



South Boston Is Hit By Rash Of House Break-ins

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It has been relatively quiet for so long that our good residents have become complacent, assuming that all is safe in the neighborhood. Because of the low number of reported incidents of

house breaks, over time, it seems that we have let our guard down. But no more. It is time to wake up and get back to securing your homes once again, because there is a new rash of break-ins, the number

of which has not been seen in this community in quite some time.

Only just made public, due, in part, to persistent inquiries made by South Boston Today, in the month of May alone, there were 26 cases of homes being broken into and burglarized. Police sources have told South Boston Today that those are only the ones that were reported. There are possibly many more that, for whatever reasons, go unreported. The month of June is turning out to be no better, as the break-ins continue at an alarming rate. With the exception of the victims themselves, few people were aware of this. To this point, there has been little to no notice given by city of Boston officials or from Boston's media.

Speaking with police assigned locally, the frustration is apparent in their voices. They are out day and night responding to break-in calls

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A Chance to Change the Status Quo



All too often citizens feel their vote is a waste of time. This leads to such apathy that many, if not most, do not even take the time to vote. It is hard to blame them. Many times our vote doesn't make a difference, we believe. When we believe that, that is when the most danger arises. We witness it every day. Laws are written or introduced that do not represent the many throughout our country but the elite minority who exist in the beltways country of Washington.

This is the opportunity to answer them. This is the chance to tell them the lies, misuse of the IRS, the snooping of intelligence agencies must end. That they have

no intention of obeying the law is obvious. Atty. General Holder has not resigned; the IRS head responsible took the fifth and is on paid leave, the director of intelligence answers with "the most truthful lie I could tell". Nobody resigns, nobody goes to jail. The status quo remains.

Keeping that status is what this election is about, not Massachusetts. Obama flies in Thursday, Clinton on Saturday, Biden on Monday. Over 65% of Markey's donations are from Maryland. Gabriel Gomez, a newcomer can point to a career of accomplishments. For 36 years the "Invisible Man" Markey has done nothing but carry Washington's water. Tell him and them the well is dry.

"Let your tongue speak what your heart thinks" - Davey Crockett

Last week's poll results:

Last Week's Two Part Poll Questions and Responses

With evidence of questionable practices by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) and Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and the billions of property development dollars involved:

1) Do you feel the public is entitled to an investigation?

Yes 95%
No 5%

2) If so, who should lead the investigation?

Suffolk County District Attorney	32%
Massachusetts Attorney General	5%
United States Attorney	63%



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Some Personal Thoughts on Next Tuesday's Special Election

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Most of our readers know, but for those who may not, the special election for US Senate to fill John Kerry's seat will be held next Tuesday, June 25th. Polls are open during the regular hours of 7am to 8pm. The Boston Globe says that Ed Markey is way ahead of Gabriel Gomez. If it was just the Globe saying this, well, most people would take that for what it's worth – zip. But other polls have Markey ahead too. This is Massachusetts, and the conventional wisdom says a Republican just can't win here. But tell that to Governors Weld, Cellucci and Romney and to Scott Brown. They all did what was thought to be the impossible.

When it comes to casting votes, let no one ever tell you who you must vote for. There are some in this city who try; we all know that. But Americans, especially South Bostonians, make up their own minds. I, along with others have been told we should vote for Ed Markey because he's the Democrat and that's who the 'powers that be' want to win. That's no way to decide who to vote for. We all must make up our own minds. As for me, I'd crawl across a field of broken glass to cast a vote against Markey.

That's my choice and here's why. He's been in Washington 37 years. He epitomizes everything that's wrong with Washington and there is plenty. He has become a status quo, stale, business as usual politician who helps keep Washington in the mess it

is today. He votes for every left wing bill that comes by. He'd probably vote to raise our taxes a thousand times a year if the opportunity presented itself. He's in favor of partial birth abortion, gutting our military, perks and rewards for illegal aliens, giving preferences based on the color of a person's skin. And though he keeps his Massachusetts address so he can run for office every 2 years, everyone, and I mean everyone, knows that he really lives in Chevy Chase, Maryland. He seldom even bothers to visit the city of Malden, MA which he's supposed to be representing along with the rest of the district. How long will his constituents allow him to keep getting away with this? 37 years, so far.

His opponent, Gabriel Gomez seems like a decent guy. I personally don't agree with him on every issue. But many think he would be such a vibrant; refreshing change from the stale Markey it might be a good move to give him a chance. Gomez is a man of real accomplishments. While Markey was being the deal making politician hanging out with the big money lobbyists and getting comfortable in DC for what seems like forever, Gomez was laying his life on the line as a US Navy Seal up front doing all that was asked of him in defense of our country. He has proved that he can create jobs by starting and running successful businesses. He looks at issues for what they are and acts accordingly rather than do what the party bosses

tell him to do. And best of all, he's no way out in left field, off the wall typical Massachusetts kook. Hasn't this state had more than its share of those?

Again, everyone should make up their own minds about who they will vote for and why. I just gave you my reasons for the choice I'll make. As

far as the pundit's claims that Gomez has no chance of beating Markey, they could be right. But for those who want to see real change in this state and country, not the phony 'Hope and Change' so many were conned into voting for, that will never happen if you stay home and don't vote.

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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 Election on Tuesday, June 25, 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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Community to Hear Proposals About 174 W. 2nd Street

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
staff report

A public meeting will be held at the James Condon School on D Street Wednesday June 26, at 6:30 p.m. to hear the proposals for 174 W.2nd Street. This former city public works building property extends to First Street and is sited between B and C Streets. This surplus city property became available following inquiries by neighbors desiring to create a neighborhood park. This prompted action by the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (SBND) to propose low income or affordable housing for this site.

Residents of the area have expressed frustration at the SBND action and the entire department of Neighborhood Development (DND) process. "The same thing as last time", one resident complained. The

residents tried to turn the old Station Six into a community center and SBND proposes a homeless or transitional housing project despite overwhelming community opposition". Another neighbor said she felt "misled" by the DND who have stated community opinion was a major consideration in the decision. "The missing petition was about 250-10 in favor of a community center and we still lost. Now we're hearing the same song and dance from DND".

Research by SBT shows that, at slightly more than 24%, South Boston already has more low or Affordable Housing than any other community in the state. There seems to be benefits for everyone but South Boston residents, "but for us who actually live in South Boston the cupboard is bare", according to one unhappy resident.

This Week's Poll

"given the large number of break ins, both reported and unreported, do you think the police should do a warrant sweep, arresting all those in the area with outstanding warrants?"

Publisher's Tips On Protecting Yourself And Preventing Break-ins

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The following steps are what should, at a minimum, be taken to put an end to the house-breaks:

Lock your doors even when you are at home. If your locks are old and worn, replace them. Windows should be secured; especially those on the first or lower floors. Alarm systems come in all price ranges and fortunately, even the inexpensive ones tend to be effective. If you don't have one, you may want to consider getting one soon. You may want to keep an 'equalizer' handy - a legal one of course. Use your own judgment as to what kind.

As was stated before, police want you to call at the first sign of trouble or even the possibility that something isn't right in your area. That 911 call is a must. Help your neighbors and keep an eye on their homes too. If everyone were to do this, the thieves wouldn't stand a chance and they'd be off the streets in no time. If you own a dog, you are ahead of the game. Nothing discourages someone trying to break in to a house more than the sound of a barking dog on the other side of the door. Neighbors securing their homes, looking out for each other's property and cooperating with law enforcement is how South Boston has stopped this type of crime wave time and again. This is what it will take to make it, once again, the safe place it should always be. But it's important that everyone take this problem seriously. Residents can never take comfort in thinking that it won't happen on their block because it might.

Until, what is believed to be, a relatively small but sneaky group of thieves operating in the neighborhood are caught and sent away everyone is advised to be on alert day and night because right now, sad to say, house breaks are once again happening nearly every day. With everyone working together, they will be caught. We will continue to keep our readers updated on this, which will include, when caught, the names of the suspects involved. If we are able to get their photos, we'll run them as well. Thieves, if you can read - be forewarned.

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and following up on leads but many of the homes targeted have been unsecured. Unlocked doors, open windows are common and just serve to invite and tempt the criminals who are roaming the area looking for openings. Said one officer, "People could not make it any more inviting for robbers, if they put a 'Rob Me' sign on their front door."

South Boston Today was informed that on Tuesday morning one suspect in several of the burglaries was arrested. They continue to follow up on leads and expect further arrests very soon. Many of the break-ins are thought to be committed by drug users, some local but not all. The police need our neighbors to call 911 at the first sign of suspicious activity. If you are a victim, or you think that your neighbor's home is being targeted, get on that phone right away and call. Police emphatically

state that by calling 911, you are not bothering them. They want you to call so they can respond. You can remain anonymous if you wish, but by all means call.

South Boston residents and businesses wish it were not the case and of course would prefer not to have to think about it or admit it, but South Boston, once again, has a problem that must be dealt with. The community has been in this situation before, risen to the occasion, taken the necessary steps to deal with these crime waves and ultimately put an end to them. Unlike some other towns, this area has been able to eliminate the situation by banding together and taking definitive action.

South Boston Today will see to it that our readers are kept informed for as long as it takes to put an end to this current, and hopefully temporary, crime spree.



Reading Between The Lines

“Obey The Law”

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“In no sense do I advocate evading or defying the law. That would lead to anarchy. One who breaks an unjust law must do so openly and with a willingness to accept the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse

The conscience of the community over its injustice and in reality is expressing the highest regard for the law.” There is nothing new in civil disobedience embraced by Christians who faced hungry lions and chopping blocks rather than submit to unjust laws of the Roman Empire”.

Those phrases were taken from “Letter from Birmingham Jail” written by Martin Luther King, Jr. The printing of that letter had, perhaps, no equal since Thomas Paine’s “Common Sense”, in setting down in print, clear, concise and descriptive language explaining and justifying a philosophy that would change the world. King’s letter did for the Civil Rights movement what Paine’s pamphlet did for the American Revolution.

The very heart of Paine’s message was the justification of Revolution. The Heart of King’s was the justification of Civil Disobedience.

These are important points to consider as the country debates the actions and revelations of Edward Snowden. As most are aware, this intelligence analyst became a “whistle blower” of sorts with his exposure of an American Intelligence Operation that has and is gathering the records of phone calls and emails of over 100 million Americans. Accordingly, Snowden became so dismayed at what he saw as unconstitutional, he felt it was his duty to make these facts public. Instead, however, of going public in America with the American Press, Snowden gave this confidential information to a London newspaper “The Guardian” while he himself fled to Hong Kong, China.

The constitutionality of the program Snowden exposed is not so clear cut. One example, already the subject of a Supreme Court Ruling, is mail. When a letter is sent, the court has ruled any information on the outside of the envelope can be recorded without violation of Privacy. The court reasoned that Sorters, Mail Handlers and the Mailman all can see what’s on the outside in the normal course of mailing and delivering. An individual would have no right to an “Expectation of Privacy” on material in “Plain View”. The contents inside, of course, are confidential and would require a search warrant to see them. The same reasoning applies with phone records. Calls made from our number to all other phone numbers are recorded, in the normal course, for the purpose of billing. When the Patriot Act was written in 2001, the collection of all phone records was allowed. The content, however, of those calls still required a search warrant. Just like the mail.

Part of the present uproar is due to not people being unaware such a program was allowed and existed. More to the point are the recent scandals of Benghazi, press wire taps and IRS targeting. With their recent exposure the, “Who is Watching the Watchers?” question resurfaces.

If those with the power follow the law as intended, to “Protect Americans”, there is little concern. If that power is instead used to “Protect the President or a certain Political Ideology” from dissenting Americans, that is an abuse. And that is a problem. The recent Revelations of the criminal conduct of the IRS show that fear is not paranoia or farfetched. It is now reality. It has happened. It is fact.

The other concerning part of Edward Snowden himself. It is rumored he has 3-5 hard-drives or computers

themselves in his possession. Why? One perception of the route he has taken is he is a man of conscience willing to take a stand for justice. If so, there aren’t enough crutches and canes available for the number of ACLU Lawyers who will be breaking ankles tripping over each other to defend Snowden, so he should step forward and return to American.

After all, Martin Luther King wrote his letter while actually sitting in jail and, at worse, there are no hungry lions waiting for Snowden. If, as others maintain, Snowden is negotiating with the Chinese to deliver secret

information, he should be charged and hunted down as a traitor.

If Snowden is a hero there is nothing heroic in giving this information to foreign sources to print. After all, between Fox News and the N. Y. Times there’s got to be some press outlet to satisfy Snowden. It was said by Jefferson “A country that would sacrifice a little Liberty for a little safety deserves neither”. It applies to individuals as well; Snowden should trust the country he claims to love and be a citizen of, and come home to America.

Take care till next week.

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Some in Congress Say It Is Unfair That They Have Obamacare

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When the Affordable Care Act, also called Obamacare was being debated in Congress in 2009, a congressman from the state of Iowa, Senator Charles Grassley, managed to slip in a rule that would require members of congress to give up their own special health plans and be part of the same policy that all other Americans would have to use. Grassley, a Republican, was opposed to Obamacare and worked against it. But he was determined, that if it were to pass, what was being imposed on the rest of the country should apply

to congress members and their staffs as well. In order to sell this plan to the American public and opponents in Washington, the rule was left in the package and it eventually did pass on a close vote.

But now, as Obamacare is about to be implemented, there are members of congress who are expressing concerns and resisting the part where they too will be part of this national plan. Representative John Larson, a Democrat from Connecticut, released a statement insisting it's "Just not fair" that members of congress should have Obamacare imposed on them like

everyone else. Congressman Larson voted in favor of Obamacare. Larson's reasoning is that because it's a plan not as good as the one congress and its staff has enjoyed for so long and also because it's so expensive. Many who work for congress members and even some members themselves will be leaving their jobs; either retiring early or seeking employment elsewhere causing a 'Brain drain'. (Publisher's note: The term brain drain is not one that we would have used to describe departing Washington bureaucrats and politicians)

Congress has for many years benefitted from one of the best, if not THE best healthcare plans in existence. It's very affordable to them and it includes just about everything one could ask for, whether for a single subscriber or for the whole family. Federal workers who work for members of congress are also able to take advantage of this incredibly good plan. But, if nothing is done to change the rule and exempt members of congress and their staffs, this could all come to an end for them under Obamacare and many in congress have made it clear – they don't want this to happen. It seems Obamacare, a law that congress itself has imposed on the American public, is good enough for the average American citizen but not for those who are responsible for creating it, say many opponents of the law.

According to the online news source Politico, members of congress are currently holding high level confidential talks looking for ways to exempt themselves and their aides from Obamacare. But the stakes couldn't be higher and the perception of it all does not bode well for how the public views congress according to Politico. If the lawmakers exempt themselves, they risk being called hypocrites by their political opponents and by the American public. The question most asked now is "If Obamacare is so good, why does Congress want to exempt itself?" This, to most, would seem a perfectly reasonable question to ask. It seems the battles over Obamacare are far from over. And certain lawmakers, by holding themselves above the average American are not making any points with the public.

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When you DO vote on Tuesday, whatever choice you make, please make it for the right reasons and by what's in your heart, not because some ward boss told you to vote a certain way.

And now a comment on the raging battle field with the rapidly rising body count and carnage. No, not Afghanistan or Syria. I'm talking about Chicago. Last weekend alone, by early morning on Sunday there were more than 7 dead and over 30 wounded? And this was not all that unusual for the 'Windy City'. Chicago now has the toughest gun laws in the country. And the more gun laws they pass there, the more people get shot. Chicago's mayor, Rahm Immanuel has lobbied Congress demanding that it impose stricter gun laws, like the ones he has imposed on his city, all across the nation. He thinks that Chicago's laws should be the model for all of America. And this he says with a straight face. To paraphrase that famous quote: "The definition of insanity is to keep making the same mistakes over and over and expect different results."

This question is being asked more often all across the country by citizens as well as many current and former military commanders: Whatever prompted Washington to decide last week to start sending weapons to the Syrian rebels who have publicly sworn allegiance to Al Qaeda? Is Washington under the illusion that our own weapons won't be used against Americans in the future?

And finally, we were told that because of the Sequester, there's no money to allow school children to take tours of the White House. This past Memorial Day we were informed that there were no longer funds for our veterans to hold the annual services at Dorchester Heights. But 100 million dollars for the Obama's trip to Africa and hundreds of thousands of federal dollars to study ocean shrimp on treadmills – not a problem. Oh well. Note: Talk back to John by email at jcciccone@southbostontoday.com

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How The BRA Along With The ZBA Has Deconstructed A Neighborhood.

There is a noticeably accelerated pace of development projects being proposed, acted on and, in most cases, approved by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), in coordination with the Zoning Board of Appeals, due to the pending retirement of Mayor Thomas Menino.

South Boston Today has been asked to educate its readership on the history of the BRA and the South Boston Community, especially over the last 20 years. In this 3 part report, SBT will frame the context of the series by first noting the unique power of the Authority and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The second part will walk the reader through the process that resulted in a master plan, IPOD and re-zoning of critical neighborhoods important to the value of the South Boston Waterfront. The third will illustrate how the BRA, with responsibility to protect the neighborhood, allowed the process to be manipulated by developers

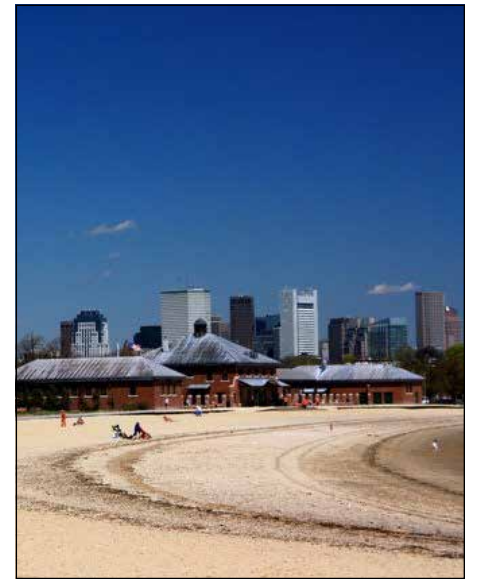
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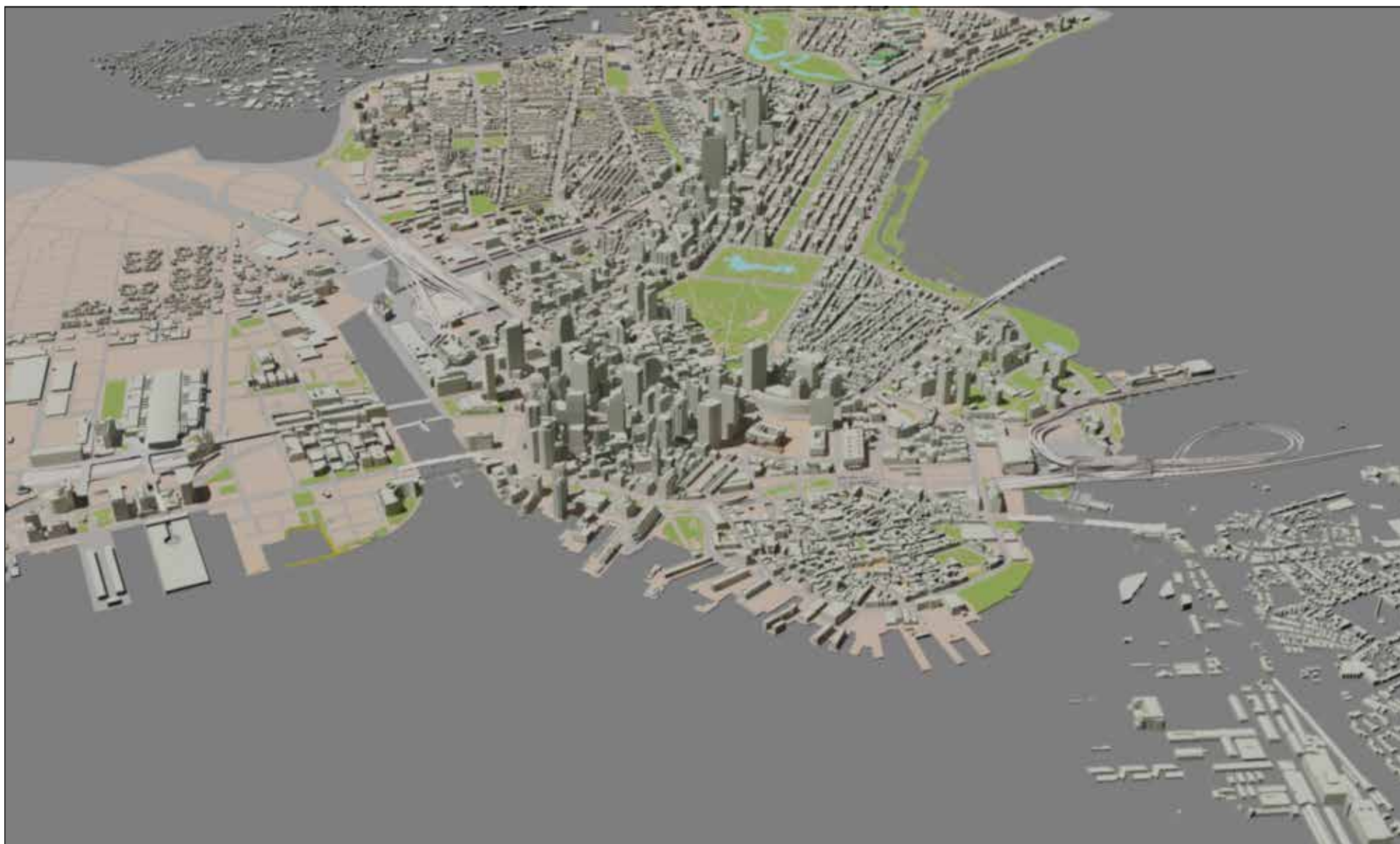
This is not just a series that will explain what the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) is supposed to do or be. It is a story about what the BRA has become and about how it and the Zoning Board of Appeals have essentially deconstructed South Boston. In the quest for anchoring his bricks and mortar legacy in the creation of an upscale entertainment and lifestyle community on the South Boston Waterfront, Mayor Tom Menino's developer friendly administration has systematically accommodated the attendant, and unchecked, real estate boom in residential South Boston. The end result and human toll is that longtime residents from seniors to recent college graduates, and civil servants and tradesmen with families in between, cannot afford to live here. In the end, the BRA is not only a real estate developer itself but has become the vehicle for wealth-building among the chosen few friends of City Hall, most of whom have placed the greed of opportunity above the preservation of the neighborhood.

First, this is what the BRA is supposed to do or be. The BRA is the municipal planning and development agency for Boston, working on both housing and commercial developments.

The BRA was established by the Boston city council and the Massachusetts legislature in 1957. Its primary goal is to work with Bostonians, business and developers in order to provide direction for development in

the city of Boston. The BRA's statutory authority was set forth in the Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 121B, section 4 in 1957 and Chapter 652, section 12 in 1960. Its broad development authorities include the power to buy and sell property, the power to acquire property through eminent domain, and the power to grant tax concession (under MGL chapter 121A) to encourage commercial and residential development. The BRA does not consider requests for zoning variances. These are heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals, a seven-person body





appointed by the mayor.

However, many consider the BRA's roles as both real estate owner/developer and approval authority to be a conflict of interest.

In 2011, Boston Magazine named its 50 most powerful people in Boston. In the prologue it states "Mayor Tom Menino, of course, remains the alpha and omega of the city: You can't put up a building, get elected, or snag the right permit if you've crossed him. On the other hand, if you're in with him, the possibilities are endless. So to save everyone the effort, we've simply removed the mayor from consideration."

The first person on the Power List is John Fish, CEO Suffolk Construction. The commentary follows: "Name a building in Boston, and Suffolk Construction probably put it up: the convention center, the cardiovascular center at Brigham and Women's, the cancer research center at MIT, and even the tower that's about to go in that hole in the ground in Downtown Crossing. While

other projects stall in front of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, Fish's sail through. Suffolk's solid work is a big reason why, but so is the relationship Fish has cannily developed with the mayor over the years — he has two former Menino chiefs of staff on his payroll. Factor in all of his philanthropic work — Suffolk's Red & Blue Foundation is the main force behind Menino's pet Boston Scholar Athlete Program — and Fish is simply the guy who can get things done." Number 19 on the list is Joseph Fallon, who has had a lock on the South Boston Waterfront development since he started raising money for Menino in 1993 and is among the Mayor's closest friends.

It is common knowledge that Suffolk Construction builds the vast majority of public construction projects in and around the City of Boston because the company is successful, like no other competitor, in getting fast tracked through the City's permitting process. Hiring Suffolk insures that your development will be permitted (not

necessarily built) in a timely way and for developers time is money.

To quote from Rachel Slade's April 2013 Boston Magazine article — "There are few engines in the city of Boston as powerful as the Redevelopment Authority. If that name sounds like something out of the Eisenhower Era, that's because it is. The city has a Byzantine process for planning and authorizing major development projects — one that many other cities long-ago abandoned. The BRA is tightly controlled by the mayor. It has a finger in nearly every major development decision in the city. And it isn't going anywhere, anytime soon. The person who replaces Mayor Thomas Menino will wield some powerful authority, much of it through the running of the BRA."

Over the years, the BRA has led many neighborhoods of the City to believe that they are an equal partner in the master planning of their neighborhoods and have conducted hundreds of public meetings assuring

residents that their voices and input would be heard and considered. It is rarely the case. Time after time, after having made commitments to the communities that certain guidelines would be adhered to, as developments are stalled, the BRA alters the agreement. It cites 'changing economic conditions' that warrant its reneging on the original agreement.

As stated, the Zoning Board of Appeals has seven members, all appointed by the Mayor. One key member, Mike Monahan, is the Business Manager of Local 103 IBEW and is widely acknowledged as the Mayor's go to member of the Board based on their longstanding relationship. The building trades have benefited from the development boom citywide but especially on the South Boston Waterfront and Residential South Boston.

The history and state of the Master Planning Process in South Boston, and its twists, turns, shifts and exploitation will be featured in Part 2



South Boston Today To Host Mayoral Candidates' Debate In The Fall

In continuing its coverage of the 2013 mayor's race, South Boston Today will be interviewing the mayoral candidates for a profile. Candidate questionnaires will be distributed and will be made available to SBT readers when completed. South Boston Today will also be hosting two candidates' debates this fall, one for the preliminary election, the second for the final election. This promises not to be your average candidate forum. We will attempt to organize a lively back and forth exchanges on issues that Bostonians care most about. Stay tuned on details.



Senator Warren, Congressman Lynch to cut the ribbon on new Digital Mammography services at South Boston Community Health Center

South Boston Community Health Center staff will be joined by Senator Elizabeth Warren, Congressman Stephen Lynch and the South Boston elected delegation of Senator Forry, Rep. Collins and Councilor Linehan to celebrate the Grand Opening of the health center's new Digital Mammography Suite. The ribbon cutting will take place on the first floor of South Boston Health Center's 409 West Broadway



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Nursing Home Neglect – A Personal Perspective

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Guest Contributor Jade Larkin

Nursing home neglect is an extremely serious issue. Nursing home neglect takes many forms, but all of it is damaging in some way emotionally, physically or financially. When we think of the words ‘nursing home’, we are supposed to feel a sense of comfort, and trust. We want to be confident that our loved ones are being cared for exceptionally, because it can be done. Being caring and nurturing is a part of being a human being, so naturally the want to help is expected.

Analysis of the 5,151 respondents in a longitudinal study of aging conducted by the Gerontology Society of America, a high number of respondents who were placed in nursing homes held a higher risk of death. The US Inspector General Report reveals that in 2009, nursing conglomerates bilked U.S. payers to the tune of more than \$5 billion for care, that by all legal definitions was substandard at best, negligent at worst. Thirty seven percent of nursing homes

across America receiving Medicaid reimbursements did not meet the plan-of-care standards for residents. And today, still, families are paying nursing homes large sums of money to care for their family members, and for what? Residents are still receiving inadequate care. Changes need to be made.

Fortunately, in Boston, we have fine facilities such as the Marian Manor, Compass on the Bay and Harborlights, here in South Boston, and others that meet and often surpass the standards and regulations set forth. The Marian Manor, a top rate facility with excellent staff, provides the best of care to its residents. If this and others like it can provide such high caliber care, there should be no reason all nursing homes cannot do the same.

One little known health issue of concern is Hyponatremic Dehydration (HD), which is high concentrated sodium in the blood, and in my opinion all too common. In order to determine

the antecedents of HD, authors of the American Geriatrics Society, reviewed the records of 56 patients with this condition. At two public hospitals, one of which includes a large Chronic Care facility, 29 patients developed HD while in nursing homes. The average serum sodium concentrate was found significantly higher in nursing home residents, than at home or in acute care hospitals. HD found and seen in residents may very well be an indicator of inadequate care, and should be investigated.

Star Tribune staff writers, Brad Schrade and Paul Walsh talked about reported complaints in a nursing home in Minneapolis, which also occur around the world. In less than a month, state officials had found evidence of neglect by a nursing home employee. This employee failed to attend to a resident who was in distress, and the resident passed away. It’s very scary knowing that this resident could’ve been potentially been saved with proper medical attention. The Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) failed to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). According to the report released, other CNA’s noticed that the elderly man, who was in distress, couldn’t speak, blink or take a full breath. This is very similar to what was reported by a resident’s son. One woman, 85 years old who was a resident in a nursing home, according to her son, “wasn’t ready to die”. Her son administered CPR, without the assistance of any CNA’s, or any other employees for that matter. The son stated, “they don’t treat a person’s life as if it has any meaning, they become so used to death, that they treat it as just an everyday occurrence”. Death is an everyday occurrence but if you can possibly save a life, why not try?

Accusations of neglect at one local rehabilitation an extended care facility in Troy New York, say that the facility was responsible for the death of a female resident, according to the, daughter of the deceased resident. The daughter insists that her mother just needed rehabilitation, and she passed away while being in the rehab center. Her daughter reports that “when she went in she wasn’t ill, she just needed rehabilitation”. The same nursing home in Troy, and a nursing home in Williams Ville NY, was investigated

using undercover cameras. After looking over the cameras, there was evidence of neglect. In March of 2010, New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo charged nearly 2 dozen health care workers with failure to care for their residents.

To enter the health care field, in my opinion, you must have some level of passion for it; especially those who work directly with patients. You need to be willing to take accountability, and criticism. Critical thinking and technique is extremely important when caring for injured and/or sick people, as well as being able to communicate in different ways. And if you ask many professionals in the field, a lot of CNA’s could use a crash course on how to be a little bit more professional themselves. I know firsthand of some CNA’s who are reported to the people in charge, yet you don’t see much of a change or any at all. Some don’t even get spoken too. Lack of criticism is also a very huge issue. Developing a scientific body of knowledge is crucial for a CNA. Knowing that all of this training has been ineffective leaves us with a sense of fear. With all of our pre existing everyday stress we face, the last thing people want to worry about is their family members receiving inadequate care.

It’s scary enough not having the ability to tell a CNA what you need. It’s even worse if you’re afraid to, or you feel as if they don’t care. Speaking from personal experience, a lot of CNA’s seem to always come off uneasy. I’ve seen some roll their eyes or complain frequently when given a task. I look around and I see them looking so miserable, as if they’d rather be anywhere else. The body language presented in some, is rather sloppy and lazy. I have listened to ignorant replies riddled with a sense of irritation when asked a simple question from a resident, if they’re even given an answer at all.

I have personally witnessed delays in dispensing much needed medication to residents. There have been times when a few residents had to sit and watch others eat their meals, because their meals are up to an hour late. It’s sad watching that because a lot of them don’t understand, and get worried that they aren’t going to be fed. It can actually be traumatic being hungry and watching others eat. A problem reported at some nursing homes is that there are sometimes not enough CNA’s in the dining room. As a result,

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The Artists' Studio

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Deb Putnam

"A quiet morning on the island in this haven by the sea..."

Thus begins one of the poems of Dorothy Morris, South Boston native and author, taking us on one of her countless journeys around Castle Island. Ms. Morris has recently published her first book "God Lights His Candles," (Ibbotson Press) a moving collection of poems celebrating family, life and nature.

The third of eight children, she was brought up on East Broadway and has remained active in south Boston despite her relocation to Quincy. A student at St Brigid School and the former Nazareth High School she continued on to Simmons College where she majored in journalism and publications. She has held many different positions since college, including, but not limited to journalism, proofreading and editing, teaching high school English and most recently Director of Corporate Information at a Boston financial company, where she was assistant vice president. A world traveler, Ms. Morris shared her travel knowledge, writing travel articles for the Quincy Patriot Ledger for 13 years.

From the time she learned to read, Dorothy fell in love with the written word. Her mother, Anna Golden Morris, History Department head at Girls High and President of the South Boston Historical Society during the Bicentennial, would read poetry to her. In fact, by her teens, her mother told everyone that Dorothy would become a Poet! But, as she puts it, "life intervened."

That was, until retirement in 2002 when she decided to take a class with local writer and teacher Jack Canavan to get over her writer's block. Jack introduced her to well-known local poet Dave Connolly, editor of the South Boston Literary Gazette, who printed one of her poems, the first of more than 30, and as Dorothy says, "the rest is history!"

The introduction to "God Lights His Candles" was written by Sam Cornish, Boston's Poet Laureate and Dorothy's mentor, whom she met when she "crashed" one of his readings at the Boston Public Library a couple of years ago. In his introduction, he describes her poems as "postcards of communication between the reader and the poet" and that Dorothy is a poet of the "innermost self." The following poem does not appear in this collection but is a perfect example Ms. Morris's meditative and spiritual image of a walk around Castle Island.

A Quiet Morning

A quiet morning on the island
In this haven by the sea

I wait in the stillness.
The lap of a wave,
The cry of a gull,
A heavy footfall.

I walk to the rhythm of my own feet.
Only the sound of a plane disturbs.

I look for you in the blue depths
And the white mushroomed sky above.
Feeling the touch of the breeze,
Seeking meaning in a drop of dew.

Finally, even silence within.

Along the causeway
Comes a fisherman
His rod, slung like a rifle
Over his shoulder.

Somewhere there is war
But right now there is peace

In this Eden by the bay,
This blessed sod.
Waiting for God.



A Somerville News review by poet Dennis Daly echoes high praise for her poetry and states: "Dorothy E. Morris in her book of poems, God Lights His Candles, draws from an obvious reservoir of spiritual serenity to compose her quicksilver images of natural and ritual happiness."

The following poem, from her book, is filled with Dorothy's spirituality and grace.

All Hallow's Eve

I spied a three-year-old on his bicycle
His mother following with a baby carriage.
The boy stopped, hopped off the bicycle,
And with one hand pulled up two dandelions

"For you, Mom," he said proudly.
She laughed, "Two weeds."
"Lucky you," I called to her.

Sometimes I wonder if God is three years old.

Currently Dorothy is experimenting with haiku and offers the following about her sisters:

Anna's Girls

Five strong women
all talking at the same time
none is listening.

She continues to serve on the South Boston Arts Association's board and along with local poet Susan Mahan, co-chairs a semi-annual community poetry reading at the South Boston Library. Ms. Morris's book, God Lights His Candles, is available on line at amazon.com or from the author.

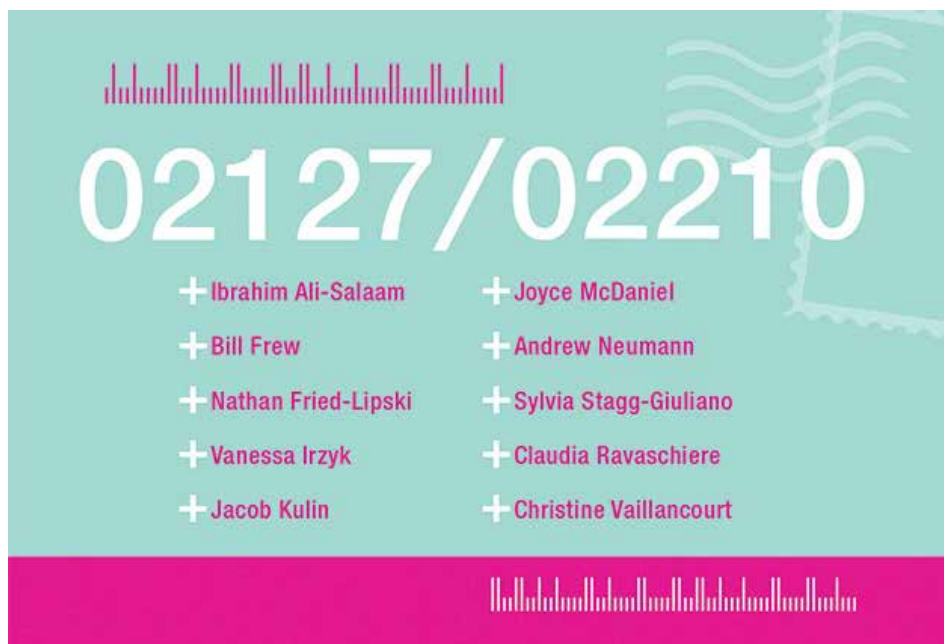
The Artists' Studio

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

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

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





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02127/02210 is Medicine Wheel Productions' annual summer exhibition featuring the artists who live and/or have their art practice based in the two zip codes of South Boston.

This is the second annual 02127/02210 and it is featuring

the work of ten outstanding artists: Ibrahim Ali-Salaam, Bill Frew, Nathan Fried-Lipski, Vanessa Irzyk, Jacob Kulin, Joyce McDaniel, Andrew Neumann, Sylvia Stagg-Giuliano, Claudia Ravaschiere, and Christine Vaillancourt.

The annual's inspiration comes from MWP's 2011 photo exhibition entitled, Southie is My Home Town. It was a show of portraits of the diverse and amazing people who call South Boston their home. The images were taken by South Boston residents and Medicine Wheel affiliated photographers Richie Dismore and Brian McCarthy.

The 2013 annual highlights the breathe of talent we are so lucky to have in our two zip codes. Many of the artists have exhibited locally, regionally and nationally. There is also a wide range of media in the show: charcoal drawings, color photography, sculpture, paintings, site specific installations, and silver point drawings. This is a show not to be missed.

Medicine Wheel Productions (MWP) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to transform communities from the inside out by inviting all members to participate in the healing and transcendent power of public art. MWP's Spoke Gallery is an innovative new program that seeks to act as a hub for artists of all disciplines who want to join the conversation.

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the residents who are unable to feed themselves, go hungry, and don't get an adequate amount of food.

A resident's need for personal hygiene is extremely important. It is sometimes the case in some facilities that at times this need is ignored. Filthy finger nails, messy matted hair, food stuck to their clothing and dried up on their faces, obviously from earlier that day or the day before. I do understand that a lot of residents are incontinent, but there should be absolutely no excuse for not tending to the personal hygiene of all residents. To have to remind the CNA's to bathe these residents is also unacceptable! Sadly, this is the case in some facilities as investigations have proven.

The overall job of a CNA is to try everything in their power to ensure that residents live out the remainder of their lives with as much comfort, dignity and happiness as humanly and as medically possible. I have tremendous respect and gratitude for the CNA's who do in fact take their job seriously, and actually want to be there. It's a real shame that these people often go unnoticed because of so many others who don't care. Because this is such a serious matter that has gone unresolved, I feel that the need of surveillance cameras in select areas without violating resident's privacy should be in order. It's so sad to me because if you think about it, these skills are not hard to obtain and are very humanistic. These issues can no longer go unresolved, and those who manage nursing homes that do not meet the proper standards should be ashamed of themselves!

Nursing home neglect is a problem that can no longer be ignored and must be dealt with and eliminated immediately. This should be a priority in the health care field. The people who reside there as well as their families deserve nothing less.

Jade Larkin is a medical student at Millennium Training Institute in Woburn MA. She graduated from the Red Cross as a certified Home Health Aid and is pursuing a career as a Medical Assistant and Phlebotomist, due to graduate in July.



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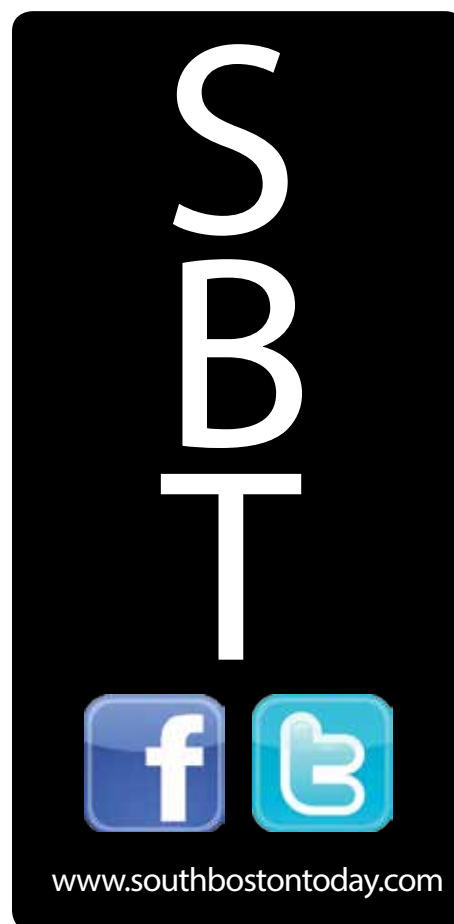
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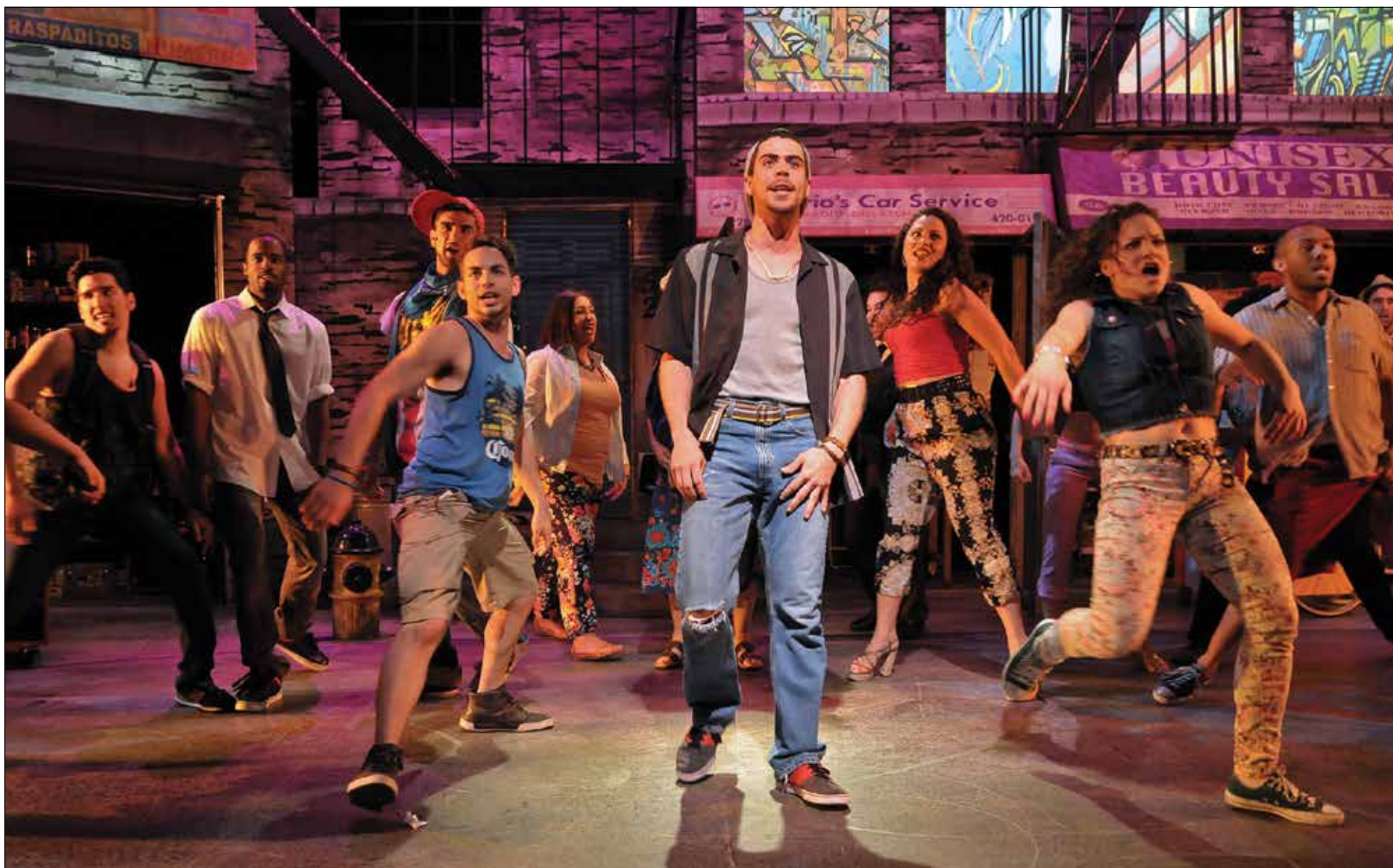
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In The Heights, at the Speakeasy Stage Company

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Review by: South Boston Today Guest Contributor John Joseph Fahey

Speakeasy STAGE COMPANY
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The intimate Roberts Studio Theatre in the Calderwood Pavilion in Boston's South End is transformed into a smartly decorated Washington Heights, NYC setting. Along with this vibrant and appropriate ambiance of this northern section of Manhattan's borough is the music and storyline of a group of Latinos who relate the theme of the American Dream. *In The Heights*, the winner of four 2008 Tony Awards (including Best Musical) plays out on the intimate Speakeasy Theatre until June 30th.

Paul Daigneault, Speakeasy's Producing Artistic Director, with Music Direction by Nicholas James Connell and choreography by Larry Sousa, fashion a thoroughly entertaining excursion into the world of Latino culture

in one of New York's most popular neighborhood through hip hop, salsa and jazz, against the backdrop of various stories affecting the lives of a largely immigrant population.

In *The Heights*, a conception by Lin-Manuel Miranda (who actually wrote the draft while in college) wrote the musical somewhat as an autobiography, a memory, if you will, of what it was like growing up in a place like Washington Heights.

The cast is quite commendable and deserving of the standing ovation of the theater's packed house. From the moment of curtain until the finale, the audience is treated to non-stop action and song with the ageless theme of trying to "make it" in the promised-land. Recognition to all in the cast

(and the musicians) is in order, but particular mention to Diego Klock-Perez, who plays Usnavi, a neighborhood entrepreneur who is tries to be successful although a changing neighborhood is making it difficult. Merissa Haddad, who plays Daniela is quite good as the girl who has the chance of the American Dream but compromises it; Jared Dixon, plays Benny whose ambitions of success becomes jeopardized; Alessandra Valea as Venessa and aspiring girl friend of Usnavi, and Jorge Barranco as Sonny, and cousin and employee of Usnavi. Tony Castellanos as Kevin, and father of Daniela is very believable as the immigrant father who won't let anything stand in the way of his daughter's success, as is Camila, Daniela's mother played

by Nicole Paloma Sarro. Carolyn Saxon, playing Abuela is also quite impressive as the grandmother.

In The Heights is an entertaining and musically moving 2 Act experience—as some good singing, dancing, along with some good stories unfold in a close-knit neighborhood in one of the world's largest cities.

The 2013-2014 Speakeasy Stage Company season has the following selection coming up: *Tribes*, September 13 through October 12; *Make Up Your Mind*, November 1 through 30; *The Color Purple*, January 10 through February 8; *The Whale*, March 7 through April 5 and *CARRIE the musical*, May 9 through June 7. For further information, you can contact the Speakeasy at 617 933-8600, or on line at: speakeasystage.com.



Around Town...

Rep. Nick Collins Announces Castle Island Senior Shuttle Will Run Again This Summer

For the third consecutive year, Rep. Nick Collins, The Castle Island Association and Sullivan's of Castle Island have teamed up to sponsor the Senior Shuttle, transporting local seniors and others to Castle Island to enjoy one of the best recreation spots on the East Coast. Bill Spain, President of the Castle Island Association, stated that, "this service has helped our organization expand our programs during the summer and the seniors who take advantage of it are thrilled to be a part of the fun at Castle Island."

Rep. Collins said, "The support of the Sullivan Family has helped to

make this annual service available to folks who remember the days when they could walk to the Lagoon and enjoy a day in the sun. I am happy to be a part of it."

Brendan Sullivan added, "Sullivan's is thrilled to see so many enjoy this little slice of heaven and I want to thank the Southie Shuttle for stepping up and providing the transportation in their new air conditioned vans. As a locally owned company, they are now part of our team."

Details and schedules are available at SouthieShuttle.com, the Southie Shuttle facebook page or by calling Southie Shuttle at 617-268-4110.

Councilor Linehan Partners with Ultimate Self Defense & Performance Center to Announce 20 Summer Scholarships

Councilor Linehan partners with Ultimate Self Defense & Performance Center to announce 20 summer scholarships for summer martial arts classes for kids ages 6-16. Each scholarship includes the cost of 10 classes for the summer semester. Additional summer packages are available at reduced rates.

The Ultimate Self Defense & Performance Center has moved from their West Broadway location to a new site at 12 B Street in South Boston. This was the proposed site of the controversial Inner City Weight Lifting a couple of years back. To celebrate the move and welcome the community, a grand opening celebration will be scheduled later this summer.

"Having Ultimate Self Defense & Performance Center at this site is the perfect fit for their popular South Boston business which serves predominantly South Boston youth," added Councilor Linehan. Please contact their school any time for additional information at 617-268-9893 or visit their website at www.ultimateselfdefense.com. You can call Councilor Linehan's Office at 617-635-3203. You can also follow him on Facebook, Bill Linehan, and Twitter @Linehanbill.



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St Peter Academy

The Tradition Lives On... Mary's Day

Mary's Day was established many years ago at St. Peter School as a day for school families to honor Our Mother, Mary by reciting the rosary and enjoying the outdoors at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent in Brockton. This convent is the mother house of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified, the nuns who taught at St. Peter School. Every

May, during Spirit Week, we at St. Peter Academy continue this tradition by participating in this pilgrimage to our Blessed Mother. As a school community we gather in the chapel to recite the rosary and offer flowers to our Blessed Mother. After the rosary, school families spend the day on the beautiful grounds of the convent,

playing games and enjoying each other's company. This is a tradition we plan to uphold for many years to come!

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.



Kids in a tree!



Grade 2 & 3 girls check out the new pond.



The parents enjoyed the day as much as the children did.



It was a great turnout on a beautiful day!

Miss Noonan and Mr. Dilba with their students in the chapel.



Sr. Christine, former principal of St. Peter School, visited with Mrs. Carthas, who she hired as a fourth grade teacher in 1978.



The 7th grade girls relaxed.

Miss Chapin and Miss Seidel with Grades 3,4 & 5.



Miss Powers and Miss Collins pose with their children.



Keeping cool!



South Boston Catholic Academy Annual Field Day

The students in Grades K1 to Grade 6 were able to enjoy a beautiful day at Marine Park for the school's annual Field Day games. With an impending wash out for the original date, we took advantage of the fantastic weather for the day before.

Children in Grades 1 through 6 participated in a score of relay races, obstacle courses and balancing games lead by our 6th grade captains who traditionally are given the responsibility of guiding the players from event to event. Teachers conduct the various games. Although we do give first, second and third place ribbons, every participant is a winner on this day. Graduates of our school always label Field Day as one of their most memorable times at SBCA!

The 4 kindergarten classes conducted their separate fun and games a short distance away. They were outstanding! They also moved from game to game lead by a wonderful group of parents who came out that day to volunteer their time. Thank you K parents!

We all enjoyed our lunch and an ice cream treat under beautiful blue skies at Marine Park, one of the best landmarks we are so fortunate to have in South Boston and only a short walk from our school!







Red Sox Notes

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
staff report

Heading into the dog days the summer, the Red Sox need a lift. From an offensive perspective, the Sox are first in runs scored, second in on base percentage and third in slugging percentage. This is a large part of why they are first place in the AL East. Another part of the Red Sox early season success comes as a result of quality bullpen pitching which has been able to pick up a great deal of wins when Red Sox starters had left much to be desired.

The one major clear cut factor for the Red Sox success is show stopper Clay Bucholz. The Red Sox ace is 9-0 in 12 starts with a 1.71 ERA. His performance has prevented any kind of losing streak. The bad news is as of the printing of this paper, Bucholz was being considered for the DL due to an injured neck. This does pose a

great challenge and opportunity for the rest of the Red Sox rotation. They now will get a chance to step up and compete at a level they should be competing at. The team can't rely on one guy to carry them throughout the whole season.

At the moment, the Red Sox are up two games up on the Orioles and three games up on the Yankees. The AL East is arguably the best division in Major League Baseball. But, if the Sox intend to be in the mix down the stretch, now is the time to show depth among the staff. If the current staff proves they can't do it, then the Sox should make a move for some starting pitching, so by the time Bucholz returns he has some help. Bucholz is needed as well as a pumped up staff. The timing couldn't be better.



L Street Running Club members raise big bucks for Marathon Charities

Many of the L Street running club members of South Boston that ran in the 2013 Boston Marathon helped raise thousands of dollars for local charities. Of those members reporting their fund raising efforts, 14 members reported raising over \$129,000. Many runners run the 26.2 mile Boston Marathon course to raise money for their favorite charities and L Street members have been very successful once again. Among the Charities that will receive the runner's donation are Kenny Quinn Ford Brain Foundation, The Children's Advocacy Center for Suffolk county, Boston Medical Center, MA Fallen Heroes, The Compassionate Care Fund, American Liver Foundation, American Stroke Association, Christmas in the City, and Dana Farber.

The L Street's 26th annual Jim Kane 5K Road race will be held again this year on Thursday July 18th at Carson Place at Boston Teacher's union at 7:00 pm. The money raised in this race is also given to local charities and this year a special donation will also be made to the Boston Marathon One Fund.

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building at 10:00 AM on Friday, June 21st. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Women who undergo routine mammography at South Boston Community Health Center now have the latest diagnostic technology available to them, digital mammography. South Boston Community Health Center is the only health care provider in the community to feature the state-of-the-art system, Selenia digital mammography from Hologic. The system is the same that is used at many of the large hospitals in Boston. Digital mammography is different from conventional mammography in how the image of the breast is acquired and, more importantly, viewed. By offering women the latest technology in mammography, the Health Center hopes to increase the number of area women who follow recommendations for regular screenings.

"Our goal was to ensure that

woman in South Boston have access to the best, state-of-the-art diagnostic tools to detect breast cancer early" said William Halpin, Jr., CEO of South Boston Community Health Center. When breast cancer is detected early, the five year survival rate is 98 percent.

In Massachusetts alone 4480 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and 860 women will die from the disease. Survival rates could be increased through the use of effective screening tools. The combination of monthly breast self-exams, yearly clinical breast exams, and regular mammograms beginning at age 40 is the best way to detect breast cancer in its earliest and most treatable stages.

South Boston Community Health Center is the only provider of primary care in the South Boston neighborhood. With a staff of over 150, the center provides 60,000 visits a year to nearly half of South Boston's population. The center has been providing care in the South Boston community for over 40 years.

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Bruins Rask Stealing the Show

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
staff report

At the time this newspaper went to print the Boston Bruins were leading Stanley Cup series versus the Chicago Blackhawks 2-1, thanks to a 2-0 shutout win posted by Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask. The 26 year old 6'-3" Finnish netminder, who served as Tim Thomas' patient back-up during Boston 2011 run, has been absolutely stellar. In the previous series, where the Bruins were up against the most potent offense in the NHL, Rask held them to four goals in four games. The Bruins went on to sweep the Penguins. This series, Rask really has only let up three goals in three games. Two of the goals scored on him in game one

were shots that weren't even aimed on goal, but hit bodies and were redirected past Rask.

In total, so far this post season, in nineteen games, Rask has 1.64 goals against average, and has made a total of 652 saves, good for a .946 save percentage and three shutouts. They say that a hot goalie can take you far in the NHL playoffs. This has never been truer. Combine that with tight checking, disciplined positioning, and timely goal scoring...it could take you all the way.

At this time we aren't aware of last night's winner, but if Rask keeps up this pace...Boston fans should have reason to celebrate.

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This week, Danny talked with The Boston Globe's Kevin Paul Dupont:

DANNY PICARD: After the Bruins' 2-0 win in Game 3, how are you analyzing this series? Are you saying that Chicago's stars aren't showing up, or are you giving credit to Boston's defense for shutting them down and smothering them?

KEVIN PAUL DUPONT: Well, sure, both are true, right? And I think now, after three-and-a-half series, we have to credit -- not just the defense -- but the whole system that they play here. It was amazing to watch them shut down Pittsburgh -- two goals in four games. And here it is again. It's a familiar pattern. You don't see much, if anything, in terms of good presence in the low slot. [Monday] night, at the end, we saw a little bit of Patrick Kane. He had a really prime chance off the rush and shot it wide right. But I would say, at this point -- and I was asking Claude Julien about this after the game. He was saying, they can feel it now. And you can see. It takes real discipline, real will, real grit to play the type of defense they do. And all of that said, you take Zdeno Chara out of that equation, and man, we see it in 2011 and we see it here again, he is such a dominant force back there. And when you look at unique properties, he's one, Milan Lucic is another. Lucic was not as good in game 3, I thought, as he was in Game 2. But you're seeing some

tremendous performances here.

DP: Dupes, I rave about Chara all the time. Tuukka Rask has been great, but you said it, Chara is the most unique player, not just in the National Hockey League, but in sports. I know it's not always pretty when the puck's on his stick. You're not going to show the kids a highlight reel of Chara trying to dangle out of his own zone and sometimes turn it over behind his own net. But defensively, nobody else in the league has a guy that shuts down other teams top players like Zdeno Chara does. Someone called into this show earlier and asked if Patrice Bergeron was a Hall-of-Famer. But Zdeno Chara, right now, Dupes, Hall-of-Famer?

KPD: It's an interesting question. Certainly in my book. I just don't have enough faith in the people who make that decision, to think that it's an automatic. But certainly, in mine. For the definition of the job, yes, absolutely, beyond question. And the only reason I hesitate there, is that we saw the Norris voting this year, and how Chara cannot be in the top three is beyond my imagination. How Tuukka Rask couldn't be in the top three for Vezina, and that's not to say they should win it either, but if they're not in the conversation, then you begin to have questions

about the process and the acumen of the people who make those decisions. And the Hall-of-Fame too sometimes gets to be political. That's a different vote than the writers' vote. The Hall-of-Fame has a board. But, as I've said since the day he got here -- and he's only gotten better, which is one of the unique things about him too. As he ages, he improves. Usually guys tail off. At some point, given that he is 36, you have to think his game will start to diminish. The other part of that equation too here, and this is separate from the Hall of Fame, is that, when he's with Seidenberg, that is one tremendous pairing.

DP: Absolutely, and it's one of the layers that's most important to this Bruins team. And the final layer here is Tuukka Rask. Had his third shutout of the playoffs on Monday night in Game 3. Claude Julien said the other day, when asked about comparisons to Tim Thomas in 2011, Julien said it's just as good. I think it's better. When you think back to what Thomas did in 2011, how do you compare it to what Rask is doing right now? Are you more impressed with what you're seeing with Tuukka right now?

KPD: I would say better. I'd be in your camp, because of his style, his assuredness. Other than the one game, one play where he comically

fell down at MSG, he's just been right on the money. The style of play between those two players is so dramatically different, of course. Thomas was all over the place. Thomas made repeated sensational saves. Whereas, Tuukka doesn't. And that's a product of style of play. Timmy was frequently out to challenge, frequently out of position, quite frankly, scurrying to get back in. That made for great highlight reels, and it made for very memorable performances. Tuukka's performance will not be nearly as memorable, no matter what he does, no matter how this finishes now. Because that's his style. And when I watched Ken Dryden in the late '70's, or actually, Dryden in the early '70's when he came in, that was true of Dryden too. And Dryden had even a more passive nature. If you remember the pictures of Dryden just standing in the cage during breaks with his chin sort of on the butt end of the stick. Tuukka's kind of that same -- different era here, different style -- but Tuukka's sort of that same cool cat. He knows the job, he knows what he's got to do, he anticipates play tremendously, and that I've seen improve this year. So much of goalkeeping, as is puck-carrying, is anticipation, seeing the ice, seeing the play develop. And that's Tuukka to a tee. So yes, I would say, by and large, for different reasons, more impressive.



DP: In Game 3, the Bruins got another goal out of the Paille/Kelly/Seguin line. And we've mentioned that that would be "secondary" scoring. But since Claude's put them together in Game 2, they are a major reason why the Bruins went up 2-1 in the Stanley Cup Final. If I had told you that going into Game 2, this line would be this good and be one of the major reasons why the Bruins went up 2-1 after losing Game 1, what would you have told me?

KPD: Well, I would have said, going into the series, which is what I was saying, was that the Bruins would have to win this series at even strength. And that's really what's happening. I thought pretty much everything canceled itself out. The power plays, both woeful, would cancel themselves out. The goalies are close, although Tuukka's better than Crawford, but Crawford's done very well, they've canceled themselves out. So it comes down to 5-on-5 play. Did I think the differentiation on 5-on-5 would be those guys? No, I absolutely did not. And that said, I thought we'd be seeing more, at this point, out of Lucic, Krejci, and Horton. And Horton we know is hurt, so someone has to step up. It's surprising because we haven't seen it from them, but it's not surprising when you look at their independent skills, especially Paille and Seguin. Extremely fast. And I only wish Seguin had Paille's determination. If that were the case, he would be a 40-40 guy at this point, probably. But, you see what Paille does. He gets in there, he takes it to the net. It's the main criticism of Seguin. He's got this great speed, he's got a great shot. But you know what, you've got to take it to the net. Either you have to unload it and chase it in, or you've got to bring it in, and that's very very infrequent for Seguin. But together, it's a nice unit. I still think Kelly is hurting, for the way his production has gone. I don't know what's wrong with Peverley. But unfortunately, they haven't got enough pop out of either of those two guys, who were so important to them in 2011.

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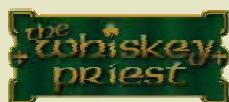
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