



## Jam Packed Auditorium For Public Safety Meeting

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
by David Pollard

**SOUTH BOSTON** - Residents of South Boston gathered Monday night at the Tynan for a Public Safety Meeting to address community concerns after the tragedies that

occurred early last week. Authorities planned the community meeting in response to three violent attack, which took place within a 20-hour span last Tuesday, including


the kidnapping and fatal stabbing of 24-year-old Amy Lord, a South Boston resident and Wilbraham native.

Representative Nick Collins, who, along with other elected officials, used extensive social, broadcast and print media outlets to promote attendance, called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock. As a result, the Tynan Cafeteria was filled to capacity, and then some. Emotions were running high as South Boston residents, young and old, came together to voice their concerns to elected and law enforcement officials.


Congressmen Stephen Lynch thanked community members for attending Monday's meeting, and called for all residents of South Boston to continue working with one another to keep each other out of harm's way. "Whether you have lived in this community for generations, whether you have been here for 50 years, or whether you moved in yesterday, we

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# EDITORIAL “Politically Correct”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Brian R. Mahoney



Approximately one year prior to the Marathon Bombing, Russian Intelligence informed American law enforcement there was

a ‘wanna be’ terrorist from Cambridge wandering around Chechnya that they might want to keep an eye on. For whatever reason, the Feds lost interest or didn’t have enough time and the marathon murders were the result.

Apparently, last September, a woman being assaulted managed to grab a wallet containing identification from the attacker and gave it to the investigating detective. The identification belonged to Edwin AleMany, the same individual that SBT has identified as responsible for the

South Boston assaults, probably including the murder of Amy Lord. For reasons still unclear, no action was taken against AleMany by the detective. On duty police officers have expressed disappointment in that I don’t understand that a judge probably would have ruled ‘no probable cause’, and released AleMany.

A forty year, recently retired, detective disagrees and calls the detective’s actions, and possibly that of his superiors, ‘outrageous’. I agree, if that detective is so frustrated or burned out with the

system to even try, he should put in his papers. More to the point, there appears to be a disconnect between those who capture these animals and those who decide their fate.

The elitist who lives in a securely guarded and exclusive, condo complex, or in a suburban gated home can afford to wallow in a fairy-tale land of political correctness, advocating tax money for social give-a-ways, while dismissing the need for more police on the streets.

What are the odds AleMany’s identification was an EBT card?

*“Believe you can and your halfway there” -Teddy Roosevelt*

## This Week’s Poll

Police Commissioner Davis demoted the detective responsible for not charging Edwin Alemany with a 2012 assault on a female. Is this enough accountability or should his superiors also be demoted?

**Yes – it is enough**

**No – demote the superiors**

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## Sugarcoating Life in the City can be Dangerous

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It was quite a ride we just came through in South Boston. There was the dead body washing up on M Street Beach, the stabbings and of course, 2 recent murders. A couple of weeks prior, there was the shootout between police and a suspect on Old Colony Blvd. Most are aware that certain areas of this town are drowning in drugs. Across the city, there has been a regular crime wave going on that most people didn't have a clue about. All of these things; including the ongoing violent crime spike citywide, were reported on right here on the pages of South Boston Today - often on our front page. While the major media and some city officials would have everyone believe that everything was all fine and dandy this summer in the city, SBT shed light on the realities.

We were actually politely chastised by a couple of City Hall operatives, asking us if it's really necessary to always report on the negative, while ignoring the positive things happening in Boston. Well, we must disagree. South Boston Today's pages are filled with the good stuff. We report on local sports, the arts, entertainment, scholarship recipients and those who deserve very special praise for all the good they do for others. We often highlight with photos and story all of the great summer fun our local organizations provide for area kids, as well as the activities of our seniors as well as veteran's issues. We love reporting on all of these positive stories and it gives us

great pleasure to be able to share so many human interest stories with our readers. But if the powers that be in this city think that this is all we are going to report on at South Boston Today, they must have us mistaken for someone else. We owe it to every resident in this neighborhood to report what's actually happening as fairly and as accurately as possible, not to blow smoke and sugarcoat anything. The reality is that, everything is not wonderful and peachy, and people need to be informed, prepared and aware.

A point to be made is something the Mayor recently said. In effect, he said that as far as crime goes, the police cannot do it alone. They need the help of residents to keep Boston's streets safe. The mayor was absolutely correct in saying that. The people need to be on alert and help to be the eyes and ears for law enforcement. But it's difficult to be on alert when the citizens of this city are put under a false sense of security, while they are being assured that nothing is going on, crime is not really a problem and there's not much, really, to worry about. And that, folks, is exactly what has been happening. Why? We're not really sure. Some have suggested that if Boston appears to have a crime problem, it could put a crimp in all the new development plans. They could have a point. The fact is crime is climbing out of control in Boston and sadly, it took these vicious incidents in our 'safer than most' community of South Boston - and the reporting of it -

to finally let people know that Boston, we have a problem. Here locally, this newspaper has been reporting on the hard cold facts for weeks and as I said, we took a little 'friendly heat' for it. The heat we can handle; no problem. But we owe it to all of you to keep on reporting about what's going; everything (not just the warm and

fuzzy stuff) so you can have that extra sense and awareness about what's really happening and take care to be on guard. Personally, I think that's pretty reasonable. From what I'm hearing from so many residents, a lot of you agree. You want us to continue and we will.

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## IRS - the Obamacare Enforcer - Wants To Opt Out

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
staff report

It seems to be a given that the plan known as Obamacare has been heading for some rough waters leading up to its eventual implementation. With polls continuing to show a growing

disapproval of the plan by the American people and an increasing number of members of congress saying it should be 'defunded', the Obama Administration has been scrambling to reclaim at least

some of the support that has been lost for what is officially known as 'The Affordable Healthcare Plan'.

But over the last couple of weeks, another wrench in the wheel has emerged. The National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU), the union that represents IRS agents, is urging its members to oppose the mandatory participation that could be required for them. Why is this development such a problem to the Administration? Because it will be the IRS that must oversee the implementation of the program to the American people. In other words, IRS agents will be charged with the responsibility of enforcing and imposing the plan on a resistant public; the same plan that these agents and the union that represents them says is unacceptable for them.

Right now, federal workers are the beneficiaries of what is considered one of the finest healthcare plans in existence anywhere. It covers pretty much every ailment that exists and costs them very little. The Obamacare plan would be substantially inferior to their current plan and the federal workers are reluctant to go along with it, but they may have no choice. This is where NTEU comes in with its urging that these workers resist. And as expected, this move is appearing hypocritical to the American public watching this situation starting to take shape. The grumblings are getting louder, the feeling being that those who would force everyone else to accept this plan under penalty of law want nothing to do with it themselves.

On the NTEU website, union members are urged to write to their Congressperson and tell them to oppose H.R.1780. This is the bill that would require these federal workers to change over from their current federal healthcare plan to Obamacare. NTEU is only the latest in a growing list of public and private sector unions that are having second thoughts about Obamacare even though they initially supported the legislation. Many unions donated heavily to Congressional candidates who were in favor of Obamacare and even these unions are opposing it being forced on their membership, citing the inferiority of the plan compared to the plans they are currently enrolled in.

What seemed to be a united front in favor of the Affordable Healthcare plan by staunch supporters of President Obama is now showing cracks in the armor that once made them a formidable force in support of the plan. Even some Democratic lawmakers are making statements that the whole plan as it currently stands is probably not workable and could cause damage to an already fragile national economy if it moves forward as currently written. With the opposition growing almost daily, it remains to be seen what the future of Obamacare will actually be.

**Publisher's Note:** It would appear that our Congressman Stephen Lynch was one of the few in Congress who actually read the legislation. Since voting against Obabamcare, Lynch has paid a significant political price, especially from one of his core constituencies- his own union brothers and sisters. His legislative judgment may prove to be prophetic and his political risk taking may yet be ultimately commended.

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# Reading Between The Lines

## *“A Community Benefit? How About More Cops?”*

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A citizens' public safety gathering was held on West Broadway in South Boston. The mayor spoke and his aides passed out blue whistles as a means of self protection. Many would have preferred the whistle be attached to the hammer of a .357 magnum handgun. I walked up to Perkins Square to get the newspaper 9:30 Saturday morning and was greeted by the sad sight of a U-Haul Truck in front of Amy Lord's home at Dorchester and 4th. By 11:00am the packing was finished and the truck was gone. They probably couldn't put this town in their rearview mirror fast enough. And who could blame them?

The true horror of Amy Lord's murder is that it could have happen anywhere to any woman. Unlike these vultures searching for drama by somehow tying to tie this into White Bulger, this tragedy stand by itself. Should we be on our guard because this Hispanic man was targeting white woman? That response is no different than the headline "Cops Drop The Ball". It Isn't All Cops or All Hispanics. It was one detective who "dropped the ball" on one vicious criminal who happens to be a racist. Even then we don't know yet why the detective didn't follow up. Did something intervene or was it just incompetence? Who were this detective's supervisors and what is their culpability? The internal police investigation and probable civil suit will answer those questions.

The first call that I received that terrible morning last week was from a young woman who moved

to Boston from Texas with her husband about 10 years ago and to Southie about six years ago. She is a professor and one of the most community minded people I know. Along with her husband, she is just the type of people who will shape and guarantee South Boston's future. Her question was direct and to the point, "Brian how is it possible this poor woman was dragged in daylight to five ATM's and not one cop was around"? A number of things, such as drive-thru tellers, obscured locations and simply bad timing all conspired. Her point, though, is valid.

In 1998, along with a number of residents, I was appointed to the Design Advisory Committee. This was prior to BCEC construction and a whole vision or master plan of the future build out of the BCEC and adjoining waterfront was presented. At final build out, it was estimated South Boston 32,000 population would increase to 80,000. A retired firefighter pointed out the need for a new fire station and personnel in the area and the lack of such in the new plans. As a retired police officer, I copied his remark and pointed out the need for either a new or police sub-station and especially more police. There simply aren't enough police to cover residential and the newly developed waterfront.

The next obvious question is, "why not". Consider the average starting police officer is paid about \$60,000. A residential unit is taxed, in South Boston, between \$3,000-\$3,500. So for every 20 units built in Southie, taxes would pay for one cop with change left over, yet every day we see more rushed

approvals for developments, tax breaks to build more, and BRA director Meade suggesting yet more relaxing of the parking rules to squeeze in even more units and people. In a one block area, between D and C Streets and First and Second Streets, a total of five developments will create 301 units within the year. Using the previous tax formula, 15 new police officers should have been hired. While we are busting with pride over the eight new South Boston officers hired, this barely

scratches the surface of what is needed. Boston needs at least 1,000 new officers so that all three shifts have adequate staffing. Every thug in town knows that 12 midnight to 7am has the least cops on the street.

The priorities of the next mayor have to be safety and quality of life issues, including full time drug units instead of the present culture of greed and profits - and the people be damned. A new

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# Collins Applauds BPD Dedicated Daytime Drug Unit for South Boston

## *Requests BPD, State Police Conduct 'Warrant Sweeps' on Violent Offenders*

At last Monday night's public safety meeting, in the aftermath of the wave of violent attacks, Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis announced that he is committing a day-time drug unit to South Boston, specifically. At the meeting, that included Congressman Stephen Lynch, Councilor Bill Linehan, and State

Senator Linda Forry, Commissioner Davis also committed to more police officers and more police on the walking beat. These are welcome resources that the people of South Boston have asked for. Since last year, the drug unit, when it was deployed to South Boston, arrested almost 400 suspects and criminals and that is a significant record of

results. Now, it is important to get convictions and get the violent offenders off of the streets.

State Representative Nick Collins had this to say. "I am pleased that this dedicated unit has been assigned. Lt. Detective Bob Merner, who heads up the city-wide drug unit division, is a top-notch law enforcement official. I am confident that he will get the results we need from his officers."

Also, in a letter to both Commissioner Davis and Colonel Timothy Alben of the State Police, Collins formally requested that the agencies conduct priority warrant sweeps targeting the most violent offenders in Boston. Collins pledges to "continue to play a role in this relentless war on drugs, focusing on prescription drugs and other opiates, like heroin."

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Over the last 2 weeks, we've heard from many police officers. They are frustrated too. The arrests are being made, but far too often and for too long, the lenient court system puts them right back out on the street. Case in point; look at the suspect in the recent incidents, Edwin Alemany. The guy has 18 juvenile criminal court arraignments, 34 adult criminal court arraignments and 10 adult felony criminal convictions and he was STILL running around loose. Makes you wonder what someone has to do in Boston to get put out of commission for the long term. Try not paying your property tax or water bill and you just might find the book being thrown at you.

Now as I said, it's our practice at this newspaper to speak frankly and tell it like it is and we agree with what so many of you have been saying. And that is, once all the cameras leave and the meetings and vigils come to an end and the brutality of what's been happening these last 2 weeks begins to fade from memory and emotions begin to cool, all the extra security and patrols and attention to our neighborhood may vanish. I'm not just being cynical or skeptical, just a realist. We've all watched it play out a hundred times.

Like a movie rerun, we've seen this show before. I can confidently say that this is the feeling of the majority of people in our community. It is our sincere hope that, this time, we will be proved wrong and the promises made will be kept – permanently. But we'll see. Our State Rep Nick Collins was right on target when he made the following statement: "We were told last year that we were going to get extra police and it seemed like it happened for a short period of time, then it went away." Rep Collins shares the frustration that so many of his neighbors have. The security and beefed up patrols are no good if City Hall just looks at it as a temporary plan for the sake of a few impressive sound bites.

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## *FAQs asked about Pepper Spray*

Because of the recent attacks in our community over the past 3 days, the following questions have been asked the most; mainly by local women; several dozen of them, but by some men too.

Question: Do you need a permit to buy Pepper Spray?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Where/How can I get

the permit?

Answer(S): You must apply for a permit at Boston Police Headquarters during business hours - Monday through Friday. Unless they have changed the rules, you cannot apply for the permits at the District 6/Area C station - Headquarters only. You must be at least 18 years old to apply on your own. But, there is an exception

to the rule. You can be as young as 15 years old to apply but you must have a signed permission letter from a parent and the parent MUST accompany the child when application is made. You must show positive ID and the cost to apply is \$25. This is an FID card that can be used for the possession and purchase of Pepper Spray only. It does not allow you to purchase a firearm.

When application is made, a criminal back round check will be run on you and the process could take as long as 2-4 weeks for this type of permit as police licensing personnel are backed up and back logged at this point and time.

Question: Where can I purchase Pepper Spray?

Answer: Pepper Spray is sold in many sporting good shops, all gun shops and at police supply stores. Before they will be allowed to sell Pepper Spray to ANYONE, a current and valid permit/FID card must be produced.

Note: While Pepper Spray is considered non lethal, it is dangerous and can disable and cause great discomfort. It is wise to seek training from someone who is experienced with its use so as to avoid problems. It should only be used in accordance with the law. This information was given and confirmed, upon inquiry, by personnel at Boston Police Headquarters Licensing Office. We hope it answers your questions and will be helpful to you.





## A Chat With Mayoral Candidate Bill Walczak

### *The Second In A Summer Long Series*

**T**oday's Mayoral profile is of 58 year old Dorchester resident Bill Walczak. A resident since the 1970's he has become one of Dorchester's leading citizens and earned a reputation as a "can-do" community leader. He is credited with leading the community based effort to create the Codman Square Health Center and adjoining Charter School. A CEO for 33 years, he has been president of the Carney Hospital and today is Vice President of the Shawmut Design and Construction Company. His wife is a school teacher and his children attended Boston Public Schools which set the stage for our first question on schools.

#### **On Schools**

Mr. Walczak believes one solution to preventing school age families from leaving the city is to offer top level education. He recently was a member of an advisory assignment committee whose plan will go into effect September of 2014. Bill noted 62.5% of Boston schools are ranked in the bottom 20% in the state and he pointed

out busing should be eliminated as it is a waste of money. The new plan would create a 6 school zone to offer choice. At least two tier-one schools would be in that zone, creating a "walk to a neighborhood school" system. He believes strong leadership by principals is the foundation because change has to happen at the individual school.

He further believes in raising the cap to allow more charter schools and also an extended school day. After meeting with the Teachers Union, Bill believes the Union is willing to come to the negotiating table because they want the same things - good schools and fair pay. He believes his prior experience with creating charter schools gives him a unique experience on education.

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

Mr. Walczak believes his experience in differing career jobs gives him a broad perspective in approaching solutions. As a probation officer in the 70's, as the creator of Codman Square Health Center in 1975 and the subsequent charter school in 2001, he believes

these neighborhoods institutions have to work in concert to address drug abuse, which is at the root of most crime. Mr. Walczak believes at least some probation officers should work a 12 noon to 8 PM shift being available when kids are most active. A health system where, when drug users are ready, there is not a "waiting list" but an immediate rehab assignment. He believes too many fall off the waiting list. It is only when the abuser is ready that treatment is effective. But, it must be immediate. Preparing students for the future would be essential, as Mr. Walczak believes too many unprepared students are overcome with hopelessness about the future and turn to drugs. Again, a partnership with our tax exempt institutions would prepare these kids for a future.

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

Mr. Walczak immediately acknowledged the one issue in virtually every city neighborhood is the BRA. Bill cited the success Dorchester residents had after two years of meetings to redesign

Columbia Point and Harbor Point. He also realized that success between BRA and community is rare. "Even as a quasi-public agency we don't know where the money comes from and where it goes and that's crazy". He believes that not separating development and planning at the BRA creates a situation where planning is subservient to a developer's design. He would end that system. He believes a master plan between citizens and city, once agreed to, should be the law and that the word "transparency" must be true - No back room deals. Bill also believes tax breaks should be for the individual business person and entrepreneurs and not just major developments and corporations. Those receiving multi-million dollar tax breaks should be required to enter into partnerships with area schools to train students for positions in these companies. While not wedded to the idea of preserving or eliminating the BRA, Mr. Walczak believes the culture of arrogance at the BRA starts with management and he would change that.

#### **Vision for Boston**

Finally Mr. Walczak's vision for Boston's future is one of great opportunity. He cites the world's greatest universities and hospitals, and would create links between these institutions to make Boston the healthiest city in the world. That health would extend from physical health to growing a healthy economy. He would accomplish this by linking these universities to our schools, thus preparing our students to take their place in the health field. This formula will allow our schools and the economy to consistently grow and keep Boston as a world class city.

#### **Who was the best Mayor in Boston's History?**

Mr. Walczak surprised by selecting Mayor Josiah Quincy I, who built the Quincy Market, solidifying Boston as a commercial leader; and Josiah Quincy II who created the reservoir system that unified the city and made its future development possible, as the best Boston mayors.

SBT wishes Mr. Walczak luck in his campaign.



## Councilors Linehan and Murphy Announce Benefit For The Deaf

**B**oston City Councilor Bill Linehan and Council President Stephen Murphy are proud to announce the installation of a Hearing Loop system in the Boston City Council's Iannella Chamber in City Hall. A Hearing Loop uses Induction Loop Technology to transmit sounds directly to a hearing aid's built-in technology. It is beneficial to users because it can reduce background noise and listening fatigue, as well as improve listening at a farther distance from the speaker.

This installation is a major breakthrough

for the deaf and hard of hearing in the City of Boston. With the induction of the Hearing Loop system, Massachusetts has become only the 8th state in the country to have such a system in a government building, and Boston has become only the second major city, along with Washington D.C., to have the system in a council chamber. Councilor Linehan has been advocating for the installation of the system since October of 2010 when he arranged a public hearing to address "the feasibility of installing audio induction loop systems in public

spaces and simultaneously encouraging use of this technology in private spaces which are open to the public." Councilor Linehan is a major advocate for those with disabilities in our city and he will proudly host a group of advocates for the deaf and hard of hearing at the Council meeting on July 31st at 12 pm for the unveiling of the system within the Iannella Chamber. All are welcome to attend.

Council President Murphy noted the new system will help the deaf and hard of hearing to participate in the legislative process, "The Hearing Loop is a powerful tool for our residents. It adds a level of convenience and breaks down a barrier that might have kept residents from attending council meetings or hearings that address issues relevant to their lives."

Nancy Lelewer Sonnabend, a South End resident who sits on the national board for The Hearing Loss Association of America, tested the system from nearly every seat in the Iannella Chamber. She stated, "It works like a charm. I can hear perfectly from all angles when before I wasn't able to hear some of the councilors at all."

Councilor Linehan added, "I am extremely proud to be able bring this technology into the council chambers. It is important that all be afforded the opportunity to participate in local government and this specific system allows for the hard of hearing to become active participants within the City Council chamber."

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mayor who cares can't get here soon enough.

In the meantime, we have to protect ourselves. Say hi to you neighbors. At least develop recognition in your area who your neighbors are. Men especially! Eyeball someone who doesn't belong. Ladies! Everybody is either going to or coming from somewhere. Someone just standing there or wandering aimlessly is up to no good, so Be Alert! If you are grabbed, even with a knife, you must resist. If they say that they'll hurt you if you make a sound means they're scared they may get caught in the open. What will they do if they get you into a car or house, out of sight? Fight back, it's your best chance. We all have to do our part. Walk your streets with a friend or two. Let punks know you're watching.

For my part, I am volunteering to be a driver of the early morning Southie Shuttle. The Shuttle is offering free service for women from 5am to 7:30am for transportation to gyms and fitness centers.

We can't bring Amy back but, in her memory, we can come together and take concrete steps to end the fear she gave her life fighting.

*Take care till next week*

## Fighting The Drug Plague Is Fundamental To Safety

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Jack Kelly

**O**n Monday, I attended the public safety meeting in South Boston led by Representative Nick Collins, Senator Linda Dorcena Forry, Councilor Bill Linehan, Congressman Steve Lynch and the Mayor's office. The meeting came to fruition as a result of the tragic death of Amy Lord, who was abducted and murdered. While every murder and innocent loss of life is tragic, Amy Lord's death was ever the more appalling because of the heinous nature of the crime. The mere fact her daily routine could end in such a horrid way, shook our collective sense of peace and safety.

But something struck me as I listened to the questions posed during the meeting.

Despite Commissioner Ed Davis and District Attorney Dan Conley declaring that Amy Lord's death was unrelated to drug activity, many of the questions from concerned neighbors focused on the decade long drug problem facing Southie. For a variety of reasons, too long to list here, the drug problem in Southie and throughout the rest of Boston has caused heartache and neighborhood instability for far too long. Whether it be the grandparent raising their grandchildren because their daughter is an addict, a local business owner whose shop has been broken into, or a concerned parent who is afraid to have their children play in the street because of the local dealer or discarded hypodermic needles, addiction affects us all.

It is a plague that needs the full attention

of the Mayoral and City Council races. I plan to give it the full attention it deserves. When I decided to run for Boston City Council At Large, I did it with the full intention of telling everyone in Boston my personal problem with addiction. Against advice from some more seasoned political observers, I wanted to be transparent with my addiction to Oxycontin and Heroin as a way to interject an honest and direct conversation about this scourge our city has dealt with for some time.

This is an issue that migrates into every other important topic we care about. Public safety and education policy-reforms we all seek, in my opinion, are directly tied into the substance abuse problem. How can we reform our schools without discussing the negative social consequences of drugs

and the domino affects of violence for which they contribute to? And how can I and other members of the new City Council and the new Mayor, pass school reforms that nudge us even closer towards neighborhood schools, if we cannot guarantee a safe and high performing neighborhood school to all residents of Boston because of the aforementioned problems?

We need to increase the presence of community health workers in schools and directly have them link with community groups who are tasked with dealing with drugs and other healthy neighborhood initiatives. In addition, we must look at reforming our zoning code, with the

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## Conor Ryan

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
staff report

South Boston Today would like to welcome aboard Conor Ryan. Conor will be joining our top sports coverage team. Conor is South Boston born and bred and received the strong educational foundation that has served him so well at St. Peter Academy. The son of Cathy and Neal Ryan, Conor has an older sister Jacqui, a recent graduate of the University of New Hampshire.

After St. Peter Academy, Mr. Ryan moved on to the prestigious Boston Latin Academy in 2007, graduating in 2011 as a varsity football player, Senior Class Secretary and Vice President of the Irish Cultural Club. He is presently a junior at Boston University seeking a B. A. in journalism with a graduation in the spring 2015.

While at BU, Conor is Associate Sports Editor for The Daily Free Press and a Beat Writer. He is an analyst for BUTV-10 show "Off Sides" and radio commentator on WTBU, "Monday Night Sports Block" and "Sports for Breakfast". He is also the creator of "Wicked Hot Hub Sports", website. As his resume indicates, he has accumulated a lot of experience wisdom in a short time. His wisdom exemplified when he stated with a grin, "with my column in front of Danny Picard's great series, everyone will have to go through me to read him".

South Boston Today is pleased to be able to offer the wit and analysis of Conor to our faithful readers.

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have an obligation among ourselves to make sure we are all safe," Lynch said. "We are best as a community when we take care of each other."

Councilor Bill Linehan recounted his concern over his daughter's late night return from work and his own fears, as he worriedly waited for her to get



home safely. "She sat on the front stairs, winding down from a busy evening at the restaurant, and I'm wondering why doesn't she just come inside", he said, understanding what many parents are going through.

Rep. Collins, who attended Amy Lord's wake in Springfield earlier in the day bringing with him the condolences of a grieving South Boston community, stated, "The Lord family appreciated the outpouring of support from South Boston and I assured them that Amy would not be forgotten".

South Boston residents made their voices heard during the Question and Answer portion of the meeting, addressing issues ranging from the slew of break-ins that occurred in the town starting in May, to growing concerns regarding the amount of drug activity in Southie and Dorchester. Residents also wanted answers about Edwin Alemany, the main suspect in Lord's murder, as well as the two other assaults on women.

Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis told the packed cafeteria that he is confident that the man suspected to be responsible for the crimes that occurred last Tuesday will be held accountable for his actions. "We are close," he said. "I am very gratified by the work that has been done by the detectives that have

been assigned to this case, and by the community, who have stepped up to help us with this investigation," he added. The Commissioner also stated that there has been "no evidence to link the conduct of the suspect with drug activity."

Davis also announced that, in an effort to help put the neighborhood back together and make community members feel safer, Boston Police in cooperation with the Mayor's office have approved the presence of an additional B.P.D. daytime drug unit in South Boston,



something that Collins and many of the civic associations have been calling for. It was clear that the community needed reassurance that officials have been and will continue doing everything in their power to protect South Boston.

Following the meeting, many seemed confident in their government officials' dedication to keeping South Boston safe. "I'm shaken up, it's scary," said Mary Lou Roscher, who runs the South Boston Farmer's Market and does work with the WIC Program at the South Boston Community Health Center, "you can tell that the crowd here represents what makes a good community. People just need to feel reassured, and I think their presence shows that they want answers for what's happened... and [officials] did a good job of giving us those answers."

Community members and officials were also urging fellow residents to be watchful of one another. Whether someone is a native of South Boston or new to the town, coming together as one makes Southie stronger as a community. Regardless of people's frustrations, that is what Monday's Public Safety Meeting was about - making an effort to be resilient in the wake of senseless tragedy and become stronger as a community.

Organizations in and around South Boston are reaching out to residents. There will be a Street Smarts Seminar held on Thursday,

August 1st, from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the BCYF Condon Community Center for anyone seeking out tips on how to be safer at home, at work, or in public. The Southie Shuttle buses are offering free rides to local fitness centers for women. This service will be provided until August 31st, every morning between 5:00 and 7:30am. Boston Police and the Area C-6 Community Service Office are also offering R.A.D. Self Defense



courses for any women interested in learning hands-on defense training. Despite emotions running high, the message was clear, and it was one of community.

### Editor's Note:

*South Boston Today applauds these long sought after policy shifts and resource deployment decisions.*

*Our first reaction is that it is critical that information be communicated by whatever means is at the police department's disposal. Text, Twitter and Email Alerts are standard operating procedures in most private sector communications programs and the same should be available to and used by public sector law enforcement (e.g. The MBTA police have a See Say Smartphone App that is available to passengers).*

*Secondly, we are astonished at the breakdown in both the court sentencing process and the detective work, regarding the violent suspect who roamed the streets again and again, despite his record. The demotion of the detective notwithstanding, the internal investigation being conducted may be the perfect opportunity to make changes in the command staff.*

*Finally, despite the assurance that the head of household tenant, who allowed the suspect to live in her apartment, is being evicted, it begs the question regarding the common knowledge that many people who don't belong in the BHA units are living there with impunity.*



# South Boston – Proud & Grateful

## “Our Heroes”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Brian R. Mahoney



Brendan Cahill, Nick Litterio, Patrick Curtin, Ryan Connolly, Matt Albanese, Chris Keaton, Kevin Cahill, Michael O'Dwyer

“How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child! Away, away!” is a quote from Shakespeare's King Lear sometimes used jokingly (or not so) by parents critical or disappointed in their child. I've often wondered what the quote is to describe the pride parents feel when that child steps successfully and confidentially into adulthood.

Whatever the quote may be, the pride is justifiably bursting and easy to see in Mary and Libby Albanese, Sharon Butler and Mickey O'Dwyer, Karen and Bubba Cahill, Michelle and Steven Connolly, Kathy and Rick Curtin, Margaret and Don Keaton and Suzanne Walsh. The party held July 12 at Florian Hall

was a celebration of their sons being sworn in as Boston Police Officers and, even if not intended, a tribute to the job they've done as parents.

Sometimes, it seems, only the bad acts get the ink while the vast majority of good kids are known only to their parents. Michael O'Dwyer, Chris Keaton, Nick Litterio, Patrick Curtin, Matt Albanese, Ryan Connolly and brothers, Kevin and Brendan Cahill are the best example of that vast majority.

All are South Boston born and raised, have all played soccer, baseball, hockey, football and basket ball, where their characters were molded by those coaches and parents on those fields, rinks and courts. They, too, were street kids but used those streets to meet with

friends and to get to those sports activities. Not as a place to plan and plot a life of uselessness. It isn't easy, but we are all given choices and these eight forged the character to make the right choice.

Sworn in July 1, they were on the streets for the 4th of July and officially graduated on July 9. Their newness should not be confused with inexperience. This class was immediately put on the street following the bombing for over a week. They enter their new career as our protectors, fully knowing the dangers but determined to keep us from harm. And boy do we need them. We can only thank them for representing the true South Boston and thank those parents for the job

they did. We also will bask in the reflected pride that is overflowing from the hearts of those parents.

Usually at this point SBT asks “what part did South Boston have in your success?” The pictures answer that question. SBT thanks and salutes our future detectives, captains, superintendents and police commissioners. We will close with some lines from a prayer offered July 24 for the memory of Boston Police, Leo Pistorino of South Boston. “O Almighty God, whose power and wisdom embrace the universe, watch over all law enforcement officers. Dear God protect these brave officers; unite them safely with their families after duty ends. Amen”.





Nick Litterio



Michael O'Dwyer with Mom Sharon Butler Grandmother Marie Butler and siblings 1



Matt and Jason Albanese



Brendan Kevin & Jeff Cahill and Matt & Jason Albanese



Chris Keaton and Mom Margaret



Patrick Curtin



Swearing in



Ryan Connolly



# 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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help of our leadership at the state level, to allow a specific distinction between a rooming house and a sober house. We must model this reform off of productive, community houses such as the Gavin House and never allow unsupervised rooming houses to exploit those early in recovery looking for legitimate help, which then pose an unnecessary danger to the entire community.

We must also look at reforming our philosophy around methadone and its distribution. As someone who believes in some harm reduction formulas, I remain unconvinced methadone has any positive effect on a person's recovery from drugs. It simply prolongs the condition

while creating very unhealthy physical conditions for the individual.

None of this means a simple solution is present, but it is the focus, in a high profile manner in this race, which is essential. And to be clear, many people have worked diligently to address this problem both in the community and among our elected leaders and their staff. It is a vicious cycle that is challenging to solve, but a challenge worth fighting for. I fought this battle in my personal life and won. There's not only hope for individuals like me but also for the community. When this problem is solved it will benefit us all.

*Jack Kelly is a candidate for Boston City Council At Large*

## Affordable Rental Opportunity

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**Winn Residential 233 Blue Hill Ave. Roxbury, MA 02119:**  
Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday September 20<sup>th</sup> 9am to 5pm

Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 9am to 1pm

Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 9am to 8pm

Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 9am to 8pm

To request an application to be sent to you, please call 617-442-8472 during the application period September 3-20.

**Deadline for completed applications at the above address:**

In person by 5:00pm on or postmarked by **Friday, September 27, 2013.**

Selection by lottery. Use and occupancy restrictions apply.

**\*At least one member of the household must be 62 years or older at time of occupancy**

5 units are restricted to CBH-Eligible households, of which 2 will have preference for wheelchair accessible units  
3 units have preference for homeless households referred by Homestart Inc., or other agencies serving the homeless. Preference for Boston Residents and households working in Boston for up to 70% of the units.

An informational session will be held on **September 9, 2013 at 4pm.**

This meeting will be held at the **Community Room at Castle Square Apartments**, located at: **484 Tremont St. South End, Boston, MA 02116.**

Community Room is located behind the management office adjacent to the parking lot

For more info or reasonable accommodations, call Winn Residential 617-442-8472



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# Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
141 Dorchester Ave UNIT PHA Condo	\$1,945,000	7/18/13	5	2.5	2025
537 East First St UNIT 1 Condo	\$670,000	7/26/13	4	2	1462
146 Athens St UNIT 1 Condo	\$649,000	7/18/13	5	2	1540
146 Athens S UNIT 3 Condo	\$640,000	7/25/13	5	2	1510
146 Athens St UNIT 2 Condo	\$612,000	7/19/13	5	2	1455
235 Gold St UNIT 2 Condo	\$550,000	7/22/13	4	2	1015
159 West Third St UNIT 2 Condo	\$528,000	7/18/13	4	2	1153
39 Dorchester St UNIT 7 Condo	\$525,000	7/23/13	5	2	1220
832 East Second St UNIT 1 Condo	\$522,000	7/25/13	4	2	1218
537 East First St UNIT 9 Condo	\$520,000	7/18/13	3	1	1030
221 D St UNIT 1 Condo	\$504,000	7/26/13	4	3	1488
663 East Fifth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$502,000	7/19/13	5	2	1149
581 East Eighth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$493,000	7/18/13	4	1	850
120 West Seventh St UNIT 403 Condo	\$490,000	7/18/13	4	2	1131
514 East Eighth Street Single Family	\$465,000	7/26/13	5	1.5	1076
360 West Second St UNIT 3 Condo	\$460,000	7/19/13	4	2	1154
468 East Eighth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$451,000	7/23/13	5	1	1010
7 Hatch St UNIT 1 Condo	\$444,000	7/19/13	5	1.5	952
7 Knowlton St UNIT 2 Condo	\$386,000	7/19/13	5	1	750
653 East Third St UNIT 2 Condo	\$380,000	7/26/13	2	1	461
30 Story St UNIT 1 Condo	\$375,000	7/26/13	4	1	774
122 G St UNIT 2 Condo	\$355,500	7/25/13	4	1	600
351 Dorchester St UNIT 3 Condo	\$275,100	7/19/13	5	1	719
188 Gold St UNIT 1 Condo	\$254,000	7/25/13	3	1	510

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# St Peter Academy Summer Fun With Trailside Museum and High Touch High Tech Science



During the past two weeks, the summer program at St. Peter Academy hosted 2 programs, Nature Tales from the Trailside Museum and Bubblyology from HTH Science. Perry from the Trailside Museum visited us during Camping and Wildlife Week and brought with him a barn owl. The children enjoyed the story "Owl Babies" and were able to see the barn owl up close and personal. Perry talked about owls being nocturnal and told the children what owls eat. He showed them how the owl can turn his head around and then the children were able to ask questions. His visit fit in nicely with our camping and wildlife theme. The children had fun making paper plate flying owls as well.

During Water & Bubbles Week, scientist Rita Advani from HTH Science brought Bubblyology to us. The children loved all of the experiments she had planned for them. Miss Rita had the children trace drops of water to see how drops of water connect to each other. She explained that water that falls from the sky as rain, makes

puddles, and eventually goes back to the ocean. Miss Rita told the children that bubbles have air inside of them and if they continuously blow through a straw the bubbles will stick together to make bubble buildings. She also showed them how a straw with bubble solution on it can pass right through a bubble, but if the straw is dry, the bubble will pop.

We'd like to thank both of these people for visiting and sharing their knowledge with the youngsters in our summer program. There are some spaces available for the South Shore Music Circus on August 8th, Puppet Showplace on August 15th, and Stone Zoo on August 20th. Email [spacademy2004@yahoo.com](mailto:spacademy2004@yahoo.com) if you'd like to come with us! Our summer program is open to all children! Your child does not have to be a student of St Peter Academy to attend.

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.







**Captions:**

1. Perry and the barn owl
2. Evy paints her owl with a big marshmallow!
3. The children listened to the story.
4. The children used water and bubbles to wash the cars!
5. The finished product – paper plate owls!
6. Miss Rita explains water and bubbles to the children.
7. Ruth and Ellie trace their water droplets.
8. Molly and Logan make bubble buildings.





## South Boston Catholic Academy Summer Camp

The Pre-K thru K2 summer camp program has gone to the library for story hour. The children's librarian engaged them with stories, singing, dancing and a craft activity. We also have story time, where the teachers and the older children have a chance to read books to the younger children. The children also had a chance to make their own books, in which they drew pictures based on their favorite book. The week of the 4th, the children went into the Commons for a ride on the Swan Boats and Make Way for the Ducklings and a group also went to the movies to see Despicable 2. After their snack, the student helpers played a fun game of tag with them.









# M STREET SOFTBALL



SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

by Mark Senna

After a nice start to the season the weather wreaked havoc and wiped away half the schedule last week. However, the league did manage to get in a handful of games so all was not lost.

On Monday, the Brewers were blanked by Shennanigan's but in the process proved that they belong in the conversation as a top contender. Their pitcher, Jack Flanagan, had another strong outing on the mound as he kept his team in the game and minimized the damage. However, the Brewers and the powerful offense were neutralized in this one as they fell 6-0. Greg Trudell struck the big blow for Shennanigan's when he smacked a three-run homerun in the first inning.

We almost saw our second shutout of the night as the Lincoln Tavern put the hammer down on the understaffed Cranberry Café and won easily, 15-1. Leo Evriviades (3 hits) and Max Vigliotti (4 hits, 2 doubles, and a homerun) were the hitting stars for Lincoln while Jim McNiff and Tommy McGrath split the pitching duties on the mound. Cranberry scored their only run in the fourth inning on a homerun by Garrett Hauck, who was filling in for Cranberry. Hauck, who plays for the Brewers, has been tearing it up this year and is leading the league in most offensive categories.

After a rainout on Tuesday night, the league got back to action on Wednesday and saw the Islanders put their 3-0 record on the line against the only other unbeaten team, Shennanigan's. This was a spirited game that started off quiet but eventually got very heated. The free swinging Islanders showed why they are leading the league in hitting (.459 team batting average) as they quickly went to work scoring runs in the first and second innings. Chris Miller (3 RBI) and Ben Larkin provided the big hits to put the Islanders out front, 4-0. Shayne Lotito was very effective on the mound for the Islanders and pitched well enough to earn the victory but it wasn't to be tonight. Shennanigan's scored a run in the fourth and then rallied in the fifth to take the lead against Lotito. They would eventually tack on three more runs in the seventh to win, 8-4.

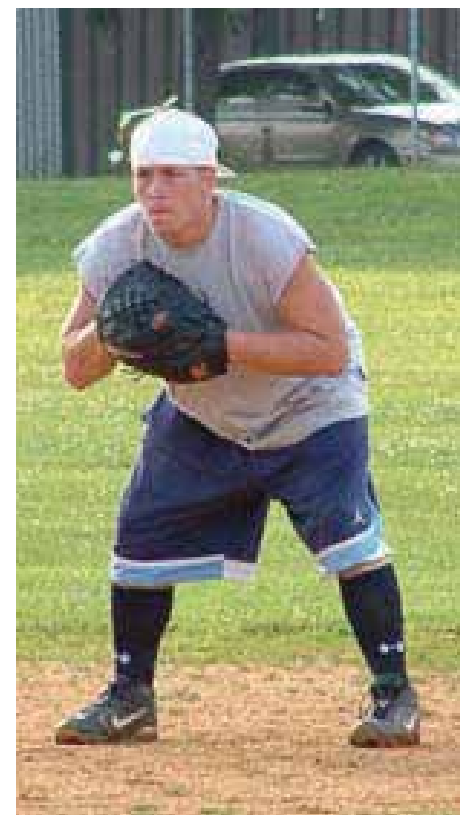
Wednesday's nightcap saw a great pitcher's duel between Joey Magee of the Warehouse and the Brewers' Jack Flanagan. Now for those of you who are not familiar with what these two pitchers bring to the mound every night let's just say that their pitching styles are completely different. Magee, the former Marine, is a hard throwing (73 MPH) strikeout pitcher who mainly relies on his strength to get outs. On the other hand, Flanagan is of a wiry build who tosses it up there at about half the speed and instead relies on his years of experience and the over aggressiveness of the young hitters to record outs. With that said these two locked horns and pitched so effectively that the game was tied 2-2 after six innings of play.

Prior to the tie, the Warehouse had built a 2-0 lead and carried it into the top of the sixth when one of the league's most feared hitters, Garrett Hauck, stepped into the batter's box. For the second time this week, Hauck homered (deep left) but this one really mattered as it tied the game and set off a jubilant celebration at home plate.

However, the tie didn't last long as Dan Pencinger led off the bottom

of the seventh with a single and later scored the game winning run on Brendan McGinn's single to left center. It was the second tough loss for Flanagan and the Brewers this week but again, they were right there and had given themselves a chance to beat a contending team with the game on the line and that's about all one can ask from their teammates.

As always, supporting fans and even Paul Turner can follow the league through our website (www.sbsports.com), right here in the South Boston Today, or experience the league up front and personal by taking in a game or two. Attending our games is always free and the action on the field does get heated at times but it's worthy of a night out. M Street Softball games are played Monday through Thursday with games starting at 6:30 and 8:10pm. Have a great week and we look forward to seeing you at the park.



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## South Boston Pop Warner 2013 Season Starts August 1st

South Boston Pop Warner will start its 16th season on August 1st at the McCarthy / Rosher Memorial Pop Warner Field next to the Murphy skating rink.

If you have registered, all cheerleading teams practice start at 6 PM. Football practice for F starts at 5:30 PM and C, D, & E football practice starts at 6 PM.

There are still plenty of spots available on all football teams.

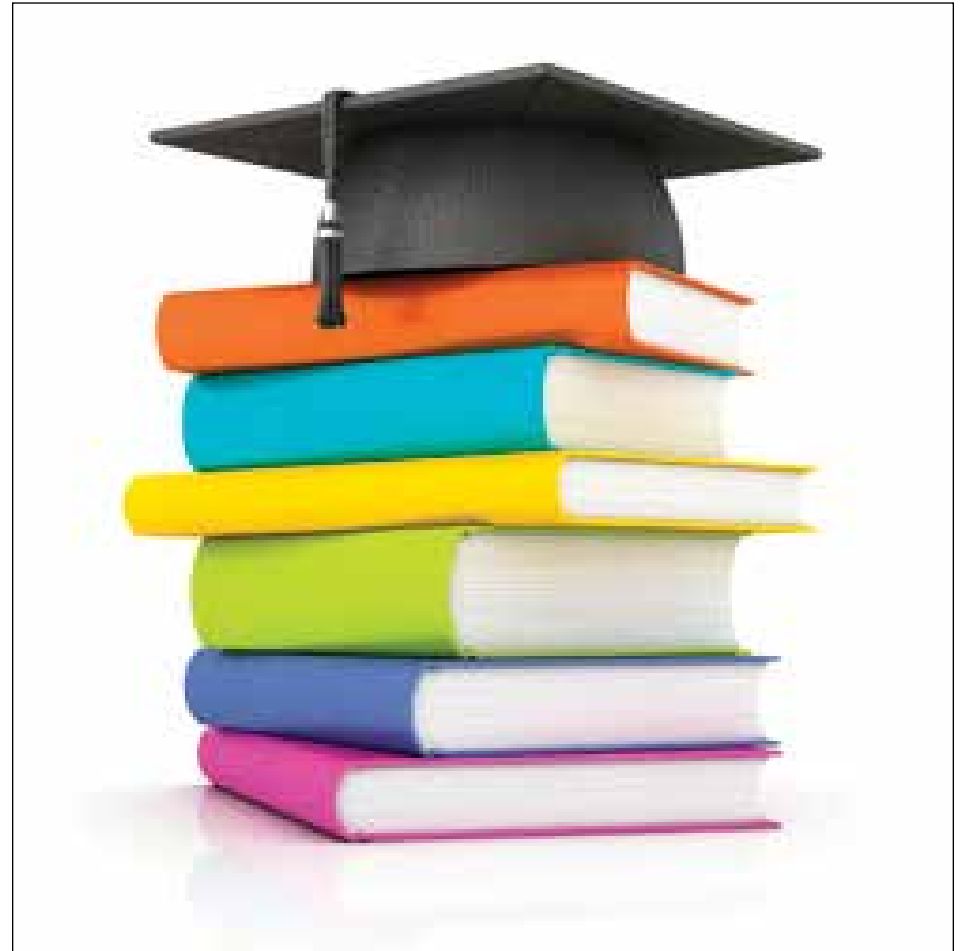
If you have not registered yet, make sure you get down the field by 5:30 PM to register your child.

The following is needed to participate in football or cheerleading:

- 1) National Registration
- 2) National Medical Waiver - The form has to be completed by a doctor and dated after January 1, 2013 or a note or a copy of an exam from a doctor or physician's assistant that clears the player or cheerleader to compete in football or cheerleading. The note or the exam has to be dated after January 1, 2013.
- 3) An original birth certificate (NO COPIES)
- 4) Copy of the June 2013 report card
- 5) Registration fee (\$125 for F team and \$175 for A thru E teams)

Forms can be downloaded from our website: [www.SBPW.com](http://www.SBPW.com)

Look forward to seeing everyone back at the Pop Warner field on Thursday, August 1st.



## History Of The South Boston Hall Of Fame Scholarship

The creation of the South Boston Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship Trust Fund was the brainchild of four of the officers of the South Boston Sports Hall of Fame--the late Bob Nichols, the late Injun Horan, Brian Wallace and Bob Sullivan. They asked Ed Bucigross to organize it and in 1995 the committee kicked off the program with a fund raiser at the JFK Library headed up by Dr. Terry Powell and featuring guest speaker Paul Horning of the pro-football Hall of Fame.

Then, with the help of the IRS and the Massachusetts Attorney General, we were able to present our first \$1000.00 scholarship grant as a 501(C) 3 non-profit organization. The same year, thanks to the family of the late Joe Crowley, the committee was able to serve as a conduit for a second grant. It continues today

to be a conduit for any family or organization who might want to offer a grant. Since 1995, the Fund has awarded 122 grants totaling \$148,000. The first nine years awarded 32 grants of \$1000 each. During the last nine years, 90 grants were given and since 2008 the grant amount has increased \$1500.

The committee receives twenty-plus applications for grants each year and our goal is to give all students who meet the basic qualifications as much aid as our fundraising allows. The Fund is not in the business to accumulate money, but desires to raise as much as possible and give it to the youth of South Boston.

The board of eighteen has done a tremendous job to perpetuate this worthwhile program and hopes to continue for as long as the people loyal to the youth of South Boston support it.



## My Red Sox Second-Half Predictions

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
By Conor Ryan

*(Note: All stats are current as off July 29th.)*

After a woeful 2012 season that saw the Bobby Valentine-led Red Sox finish the year with a dreadful 69-93 record – the team's first losing season since 1997 and the worst win-loss record in 47 years – it seems hard to believe that this new and improved 2013 Red Sox team currently possesses the best record in baseball.

Despite their impressive 63-43 record, the Sox cannot rest easy – as they will have to deal with a daunting second-half schedule that features 29 games against American League East opponents, including four games against the red-hot Tampa Bay Rays.

With just 56 games remaining on the year, here are some of my top predictions for the Red Sox second half.  
**1. Nava, Iglesias won't continue their first-half production**

It should come as no surprise that the Red Sox offense is one of the most dynamic in all of baseball with 531 runs scored on the season. However, what should come as a shock is who is exactly driving in those runs. While the usual suspects such as Ortiz, Pedroia, and Napoli have all been putting together status-quo offensive seasons, the emergence of Daniel Nava and Jose Iglesias has given the Sox lineup another big boost.

Nava, a 30-year-old outfielder who has spent most of his career seemingly trapped down in the minor leagues, has proven that with more at-bats, he can be much more than a reserve or platoon player. Nava is currently hitting a solid .284 on the year, and is on pace to drive in 79 runs on the year. The Redwood City, CA native is also 12th in the AL with a .371 on-base percentage.

Iglesias, a 23-year-old shortstop, has been a highly-touted prospect in the Red Sox system for years due to his defensive skills out on the field,

but after taking over the left side of the infield after 3B Will Middlebrook's demotion to Pawtucket, it has been Iglesias' bat that has come as the biggest shock. The Cuban-born shortstop is currently hitting .330 on the year, and was named AL Rookie of the Month for June after hitting .395 in 25 June contests.

While both players have been huge contributors for the Red Sox this season, I can't see them replicating their first-half stats in August and September. Iglesias has already struggled mightily in the second half, as his average dropped from .367 to .330 in just 10 games. Nava has also struggled, hitting just .143 in his last seven games with no RBIs. While both of these players were unsung heroes for the first half of the season, look for established Sox stars such as Ortiz and Pedroia to carry the offensive slack as the season winds down.

**(Unfortunately, it seems that Iglesias will not be able to close out the second half of the season with the Sox, as he was traded on July**

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**30 in a three-team deal that sent White Sox pitcher Jake Peavy to Boston.)**

**2. Clay Buchholz won't be back until September**

For the first three months of the season, it seemed like Sox pitcher Clay Buchholz was the front runner for the Cy Young Award, as the 28-year-old Texan compiled an impressive 9-0 record with a 1.71 ERA in 12 games. Unfortunately, Buchholz hasn't pitched since June 8th due to a neck strain. While his return to the mound has been delayed due to lingering pain in his shoulder, Buchholz was cleared to throw on July 23rd after visiting Dr. James Andrews. Despite this apparent good news, Buchholz has only started to throw off of flat ground and said that he likely won't be back until late August.

Based on his track history of injuries, I wouldn't be surprised if Buchholz doesn't return to the mound until September. Hopefully for the Sox, Buchholz won't miss a

beat when he returns, as the Red Sox need the right-hander to anchor this pitching staff if the team wants to make any noise in October.

**3. Xander Bogaerts is called up Mid-August, makes an immediate impact**

The No. 1 prospect in the Red Sox farm system and one of the most hyped minor league players in the entire league, Red Sox SS/3B Xander Bogaerts seems to be destined for stardom once he finally makes it up to the Show. Thankfully for the Red Sox, that time might come much sooner than expected. Despite being the youngest player in Triple-A baseball at just 20 years old, Bogaerts has been incredible with the Pawtucket Red Sox, hitting eight home runs in just 40 games. He was even better with the Double-A Portland Sea Dogs, compiling a .909 OPS in 56 games.

With the Red Sox suffering through their worst offensive month in July, promoting Bogaerts might just be the shot in the arm that the BoSox need,

similar to the Baltimore Orioles calling up top prospect Manny Machado last August. Promoting Bogaerts and putting him at the hot corner and shifting Iglesias over to short would also be great for the Sox in that the team would not have to go out and deal prospects in order to gain an player such as Michael Young or Aramis Ramirez to play third.

With just two months left to play in the season, it will be interesting to see how the Sox will respond during

this make-or-break final stretch of the season. Only time will tell.

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*This week, Danny talked with Comcast SportsNet Patriots Insider Tom E. Curran:*

**DANNY PICARD:** Going into Patriots training camp, what was the top thing on your list of things that you were looking at, going in?

**TOM E. CURRAN:** How the receivers mesh with the quarterback. I think that's the central theme to the entire Patriots season, at least early on. And how the defense performs is 1A behind that. Those two things are going to be hand in hand.

**DP:** So what have you seen?

**TC:** I've seen what I think most people would have anticipated, that it's going to be a slow process, and arduous process for the receivers to get on the same page with Tom Brady. And I think that there is certainly potential there. I think that Aaron Dobson particularly, and Josh Boyce to a lesser degree, and Kenbrell Thompson as a surprise, are three guys who, for better or worse, are going to be young players who are going to be on the field in 2013 right out of the shoot. I think that Dobson has shown very well after kind of a less than impressive period of mini-camp when we only get a limited look at them anyway. But he's looked very good. I think Boyce has great physical skill. And while he said during mini-camp that he would have it locked

down, in terms of the offense, he still has to get some of the details. [Monday] night, Tom Brady had to talk to him after a comeback. Boyce came too far inside and the ball went flying. Brady rolled his eyes and then they huddled up. But Kenbrell Thompson, from Cincinnati, has been a player that's been running with the 1's a lot. So I think that you're seeing those three players start to carve a niche for themselves.

**DP:** Is it more important that the wide receivers establish themselves with this team with Brady, or is it more important for the tight ends to do that? When we look at the tight end position, does Brady have a go-to guy? Will he have a go-to entering the season, with no Hernandez and at least for right now, no Gronk?

**TC:** That's the thing, Danny. You have to figure out, if you're an offense, "Okay, who are we right now? Who are we today against the Buffalo Bills? Who are we against the Jets? Who are we going to be against the Falcons?" And are you going to say, "Alright, well, we're going to be a Jake Ballard based offense today. Or we're going to be based on Hoo-man." You can't. You really can't, if you're the Patriots, and you want to win the football game. They're

different players, compared to the ones they're replacing. So that's why the Patriots offense, given that it has been so able to morph from week to week and be a gameplan offense, that's important right now, because when Rob Gronkowski comes back, presuming he comes back at full strength, you can morph back into that kind of offense. But going into the season, I don't think you can say, "Okay, we're going to do what we do, and we're going to throw a crapload to the tight ends." But it's Hoo-man and Jake Ballard and Daniel Fells. "No, we're doing it anyway." You can't. You have to be much more multiple, I think.

**DP:** When do you expect Gronk to return?

**TC:** It remains to be seen. Honestly, if he opens up on the PUP list for the season, obviously that will be Week 6. If not, it could be a week-to-week thing. But until we see him running around on the field in any respect at all, even going through the cardio stuff with the trainers during practices, you would have to presume that it's going to be a Week 6 or later appearance.

**DP:** So does the identity of this team have to be defense? Because I look at the defense and you have Talib, Ninkovich, the second-

year jumps in Chandler Jones and Hightower, Adrian Wilson and that battle between him and Gregory, Tommy Kelly, a lot of talk about him and how strong he is. Right now, this defense, it is their biggest strength. That's this Patriots team's identity going in. And that's not something that we've necessarily said the last couple of years.

**TC:** No, and I think people have begged and pleaded for that to be the case. But I think there were signals last year in the second half, maybe games 10 through 16 as Talib emerged, that showed this defense could be better. And I remember looking at the stats. They were about a 45 percent third-down defense. And then when Talib got here, they were about 25 percent for the rest of the season. And I think that they're going to be great. I really do. I think they can be excellent. Great is an overstatement, but I think in relative to how they've been, they're going to be great. I think that Tommy Kelly, he is as strong as Richard Seymour. I mean, a huge, powerful, fast guy, even as a veteran. And it'll be interesting to see if they can tap into some of that potential, now that he's on a winning team and away from the Raiders.

**DP:** Are you as much of a Talib





guy as I am?

**TC:** Yes, the reason being, he is a complete anomaly in the Patriots' defense, really since Ty Law. And he's so different from Ty Law. I mean, Ty Law's 5-foot-

11, 205, 210 pound corner. Big strong kid. Talib is 6-foot-2, 202. They haven't had a tall corner who can perform like Talib has the potential to do. I think some people last year said Talib was

getting too much credit. He's not. When you have a guy for the first time since Ty Law was here, who can bird-dog the opponent's best receiver and allow the rest of the secondary to worry about

their own responsibilities and not have to be hung up, you've made a big acquisition. And I think if Talib can stay healthy, you have a really important cog that very few teams in the NFL have.

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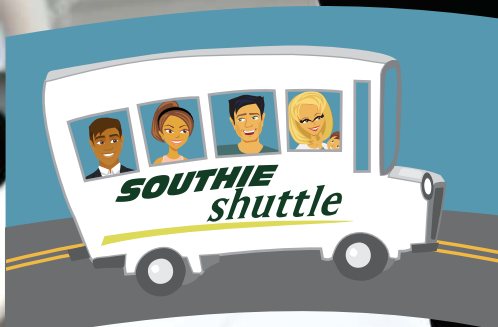
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