



A Letter To the South Boston Community From a Grateful Lord Family

The family of Amy Lord has been in contact with Rep. Nick Collins since the tragedy and has asked that he ensure that the people of South Boston know how grateful they

are for the outpouring of support and remembrances of Amy and solidarity with her hometown of Wilbraham. In that spirit, they have forwarded to him the following letter.

Dear South Boston,
We want to send our thanks to all the members of the South Boston Community. We know your hearts are breaking right now for Amy and our family. Amy grew up in a wonderful, small community town. When she moved to Boston, she was looking for the same feeling and she found it in Southie.

She could sense immediately that there was a strong, family-like community that existed there. She knew that she was one of the “newbies” and had a lot to learn, but she was anxious to be part of your community. She loved everything about it. She found doctor’s offices and felt at home. Thanks to a long time resident, she found a neighborhood mechanic she trusted and, of course, Castle Island and Sullivan’s.

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EDITORIAL “Giver and Takers”

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If the results of this politically correct posturing weren't so tragic, it would be laughable.

Even this state has joined with Federal authorities to combat EBT abuse - except for Boston. This administration will not enforce the law because “entering into an agreement with the state may jeopardize our local police ability to build trust... which is at the heart of our community policing strategy”.

The administration believes that investigating EBT abuse could

undermine key contacts police have in neighborhoods. Really? Is that what the administration believes? The 99% of the honest people receiving benefits will be upset if the criminal abusers are caught? This is the plan? Ignore it and hope it will get better? Or maybe go away?

When the Boston Police inadvertently busted an illegal EBT card sale two weeks before Amy Lord moved to South Boston, they discovered the card was in the name of Edwin Alemany, who was illegally living in the Old Colony housing

development. It was inadvertent, because under policy then and now the police do not investigate this type of criminal fraud.

This unit was charged with strictly drug control. The housing development itself has a total of one officer. Perhaps a warrant could have been issued at the time of this fraud, except the mayor doesn't want to upset free loading criminals. If the rest of the state prosecutes and Boston doesn't, won't that make Boston a magnet for the criminal class? And that is what these freeloaders

are about - free housing, free phones, free food, free EBT cash. “Free” is a four letter word easily understandable, unlike another four letter word “work”.

Instead of praising the architect of this twenty year nightmare, mayoral candidates should start telling us of their plans to undo the damage, and make Boston's streets safe for those who work and pay to keep the city going. How about a candidate who represents the ‘Givers’ instead of those who are bowing and scraping and promising to give even more the ‘Takers’.

The Only Thing Necessary for the Triumph of Evil is that Good Men Do Nothing
-Edmund Burke

Last Week's Poll

Last Week's Poll Asked *South Boston Today* Readers the Following:

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?

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The overwhelming 75% majority of respondents felt - No – demote the superiors

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Let me touch on a few topics for this week's column from the issues that you have sent in comments on over the past few days. First, it has finally happened. As we predicted, when the Boston Globe finally did get sold, the New York Times, The Globe's owner would sell it for a huge loss. In this case, reports say it was a 93% loss. It's a bit like wanting to get rid of an old broken down washing machine that hasn't worked right in years. (In the Globe's case, it was never in good working order). You want the old machine taken out of your basement. Sure, you'd like to get whatever you could for it, something at least, but if you really had to, you'd even pay someone to take it off your hands. Ok, taking a 93% loss isn't paying to get rid of the Globe but it comes pretty close. It's not surprising that there are rumblings that the sale itself was 'in the bag' as far as the bid process is concerned, but that might be a story for another time.

It has been reported that there are some Boston Globe higher ups, who have publicly expressed concern about the buyer; Boston Red Sox owner John Henry, and that the editorial content at the Globe, especially when it comes to sports reporting and in particular anything having to do with the Red Sox, might be compromised. Integrity? Credibility? They've GOT to be kidding. A look back at what is considered by so many to be the bias, slanted and unfair news reporting of the Boston Globe over so many years would reveal that in the eyes of people over several decades, neither was a priority at Morrissey

Boulevard. Pushing a left wing, radical agenda and trying to pass it off as main stream was the real priority. Saying the Globe's integrity and credibility would suffer is like Bill Clinton chastising the American people because they thought he was cheating on Hillary. Oh wait...

As far as the new owner, John Henry, I say let's see how he does before passing judgment. I'm willing to bet that with him in charge of that paper it has a decent chance of getting better and actually becoming a publication that might, just might be able to earn the trust of the public. When you think about it, it would be pretty darn hard to get any worse. Now that the New York Times will be out of the picture, the Globe could possibly start to resemble an American newspaper. We'll see.

New York City Mayor Michael 'Nanny' Bloomberg is reportedly so mad, he can barely speak since the courts in that state ruled again, and finally, that his ban on large sized sodas was illegal and cannot go into effect. This past July 4th, Bloomberg actually launched a campaign to ban sparklers. Yes folks, sparklers. Too dangerous, Bloomy said. To Bloomberg, most everything is too dangerous. If he could force everyone to live in a bubble, he probably would. He has banned trans fats, tried to ban salt, large buttered popcorn at movie theatres, coffee drinks with too much whole milk in them, baby formula at hospitals and an endless list of foods and other items HE finds objectionable. The man is 'out of control loony' and seems to get worse by the day. He has 27 billion dollars, so of course that gives him the right to regulate

the personal lives of everyone who doesn't – or so he thinks. He won't run again for mayor when his term ends next January because the polls show, despite all of his money, he has no chance of winning. The voters, even in liberal New York, have had enough of this guy. He's being told in so many words that people are tired of rich, little, would-be dictators

interfering in their personal lives. They want him to just go away, go far away.

Onto the next topic. The beefed up police patrols are still in our neighborhood doing their jobs well. They give some of our more jittery residents that extra sense of security and peace of mind. Day and night, you can see police cruisers making

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Letter to the Editor



During the days of school busing, South Boston was under vicious attack every day by the Boston and national media. The people of our community were called racists, parochial and un-enlightened. The media even intimidated other Boston politicians who got cold feet and were afraid to speak out in support

of school parents and the short sighted federal court decision on school busing in Boston.

Just last week, I summed up our community's sentiment against school busing on a black radio program when I said, "that school busing in Boston was an educational and social disaster. Everyone lost, especially our school

children, black and white."

Yes, the people of South Boston and our local elected officials had the courage to stand up to all the powerful institutions in Boston, and we were viciously maligned. But the local media, especially the South Boston Tribune, the local newspaper at that time, stood up to power, Washington politicians, the press,

the courts, and City Hall. The people of South Boston and our small newspaper stood united against all these powerful people and groups, who were openly and aggressively against us. The Tribune was often times, the only voice we had.

I just read that some people formally have approached one of our respected local newspapers, trying to get them to back off on their recent coverage of all the drug dealing and brutal attacks on defenseless women in our community. This is an outrage. I am certain that the people of South Boston will stand shoulder to shoulder with any news outlet that has the courage to report the truth about what is happening in our community. We may be a changing community, young and old, but we must all stand united against anyone who tries to divide us for money or politics.

I don't speak for any politician, party, institution or media source, but I would urge the people of South Boston to use the local press to speak out and have their important voice be heard. I'm certain that all our fine local news outlets in South Boston, will give the people of South Boston that opportunity.

With lifelong admiration and respect for the people of our South Boston community.

Ray Flynn

Former Ambassador, Mayor and legislator from South Boston, Ray Flynn is a frequent contributor to local, regional, national and international news organizations

Life Sentence in Slaying of South Boston Grandmother

BOSTON, Aug. 5, 2013—A South Boston man was sentenced to life in prison today after his conviction in the beating death of 65-year-old Barbara Tegen, Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley said today.

ADAM CASSINO (D.O.B. 5/9/86) of South Boston today received the mandatory sentence for first degree murder -- life in prison with no possibility of parole -- for the 2011 beating death of Tegen inside her home.

A jury convicted Cassino of the charge on July 23 after Assistant District Attorney Ian

Polumbaum introduced evidence and testimony at trial to prove that Cassino used a metal baseball bat to viciously beat Tegen inside her Andrew Square apartment sometime between Tegen's last contact with family members on Aug. 23, 2011, and Cassino's involuntary commitment to a drug treatment facility on Aug. 24.

On Aug. 22, the evidence showed, Cassino was accused of stealing prescription pills from another resident of Tegen's apartment building. As a result, Cassino was thrown out of his own home and stayed at a friend's apartment for



two nights. Witnesses described his demeanor around this time as erratic and agitated and testified that Cassino was unaccounted for during periods of time on the afternoon of Aug. 23.

Boston Police took Cassino into custody on Aug. 24 after his

mother petitioned the court to have him civilly committed, and he was taken to the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center at Bridgewater State Hospital. Three days later, on Aug. 27, Tegen's body was found with massive blunt force trauma injuries to her head. She had been dead for several days.

Boston Police homicide detectives interviewed Cassino, who claimed that Tegen had offered to sell him prescription pills but that he didn't enter her apartment because he didn't have any money.

Detectives interviewed Cassino and recovered the sneakers he was wearing at the time he checked

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Reading Between The Lines

“A Choice”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Brian R. Mahoney

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Although this column has an e-mail address, those who know me realize I am next to useless regarding the operation of computers and e-mails. After attending a long scheduled meeting last Monday night, I arrived at the Tynan School about 45 minutes after that meeting started which, of course, meant I couldn't squeeze in and I took the unusual step of looking for feedback, online. I had help, naturally.

The comments I found were wide ranging. Many thought the meeting helpful, informative and needed. Some thought it was a “dog and pony” show. Some complained that a couple of people wanted to turn the discussion to important, but unrelated, issues.

One site I caught, saddened me. It seemed the majority of respondents preferred to engage in offering a critique of those in attendance, instead of solutions to the awful tragedy. Sly innuendo about appearance, financial status, probable education and articulation seemed to be a common back and forth theme. Ridicule and contempt, rather than thoughtful conversation for common ground and compromise seemed to be standard operating procedure for these anonymous denigrators. Show some courage. Take out an ad and tell your neighbors to their face the contempt that you feel for them. You have a choice. That's what courage is about - doing the hard thing when there's an easy way out. We throw around the words courage and hero all the time. So much so that the words lose their meaning. An athlete

making \$ 5 or more million a year limps during a game and an announcer will laud his “courage”.

Back a few years ago, I coached Pop Warner football and Little League baseball. Two of the kids I coached were brothers. Their dad was one of those dedicated parents, always there with their kids at practice and games. Not one of those psycho “Jimmy Piersall-Karl Malden” type parents. A nice easy going guy sitting in the stands, just watching or always ready to lend a hand. Ninety degree weather and the coach (Me) forgets water, this dad would be gone and back in a flash with frosty H2O.

It isn't easy for a union carpenter to balance work with his kids schedule, but South Shore or North, afternoon or evening, he would always find a way, covered with saw dust or not, to make the game. That's why I wasn't surprised or shocked when I heard his name. If anything I was proud to say we're friends. Confirmed in my original feeling that Charley was a good guy, I just didn't know how brave a guy he was. We probably don't know that about many people. Not all are given the test. The test is ‘choice’.

When Charley heard the screams, he could have chosen to stay in his house. When his eyes saw what his mind couldn't believe he had a choice to leave. Even when he screamed “stop punching that girl” and his subconscious mind made him realize these punches were actually knife thrusts he refused to back down. And when the monster slyly tried to approach with a story of “some white dude

was beating her”, Charley instead stood his ground and answered “no, it was you attacking her”.

Now, it was the monster with the choice. Attack or flee. In the true manner of cowards the world over, he fled. Now Charley Reddy, a lifelong South Bostonian, didn't know if the victim was a new “yuppie” or a “local yokel”. Or maybe he did. Who knows? What difference does it make? It obviously made no difference to Charley. All he knew is that a

neighbor needed help. That's all any of us should need to know. Courage isn't what you do when you have no choice. It's what you do when you have a choice. Charley Reddy, you are a hero and I'm honored to be your friend.

The rest of us aren't being asked to face a knife-wielding killer, unarmed, like Charley did. We are only being asked to talk TO your neighbor instead of talking ABOUT them.

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Fallout From Recent Violence Affects Internal BPD Politics

Minority Law Enforcement Organization votes 'no confidence'

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It has been reported by both Boston dailies that the Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers, otherwise known as MAMLEO, took a 'no confidence' vote on Commissioner Ed Davis and Superintendent in Chief, David Linskey, while also calling for Davis' resignation. The finding by MAMLEO is that Davis and his administration discipline officers of color more harshly than white officers.

A spokesman for Davis would not comment on requests for a statement made by the Boston Globe and Boston Herald. However, Dot Joyce,

a spokeswoman for Mayor Menino said the mayor has "full confidence in the commissioner's ability to run the department in the most professional manner possible."

Larry Ellison, President of MAMLEO, stated that as an example Davis promoted five white officers while not considering nine officers of color who were also eligible. Later in the afternoon, after receiving complaints from the group, Davis promoted two black officers. Boston Police Superior Officers Federation Vice President, Mark Parolin, said the department also bypassed two white officers with

the same scores as those who were promoted. He claimed the department is short staffed and believes that all of those eligible for sergeant should be promoted because of the need.

Ellison told the Boston Globe that his group will send letters to the White House and the Massachusetts Congressional delegation urging them not to support Davis for the post of Homeland Security. "He should not be able to go spread his lack of vision and diversity nationwide. I think we are doing a service to the national government exposing his shortcomings when it comes to diversity, and fairness."

The fallout from this tragedy is giving the residents of Boston a glimpse into the internal affairs of the Police Department that had rarely been made public during Davis' tenure under Mayor Menino.

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their rounds and even police on foot keeping a sharp eye out for any potential problems. They are looking good out there, they are keeping the bad guys at bay and that's what this town needs after a pretty rough couple of months. To the police we say 'keep up the good work'; your presence is very much appreciated.

Since we mentioned Mayor Bloomberg, for this week we'll throw in another off-the wall politician. It's Democratic Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee. She recently went on one of her anti-gun tirades, saying it's the guns fault that gangbangers are so bad. She insists that these murderous, drug dealing walking crime waves are really good people who just need a little rehabilitation, understanding and maybe a hug or two. If not for the guns, these thugs would be winged Angels as far as Congresswoman Lee is concerned. Thinking people of course know better. If these gang members didn't have guns, they'd use knives, ball bats, their cars and even an ear of corn if that's all they could get their hands on. Congresswoman Lee lives in a fantasy world of wishful thinking and pleasant dreams like so many other liberal politicians.

A case in point is the State (or Commonwealth) of Virginia. The recent stats show since Virginia had, as of 2 years ago, loosened up its gun laws to make it easier for civilians to purchase and carry firearms, gun ownership has climbed way up quickly yet violent crime has dropped by more than 5%. Why? The consensus is, the gangbangers and other criminals are the ones who feel threatened now. They know that more of their once unarmed potential victims are now packing; sometimes right out in plain sight. In Virginia, you can walk around with your holstered handgun visible to all, if you choose. This is called an 'open carry' law. The result is, it's not so easy for killers, muggers and rapist to have their way any longer; especially since women now make up almost half of gun owners there. When these facts were brought up to Congresswoman Lee at a recent seminar, she had no response. Being shown facts tends to have that effect on people, who seldom know what they are talking about.

BRA's Role: Make Developers Rich or Work For The People?

Over the past few years, the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) has given away tens of millions of dollars in tax breaks to wealthy companies. In 2012, they gave \$24 million dollars to Liberty Mutual, one of the largest financial institutions in the world. There is an ongoing petition to revoke those tax breaks. State Street Corp., which received a large bailout from the federal government during the now infamous market crash of 2008, was given a tax break of \$11.5 million from the BRA. Could the award of these tax breaks have leveraged funding for more police, or to educate our children, or to fund libraries?

In a recent interview with NECN, BRA Executive Director Peter Meade responded to a question regarding the fact that Mayor Menino controls and makes the decisions for the BRA, using it as a political tool. Meade wasn't hiding or denying it. "He is the mayor...I hope he has influence in all of the city departments", said Meade, who also spoke of construction being the Mayor's priority. Isn't the BRA supposed to be a separate and "independent" authority, maintaining the integrity of the development market

by balancing the needs of a neighborhood against the desires of the real estate developer and the directives of the Mayor? This independence is made all the more difficult when one learns that Liberty Mutual executives gave nearly \$10,000 to Menino's political campaign in recent years.

Although Meade announced that he will be leaving at the end of the year, he continues to try to change BRA policies that benefit developers and disadvantage residents. Fast tracked projects in Jamaica Plain, Allston, and South Boston are obvious signs. Another questionable change that Meade and the BRA have recommended is the shrinking of the parking requirements for new residential housing units. Has he set foot in South Boston lately? Or the Back Bay? Or Beacon Hill? Or Charlestown? Parking is a nightmare. In South Boston, local officials are constantly trying to find new ways to make more parking available for residents. Meade's response – "get a bike! We'd rather build more units than parking spots."

As the monstrous Allston Landing

development gets constructed, Meade said "Allston will go through a very big transition." Is there no concern for the residents of the neighborhoods, who are already living here? It appears that Mr. Meade has a priority for developers with the ability to finance their big projects immediately, including Harvard University, which has over \$30 billion in its endowment funds.

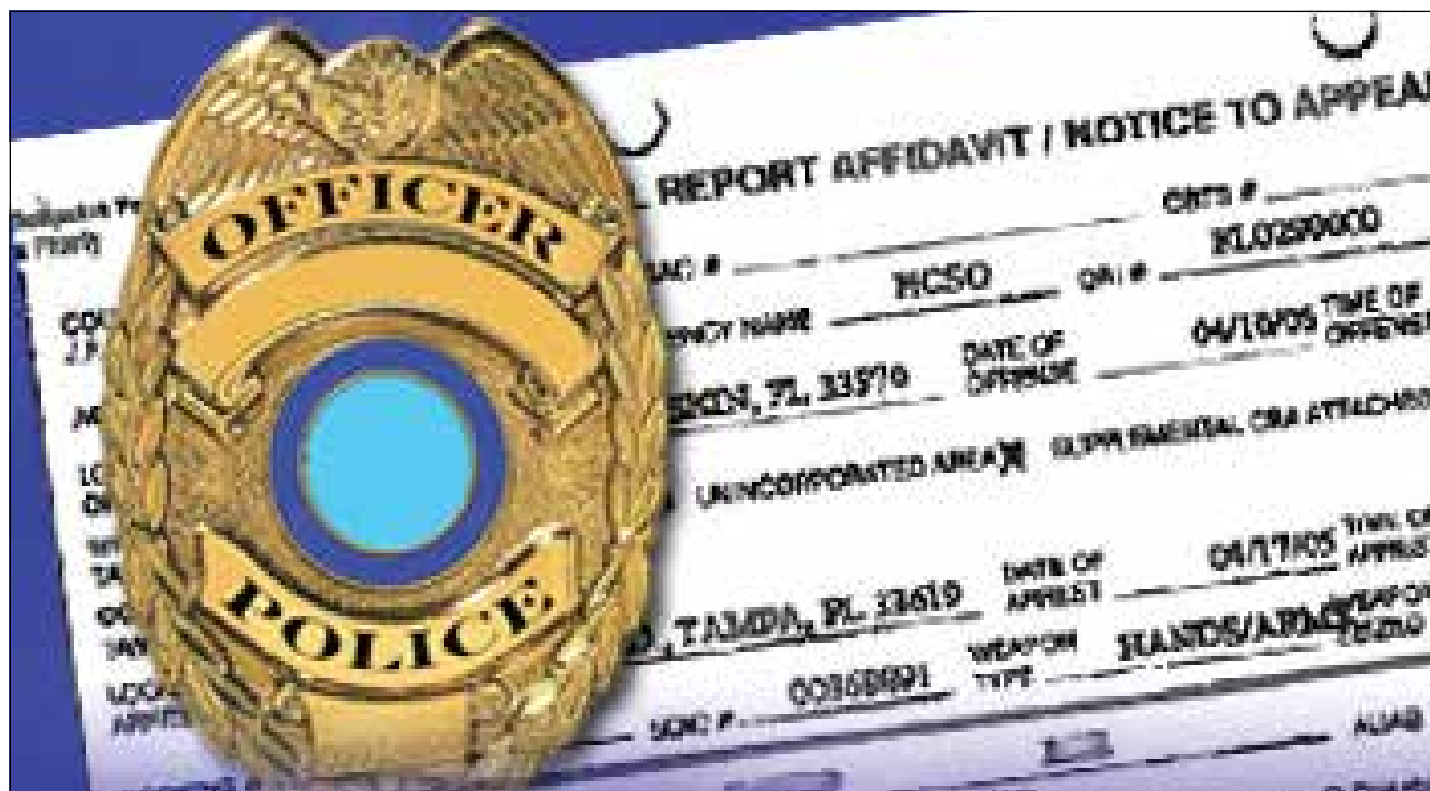
It is also the case that the BRA and the Menino administration aren't promoting affordable housing – at least not in the South Boston neighborhood. The new First Street zoning, void of any affordable housing component, and granting building permits to favored developers and their equally as favored contractors, with 4 months left in the Mayor's term is bold enough. But changing the rules as you go to accommodate the gluttons, amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars, seems amoral.

On Wall Street, insider trading is illegal. It didn't matter to them either, since the SEC, the so-called independent 'Authority', with responsibility for protecting the integrity of the financial markets, just looked the other way as the market was being compromised by greed. In the end, some of the 'connected' rich got richer, except for those who just got too greedy... and they went to jail.



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Collins Calls for Round-Up of Violent Offenders

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
by David Pollard

South Boston Representative Nick Collins is calling for the Boston Police Dept., in coordination with the Massachusetts State Police, to conduct a city-wide so-called warrant sweep in an effort to get violent offenders off of the streets, and to assuage the fears that many residents are still feeling, two weeks after South Boston resident Amy Lord's murder.

While community members came together a week ago Monday night with elected and law enforcement officials at the Tynan School to discuss public safety, everyone knew that discussion was only the overdue next step in a community effort that began over a year ago when two elderly South Boston women were tragically murdered and community outrage ensued.

Now, Representative Collins is demanding action in the form of a warrant sweep, targeting criminals with a history of violence. "The sweep we request is one that will create a system that prioritizes the warrants," Rep. Collins said. "Cops can't always tell the difference between someone whose warrant suggests that person is simply a shoplifter, yet in reality may be a violent criminal who may have a series of assault and battery

charges pending." Collins added it would be a "long sweep" of the city, indicating his understanding of the amount of work to be done.

This action has been called for in response to the violent attacks that were committed by repeat offender Edwin Alemany - who had 10 felony convictions prior to the attacks which took place two weeks ago. Alemany was not arrested last September, when he was suspected of assaulting a woman - even though the victim managed to obtain Alemany's identification that was subsequently handed over to police. Commissioner Ed Davis announced at the Tynan School auditorium last Monday that the detective in that case "has been demoted to a patrol position," and "will no longer be doing investigations in the city of Boston."

A formal arraignment of Alemany, who is currently undergoing psychiatric evaluation at Bridgewater State Hospital, is expected soon, after authorities said on last Thursday that he will be charged for the murder of Amy Lord. In instances such as Alemany's case, where a violent criminal should be taken off the street, prioritized warrants will allow police to make more educated decisions, when it comes to assessing whether an individual is dangerous to the public. "There are

thousands of outstanding warrants all across Boston," Collins said, "We want the police to target the most violent offenders and get them off our streets immediately."

Collins, along with his Republican colleague in the House of Representatives, Dan Winslow of Norfolk, who is also an attorney, is in the process of drafting legislation that will help local law enforcement prioritize its pursuit of warrants targeting violent offenders.

South Boston residents are looking for answers from their elected officials and the Boston Police. Now, it is clear that steps are being taken to assure residents of South Boston and the entire city that its leaders not only want people to be safe, they want them to feel safe.

In his letters to Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis and Col. Timothy P. Alben, Collins wrote, "In light of the recent violent attacks, particularly those targeting women in my district, I write to you requesting that a warrant sweep be conducted city-wide, targeting individuals with a history of violence. As we try to restore the public's confidence in public safety at this time, it is my belief that this effort would go a long way towards that end by getting those individuals most likely to commit violent crimes off of our streets.

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into the treatment facility, which had traces of blood on the soles and tongue that proved to match Tagen's DNA, testimony showed.

Detectives also recovered an aluminum baseball bat in the apartment where Cassino stayed on the nights of Aug. 22 and 23. Like his shoes, the bat carried traces of blood with a DNA match to Tagen. In addition, the grip of the bat yielded "handler DNA" consistent with Cassino's genetic profile, forensically linking him to both the murder victim and the murder weapon.

"This was an unconscionable act of violence - in both its brutality and its senselessness," Conley said. "The pain suffered by Barbara Tagen's family is still raw, and even today's sentencing cannot change that. I can only hope that this family and the South Boston community can find some peace in knowing that her killer has been brought to justice."

Prior to imposing the sentence, Suffolk Superior Court Judge Garry Inge heard victim impact statements delivered by Tagen's grieving relatives.

"My beautiful daughters will never have the opportunity to share the things that granddaughters reserve only for their grandmothers, their Nonnie. My sister and I will never be able to call on her for advice or share with her an important moment. Our lives will never be the same," Tagen's son said in an impact statement. "To know the excruciating pain and torture she suffered at the hands of this monster is inconceivable. To know that I wasn't there to protect her and shelter her from animalistic combat she faced is something I will always have to deal with."

Katherine Moran was the DA's assigned victim-witness advocate. Cassino was represented by attorney Lorenzo Perez.



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Audience

Year Round Dog Friendly Beaches in South Boston?

That was just one of the many topics discussed at Tuesday night's public hearing in the Curley Rec Center attended by about 75 South Boston residents and the Metropolitan Beaches Commission (MBC).

The meeting was opened by commission members, Senator Thomas McGee (D-Lynn), his co-chair, Rep. Kathi Reinstein (D-Revere), and host Rep. Nick Collins (D-South Boston), who, prior to the meeting, were treated to a tour of the beautiful stretch of beach from Carson to the Lagoon, courtesy of the Southie Shuttle. The commissioners explained that the purpose of the meeting was to gather information, concerns and successes that will allow the Commission to assess the current conditions of the beaches. The objective is to draft a report that will examine the impacts of the reforms and recommendations made in its first report in 2007

and to make recommendations for further improvements. The Commission is meeting with public beach communities from Nahant to Nantasket and estimates that they will meet with nearly 1000 residents in total while gathering their information. Other Commission members in attendance were: Sen. John Keenan (D-Salem), Sen. Anthony Petrucelli (D-East Boston), Kenny Ryan – South Boston resident, Mark Cullinan – Nahant resident, Joan Meschino - Hull resident, Samantha Overton - DCR, Dan Nutting – Savin Hill Resident.

Bruce Berman of the non-profit harbor advocacy group Save the Harbor/Save the Bay broke the audience into 4 smaller groups to better share their thoughts, issues, past improvement successes and recommendations for the Commission to consider. For more information on Save the Harbor or a copy of the 2007 MBC report please

go to www.savetheharbor.org.

While there were some very specific issues, there seemed to be some common thoughts that came from all 4 groups. On the plus side it was expressed that the cleanliness of the water has vastly improved, the beaches are cleaner and safe, have easy access and the bath houses have also improved.

Of course, in a public hearing you can expect a full agenda of improvements that are proposed to take the South Boston beaches from "good to great". Many of these could be argued from both sides based on personal preferences and needs. These included: year round dog friendly sections, more lights, more businesses, more recreation, road races should continue to be limited and lifeguard inconsistencies.

There was definitely a majority who expressed their concerns over the amount of alcohol being consumed

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to the point of liquor actually being delivered to the beach area. The call was for a larger police presence to deter the drinking, which is illegal on the beach and can result in a citation. The DCR supplied telephone numbers you can call if the consumption of alcohol on the beach is observed: 508-820-2000 or 617-722-1188.

In addition, there were proposals for: more trash cans and pickup, better sand maintenance and erosion control, also a larger police presence to eliminate the increasing hazard that exists because of constantly speeding cars, more blue-light call boxes to and ambient lighting for the safety of after dark joggers and walkers, the elimination of rodents in some areas, more kayak access, snow plowing Castle Island walkways for use in the winter, additional walls and sidewalk

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A Chat With Mayoral Candidate John Barros

The Third In A Summer Long Series

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
staff report

One thing, fast becoming obvious, is that this mayoral race has not only a quantity of candidates but high quality candidates. John Barros is the latest example of this fact. A prominent figure in the Cape Verdean Community and a leader in the Roxbury and Dorchester communities, Mr. Barros is married with a 15 month old son, John and his wife Cynthia is expecting their second child. Barros, the 39-year-old son of Cape Verdean immigrants, has a lot to talk about. After graduating from Boston College High, then Dartmouth College, Barros was hired by Chubb Insurance, spending time in their New York offices, getting a taste of corporate America. He says it was a great experience. Barros returned to Boston to become the Executive Director of the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative and combined his business savvy with a taste for good food and co-owns a family-run Cape Verdean restaurant, Cesaria, in Dorchester. Mr. Barros

recently resigned his seat on the Boston School Committee to devote himself full time to his campaign. Our first question, therefore, was on schools and education.

On Schools:

Along with his experience as a School Committee Member, John was the driving force behind the creation of the Orchard Garden and Dudley Neighborhood Charter School. He sits on the Board of St. Patrick's and is an Associate Trustee of B. C. High. His first order of business would be to downsize school headquarters at Court Street and redistribute that power to the individual school districts. Court Street would be more of "back office support" and serve the districts instead of dictate to them.

He would create flexible teacher schedules, which would allow extended school days. The physical upgrade of buildings and modernized school equipment would be a priority. Partnerships between business and students

for career training and beginning that training from birth to career placement. Mr. Barros believes the earlier that education begins the better results, and at age 4 a child will have a school seat - guaranteed.

On Crime and Drugs:

Mr. Barros immediately pointed out that South Boston's "outrage is justified" regarding the tragic murder of Amy Lord. Noting the large part that drugs play in crime, Mr. Barros believes no one is too young to begin drug education. Early prevention and better drug education are keys in this fight. Jobs, especially in the summer, must be available and Mr. Barros believes arrests must be in tandem with treatment. Returning to the Lord tragedy he promised an "amber alert" type system would be created where an in progress message would be sent to cell phones in a specific area alerting citizens to the actual crime. He believes citizens can't help the police if they're not informed.

On Real Estate Development:

Mr. Barros would modify instead of destroy the BRA. He believes the tools the BRA offers are needed for successful development but his first change would be to separate planning from development.

He would create a City Department that would meet with residents to assure that agreements on development are kept. He would assign linkage money derived to the neighborhood where a development occurred. Mr. Barros believes those benefits should go directly to the neighborhoods. Most importantly Mr. Barros insists that local residents get the jobs and the training needed. In his words, it's time to "get serious" in enforcing local hiring. The city, too, would have to do their part in getting job, hiring and training information out to residents.

Vision For Boston:

Mr. Barros has a vision for Boston as its mayor that would offer career training beginning as early as four years old and continuing to career placement. He would re-create night school training programs specifically geared to job needs created by employers. This would also be used to train for the new career opportunities in the new health and technology innovations promoted under his administration.

He has pledged to work with the Teachers Union to create a longer school day with fair pay. He believes an increase in foot patrol officers on walking beats is mandatory, as is an increase in the size of the police force coupled with earlier, better and consistent drug education as the key to fighting crime. He believes with his new, younger, fresher vision, Boston can realize even more of its untapped potential.

Who Was The Best Mayor In Boston's History?

Mr. Barros selected John "Honey Fitz" Fitzgerald as the most significant mayor in Boston history - "the legacy he left, carried on by the Kennedys has shaped American history to this day".

South Boston Today wishes this vibrant young leader good wishes in his campaign.

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MBC Head table

One of the break out groups



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repairs and additional transportation to the beaches. On this last point, it was pointed out that the privately owned Southie Shuttle takes people to the beach and is also free to senior citizens, who are regularly transported to Castle Island during the summer.

Senator McGee closed the meeting by thanking the Southie residents for attending and stated: "The key to the MBC report is to not only identify how important a natural resource our beaches are, but to recommend improvements not only for tomorrow, but that improvements to the beaches must continue to ensure our grandchildren and future generations can enjoy them."

After the meeting, Representative Nick Collins stated: "This was really a great meeting for the residents of South Boston to express their issues with the beaches and to allow the members of the MBC to hear those issues and proposals for improvements. The issue ran the gambit from public safety, to dog access, to public drinking, to beach improvements. Be assured all the issues and proposals will be taken into consideration in developing the MBC report and to propose changes and adjustments to the current plan. It was a real honor to co-host the meeting."

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Since this tragedy has happened our hometown, Wilbraham, has embraced our family in their love and support. Friends, neighbors - everyone - have been trying to think of anything they can do to support us. One of the things they have done is to place white ribbons throughout the neighborhood and around town.

Someone close to us shared the statement below that was put on Facebook by the South Boston Community. Our family was incredibly touched. This is a perfect example of the close, caring community that Amy knew existed. Tragedy can and does strike in places and ways that are unimaginable, and we want everyone to know that we will never believe that it defines the South Boston Community.

Thank you so much for your show of solidarity and connection to us. But, most importantly, thank you for embracing Amy. We are sure she is smiling in the vibrant, infectious and loving way that only Amy can.

The Lord Family

Tie a White ribbon

"After her tragic death on Tuesday, Amy Lord's hometown of Wilbraham has decorated its homes and open spaces with white ribbons in Amy memory. Let's do the same here in South Boston and show solidarity, support and love. We encourage you to decorate your homes, trees, and businesses with a white ribbon to remember such a beautiful member of our community. We want to see white ribbons everywhere! Thank you!"

Publisher's Note: The staff of South Boston Today encourages all of our readers and friends to honor Amy's memory and the heartfelt sentiments of her family and continue with the display of white ribbons until justice is finally served.

The Committee to Elect Jack F. Kelly III



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City Councilor at-large

is honored to announce the official endorsement of State Representative Nick Collins of South Boston. To learn more about Jack's candidacy visit jackkellyforboston.com or attend our upcoming event:

When: Thurs., August 15, 2013, 5-7pm

Where: Harp & Bard Restaurant
1099 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester

What: Meet with the candidate, enjoy light refreshments, and a cash bar. Suggested donation of \$25.



Deb Putnam: Third Place - Oil



Dan McCole: First Place - Watercolor



Deb Putnam: 'Eve' First Place - Oil

The Artists' Studio

Southie Artists take a bunch of ribbons at Marina Bay

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By Dan McCole

Last weekend Southie artists lugged their art works down the Expressway to Quincy and took home a bunch of ribbons for their effort in the 18th annual ArtsAffair at MarinaBay.

Deb Putnam, led all Southie artists, as well as all other artists in the show, with two ribbons, First Place and Third Place for oil painters. First place was a painting called 'Eve' showing a woman sitting with a sun umbrella between vehicles at a custom auto show in Dedham. The second was a painting of a section near Perkins Square at Dorchester Street and East Broadway. Deb was not present for the award ceremony ... she was exhibiting at the Patriot's Gallery in Patriots Stadium, Foxboro.

Dan McCole was awarded First Place in the Watercolor division, with his painting of 'Abraham' ... a study of the Lincoln Memorial, Washing, D.C. Dan also entered another watercolor called 'Top of the Heap' a study of a

seagull standing one-legged on an old railing at Castle Island. However, the painting had been sold and his entry was a print, not an original. It was on exhibit but not judged.

SBAA member and Quincy resident Dan Myers took first place in the sculpture category and one of his protégés, SBAA member Cheryl Ward took third place with her sculpture piece.

Southie oil painter Maureen Murphy was awarded an honorable mention as was Harold Cuniff for his entry in the mixed media division.

Other South Boston artists exhibiting in the show were painters Norman Crump, Amanda Crump, and photographers Pauline Margarone and Judith Sweeney.

In the past Norman Crump was awarded many ribbons, including 'Best of Show'. Deb Putnam and Dan McCole were also awarded 'Best of Show' at previous exhibits. The ArtsAffair at MarinaBay is a two-day event

that introduces the talents of artists, sculptors, and photographers who live and work in many of the district and SouthShore communities.

The exhibit displays works in Oil & Acrylic; Watercolor; Mixed Media; Drawing; Sculpture; and Photography. The exhibit is produced by a combination of Independent artists, art association members, and affiliated group members including: Braintree Art Association, Brockton Council on Aging, Canton Art Association, Hull Artists Studio Connection, Hyde Park Art Association, Independent South Shore Artists Circle, Jamaica Plain Art Association, Massasoit Community College, Milton Art Museum, Needham, Newburyport, Norwood, Quincy, and South Boston Art Associations, South Shore Art Center, West Roxbury, and Weymouth Art Association.

A special memorial dedication will be held for a great friend of the SBAA and one of the original producers of

the ArtsAffair, former Quincy Art Association president and a noted and accomplished artist Annette Paglierani, Saturday August 10 at 1 p.m. at the Quincy Art Association building, 26 High School Street, Quincy. R.I.P.

Next exhibit for members of the Southie Arts Association will be at the Street Festival on East Broadway Saturday, September 14.

The Arts Association meets on the second Saturday of the month at the CurleyCommunity Center at the L Street Bathhouse.

However this month, due to a special advanced commitment, the meeting will be held on the third Saturday, August 17, with Bill Brett as the featured artist of the month. Bill is a nationally known photographer and author of three photography books.

The meetings are open and offer free attendance for the public and all are encouraged to attend. Coffee and refreshments will be available.



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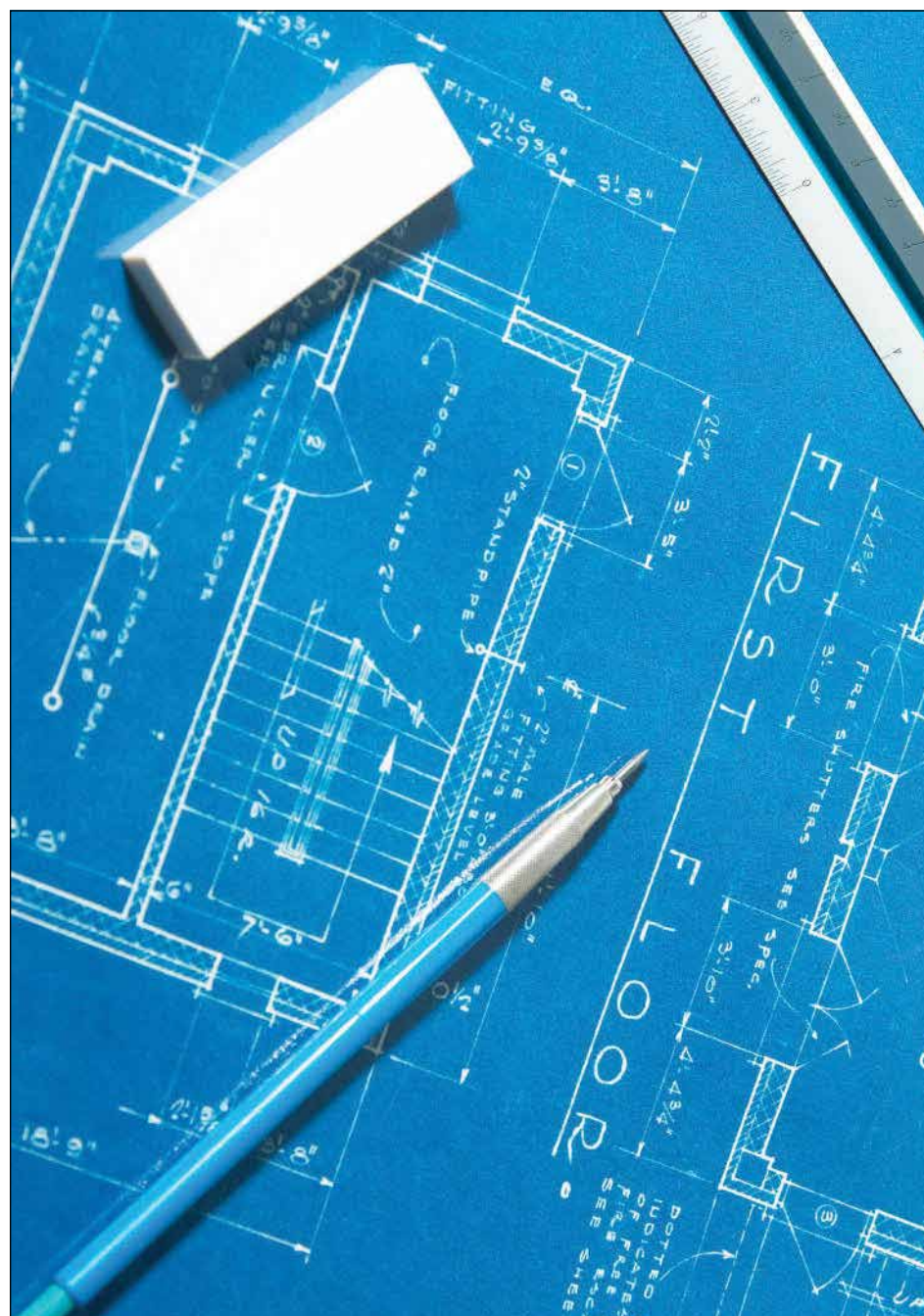
This meeting will be held at the
Community Room at Castle Square Apartments, located at:
484 Tremont St. South End, Boston, MA 02116.

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

For more info or reasonable accommodations,
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Equal Housing Opportunity



PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS 

Major Accounting Firm Moving to South Boston

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The Boston Globe is reporting that Accounting firm giant, Price Waterhouse Coopers, is relocating from its offices on High Street Downtown to South Boston's Waterfront district. PWC will add 500 new employees, bringing its Boston total to 3,000. In total, PWC will take over 330,000 of the 440,000 square feet of the new 17-story building that Skanska intends to build on the corner of Seaport Boulevard and

Boston Wharf Road. Construction is scheduled to start next month. The report reveals that the building is being designed by Kling Stubbins. Construction is estimated to cost \$265 million.

PWC is just the latest in a growing list of businesses or corporations that have relocated to South Boston. From venture capital firms, to marketing and online retailers, South Boston continues to be the place to be.

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
9 West Broadway UNIT 320 Condo	\$785,000	7/29/13	5	2.5	1539
141 Dorchester Avenue UNIT 507 Condo	\$655,000	7/31/13	3	1	1087
162 Athens St UNIT 2 Condo	\$590,000	7/31/13	5	2	1445
11 Thomas Park UNIT 5 Condo	\$570,000	7/30/13	4	1.5	965
517 Est Sixth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$547,900	7/30/13	5	2.5	1244
55 West Broadway UNIT 2 Condo	\$539,000	7/31/13	4	2	1323
34 Emerson St UNIT 1 Condo	\$522,000	7/31/13	4	2	1126
221 L St UNIT 1 Condo	\$505,000	7/31/13	4	2	1121
162 Athens St UNIT 1 Condo	\$495,000	7/29/13	4	2	1148
156 West Third St UNIT 156 Condo	\$485,000	7/31/13	5	1.5	1091
12 Douglas St UNIT 3 Condo	\$462,000	7/31/13	5	1	874
415 West Fourth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$453,000	7/31/13	4	1.5	928
174 West Ninth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$430,000	7/30/13	4	2	1081
192-194 L St UNIT 1 Condo	\$430,000	7/31/13	4	1	1061
502 East Seventh St UNIT 1 Condo	\$422,000	7/31/13	7	1.5	1103
12 Winfield St UNIT 2 Condo	\$410,000	7/29/13	5	1	960
1 Mt Washington Place UNIT 2 Condo	\$410,000	7/31/13	4	1	975
10 Mitchell St UNIT 3 Condo	\$395,000	7/30/13	4	1	809
121 F St UNIT 1 Condo	\$389,000	7/31/13	4	1	903
633 East Second Street Single Family	\$374,000	7/31/13	5	2	1284
12 Springer St UNIT 1 Condo	\$356,000	7/31/13	4	1	856
552 East Fourth St UNIT 5A Condo	\$297,000	7/30/13	4	1	564
154 Gold Street Single Family	\$295,000	7/26/13	5	1	848
34 F St UNIT 1	\$271,000	7/31/13	3	1	532

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Stepping Up and Stepping Out:

Your Guide to the Southie Scene and the “Southie Senses”

South Boston Today begins a regular series about life in South Boston and all that it has to offer. Southie is a vibrant and growing community and there are so many ways for residents to become connected and involved. Here are some of the best ways to see, hear, taste, touch and smell all that is Southie. From City Point to Fort Point to the South Boston Waterfront, there are so many opportunities to put your senses to good use!

Stepping Up: Southie Belongs To You – Learn More About It

In response to the recent assaults and drug overdoses that have occurred in South Boston, many local programs and business are offering services and seminars to aid the community in moving forward and becoming more aware, and most are free of charge. Southie has always been a safe place to live and thrive and together, as a community, need to constantly work to keep it that way. Here are just some of the ways you can help your neighborhood:

- Ultimate Self Defense located on 12 B Street is offering a Free
- Self Defense Class for Women Mondays and Wednesdays 7-8pm during the month of August. With the recent incidents that have occurred on our streets, a little extra knowledge concerning how to defend yourself is a good thing. When attending, USD suggests that you wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing and bring some water. Preregistration is not required but recommended. For more information ultimateselfdefense.com / 617-268-9893
- Supporting our youth remains an important community endeavor.

There is a need for adults to become more involved with our young women and men. The next generation is the face of our future and in order to make prevention a common practice, the youth of South Boston needs our help. There are many opportunities for not only native South Bostonians, but also our new neighbors to become more involved in a hands-on way.

The Laboure Center has a program, T.E.A.M. (Together Engaging Adolescents through Mentoring) available to South Boston young women and men between the ages

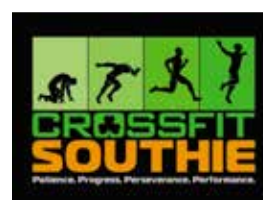
of 10-16 years old who would like to be paired with a mentor. The commitment is two hours a week with opportunities to explore the city, take trips to Fenway and do other fun and educational activities. If you have any interest, please contact sbteam@ccba.org
PARENTS- T.E.A.M. has just acquired two new mentors looking for mentees to apply to the program. VOLUNTEERS- if you are interested, please contact Stephanie Gould-Marian — 617-464-8578 The Laboure Center is located at 275 West Broadway, Boston, MA 02127

Stepping Out: Mid-Summer Slump?

It's the “last official month of summer” and we are all shaking our heads wondering where the time went. Living in a happening summer city, I am sure many of you, like me, have been exhausting ourselves with all South Boston has to offer. You have spent many Saturdays at “M” street beach, followed by snacks and beverages in the neighborhood, a short ride to the waterfront on the Southie Shuttle, and then a nightcap at Murphy's Law, Stats, or the Cornerstone. And when you wake up on Sunday, you probably skip the gym and do it all over again. Or maybe, all of this steamy weather has you hibernating in your AC'd living room, only exiting the house to pay for takeout or escape to the AC'd office on the AC'd bus. This may have, like it has for me, dribbled into some of the workweek as well. Alas, not all is lost. Luckily, summers in New England extend into September, so we still have more great weather to look forward to AND a reason to get ourselves back together.

Let's face it. Inside and out, our bodies have suffered long enough and we need to lose what we have gained or gain back what we have lost! Here are some ideas to get you out of your mid-summer slump and get you back to feeling good and looking fresh!

- Ultimate Boot Camp has a newly added South Boston location to their large repertoire of boot camp classes. Before this, people would have to schlep themselves to the Boston Common to get this killer workout. UBC offers a variety of classes, both morning (Monday –Thursday 6 am) and night (Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:15 pm), held at Carson Beach. To get out of your slump, you can also sign up for 1 week of workouts (4days) for \$39. If you are a bit of a commitment-phobe, you can sign up and take a free class. Classes start Monday 08/12/2013. Ultimate BootCamp
Ultimatebootcamp.com
617-787-1224



• A Reebok CrossFit affiliate, Southie CrossFit, holds free introductory classes every Thursday @7pm and Saturday @12pm. CrossFit has been known to not just be a way of fitness, but a way of life. And said by many that once you get a taste of what the CrossFit Community offers, you will be hooked; “Forging Fitness and Community through the pursuit of Virtuosity”.

Crossfit Southie

385 Dorchester Ave. Suite #100

617-269-0003/ crossfitsouthie.com

• LADIES! Bring that beach hair back to life! Your hair needs protection just like your skin and the damage caused not only from the sun but heated tools and processing are major stressors. Salon de Cheveux carries some great products for before, during and after a long week at work and weekend of fun in the sun. The Oribe line offers hair masques, hair refreshers and after beach hair product to minimize the sun’s affect on your hair.

Salon de Cheveux

661A East Broadway

617-269-2300 / salondecheveuxboston.com

• Nurture Salon on “L” street offers the DevaCurl system which is a sulfate-free, paraben-free (good for color treated hair) hair system that embraces the curl in you! Allow you to keep those beach waves long after you have shaken the sand from your towel!

Nurture Salon and Spa

127 “L” street

617-269-0638 / nurturesalonandspa.com

Embracing All Of The Southie Senses

ROLLER PARTY: reliving your youth.

With trends in culture always reinventing the past, what was once ‘out’ is now ‘in’, and the hip and trendy usually start as the opposite. Nostalgia has taken hold and Mayor Thomas M. Menino’s Office of Arts, Tourism and Special Events is hosting a “Roller Party” on Saturday 08/10/13 from 5-9 pm at Pier 10 Park, in Marine Industrial Park. There will be live musical performances, visual art, food trucks, roller-skating and fashion. So bring your appetite and make some new memories!

If you have any suggestions to hit our “Southie Senses” or would like to make any comments, questions or have concerns, you can email me at: laela@southbostontoday.com

Who is Laela?

Born and raised in this town, Laela believes that contributing to your neighborhood through volunteer work and socializing within the community are inborn in the people of South Boston. Those innate characteristics are interwoven into every fiber of a South Bostonian’s being. Continuing the traditions that the South Boston community has always practiced, the features Stepping Up and Stepping Out are two ways in which old AND new residents can find opportunities to do what Southie has always done: give back. Both “born and raised” and the new Southie generation will be able to carry on these practices.

Southie Senses:

Things to see, touch, taste, smell and hear in Southie



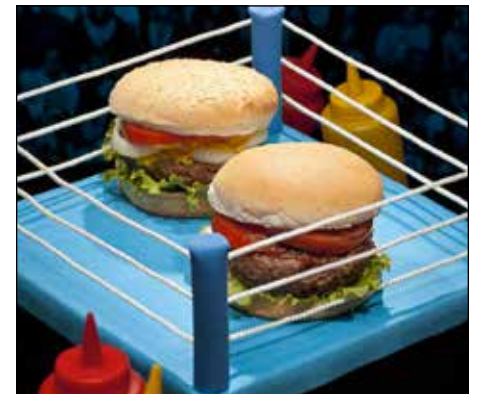
See- See and be Scene! Wednesdays this summer, TAMO at the Seaport Hotel is holding “Canines and Cocktails”. On Wednesday 08/14/13, from 5:30-7:30pm, come with man’s best friend and make new friends. Treats for both canines AND companions will be served! TAMO is located at One Seaport Lane.



Touch- Fort Point Fitness is offering a FREE Pilates Class, Tuesday 08/13/2013, 5:30-6:30 pm. Learn how to get long and lean by being introduced to one the hottest fitness practices! Sponsored by the Friends of Fort Point Channel, it is suggested that you bring your own mat and plenty of water. Class will be held at 290 Congress Street, Atlantic Wharf.



Taste- It’s the summer and that means one thing- BURGERS! Boston Magazine is holding its “Battle of the Burger” on Tuesday 08/13/2013 from 6-10pm at South Boston’s Black Falcon Terminal. Chow on Boston’s best burgers, watch the chefs master the craft of burger making and sip on some refreshing libations. Tickets are available on bostonmagazine.com



Smell- Social Wines hosts a free wine tasting Fridays from 5:30-8pm. When tasting wine, “the nose knows”, and this sense is just as important as taste when figuring out the notes and aromas in wine. Social Wines is located at 52 West Broadway.



Hear- Music is said to stir the soul and there are so many places to hear live music in the neighborhood. Lucky’s Lounge located at 355 Congress Street is “All about Sinatra” every Sunday with Sinatra Bunch from 10am to 3pm and Sinatra Sunday Night from 8pm to 1 am. The Atlantic Beer Garden, 146 Seaport Boulevard, showcases Conscious Reggae Band on Sundays 5:30– 9:30pm. So get out and start Jamming’ to that “Summer Wind”.





South Boston is being Invaded – By Raccoons, Again

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The number of calls and complaints continues to rise about the masked prowlers sneaking around the back yards of South Boston. Most of the time it's after the sun goes down but lately, so brazen are these prowlers that broad daylight no longer seems to be a deterrent to them. Home invaders? Burglars? Neither one. Raccoons. Yes, they're back in even larger numbers than in previous years.

Reports are coming in from nervous neighbors about raccoons so big and so fat that they sometimes get mistaken for large dogs. Some residents in the E. Third Street area; especially near and around the Post Office say it's beginning to look like an invasion there are so many and "They are Huge" said one emailer to South Boston Today. Other reports tell of an entire family, mother, father and 4 little cubs that have taken up residence in a back yard shed. The cubs are "adorable" we're told, but they cause quite a mess as they rummage through every set of trash barrels within a 6 block area. South Boston has been

sharing its space with raccoons for many years but now it seems that the 'coon' population is exploding, probably because the pickins are so plentiful; especially on trash pickup days.

Adorable or not, these raccoons can pose a problem and not just the mess they make. Some can carry diseases and in extreme cases it's possible that one or more could become rabid and dangerous. Usually raccoons will not bother people or even pets. But if a pet gets aggressive raccoons are capable of returning that aggression 2 fold. Pet owners are advised never to let their dog or cat tangle with a raccoon as they can be formidable brawlers and seriously injure and even kill a pet.

South Boston Today contacted some experts in the field of wildlife control to find out the best advice to give to our readers on how to deal with raccoons if they become a nuisance. There are humane methods to use without having them exterminated. Below are some suggestions about what to expect and what to do if you find our masked

friends closing in on you. First, be aware that raccoons can actually take up residence in your home. Perhaps they will find a way into your basement or your attic. If your dog or cat has one of those pet doors they can use to come in and out you can be sure a raccoon can figure out how to use it as easily as your Beagle or Lab. You may want to secure it; especially at night. Never feed raccoons or leave food in areas of your yard where they can get at it or where it might attract these critters. Yes, they might be cute, but once you feed them they will keep coming back for more and they just might bring the whole family with them and consider themselves your permanent guests.

There are non-lethal traps you can buy to capture a raccoon or a possum etc., but be aware; these traps can also capture skunks and do you really want what comes with a frightened skunk? The choice is of course yours but give this one some serious thought. There are products you can buy that will actually repel raccoons and other pests so they

will leave your area. Putting ammonia or even mothballs in your garbage cans often works to keep them away too. But if all else fails, if repellents aren't doing the trick and if making sure you leave nothing around your property for them to eat there is one almost surefire way to get rid of this problem. You can call the City of Boston Animal Control Unit. These are the experts and can pretty much handle any animal problem you might have. Their number is 617-635-5348. Whether it is raccoons, possums, skunks etc. give them a call, explain the problem and they can either advise you on what to do or perhaps come and take care of it for you.

As city dwellers, many residents are not prepared to deal with wildlife problems. But as the natural environment of wild animals shrinks, it becomes more common place that we wind up sharing the same area with them. It could be worse. So far, the bears have not yet begun to wander our streets. If that happens, we really will have a problem.

Our Young Entrepreneurs: Southie Kids and the Return of the Lemonade Stand

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They have been absent from the scene for quite a few years. The once common sight of local kids setting up shop on street corners on a warm summer day to sell that ice cold and refreshing cup of thirst quenching lemonade seemed to have passed into history years ago like so many other traditions that adults have such fond memories of. Ah, but like so many good things in this neighborhood that seem to be making that welcome comeback – the Lemonade Stands have returned. And why not? It's a good old fashioned American tradition.

The younger members of this town; make that the REALLY young members seem to have developed a new entrepreneurial spirit; probably from hearing stories from their parents or even grandparents about how they would 'make more than a few bucks back in the day'. Realizing how easy it was to start up a stand of their own and figuring out just how difficult it is for a grownup to pass by a couple of hard working kids without making a purchase, it seems our future successful business men and women have swung into action. Reports of at least a dozen such stands have been popping up this summer.

There have been sightings on E. 8th Street, East and West Broadway, K Street and Farragut Rd. Medal of Honor Park was the scene of a thriving lemonade stand 2 weeks ago where it was reported that the line was so long there was a ten minute wait to get served with 3 kids working the table. As long as the weather stays hot, it's a safe bet that business will continue to boom.

Did you know there is actually a history to lemonade stands? According to research on the subject (yes, there is actually research on this), it is believed that the first lemonade stand appeared in the year 1879 in New York City. It was so successful that they soon

began to pop up all over the area and the idea quickly spread to other cities around the country. Now there is even a Lemonade Day. If you were to Google 'Lemonade Day', you might be amazed to learn that it is celebrated in over 100 cities across America. It started in 2007 with approximately 2700 participants and has since grown by leaps and bounds. On May 5th, 2013, Lemonade Day is said to include more than 120,000 young participants with profits from these stands going to help youth educational programs.

It's believed that when kids take the initiative to start a lemonade stand of their own, it helps them developed positive traits, such as how to earn and save money. It encourages the development of values such as honesty and hard work, all the while making some money to buy the things they need or help out the family a bit. And most of all, it is a lot of fun too. And one of the best parts of all is it is easy to get started.

South Boston Today spoke with a local 11 year old at his stand, who asked to remain anonymous for obvious reasons: (He didn't want to be hauled in by the city, state or the IRS for nonpayment of taxes, failure to get the proper permits and licenses and non compliance with health code regulations.) Then there would be pressure to unionize and provide healthcare to the 2 ten year old kids he had working for him. He did however agree to give his fellow young South Bostonians tips on how to get started in their own lemonade business.

He feels competition is healthy. He suggests the following: Get yourself a folding table, a couple of chairs, a cooler filled with ice, a pitcher, a package of plastic cups and some lemonade mix. If you want to do it quick and simple, you can go with the powdered mix; just add water. You can buy it by the jug at the local store or market; or if you want to go the high end

route, you can buy fresh lemons, a box of sugar, a jug of spring water and make it the old fashion way. But if you're thirsty enough, any style will taste good on a nice day in July and August. Prices around town have been averaging anywhere between fifty cents to a dollar a glass – tips accepted. This reporter tried a large cup – it really was delicious.

The bottom line, literally, is

running a lemonade stand is a long proven, honest and healthy way for a kid to make money - sometimes a lot of extra cash - during the summer months. We're not really sure how legal it is, but hey, they are kids keeping out of trouble, so cut them some slack. It's been an American tradition for well over a hundred years and it's kind of nice to see it making a comeback in South Boston.





“Summer Camp”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

staff report

950 Blue Hill Ave is an address that may seem familiar. It should be because last year we wrote about the highly successful program at the Sportsman's Tennis Club. The program is “Volleys Against Violence”.

It was described as the safest program in town because its instructors are primarily Boston Police Officers. More than that, though, was the attitude and discipline they were able to elicit from the kids. The kids wanted to be there, had fun, learned and didn't want to leave. This is a fall/winter program and as we are aware summer can be a dangerous time for the kids. To combat that problem every Sunday 3 – 5pm, from July to September at the Veterans Park Tennis Courts at Mary Ellen McCormack, classes and lessons are offered. This past Sunday about 20 kids 7-12, with a few first time adults, took advantage of the break in the heat and were on the courts.

Mayfield Holliday and George Billotte, two community service Boston Police Officers, are in their 5th year of instruction and the kids love them. The number of returning kids proves the point. Perhaps you remember the twins Irina and Brianna? Brianna is on the injured list, (scraped knee), but Irina was holding court. Nailanny, another returnee, is in her 5th year and will be

instructing soon. DeJean Boskovic 7 and Matthew Foley 10 are dedicated beginners. Mei Weng, at 10, is an advanced student. As is cousin Kevin Gau, also 10. To talk even for a minute with these young students makes the fun they're having obvious and without questions. In fact Ming Ye 11, will answer any question and then ask two.

Headman, Officer Frank Williams, was on a well deserved vacation to attend a wedding but it's one of the few times you'll find this dedicated officer absent. The obvious dedication that Officers Mayfield and George shows in how they ably run the show every Sunday without fail - including those 95 plus degree days.

Once again, for my money, not only is it the safest and most well protected children's sport activity, kids seem to get so much more than just Tennis lessons. George and Mayfield don't have to yell or scream. Speaking once or twice, the kids seem to get it and pay attention. By the way, it's open to all who show up.

Once again the Fall/Winter Tennis Camp begins in October. Come down any Sunday to Mohawk Street and General Devine Way 3-5pm. Further details can be obtained by contacting Officer Frank Williams, George Billotte or Mayfield Holiday at the Station 6 Community Service Office.

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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Jake Peavy Arrives Just InTime

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
staff report

The Red Sox picked up veteran right hander, Jake Peavy, last week in exchange for several players including now former Red Sox rising start Jose Iglesias. Peavy was a regular all star, with an 8-4 record with the Chicago White Sox earlier in this season.

On Sunday, his first start in a Red Sox uniform, Peavy didn't disappoint, going seven innings

and allowing only 2 runs on 4 hits and went on to win 5-2. That is the type of quality starting pitching the Red Sox hoped they would get.

With Red Sox ace, Clay Buchholz, due back by September, Peavy's arrival could make him and Buchholz a great 1-2 punch. What makes Peavy so hard to hit is that nothing he throws is straight. He has a slider that moves

violently away from right handed hitters and a sinking fastball that keeps hitters on both sides of the plate off balance...and throw in an effective change up and you get the point.

For now, Peavy will act as a show stopper that can prevent a serious losing streak and win games in his own. Down the stretch, that's exactly what the Red Sox need to stay in the hunt.

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No.
SU13P1743EA
Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
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Probate and Family Court
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To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Maureen L. Grant of Brewster 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:

Maureen L. Grant of Brewster MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal 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 08/29/2013**. 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.

WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong,
First Justice of this Court
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August 08, 2013

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SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
by Mark Senna

M STREET SOFTBALL

The fourth week of our shortened season got off to a good start with the Lincoln Tavern and the Nix Mate Islanders throwing everything they had each other. The game saw three homeruns, a broken window, and plenty of great defensive plays as they battled down to the very last out.

In the end it was Jimmy McNiff and the Lincoln Tavern who would hold on to edge the Islanders, 9-6. Folks, this was a well played game between two teams that respected one another. There wasn't a negative word (no trash talking) spoken which made playing in it a lot of fun. Bob Carlson was the hitting star for Lincoln as he

smashed a towering grand slam homerun in the third inning which put his squad ahead, 4-0. Max Vigliotti (2 hits and 3 RBI) and Nate Spada (homerun, 2 RBI) also chipped in with big hits. Spada's homerun was a highlight for more than one reason as it cleared the fence in deep center and smashed the side window of parked truck that belong to one of the Islander players. The players joked about it and the game continued.

Monday's nightcap was not nearly as competitive as Shennanigan's had their way with Playwright to the tune of 15-0. Mike Hoadley was the star of this one as he threw a one hitter while also doing plenty of damage at the plate (2 homeruns with 5 RBI). Hoadley got plenty of support from the likes of rookies Brian Erwin (4 hits, double and 2 homeruns) and Shayne McDonald (2 hits, a homerun and 4 RBI).

After a one-sided affair ended things on Monday, Tuesday's action saw two games come right down to the wire. Southside snuck by the Brewers 10-7 in the early game and the Telegraph Hill pulled off a small upset as they nipped The Warehouse 11-10.

Prior to the start of the season many of us thought Southside would be competing for the title but so far that hasn't happened as player personal has been inconsistent. For one game at least they seemed to finally get on track as they took down the Brewers and their potent cast of sluggers. Joel Kershner (3 hits, 1 triple) and Rob Rogers (3 hits, double, homerun, 4 RBI) provided most of the offense for the Southside while



Scott Simpson of the Cranberry Café .

John Gregorio (active league pitcher since 1983) pitched a strong game to earn his first win of the season. A shout out needs to go to Garrett Hauck, who was the motor for the Brewers as he banged out four hits (2 doubles, 3 RBI) and was in the middle of every rally but it just wasn't enough tonight.

In the second game of the night, Jason Atton gave his team everything he had as he pitched and hit his way to a well earned victory over the Warehouse. Atton scattered ten hits from the mound while stroking a triple and homerun at the plate. It was quite a night for the big man. The official league scorekeeper, Dev Kelly, said he could have had another homerun but he was "out of gas" when he got to third on the triple. Folks, Atton is 6' 6" and weighs in close to 300lbs – the fact that he can pitch a full seven innings in the heat and take that big frame around the bases

for a triple is a testament to what a great athlete he is. Well done Jay!

Wednesday's action saw Jay Malley make his season debut for the fast improving Cranberry Café squad. Malley learned the art of pitching while suiting up for the championship contending Seapoint Restaurant team in the early nineties. Although many years have passed since, Malley was effective in his first outing and proved he still had what it takes to compete here in the M Street Softball League.

After escaping damage in the first two innings, the young sluggers of the Warehouse touched up Malley for four runs in the third. Slugger Mike McGrath got the scoring started when he connected for a two run homer to left and was later followed by RBI singles by Chris Bartlett and Joey Venuti, making it 4-0. But Cranberry cut the lead in half when pat Sullivan doubled home John Young and Scott Simpson.

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Pat Pickup of the Southside Tavern is among the league leaders in homeruns (3).



Lefty Nick French of Shennanigan's.

Kevin Snow and Dan Pencinger put the runs back on the board when they scored in the fourth making it 6-2 Warehouse. The lead would prove to be more than enough for the Warehouse and pitcher Joey Magee who was mowing them down (nine strikeouts).

Wednesday's late game had the upbeat Lincoln Tavern squad looking to test their mettle against the only remaining undefeated team, Shennanigan's. For two innings they hung right in there matching hits, runs, and defense with the "big timers". But in the third inning the game quickly got away from them as Shennanigan's scored ten runs with Martin O'Malley (3 hits) and Luis Colon (3 hits, double, homerun) striking the big blows. That lead would prove to be more than safe as Shennanigan's humbled the Lincoln boys and won easily, 17-4.

Thursday's early game saw the Southside Tavern taking on the Cranberry Café who was still looking for their first victory of the season. However, after five innings of play it was looking like it wouldn't be Cranberry's night as they trailed 10-4 behind homeruns from Pat Pickup and Marshall Chick. But the pesky Cranberry bunch wouldn't go away as they

rallied from seven runs down to tie it on Scott Simpson's bases clearing single in the bottom of the seventh. The game then moved into extra innings where we should be writing about a great play that won the game. Instead, we have to report that the game ended when Southside couldn't field nine players to start the bottom of the eighth inning which robbed Cranberry of the opportunity to win their first game. At that point the umpire, Chuck Allen, awarded Cranberry the victory by forfeit. Afterwards, the coaches of the Southside were embarrassed by the outcome and have stated that they will not tolerate players who walk off the field. It might be fair to say there could be some roster changes in the coming week for Southside.

The week ended with the Islanders taking on the Playwright. Pitcher Keith Zewiey was making his season debut for the Playwright and had overpowering stuff in the early going as he struck out the first two batters he faced. But the Islanders quickly answered back with four straight hits which turned into a 3-0 lead. Tim Fitzpatrick (homerun, 3 RBI) and Ryan Turgeon (2 hits, 2 RBI) provided the big hits in the first inning.

The Islanders got to Zewiey again in the fifth when they plated four runs on RBI hits by Chris Miller and Brian Foley making it a 7-1 game. However, the Playwright responded in the bottom of the sixth when Mark Hindman lined a three-run homerun to right center and we had a game again, 7-4. But in the seventh, the Islanders bats responded as they tacked on five insurance runs on clutch hits by Foley, Turgeon, and yours truly. It was a nice rebound win for the Islanders who were had dropped a close one to Lincoln earlier in the week.

Lastly, we have a couple of notes on the injury front. Shennanigan's third baseman, Dan Brown, has

torn some ligaments in his hand and will be out for a significant amount of time. The league has waived his minimum at bat requirements for the playoffs and wishes him a speedy recovery.

One of our umpires also made injury news last week when we was struck by a batted ball and was carted off the field in an ambulance. Chuck Feltch, who was working the bases in a Hemey League playoff game, was nailed in the face by a line drive off the bat of lefty power hitter Adam Clancy. Shaken and worried by the result, Adam put the game aside and accompanied Feltch to the hospital and stayed with him for four hours. That's one honorable man right there folks... way to go Adam! Thankfully, all of the tests found nothing wrong other than some deep bruising around the eye. Feltch was released from the hospital the next day and will be back working our games this week. Whew! That was a close call. Let's hope Chuck put's his 20-15 vision to good use and stays out of the path of liners.

As always, supporting fans 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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This week, Danny talked with Neil Keefe, New York Yankees writer for KeefeToTheCity.com:

DANNY PICARD: What's your reaction to the Alex Rodriguez situation. What are people in New York saying? How do Yankee fans feel about this right now?

NEIL KEEFE: I think Yankee fans are sort of split. If you look at the New York Post front page [Monday], obviously they don't speak for Yankee fans, but they had a headline with a picture of A-Rod that said, "Yankee fans just want you to take the band and leave." I think really it's split down the middle. Some people say they don't want this guy, a convicted cheater who's facing this lengthy suspension, playing for their team and wearing their uniform. But on the other hand, you have people who want him in the lineup because the Yankees' production at third base has been the worst in all of baseball. And even if he's a shell of A-Rod, even if he's the guy we saw in the postseason last year, he's better than the options they've been given, with David Adams and Luis Cruz and Alberto Gonzalez, because of A-Rod's injury, because Kevin Youkilis' back injury. Personally, I want A-Rod back, because I care about wins and losses when it comes to the Yankees. And I think that, right now, even if he is the shell of his former self, he'll help this team win. [Monday] night he comes up, he's 1-for-4 with that bloop single. He didn't really do much, but it was

hard to do much when Andy Pettitte takes you out of the game in the first 10 minutes. But personally, I like A-Rod back in the lineup here. He can play the rest of this year, help this team somehow get into the playoffs, whether it's that first or second wild card, if they can get hot and pass the Rangers or the Indians. I think he can do some damage for them, and I think, moving forward, if he can't play next year, then there's some money they'll save. But as for now and these last two months, I think they need him.

DP: What do you think is going on in the minds of A-Rod's Yankee teammates? What's going on in Derek Jeter's mind? What's going on between his ears right now, you think?

NK: I think Jeter's just fed up with it. I think he's been fed up with it ever since A-Rod got here, ever since people reported that their friendship sort of broke down a decade ago. Jeter mentioned that this season's been a nightmare. And it has been, especially for him, a guy who broke his ankle in Game 1 of the ALCS, in a game the Yankees probably could have won had he stayed in the game. And they go on to get swept by the Tigers. He's only played a handful of games since. I was in Los Angeles last week and had a chance to see him play in both of those games, and that might be the only

time I get to see Derek Jeter play this entire season. It sucks because the rest of the team is injured too, and if you look at what this team's done pitching-wise, given how bad Sabathia's been, given how inconsistent Pettitte's been, and Phil Hughes being Phil Hughes, and they're still above .500, and they still have a chance to make it. And you just can't help but think what would have happened if a guy like Jeter had been healthy the whole season, if Granderson didn't get injured twice, breaking bones in his hand twice, if Youkilis didn't have these issues, and if CC and Andy Pettitte have just lived up to who they've been in the past. But I think a guy like Jeter is right when he says it's been a nightmare, not only for him, but for the guys around him.

DP: The Yankees are five games out of a Wild Card spot, they have a handful of teams in front of them. And you mention Alex Rodriguez at third base and the fact that he might be able to help some sort of playoff push. But what is your take on him playing at all. Forget about what he brings. But just the fact that he's playing still and able to play in Major League Baseball with a 211-game suspension. Do you think that's too much, too little, is that just perfect? How do you feel about the number of games he's going to be suspended for.

NK: Well, you know Bud Selig wants to be the guy who wants his legacy to be the guy known for cleaning the game up, even though he was the guy responsible for it getting this way. The fact that this happened four years ago with A-Rod, I think he wanted a chance to nail someone and nail a household name. Ryan Braun was sort of that, but not as big of a name as A-Rod apparently. It seems fair when you hold it up against the other suspensions, because of what he's done in the past. Nobody really knows the evidence they have against him. That hasn't been presented yet with what he did or with what they say he did with Tony Bosch. But he didn't fail a test, he certainly admitted to it in the past, and so have a lot of other guys. [Monday] night, both pitchers in the game, you have Andy Pettitte for the Yankees and Jose Quintana for the White Sox. They both admitted to steroid and PED use. Quintana served a 50-game suspension in the minors, and Pettitte never did. And people sort of don't even remember that Pettitte admitted using HGH back in December of 2007. That's the thing. There's all these guys around baseball that nobody remembers using it. And A-Rod is the one guy who everyone connects to it because of who he is, because of his contract, because he's made more money than anybody else in



baseball. But I never thought the lifetime ban was something that should get implemented, because you've got guys like Barry Bonds, and Mark McGwire, who's been a hitting coach with the Cardinals and now with the Dodgers. All these other guys who are still involved with the game that also did steroids to gain fame, to gain notoriety. So I don't think a lifetime ban at this stage can be implemented because it would just be so unfair. But 211 games, I understand it. I don't know that I necessarily agree with it. But I think something had to be done. It's just kind of ridiculous, when you look back at A-Rod's comments following 2009. But he resorted back to [PEDs], and I don't know when he resorted back to it, because it certainly wasn't last year, because it didn't help him at all.

DP: People try to tell me that this is not a witch hunt. And I say, "Well why isn't it?" You can't convince me that Tony Bosch is the only guy that has his hands on performance-enhancing drugs and HGH. You can't convince me that this group

that was suspended [Monday] is the only group in Major League Baseball, or even in professional sports that's taking PEDs. You can't convince me that this group is the only group of guys. So if this isn't a witch hunt, then they need to keep digging. Because there's obviously more that's out there than this. Do you agree with that, that this cannot be the only group, and Bosch can't be the only guy that has performance-enhancing drugs in baseball?

NK: Oh, I mean, you have to think so. If you look at what baseball has put themselves through these last few months. We've heard about Biogenesis for what, four or five months now, and that eventually these suspensions will come out. It's dragged baseball's name through the mud. Every day you turn on the radio or TV, there's PED suspension talk, and now that they finally come down on them, and it's sort of like, "This is what we've waited for? For A-Rod, Ryan Braun, Nelson Cruz, and a group of scrubs to be named? If that's what all this is about, then there must be more. Because I can't imagine that

just those three guys and then 8-to-9 guys who are barely in the league, mostly minor-leaguers, are the only guys doing it in the league. And Tony Bosch certainly isn't the only person that has access to these things. I do agree with you. I think there has to be more to it. You never want to see these names come out, because it's more about the game on the field at this point. We're in the middle of pennant races, there's two months left in the season, and rather than talking about teams like the Braves

or the Royals and their winning streaks, or the rebound of the Red Sox after last year, or what's going on with the Yankees, we're talking about suspensions and whether or not they're too long or not long enough, or what's going to happen in the appeal processes. You've got sports analysts breaking down the court of law and joint drug agreements. You just want it to go away. I hope that this is the last of it, but it apparently isn't going to be, because someone's going to look for an edge.

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