



## Another Sweetheart Deal For A Menino Ally?

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Staff Report

Inconspicuously reported in the business section of the Boston Globe, as well as the Boston Business Journal, Suffolk Construction Co., whose dramatic

growth has coincided with the 20 year tenure of Mayor Thomas Menino is hoping to cap off that relationship with yet another fast moving Boston Redevelopment

Authority approval of the construction of its national corporate headquarters in the South Boston Marine Industrial Park. The 125,000-square-foot building expects to house about 450 employees, consolidating its regional offices from both Roxbury and Danvers into a single facility.

Although Suffolk still needs approval from the Boston Redevelopment Authority and other city agencies, no public notice to the South Boston community has been seen to date. Officials of Suffolk have reportedly held preliminary discussions with BRA officials and expect to file more detailed documents outlining their proposal soon. Suffolk hopes to start construction by next spring.

Despite the several articles recently published questioning the BRA practices and its public

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# EDITORIAL “Cool It”

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It's sad but true that when people hear the fire department coming they're hopeful, but when they hear the police coming, many dread it. After all, the cops are here, many times, to take people away. So they should accept any praise they deserve. South Boston Today stands by and is proud of the well-deserved praise that we wrote of Commissioner Davis and Law Enforcement during the marathon attacks.

To be credible, however, South Boston Today should also criticize, when appropriate. The cheers that the commissioner received at the Tynan meeting were loud and respectful. They would probably have been the same had the commissioner stated the detective had been relieved of street and investigation duty and transferred to desk duty pending an investigation.

The minority officers association was right to be upset at the commissioner's verdict and punishment before an investigation took place, but wrong to allege those

actions symptomatic of a pattern of disciplinary discrimination. Too often, lately, it seems the claim of racial inequality is immediately raised, not because of evidence, but because of skin color.

Despite first appearances, an investigation may yet reveal the detective and his superiors took the correct initial actions. Both sides should back off the heated public pronouncements; let the investigation proceed; and remember one of the worst things that could be said about a cop is being “quick on the trigger”.



*“Don't let the fear of striking out hold you back” -Babe Ruth*

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## The Difference between Junkies and Terrorists

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
John Ciccone

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Even though we've all been experiencing this great August weather, not all topics of conversation have been of summer fun, time off and just the fine art of kicking back and enjoying life, while the temps are so pleasant. Whether people are staying local or getting away for some much deserved vacation and recreation, we're told that the subject of the violent problems we've had in this town this summer still manages to slip its way into the subject matter when South Bostonians, longtime or new, gather. The most recent attack of a woman in an elevator on Channel Street in the waterfront area reminds us that, even after all the publicity and extra police patrols and heightened awareness generated by the previous incidents; it's still a smart idea to be on guard.

Conventional wisdom just isn't holding up this time. The theory that it's always safest after a bad incident, because the bad guys will lay low until the heat dies down, isn't the case this time around. Take for instance a terrorist attack. Whether 911 or the Marathon Bombing, the terrorists make their plans, wait for the right time to strike and then they hit. This is logically followed by huge media play with constant reporting and then increased security. Soldiers and police are everywhere; guns at the ready in position to take out any other terrorists that might still be planning another attack soon after the first. Well, unfortunately, most terrorists are not stupid. They know that all

that law enforcement muscle out on the street makes it too dangerous for them to hit again anytime soon. So they go into hiding and they wait. They wait until the memory of the attack fades and security is lessened, and that's when they'll strike again. But not so with these attackers of women it seems.

So what is the difference? Well from everything we're hearing from witnesses and police sources and even media accounts, the cases of all these attacks we're dealing with are being committed by drug users. To be more blunt, 'junkies'. A lot of our readers are 'street smart'; so, many of you already know this. Terrorists, in their own warped way, have the capacity to calculate and plan and they possess patience. The druggies/junkies do not. They usually don't see, and often don't care about, the potential dangers to themselves when attacking someone. They will do whatever it takes to get what they need, and this makes them dangerous. When there is no fear of being caught or hurt, these people pose a threat. And that's why, no matter how many police cars you see cruising our streets and cops walking the beat (all of whom are very much appreciated and do in fact make our streets a lot safer) it's still wise to take precautions and be ready for anything.

Again, those of you with streets smarts know what to do to protect yourselves. But it's good to share this information with those that you think

might not be as prepared as you. Many new residents, and by your emails and letters we know a lot of you read this paper, have expressed to us how much you like living in South Boston. The reasons you give are many, but high among them are the close proximity to downtown, the 3 miles of sand covered beaches

and the safety of the community, as compared to so many other city neighborhoods. A lot of you stress the safety aspect. One of the things that made this town safe is the willingness of people to make that effort to get to know their neighbors and familiarize themselves with everything going on

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## Accused Ft Hood Shooter on Trial – Finally

### *But is it a Serious Trial or a PC Circus?*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By John Ciccone

The Fort Hood Massacre took place back in 2009, yet the alleged shooter, US Army Major Nidal Hasan is only now going to trial for it. Most Americans know the story. It would be difficult for anyone to forget. Witnesses say Hasan, a practicing Muslim, began yelling ‘Allah Akbar’, Islamic for God is great, and then commenced randomly shooting at unarmed soldiers on this sprawling Texas military base. Before he was finally shot himself by a responding town police officer,

Kimberly Munley, he managed to kill 13 soldiers and wound more than 30 others.

One witness on the scene described what she saw. Former army nurse Shemeka Hairston stated that she and several other soldiers in fatigues were hiding under a desk as the shooting took place. Hasan was grinning while he was firing his weapon. The hiding soldiers could do little else since a ruling held over from the Clinton Administration prohibits soldiers from carrying their weapons on base. As more soldiers were being hit by the gunfire, one private, Francheska Valez, was hit and killed. Private Valez was pregnant. And so it went, for several minutes as unarmed troops were being killed and wounded and it only stopped when Officer Munley arrived on the scene from outside the base.

Major Hasan asked for and received permission to defend himself with assistance from a government assigned legal defense team. The trial is now into its second week and possibly could go on for several more weeks, even months. The prosecution and the public are asking many questions that polls show a majority of American citizens want answers to.

In the months leading up to the shooting, Major Hasan was known to be in communication with radical Muslim elements both in the country and in the Middle East. Why was he not being monitored more closely? Was it a case of political correctness that demands that Muslims not be profiled, even if they are suspected of terrorist or anti American leanings? Why is the rule in place that active soldiers in the US Army are not allowed to carry their weapons on base? Would not the odds have been better that Hasan would have been shot dead before he could kill so many if the soldiers had the means to defend themselves? As it was, If Officer Munley did not arrive as fast as she did, more would have been killed. Why is Hasan continuing to collect full

military pay and benefits even though he has been in prison for nearly 4 years for this crime? And why, if Hasan is collecting his pay with full medical coverage, have so many of his victims had their pay and benefits cut off and left to fend for themselves?

But the question being asked the most is Why, with all the witness testimony and Hasan’s open, admitted and avowed radical beliefs, is the Pentagon and the Obama Administration still, to this day refusing to classify what happened as a terrorist act and instead insisting it be called ‘workplace violence’? One of the reasons Hasan is allowed to continue to collect full pay is because of the classification of this crime. And that is the same reason the other soldiers who were shot, as well as their families are not eligible for their benefits. It was not considered battle related – but only an act of workplace violence. Think about that for a while.

It has been a consistent policy with President Obama never to use the term Islamic extremist or Islamist terrorism. It is this policy that polls also continue to show that the American Public has a problem with. The enemy is clear. They do not hide who they are; in fact they boast about it at every opportunity. Said one upset retired general, “It would be pretty much the same thing if during World War II President Roosevelt refused to use the word Nazi’s for fear of offending Hitler.” These are some of the reasons many Americans are asking if this is a legitimate trial or simply a PC (Politically Correct) circus.

As the trial of Nidal Hasan, the accused Ft. Hood shooter continues, it will be interesting to see how much opportunity Hasan will have to use this trial as a forum or a soapbox to spout his beliefs and get his radical message out. It is suspected that this is his goal and that becoming a martyr in the eyes of those who believe as he does is exactly what he wants.

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# Reading Between The Lines

## “Tennis, Anyone?”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Brian R. Mahoney

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Even with a preponderance of “guilty” verdicts handed down by an apparently diligent jury, it is difficult to state, with any accuracy, what has been learned from the Whitey Bulger Trial. We have learned that Whitey did not “keep the drugs out of Southie”. Although, truth be told, that legend was garnished and pushed by the Globe reporters, seeking to curry favor, more than any South Bostonian did. What we have learned from a convicted cocaine dealer and government witness is that Bulger wasn’t the one who brought the drugs into Southie. At least not originally. According to the witness/dealer, it wasn’t until 1983 that Bulger approached the dealer and told him “teach me the business, you now work for me”.

However cocaine, as a commonly available drug in South Boston, had made its appearance nearly ten years earlier. It’s curious how the cocaine investigation seems to begin and end with Bulger’s involvement. This, after all, is so much more convenient for everyone. A much better story line.

Who taught Whitey’s teacher? Where did his career begin? Where did his drug supply come from in those early days? Those early days were the mid 1970’s when travel, particularly by air, was much less restrictive, and luggage checks were cursory at best. At one of our better known local country clubs, a tennis tournament with international and U. S. Olympic players was held. During their stay, these top players needed to practice.

For reasons best known to them some players, including U. S. Olympians, practiced on the limited courts here in South Boston. Now not being a tennis player, I couldn’t say whether indoor or outdoor courts are better for training. We’ll have to wonder where these courts were. In any event, as the story goes, our local dealer struck up a deal with a tennis official, who used the players as drug couriers. The dealer developed a “keen interest” in tennis and never missed a practice.

Amazingly, I was in my twenties when this was told to me. Along with many other stories, all of which have been investigated and written about so often that entire forests have been cut down. Yet all these years later, even in the face of that dealer’s sworn testimony, no questions have been asked. There is obviously no curiosity from the Feds. It might lead to some prominent names or figures still with us and some in power.

Just based on what we do know the Feds seem to have no curiosity what so ever as to what other officials were involved in allowing this cover up with Bulger and Flemmi to go on all those years. John Connolly, was the bad guy and it ends there. That way it allows everything to be wrapped up in a neat little package. You see, it was all Southie - The bad dealers, the bad gangsters, the bad cops, all Southie. It’s so much easier to make believe all the problems are South Boston’s fault. No matter the verdict, the crime

didn’t appear when Bulger appeared, and won’t go away because he does.

But hey, look on the bright side. Now that the trial is over we can stop reporting from the “Courthouse in South Boston”

and start calling our waterfront “The Seaport” once again - at least until the “Marathon Bombing Punk” returns. Then it will magically become South Boston once again.

*Take care till next week*



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## \$3 million Bail Set for Alemany, Next South Boston Court Date Nov. 13

*Arraignment on the Amy Lord Murder Charge Tomorrow in West Roxbury*

Edwin Alemany, having completed a mental health evaluation at Bridgewater State Hospital was in South Boston District Court this Wednesday for his arraignment on three complaints arising out of two attacks – one on Old Colony Avenue on the morning of July 23 and one on Gates Street shortly after midnight on July 24. A not guilty plea

was entered on his behalf by his attorney, Jeff Denner. Suffolk Chief Trial Counsel John Pappas recommended that he be held on \$1 million bail on each of three complaints, which Judge Thomas C. Horgan imposed. While Alemany was held at the secure facility, prosecutors also approved a warrant charging him with murder in the July 23 homicide of Amy Lord.

Security was tight and it was visible as the suspected murderer of Amy Lord, 24, of South Boston, who was kidnapped from her Dorchester and Fourth Street home July 23, was arraigned on charges stemming from two separate attacks on that day. Edwin Alemany appeared in the prisoner's dock, as prosecutor Pappas recited, in chilling but brief detail, how Alemany punched and dragged a 22 year old woman into a parking lot at Dorchester Street and Old Colony Ave. early on Saturday morning, July 23. Dismissing her terrified offer of her purse and cash, he stated, "I'm not going to rob you, I'm going to kill you". However, after conversing in Spanish, Alemany apologized to the victim and fled the area, allegedly to kidnap and murder Amy Lord at 6 am.

Pappas continued that just before or after midnight, that same date, Alemany continued his rampage by attacking and attempting to kill another 22 year old woman on Gates Street. Despite several injuries, this victim was able to enter and lock her front door, due in large measure to the intervention of a neighbor thus causing Alemany to be distracted and discouraged in his murderous assault. It was during this attack that Alemany injured himself, requiring hospital treatment at the same hospital as his victim, who spotted him and alerted the police who quickly made the arrest.

His first attorney Jeff Nathan reportedly stated Mr. Alemany was "cuckoo", which some legal observers noted was probably the first step in a dubious attempt to make as insanity defense.

In the days that followed, police and prosecutors investigating the homicide of Amy Lord at the Stony Brook reservation developed witness statements, surveillance imagery, and forensic evidence implicating Alemany in that crime as well. Alemany was held on \$3 Million bail and will be arraigned on the actual murder of Amy Lord in the Stony Brook Reservation in West Roxbury District Court today.

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process regarding the torrent of development proposals being submitted in the waning days of the Menino administration, as well as the public debate by mayoral candidates regarding its dual role as a planning agency and development approval agent, the BRA acts with a seeming disregard for its own rules.

Industrial Park and Waterfront development activity, regarded as the visual legacy and political imprimatur of the Menino years, has been increasing at break neck speed as the Mayor's tenure comes to an end. Suffolk, which is constructing many of the buildings underway on the waterfront, not to mention in many other parts of Boston, joins a host of other national firms including Jamestown Properties, an Atlanta-based real estate firm that recently bought the Boston Design Center and the adjacent Bronstein Center. Several other firms are proposing new commercial and residential buildings in the area. It is again important to note that none of these projects has served any public notice to the South Boston Community.

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As was stated above, First Priority Credit Union has been working hard and will continue to strive to be one of South Boston's favorite and most convenient places to bank for local residents. They have a great record of service in the community and make every effort to get better with each passing year. Bob Bartol, President and CEO of First Priority Credit Union stated, "We have strong ties to these communities among our membership and look forward to letting our members, their families and neighbors and local businesses know that we are a viable option for the banking products that they use every day."

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Lisa Knox, artist/founder of the Fort Point Studio School, is a painter and art instructor. Lisa received her BFA and MA degrees from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston in affiliation with Tufts University. Over the past fifteen years she has taught drawing, painting and art history in Massachusetts and Michigan.

Lisa's work is in collections throughout the U.S. and Europe. She has been invited to demonstrate portrait painting at many museums and art organizations, including the University of Michigan Museum of Art and The Children's Museum in Boston.

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## Councilor Linehan Calls for More Police Officers

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY**  
staff report

**Councilor Linehan** wholeheartedly supports Councilor Rob Consalvo's call for the addition of 200 police officers in the City of Boston. Boston's population has grown over the past decade or more, and the amount of police officers has not caught up with that growth. Presently, Boston has just over 2,000 uniformed officers. Boston has over 635,000 people residing within the City limits. Job growth and growth in the tourism industry brings an additional 565,000 people to the City on a daily basis, many more people than in the past. In

addition, the Boston Housing Authority Police has been underfunded and has lost significant officers over the years, leaving the majority of patrols to Boston Police.

During this time of population growth, Boston has also become more prosperous. Based on this change of more people living, working and visiting Boston, 200 police officers seems not only reasonable, but warranted. Financially, this City is doing well both from a private and public prospective and cutting costs around public safety is not good for the people or businesses of Boston.





## The Artists' Studio

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
By Deb Putnam

I am on my way home from a day of painting in Beacon Hill and I spy an enormous double mural hanging on a building at 126 Cambridge Street in Boston. The Nate Swain murals (nateswain.com) show tree sized dandelions just ripe for a light breeze to explode their blossoms. The only murals on Beacon Hill, each is painted on vinyl and is 25-ft wide by 37-ft tall. The gargantuan flowers stop me in my tracks much to the dismay of the rushing horde of pedestrians behind me. I fish out my camera to store the image and immediately, in my head, I start planning an art lesson for my students.

It is way too early I keep telling myself, it's just the beginning of August, and I have so much of my painting I need to complete before summer break is over. But here I am and this is just one more opportunity to engage my students with contemporary art so how can I pass it up? This is also the perfect moment to ponder the importance and benefits of Arts education in our schools. Here are some interesting facts and figures from the <http://www.americansforthearts.org> website. Did you know?

- Students who take four years of arts and music classes average almost 100 points better on their SAT scores than

students who take only one-half year or less.

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- 72 % of business leaders say that creativity is the number one skill they are seeking when hiring

Unfortunately, even though business and school leaders are virtually unanimous in rating creativity as increasingly important in U.S. workplaces (97 and 99 percent, respectively), the reality in our high schools is:

- Only 4% require dramatic arts
- Only 54% require creative writing
- Only 17 % require music
- Only 7% require studio arts (visual arts)

So although my lesson plan is still in the design stage I will be hoping to engage my students in many different ways. We can explore artists who create flower or plantlike art like Van Gogh or Hunterwasser. We can learn about plant reproduction, scale, texture, shape, and color in art. We

can write about memories we have about dandelions, dance and sway like a dandelion in the wind, create a dandelion puppet and have a play... oh, no, I've started lesson planning and I can't stop!

Please support the arts. As you know, EARTH without ART is just EH!

*Deb Putnam is a local artist and regular contributor at South Boston Today. Her work can be viewed at [www.dputnamart.com](http://www.dputnamart.com)*



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around them. South Bostonians have, traditionally, looked out for one another. Help is given without even asking in most cases and without hesitation, when a resident is in trouble or in danger. It's the way it has always been here. Don't be afraid to make eye contact with those you pass on the street or say good morning when you walk by. Gestures like that are very much appreciated by people here, and shows them that, yes, you do want to be part of the neighborhood and it tells others that, yes, you really do belong. Accepting and showing respect for the local culture, as most do, also helps and makes you welcome.

Actions like these go a long way to make any area safer. When people are friendly and seem happy to be in their new surroundings and make that effort to be sociable, it draws everyone closer together. There are a small number of people that won't even return a smile or a hello. Some even look away rather than make eye contact with others. This sends a signal that you may not even want to be part of the community. The closer people are in any town, the harder it is for the bad guys to cause problems. When people, and there are some, make it plain that they do not even want to know their neighbors, it becomes open season for the criminals and it is in places like that, that they gravitate to and thrive.

No one can force anyone to be friendly and accepting of their neighbors, nor should they be able to. What I'm doing here is just giving a bit of helpful advice on how to bring everyone in this town closer, in an effort to get back the safe streets that prompted so many new arrivals to come here in the first place. We here at South Boston Today know from experience what works. We are doing our part to share with those who may be a little shy. There really is no need to be.

*Note: Talk back to John Ciccone by email at [jciccone@southbostontoday.com](mailto:jciccone@southbostontoday.com)*



# 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: *Make Your Voice Be Heard*

**COMMUNITY** - joint possession, enjoyment, liability

The attendance at the Public Safety Meeting held at the Tynan Community Center Monday, July 29th at 7:00pm was a sea of familiar faces, but an abundance of new faces as well. The “new” Southie residents came to listen, share and contribute. Through civic and environmental interest groups like Social Southie, Planet Southie, Southie Bikes, as well as West Broadway Neighborhood Association and Andrew Square Civic Association, bridging the gap between old and new residents has become a no brainer. With arms wide open, they invite all to join and participate in their meetings, fundraisers, and other weekly and monthly events. The members of these organizations show a genuine interest in the tried and true Southie traditions of giving back and engaging. The key to a stronger, safer, healthier and more fun Southie is inclusion. Here is a list of community meetings and events going on this week where you can get involved and be “in the know” about what is happening in the ‘hood.

- Biking in (South) Boston- Being in such close proximity to the city’s major business districts

makes South Boston a desirable and convenient place to live. And with the South Boston Waterfront, Copley Square and the Financial District less than 4 miles away from SB proper, why not bike? It saves that coveted parking spot, secures you a seat otherwise unavailable unless you take the 6am #7 bus, and it’s a killer workout for your gams! On Tuesday August 20th, 6pm, at the Condon School Community Center, Southie Bikes will have a meeting concerning the proposal of bike lanes in South Boston. The bike lanes will promote a designated space where bikers can travel to and from their destination safely and efficiently. In addition, the Hubway, a bike rental option with locations all over the city, is planning three new spots in Southie (West Broadway, East Broadway and Castle Island) with more to follow for the Waterfront (Design Center I and II). All are encouraged to come (on bike) with comments, questions, concerns and an open mind.

southiebikes.com

thehubway.com

Condon Community Center, 200 D Street,  
617-635-5100

- Host(ess) with the Most-est?- Entertaining can be fun. Maybe you enjoy creating menus and crafting cocktails at home with the help of Pinterest.com or Julie McCoying-it coordinating trips to ‘M’ street beach complete with afternoon delights. But when your evening winds down to a close, what do you do with those guests? Many residents have lots of family and friends that come to visit from out of town and there isn’t enough space to house them. Pappas Enterprise Inc. has proposed a new hotel development to be located at 6 West Broadway. It would be a boutique hotel (156 rooms) with many amenities that include a rooftop bar, outdoor lounge and pool deck, restaurant and coffee shop, as well as other typical hotel faculties. There will be a community meeting held on Tuesday August 20, 2013 6:30 pm (until 8:30pm) at the 50 West Broadway Apartments. So get down there and take notes; they may even have a position open for cruise director (winkwink).  
bostonredevelopmentauthority.org/neighborhoods

#### **More Ways To Get Involved, Be Aware & Have Fun:**

- Planet Southie’s monthly meeting is open to all.

Safe, clean, bikeable streets and environmentally friendly developing are some of their focuses. Held at the Distillery, 516 East 2nd Street, South Boston, Planet Southie meets the fourth Thursday of every month for an hour starting at 6:30pm (this month’s meeting is August 22, 2013). Any question, check out their website or contact via email or phone.

planetsouthie.blogspot.com

planetsouthie@gmail.com

617-962-1735

- Is there a more beautiful place to be inspired? The sights, smells and sounds of Southie can make a person want to create. Art is what you make of it. And anyone can certainly appreciate that! The South Boston Arts Association holds a monthly meeting at the Curley Recreation Center (‘M’ street entrance) the second Saturday of every month at 9:30 am; due to a scheduling conflict, August’s meeting is this Saturday the 17th. The guest artist this month is noted Globe photographer Bill Brett. Membership is \$20 for the year. Instagram away!  
southbostonartsassoc.org

- For a list of neighborhood/civic associations in South Boston, please visit the South Boston Neighborhood Associations Committee website-  
sbnac.org

### Stepping Out: *Summertime Sadness?*

As a kid, watching the night creep closer to Monday, I would get what you call ‘Sunday Night Syndrome’. I would scheme and scramble to create any kind of roadblock to make myself a three-day weekend. After many burnt tongues, boxes of Band-Aids and half “chewed” papers, one would think I would have figured it out. Monday comes and goes. Just as the summer does. But even at my age, I still doom the summer to be over as the clock strikes 12 am on July 5th. As soon as a heat wave ends and we have a cool spell, I am convinced you can ‘smell’ September. So I resign myself to the notion that feet should be out of flip flops and into boots and

butts should be on bar stools instead of beach chairs. Since it is the last-last week of summer, there is still time to do some fun stuff around Southie that doesn’t have to involve sand, sun or surf. SB has two breweries and one distillery where you can take a tour, participate in a tasting and make purchases so the party doesn’t have to end. Compromise- wear flip flops to the bar.

- GrandTen Distillery is located on Old Colony Ave, down a non-descript driveway, where a vintage truck with the GTD logo is parked out front. Saturdays is when the magic happens and you can take a tour and/or visit the tasting

room. Their most well known libation is their Wire Works Gin, in American style, because we did break away from the British a long time ago. Other liqueurs are available for consumption.

GrandTen Distillery

383 Dorchester Ave

617-269-0497

grandten.com

- Trillium Brewing Co., tucked away in Fort Point, has four brews available to taste Tuesdays-Saturdays (my kind of work week!). A family enterprise, Trillium’s business is expanding, and so is their busyness. Make sure you call ahead to reserve a tasting time.

Trillium Brewing Co.

369 Congress Street

617-453-8745 • trilliumbrewing.com

- Harpoon Brewery, known to us locals as “Harpoon”, has been around since the “J” from the blinking Jimmy’s Harborside light stopped working. A couple of guys who loved beer but had no knowledge of how it got into their glasses enlisted the help of some professional brewers, planted themselves in a warehouse on the fish pier and started an empire. Tours are available daily but you don’t have to take a tour to enjoy all the fun. A newly added beer hall allows one can stop by for a few pints and fresh baked pretzels. Open all week.

Harpoon Brewery

306 Northern Avenue

617-456-2322 • harpoonbrewery.com





# Southie Senses:

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



**Touch** - • Touch of the Master's Hand- Fort Point Art is offering manicure services at a pop-up nail shop through this Friday August 16, 6 pm. Made in Fort Point is providing this free of charge, by appointment only. Leave it to the professionals to tame those talons and help you put your best hand forward!  
Made in Fort Point, 30 Channel Center Street  
modernistmani@gmail.com • fortpointarts.org



**See** - • "All you touch and all you see is all your life will ever be" Pink Floyd- The ICA/Boston offers, in conjunction with the Highland Street Foundation, "Free Fun Friday's" this Friday August 16. Admission is waived and doors open at 10 am and stay that way until 9 pm. Make your own art, a short films screening, live music and dance performances are all on the agenda. Tickets (though free) are required for some of the performances and are first-come, first-served. The view of Boston from inside and outside the ICA is awe-inspiring. Don't miss it!  
icaboston.org • highlandstreet.org



**Taste** - • Feed the belly, feed the soul- This Sunday August 18 starts the two-week long feast that is known as Boston Restaurant Week. This summer edition is jam packed with many South Boston restaurants offering a 2-course or 3-course lunch, or a 3-course dinner. For those of you, who like me, cannot get enough of patio seating, steak and margaritas, there are many places to enjoy some or all of those indulgences at the South Boston Waterfront.  
Happy Eating!  
Sunday August 18th- Friday August 30th (not offered on Saturday August 24th) • bostonusa.com



**Smell** - • The Cheese Stands Alone- American Provisions offers a variety of cheeses: cow, sheep and goat; firm, hard-rind, semi-soft and spreadable. And when it comes to cheese, being stinky isn't necessarily a bad thing. AP is now carrying three types of odiferous frommage you can sample! Moses Sleeper (Jasper Hill, VT) a soft, cow's milk cheese when aged is creamy and has an aroma similar to brassica vegetables (cabbage, broccoli and brussel sprouts are in the family). Sola di capra (Piedmont, IT) has a moldy, inedible rind that encases a semi-hard raw goat's milk cheese with a strong smell. And two types of blue cheese- Bayley Hazen Blue (Jasper Hill, VT) which is a cow's milk cheese and Mossend Blue (Bonnieview Farm, VT), a less traditional, sheep's milk cheese are also offered. For those of you saying "Ewe Blue!", AP sells other soft flavored and creamy textured queso. Say Cheese!  
americanprovisions.com • American Provisions, 613 East Broadway • 617-269-6100



**Hear** - • A little bit country, a little bit rock and roll- Whether it's Jason Aldean or Justin Timberlake that you prefer, South Boston has got you covered. The Playwright Bar features Country Sunday's, live country music, to continue your Sunday Fun-day, 8-11pm. Plaid shirts, cowboy boots and hats not required. Another happening spot for live music is at the Junction Wednesday nights at 8 pm where musician Justin Beech performs his solo act. Though sometimes performing in his band, the Justin Beech Band, his solo act that has such a large following, George Lopez invited him to be the opening act for his stand-up comedy tour. A chance for you to keep marching to the beat of a different drummer!  
The Playwright • 658 East Broadway • 617-269-2537 • theplaywrightbar.com • The Junction  
100 Dorchester Street • 617-268-6429 • thejunctionbar.com



## Embrace All Of The Southie Senses:



The Urban Art Bar- Paint the Town (literally).

Do I have to paint you a picture? There is an artist in all of us just waiting to be discovered. And as with any kind of art form, after fueling myself with a few libations, I am convinced I sing like Beyonce, dance like Michael Jackson and can take Jennifer Aniston's job. Because singing karaoke, dancing at a wedding and running lines with an actor friend qualifies me for anything, right? No. At the Urban Art Bar, however, I can come as close to Picasso as I will ever get. Located on Old Colony Ave, next to Dominos (yay!), the Urban Art Bar offers painting classes where an instructor takes you step by step through a themed piece. That's just the paint part! There is a bar that sells beer, wine and some "beer" like beverages like Twisted Teas. UAB also has non-alcoholic beverages for purchase. Best part- you can bring snacks! Classes are available in the evenings during the week and days on the weekends; come solo or with a group (more snacks!) The UAB website has a calendar with available times and a picture of what is going to be painted. It isn't a guarantee that your canvas will look the same, but I bet you can come pretty darn close! Slots fill up fast but if there is a class you really want to attend, UAB suggests you add yourself to the waitlist, as plans change and people reschedule. Reservations should be made online. Watching THIS paint dry is exciting!

The Urban Art Bar • 163 Old Colony Ave • 617-596-0553 • theurbanartbar.com

## CASTLE ISLAND ASSOCIATION SENIOR SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
JUNE 15 - NOVEMBER 2, 2013

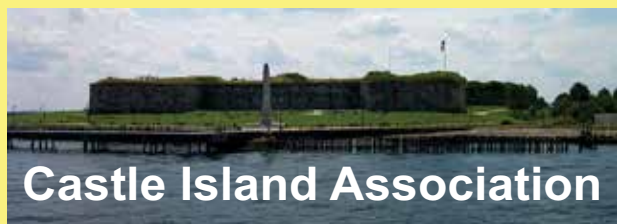
WEATHER PERMITTING

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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## In Your Corner

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While the summer months have seen a slowdown in development meetings, August is always a signal that another “Development Season” is about to begin. First, we’ll start with St. Augustine’s Church.

Design plans are receiving their final touches, but no actual work as been approved or started. As such, this beautiful historic structure just sits there. The developers have established a good reputation in South Boston with their designs, respect of the community and giving back to the community. The good will generated shouldn’t be taken for granted or wasted. There is that danger, however, when local residents are forced to clean up property that no longer is theirs, to prevent an eye sore. Last Thursday, local residents gathered and filled four bags with trash, three with weeds and, thankfully, only one syringe. Surely the owners can hire a crew to maintain this property and maintain the goodwill they have achieved.

Staying in the City Side area, the original approved re-design and plan for Thornton’s Florist has been put on hold. Further meetings will

be scheduled. In the SALENA (St. Vincent) area a proposal for 340 West Second (between “F & E”) was heard. This would consist of a 44ft. tall structure with 29 Units and at least 43 parking spaces. Further meetings will be held. Also the former New England Auto Body at Dorchester and Dresser Street has been sold and a proposal for residential development will be heard at a meeting time to be announced. In a side development SVLENA held a barbeque “Texas Style” at B & West 3rd with Brennan Brown and Michael Morrow serving as hosts and chefs for a great relaxing get-together.

On August 20 at 6:30PM at 50 West Broadway, a meeting will be hosted by the West Broadway Neighborhood Association to discuss a boutique hotel for 6 West Broadway, consisting of 156 rooms, restaurant, meeting rooms and fitness center. The public is urged to attend.

Finally, “Plant Southie” will host a meeting, also August 20, at 6PM at the Condon School to discuss a proposal for the creation of bike lanes on West Broadway. This, too, is an important meeting on South Boston’s future.

www.southbostontoday.com





# Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
583 East Broadway Single Family	\$948,000	8/6/13	10	2.5	2484
627 East Second St UNIT 1 Condo	\$769,000	8/2/13	5	3	2000
104 F Street Single Family	\$762,000	8/1/13	6	2	1724
559-1/2 East Sixth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$750,000	8/2/13	5	2.5	1900
157 Ward St UNIT 3 Condo	\$627,000	8/1/13	4	2	1045
135 N Street Single Family	\$625,000	8/5/13	7	2.5	1390
314-330 West Second St UNIT 512 Condo	\$479,000	8/2/13	5	1	817
876 East Broadway UNIT 1 Condo	\$455,000	8/7/13	5	1	1009
12 Dixfield Street Single Family	\$451,500	8/1/13	7	1.5	1062
132 West Eighth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$442,500	8/5/13	5	2	999
685 East Eighth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$407,500	8/1/13	4	2	1020
412 East Eighth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$405,000	8/2/13	4	1	910
266 West Fifth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$405,000	8/1/13	5	1	1000
245 West Fifth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$393,500	8/7/13	3	1	700
421 East Third St UNIT 2 Condo	\$390,000	8/5/13	4	1	802
360 West Second St UNIT 9 Condo	\$380,000	8/6/13	3	1	750
523 East Second St UNIT 6 Condo	\$370,000	8/7/13	3	1	574
201 D St UNIT 3 Condo	\$357,000	8/5/13	4	1	724
224 West Sixth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$312,000	8/6/13	4	1	639
26 Boston St UNIT 3 Condo	\$269,000	8/2/13	4	1	704
314-330 West Second St UNIT 406 Condo	\$257,000	8/1/13	3	1	427
26 Ward St UNIT 1 Condo	\$247,900	8/7/13	2	1	475

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Jim Collins, Jill Karwoski, Tracy King, Timothy Bradeen



Maryann Crush, President



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mcmproperties.com



## Hubway Bike Share Expands To South Boston

**T**he New Balance Hubway Bike Share program is expanding with twenty new stations this summer and 5 stations in South Boston. Hubway, in concert with Boston Bikes, the city's bike program, will locate an on-street station on the north side of West Broadway, just west of the Dorchester Street intersection.

The station will be placed in 2 curb side parking spots. Sidewalk space was not available. The station is expected to be installed after August 21. Because it is a seasonal system, the station will be removed in late November and out-of-commission until March, weather dependent.

Hubway stations are sited to promote access, visibility and safety. Appropriate setbacks to fire hydrants, utilities and crosswalks are always

accommodated. Consistent with other stations, the proposed has been reviewed for safety.

Since launching Hubway in 2011, the system has seen more than 1 million trips. In response to many enthusiastic requests from South Boston residents, we are excited to expand into South Boston, providing a unique and added transportation option for South Boston residents. The new station will allow these members, visitors and other residents to easily access other existing and proposed Hubway stations including at the Broadway T station, Design Center, the South Boston Branch Library, Congress Street, near Castle Island and more. The system now extends beyond Boston borders into Cambridge, Brookline and Somerville.





# Save The Harbor Extends The Summer For Local Groups

## *Annual Youth Beach Bash and Splash Plus 3 Free Trips To Peddocks Island*

*On Thursday, August 15 from 10am-2pm, more than 500 youth and teens from area youth and community groups will join Save the Harbor / Save the Bay for the 3rd Annual Kid Beach Bash and Splash at the M Street Beach side of the BCYF Curley Recreation Center at 1163 Columbia Road in South Boston. There will be kite flying, sand sculpting, touch tanks, face-painting, fishing and Frisbees - and more than 500 kids and 1,000 hotdogs at this free event.*

*At 12:00 noon the kids will take part in a giant dash and splash to the water to celebrate summer on one of the cleanest urban beaches in America, followed by an old fashioned cook-out.*



With a new visitor center, miles of walking trails, sandy beaches and a historic fort and chapel to explore, Peddocks Island is a great place to spend a summer day with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. Save the Harbor/Save the Bay will add 3 free trips to Peddocks Island in the Boston Harbor Islands National Park for youth and community groups during the last week of August as part of their free All Access Boston Harbor program for area youth, teens and families. **If your organization would like to join them on August 27, 28, or 29, email your group size, preferred date and contact information to: [info@savetheharbor.org](mailto:info@savetheharbor.org)**

Peddocks Island, which opened to the public last year, is the newest destination in the Boston Harbor Islands National Park. On the island, participants can explore the new visitor center and the remains of Fort Andrew, walk the trails around the island, see historic summer cottages and fish shacks from the early 20th century, fish for striped bass and flounder off the dock, or play a round of Frisbee Golf on the Boston Harbor Islands only Frisbee Golf course! Take a hike, enjoy the beach, explore the island or even play a round of Frisbee Golf on Peddocks Island with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay.

So far this summer Save the Harbor's free island excursions have connected a record number youth and teens from area community organizations and youth groups to

Georges Island and Spectacle Island. By summer's end the group expects to share the Boston Harbor Islands with more than 6,500 young people from groups from every neighborhood in the city of Boston and many other cities and towns across the region including Lynn, Revere, Everett, Chelsea, and Quincy.

"We are proud to say that Save the Harbor / Save the Bay has become the "Boston Harbor Connection" for a generation of young people" said Save the Harbor President Patricia Foley. "Thanks to the generosity of our donors, this year we will be able to extend the summer season, visit a new island and share the harbor with even more youth and teens."

Since 2002, Save the Harbor's free youth environmental education programs have connected more than 75,000 youth and teens to Boston Harbor, the Boston Harbor Islands and the region's public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket. Though many of the participants return year after year, for others these trips mark their first time on Boston Harbor and sometimes their first time on a boat.

All Access Boston Harbor starts at Boston's Bank of America Pavilion, where children learn about Boston Harbor, the harbor islands and the marine environment before embarking on the Provincetown II for a day of recreation, education, and exploration to Georges Island, Spectacle Island and this summer to Peddock's Island in the Boston Harbor Islands National Park.

This summer Save the Harbor/Save the Bay will have hosted 24 free trips to the Boston Harbor Islands for thousands of local youth and teens including this group from Blue Cross / Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

"These island adventures are a wonderful way for young people to learn about Boston Harbor's unique history and our marine environment," said Bruce Berman, Director of Strategy, Communications and Programs for Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. "We are glad to add these three trips to Peddocks Island to the 21 trips we have already scheduled to Georges and Spectacle this summer. They should be tons of fun."

In addition to their All Access Boston Harbor island excursions, Save the Harbor also offers their free Boston Harbor Explorers program at the Courageous Sailing Center in Charlestown, the Piers Park Sailing Center in East Boston, the McDonough Sailing Center in South Boston, Community Boating on the Charles River, Blacks Creek Sailing Center in Quincy, the Boston Children's Museum and Camp Harbor View. To help lead and manage these free programs, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay employs a summer youth environmental education program staff of 32, including six teachers, college students and 18 urban teens from area high schools.

Save the Harbor's youth environmental education programs are made possible with Leadership Grants from Bay State Cruise Company, Distrigas/GDF SUEZ, The P.I. Garden Fund, The Coca-Cola Foundation, The Ludeke Foundation,

and Yawkey Foundation II.

Save the Harbor is grateful for Partnership Grants from The Andus Baker & Rowen Murphy Family Fund, Forrest Berkley and Marcie Tyre Berkley, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Jay Cashman Inc., The Chiofaro Company, Circle Furniture, The Dolphin Trust, Fan Pier, a development of the Fallon Company, John Hancock Financial Services, Inc., HYM Investment Group, Lee Kennedy Company, Inc., Massachusetts Bay Lines, Massachusetts Port Authority, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, National Grid Foundation, P&G Gillette, William E. and Bertha E. Schrafft Charitable Trust, and The Clinton H. and Wilma T. Shattuck Charitable Trust.

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To find out more about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's All Access Boston Harbor trips, visit their website at <http://www.savetheharbor.org>, their youth blog, "Sea, Sand and Sky" at <http://www.blog.savetheharbor.org>, and their Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/savetheharbor>.



## South Boston Youth Hockey Parents & Volunteers Meeting

South Boston's Youth Hockey Program will begin its 52nd season with a parents and volunteers meeting Sunday August 18 at the South Boston Neighborhood House, 136 H Street. Sign-in will begin at 6:15. The

meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 and last approximately 90 minutes.

New families considering the learn-to-skate, learn to play hockey, house league or boys and girls travel teams are welcome!

During the meeting, the Board of

Directors will detail the program budget for the 2013-2014 season and explain tuition and fees.

The program is expanding this year with new academic support resources and leadership programs. This season teams will play in the

Valley League.

The program is looking for many volunteers to support communications, hockey operations, fund raising, administration, and academic support programs. Please join us – all are welcome!



## Calling All Coaches - South Boston Youth Soccer Meeting

South Boston Youth Soccer will hold a coaches meeting on Thursday, August 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the lunch room at the Curley Recreation Center. For more information contact Dianne at 617-967-8352.







## South Boston Leadership Initiative to Hold First Fundraiser

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staff report

**T**he South Boston Leadership Initiative and its program director, Ryan Sweeney, announce that its first fundraiser will be held Thursday August 22 6 – 10pm at the Harry McDonough Sailing Center located at Castle Island.

The mission of the organization is to help develop the youth of South Boston and to assist in their efforts to reach educational and professional goals. The programs are set up to work with each individual to identify their goals, and through workshops, programs,

and a network of volunteers strives to achieve those goals.

While stressing the importance of education, fitness, and nutrition, the Leadership Initiative will expose participants to a variety of collegiate opportunities and professions through a strong network of local professionals, college alumni and member of the building and other vocational trades. It will also partner with existing organizations in South Boston to ensure that all members of the South Boston community have the chance to participate in

the unique programming that is being offered.

Among the programs planned are workshops on Public Speaking, SSAT Prep, SAT Prep (Math and English), Art with Watercolors, Creative Writing (Current Events), Strength and Conditioning, Leadership Training and re-instituting the successful Math Olympics program.

*Examples of recent workshops and clinics are:*

Budgeting, Saving, and Credit 101 – Amber Fetzer (Boston College's Financial Literacy Program

Successful Start) at the South Boston Neighborhood House

Fitness and Nutrition – Will Wilson at the Harry McDonough Sailing Center

Sailing, Racing, and Instruction – Sarah McGarrell and MIT's Sailing Coach at the Harry McDonough Sailing Center

Little League Clinic – Local high school and college coaches at Columbus Park

The Board of Directors looks forward to seeing you next Thursday at 6Pm at the McDonough Sailing Center. Tickets are only \$ 20.

## South Boston Catholic Academy Summer Camp Learning While Having Fun!

Our summer camp program for the first thru sixth graders has been having a combination of academic studies, including engineering and technology, as well as, some beach and library time. This year the program focused on preparing the children to continue learning over vacation and having fun while doing it. We worked on our summer reading lists and took trips to the library to help the children choose books. Math skills were sharpened and practice books for the summer were provided. Science exploration was a large part of the program, with experiments focusing on a common theme. Daily writing was also incorporated in our routine. We also played sports, games and hands on actives to ensure the children had a fun and enjoyable experience!

During the final week of camp, we went over to Cushing Hall that is air conditioned and the children did some cooking which taught them about measurements. They made enough sweets to share with the little ones in our Pre-K thru K2 summer camp program who also came over and they all enjoyed lunch, a movie and the delicious sweet desserts that the older children made. It has been a great summer for the children and the teachers!











## Life of Umpire at M Street Never Easy

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
By Jim Sullivan

Jim Sullivan has penned this week's M Street Softball recap while Mark Senna vacations with family. Jim is a freelance writer who has been published in the Boston Globe, Boston Herald, Funny Times, and Discover magazine, among others.

This week's action in the M Street Softball League saw the race for the championship become a bit clearer, while also illustrating why umpires are a special breed.

Monday saw the two teams lowest in the standings face off, with the prize being a huge step toward

possible playoff qualification. Cranberry Café and Playwright both entered the game with one win (oddly enough, both had beaten Southside Tavern for their lone victory.) Through two innings, Playwright held a 2 – 1 lead, but Cranberry's bats came to life in the third. Twelve men went to the plate, seven scored, and it looked as though the boys in maroon were on their way to a second triumph. Playwright answered mightily in the fourth, however, plating eight runs of their own. They never relinquished the lead after that, going on to a win

by the final score of 12 – 9.

That game saw the return to M Street action of umpire Chuckie Feltch. As related in last week's recap, Chuckie was hit in the face by a line drive while working a game in Dorchester. He sported a nasty shiner this week, but otherwise came out of it unscathed. It was a very fortunate ending to a scary on-field accident. As will be related later, there is more to being an umpire than braving the physical dangers.

Tuesday's early game saw Lincoln Tavern take down Telegraph Hill, 16 – 7. The Lincoln Tavern team led start to finish, paced by three-run homers off the bats of Mike Briggs and Andy Hillier. Veteran pitcher Jim McNiff ran his record to 4-1, allowing only four earned runs. Mark Preziosi was 3 for 4, including a double, in the losing effort.

The nightcap saw Playwright continue their winning ways. A 14 – 2 drubbing of the Stats Bar & Grille Brewers was paced by the fine pitching of Keith Zewiey. The big man struck out four while scattering seven hits. OF Joe Broderick paced the offensive attack with 4 RBI on three hits out of the leadoff position in the order.

On Wednesday, Chuckie Feltch once again worked as the man in blue behind the plate. It was a test of his mental toughness this time, as opposed to the physical toughness he has displayed many times over the years.

The opener saw undefeated Shenannigans take down Cranberry Cafe behind P Mike Hoadley's 14-strikeout performance (yes, 14 strikeouts.) The final score was 12–4, and the mastery of Hoadley was an awesome thing to behold for any fan of fast-pitch softball. The game may be remembered by those in the stands for other reasons, though, and that's a shame. Following a couple of calls going against Cranberry in the sixth inning, a player decided to get right up into umpire Feltch's grill. Feltch, true to his professional form, stayed calm while the player brought into question his membership in the human race. It was a barrage of invective a lesser man would have found hard not to answer with at least a similar insult-filled rage, if

not a swing. Instead, Chuckie kept his calm. He rightly tossed the player from the game, but refused to be baited into anything more. He also continued on with his night working TWO more games that evening.

In the middle game of the night, Lincoln Tavern's strong hitting continued and the Brewers lack of offensive success also continued, leading to a 14 – 3 Lincoln victory. Andy Hillier hit his second home run of the week, again leading the attack for his team.

In the final game Wednesday, the strong pitching of Joe Magee led the way for Warehouse, 14 – 3 victors over the Nix Mate Islanders. With the game well in hand, Magee left the mound after four innings, replaced by Joe Venuti for a final two strong innings of relief. Venuti, a former league leader in strikeouts (135 in his dominant 2010 season which also included a no-hitter) has returned to league action after recent surgery for cancer and all wish him well in his upcoming treatment.

Thursday night's results saw Shenannigans' remain undefeated via a 6 – 2 victory over the always-game Telegraph Hill team. While the Hill may not be favorites to win the league title, they never play a game wherein they give less than 100%. They are always a danger to take down a stronger (on paper) opponent, and they'll be a tough draw for whomever they face in the playoffs. Southside Tavern returned to the form predicted for them prior to the season - and to a .500 record - with a strong 12 – 5 victory over Nix Mate Islanders. Crafty veteran ace John Gregorio recorded his second victory of the season while holding down the strong Nix Mate team bats. Many Southside players have been involved in playoffs in other leagues, sometimes leaving them not at ultimate strength while those series are ongoing, and they will be a championship contender once the dust settles.

M Street Softball League games are among the best fast-pitch games in the city, strongly competitive, well worth a night out, and admission is always free. Games are played at 6:30 and 8:10, Monday through Thursday. See you at the park!

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# Pats Secondary Has Potential To Be Best Unit In Years

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Conor Ryan

Jonathan Wilhite. Darius Butler. Brandon Meriweather. Terrence Wheatley. The list of ineffective and/or lackluster Patriots secondary players has seemed to drag on and on over the last 5+ seasons, resulting in an often-exploited unit that has been one of the main reasons why the New England defense has been ranked in the top 10 in yards allowed for the last three seasons. For Patriots fans, this consistently underachieving unit represents a stark departure from the heralded NE defensive backs from the glory days of the late '90s/early 2000s, a group that featured Pro Bowl talent and veteran leadership in the form of players such as Ty Law and Rodney Harrison.

Now, entering the 2013 season, the New England Patriots are looking at one of their most uncertain campaigns in years.

While constants such as Brady, Belichick, Mayo, and Wilfork are all accounted for and ready to roll this season, the departure of Wes Welker, the arrest of Aaron Hernandez, and injuries to Rob Gronkowski has led to many question marks regarding the Patriots offense this year, as well as increased pressure on the Patriots defense to step up and bail the team out of close contests.

Normally, the thought of the Patriots defense, especially the secondary, being possibly the biggest key to this season would have Pats fans lining up at the Tobin Bridge, but with both returning veteran leadership, as well as a mix of young and promising talent, this secondary unit has the chance to really turn heads this season.

The biggest reason for a potential turnaround in the secondary has to be the return of CB Aqib Talib. Acquired in a trade with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on November 1st of last year, Talib made an immediate impact on the Pats secondary core: While

the Pats defense let up at least 20 points in seven of their first nine games in 2012, once Talib was inserted into the secondary on November 18th, the team only allowed more than 20 points two out of their last seven games.

A free agent after the 2012 season, Talib returned to New England on a one-year deal, as the 27-year-old is looking to put together a productive season with the Patriots in order to likely garner a big contract next offseason. So far, it seems like Talib is focused on getting that huge pay day, as he has won praise amongst his peers for his leadership and was awarded one of the ten front-row parking spots at Gillette Stadium, given to the ten players who show the most dedication to the team's offseason training programs.

With a motivated Talib leading the way, the Patriots secondary has a chance to really progress from previous years. While Talib may be the biggest reason for a vastly improved secondary core, there are plenty of other players that could make this unit very intimidating next year.

One player that has the chance to really solidify his spot as a top player on the Patriots defense this season is DB Devin McCourty. Drafted in the first round (27th overall) by the Patriots in 2010, McCourty turned heads at cornerback during his rookie year with 82 tackles, seven interceptions, and two forced fumbles. While Lions DT Ndamukong Suh would win the AP Defensive Rookie of the Year, McCourty was the only other rookie to receive votes. Unfortunately for McCourty, he slumped in 2011, as he only snagged two interceptions on the season and constantly struggled in coverage, as the Nyack, NY native seemed to give up big play after big play throughout the year. In 2012, McCourty split time at both cornerback and safety, but by the end of the year had



"Safety Adrian Wilson will have Pats fans on their feet with his crushing hits."



"Pats CB Aqib Talib will be the key to a improved Patriots secondary."

entrenched himself as starting safety on the team and showed major improvements from his 2011 season. In one incredible stat, Pro Football Focus reported that opposing quarterbacks had a 78.2 rating when throwing McCourty's way when he was a cornerback, but only mustered a 10.1 rating when he was at safety. Now a defensive captain and a veteran leader, McCourty should play a major role on this unit now that he has carved out a niche at safety, where he won't be exposed

to as many one-on-one matchups against receivers.

While Talib and McCourty are the two leaders of this new unit, they are certainly not alone, and are joined by quite a few talented players that should provide big boosts to the secondary.

While he is getting up in age at 33 years old, 5-time Pro Bowler Adrian Wilson will likely start alongside McCourty at safety after signing a three-year deal last offseason. A punishing hitter, Wilson is the most intimidating presence in the Patriots secondary, since Rodney Harrison and should routinely jack up opponents next season. Returning to New England after signing a four-year deal, CB Kyle Arrington performed well as the team's slot corner last year, and will likely resume that role this season or take over at starting right corner in case promising CB Alfonzo Dennard is either suspended or jailed after he was arrested for suspicion of DUI in early July.

Add in S Tavon Wilson, as well as rookies Logan Ryan and Duran Harmon, to the mix of veteran and talented players, and this Pats secondary could really shock many people this year.

They may not be the secondary from the dynasty era, but if this current core can improve on past years, limit big plays, and keep their team in tight games, than this squad might be the key to a trip to Super Bowl XLVIII in New Jersey.

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*This week, Danny talked with Barstool Sports' Jerry Thornton:*



**DANNY PICARD:** Did you learn anything on Friday night in this Patriots/Eagles preseason game?

**JERRY THORNTON:** Yeah, a lot of things about the first offense, which is, it's going to be much better, and I think our worst fears will not be realized. Here's my

disclaimer, anything I say about a preseason game, always comes with an asterisk. You just never know. I believe one of the years they won a Super Bowl they went 0-4 in the preseason. So, having said that, with regards to Tim Tebow, he looked a lot like he looked when I went to training camp, which is moments of

brilliance, but more than anything, really slow to make decisions, he doesn't go through his progressions very well. He clearly is a guy, who, for most of his athletic career -- and he's played a lot more college than he has pro -- he'd draw back, and if he didn't see his first couple of reads, he tucked it and ran. And that's not

going to fly in this offense. But I think that's what we've got out of him now. And having said that, yeah, he made some terrific throws. He's got a really strong arm. In camp, I saw him throw some back-shoulder fades, but prior to that, there were about 30 passes where you just said, "What is he doing? You're not going to be able to function unless the NFL adopts a 10-Mississippi rule. Unless players have to count before they pass rush, Tebow's not going to cut it."

**DP:** The thing with Tebow and the Patriots, and I didn't want to make a huge deal of this acquisition, because I thought it was pretty simple. I thought they brought in a kid who still wanted to play quarterback, and maybe wanted it so bad that they could let him learn under a guy like Tom Brady, and if there ever was some sort of emergency situation, maybe he could be thrown in there. When I see him in training camp, running the pistol with the 1's at times, I think that's more of them saying, "Alright, we better have this ready, just in case. If we do keep Tebow on this roster, he's going to be one of the backup quarterbacks. And if there is some sort of emergency situation in which we need to use Tebow, then we need to be ready to utilize Tim Tebow in a way that's going to help us be successful." And





maybe that's the only way that they feel he'll be successful. I don't know that we're ever going to see Tebow take away a snap from Tom Brady.

**JT:** I think it's possible, but yeah, I'd be fascinated to see if he does. But I'm with you, in that, anytime you take Brady off the field, you can expect a nice delivery of flowers from the defensive coach on the other side of the field. I agree with you on that. Maybe this is just a "if the sky falls" then is there some way to still try and put points on the board. I'd prefer that, than thinking that they have plans to split time with Brady and Tebow, which is preposterous.

**DP:** Other than Tebow, the next storyline from the Patriots' first preseason game, I think, is the running game. Blount had a big night, Ridley had a big night. Vereen actually came out of the backfield and catches Brady's TD pass. The running back in general, what did you learn about their running game?

**JT:** In the preseason, it's impressions, not conclusions. One thing you

notice when you see the Patriots in person, is just how big LeGarrette Blount is. I mean, you can see his bio and know that he's 250 pounds, but I mean, he's almost Brandon Spikes' size. He's Jerod Mayo's size, and he's a running back. What I was surprised by was just how elusive he is. That one run that he made, where he reversed fields, was phenomenal. He didn't slip tackles in that. He just made people miss. And that's really encouraging. Let's not forget, this guy had a 1,000-yard season a couple years ago. And on this team, he's probably the fourth or fifth best option, and there's some speculation that he might not even make the team. Well, after seeing that, he's on my roster.

**DP:** Is there anything else that you saw in the first preseason game, or maybe something that you'll be looking at a little bit more in the second preseason game against Tampa Bay?

**JT:** Yeah, and this applies to both, and that's watching the development of the receivers.

We've seen it happen here, where, strange combinations of guys can grasp this offense, and other guys can't. I mean, productive NFL receivers like Joey Galloway and Doug Gabriel and Ochocinco couldn't do a thing here, and then, kind of nondescript guys like Jabar Gaffney and Reche Caldwell thrived in this system. So you can never tell. It's really hard to extrapolate what you've seen and predict whether a guy can catch on. But the early returns on this collection of guys they have is

really good. I think last time I was on with you, I talked about Kenbrell Thompson, the undrafted kid out of Cincinnati, who, is a rookie, and he's older than Aaron Hernandez. He was actually correcting other guys and lining them up. There was one time where he lined up Josh Boyce, and he moved Boyce and told him where he was supposed to be. He just seems like he's got the quick grasp of the offense. Bill Belichick called this a "redo" on the receiver position. If they were a stock, I'd buy.

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