



## Who is Steering the City's Ship?

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY**  
Staff Editorial

Over the last few weeks, Boston's daily newspapers have brought to light the many issues our city is facing, and it is concerning. They all insinuate that our city is in a crisis. As of last week, the dailies reported the reality of 70 shootings in 67 days; those

numbers have increased this week. Boston Magazine even said this is the worst gun violence the city has experienced since the 90s, calling it a "Gun-Violence Crisis".

Burglaries and attempted robberies are on the rise in many areas in the city. Aggravated sexual assaults have been a major issue both on Beacon Hill and in the Back Bay, with one perpetrator, who police believe has many victims, still on the loose. In addition, just this weekend, a woman was sexually assaulted at the Esplanade.

On the matter of public schools, the Boston Globe recently revealed that the amount of student enrollment decline is close to 3,000 and costs are growing more complicated. The article states that this is leaving parents concerned about potential school closures, even after many schools have been re-built or renovated, leaving people wondering how that all happened.

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# EDITORIAL

## “Endure”

“Everybody loves a party”, if you put one on, people will come. It’s the preparation that’s the hard part. It takes a lot of thought, planning and work to be successful. The “Party”, in this instance, will be our July 4th celebration. A day President Adams wrote should be “celebrated forever, from one end of the country to the other with fireworks, parades and speeches.” The hard work making the party succeed is the Constitution.

The Constitution steers the course of our country and society or at least it should. President Obama refers to this precious document as “a charter of negative liberties”, which is probably the most disgusting description of the Constitution ever uttered by a president. This is our “American Bible”.

On the other hand, Elijah Cummings, assistant Chairman of the House Committee investigating the IRS, held up a copy of the Constitution during proceedings and declared, “I would not be here today, if not for this document”.

Last week the interpreters of the Constitution, the U.S. Supreme Court, ruled certain provisions of the 1965 Voting Rights Act null and void. The Chief Justice asserted the provision was a continuing punishment against some Southern States for historical wrongs that have been rectified. He further demonstrated that, using the same formula, Massachusetts could have the worst minority voting in the country. Therefore, that formula was no longer valid. The majority agreed.

Naturally, Obama and his allies declared the end of the Civil Rights and dark days ahead. The next day, however, the court threw out California’s Proposition 8, opening the doors for gay marriage.



Instead of dark days, one might say rainbows were breaking out all over. Everybody now loves the new Constitutional law.

Men and women come and go, but the words endure. Soon with 2014 elections, more of Obama’s network will be gone. America and the Constitution will endure.

**Happy July 4Th**

“There, I guess King George will be able to Read That”

*- John Hancock (After signing the Declaration of Independence - 1776)*

## Last week’s poll results:

South Boston Today asked its readers if the election were held today who would you vote for. It appears that the supporters of State Rep. Marty Walsh and Councilor John Connolly are in full campaign mode. With over 1000 votes, SBT readers selected Walsh and Connolly, who were in a dead heat as the top two choices. Other candidates should take notice. SBT will conduct this poll again in the near future.

**If the mayoral election were held today who would you vote for?  
Here are the results.**

Felix Arroyo 1%	John Barros 1%	Charles Clemons 0%
Dan Conley 7%	John Connolly 43%	Rob Consalvo 1%
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**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY**  
John Ciccone

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**W**ow, Independence Day is upon us. To those of us here on the South Boston Today team, this means that not only are we celebrating the creation of the greatest nation in the history of the world, but it also means that this newspaper is now eight months old. The plan was that after six months, we'd take a step back, look at how we're doing and continue on from there. But things have been moving so fast at SBT, with readership climbing and the reviews from you, our friends and neighbors, such that we are really starting to enjoy the success. Thanks to all of you. It is truly humbling. At our weekly meeting, we realized that the 4th of July was upon us and that a thank you was long overdue to our supporters, our readers, our advertisers and the entire South Boston Community. So thank you South Boston. It is an honor, a privilege and a heck of a lot of fun to be your weekly neighborhood news source and with your continued support, we will be around for a long time to come.

As we said early on in our first issue, we will be here to not only report on the positive community happenings and events and give this neighborhood a voice, but we will also keep you updated on the hard news, as it breaks. And if we have not yet proved to you that we are a news source that is fearless – then sit back and watch, because we've only just begun.

This is by far one of my favorite times of the year. Sure, the weather is warm and sunny and outdoor sports and other activities are happening all around. But in addition to the pleasant summer season, the Independence Day holiday, with all the flags, the red, white and blue

decorations, the fireworks and patriotic events, it's a time for reflection on the greatness America possesses. A quick review of our history reminds us of the great sacrifice those who built our country went through to make America the most unique place on earth. Our Founding Fathers with guidance from God, had a vision of what a good and prosperous nation with free people should be like. Now I know, at this point in time, our wonderful country is being dragged down the wrong road. There are those in power right now whose goal it is to diminish its greatness, take it down many pegs, and change everything that made the United States of America what the late President, Ronald Reagan, called "That shining City on a Hill". But we are Americans, and we will survive and rebound. This is a land and a people that have survived 2 world wars, a civil war and countless other obstacles throughout our history. And long after those who would attempt to turn our country into something we no longer recognize are gone from the scene, America will once again be the hope of the world. Our people, the rugged individualists and freedom loving people that we are, are that resilient.

As we said, this week is for celebrating America's greatness with all the pomp and ceremony befitting the best nation in history. But hey, it's also a time to have a GOOD time. Some will travel; maybe to out of state beaches or to the mountains. Barbeques with family and friends will be happening in every location. If you decide to stay local, well, we have fine beaches and parks in South Boston just made for the occasion too. There will

be concerts and parties and even the USS Constitution will make its annual turnaround in Boston Harbor. With so much to do in so many locations it would be difficult to not enjoy this biggest of all American celebrations. Even if you should decide to just stay at home and relax and enjoy the day off most of us will have, this really is a wonderful time

of year. But no matter what you decide to do and how you choose to celebrate Independence Day, doing it while Old Glory waves proudly above in the summer breeze should put you in the spirit. That's just the way many of us 'Flag Wavers' feel. No apologies. Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at [jciccone@southbostontoday.com](mailto:jciccone@southbostontoday.com)

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# Melissa Hardy's Death Shocks South Boston

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

staff report

South Bostonians are still reeling from the recent death of Melissa Hardy, 33, who was found dead in an apartment at 752 W. Fourth Street on Wednesday, June 28th. South Boston Today received a tip at approximately 6:30pm on that evening saying there was a heavy police presence at the address that, initially, neighbors thought may have been a drug bust. Upon arrival, police informed SBT that there was a body found inside the apartment. The cause of death was at first not known and was being called a 'suspicious death'. Later it was described as a murder. The victim had severe trauma to the head and other areas.

Boston Police cordoned off the area of the home with yellow 'crime scene' tape and brought in

the Homicide Squad and began a thorough investigation of the apartment. Other police personnel from various units were also brought in. It was apparent that no stone would be left unturned in the effort to gather all the facts and piece together exactly what had taken place at the residence, especially what had happened to Melissa Hardy.

Police arrested Martin Jiminez, 43, also of South Boston, who is said to have resided at the address where Ms. Hardy's body was found. Reports say that Jiminez had allegedly told civilians earlier that he had killed Hardy, who had been reported missing since the previous Sunday by family members.

Assistant DA Holly Broadbent, chief of the DA's Domestic

Violence Unit, has said that "Jiminez and Hardy had been in an on and off romantic relationship for several years that ended several weeks ago when Jiminez was said to have struck her. She subsequently left his East Fourth Street residence to live with her family in Weymouth." Hardy was said to have gone back to the apartment, against her father's wishes to retrieve some of her possessions and had not been seen since. The previous Monday morning, Jiminez was arrested in Concord, Massachusetts for allegedly operating a vehicle while under the influence that was registered to Hardy's father. Following his arrest for the alleged DUI, Jiminez was transported to an area hospital for treatment where he reportedly spoke of killing Hardy. Jiminez was arrested for the murder of Hardy as he attempted to leave the hospital.

Melissa Hardy was well known and well liked around South Boston. She had many friends

growing up here. The news of what happened to her still has many residents in shock as this type of crime is rare in this neighborhood, which has had a reputation for being a relatively safe place. Jiminez was arraigned at South Boston District Court and, as of this writing, was being held without bail. He is scheduled to return to court on August 8th.

In response to this incident, Suffolk County DA Daniel Conley released a statement saying "This appears to be a case of domestic violence by a man who abused his partner before. If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, help is out there. Police, prosecutors and advocates are ready to help. Along with calling 911, victims of domestic violence can also call SafeLink at 857-785-2020."

Speaking to residents after the news of the death of Melissa Hardy was reported, it is clear that she will be missed very much by the neighborhood that she was born and raised in.

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Real estate development has run rampant across the city. Residents across Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Jamaica Plain, Charlestown, Brighton, Allston and South Boston are filing complaints and in some cases, lawsuits, aimed at the Boston Redevelopment Authority.


Boston's residents are wondering what is City Hall doing about all or any of these issues?

The race to replace Mayor Tom Menino has yet to produce who the real contenders are. There is a major question for our city's residents to consider. Is what appears to be chaos, disorder or confusion the natural course of events, when the clock starts to run out on a lengthy mayoral tenure? How should Boston's residents react? Right now, the City needs stability going into the summer. Order needs to be restored, but citizens all around the City are asking – Who is steering the City's ship?

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# Reading Between The Lines

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SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Brian R. Mahoney

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As we celebrate our independence and freedom and all things patriotic our hurrahs are dampened with the news a “Patriot” in our midst may be a monster. How could this be? How can the Patriots not have seen? It must be their fault. In Bristol, Connecticut, hometown of this ex-football player, friends are stunned. Years of Little League, Pop Warner and they never saw it. Some still refuse to believe and vow continued support. They, too, must have ignored the obvious signs because he was a great athlete. They must be bad people who live there and Bristol must be a bad town.

We here in South Boston like to point to our history and take pride in the belief that our town players an integral part of creating this America we all celebrate. Recently, not for the first time, this town has been labeled as a bad town with a lot of bad people. This is because bad cops, agents, attorneys and criminals did bad things ... mostly to each other.

This is, somehow, the fault of South Boston. The other day my cousin David Donohue was in town for a visit. A South Boston boy, David went to Atlanta more than forty years ago where he became a top executive for Coca-Cola. David and his brother-in-law Stan, who I always thought was an uncle because he was such a part of the family, and I went for lunch at the Dry Dock Café in the Marine Industrial Park. David said “you mean the old Army base”.

When we entered I saw Jim Brett, the President and CEO of the New England Council, who had just received an honorary Doctor of Law Degree from St. Anselms College. This is in addition to the myriad of degrees and awards this former

legislator has received. Which are insignificant, next to the fact that Jim and I are classmates of South Boston High. I waved hello, then the three of us ordered and began talking family history.

One topic was of our murdered cousin, Buddy Leonard and how our other cousin, Sonny, Buddy’s brother, was down the Moakley Courthouse giving a victim impact statement. We talked of other relatives, when our attention was diverted by Bill Bulger and his wife Mary arriving for lunch. The Bulgers sat down and cousin David went over and exchanged a few words and a handshake. When he returned he reminisced how he and three others, hanging out with lifeguard Bill Bulger, encouraged him to seek Jimmy Condon’s former seat as representative. Bill Bulger won and began a long career of service to and defense of South Boston and its people against the subtle discrimination still in play then, as even now.

You don’t believe it? The next time a reporter breathlessly reports from the Moakley Courthouse, just listen and notice that they are sure to tell you they’re reporting from South Boston. Which they should because they are. However announce an event directly next door and magically it becomes the “Seaport”. The equation simply seems to be: courthouse, crime, bad equals South Boston; festival, entertainment, good food equals Seaport. As an elected official, Bill Bulger rejected these attacks against his people and responded with more intellectual fire power than our detractors could match.

I was struck by the irony. There was my classmate Jim Brett whose wife was the executive secretary

for Senator Bulger at one time. Bill Bulger, a longtime leader and defender of South Boston. My cousin David who had helped in Bill Bulger’s first campaign and who, by the way, is the youngest brother of General Robert Donohue. Stan is married to David’s sister Jean. All connected. All friends. Just some of the many great accomplished people who are the real history of South Boston. All part of the Southie tree whose branches spread throughout the Nation and the world.

For better or worse, we can’t

escape that history and those connections. No family, people or town is responsible for that circus at the courthouse. Just as the Patriots or Bristol, Connecticut are not responsible for the alleged monster that once lived among them. So, as it should be, our attention this day is not on the bad acts of a bad individual but on the countless selfless and heroic acts committed by so many honorable people that make this the greatest town in the greatest country.

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# Southie Beaches Officially Opened

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staff report

On Memorial Day weekend, South Boston's DCR run beaches opened on a part time, weekends only basis and that was just at selected sections. As of last weekend, all of the beaches are opened and most areas are staffed with lifeguards seven days a week. Though the weather has been unpredictable at best, beach goers, which include sunbathers and swimmers alike, have been making use of them throughout the unofficial season. Well, now it's official and just in time for this week's Independence Day Holiday celebrations.

Lifeguards wearing bright red uniforms will be at most sections of Carson Beach as well as stations at Castle Island, Pleasure Bay and the M, N, O Street areas. Guard stations will be equipped with first aid supplies, rescue tubes, walkie talkie communications and even rescue surfboards at some locations. AED assistance will be available on call if need be during potential emergencies at various areas and can be rushed to any given section.

Guard stations and other posts along the shoreline will, as in previous seasons, have the water quality flags flying so that on any given day; beach goers can tell if the water is recommended for swimming just by looking to see which color flag is flying. A Blue flag means the water is good and clean. A Red flag means the water at that section is not recommended for bathing because of higher than normal bacteria levels.

Over the last decade there has been a marked improvement in the quality of water at Boston's beaches and the numbers of days that fly a Red flag have been diminishing steadily as conditions have improved. There are days however when areas of the beaches can be posted Blue and safe in the morning hours but as updated test results come in, the Blue flag might come down and a Red flag put in its place. It's always best to keep your eye on which color flag is flying throughout the day. A heavy downpour can stir up bacteria and temporarily lower the quality

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of the water. There is also the possibility that one beach, for example Carson Beach in front of the McCormack Bath House could be posted Red and Pleasure Bay could be flying a Blue Flag. It all depends on the test results for that particular day.

As the water quality has steadily improved so too has attendance at area beaches. On a warm summer day with a good tide, at some locations; particularly at Pleasure Bay and the M, N, O Street sections, the crowds can get so dense it's difficult to find a place to set up a beach chair or blanket.

State Police remind all that there is a strict rule against the possession or consuming of alcohol at all state run beaches and that they intend to enforce those regulations to the letter. Excessive drinking of alcoholic beverages at area beaches, accompanied in some cases by rowdy behavior, has brought complaints from area neighbors and visitors alike. Police warn that it will not be tolerated this year.

The work crews have been out cleaning, the heavy machines have been sifting the sand and the areas beaches are looking good and inviting. If the weather cooperates, all things seem to be a go this year in South Boston for a fun filled summer beach season.

## Independence Forever!

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

South Boston Today Guest Contributor Robert J. Allison, Historian Exemplar

John Adams thought that Independence Day would be celebrated "as the Day of Deliverance," with "solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty" as well as "Pomp and Parade, with Shows, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

Adams wrote this to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776. He predicted that "The Second Day of July 1776

will be the most memorable Epochal, in the History of America."

Adams was wrong about the date, but not about the way we celebrate Independence Day - parades and fireworks, sporting events, games, "Guns, Bells, Bonfires", as well as solemn acts of devotion. Adams saw the importance of the date and the many ways Americans would celebrate.

In the early 1990s, I met with a group of students from the Czech

Republic, who arrived for a tour of the United States on July 3. They were worried when they learned that they would arrive the day before our great patriotic holiday. Growing up under a Communist regime, they learned to dread the forced patriotic devotion and crashing boredom of their country's anniversary days. Our Fourth of July astonished them. There were appropriate markers of the day's historical importance, and reminders of the sacrifices made

to sustain independence. But these were not the grim parades of military might. What struck them most was that people they saw were having a good time.

Independence is something to celebrate. It is what allows us still to enjoy July 4, and the other days of the year. Adams knew this, when he wrote to Abigail on July 3, 1776. He knew that achieving independence

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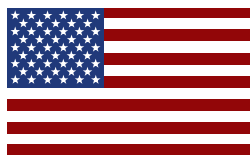
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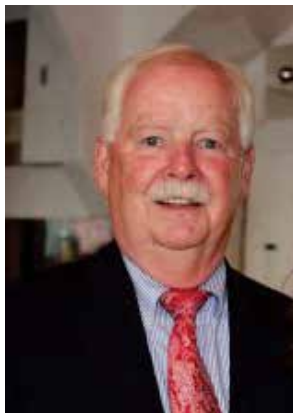
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would not be easy. "I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States.—yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, even although we should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not."

It would be a sacrifice his generation would make for those to come.

Why July 2? We know that July 4 is the great anniversary day. On July 2, Congress had voted to declare Independence; on July 4, Congress adopted the formal Declaration of Independence. For Adams, the fact was more important than the statement. On the afternoon of July 4, after Congress adopted the Declaration, which explained why it had declared the United States to be independent, it voted to have the Declaration printed and circulated throughout the American states. John Dunlap, a Philadelphia printer, received the draft—not the familiar parchment copy which reposes in the National Archives, but a simple draft of Congress's Declaration. He set the text in type, and at the top, in bold letters, three lines stand out: "IN CONGRESS. July 4, 1776" "DECLARATION," and "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

This document, Dunlap's printed version, gives us an anniversary date—July 4—and a name for the new country: the United States of America. It was meant to be read aloud, and publicly proclaimed throughout the land. On July 9, it reached New York, where Washington had it read to his army at the tip of Manhattan Island; his troops hearing the bold declaration could see in the distance British and German soldiers disembarking on Staten Island, the largest military force the British, up to that point, had ever sent abroad, coming to suppress their rebellion. After hearing Independence proclaimed, the soldiers and New York citizens tore down a statue of George III, melting it down to make bullets.

The Declaration reached Boston on



Thursday, July 18. Thomas Crafts read it from the Old State House balcony. As he concluded, the crowd cheered, "God Save our American States," gave three cheers, church bells rang, guns fired, "and every face appeared joyful," Abigail Adams reported. Then the crowd took the royal coat of arms down from every public building, and burned them in the middle of King Street. "Thus ends royal Authority in this State," Abigail wrote, "and all the people shall say Amen."

Amen—but what was next? After forcing the British out of Boston, and declaring Independence, the Americans had a tough year. The British took New York easily, and would hold it for the next seven years. By the end of the following summer the British would also occupy Philadelphia. The British would not return to the Boston area, which had been heavily fortified during the siege. "I think of nothing but fortifying Boston Harbor," John wrote to Abigail in March, just a few weeks after the British had evacuated Boston. "I want more Cannon than

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Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Department of Neighborhood Development and the Public Health Commission of the City of Boston where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the *Environmental Monitor*, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

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are to be had," and he wanted the harbor islands fortified.

The British destroyed the fort on Castle Island on their way out of Boston. Congress rejected Massachusetts' request for aid in rebuilding the Castle William, but Abigail reported that six hundred men met every morning to rebuild it. The war shifted out of Boston. But Massachusetts still sent men to the war—in fact, a third of the men who served in the Continental Army came from Massachusetts.

Fortifying Castle Island seemed less pressing until 1798, when France went to war against the United States. France was at war with England in the 1790s, and wanted the United States—recipients of French aid during the Revolution—to join in. The United States proclaimed neutrality, and France began to capture American merchant ships.

President Adams sent diplomats to France, who were told bluntly that before any negotiations could begin, the Americans would have to bribe a series of French bureaucrats. President Adams vowed that he would never send another diplomat to France, unless the French would

receive him as the emissary of an independent people. In 1776, John Adams had thought of nothing but fortifying the harbor islands against the British; now, as President, he thought of nothing but fortifying the entire coast. Castle William, which had languished since the men of Boston rebuilt it twenty years earlier, now was fortified again against a new enemy. President Adams gave the fortification a new name, Fort Independence.

That same year, the USS CONSTITUTION had its first fight, against the French in the West Indies. Built in the North End in the 1790s, the CONSTITUTION is the oldest commissioned warship

still afloat in the world. At noon on July 4, if you venture out to Castle Island, you will see the ship fire a salute to the flag on Fort Independence, and gunners on Castle Island will return the salute to American independence and the men and women who have made it possible.

John Adams had been invited to attend the celebrations in Washington on July 4, 1826. (But at the age of ninety was too feeble to leave his home in Quincy). He had also declined an invitation to speak at the local celebration in Quincy. The Quincy organizers asked if Adams would like them to read a statement at their commemoration. Knowing this might be his last public words, Adams wanted them to count. He and his generation had achieved independence; the next generations would have to defend it. He gave his statement:

"Independence Forever!"

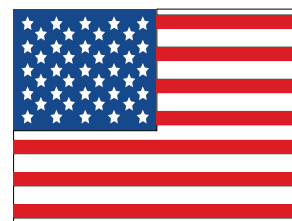
They waited. Would he like to add more?

"Not a word."

Adams could hear the celebrations on July 4, 1826—the "Pomp and Parade, with Shows, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells" he had predicted fifty years earlier. We can still hear them, and see the fireworks and illuminations. We also know what has made this celebration possible, from one end of the continent to the other.

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# South Boston Around The Globe

## General Donohue

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Brian Mahoney

South Boston is honored, on this July 4th Independence Day, to profile the highest ranking military officer in South Boston history, native son, Three Star Lieutenant General Robert James Donohue. Long before he was General Donohue, he was “Bobby” who was born March 15, 1932 at 727 “N” Street. He grew up, as most kids in Southie, playing baseball and football at Lee (“M” Street) Park. His “crowd” (as constant friends were called back then) went by the name, The “Arrows”.

The difference from those times his illustrated in his recollection of the anti-aircraft gun emplacement at the corner of “M” and Broadway and, directly behind it, the barbed wire fence surrounding the Italian Prisoner of War Camp located there. Street cars ran along Broadway and added to their usual clamor was the screech emitted when the heavy trolley equipped with a snow plow was used to clean the tracks. This created the local kids mantra, “No Noise, No School”. Simply meaning the snow was too deep for even the plows, Thus “No School”.

School for the future general began at the old Nazareth. Later B.C High and English High. The eruption of the Korean War put further education plans on hold and 19 year old Bobby Donohue enlisted at the South Boston Army Base in 1951. After training at Fort Dix and Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, he left for Korea as a 2nd lieutenant. So began a military career that served America in two wars and many conflicts and many different posts. His resume is a reflection of American’s history over the last 50 years. He returned from Korea a 1st lieutenant assigned to the Signal Corp at Fort Monmouth, NJ before Fort Ord, CA. Then to Hawaii as a captain before returning to Fort Ord and attending the Presidio Language School for Persian.

He then served as a major in Iran in

1965. In 1968, he graduated from The Ohio State University, was promoted to lieutenant colonel and promptly shipped to Viet-Nam before returning to the Norfolk Armed Forces Staff College in 1970. He would then go on to assume command of a battalion in Italy. After a tour in Germany, he returned to America and The Pentagon as a colonel in 1974 and the War College in 1975. He served a Brigade command in Japan in 1977, before receiving his first General Star as brigadier general at Fort Gordon, GA 1979.

He became a major general with two stars at Fort Monmouth in 1981 and his impressive third star as a lieutenant general at The Pentagon in 1989. He served in Brussels at NATO, before closing out this sterling career in 1990. In 1991 he was guest speaker at the South Boston Viet-Nam Memorial.

Despite his astonishing accomplishments, he says all that is a distant second place next to meeting his wife of 55 years, Elyse, and the family they raised together. Sadly, Elyse passed August 31, 2012 but the family she raised speaks to the truly special woman she was. The youngest, Elyse, is a certified registered nurse serving as corporate director at Mary Washington Health Care in Virginia.

Next is son Bob, who separated from the Army as a major to found “By Light Professional IT Services”, where the general serves as CEO. Then there is Brigadier General Brian, who is retired. He is preceded by Major General Patrick II named after the man I knew as “Uncle Pat”, the general’s father is the eldest. He is presently in command of US Army Africa.

The branched of this impressive “Southie Tree” spread far and the general was asked if he had any last thoughts on the part South Boston played in his amazing life. “Both of my parents were born and raised in South Boston. They provided their kids the example and values needed growing up. From the family, came



a love of God, the value of hard work and a sense of patriotism. Everything you need is available in Southie. Some good, some not so good, but all in all a sense of belonging. We hung out at corners; had jackets and jersey’s that identified your group. Group dynamics was important not only for your group but for all the other “competitors”. As I recognized later, the cohesion and other group dynamics provided by the Southie environment and the values instilled in me by my family were key to success at any leadership level”.

South Boston Today Thanks Lieutenant General Donohue for his service to the nation and example he sets for all South Bostonians and all people.







Child of the Revolution

# The Artists' Studio Made In Fort Point Presents!

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

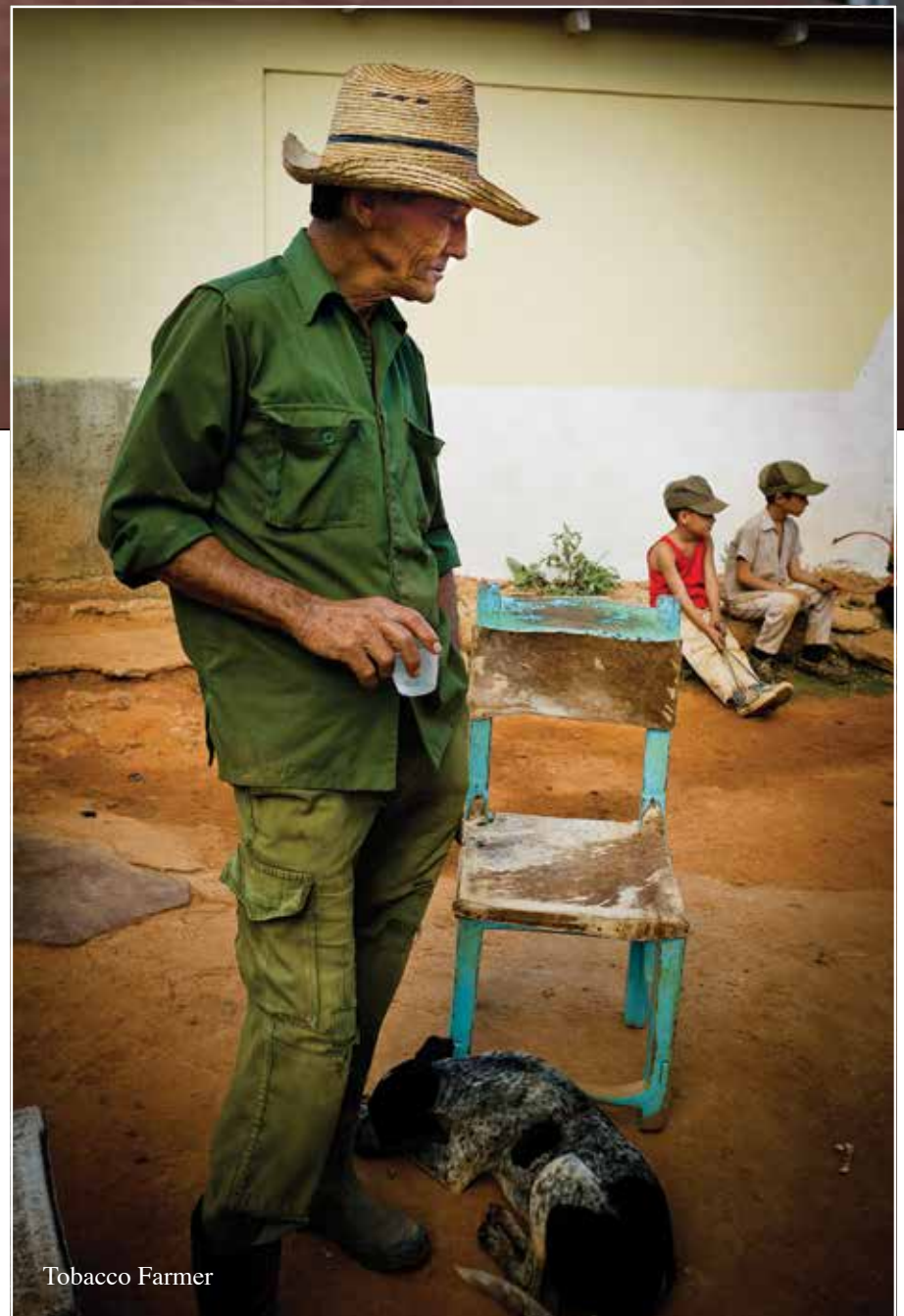
South Boston Today Guest Contributor Gabrielle Schaffner

**MADE IN FORT POINT** will be featuring *Cuba X1*, the photographs of Sylvia Stagg-Giuliano for the month of July with an opening reception Thursday July 11 from 5-7PM. Utilizing official and informal avenues of access, unconstrained by the customary government-sanctioned itinerary, Sylvia spent many weeks photographing daily life, from the fading grandeur of Havana Cuba to dirt-poor pig farms in the hinterlands.

"In 2005, I fulfilled a long cherished desire to visit Cuba, a country idealized by some as an

idyllic socialist utopia, vilified by others as a brutal police state. I met many fascinating people, from the veteran of the Bay of Pigs incursion who proudly described his role in repelling the 'Yanqui' invaders, to the cab driver who confidentially described the entire country as an open-air prison. I approached my subject with an open heart and mind, and tried to make this visual record of Cuba and its people both unfailingly empathetic and unflinchingly honest."

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Tobacco Farmer



# Red Sox first team to 50 wins

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Staff Report

The Boston Red Sox, after beating the Toronto Blue Jays 5-4 on Sunday, were the first team in major league baseball to win 50 games. As the first place team in the American League East, the Boston Red Sox are 2 and ½ games in front of the Baltimore Orioles. They are 28-12 at home and 22-18 on the road.

Iglesias is hitting .409 and has a .455 OBP in 132 at bats. Dustin Pedroia has a .322 batting average with 53 runs scored and David Ortiz hit .317 and 16 homeruns. All three appear destined for the All Star game. Outfielders David Nava, Shane Victorino, and Jacoby Ellsbury are

all contributing nicely.

On the mound, Clay Buchholz is undefeated with a 9-0 record and an ERA of 1.71. However, Buchholz has been on the disabled list since June 18. Jon Lester has an 8-4 record and has battled through a rocky start. The Red Sox can be thankful for all of the successful starts contributed by spot starters, as well as a solid performance by the bullpen.

With just over three months left to play, and the All-Star game just two weeks away, the Red Sox need to stay healthy all around and prepare for a solid second half. We know the New York Yankees, currently in third place, will doing the same thing.

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Sylvia Stagg-Giuliano is a commercial photographer and digital artist specializing in executive portraiture, commissioned fine art portraiture, and composited photo-illustration. Her work can be seen on the Web pages of Fortune 500 companies, in private collections, and in galleries and museums in the US and South America.

**LOCATION AND HOURS:** The Fort Point Arts Community's store and gallery has a new location: 30 Channel Center Street, at A and Mt Washington Streets (adjacent to Barlow's Restaurant) in Fort Point. Monday-Friday 11am-6pm, Saturday and Sundays 12-4pm

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

**ABOUT THE FORT POINT ARTS COMMUNITY:**

The Fort Point Arts Community, Inc. of South Boston (FPAC) is

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

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.

## CASTLE ISLAND ASSOCIATION SENIOR SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
JUNE 15 - NOVEMBER 2, 2013

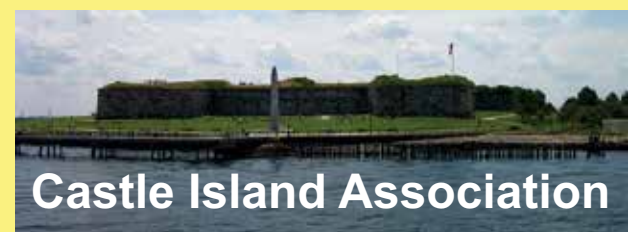
WEATHER PERMITTING

10:00a - 24 Bellflower St.  
10:10a - Devine @ Old Colony Ave. (Task Force Building)  
10:15a - 185 West Ninth St.  
10:20a - Telegraph St. @ Dorchester St.  
10:30a - Farragut Rd. @ East Broadway  
10:35a - Drop off Castle Island  
10:50a - Castle Cove (Bolton St. Side)  
11:00a - 200 D St. (Condon School)  
11:10a - 120 H St.  
11:20a - 199 H St.  
11:25a - Farragut Rd. @ East Broadway  
11:30a - Drop off @ Castle Island  
11:45a - 1380 Columbia Rd. (Compass Bay)  
11:55a - 120 L St.  
12:05p - Farragut Rd. @ East Broadway  
12:15p - Drop off @ Castle Island

12:30p-2:00p Shuttle from residential locations in South Boston to Castle Island (seniors may call the shuttle company 617-268-4110 the day prior to schedule a ride during this time period).

**Return Trips: 2:30p-4:00p.** Shuttle from Castle Island to various drop off locations in South Boston. Shuttle vehicle will return every 20 minutes. Departure times are as follows (subject to traffic delays at the Island) 2:30p, 2:50p, 3:10p, 3:40p, 4:00p. THE LAST DEPARTURE FROM CASTLE ISLAND WILL BE AT 4p.

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*\*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 online at 1510nbcsportsradio.com, with every show available on iTunes. He can also be read on Comcast SportsNet.*

*This week, Danny talked with Boston Bruins forward Milan Lucic:\*

**DANNY PICARD:** This season obviously didn't end the way you wanted, so what have the last couple days been like for you?

**MILAN LUCIC:** It's been pretty tough. You get as far as you do and you play so well as a team, and you're unable to achieve the goal that you work so hard to get. It does hurt, it does sting. It leaves a bad taste in your mouth. I know that this will definitely take a little bit of time to get over, because we did have such a great team, and we did have such a big run this year. It just feels unfulfilling not to be able to come out of it with being rewarded with what we did.

**DP:** I ask that because, you guys make it to the Stanley Cup Final, two wins away, and there are some fans and people outside of the organization that will say, "You know what, it was a successful season. They made it to the Finals. They showed a lot of battle and a lot of heart throughout the playoffs." But I was in the room with you guys on Wednesday, your break-up day and it didn't sound like anyone was too pleased to just get to the Finals. There was more disappointment than anything really.

**ML:** Like I was saying, you get so far and you work so hard to get there, and you don't get rewarded. I think that's why it stings as much as it does. And that's why you are disappointed. I mean, it's a lot easier to get over a first-round loss than it is to make it all the way to the Finals and not come away with the Cup. So, I think deep down, maybe one day

we'll be able to say it was a successful season and that there were a lot of great things that we achieved, but at the end of the day, I think it's disappointing because we weren't able to be rewarded with it. So I think that's why it was the way that it is.

**DP:** Have you been able to pinpoint what went wrong against Chicago? I mean, was it the injuries piling up a little too much? Was it maybe some guys having visions of that Stanley Cup too early, after a dominating Game 3 performance from you guys? I mean, Looch, I sit here and say every day that I have my day with the Stanley Cup planned out, and I'm never going to win it, I don't have any shot. You guys were two wins away from it. Was it that, or was it just the injuries piling up? How do explain what happened against the Blackhawks?

**ML:** I think injuries were pretty big, especially in the Finals. Like you said, we had a bunch of guys injured. And not just that, it was key guys being injured. I know everyone's heard about what Patrice [Bergeron] had to go through, and what he did to be able to even play in that Game 6, which is pretty impressive that he was able to play. And then Nathan Horton playing with a bum shoulder that he sustained in Game 1. And all the other stuff[injuries] that were going on with the team. And I think, you look at it, and the Blackhawks are a great team. They showed that they were the best team, from the first game of the regular season to being Cup champions.

You look at bounces, and some bounces in the series really didn't go our way. You look at Game 1, the game-tying goal went off a defenseman's skate out front and in. And the overtime goal [in Game 1] pin-balling off of two players and into the back of the net. And then obviously with what happened in the last two minutes of Game 6, it's just, if bounces go the other way, then we're the ones that are talking about us being Cup champions. But I also believe that you create your own luck, you create your own bounces, and they were able to do that more than us.

**DP:** Looch, when did you find out that Patrice Bergeron had a small puncture in his lung?

**ML:** I actually didn't know that until we did the clean-out of the locker rooms the other day. It's something you never want to hear of any teammate, or even anyone. But hopefully he's getting better. I know he's going to have a short offseason to get back to 100 percent.

**DP:** Is that the craziest hockey-related injury that you've ever seen somebody play with?

**ML:** Yes. Yes, 100 percent.

**DP:** When you think about a small hole in your lung, I mean, at some point that's a life-threatening injury that he was playing with.

**ML:** Exactly, that's why it was impressive that he was just able to get himself together to go out there and play for us. It was pretty inspirational. You look at the way we played in the first period, and I think that had a lot to

do with it, just seeing what he was going through and did whatever he could to play. At the end of the day, it doesn't really matter about the hockey. You care about your teammate's health and his well being. And I think that's the most important thing for him right now.

**DP:** You mentioned you've been dealing with a nagging neck injury. How serious was this for you in the playoffs. It didn't look like you were limited. You got back to playing the way we all know that you can play. And I guess when you look back now, how do you explain your own personal turnaround from what wasn't a great regular-season for you, to what was a tremendous postseason for you? How do you explain that turnaround?

**ML:** Well the neck thing, it's just something that's been nagging me the last two-three seasons. It's just something that's been building up. It's not something that completely affects me. It's just something that has been nagging me a little bit and it's something that I need to take care of. But at the end of the day, it didn't restrict me from doing what I needed to do. But just going into the playoffs, I just saw it as an opportunity to turn things around and get my game back to the level that I wanted to be at. You want to bring your best to help the team win, and that was my thought process going into the playoffs, after a really up-and-down regular season. So, I knew that if I could turn it around when it mattered the most, it would make the regular season more



forgettable, and it could be something positive from an individual standpoint. Consistency is something that you want to work at and bring to your game, and hopefully I can have that all year next year and throughout the postseason next year, if we get back there.

**DP:** And not just you personally, Looch, but the whole team turned it up a notch in the playoffs. I think going in, us, media, fans, we wondered whether you guys could have turned it on in the postseason. One thing I always said was, I think there's truth to the fact that players -- especially you guys and your group, knowing what it took to win a Stanley Cup in 2011 -- but isn't there truth in that you guys know you don't need to win the division to win the Stanley Cup, and you do know that you need to have more urgency in the playoffs than you need to have at the end of the regular season? Is there truth in that it's more of a mindset thing, where you know the urgency needs to be there in the playoffs, and you know it doesn't necessarily have to be there at the end of the regular season?

**ML:** It's easy to say that you can just flip it on and off like a switch, but usually that's not the case. Usually you want to be rolling before you head into the playoffs, and you want to be feeling good about yourselves before the playoffs start. You try to build some momentum, but obviously with the way that the season ended this year, we weren't at our best. But I think with falling out of that second seed where we were leading the division for most of the year, it was kind of a wake-up call heading into the playoffs, like, "Hey, we need to turn it around real quick or this could be a short playoff run once again with another first-round exit." That definitely wouldn't have been a good thing. So I think we felt like we had something to prove, going into these playoffs. And I think that's why our team turned it up another notch. And like you said, there are a lot of great teams that are built to win in the regular season. But when it comes to the playoffs, it's a different kind of urgency, like you were talking about. When you're playing the same team in a series, it's just a different mentality, it's a different game, with adjustments and stuff like that. And I think that's what makes playoff hockey so great.

**DP:** The fact that you guys have to go now and prepare for an 82-game season just to get back to the playoffs, is an 82-game season, is that the most frustrating



part in all this, that that's what you need to go through again, just to get back to the postseason?

**ML:** yeah, it is, it really is. We talked about how you felt the disappointment in the locker room the other day, and I think that's a big part of it, knowing that you have to go through the grind of an 82-game season again, just to get back into the playoffs. And we all know how tough an 82-game season is, before the playoffs start. But you know what, we have to do whatever we can to move on, and I think there's a lot to look forward to, going into next year, and we definitely have to take this summer to get ourselves ready. Because with the new alignment with the divisions, and now with us traveling and playing in every city, there's going to be a little bit more travel and stuff like that. So we have to do whatever we can to get ourselves mentally and physically prepared.

**DP:** One of your linemates is a free agent. Have you talked to Nathan Horton about this and the possibility of him returning, or is that something you just stay out of?

**ML:** It's something you stay out of. It's his decision, and what he's going to do. You hope that he's back, especially the way our line has been able to click the last three years. You hope that he's back, and that's all you can hope for. But as a player,

you stay away from things like that.

**DP:** What are your plans for the offseason?

**ML:** Just go back to Vancouver and get back with my trainer and get yourself healthy and physically ready to come back for next year.

**DP:** You've also got the Rock & Jock Celebrity Softball Game on August 22 at 7 p.m. at the home of the Lowell Spinners. General admission, \$10, a number of VIP tickets available for \$150, which includes a barbecue cookout with Bruins players and a photo with yourself. So it's a celebrity/media game, if you did have to pick one celebrity that you could choose to be on your team for this, who would it be?

**ML:** For a celebrity, I don't know, I

guess a childhood guy that you always looked up to, maybe a guy like Wayne Gretzky. That would be a pretty cool celebrity to have at your event. Everyone that's ever come out has had a great time because most of the charity stuff that guys do is golf tournaments, but this is a different way of raising money. All the proceeds go to the Celebrities for Charity Foundation, which is a great charity that's raised a lot of money for a lot of different organizations in the New England area. This will hopefully get the fans involved to watch us do something that we don't normally do. And also, we'll be giving updates on all the celebrities and all the things that are coming up, on my twitter account -- @MilanLucicCFC17. I know we're all looking forward to it.

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