

### **Police Dodge Bullets, Shoot Suspect on Old Colony Avenue**

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n Tuesday, a rare occurrence for this neighborhood played out in and around the Old Colony Housing Development here in South Boston. It was approximately 1pm when police were called to respond to reported drug activity. According to witnesses and police sources, they saw a female resident of the development smoking what appeared to be crack-cocaine. They questioned her as to where she got the substance and she pointed out a person she said sold it to her.

The male suspect in question has been identified as Paul Eric Louis-Jeune age 21. Mr. Louis-Jeune began to run when he saw police approaching him and two officers gave chase. The suspect allegedly then pulled out a handgun and fired off what was believed to be 3 shots in the direction of the pursuing officers. The officers then returned fire and the suspect was said to have been hit in front of 371 Old Colony Avenue; a bullet lodged in his chest.

According to media reports, Boston Police Superintendent Chief Daniel Linskey made the following statement: "At some point during the foot pursuit, the individual raised a weapon and discharged it at the officers". Linskey made the statement at a briefing at the scene of the incident. Linskey went on to say "The suspect got a bullet in the chest, there is no exit wound. While they didn't list him as critical, but that is

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## **EDITORIAL** "What's in a Name?"

immerman. Had to be Jewish or German, right? A white boy in any case. White vigilante shoots unarmed black teenager. The lame stream media couldn't contain themselves. When, however, George Zimmerman immediately gave the first of six statements and the next day a video re-enactment for the police, all without a lawyer, doubt began to creep in. That doubt multiplied or should have, when his mother turned out to be Hispanic, when he took a black girl to the prom, when he donated time

to mentor minority children, when he went to the aid of and defended a homeless black man from abuse from a policeman's son.

Adhering to the philosophy "in for a penny, in for a pound," the lame stream media were too committed to the story line of white vs. black to back out now. They simply made Zimmerman a "certified white guy" by referring to him as a "white" Hispanic or a "self-proclaimed" Hispanic. Presumably, by definition, President Obama would be a "white" African American or else "self proclaimed" or "self

identified." Calls for "justice" are just another tool for the race hustlers to twist for their profit.

The Sanford police launched an extensive investigation, turned the evidence over to the state attorney, followed the law and ruled evidence did not exist. The F B I conducted a separate investigation and concluded Zimmerman was the opposite of a racist. Enter the media and the good Revs Al and Jesse calling for demonstrations. Forty-four days later, the State Attorney has been replaced by a "special prosecutor" and the Sanford police chief is fired.

Justice? Disregarding the results of the investigations, the state charged Zimmerman on evidence they know did not exist. Nevertheless, a full fair hearing was held and the jurors agreed with the original investigation. Justice?

Not quite yet. Now, once again, to heat the racial stew, the Justice Department is considering Civil Rights charges. Will they disregard the original F B I investigation and launch a second investigation hoping for more "politically correct" results?

If only his name had been Jorge Guzman.

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### The Zimmerman Verdict: Race Baiters are in their Glory

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John Ciccone

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he Zimmerman verdict: It has Al Sharpton "outraged". He thinks it's "a travesty". He's "furious and very disappointed" in the outcome. Or is he? There are many people who pay close attention to all the professional race baiters in America and truly believe that people like Al Sharpton and his band of followers are actually thrilled that the verdict came out the way it did. Why? Think about it. Sharpton and friends only exist because of perceived racism. It's what they need to survive. They crave it like sharks in a feeding frenzy. If there was no such thing as a racial divide, what on earth would Al Sharpton do?

With the verdict of not guilty against George Zimmerman, Sharpton, those shameful New Black Panthers and all the crazies on MSNBC have a new cause. They've been reborn. The other day, a nearly breathless Sharpton; who almost looked like he was ready to start foaming at the mouth he was so excited, announced that he will organize protests in 100 cities across the country. He's alive! HE'S ALIVE!! Do you remember the Tawana Brawley case many years ago? Tawana Brawley is an African American who claimed she was attacked by a group of White males. Sharpton organized demonstrations that turned violent and people died. Later, when it was discovered that Brawley made the story up, an unrepentant Al Sharpton made no apologies and to this day refused to accept the blame for the death and destruction his actions helped to create. Personally, whenever I see Al Sharpton on TV, the movie and play title 'One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest' instantly comes to mind.

But it's just not Al Sharpton. Many of those demonstrators who are taking to the streets to protest the Zimmerman verdict would not care one bit if they could view actual video footage of the incident that showed that yes, Trayvon Martin really was slamming Zimmerman's head off the concrete and would have killed Zimmerman if he didn't pull his gun and shoot in selfdefense. To some of the protestors, it would not matter. All they care about is that Martin was Black and Zimmerman isn't. It's as sad and as simple as that.

The media is just as much at fault as anyone in this ugly situation. They spent months making Zimmerman out to be a racist monster and Trayvon Martin the all American boy next door. They all but ignored his recorded drug use, his shoplifting activities, the fact that he had been caught with burglary tools in his possession in the past and a text message by him stating how disappointed he was that the last person he beat up did not bleed enough. Now, it's a tragedy that anyone was killed. But this kid was not the angel the press and his family made him out to be. And while no one really knows what happened that night except for Zimmerman himself, it's too bad that facts like these get in the way of fantasy.

Ok, here's a question that many are asking. The Zimmerman case has been in the news for months. One person was shot and killed. Nonstop coverage nationwide. Yet every weekend in Chicago dozens are shot and stabbed and many of them die. Last weekend alone 72 were shot and 12 died from their wounds and all of them were black. Not a big deal as far as the news was concerned. Where was Al Sharpton? Why don't Obama and Eric Holder call a press conference about this? Could it be because the black kids who get shot and stabbed by the dozens each weekend in Chicago don't matter to our so called leaders because it can't be blamed on racism and therefore, cannot be used for political gain? It kind of makes you wonder. On another topic, here in South Boston, questions are being raised about what constitutes trespassing on our area beaches. The story has been circulating all over town about the local man who was ordered off the beach by State Troopers recently. His offense? It was 11:30pm and he was fishing. When he asked why he CONTINUED ON page 7









## Mayor's Race Poll Analysis

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY staff report

John Connolly, at 12%, has the lead in the second consecutive city-wide poll. In a tightening race, he seems to be a consistent frontrunner and is the highest among the top tier candidates with regards to being the second choice of voters. The pollster indicated that he is doing very well with minorities.

Marty Walsh's union ties have started to pay dividends as he comes in at 11%, up from his place in the first poll. His challenge will be whether he has the ability to grow outside of his geographic base.

Dan Conley, who is in third place with 9% for the second city-wide poll seems poised to turn the corner. With a huge media ad buy this week, Conley's numbers will likely climb. He, like Connolly, has the ability to grow due to his appeal to voters as their second choice.

Rob Consalvo is sitting in fourth place with 8% also positioned to grow according to the pollster. He is very strong in his home base of Hyde Park as well as West Roxbury. He appears to have growing support in both East Boston and the North End as well. Look for him to make a move soon to crack the top two.

Charlotte Golar Richie has not gotten off the ground. In a tie for fifth place with Mike Ross at 5%, as the leading minority candidate, it looks as though a minority getting into the top two will be a steep, albeit not impossible, feat.

The rest of the poll rounds out this way: Felix Arroyo 4% Charles Yancey 3% Bill Walzack 2 % John Barros 1 % Undecided 40%







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### **City Ready for a Change**

The Suffolk University/ Boston Herald poll presents a snapshot of this year's race for mayor to replace the retiring Tom Menino. What it also did was get the pulse of the people of the city of Boston on a variety of issues. All point to turning the page on how things are done at City Hall. The numbers speak for themselves. Here they are:

Only 27 % of respondents say that they would support a candidate that Menino supports/endorses.

51% say they want a change in governing style from that of the current Mayor.

55% of respondents think that crime in the city of Boston has stayed the same or gotten worse over the last four years.

56% of respondents believe that city hall has a lot or some corruption. This number is staggering and eye opening.





## ReadingBetween TheLines

### *"We Knew"*

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ctober 21, 1968 is an easy day for me to remember. Billy Boyle, Jody Connolly, Johnno Evans, Eddie McGeever and Marty Wall and I joined the Army together which makes the previous day, October 20, 1968 equally easy. Besides shipping out the next day, we were playing our last football game for the "Warriors" as teammates. Having graduated the previous June, we continued to play in the Boston Park League. On our schedule this day was the Walpole State Prison Football Team. They played all home games so we were visitors this day.

The security was, of course, obvious and intense. One massive gate led us into a courtyard and sealed us in after entry. After scrutiny from cameras and guards, another identical gate opened and we went single file into the labyrinth. An item by item search of our equipment allowed us to proceed through a series of locked and barred doors until we finally emerged into the "open" area. This was the fields and exercise area surrounded by the towering thick walls topped by guard's gun turrets. We could see our opponents already out warming up. The only physical contact we had with them was during the game, which was always odd because as a city team there were many connections, distant or otherwise, with the inmates. Or, on learning of the game, a neighbor might tell us, "Say hi to so and so" so we didn't look at them as real bad, but were just people who had made a mistake.

We were directed into a locker room to dress. As usual I was the last one out due to the ripped up cleats I wore, meaning, I basically taped them to my feet. In a prison, obviously, you can't wander around so a guard waited for me by the door. Beside him was Albert DeSalvo, who, as we might SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Brian R. Mahoney

describe him today, was a "high value detainee." As such, he was a marked man in prison hierarchy. I don't remember much of our conversation. He said something about us coming from Southie, he knew Southie people and he knew Southie.

This as he, I and the guard walked across the field. He was very sure without being cocky, an easy smile, obviously vain with his hair oiled and perfectly combed. He was attractive if not handsome with a prominent nose. Most telling of his conceit, he wore a black cloth baseball type jacket and on the back from the left shoulder diagonally to the right hip "Albert DeSalvo" had been stitched in cursive using white thread. He wanted no one to miss who he was.

The best was yet to come. The Boston Strangler was the "trainer" for the visiting team. He had a black bag with tape, ace bandages and even a pair of those medical scissors with rounded ends instead of points. He offered to cut the tape from one player's ankles and informed another trying to wrap an ace bandage that he was "good at tying knots," Later, "Bubba" Cahill wrapped a towel around his own neck, pulled on opposite ends and yelled "Al, how do I look?" DeSalvo just smiled and laughed. Finally Johnno Evans, who wore number 13, (the original number of murders DeSalvo was suspected of committing), made a sideline tackle which ended up with a mix of players out of bounds. Johnno ended up a few feet in front of DeSalvo on top of the tackled player with his number right there. DeSalvo looked down at it then up and around and smirked "thirteen that's my lucky number."

Every word just printed is exactly what happened. I can see it as clear today. Why tell it now? Well, last

#### week's revelations answer that.

But more than that even as 18 year olds a couple of things were obvious. It was obvious to us DeSalvo was smooth enough to have talked his way into his victims' confidence. It was obvious to us he wanted to brag and get attention for being the killer. Above all, it was obvious to us he did it. He was obviously a nut who only cared about being the center and was capable of doing anything to be that center. Despite that and despite his confession, despite his lawyers'' assertions he was guilty, despite police investigators and evidence. For 50 years this conspiracy game has been played. Just like JFK. Of course Oswald did it. He was a nut. Look at his life and career.

The same with Sirhan Sirhan and James Earl Ray just look at them. They were nuts. Everything has to be a conspiracy here in evil America. Sometimes you have to look at what's in front of you. We did and we knew 50 years ago. Sometimes it is what it is.

Thank the police and D.A.'s investigators and say a prayer of remembrance for the victims.

Take care till next week.





### **Crime Wave Continues to Afflict Boston**

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY staff report

Ty as they might, those attempting to say that everything is fine and dandy in the Hub must not have their eyes or ears open. Just two days ago, it has been reported that Boston Police, shot, wounded, and arrested a drug suspect after the suspect fired on officers in broad daylight on Old Colony Avenue in South Boston. Police apparently were pursuing the suspect on drug related crimes and at that time the suspect pulled out a firearm.

Last Friday, due to the illegal gun violence, about 100 members of the Warren Gardens neighborhood of Roxbury organized a "peace" march to send a message to the community and those committing the violence. Their message was -"Enough is Enough." The march was one of many to come that are being planned for the inner city. There will be another one this Friday in Grove Hall.

Some criminals have no barriers. This past Saturday, in Dorchester, a 17-year old teenager, who is 6 months pregnant, was stabbed twice in the arm by a mugger after refusing to give him her purse. The incident happened on Dorchester Avenue, the main avenue in the neighborhood.

This past Sunday, Vladimir Romanov, a 29-year old Russian native, who was out on bail for threatening someone with a hammer, was apprehended outside the home of Secretary of State John Kerry. Intoxicated, Romanov was seen in front of Kerry's house taking photos while armed with a pellet gun. Romanov's bail was then revoked as the judge claimed she was concerned for the public's safety.

Police are doing whatever they can to stem the violence. But they are looking for resources and a plan of attack from the top. City Hall should listen to the residents' call for help and re-focus its efforts with high visibility and aggressive arrests of known criminals. A comprehensive, consistent and unwavering plan is necessary to keep the city safe.

### LOIS LERNER: "I HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG"

#### SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Edward P. Shallow

A look at the facts tells a different story -

ark Hemingway, senior writer for the Weekly Standard informs us that Lois Lerner (IRS) had a history of harassment, inappropriate religious inquiries at FEC.

Perhaps no other IRS official is more intimately associated with the tax agency's growing scandal than Lois Lerner, director of the IRS's Exempt Organizations Division. Since admitting that the IRS harassed hundreds of conservative and Tea Party groups for over two years, Lerner has been criticized for a number of untruths-- including the revelation that she apparently lied about planting a question at an American Bar Association conference where she first publicly acknowledged IRS misconduct.

Still, Lerner has her defenders in the government and the media. Shortly after the scandal broke, The Daily Beast published an article headlined "IRS Scandal's Central Figure, Lois Lerner, Described as Apolitical". Insisting Lerner, and the IRS more broadly, were not politically motivated has been a central contention of those trying to minimize the impact of the scandal.

The trouble with this defense is that. Prior to joining the IRS, Learner's tenure as head of the Enforcement Office at the Federal Election Commission (FEC) was marked by what appears to be politically motivated harassment of conservative groups.

Lerner was appointed head of the

FEC's enforcement division in 1986 and stayed in that position until 2001. In the late 1990s, the FEC launched an onerous investigation of the Christian Coalition, ultimately costing the organization hundreds of thousands of dollars and countless hours in lost work. The investigation was noble because the FEC alleged that the Christian Coalition was coordinating issue advocacy expenditures with a number of candidates for office. Aside from lacking proof that this was happening, it was an open question whether the FEC had the authority to bring these charges.

One of the most shocking things about the current IRS scandal is the revelation that the agency asked

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a significant injury and he is listed in stable condition".

South Boston Today was told that the suspect in question is well known to police. He has been charged with assault with intent to murder and unlawful possession of an illegal firearm. Though 3 shots were fired toward police by the fleeing suspect according to officials, it is believed that no officers were hit with bullets. However, officers in the exchange were later transported to Tufts Medical Center and treated for stress.

The suspect remains hospitalized and the timing of his arraignment will be determined in conjunction with medical personnel, as will the venue: either Boston Medical Center or South Boston District Court.

Residents in the area told South Boston Today that the Boston Police responded quickly and in force to the scene. They immediately took control of the situation and cordoned off the area to keep members of the public safe. As the scenario continued to play out, more police cars arrived and secured the area.

While gun battles are common in some other areas of the city, South Boston has for the most part been free of this type of thing. But law enforcement officials warn that it could happen at any area at any time and usually without warning. Residents as always are urged to report potential crimes to police by calling the emergency 911 line. Even if you think something just looks suspicious and could become a dangerous situation, it's always better to be safe than sorry. Police also stress that making that call to police is never a bother to them. They appreciate the tips so that they can respond; hopefully in time to prevent injuries or worse.

Again, it is that cooperation between neighborhood people and law enforcement that helps South Boston remain one of the safest of Boston's communities.



### **A Chat with Mayoral Candidate John Connolly** The First In A Summer Long Series

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Brian Mahoney

• outh Boston Today brings you the first of our weekly profiles of each Mayoral Candidate. We begin with City Councilor John Connolly. This interview happens to coincide with a recently released Boston Herald/Suffolk University poll that shows candidate Connolly leading a field of 12 in the tight mayoral race with 12% of the support of likely voters polled. 40% are still undecided.

Mr. Connolly is married with two children and he and his wife are expecting a third. A West Roxbury resident originally from Roslindale Mr. Connolly graduated from Roxbury Latin and Harvard University. He was a teacher on the lower East Side of Manhattan.

#### **On Schools**

The councilor made it clear he is not targeting teachers (he once was himself) whom he described as "perhaps our most important professionals" but against contracts that simply do not work in everyone's interest. As an example of the type of wasteful spending he wants to target, he cited his role in uncovering the fact that expired food was being served to children, and that the department was paying to store this bad food with no system to account for

any of it. In addition, he stressed that, while a supporter of charter schools, he wants to create quality choice, where the public schools offer as good an education as charters. He fundamentally would lengthen school days; create partnerships with both business and colleges where high school students could receive early training and 'get a leg up'. He believes in the importance of being able to walk to school and the value of parental involvement and would create a working coalition of parents and educators.

#### **On Crime and Drugs**

Connolly would immediately increase police presence in hard hit neighborhoods with walking beats. He would highlight the effect of addiction on families and neighborhoods to demonstrate the need for an "Office of Recovery Assistance". This office would act as a clearing house directing those in need to available facilities. Mr. Connolly would also seek to regulate so-called "Sober Houses".

#### **On Real Estate Development**

Connolly believes much change is needed to the present system, as he is opposed to the present BRA culture of connections. Projects

should be approved on merit. He would remove favoritism and stop the "development by zoning variance". The city simply should "have a plan and stick to it". Too often, he feels, citizens' time is wasted on projects that have already been given a "rubber stamp", and he would initiate "true transparency".

#### Vision for Boston

If elected, John Connolly's vision would be to return Boston to a city with world class public schools. This is fundamental to his goal of keeping families in the city and ensuring a safe, healthy and high quality life for all residents. He will also change the "behind closed doors" culture to one of "openness, transparency and inclusiveness". Who was the best Mayor in Boston's **History**?

Finally Mr. Connolly, when asked, named Kevin White as Boston's best mayor. He pointed out that White held the city together through the turmoil of Boston in the seventies. He admired White's ability to always maintain a strong bond with the neighborhoods through little city halls and it was Kevin White who brought the title "World Class City" to Boston.

One final observation by this interviewer is that on July 6, Mr. Connolly turned 40, which is more than ten years younger than our present mayor's age when he took office. This just might be an indication the "youth" leadership has arrived.

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was being ordered to go he was told it was because he was trespassing after hours. We asked the man's family and checked with officials to verify. It's true. Like many locals, this man has been fishing at night on local beaches for years. He works hard and fishing is his recreation and relaxation and really, he was not bothering a soul. After hearing about this we decided to call the State Police station on day Blvd and find out what the story was. We were told by the trooper who answered the phone that yes, the rule is people must be off the beach by dusk or they could be considered trespassing. Sorry folks, if that really is the rule, it's not one we should allow to stand. These beaches belong to the people. Our taxes pay for them. If there is a noisy, raging booze fueled party going on ok, it's time to go home. But when people want to rig a rod and reel and peacefully drop a line into the water on a warm July night hoping to land a fish or two, and can't; well, that's just nuts. It's unreasonable and as I said, something should be and will be done about it.

And finally for this week, I read with amusement that last week the Massachusetts Democratic Party would hold its 'issues convention' in the city of Lowell. I remember way back when I was a Democrat I was asked to be a delegate from South Boston to the convention by the great Jimmy Kelly. I didn't want to but, well, anything for Jimmy. As we sat in the Auditorium, it was in Springfield that year, the South Boston, Charlestown and Dorchester Delegations were all hanging out together and as far as 'issues' were concerned, we were outnumbered; surrounded by every leftwing political type in the state. These people were holding signs that read "US out of Cambridge' and 'Save Whales not Money' and wearing every kooky political button you could imagine'. Jimmy looked around at the crowd and said to all of us from the 3 delegations: "My God, it's like we're an island of common sense surrounded by a sea of loons." I'll always remember that day and the laughter that Jimmy's words brought to all of us. Not much has changed.

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#### 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).

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### **Wounded Warrior Project Update**

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outh Boston Today since it first went to print back in November of 2102 has been proud to keep our community informed about the activities and progress of the Wounded Warrior Project with updates about this, one of the finest organizations in existence. It has been and still is an honor to do whatever we can do to help get the word out about all the great work this group does and to raise awareness that there is help for those veterans in need of it. The Wounded Warrior Project has been helping our veterans returning home from war with both physical and psychological wounds adjust to their new lives as civilians since 2003.

The Wounded Warrior Project is an organization made up of veterans and non-veterans alike who are committed and determined to make a difference in the lives of these injured war veterans so they can begin to cope and to heal and lead the lives that they choose.

Recently, some of the wounded soldiers themselves recovering at Brooke Army Medical Center put together a message they'd like to send to the Boston Bombing victims: That message is short but to the point: "You are not alone". They can relate to the devastating aftermath of an explosion and the physical and emotional pain of lost limbs. And they know firsthand the courage and strength required to heal after blast injuries like those suffered at the Boston Marathon.

The Wounded Warrior Project has a mission, a vision and a purpose that pretty much spells out what they are all about and what they hope to accomplish.

The Mission: To honor and

empower wounded warriors.

The Vision: To foster the most successful and well-adjusted generation of wounded warriors in our nation's history.

The Purpose: To raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members; to help injured servicemen and women aid and assist each other; and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs.

Established in 2003 in Roanoke, Virginia and now nationwide, the WWP began when several veteran's and friends moved by stories about the first wounded service members returning home from Afghanistan and Iraq took action to help others in need. Since then the project has been growing by leaps and bounds thanks to the concern, generosity and action of so many Americans across the country. Wounded warriors are now fitted with artificial limbs when there is a need, other devices that help them get around such as special chairs and conveyers and a variety of the most up to date and sophisticated equipment available. Vets have been helped with finding employment that can be done by people with their specific disabilities and so much more. The WWP has the ability to nurture mind and body and help wounded vets with financial empowerment. But a project like this needs help.

If you would like to know more about the Wounded Warrior Project and how you can help in a variety of ways you can log onto their website at www.woundedwarriorproject.org or call them toll free at 877-832-6997. This is a cause that is certainly worth helping.

### South Boston Around the Globe



## "Federico's"

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY staff report

f you grew up in Southie the name conjures up memories of summertime and fun, bicycles, scooters, bicycles, baby carriages, bicycles, wagons, but mostly bicycles. Beginning in 1938 at Emerson and Fourth Street, Federico's has always been the last word in pedal power or wheeled mobility in general.

Charles Federico was born in South Boston of parents from Patti, Sicily. His wife Mary is from Finnian Terrace, Ireland. Family lore says the marriage was a perfect deal. Mary taught Charles to speak correctly and he taught her to put her shoes on the right way. They raised a family of eight. Namesake, Charles took over the family business and has been a part of our community fabric for over fifty years.

Bundle boys, who wheeled groceries

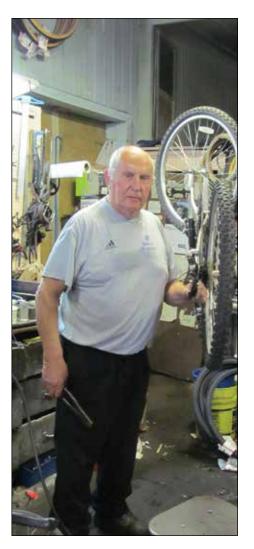
home, made their carts usually with baby carriage wheels from Federico's. Seniors needing adjustment on their walkers still count on Charlie. Above all, the hordes of bike riders still flock to the only licensed bicycle repair shop in South Boston. It is more of a labor of love and a chance to give back to the community than a necessity.

A senior jet engine designer for General Electric, Charlie designed the fighter / trainer jet in use by Beijing, redesigned the Singapore Air Force and is a patent holder for a G.E. jet engine.

Charlie and his wife Carolyn raised four children and he keeps on ticking like he always has. "Our job on Earth is to help," a deeply spiritual Charlie states. He recalls at 14 dreaming of his house burning. Sure enough the next night at 2:30 a.m. his house burned. Charlie believes miraculous intervention by Our Lady Mother Mary guided his mother through the flames to his room where they escaped from a porch helped by a couple of sailors walking by.

When asked of his Southie memories he first wanted to let me know he considers the New York Times reporter who tried to call Southie "SOBO", to be an intellectual moron.

"When I grew up every corner had a football team. Military drill was held at the high school, and spiritual guidance was our directing influence. My parents taught me pride in who I was and where I was from. Southie pride stems from the idea of teamwork which we learned at an early age. That teamwork of helping and being helped is the way I've tried to live my life." South Boston Today would like to recognize Federico's for the institution it has become and to thank Charlie for helping to make our community what it has become.





### **Country Superstar Jason Aldean** Rocks Fenway Park-Twice SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Entertainment Staff Report

k, so there may be times when the Red Sox don't sell out Fenway Park. Occasionally, it's a sign of the times and how well the Sox are doing and even how expensive it might be to go to a game. But last weekend, the young Country Music superstar Jason Aldean had no problem at all packing the seats as, to the delight of the 35,000 plus fans at this sold out concert, he turned the old outdoor arena into one gigantic party. And not just on Friday, but on Saturday too.

Up from the South with a Nashville power house line up which included the great Miranda Lambert and Jake Owen, the sheer power of the music made the place hotter than even the warm July weather. It was high energy from start to finish and it was a raucous time that won't soon be forgotten. Though the place was packed with mostly 'city folk', cowboy hats were

in abundance as everyone got into the spirit from the first song till the finale.

With guitars, drums, banjos and fiddles screaming away nonstop, playing songs that nearly everyone in the crowd knew the words to, the momentum built all night long. Jake Owen warmed up the crowd like a flame thrower. Miranda Lambert's set continued to pump them all up as her huge hit "Gun Powder and Lead' reminded the adorning crowd what could happen when an abusive boyfriend messes with the wrong country girl. And then the main attraction walked out on stage and the place went wild. Jason Aldean strutted out with the cocky and proud redneck type swagger that he has become famous for nationwide, North and South and began playing nonstop. There were fireworks, a state of the art light show and all the props you'd expect to see at a Country concert. But as

impressive as all those special effects were, and they were impressive to be sure, the sheer talent in the form of music and voice made everything else almost irrelevant. In other words, Aldean gave the fans what they came for; a super performance and one hundred and ten percent effort.

Aldean is well known not just for the music he plays and the songs he writes, but also for all the good he does helping out worthwhile charities all over America. Yes, he makes a lot of money and he gives a lot of it away to causes that help others. This adds to his popularity. His fans like him because of the music he puts out but also because, though he is certainly on the rowdy side, he's a good, generous and caring person.

As Aldean and his backup musicians and singers continued like a runaway freight train for the entire set, the crowd one religious pro-life group to detail the content of their prayers and asked clearly inappropriate questions about private religious activity. But under Lerner's watch, inappropriate religious inquiries were a hallmark of the FEC's interrogation of the Christian Coalition. According to testimony by James Bopp, legal adviser to conservative group Citizens United, FEC attorneys continued their intrusion into religious activities by prying into what occurs at Coalition staff prayer meetings, and even who attends the prayer meetings held at the Coalition. This line of questioning was pursued several times. Deponents were also asked to explain what the positions of "intercessory prayer" and "prayer warrior" entailed, what churches specific people belonged, and the church and its location at which a deponent met Dr. Ralph Reed .

One of the most shocking and startling examples of this irrelevant and intrusive questioning by FEC attorneys into private political associations of citizens occurred during the administrative depositions of three pastors from South Carolina. Each pastor, only one of whom had only the slightest connection with the Coalition, was asked not only about political

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was on its feet throughout; singing along to every song and becoming part of the show itself; which had the effect of pumping up Aldean even more. When he broke into two of his biggest hits "Country" and "Don't Back Down" Fenway Park seemed ready to explode from the energy being generated by all. And then it was over as fast as it all began.

As the thousands of fans began to leave, there were satisfied and happy looks on the faces of everyone. It was clear they had a good time. This particular Friday night, the night 'Country came to town', would be one that just about all in the mostly young crowd would remember for a long time. It's a good bet most were wishing they had tickets for Saturday night's show too. It's also a good bet they will be watching for the dates that will bring the next Jason Aldean concert back to Boston.

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### **The Artists' Studio**



### **ROAD TRIP - An exhibition at the Gallery at Atlantic Wharf**

290 Congress Street, Boston Massachusetts, July 1 – September 21, 2013.

May" photograph

Opening Reception Thursday July 18th, 5-7:30pm

Road Trips are a timeless summer tradition. Rolling through a kaleidoscopic American landscape past motels, diners, and art deco gas stations toward grandma's house, the summer cabin, or some fabled roadside attraction. Whether a rite of passage or the start of an adventure, the road trip holds a place in our hearts and captures our imaginations.

ROAD TRIP at Atlantic Wharf features works by 15 Fort Point artists, and includes photography, drawings, and paintings.

Artists: Daniel J. van Ackere, Barry Cronin, Leslie A. Feagley, Elisa H. Hamilton, Peter Harris, Ian Kennelly, Lisa Knox, Karen McFeaters, Stephen Sheffield, Heather Meri Stewart, Ryuji Suzuki, Mike Ware, Tom Wojciechowski, Jennifer Wood, Martin Yeeles Works were selected by our guest juror, Beth Kantrowitz, of Drive-By Productions.

The Fort Point Arts Community programs The Gallery at Atlantic Wharf with support from Boston Properties. Atlantic Wharf is located at 290 Congress Street, and is open to the public from 7am-10pm daily.

More information at www. fortpointarts.org

About FPAC

The Fort Point Arts Community, Inc. of South Boston (FPAC) is a non-profit community organization founded in 1980 and run by neighborhood artists and volunteers. Our mission is to promote the work of our artists to a broad and diverse audience; to preserve the artists' community in the Fort Point Channel area; to maintain and expand access to affordable studio space; and to increase the visibility of the arts in Fort Point.

Fort Point artists generate art all year round, present two Open Studios events annually, advocate for the development and preservation of permanent studio space, organize art lending programs, run galleries and a store, create temporary public art, and actively participate in decisions that affect our neighborhood. We encourage new ideas, collaboration, connections, and economic growth.

Beth Kantrowitz is an independent curator in Boston, MA. She is the co-director of the Drive-By Gallery in Watertown, MA. Before opening Drive-By she was the co-director of the Allston Skirt Gallery in Boston. Beth curates show in and around the Boston area. She is curating a show this summer at the One Mile Gallery in Kingston, New York.

About our guest juror:

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activities that, as one FEC attorney described as "personal," and outside of the jurisdiction of the FECA (Federal Election Campaign Act). They were also continually asked about the associations and activities of the members of their congregations, and even other pastors.

If all that sounds like it could simply be Bopp's jaundiced characterization of the FEC's inquiries, Bopp's testimony includes a transcript of the FEC's deposition of Lt. Col. Oliver North. An attorney for the FEC asks North about prayers between him and the Christian Coalition's Pat Robertson.

Due to the length of Mr. Hemingway's exposition it is necessary that I present as much of the facts as possible in the space allotted. The author made clear that the Christian Coalition was targeted by Lerner and the FEC and IRS, and in my opinion criminal acts were in abundance. And the biggest crime of all against the American people is that to date, not one agent of the FEC or IRS has been fired for their acts. And the fact that Lois Lerner, in her contempt for Congress and the American people continues in absentia to command full salary.

#### July 18, 2013

### 22 Story Apartment Complex approved for 399 Congress St.

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY staff report



he Boston Herald's Chris Cassidy reported today that the Boston Redevelopment Authority last night approved a \$200 million, 22-story Congress Street apartment complex on an oddly shaped lot long known as the "sausage parcel" in South Boston's

Seaport District. The BRA approved revised plans for The Residences at 399 Congress — 414 apartments, ground retail space and two floors of 30 innovation units each, ranging from 330 to 450 square feet. In 2011, the BRA rejected Madison Properties' plans for apartments there, preferring a hotel constructed there instead. There will be three floors of underground parking space and a roof deck with city skyline views for residents. The plan includes the innovation units and affordable housing. Other hotels are now being planned for the Seaport in and around the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.



The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) and its tenant, Boston Harbor Industrial Development, LLC (Pappas Enterprises) are pleased to report that the reconstruction of the Pappas Way roadway between Summer Street and West First Street is progressing well and on schedule.

The work includes a new continuous pedestrian sidewalk, a new rip-wrap seawall along the water's edge as well as a complete reconstruction of the roadway. The final phase of roadway reconstruction work is scheduled to begin the week of July 15, 2013 and to be completed by the end of August 2013.

Please note that during construction, there will be temporary traffic changes; through travel between Summer Street and West First Street via Pappas Way will not be possible except for emergency vehicles. Access to all businesses located within the Pappas Industrial Park will be available at all times.

If you have any further questions about this project, please contact Bob Garcia of Jay Cashman Inc. at 617-839-9970.

Any Massport questions can be directed to Anthony Guerriero, Assistant Director of Community Relations at Massport at 617-568-3739.

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#### FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU13P1051EA Commonwealth Of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Estate of: Anthony Tavilla Date of Death: 03/29/2013 Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: Richard J. Tavilla of Bedford MA and John Czyzewski of Norfolk MA Kirkland Ware of Acton MA and Gerard D. Goldstein of Marblehead MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And also requesting that: Richard J. Tavilla of Bedford MA and John Czyzewski of Norfolk MA Kirkland Ware of Acton MA and Gerard D. Goldstein of Marblehead MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 08/08/2013. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

CITATION ON PETITION FOR

WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong, First Justice of this Court Patricia M. Campatelli, Register of Probate July 18, 2013

#### CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU13P1629EA Commonwealth Of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Estate of: Warner Ogden, Jr. Date of Death: 04/20/2013 Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: Warner Ogden, III of South Portland ME requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And also requesting that: Warner Ogden, III of South Portland ME be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 08/15/2013. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection

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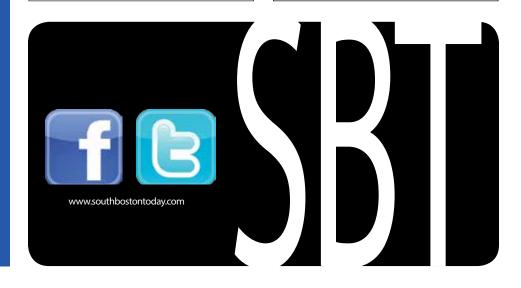
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### Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 701 Condo	\$1,300,000	7/9/13	5	2	1850
537 East First St UNIT 7 Condo	\$851,000	7/11/13	5	2	1625
781 East Broadway UNIT 2 Condo	\$635,000	7/8/13	6	2	1565
39 Emerson Street Single Family	\$625,000	7/9/13	5	2.5	1650
565 East Eighth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$616,000	7/9/13	4	2	1250
141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 308 Condo	\$567,000	7/3/13	3	1	1030
368 Dorchester St UNIT 1 Condo	\$539,000	7/9/13	7	2	1301
66 N St UNIT 2 Condo	\$535,000	7/1/13	6	2	1552
685 East Eighth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$498,000	7/1/13	4	2	1150
19 Linden Street Single Family	\$495,000	7/1/13	9	2.5	1880
211 L St UNIT 2 Condo	\$489,000	7/1/13	4	2	1123
9 Linley Terrace UNIT 9 Condo	\$440,000	7/10/13	5	2	1203
111 M St UNIT 1 Condo	\$430,500	7/2/13	4	1.5	1225
10 Peters St UNIT 1 Condo	\$428,000	7/1/13	5	1	807
613 Seventh St UNIT 2 Condo	\$420,000	7/1/13	4	2	701
604 East Sixth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$420,000	7/1/13	4	1	723
372-A Dorchester Street Two Family	\$415,000	7/11/13	11	2	2392
12 Winfield St UNIT 3 Condo	\$409,000	7/3/13	5	1	970
148 N St UNIT 1 Condo	\$399,000	7/1/13	5	1	1136
462 East Sixth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$367,000	7/1/13	5	1	715
338 E St UNIT 1 Condo	\$350,000	7/3/13	4	1	846
19 Mercer St UNIT 3 Condo	\$335,000	7/1/13	4	1	726
181 K St UNIT 3 Condo	\$319,500	7/9/13	3	1	408

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### **Around Town** Look What's Happening at St. Peter Academy's Summer Program

ast week we celebrated "Boston"! We read books, made duck visors with feathers, handprint swans and made Boston Crème cupcakes and duck pond punch for snack. What a crazy day we had on Thursday! The counselors boarded the bus with 13 children decked out with duck visors on their way to the Swan Boats and Frog Pond when the skies opened up

and it started to rain. We decided to make the most of it and go to the movies to see Despicable Me 2 instead, and had McDonald's right in the movie theater. We hoped the rain would end by the time we got out of the movie, so we were excited when we saw the sun. We walked to the Swan Boats to find them closed. Then we walked through the Public Garden to the "Make Way for Ducklings" statues where the children posed for pictures. The children and counselors really wanted to cool off, so we walked to the Frog Pond only to find it closed as well. We headed back to school and treated the children to popsicles because they were such troopers. Oh, and Despicable Me2 was awesome!

Please join us for a fun and enriching

summer experience. You do not have to attend St Peter Academy to send your child to our summer program. For more information please email the school at spacademy2004@yahoo.com.

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.







Boston Crème cupcakes and duck pond punch!



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### The South Boston Sports Hall of Fame 2013 Scholarship Grant Winners

The South Boston Sports Hall of Fame scholarship trust fund board of trustees announced today the scholarship grant awardees for 2013. Due to the outstanding support from South Boston Hall of Fame members, Business and Fraternal groups, Educational Foundations, Friends of the South **Boston Community, and the success** of the "Bob Nichols Memorial Golf Tournament", the Board approved eleven (11) one thousand and five hundred dollar (\$1500.00) degree scholarship grants for 2013. One of the grants was funded by The Massachusetts Port Authority, one by the "L" street Brownies, one by The Folan Waterproofing and Construction Co. of Easton MA in memory of deceased members of the Folan family, one by Sona Nichols in Memory of Bob Nichols her late husband and co-founder of the "Trust", one by the South **Boston Youth Hockey Association** in memory of John Cunniff, one by the Friends and Family of William A. McDermott Jr. (deceased) and five by the scholarship trust fund. This brings our total grants since our inception to one hundred and forty eight thousand dollars (\$148,000.00).

#### The 2013 South Boston Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship Trust Fund awardees are:

Emily Casper, the daughter of Joseph and Donna Casper of East Fourth Street is a graduate of Archbishop Williams High School with a GPA of 3.60. Emily is a member of both the U.S.A. and the French National Honor Society. She was active in the Gate of Heaven CYO as a basketball coach. She participated in the AMC Breast Cancer Walk and "Christmas in the City" at the Boston Convention Center helping less fortunate families. Emily will attend the University of New Hampshire in 2013.

Adam DeCosta, , the son of Frederick and Stella DeCosta of "L" Street is a graduate of Lexington Christian Academy with a GPA of 4.13. Adam has been active helping troubled youth in South Boston and wherever he feels he can make a difference. He volunteered in a Dorchester elementary school teaching and leading small groups. He also went to Kenya to help implement technology in classrooms. Adam will attend Boston University in 2013.

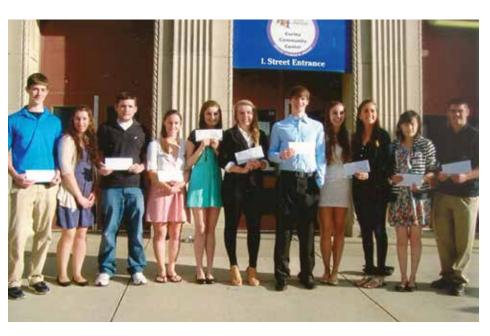
Haley Dillon, the daughter of Elizabeth Dillon Of Burrill Place is a graduate of Boston Latin Academy. Haley has been active at the South Boston FANS Center helping needy or troubled South Boston families. At the Center families are fed a meal and children are entertained with activities. Haley also volunteers to babysit for children of families who cannot afford to hire a babysitter. Haley will attend the University of Maine in 2013.

**Stephanie Hurl,** the daughter of Charles and Catherine Hurl of East Sixth Street is a graduate of Boston Latin School with a GPA of 2.90 and an Sat score of 1810. Stephanie was active at St. Brigid Parish serving at Mass and training new servers. Stephanie will attend St. Francis College in Brooklyn, NY in 2013.

**Kimberly Miller,** the daughter of Brian and Lori Miller of Farragut Road is a graduate of Boston Latin School with a GPA of 3.93 and an SAT score of 1940. Kimberly helped coach a girl's softball team this past summer in South Boston. At school she volunteered in the Saturday Success School program which helps tutor students who are struggling in school. Many of the students are from South Boston. Kimberly will attend Roger Williams University in 2013.

#### The "L- Street Brownies Scholarship Grant" funded by the "L" Street Brownies

Thomas McGrath, the son of John and Linda McGrath of Mercer Street is a graduate of Archbishop Williams High School with a GPA of 3.80 and an Sat score of 1670. Thomas was active in the South Boston Cub Scout Den mentoring young members and helping out in their activities. Thomas was also active at the Gate







of Heaven Church promoting Boston Latin School by speaking at Mass demonstrating the high standards of the school. He also enjoyed visiting residents of the Bayview assisted living facility. Thomas also participated in the South Boston Youth Bowling League for eight years. He will attend Colby-Sawyer College in 2013.

#### The "Massport Scholarship Grant" funded by the Massachusetts Port Authority

Anna Wang, the daughter of Hong and Xiu Yan Tan Wang of Carmody Court is a graduate of Boston Latin School with a GPA of 4.20 and an SAT of 2160. At school, Anna mentored peer students in calculus. She also helps children with their homework at

"Sticker Shock "program. Members place stickers on alcoholic beverages at various establishments around South Boston with the permission of the store owners reminding adults, "Do not buy alcohol for minors". At school she was the President of the student council. Mary Rose is a member of the Mayor's Youth Council which gives her the opportunity to work with many teens all over Boston and help with city-wide issues. Mary Rose will attend Northeastern University in 2013.

The "Folan Family Memorial Scholarship Grant" funded by Folan Waterproofing & Construction Co. in memory of Patrick J. Folan, Kevin Sean Folan



"Saturday Tutoring at Tufts Medical Center" Some of these tutees are immigrants from China still adapting to their new lives in America. She also mentors at the South Boston Tierney Learning Center through the Boston Public Library. Anna will attend Tufts University in 2013.

#### The "Bob Nichols Memorial Scholarship Grant" funded by Sona Nichols

**Mary Rose Maiullari**, the daughter of Paul and Mary Maiullari of East Broadway is a graduate of Boston Latin School with a GPA of 3.95 and an SAT score of 1660. Mary Rose joined the South Boston Action for Substance Abuse Prevention helping them with their

and Mary Folan Feeney—" The Committee in Heaven"

Kevin Mayer, the son of Christopher and Donna Brown Mayer of East Broadway is a graduate of Boston Latin School with a GPA of 3.18 and an SAT score of 2110. Kevin is active at the Gate of Heaven Parish helping out at the annual Christmas Pageant. Kevin was an assistant coach for the South Boston Youth Soccer league. He served on the Mayor's Youth Council giving feedback and helping design programs for the youth of the city. Kevin will attend Northeastern University in 2013.

The "John Cunniff Memorial Scholarship Grant" funded by







the South Boston Youth Hockey Association:

Patrick Owens, the son of John and Donna Owens of "O" Street is a graduate of Boston Latin Academy with a GPA of 3.34 and an SAT score of 1720. Patrick helped the South Boston Youth Hockey coaches during their practices and assisted at House League games wherever needed. Patrick has been working as a part of the Boston Youth Fund and has worked at the Curley Community Center as a Camp Counselor. Patrick will attend The University Massachusetts of at Amherst in 2013.

## The"WilliamA.McDermottJr.MemorialScholarshipGrant" fundedByFriends and Family.

O'Loughlin, Meghan daughter of Francis the Patricia O'Loughlin and of "L" Street is a graduate of Boston Arts Academy with an SAT score of 1630. Meghan is a member of the National Honor Society. She is a member of student government where her main focus is on charities in Boston. Her Community assistance includes environmental work, helping the less fortunate and special education children. Meghan will attend Norwich University in 2013.



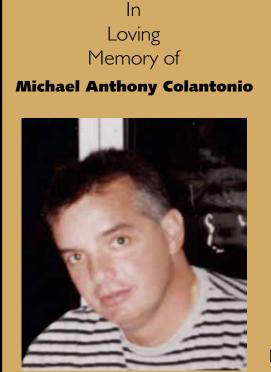








Those who mean the most to us are never really gone
William (Billy) J. Flaherty, Jr. March 14, 1963 - July 23, 2009
Porever in our hearts your Wife Darlene, Daughters Tiffany and Lauryne Mom, Cheryl, Stephen, Dennis, Kathy Dadison, Hayden, Family and Friends
A Year Anniversary



2003 - July 19 - 2013 **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** 

Never a day goes by That we don't think of you. The way we used to sit and talk, The things we used to do. You left us lovely memories That makes us laugh and cry, But the love you placed Within our hearts No millionaire could buy. The things we feel most deeply Are the hardest things to say, But we, your family, loved you In a very special way. It's not engraved in precious gold, Or hung for all to see, It's just engraved within our hearts, Your precious memory. Lovingly remembered and sadly missed By your family

**In Loving Memory Emma "Pat" McNulty** On Her 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday July 16

If we could only write it on the clouds or sky of blue, We'd send a special message as our birthday card to you. We'd tell of how we miss you and think of you each day. We wish that we could tell you on this, your special day. Lovingly remembered and sadly missed By her family

## A Good Guy Will Be Missed

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY by Ray Flynn

ommy "Icky Boom" Gagin, passed away recently. If you were a member of the South Boston Boys Club in the early 1950's, you'd remember him. Not much of an athlete, although he loved playing half ball and tag football in the gym. He sold newspapers and swept the floors of the Broadway Show, where his mother worked. She was the "pop corn lady." We didn't know much about his family, even though we saw him every day. He mostly kept to himself, but the kids at "the club" always included him in all the activities. We played to win, but made sure that Tommy had reason to be happy with his achievements. He always received the "Most Improved Player of the Year" award at the annual banquet. The kids at the club pitched in and bought him a sports coat at Filene's Basement one year, but he took it off just before he received his award. I remember Eddie Rollo, Joe Fisher, "Butchie" Calnan, Charlie Lane, John Coyne, Robbie Salton, Leo Mahoney, "Satch" Crowe, "Jughead" Dooley, "Injun" Horan, Robbie Ostiguy and "Scoop" Canavan were always so good to him. If you ever wanted to get knocked on your ass by one of us, you'd make fun of Icky Boom. But that only happened once or twice.

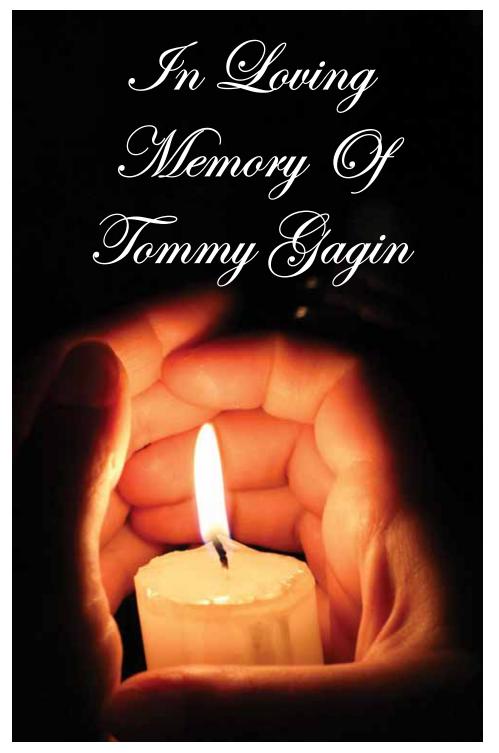
When we later went off in different directions, mostly into the military, Tommy had a much more difficult time making it - usually in group homes or in a run down apartment. But as Southie tradition has it, some of the younger kids at the club, picked up where we left off. When I was elected mayor in 1982, I asked my department heads to try and find jobs for "some unskilled people." For Tommy, that meant fitting in with the great employees at the Boston Fire Department Maintenance

Department. Tommy learned some pretty good working skills. He would walk to work, be the first one there and the last one to leave. The other workers always had time to help him. My brother Dennis, a decorated combat Vietnam Veteran, became his guardian, looked out for just about his every need. Dennis told his assistant, Jimmy Pike, to make sure there was always some food in Tommy's refrigerator in his apartment. Dennis made him take a shower, shave and get a haircut, before he would give him his paycheck. Helping Dennis with all the details was his secretary at Maintenance Mary Kane. Knowing that Tommy would be alone when he died, Dennis and Mary even made arrangement for Tommy's funeral service. Dennis had by now passed away, but not before he made sure Tommy would receive a dignified service.

That gets me to Tommy's funeral service at St. Augustine's chapel in South Boston last week. I said to my wife, Kathy, "I want to go to Tommy Gagin's funeral service. I don't think their will be many people there." After Mass, Fr. Robert Casey asked me if I would say a few words. I thanked everyone for being there. "This is really a tribute to you," I said. "A wonderful Mass, Tommy's fellow workers at the BFD Maintenance Department, and Dennis' family. You are amazing people for being here today. Your pride and love for your city and your fellow workers, says everything about your character."

We were Tommy's family. Looked after him. Cared for him. Loved him. As we learned from our Catholic teachings, "whatever you do for the least of these..... You did it for me."

"Tommy, you're not alone. You're a fortunate man. A beautiful Mass,



a wonderful priest, an organist, an outstanding soloist, and friends who cared for you and looked out for you through life. You had the largest family in Boston. See you again, Tommy."

But this is not quite the end of the story. A few days later, I met one of the Tommy's friends on the bus going in town. "Ray that was a beautiful speech you made about Tommy, but I have a question. I had a drink or two with Tommy down the Pub once in a while. The Irish boys looked out for him as well. We were talking about him after he died. His last name was Gagin, so we always assumed he was he was of Irish decent. But then we saw in the obituary that his mother's name was Edith Goldberg. Isn't

that a Jewish name? So how come a Mass was held at St. Augustine's Cemetery? Don't Jewish people go to a synagogue when they die? I thought to myself, the boys at the bar must have given this a lot discussion. "Well, Irish," I said. "Nobody knew much about where Tommy came from and my brother looked after him, I think he assumed that since there is not a synagogue in South Boston that he'd have the Mass at St. Augustine's."That was a good idea," my Irish born friend said. "It's all one God anyway. Hopefully, we'll all end up in the same place."

Ray Flynn, a proud long time member of the South Boston Boys Club, former Mayor of Boston, and United States Ambassador.

### M STREET SOFTBALL -OPENING NIGHT

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Jim Sullivan

ast Wednesday night was the opening night of play in the M Street Softball League. This marks the 43rd season since it began all the way back in 1970.

The league began play in 1970 when Ray Flynn [later Mayor of Boston, beginning in 1983, and I bet you'd be hard-pressed to find another softball league that can boast that] and "Bucky" Feeney came up with the brilliant idea of starting a league for returning South Bostonians who had served in Vietnam. With the guidance of Flynn and Feeney, M Street Softball grew beyond belief in the late seventies and into the early eighties. In fact, the league was so successful that on many a night one couldn't find a seat in the packed grandstands at M Street. It has been my pleasure to be a (minor) part of the league since 1999. I'll be in the stands tonight. I'll be on the field tomorrow and in the coming weeks.

Since this is July, and such things as baseball and softball usually start in April or May, you may be wondering why the season is beginning on such a late date. Play at M Street usually begins much earlier (first week in May), but the field was completely dug up by the city, re-sodded, given a new drainage system, refurbished backstop, and other cosmetic improvements, and wasn't ready to go until last week. It will be a shortened season but will be contested just as fiercely as any other season, though, I can guarantee you that.

M Street may be the best fast-pitch softball league in the state. Certainly, some of the best talent in the state competes in it. Many of the players who participate at M Street travel out-of-state to play in prestigious tournaments of one sort or another. Folks who have trod the field at M Street have also participated with teams vying for national championships. There is quite a history associated with the league. That is, there are actual records to refer to if one has a penchant for such things. I enjoy that sort of stuff. For instance, I like browsing the lists of past champions and Most Valuable Players. Some quick stats:

The L Street Tavern team is credited with the most championships in league history -  $6\,$ 

The most consecutive championships won has been 4, with Sidewalk Cafe taking it from 2000 - 2003, and Shennanigans (that's the way they spell it) having tied that record last season. They will be back this year for an attempt to break that mark.

The late Larry Lucas, an amazing pitcher, holds the mark for most MVP awards - 4

(I batted against Lucas once, in the twilight of his career, and he set me





down on three straight swings. He had a vicious rise. I'm pretty sure I swung under all three pitches.)

I look down the list of former MVPs and see that anywhere from 5 to 7 of them will be competing this year at M Street (I'm not completely sure of a couple of them being there.) I know that one of them, the living legend, John Gregorio, will be pitching for my squad this year (Southside Tavern). John won the award three times. He has been a dominant pitcher in the league for years. Here's hoping Johnny G can crank it up again for at least one more title run.

(Here's where I get to brag a little and make up for the Lucas story. It will be at John's expense, but we're teammates now and I hope he won't mind. My first game batting against John resulted in a 3 for 4 night for me, including a triple. After the triple, a teammate of mine asked me how in hell I hit the nasty curve John had thrown. I was honest. I said, "I closed my eyes and swung as hard as I could just in case I connected.")

The late George Pratt was another pitcher, who had two of the most dominating seasons I have ever seen. Check out these stat lines, and then remember this is softball, not baseball.

Year	Team	W L IP H R ER BB K ERA
2002	Sidewalk Café	21 3 149 167 81 52 33 100 2.44
2003	Sidewalk Café	18 0 133 116 48 37 21 117 1.90

That's a combined 39 - 3, with 217 strikeouts. Phew!

This is no toss-it-in-over-the-plate-on-an-arc league. This is men's modified fast pitch (and barely modified, believe me.) The league leader in strikeouts has topped 100 often. No-Hitters will be thrown occasionally. On most evenings, it's damn good ball being played. I could go on, but if you want more you know where to go - M Street Park. Games are played Monday through Thursday starting at 6:30 and 8:10. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you.

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### A Quick Look at new Celtics Head Coach Brad Stevens

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY staff report

B rad Stevens grew up in Zionsville, Indiana and starred on the Zionsville Community High School basketball team. After setting records in high school, he had a stand out career at DePauw University.

Most recently he was the head coach of Butler University, after serving as an assistant from 2001-2007. Stevens was hired as the head coach at the age of 31. That year he became the third youngest coach in NCAA Division 1 history to win 30 games. By his third season, Stevens broke the NCAA record for most wins in a coach's first three years. That year 2010, Butler made it to the NCAA finals, losing to Duke. The following year they made it back to the Final Four. Stevens is also a two-time Horizon League Coach of the Year.

His demeanor and coaching style is described as team oriented, and defense focused. The college game and its style are very different than that of NBA. However, strong defensive teams usually go deep into the playoffs. While Stevens will take some time adapting to the NBA, he will need to rally a new core of players that will have a different style and feel than Celtics fans have grown accustomed to.

The departure of the Big Three has left fans watching and waiting to see what the future holds.



### Jim Kane 5K Road Race and Road Closures

The 26th annual L Street Jim Kane Sugar Bowl 5K Road Race will be run on Thursday night, July 18th at 7:00 PM from the Carson Place at Boston Teacher's Union. This will call for Day Boulevard to be closed to traffic from approximately 6:50 PM to 7:30 PM but could be opened a bit earlier.

An alternative approach to the South Boston area at this time will be Columbia Road which will be fully opened. The proceeds from this road race are used to help local charities like The Boys & Girls Clubs in South Boston, Dorchester & Charlestown, The Curley Recreational Center, The South Boston Collaborative, Children's Hospital and Fr. Bills and St Francis Homeless Shelters.

This year, a special donation will be made to the Boston One Fund. Thanks you for your patience and support. Come run a 5K and support your local charities.



## This Week's Poll

Who do you think will win the American League East this year?

Boston Red Sox Tampa Bay Rays New York Yankees Baltimore Orioles Toronto Blue Jays





\*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 Comcast SportsNet's Kyle Draper:

**DANNY PICARD:** What did you think of Kris Humphries at [Monday's] press conference with the Celtics?

**KYLE DRAPER:** I thought he was a little smug. I enjoyed it though, to be honest with you. I thought it was funny a little bit. I got a little chuckle out of it. I can see how he could rub people wrong. But if you look at everybody up on that stage at the press conference, he was the only one really with a personality. Honestly, it was just a weird press conference to begin with. It didn't seem like the guys really wanted to be there at the press conference talking about this. So I just thought it was kind of bizarre all throughout. Even the questions, I mean, it was a short question-andanswer session. And so, usually when you introduce new players, you get some sort of buzz, some sort of hype. But we didn't get that [on Monday]. The thing that bothered me is, alright, you have this press conference, but I got the feeling, just sitting in there, like, "How many of these guys will we really see during the regular season?" And I think some of the players even thought that. It just had a weird vibe. There was no energy there at all.

**DP:** Drapes, you mention guys that didn't really want to be there. Well, if I had a feeling that maybe I wasn't even going to be wearing that Celtics jersey when the regular season begins, I would be skeptical and hesitant to want to be there as well. I mean, Humphries, I didn't think he was bad

at all. I actually enjoyed it. But we've heard rumors now that a guy like Humphries, the Celtics are trying to trade him. So if I'm hearing this, and you're hearing this, Humphries must be hearing this too.

KD: Oh yeah, I'm sure. Him, Gerald Wallace I'm sure is hearing people talk about his contract and things like that. I was talking to someone close to Humphries, and he understands it's a business. he knows the deal. He sort of understands that he'll be here a short time in Boston. So I guess that's part of the reason that we didn't see that much excitement from the guy. Keith Bogans, I think he'll be around, at least this season, because he even talked about being a coach on the court as an extension of Brad Stevens. But then after that, MarShon Brooks will be around. But you're right, Humphries, he knows. And the thing about Humphries, to me, he's the one guy out of him and Gerald Wallace that you keep around, unless you can get something really valuable in return. Because his money is coming off the books after this season. So, if you don't trade him, okay, you've got him for a year, whatever. And he can walk away as a free agent and it's not costing you anything, saving you some cap space going forward. So I think Humphries will be around.

**DP:** I actually like Humphries as a player. He's proven that when he gets the opportunity and the minutes in a season, that he can be somebody

that's a double-double guy. He's a good player, and as he pointed out [on Monday], he's only 28 and he feels like he has a lot left in him. But obviously the expiring contract, it's a very valuable asset in the NBA. But is it more valuable for the Celtics to keep him around and just let him go, or do they say, since it's an expiring contract and it's a valuable asset, maybe they send him somewhere and stockpile draft picks even more. What do you think the Celtics will do with Humphries?

KD: Honestly, I think they'll keep him on the roster to start the season. Come trade deadline, if they feel like they can get another first rounder somewhere, something like that. I don't see them trying to deal him for any second rounders. But if somebody's willing to offer up a first rounder for him, but I don't think anybody will. I think his value right now is low, just based on his last season in Brooklyn. He was totally misused. They didn't give him the minutes. SO I think Ainge and the Celtics would like him to get some minutes to get his stock back up. Because you mentioned it, he had two straight years where he was averaging a double-double. So the guy can play. He got the contract for a reason, two years, \$24 million. So it's not like the guy can't play. Forget about all the Kardashian stuff and all that. The guy's a halfway decent basketball player. So, if I'm the Celtics, I let him play the season and see if his trade

value can go up. And if you can get a first rounder -- because you know he's not part of the future plans going forward -- why not? You're not going to win a title this year. So why not try to trade him at the deadline and hope to get a first rounder from somebody. **DP:** You remember Rondo and Humphries had an altercation last season, and Humphries says it was really much about nothing. Can these two guys get along?

KD: I don't know. They're two -- how should I put this -- arrogant in a way. They think highly of themselves. And so, that will be interesting to see that kind of mix. I thought it was interesting though that Humphries said he had not talked to Rajon Rondo since the trade. Now let's be honest, we knew this trade was going down since draft night. So he's had almost three weeks to talk to the face of the franchise, and that hasn't happened. So I found that kind of interesting. But think about it, he might not have to play with Rondo, if Rondo's not ready at the start of the season. Honestly, I think we did blow that up a lot, the Humphries/Rondo thing, but, it was real, in terms of the act that happened. Those two got into it. That's kind of juicy and salty, and that's what we're going to talk about. But that happens often in the NBA, guys getting in a little tangle and things like that. But Kris Humphries, as we know, is a guy around this league that people just love to hate.





And so, that gave Celtics fans another reason to hate him.

**DP:** I see a lot of hate for Rajon Rondo lately here in Boston. And you see other teams and other players around the league who want their teams to trade for Rondo. I think the Celtics should keep Rondo. But what do you think will happen with him? Because there are trade rumors with the Detroit Pistons, and we'll hear things like this all summer. But what happens with Rondo, ultimately, and this Celtics organization?

**KD:** I think ultimately he plays out this season in Boston, see how it goes. If him and Brad Stevens get along, great, and if Rondo seems to be on board, great, then you build around him going forward. If he's a malcontent and the losses start piling up and he's not dealing with that well, I think next year you look to deal him. But I don't think he'll be traded this season. You bring up that Detroit rumor, and honestly, I don't think Detroit is willing to give up one of their young bigs, a Monroe or a Drummond, for a Rondo. Because if you're Danny Ainge, you would want one of those guys and maybe even Brandon Knight and maybe even a draft pick. Think about what Ainge got for KG and Pierce. Three first rounders, five players. For Rondo, in his prime, a star point guard? You're going to be asking for the King's ransom, and I don't think Detroit's going to be willing to do that, especially coming off ACL surgery. I asked Danny Ainge about those rumors, and he admitted, people are calling him about Rondo for pennies on the dollar, and Ainge is not going to do that. So unless somebody comes up with a legitimate blockbuster offer where you get two or three guys in return and maybe even a first round pick, I don't think it's going to happen. So I see Rondo playing out this season and possibly next season, finishing out his deal.





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