenses.

Finally for this column, I was asked by a few of you for my take on the decision in the US Senate last week to reject the gun control measure that was being pushed. Obama was visibly shaken, petulant and furious at his loss. Without going into all the details, for now, of the bill itself and how it would have penalized law obeying decent American gun owners I'll just say this. This president might be able to take on the Republican Party, small business owners and others opposed to his policies and win, but last week he took on the National Rifle Association and learned the hard way that he is way out of his league and fighting above his weight class. To sum it up: NRA 1, Obama 0.



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Massachusetts AFL-CIO Endorses Nick Collins for State Senate

State's largest labor union cites Collins' ability to deliver results

(Boston, MA) – State Representative Nick Collins accepted the Massachusetts AFL-CIO endorsement for State Senator for the First Suffolk Senate District. The organization cited Rep. Collins' successful record of fighting for working class families and his ability to deliver results on Beacon Hill in making its endorsement.

The Massachusetts AFL-CIO is the largest umbrella union in the Commonwealth, representing nearly 400,000 workers across a range of occupations, including teachers, electricians, iron workers, public employees and utility workers. The AFL-CIO endorsement of Rep. Collins follows the April 2nd endorsement of the Greater Boston Labor Council (GBLC), a key group within the umbrella union representing 90,000 union workers in Greater Boston. The GBLC selected Rep. Collins by a two-thirds majority after interviewing the three candidates who are running in the Democratic Primary on April 30th, noting his steadfast support for collective bargaining rights and his community activism in Dorchester and South Boston.

"Nick Collins places the interests of working families first," said Steven Tolman, president of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO. "Nick has effectively supported the interests of organized labor on Beacon Hill and been a staunch defender of collective bargaining rights, job protections and workplace safety."

"The Massachusetts AFL-CIO endorsement is truly humbling," said Rep. Collins. "As State Senator, my commitment to organized labor will remain strong and I will fight every day to ensure that working families are given the rights and respect they've earned."

In addition to the Massachusetts AFL-CIO endorsement, the following organizations have endorsed Rep. Collins:

- AFSMCE Council 93
- Boston Carmen's Union #589
- Boston Firefighters Local #718
- Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen Local #3
- Communities United PAC
- Greater Boston Labor Council
- International Alliance of Theatrical State Employees Local #11
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Reading Between The Lines

“While Trying to Escape”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Brian R. Mahoney

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Let's try to get this straight. Little Joe-Joe Jihad was brought to America at 8 years old by his parents who reportedly were both lawyers. Due to the bombings and fighting in Chechnya, or “Whatever-Stan” they came to Cambridge for a better life and safety. Joe-Joe attends the best schools, is given a cash scholarship for college and on September 11, 2012 his American Citizenship.

In return, our coward Joe puts a bomb in a crowd of Americans next to an 8 year old boy, whose parents, too, were trying to keep him safe. His mother's shoplifting arrest at Lord and Taylor's might explain the bombs placement. Nearly every interview has his friends saying how “nice” a kid he was. At the same time he was “chillin' with friends”, he was also texting, “9-11 was an inside job” and anyone who didn't see that was a “blind patriot”. This occurred on the night before he was to be given his citizenship on 9-11-12. Only seven months ago.

Here's a question for those “good friends”. If (because life is unpredictable) two or three “friends” from the wrestling team just happen to show up on Boylston Street right after Joe-Joe put the bomb down and they bumped into him leaving what would happen? Would the coward go back and remove the bomb? Would he make up an excuse and hustle his “friends” from danger? Or would Joe-Joe say, “enjoy the race, I have to go”?

As hard as it is to believe someone who hates American could live in Cambridge the old “Nature versus

Nurture” debate comes up. If it had been a right-wing nut, as many in the “Lame stream” media land were predicting, the coverage and outrage would be twice what it is right now. For instance, of all the major incidents, shoe bomber, underwear bomber, Times Square, and five or six others, only Timothy McVeigh got what he deserved. The rest are all doing life on our dime in Colorado. Mc Veigh went from crime to trial to execution in near record time. Which is good but the ACLU never opened their mouth. Now that the killer is from the heart of the peoples' republic, he's being called “just a boy”. Naturally the ACLU is leading the charge to defend “the boy”

He's “only” 19 years you know.

Isn't the voting age 18? When man stepped on the moon this writer was 19 and on a patrol. And I had it easy compared to all the other 19 year olds in the service then. We couldn't vote till 21 back then. However, that didn't stop the left from labeling those boys “baby killers”. I try to speak at least once a week with a friend and great man who turned 19 on an Okinawan Beach while the largest and most destructive Kamikaze attack of WWII raged all around him. How many of those “boys” on our Viet-Nam memorial were only 19? And, on all America's memorials.

Commissioner Ed Davis, who deserves as much credit as can be given, was wrong on one point. He said “we had to capture him alive to find out what happened”. It would have been so much better if he had been able to say “shot and killed while resisting arrest”. Little Joe-

Joe should have been taken in the same condition as his punk brother and with too many bullet holes for the doctor to count.

As a police officer of many years of experience, the Commissioner has seen many like these two self-indulgent, whiny, lazy, punks, who always find an excuse why life isn't fair to them. Sure the whole Islam Fanatic angle plays in. But that crutch is no different than all the other reasons criminals use to justify their crimes. Did a terror group give Tamerlan some

training? Probably but Tamerlan went looking for them. It's doubtful they gave him a plan or anything but training. Tamerlan, by the way means “The Lame One”. Lame Brain would be more like it. In any event, this weasel was, after all, a college engineering student and it didn't take a rocket scientist to make the bombs.

In all probability these two weasels thought this up on their own. As the Uncle stated, Tamerlan had a job. The coward

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Linda Dorcena Forry The Progressive Choice for State Senate



For 8 years in the statehouse, Linda Dorcena Forry has been a leader for the values of our communities. From fighting for working families, affordable housing, and small businesses to standing up for women's health issues, marriage equality and equal rights for all, Linda has been our voice.

Linda Dorcena Forry has earned the support of our state's strongest progressive leaders, including:

State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz
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State Rep. Liz Malia
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The show goes on for convention center events in Boston

“...They picked the wrong city”: Events at BCEC and Hynes Convention Center see little impact to attendance following Boston Marathon explosions



BOSTON - With three events scheduled and over 20,000 attendees expected at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center and John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, the tragic events surrounding the Boston Marathon bombing had little immediate effect on operations at the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA). With increased security measures and a joint communication effort, MCCA officials and event organizers worked together throughout a chaotic week to keep convention center activity on track, with safety at the forefront and with little impact to event attendance.

“We are grateful to our customers and their attendees for their patience throughout a week of uncertainty and constantly changing information,” said James E. Rooney, MCCA executive director. “I continue to be impressed with the resiliency of the meetings industry and our customers’ willingness to work with us to keep their meetings scheduled, not only out a sense of determination, but also as a show of support for the City of Boston.”

“I’m also personally thankful to my staff and our contract partners for reassuring and updating our guests, keeping them and our facilities safe, and for continuing to deliver excellent events regardless of the situation at hand,” Rooney said.

After some uncertainty following the Marathon bombing of April 15, the Ambulatory Surgery Center Association’s Annual Meeting began the following Wednesday as scheduled. On Friday, April 19, attendees – most of whom are staying

in hotels connected to the convention center via walkways from the Prudential Center and Copley Place – were in the Hynes for sessions starting at 7 a.m. In accordance with a shelter-in-place order from the Governor, attendees stayed at the Hynes and continued with event activity as scheduled. A Friday evening reception scheduled to take place at the Harvard Club on Commonwealth Avenue was relocated to the Hynes.

ASCA wrapped up its event Sunday and, overall, saw little impact to its event attendance. Show organizers reported 1,700 attendees each event day, only 5 percent less than originally expected prior to the bombing.

“Safety was our first priority. Once that was assured, it was a matter of working with the great staff at the Hynes Convention Center and our host hotels to keep our attendees fully informed,” said William Prentice, CEO of the Ambulatory Surgery Center Association. “In addition, local, state and federal law enforcement, along with all the other first responders, did a masterful job of maintaining order and calm.”

Friday April 19 was a scheduled arrival day for nearly 15,000 attendees of the Experimental Biology 2013 Annual Meeting, as well as a heavy move-in day for exhibitors at the BCEC. Move-in activity began early in the morning, prior to the shelter-in-place order being extended to the entire City of Boston, so contracted labor and exhibitors already onsite were allowed to continue moving as planned. Registration at the BCEC was temporarily delayed, but attendees were able to register at satellite hotels, including the Westin Boston Waterfront and the Renaissance Boston Waterfront. On

Saturday, April 20, the event opened as planned and will continue through Tuesday, April 23. Event organizers have reported that attendance is currently tracking well ahead of last year’s event numbers.

Unfortunately, event organizers for Boston Comic Con – scheduled to take

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Former Senator Paul White Endorses Linda Dorcena Forry for State Senate

Former State Senator W. Paul White publicly endorsed the candidacy of Rep. Linda Dorcena Forry for the Massachusetts State Senate representing Dorchester, Mattapan, South Boston and parts of Hyde Park. Rep. Forry is seeking to replace her colleague and friend, former Senator Jack Hart, who resigned in January. Paul White represented Dorchester for 25 years in the State Senate and House of Representatives.

“Linda Forry is a leading voice for working families, small businesses and city neighborhoods in the state Legislature,” White said at an April 23 campaign rally hosted by well known entertainer Jimmy Tingle. “The district has a storied history of outstanding leadership. I was privileged to serve in the Senate from 1989 to 1997, and the seat has been well served by legendary public servants including George V. Kenneally Jr., Joseph B. Walsh, William M. Bulger, Stephen Lynch, Brian A. Joyce and Jack Hart. Linda Forry possesses the sort of exemplary skills that will continue the legacy of leadership and ensure that the district continues to be well served.”

Rep. Forry said she appreciates the growing number of endorsements she has been receiving. “Our Senate district needs a strong, experienced leader to step in right away to carry on the work of Senator Hart and to build a new partnership among the constituencies of the district’s neighborhoods. I am

ready and willing to be that leader for the whole First Suffolk district on Day One,” she said. “I am waging a vigorous campaign that highlights my vision for the district, but that also incorporates the priorities and innovative ideas of civic and business leaders across our neighborhoods.”

Former State Senator Paul White joins a growing list of endorsements for Linda Dorcena Forry including: Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins, State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, State Rep. Gloria Fox, State Rep. Carlos Henriquez, State Rep. Russell Holmes, State Rep. Liz Malia, State Rep. Michael Moran, State Rep. Byron Rushing, state rep. Jeffrey Sanchez, City Councilor Felix arroyo, City Councilor Tito Jackson, City Councilor Ayanna Pressley, Boston’s Ward 15 & 17 Democratic Committees, Fmr. State Senator Bill Owens, Fmr. State Rep. Willie Mae Allen, Fmr. State Rep. Doris Bunte, Fmr. State Rep. Charlotte Golar Richie, Fmr. State Rep. Shirley Owens-Hicks, Fmr. State Rep. Marie St. Fleur, Progressive Massachusetts, Mass Women’s Political Caucus, Naral Massachusetts, Mass Equality, Planned Parenthood - Ma, National Assoc. of Social Workers, 1199SEIU, SEIU local 509, SEIU 615, SEIU 888, SEIU State Council, New England Regional Council of Carpenters, Carpenters Local 67, Pile Drivers Local 56, Floorcoverers Local 2168, UniteHERE Local 26, Cape Verdean Forward, Caribbean Political Action Committee, Oiste, DotOUT, and The Bay State Banner.

The daughter of immigrants from Haiti, Rep. Forry, 39, was born and raised in Dorchester and has lived within the Senate seat’s boundaries her entire life— first as a youngster growing up in Uphams Corner and today as a mother and homeowner in Lower Mills. She and her husband Bill Forry are the parents of four children, ages 9 years to 8 months. Rep. Forry is a graduate of St. Kevin Grammar School, Monsignor Ryan Memorial High School, and Boston College, and is currently a candidate for a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government (2013).



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National Education Group Endorses Nick Collins

Collins Tapped for His Commitment to Education

Democrats for Education Reform (DFER) today endorsed State Rep. Nick Collins in the First Suffolk State Senate Special Election. Collins was chosen by DFER, an advocacy group supporting Democratic leaders throughout the country, for his commitment to education.

“Rep. Collins is at the forefront of improving our public schools,” said Liam Kerr, State Director of DFER Massachusetts (DFER-MA). “As a community member, he has played a vital role in the development of successful, innovative schools in Dorchester and South Boston. As a legislator, Rep. Collins has demonstrated a focus on improving public school options for all children in the state. We urge all education voters to join us in supporting Nick Collins for State Senate. As a Senator, Collins will ensure that our kids get the high-quality education they deserve.”

A recent poll by the nonprofit Education Reform Now showed education has emerged as the most pressing issue for the Boston electorate, with nearly half of likely voters citing the quality of schools as one of their top two concerns.

Collins has been involved in the development of high-quality schools in the First Suffolk District, rallying community members to help create the state’s first charter-like Innovation School at the Clap School in Dorchester. He was also a founding board member of the UP Academy Charter School in South Boston, which posted the largest improvements of any middle school in the



state. In the coming days, Democrats for Education Reform phone banks and voter outreach will alert the education-focused electorate to Collins’ strong education credentials through the primary election on Monday, April 30th.

About Democrats for Education Reform

Democrats for Education Reform (DFER) is a political action committee with 12 state offices whose mission is to encourage a more productive dialogue within the Democratic Party on the need to fundamentally reform American public education. DFER operates at all levels of government to educate elected officials and support reform-minded candidates for public office.

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“Media Madness”

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staff report

The last week has been truly revealing in comparing the actions of “Regular” people beside those of the “Professionals”. With smoke still rising and pieces of debris raining down, the countless numbers of people who dashed to the danger, keeping their wits, and were the prime reason so many lived.

The media, on the other hand, acts on a phony “tip” that an arrest in the bombing case had been made flocked to the Moakley Courthouse in South Boston. At South Boston Today we watched the growing crowd on TV that by now were aware no arrest had been made, with amazement. So much so that we decided to go down to the courthouse to taking picture o the media taking pictures of an empty courthouse. We pulled in by our Lady of Good Voyage Chapel after almost getting sideswiped by a van marked “Philly Eyewitness News”. We thought we would document the madness but our presence probably only added to it. Obviously some punk, seeing the crows at the courthouse, decided to call in a bomb threat.

This led to another punk calling in a threat to Brigham and Woman’s. This resulted in patients, some from the marathon bombing, being evacuated into the parking lot. All over some insatiable need to be first. The old “If it Bleeds, it Leads”, mentality.

We are new at the game at South Boston Today but are quick learners. We are determined not to be caught up in the “Media Madness” but instead report the news, not try to make it.



Never Forget

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Guest Contributor Ray Flynn

The question often comes up after a death and the suffering of a loved one, how can God allow this to happen? Well, He doesn’t. But there is evil in the world and those ugly forces are determined to inflict their hatred on innocent people who would never hurt anyone.

Monday, I once again saw the happy and excited faces of innocent fans and spectators at the Boston Marathon, many of them children. I also later saw the same expression of fear and panic on my own grandchildren’s faces -- they were sitting at the finish line and experienced this horrific and cowardly act. On Friday, these same children raised \$6,500 dollars for the family of 8 year old Martin

Richard of Dorchester, who was killed by a terrorist’s bomb. The children organized a Braintree community lemonade and cookie sale at which over 2,000 children and their parents were on hand to support the Richard family. The pain decent people feel for the victims and families will never go away. I hope we build a permanent memorial to the victims wonderful and happy lives right here in Boston.

We will never forget them or this horrific event. But, we also must never forget that America and our values have many violent and despicable enemies, who will stop at nothing to inflict their hatred on the freedom loving people of our country. Protecting innocent American’s must always be our highest priority as a nation. We must promise, never again. We must never again allow terrorists to come to our city and inflict so much pain and suffering. Tougher laws must be enacted. Smarter intelligence and immigration measures need to be put in place.

I’ve often said that the Boston Marathon and Patriots’ Day, has always been Boston’s greatest day. Patriotism, sacrifice and pride. That’s what America is about. It’s where it all began. Boston is where generations of immigrants have come looking for opportunity. They worked hard to achieve their goals and committed themselves to the values of our country and played by the rules. A setback, yes, but we are more determined than ever, to protect our traditions and values. Those responsible for this cowardly act must never have read the history of Boston and what we stand for. We don’t bend to tyrants or terrorists.

We are Bostonians and proud Americans. And we pray for the victims, their families and those who suffer and work to keep us safe. We are tough, smart, determined and never forget.

Ray Flynn is former Mayor of Boston and U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican.



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A Message From Nick Collins



Dear Neighbor:

I am writing one more time to ask for your vote next Tuesday, April 30th, in the special election to determine your new state senator for the 1st Suffolk District to succeed Jack Hart. I previously worked as an aide in Senator Hart's office and was then elected to the House of Representatives, where I currently serve South Boston and parts of Dorchester. I grew up in a family with 6 children and graduated from the Boston Public Schools. Given my professional and personal background, I understand the issues and pressures the working families in this District face every day.

Today, I was proud to receive the endorsement of the Boston Herald. The Herald affirmed my commitment to the working class families in our District, writing:

"Collins brings a respectable record on fiscal issues that affect the hard-working residents of his district, and taxpayers need that now more than ever. Collins also supported an overdue sentencing reform bill that cracked down on repeat violent offenders. In this field we think the taxpayers' best hopes lie with Collins and we are pleased to endorse him."

My family is very much like yours, and because of that, I understand the challenges we all face daily. When I go to the State Senate, I will represent your family like it was my own. I will work tirelessly to protect your wages and to keep your streets safe. I will make sure our seniors have a strong voice in the State Senate and that our veterans are given the respect and representation they deserve for their service. It would be my honor to be your State Senator.

I humbly ask for your vote next Tuesday, April 30th. If you need a ride to the polls, please call our headquarters at 617-268-1014.

Sincerely,
Nick Collins

South Boston Democratic City Committees Endorse Collins

Boston - State Representative Nick Collins is proud to announce the unanimous endorsement from both of South Boston's Democratic City Committees for his candidacy for State Senate. These endorsements reflect the outpouring of support for Collins in his hometown as the Special Election for the State Senate nears next Tuesday, April 30.

"I am honored to receive these endorsements from both of South Boston's Democratic City Committees. I have spent the past two terms working hard for the people of South Boston and I look forward to representing them in the State Senate," says Collins.

Bernie O'Donnell, chair of the Ward 7 City committee explains, "Representative Collins is the only choice for both of South Boston's Democratic City Committees. Nick has worked tirelessly for the past three years and we know that Nick has overwhelming support of South Boston voters. The choice was easy."

Bob O'Shea, chair of the Ward 6 City committee shared, "Nick has a solid record of delivering results and always stands up for what is best for our neighborhood. I hope you will join me in voting for Nick on April 30."

Collins has served as State Representative since 2010. Rep. Collins was elected unanimously by his colleagues to Chair the Boston Delegation. He is a graduate of the Boston Latin School and Babson College.

The Staff and Board of Directors of the South Boston Community Health Center

would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to all those who came to the aid of the injured, secured our City, and kept us all informed during this horrific chain of events this past week.



Our thanks to Governor Patrick, Mayor Menino, Commissioner Davis, Colonel Alben, all our local Police, Fire, First Responders and all those who volunteered during the Boston Marathon.

Our condolences go out to those families who lost a loved one and our prayers go out to all those who face a long road of recovery ahead.

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Avoid Tickets And Tows On Street Sweeping Day

Spring is here, at least according to the calendar. With the arrival of this much awaited season comes warm, pleasant weather, longer day light hours thanks to Daylight Savings Time, the blooming of colorful and fragrant flowers and trees budding out with new foliage. It's glorious renewal of life in a sense that marks a new beginning for so many things.

Yet, as all of us are aware, or we should be at least, spring also brings with it a resumption of street cleaning, which is a good thing. But with the sweeping of the streets comes something not so good and that of course is the ticketing and towing of cars for the forgetful or the uninformed. So the goal is, stay informed, be ready and move those cars. The price of a ticket, a tow and a storage charge could ruin an otherwise nice day.

For those of you who don't know

the damage that comes with not moving your car, we double checked with the Boston Public Works Dept. then with enforcement. If you get a ticket on street cleaning day it's \$40. If you are not lucky enough to get to your car before the tow truck comes to haul it away, add another \$90 to the bill. When your car gets to its towed destination, the storage charge starts to pile on at \$15 more a day for each day that it's left at the city tow lot. If you're at work, or worse yet, out of town for a few days for your job or even away on vacation, when you come home and realize your car is gone you could be looking at a hefty fine. This is not a situation conducive to maintaining a good mood.

So, what to do? The advice we are about to give now, contains the information that most long time residents already know, or should know either by the painful

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experience of getting their vehicles ticketed and towed or simply by paying attention and being vigilant in defending against being a victim of street sweeping day. This bit of info is mainly for those new to the town who may not yet be familiar with local customs and regulations or perhaps for visitors who are sometimes taken completely by surprise and frantically call police because they think their car has been stolen when they come back to find it gone.

First, check the signs posted on the streets regarding the dates and times for street sweeping. Remember, on most streets, the side of the street you live on is off limits on that certain day of the week selected by city hall every other week. Check the time of the day that parking is prohibited. A typical example could be no parking on the even side of E. Fifth Street the 2nd and 4th Wednesday between the hours of 9:am and 1:pm. Be sure to check the days and times of surrounding streets as well since parking in South Boston, being what it is could cause you to park a block or two, or maybe a block or ten away from where you live.

If the sign says no parking between the hours of 9am and 1pm

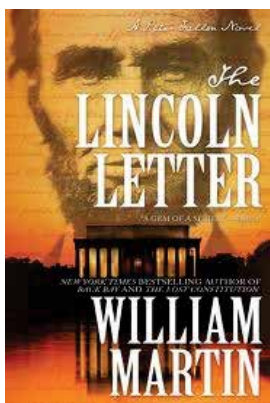
and the sweepers come by at 9:30, it would stand to reason that it would be ok to put your car back in your favorite spot right after the job is done. But keep in mind that on some occasions in the past, neighbors have complained that they were towed anyway, even though the street was now cleaned. This has at times caused words to be exchanged and even punches to be thrown. Remember, though this practice may not be fair and is often denied by officials that it actually happens; it has happened. Towing is after all, a revenue raising mechanism to fill the city's coffers. If you want to take the chance, go ahead, but remember, you read it here, we wouldn't advise it.

So there you have it, your guide to avoiding unpleasant and potentially expensive situations on street cleaning day. Sweeping streets of litter and keeping them clean is worth the inconvenience of moving a vehicle on those designated days. It has been suggested that if everyone did their part and personally went out and swept the areas in front of their homes, street sweepers would not be needed. But that's another story for a different article.



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- A. Life with possible parole
- B. Life without parole
- C. Execution



Dorchester Tire Service: Family Owned Personal Touch

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For car owners, something that gives them a good feeling and peace of mind is to have a place to take their vehicles where they know that they can trust the mechanics and the service technicians. Yes, these places do exist. And one such place is Dorchester Tire Service located at 1160 Dorchester Ave in Dorchester.

This is a family owned business that boasts many years of experience, a staff that is dedicated to providing their customers with nothing less than top notch service and doing all they possibly can to make those customers feel satisfied when they leave. This is a recipe that has worked since Alan Saks bought the business back in 1982. Now, along with his sons Gary and Greg Saks, they have made Dorchester Tire Service a respected part of the neighborhood with an impeccable reputation for treating people fairly and providing some of the best possible service around.

They started off as a shop that specialized in truck and vehicle fleet repair along with tire sales. The business has since expanded to include commercial fleet maintenance as well as personal passenger vehicles. One of the things that jumps out at and keeps so many customers coming back year after year, many of them South Bostonians, is the attitude of the Saks Family. When coming in for a repair or to make a purchase, the customer knows that they will only be sold what is needed, not what those who operate the shop want to sell them. If you come in thinking you need a full brake job of pads and rotors and upon inspection, Dorchester Tire Service finds you need only pads, but not rotors, they will tell you right away that you can save money, because you really don't need those rotors after all. And that's how they operate with everything they do. And they do a lot. And an important part of what they do is giving a full explanation of what you need, what they will

do, why and how it will get done.

For those who may have thought that because it's called Dorchester Tire Service, tires are all they sell and take care of, a trip through the large garage areas tells a different story. Cars and light trucks were up on lifts and in the bays getting just about every kind of service. There is a hard working staff of 20 plus professionals. Many of them have been with the company for quite a few years. In fact, there is one man who has been working there for 50 years. He was there when Alan Saks bought the place and he's still going strong and working hard. Another has been there for over 30 years. It's a good place to work, people like their jobs and are treated fairly. In fact, all are considered a team. When it gets busy, all the Saks men, Alan, Gary and Greg, father and sons, jump right in and man the service counters and help in the garage as well.

This is a place that is now famous for tire repair and sales of course, but also oil changes, front end work, alignments, brakes, suspensions, shocks, Air Conditioner and heater repair and replacement, batteries, exhaust systems and almost every other repair needed. You can get your car's annual inspection here as well. The place is a full blown mechanical business with body work too. And it has a huge inventory of tires to fit any car or truck for any purpose.

From any good and reputable business, you expect top shelf work and you certainly get it here. But Dorchester Tire Service goes above and beyond. If you think when you bring your car in for service you have to spend hours in their clean and pleasant waiting room, which by the way is complete with free WiFi service, you will be in for a nice surprise. They actually provide shuttle service. That's right. They will take you home or to work or to a shopping mall or whatever destination you need to get to AND, they will come and



pick you up when your car is ready. How's that for service? Need a ride to a T-Station? Not a problem, they will take care of that too. They are in a convenient location, easy to get to with plenty of parking. They can also boast that half of their customers are now women.

Dorchester Tire Service is so successful because it is a neighborhood business that over the years has proven to residents in the many surrounding neighborhoods that it is built on loyalty and trust. This is something very important, a priority to Alan, Gary and Greg Saks. They are good to their customers; they appreciate them and treat everyone fairly,

with kindness and with respect. Unlike some of the big chain repair and sales companies, they add that personal touch. They perform their duties with speed and competence developed through experience and a sincere desire to give value and satisfaction.

Dorchester Tire Service is open Monday through Friday from 7am till 5pm, Saturdays from 7am till 4pm. Their phone number is 617-436-0900. They are located less than 200 yards from the Savin Hill T-Station. Check out their website at www.dorchestertire.com or stop in, pay them a visit and see firsthand how a well run, customer friendly business operates.

South Boston Electrician Tom Crowley

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This week South Boston Today will feature one of Southie's tradesmen Tom Crowley.

Tom grew up and attended school in South Boston. After passing an entrance exam, Tom was accepted into the Electrical Training Program at Charleston High graduating in 1975. In that period, Boston had a program where each district high schools specialized in one specific trade. Tom later attended the Night Electric Program at Boston Trade the premier professional tradesman school in Boston.

He began his apprenticeship in Weston, Massachusetts and received his

electricians' license in 1979. Tom later worked in Boston with Local 103. In 1992, Tom began an association working for a fire sprinkler company. They shaped his work life going forward. In 2000, Tom formed a partnership and created his own company. During that time Tom expanded from being the predominant company covering the financial and downtown area to an increased suburban clientele.

Last year Tom decided to be independent selling his shares and doing business as "Tom Crowley Electrician". Naturally this company is licensed, bonded, insured. Along with electrical installation of all appliances, generators and home security systems, Tom installs repairs and maintains sprinkler systems and, importantly, provides fire system testing.

Tom lives just over the bridge in Quincy, but still maintains his business and social life in South Boston, as if he never left. Electrical or sprinkler problem? Call Tommy.

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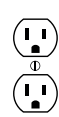
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just quit working and started saying "whatever Allah wills" as to why he was just lying around. And of course in most other communities his negative views would get some type of counter balance. In the "People's Republic" though, his "hate America" philosophy receives constant reinforcement. So while he received training, the trainer's attitude "sure lets teach this crazy American and he's on this own," is probably closer to what happened as opposed to a foreign plot.

Now that he's dead, we'll hear that he made the plan, he made the bombs, he killed Officer Collier, he hijacked the car, he shot during the car chase, he threw the bombs during the chase, he shot Officer Donohue. Little Joe-Joe was just along for the ride.

Joe-Joe Jihad is nothing more than a punk thrill killer. He did it for "excitement" not some political or religious motive. That's just a cover, an excuse. He had plenty of opportunities to get to "paradise and his 72 virgins".

Instead he was so eager to live he apparently ran over and dragged his brother to his death. When he was in the boat he could have come out with gun's blazing and tried to take a couple of "infidels" with him. He didn't because Joe-Joe Jihad is a phony. Little boys and girls and innocents can die for the "cause" but not Joe-Joe. This punk has no information to give. He did it because he thought it would be "cool". What would be "cool" is a headline "Shot and Killed While Trying to Escape".

Take care until next week.

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16 Carpenter Street Two Family	\$445,000	4/23/13	11	3	2640
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Tech Corner...

Watch Out Comcast - Google is Coming....

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Guest Contributor Peter Ostashen

Comcast and the like better watch their backs because Google is coming on strong. They are launching their next generation Internet service and are targeting large cities. They are offering speeds 100x faster than its closest competitor and are giving their customers cable TV access over the same connection.

The technical specs of the solution start with a gigabit Internet connection that equals out to 1000MB. To put that into perspective you probably get about 18-25MB from Comcast, RCN, or Verizon right now. Through Google this service will run you about \$70 per month and if you want to get access to their TV lineup it is advertised at another \$50 per month. So to analyze that for \$120 per month you will have access to 80% of the TV you want to watch and have Internet access over 100x faster. Google is also offering "free" Internet based on the average speeds of the Internet where all you have to pay is an install fee. You will not get the blazing speeds that their paid for package offers but for some people average speed is all they really need. I think in the next few years cable TV will be much different and I think most of it will be internet based which will require people to have very fast internet connections that feed into their cable boxes.

This service is only available in Kansas City and soon to be in Austin Texas but Boston could be one of the

next landing grounds. Google has an interesting angle with this type of project. The more time people spend online the better they do as a company. They make a business out of collecting your data and profiling your Internet activity. For a company of their size it is a very small investment to install their own network across the country but in the long run could prove to be very generous, as it will pay off for their other services. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns email me at: peter@ostashenconsulting.com

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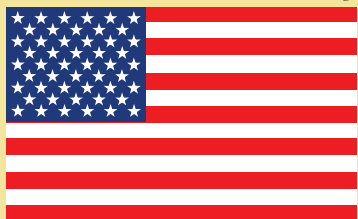
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nurses, saving lives and limiting the injuries to others. Some bystanders close to the bomb remained where they were to help those that had fallen. Glass was falling from the upper floors of the building behind them, they heard the second explosion from a block away, yet they stayed with their neighbors in need. They took off their shirts and belts to stop the bleeding and helped the first responders get the injured on stretchers, wheelchairs or ambulances. One woman pulled the burning pants from one man who was in obvious pain. They ignored the danger to themselves and saved lives.

We are Boston, we are courageous.

There were some soldiers nearing the finish line at the time of the first explosion. Surely they were exhausted after running 26.2 miles, but they saw a problem that needed to be solved immediately. The barriers set up to keep the spectators from the runners were now keeping the first responders from the injured. Those metal barriers looked to be indestructible, those men only had their bare hands, but those soldiers, together with police and volunteers started pulling on those barriers and tore them apart in seconds and pushed the barriers across the street. Where did they find that strength? By the time the ambulances and more medical personnel arrived, those barriers were gone. They saved lives.

We are Boston, we are strong.

We are blessed with the best hospitals and medical personnel in the world. Our ordinary citizens and first responders delivered the injured to their skilled hands with incredible speed. Those hands saved many lives and limbs. With the strength of those explosions in the middle of that enormous crowd, it's only due to our skilled professionals that we didn't have more losses.

We are Boston, we are skilled, and we are the best.

Emergency vehicles were blocked in by other vehicles. There didn't appear any way to free them up, but police cleared the pedestrians off the sidewalk and drove their vehicles over the curb, onto the sidewalk and were cleared to get where they needed to be.

We are Boston, we will find a way.

Did anyone doubt that these terrorists would be caught? We had the most skilled investigators from the city, state and federal level combing through every bit of evidence, working in unison. We also had Team Boston-Boston citizens for life, or just for that day. They may have been from the South End or Sweden, but this week, they were all Bostonians. Even New York fans were pulling for us. The FBI received thousands of tips, pictures and video immediately. As soon as those pictures were released, over 1 million pairs of eyes were looking for those losers.

We are Team Boston, you killed and maimed our children, and there is no place you can hide.

There were countless acts of kindness towards strangers because on Monday, there were no strangers, we were all Bostonians. Many runners couldn't get their bags with their phones, wallets and keys. A woman told the taxi driver she didn't have any way to pay him-he said, "Get in, I'll take you home". Restaurants got the word out to those in need of something to eat, but couldn't pay-sit down, relax and eat, pay what you can, if you can. I saw one woman comfort another woman she never met who was distraught because she couldn't contact her husband. Spectators offered their cell phones to runners they never met, so they could contact their family. Another man was in a wheelchair with a hip injury and was displaced from the medical tent when the trauma victims started coming in. He was cold and hungry. A woman passing by gave him her fleece coat and her daughter's chocolate milk.

We are Boston, we are generous.

Roads were blocked; families were trying to meet up with the runners that were stopped. Phone service was limited or completely shut down. It was confusing and frustrating despite the outstanding efforts of the volunteers. These volunteers stepped in as traffic cops since our police had

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The Artists' Studio

Exploring Art at the DeCordova Museum

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Guest Contributor Deb Putnam

This past Friday, I had the pleasure of accompanying a group of my 5th grade students and their classroom teachers on a field trip to the DeCordova Art Museum. As a kid, I never had the opportunity to visit an art museum. In fact, I didn't visit an art museum until I was a freshman studying art at Massachusetts College of Art. Back then, on my first visit to the Museum of Fine Arts, I remember being awestruck at the sight of the Van Goghs, Manets, and Sargents. The paintings were the familiar images I had seen in books, but I quickly learned that nothing can ever compare to seeing art in person.

As I watched our students navigate the unfamiliar territory of contemporary art, I was surprised to see how quickly they adjusted to, and became comfortable with, the unexpected and unusual exhibit. They had never seen anything like it in person before and seemed more than a little confused at first. As they interacted with the museum guides they began to offer thoughtful details, interesting observations and became even more curious. Watching and listening to their reactions during the visit reminded me of the why we teach art and the skills that art education helps to develop.

When we drove onto the DeCordova grounds there was a sudden roar from the back of our school bus. The children were spotting sculptures we had previewed on-line in school and exclaiming "There it is!" "Look!" "I can see it!" When the bus reached our destination everyone quickly exited and realizing we were thirty minutes early each teacher gathered their group of students for a quick preview of the outdoor sculpture. My group immediately spotted their intended target, Ken Landauer's King, a king size bed, complete with white linens, encased in Plexiglas and aluminum, outside in the middle of the grass. "Can you sleep in it?" "Did the artist build it for Sleeping Beauty or Snow White?" "Why is it under glass?" "Would you be able to breathe in it?"

Later our museum guide challenged the children to locate a nearby sculpture by Blane De St. Croix. At first glance we thought we were looking at just another tree until we investigated a little further. Vision is a real tree, partially submerged in the earth and stripped of its bark and branches by the artist. The surface of the tree is covered with over two hundred sets of glass eyes of different sizes, shapes and colors, embedded in holes bored by the artist. The fifth graders immediately made the connection to endangered species, extinction and the environment. One student even suggested the eyes might be accusing us for their extinction. As we continued with our tour each new art encounter became an opportunity to unravel a mystery. My hope is that these students will be able to carry this same sense of discovery and connection when they return to the art room.

In the art room students learn persistence, "like the little engine that could". You must make art that will please your own self first and then others will love it too. How great to have a class where you cannot fail because there is no one right answer or solution. Art is a safe way for students to express themselves. Students are positive and supportive of their classmates' art and ideas. Art teaches empathy when we learn about other cultures and then investigates the similarities and differences. In art, students work collaboratively and socially, sharing with and assisting classmates. When children explore art ideas, they are testing possibilities and working through challenges, much like a scientist. Making a work of art is journey that should be enjoyed along the way.

We create art because it is a natural human behavior (you may have seen a video showing a cat or an elephant painting, but we are the only species that intentionally creates art). Every culture makes art and that art makes us complete as human beings. Art tells our story, preserves cultures, documents events and reflects our values. Art is a form of communication and a shared



experience. It helps us to express our ideas and thoughts whether through dance, music, writing or visual art and it requires the participation of a creator and an audience. Art helps to heal. Both creating and experiencing art can help us to be reflective, inspired or even celebratory. Art helps to keep us healthy.

As an artist and an art educator I'm often asked how to encourage the budding visual artist. As Picasso said, "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up." Give your child the opportunity to see art by visiting museums, make art supplies available and finally display your child's art with pride. When children see their hard work and creativity is valued they will in turn value themselves. Your child might not become an artist; however, those practiced skills will certainly help your child find other successes.

If you haven't had a chance to visit the DeCordova Museum please visit their website at www.decordova.org for more information. Also, South Boston Catholic Academy will be having their Annual Art Exhibit on May 1st beginning at 2:30 after school. Please stop by and see what the kids have been creating or visit Artsonia.com to see all the art work the students have completed this year.

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



Polling Location Changes

The City of Boston's Board of Election Commissioners reminds voters that there are several polling location changes for the upcoming **Special State Primary Election** on **Tuesday, April 30, 2013**. Please check below for polling location changes. If you are not sure where to vote, or need information regarding your voting status, please call the *Boston Election Department* at 617-635-3767, or visit our website at: www.cityofboston.gov/elections.

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DCR TRAFFIC & PARKING ADVISORY Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation Race for Research

WHAT: On Saturday, April 27, 2013, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will close William J. Day Boulevard in South Boston to all traffic to accommodate the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation Race for Research on William J. Day Boulevard. All four lanes on Day Blvd will be used for the race. Traffic will be detoured to adjacent roadways: Columbia Road, Farragut Road and Shore Road will serve as a route to Castle Island. Parking will also be prohibited along the Day Boulevard.

WHEN: Saturday, April 27, 2013

WHERE: Day Boulevard will be closed from Kosciuszko Circle to Farragut Road from 7:30 am to approximately 9:00 am. There will be no parking on Day Boulevard from I Street to Farragut Road from Saturday, April 27th from 1:00 am through 10:30 am.

Temporary overnight parking for residents with a valid City of Boston South Boston Resident Parking Sticker will be provided at the angled parking spots located between Shore Road and the Castle Island parking lot beginning at 10:00 pm on Friday April 26, 2013. This temporary parking area will be staffed and vehicles will be checked for resident parking stickers.

In Your Corner

This week, to emphasize the importance of being involved in your community civic organizations, South Boston Today's In Your Corner provides an update from the Cityside Neighborhood Association

Saint Augustine Church and
School Update

By Margaret Itri
Cityside Neighborhood
Association

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We want to thank you all for the wonderful, heartfelt letters and comments you sent to Landmarks Commission. They were very well written and sincere and must have had quite an impact, as the board voted unanimously to grant a 90 day delay of the demolition process. This is just the first step in saving the School from demolition. We also want to thank everyone who went to the hearing and spoke on behalf of saving the School. We are waiting to hear what affect the School demo delay has on the Developer's plans for the Church, which we also intend to vehemently oppose demolition.

Many of you may also be aware of the efforts to save the Collins House, the historical mansion that sits on the corner of P Street and East Broadway. Landmarks has directed the developer to hold another community meeting. He has scheduled the meeting for May 9 and the BLC will meet on May 14 to consider both the demolition delay, and the granting of landmark status to the Collins House. We need everyone to support our friends and neighbors from City Point in their efforts to save this South Boston landmark.

We want everyone to know that the people of South Boston are receiving a great deal of support. Organizations such as the Boston Preservation Alliance and the South Boston Historical Society will be meeting soon with, among others, a small group of representatives from each South Boston Neighborhood Association to advise them on how to proceed in saving our historic and beloved landmarks, and to discuss alternatives to demolition.

We need community-wide support if we are to save these buildings.

A community meeting will be held soon to brief everyone on what needs to be done regarding the Saint Augustine Complex, and to get ideas from residents as to what they want to see at the sites and what they think is best for our community. So please, watch for announcements of that meeting.

Again, thank you all. Take care and hope to see you all soon.

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Suffolk Probate and Family Court

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Boston, MA 02114

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Gross and Confirmed Intoxication. The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.** You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Michael J Noonan

52 Telegraph St

South Boston, MA 02127-0003

your answer, if any, on or before **06/20/2013**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

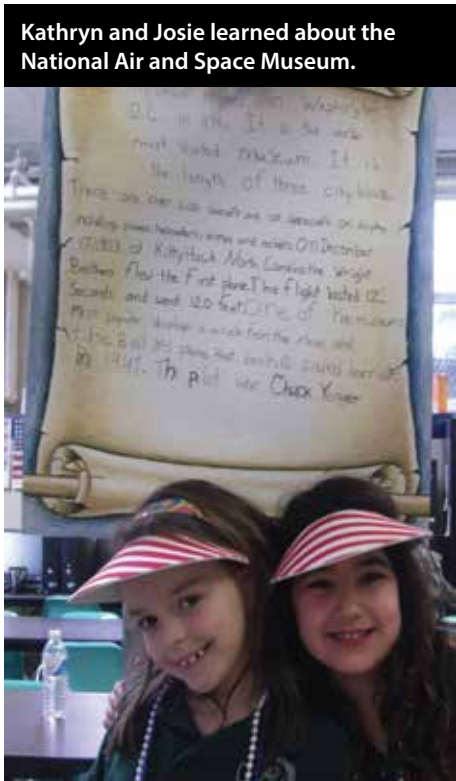
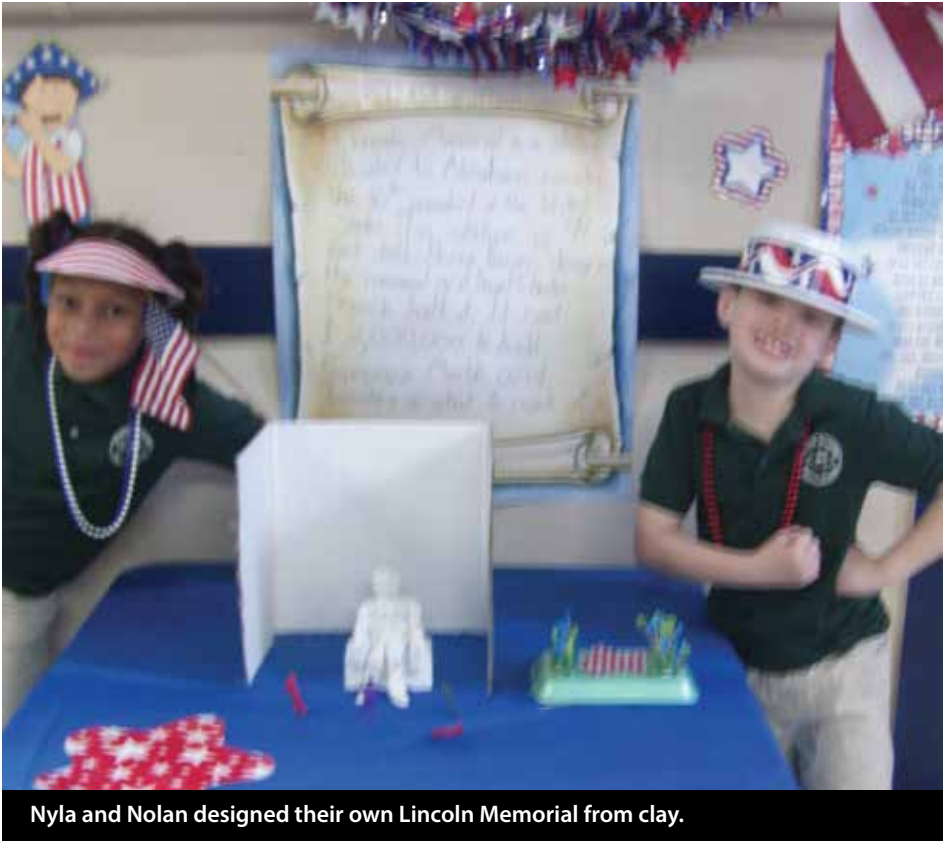
**WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong,
First Justice of the Court.**

April 25, 2013

St. Peter Academy - Grade 2 Tours Washington, D.C.

Miss Margaret Collins and her second graders at St. Peter Academy invited students and teachers to a “Tour of Washington, D.C.” on April 12. The students researched 5 different Washington D.C. landmarks and wrote the information they found on poster boards. The students then created 3D models of these landmarks. The cafeteria was decorated in red, white and blue and the students, as tour guides, guided their visitors on a tour, informed them about the landmarks, and answered visitors’ questions. Second grade tour guides were Nyla Anderson, Kathryn Baszkiewicz, Nolan Baszkiewicz, Josie Correia, Mia DeMichele, Henry Gailunas, Haliagh Holmes, Bobby Leydon, Haleigh McCaffrey and Alison Tracey.

St Peter Academy, South Boston, is an independent private school with a Catholic focus offering unique programs enhancing the educational experience for all of its students in grades Pre K through 8.



Convention Center... CONTINUED FROM page 6

place at the Hynes, April 20-21 – made the decision on April 19 to postpone their event until a later date. April 19 was a heavy move in day for Comic Con, and by early afternoon it became logistically impossible for their set up to occur in time for a Saturday opening. The event will honor tickets purchased in advance at the rescheduled convention, or will refund tickets for those unable to attend.

athenahealth, with move in currently underway at the Hynes, will hold its User Conference as planned starting Wednesday, April 24 and running through Friday, April 26. Conference organizers are prepared for record-breaking attendance, with between 1,800 to 2,000 attendees expected.

In a message to attendees of the conference on April 20, athenahealth CEO, Jonathan Bush, wrote, “We of athenaNation are honored to be among those who get to send a message to the world that the tactics of fear fail where we are concerned... It is in that spirit that I am eager to welcome you to our User Conference in Boston next week. This is an essential moment to come together and to affirm our shared commitment to making health care work as it should. The Hynes Convention Center has already held conferences this week. The City of Boston is open for business. And so are we.”

Following last week’s events, MCCA customers, staff, attendees and exhibitors should expect heightened security throughout the city and particularly around public transportation and entrances to hotels and the convention centers. In particular, staff and visitors to MCCA facilities should be aware of the following security information:

- For now, access to the Hynes can be gained through the entrance in the Prudential Center, but this restriction is expected to be lifted by the end of this week.
- The BCEC will have limited entryways and will conduct badge checks prior to entering the facility.
- K-9 sweeps, already a component of MCCA security protocol, will be conducted more frequently on an unannounced basis in the coming months.
- All those entering the MCCA facilities (BCEC & Hynes) without a valid ID will be approached regarding their purpose in the facility.
- All employees, contractors, exhibitors, and attendees will be asked to properly display their badges at all times.
- Visitors entering the Hynes and BCEC may be subject to bag searches.
- Vehicles entering both the Hynes and BCEC will be subject to inspection.

If meeting planners have questions about their specific events and our security procedures, we ask them to please contact their sales or event manager directly, or contact the MCCA’s general manager, Maureen Shea Baker, at 617-954-2073.

Over the past week, Boston has adopted the motto, “We are Boston. We are Strong. We are Boston Strong.” At the MCCA, we continue to work hard for our events as a Boston Strong business, and it’s clear that our clients have also embraced the Boston Strong sentiment, showing resolve to continue with business as planned. In the words of President Obama, “If they sought to intimidate us, to terrorize us, to shake us from those values ... that make us who we are as Americans, well, it should be pretty clear by now that they picked the wrong city to do it. Not here in Boston. Not here in Boston.”

About the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA)

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority owns and oversees and operates the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA and the Boston Common Parking Garage. The BCEC and the Hynes have earned a rare gold standard from the International Association of Congress Centres (AIPC), making Boston only the fourth city in North America and the 14th and 15th worldwide to have been awarded this top standard, the highest certification level a convention facility can achieve under strict AIPC guidelines.

In 2012, the MCCA hosted 245 events at the BCEC and Hynes with 654,119 attendees, generating 561,279 hotel room nights and \$656 million in economic impact. The MCCA is currently in the midst of its Top 5 campaign to launch Boston into the top five convention destinations in North America. For more information, go to www.t5boston.com.

Notice: Candidate’s Forum Cancelled

The Association of South Boston Organizations regretfully announces the Candidate’s Forum scheduled for Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 at The Lithuanian Club 368 West Broadway has been cancelled. Conflicting schedules in the aftermath of last week’s upheaval has made it impossible. All citizens are urged to vote on Tuesday, April 30.

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their hands full. They cleared the streets every time emergency vehicles passed through. At the corner of Berkley and St James, a young volunteer was doing his job, keeping an opening clear for the runners to get out and keeping spectators away from the medical tent. It was frustrating to hear that we couldn’t get through and we’d have to go back a block and walk around. But there was obvious compassion in his voice, he took the time to ask everyone where they were trying to get to and directed them calmly. I’m sure he didn’t realize the effect he had on us, but not only did he step up to serve an important function that day, he helped calm frayed nerves as did his job and turned us away.

We are Boston, we step in where needed, and we are compassionate.

We are incredibly sad as we mourn for those that have fallen, especially for the Richard, Campbell, Lu and Collier families. We pray for them and those that are caring for victims that had horrific injuries. As we mourn this week, we must vow never to forget these families. As time goes on, will we forget these families? I know our neighbors from Dorchester won’t let that happen to the Richard family. Boston must never forget any of those who lost someone.

We are Boston, we will never forget.

We must also continue to celebrate this great country of ours. On the 4th of July, we will still pack the Esplanade and listen to the Pops. I can’t wait to celebrate the next world championship from one of our teams. The oldest first night in the country will also be the biggest ever. Is there any doubt, that on the next Patriots day, on the 118th running of the marathon, we will witness the biggest marathon ever? I will be there, in the same spot I had the last 5 years, at the finish line on Boylston Street. Only next year, I will cheer loader. I will cheer again for the elite runners and still hope for an American winner. I will also cheer those soldiers with their heavy back packs, Team Hoyt, anyone from Massachusetts, especially Boston, the young woman who does a cartwheel over the finish line, the guy dressed as a hot dog, the many dressed as hamburgers and everyone else who has the strength, endurance and courage to run Boston. I expect to have a record crowd next year cheering along with me.

We are Boston, we are resilient, and we will not be intimidated.

We celebrate the capture of these terrorist and thank our police and federal agents for their fearless and relentless pursuit of the terrorists. In the face of danger, they never let up. They give us a reason to celebrate and enable us to sleep better at night. I am in awe of the incredible bravery and compassion of my fellow Bostonians. It’s an honor to live among you, the Best, the Brightest and the Bravest.

We are Boston, we are proud and after this week, we have every reason to be.

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William Martin at the South Boston Library April 29, 6:30 pm

Best-selling novelist William Martin will discuss his new book, *The Lincoln Letter*, at the next meeting of the South Boston Historical Society, Monday, April 29, 6:30 pm at the South Boston Library. William Martin has mastered the historical thriller. The best-selling author of ten novels, his latest takes the reader inside Civil War Washington, in pursuit of Lincoln's lost diary. If you thought you knew the Civil War, you will discover it anew in Martin's book.

A graduate of Catholic Memorial and Harvard College, William Martin entered the University of Southern California Film School. After a few years in the film industry, he returned to Boston with a manuscript of *Back Bay*, which became an instant best-seller. In *Back Bay*, Martin introduced Peter Fallon, a South Boston treasure-hunter and dealer in rare books, who has pursued a Shakespeare folio, a Revere tea set, and a copy of the U.S. Constitution in a series of novels since.

In addition to the Peter Fallon novels, Martin has written a fictional biography of George Washington (*Citizen Washington*), a fictional history of the U.S. Navy (*Annapolis*), and an account of Boston at the time of the 1916 Easter Rebellion (*Rising of the Moon*). He received the 2005 New England Book Award.

William Martin is a director of the Associates of the Boston Public Library, and a former trustee of the USS *CONSTITUTION* Museum. Copies of *The Lincoln Letter* will be available for purchase at the talk, which is free and open to the public.

Nick Collins, a candidate for State Senate, has been a long time supporter for veterans and their families. As a state legislator, Collins has provided exceptional leadership for the elderly and veterans at the Massachusetts State House. Representative Nick Collins has been a loyal friend of veterans and their families and will continue to ensure veterans and their families are treated with the respect and dignity they have earned. Ed Flynn Veteran, Operation Enduring Freedom, US Navy



State Representative Nick Collins & Ed Flynn with South Boston Veterans at St. Monica Catholic Church in South Boston.



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Nick Collins
for State Senator

Vote Tuesday, April 30th



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2013 South Boston Pop Warner Football & Cheerleading Registration Information

South Boston Pop Warner football and cheerleading will be holding an early registration on:

Tuesday, May 7th – 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at the South Boston Neighborhood House

The benefit of the early registration is a reduced registration fee. A through E registration fees will be \$125 and F players will be \$75. Registration fee decreases by \$25 for each additional child. This will be the last early registration.

Regular registrations are set for

Tuesday, May 14th – 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at the South Boston Neighborhood House

Tuesday, May 21st – 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at the South Boston Neighborhood House

A through E registration fees will be \$150 and F players will be \$100.

This registration is for both football and cheerleading. We will not be accepting registrations for A level football.

Players from previous years must sign up each year. No player or cheerleader is guaranteed a spot on a roster. The maximum team size is 35 and registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis. Waiting list will be formed once we reached 35 per team.

Paperwork needed to participate

1) An original birth certificate (no copies). Certified copies are on-file for players who participated on the A through E teams. No Tiny Mite player's birth certificates were certified.

2) National Registration Form can be downloaded from our website www.SBPW.com. The form has to be totally completed with both the parent and players' signature on the backside of the form.

3) National Medical Waiver can be downloaded from our website. The form has to be completed by a doctor or nurse practitioner and has to be dated after January 1, 2013. Physicals prior to January 1, 2013 will not be accepted.

4) Registration fee.

5) Copy of the June 2013 report card – which will be collected in the summer.

If you do not have items 1 – 4, you will not be allowed to register your child.

Football Players & Cheerleaders – Ages by Team (Weight requirement is football only)

TEAM	AGES	WEIGHT RANGE	OLDER/LIGHTER AGE	OLDER/LIGHTER WEIGHT RANGE
A	11-12-13-14-15			
B	10-11-12	85-135	13	85-115
C	9-10-11	75-120	12	75-100
D	8-9-10	60-105	11	60-85
E	7-8	45-90	9	45-75
F	5-6	35-75	7	35-44

Mac McDermott Day April 15, 2013



Mayor Thomas M. Menino declared Monday April 15 2013 the John P. “Mac” McDermott Day. Mr. McDermott, the long time President of the L Street Running Club, was honored on the most appropriate of days, Marathon Monday. McDermott was recognized for his outstanding Leadership for mentoring countless runners, providing them with training, self confidence and courage to participate in races from 5Ks to full Marathons. He was also honored for many of the L Street Running Club fundraising efforts helping to generate thousands of dollars for local Charities such as the South Boston Collaborative, St Francis House, South Boston Neighborhood House, Children’s Hospital Pediatric Clinic, numerous Boys and Girls Clubs throughout the City and many other Local charities. Congratulations, Mac.

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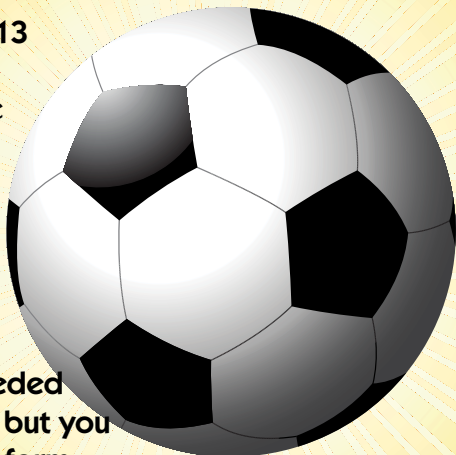
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Must be 3 by Jan 1st 2013

New players need
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Baseball Prospect Watch: Henry Owens

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Tim Burke

In terms of E.R.A., the most important stat for a pitcher, left hander Henry Owens was just mediocre in 2012. An E.R.A of 4.87 in Greenville is not where you want to start your pro career. He did not log many innings: just 101.7 in only 23 games. What makes Owens so special then? He is ranked 9th on Soxprospects.com and 94th on MLB.com top 100 list.

He is a highly regarded pitcher for one reason: strike outs. He struck out 130 batters in Greenville. His fastball, curve, slider, and change up are a strong

mix of pitches. He keeps batters guessing. His control needs work like any young pitching prospect. Owens can be a number 3 starter, but I do not see that happening. The rotation has plenty of options other than Owens in the future. I think it is more likely that he will be traded to another team or become a reliever.

With velocity of 89-93 MPH, he does not have an electric fastball, which is how most set-up men and closers, lacking command, get their job done. He is just 20 years of age so he can get another MPH or two on his

fastball. He may get by on his nasty slider and great curveball. I would think he could end up being a 7th inning reliever for the Red Sox. He would be successful in that role and strike out plenty of batters. He may even come close to Koji Uehara,

the best strike throwing reliever in all of baseball.

South Boston's Tim Burke is a 13 year old sports fan and blogger. His favorite teams are the Boston Red Sox & Bruins. You can view his blog at: <http://timsportssplash.com>





**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.*

This week, Danny gave his NBA Playoff predictions on the show:

EASTERN CONFERENCE QUARTERFINALS:

(1) Miami Heat over (8) Milwaukee Bucks

--There was some question here in Boston as to when Celtics fans would want to face Miami, if they knew they'd have to beat them to have a chance at an NBA Title. But as the Bucks will learn, nobody wants to play the Heat in the first round. If this goes any further than four games, I'll be shocked.

(4) Brooklyn Nets over (5) Chicago Bulls

--Bulls players will look back at this series and -- to a man -- question Derrick Rose's commitment to the team. Rose isn't playing, even after being cleared by doctors. He won't return until he feels completely comfortable following ACL surgery. Rose could be a difference-maker, but since he won't play, the Nets will finish the Bulls' season and send them home with a whole lot of "what-ifs."

(3) Indiana Pacers over (6) Atlanta Hawks

--The Pacers are about as dangerous as they come in the Eastern Conference. And because the NBA doesn't re-seed and has set brackets, Indiana will take care of Atlanta, knowing that they'll face a team they can handle in the second round -- the Celtics or

Knicks.

(2) New York Knicks over (7) Boston Celtics

--This one will go the distance, for sure. Expect Jeff Green to continue his inconsistency, mainly because there will be games where Paul Pierce's presence forces Green to defer to him. IN the end though, expect Carmelo Anthony to have his playoff moment in Game 7 at Madison Square Garden, finishing Boston's season.

WESTERN CONFERENCE QUARTERFINALS:

(1) Oklahoma City Thunder over (8) Houston Rockets

--James Harden will do everything he can to give his Rockets a chance against his old team, but it won't be enough to knock Kevin Durant out in the first round. Durant will be motivated to get back to the Finals. His season won't end in the first round.

(4) Los Angeles Clippers over (5) Memphis Grizzlies

--The Grizzlies will give the Clippers a legitimate scare. And even though Memphis didn't necessarily collapse after trading Rudy Gay at the deadline, Memphis will ultimately miss his ability to create offense and score. Something Chris Paul won't have a problem with, when the series is on the line.

(3) Denver Nuggets over (6)

Golden State Warriors

--This series could go either way. That being said, the Nuggets might be the most underrated team in the playoffs, outside of the Brooklyn Nets. Denver finished the regular season with only three less wins than the Thunder. But the stat that gives Denver the edge in a potential Game 7? The Nuggets finished the regular season with a 38-3 record at home.

(2) San Antonio Spurs over (7) Los Angeles Lakers

--Another great season for the Spurs, another postseason they'll be overlooked. Maybe not as much as last year, and especially not against a Lakers team that's without Kobe Bryant. If he wasn't out for the postseason, the Lakers would certainly pose a threat. But without him? C'mon now.

EASTERN CONFERENCE SEMI-FINALS:

(1) Miami Heat over (4) Brooklyn Nets

--Expect the Nets, and their size in the front court, to give the Heat their biggest challenge of the playoffs. It'll go seven games, but once again, there will be no stopping LeBron James.

(2) New York Knicks over (3) Indiana Pacers

--The toughest thing to do with these predictions was to pick against the Pacers so early. But

Carmelo Anthony will show the type of first-round dominance that will make it impossible to pick against him in this one.

WESTERN CONFERENCE SEMI-FINALS:

(1) Oklahoma City Thunder over (4) Los Angeles Clippers

--The Clippers probably expected to see the Thunder if they wanted to get out of the West. Well, they'll get them in the second round. But they'll just be another stepping stone for Oklahoma City. Expect the Thunder to take care of the Clippers after LA's dogfight the series before with Memphis. Coming through with that Kevin Garnett trade at the deadline would have been the difference-maker.

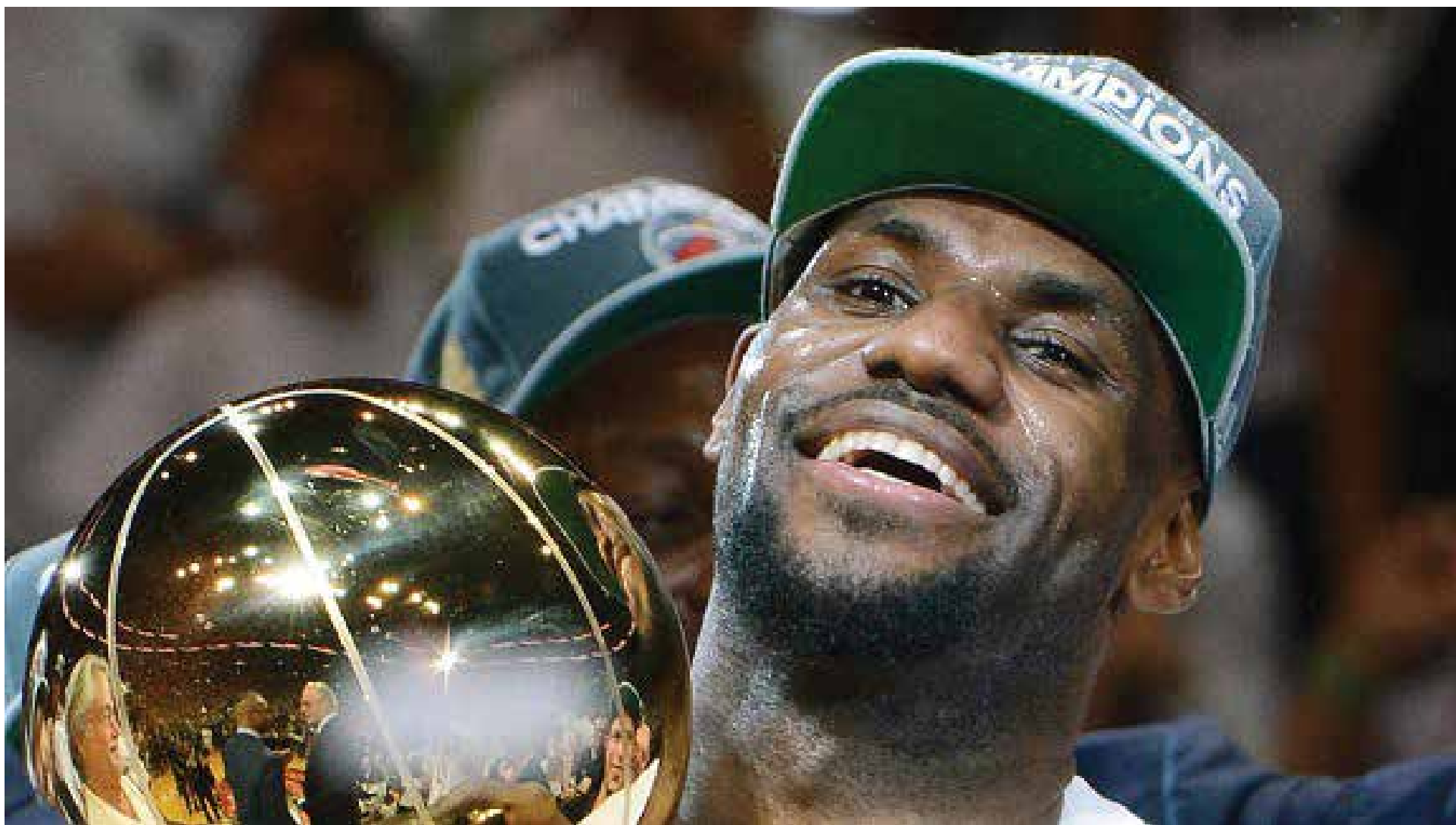
(2) San Antonio Spurs over (3) Denver Nuggets

--As good as the Nuggets were at home, they were brutal on the road. They'll have a tough time in San Antonio against a Spurs team that once again will feel disrespected with analysts picking Denver, and with most of the Western Conference attention on the Thunder/Clippers series.

EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS:

(1) Miami Heat over (2) New York Knicks

--The Knicks had a better record than the Nets, but Brooklyn is still the better team in New York City.



And Miami already beat the Nets in the second round. Expect the Heat to handle the Knicks in five games.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
FINALS:

**(1) Oklahoma City Thunder over
(2) San Antonio Spurs**

--Once again, the Spurs will feel disrespected by everybody predicting an NBA Finals rematch from last year. And once again, the

Thunder will get there. Thunder in six games, setting up another Heat/Thunder Finals.

NBA FINALS:

**Miami Heat over Oklahoma City
Thunder**

--For the second straight year, the Heat will prove to be too much for every team in the NBA. LeBron James will get another ring. How many did he predict he'd win?

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