Too Much? To Whom? Too Late?

The front page of the Boston Globe this past Monday - the same day as the Mayoral candidates’ debate - reported that Mayor Thomas Menino has a plan to try to keep middle class families in Boston. Menino states, “We don’t want to be a city of the rich and the poor. We want to make sure that the working class people have a place to live.”

Wasn’t that the commitment that the Mayor during his first campaign for Mayor and then made in every one of his State of The City addresses over his 20 years in office? You can credit him for employing the minds and expertise of think tanks like Harvard and others. But one doesn’t need pedigree advice to know that some communities have prospered into un-affordability, while others have declined into un-livability under his watch.

The report by Casey Ross noted that in ‘South Boston, once filled with moderately priced homes, only 7 percent of the units sold in an 18 month period would be considered affordable to a two-person household earning the area’s median income of $ 75,000 per year. A couple earning the same income could afford only 5 percent of the homes recently sold in Charlestown and 15 percent of those sold in Jamaica Plain’.

With respect to other neighborhoods to be targeted by the middle income program, only 10 percent of his $16.5billion plan and 16 percent of his projected number of units are directed to this vital demographic. Implementing or further refining the elements of this proposed initiative...
EDITORIAL  This Isn’t Oklahoma – And It’s Not 1893!

Are these the descendants of the same Federal Officials, who looked the other way when Bulger, Flemmi and so many others were acting untouchable back in the day? How else are we to explain the lack of even a raised state or federal eyebrow at the latest plan out of City Hall. Now, our “dear leader” wants to stage a remake of the 1893 Oklahoma land rush by selling off City owned land at discounted rates no less.

When did the hottest real estate market in the country suddenly need to offer incentives to sell land? Unlike Oklahoma, the eligible list for these prospective buyers might be a bit more selective.

For twenty years, the opportunity to create and preserve a middle class was staring us in the face and this Mayor’s administration did nothing. In fact, it actively worked to prevent it. A negotiated agreement was reached to create 120 units of affordable mid-rise housing at D and First Street between the community and developers. For reasons, yet to be explained, the Mayor disallowed the creation of housing. Today, on that very site, a 1350 car parking garage is being proposed. Still not satisfied with his middle class destroying policies, he now wants to saddle us with $16.5 billion in debt to do what he prevented from being done for the last 20 years.

This is like the waning days of the Reich but, instead of hiding treasure in salt mines, our treasure is being sold off at bargain prices.

Remember they’re not making any new land.

“Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be” - Abraham Lincoln

Last Week’s Poll Results

Last Week’s Poll On Bike Lanes On Broadway Was Very Active with 4,373 Votes Cast

Here’s The Question & Where The Readers Of South Boston Today Stand On The Issue.

Do You Support Bike Lanes On East & West Broadway?

Yes 21%  with 934 Votes

No  79%  with 3439 Votes
There’s a bit of a flare up over the new ‘Tech Tax’ here in Massachusetts. With our governor, any and all new taxes are considered ‘Manna from Heaven’ for him to spend as he pleases. The more new levies he can add and the higher he can raise the existing ones, the happier he seems to be. He was sort of happy that an extra 3 cents was added to the already high tax on every gallon of gasoline, but he was frustrated because he wanted the hike to be 19 cents – per gallon. The complaints from business and consumers alike are raging now about the tech tax, with some business threatening to join so many others and move out of the Bay State. So, the Tech Tax is being reconsidered now – sort of, if they can think of something else to tax in its place. The greed and desire to bilk working families and business out of as much of their money as possible never ends in this state. That greed works to feed this state. That greed works to feed the mismanagement and corruption that runs wild in Massachusetts with no end in sight. Deval Patrick once made the statement that “America is a free country, but sometimes I wish it wasn’t.” Well, living in Massachusetts is certainly not free, unless of course you are here illegally and that’s just the way this governor seems to like it.

Contrast this state with the news out of North Carolina. This is a state that is now run by Conservatives and the main goal of many in their legislature is to end that state’s income tax and give the residents there some relief. To even suggest something like this here in Massachusetts, or any other liberal run state, would send lawmakers dropping to the floor with strokes and heart attacks. Eliminating any tax, no matter how burdensome and unnecessary, would be like denying Dracula a neck to bite. Yet, North Carolina will likely join seven other states in the country, with more in the wings, planning to do the same (most of which are run by Conservatives) and eliminate its income tax. With some proper budgeting, honest management and responsible leadership, it has been proved many times that it can be done.

Speaking of Conservatives, Australia just gave its liberal government the boot and replaced it with a new Conservative coalition government led by Tony Abbott. And can you guess what the first order of business will be on Mr. Abbott’s agenda? Yes, he will cut taxes, and get rid of the same type of ‘Carbon Tax’ that Washington wants to hit Americans with. It’s been a disaster there and the people want to bring the Australian economy back. As he says, with the new government there now – The grownups are back in charge. We can only hope our country goes the same way in the future. We could use a return of grownups in Washington.

With autumn closing in fast, many of you know that hunting season is here. For hunters, there is a legal season for deer, bear, moose, turkeys, ducks and a long list of other wildlife. But, some areas around the country are trying to pass laws to add something new for hunters to shoot at – drones. There are actually certain towns and counties in some states trying to pass laws that will set aside a drone shooting season, as in shooting them right out of the sky as they attempt to gather data on innocent American citizens. Seriously folks, this is not a joke. A lot of Americans are complaining...
Letters to the Editor

Dear South Boston Today
As a fourth generation South Bostonian and married mother of three school aged children, I have been overwhelmed with the agendas, platforms, experiences, and even the weight loss records of the mayoral candidates. It has taken a fair amount of time to sift through the profiles and records of each person. But for me there is a clear and definitive choice, John Connolly.

I believe John to be an intelligent person that is well rounded and has a clear vision for the City of Boston. As a City-Wide City Councillor, John Connolly has experience within city government - understanding which areas need improving and which can be mirrored. John is relatable and realistic. As a parent, my struggles have been his struggles. Where others may be in denial, John knows and understands which areas need improving and which can be mirrored. John is relatable and realistic.

On September 24th I’m going to cast my vote for John Connolly and I hope others do too.

Regards, Kristin Dearden

Dear South Boston Today
On August 29, 2013, South Boston Today printed a Letter to the Editor by Ed Flynn titled, “Dedicated Bicycle Lanes on Broadway? Not the answer.” For an aspiring city leader as astute as Mr. Flynn, I was disheartened to see him so publicly promote such false and outdated “facts” about biking. Mr. Flynn’s primary opposition to the bike lanes is that the lanes will interfere with public safety vehicles, particularly fire trucks. Mr. Flynn’s statement, however, is simply false. The proposed bike lanes are paint on the ground with no vertical objects; during emergencies as fire trucks currently and often do, they can cross over the painted lines. Cyclists can likewise move to the side of the road to allow emergency vehicles to pass. Mr. Flynn introduces the challenges elderly people might have in crossing a street with more bicycles. Yes, there will be an education period in which cyclists will need to increase caution around pedestrians and pedestrians increase awareness of cyclists. However, let’s put this in perspective. Between 2009 and 2012 there were more than 3,000 motor vehicle accidents involving pedestrians. The same period saw less than 75 accidents involving bicyclists and pedestrians. Mr. Flynn concludes his essay describing the bike lanes as “radical changes”. Perhaps Mr. Flynn does not realize that every major city in the United States has adopted bike lanes. In New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, Indianapolis, San Francisco, Baltimore, Washington these “radical” lanes are so common, they are practically passé as leading cities have moved on to installing more progressive cycle tracks.

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Dear South Boston Today
I wanted to recommend that my fellow small businesses owners in South Boston take advantage of the educational and business advisory service of www.communitymerchantsusa.com. I found it very useful and informative, especially learning various ways to reduce the cost of accepting credit cards, which are critical to my business.

For my team and me at Nurture Salon and Spa, the decision to accept credit and debit cards was a very easy one to make. If we are running a business with the very purpose of providing our customers with a tranquil experience, then why wouldn’t we allow our customers to pay using the hassle-free method they prefer? The fact is, our customers want to pay with plastic, and it’s our job as a business to accommodate them. Paying by card is simple and convenient. You don’t have to worry about going to the ATM or carrying around your check book everywhere with you.

Accepting electronic payments has greatly expanded our customer base, allowing us to hold on to clients who would simply go elsewhere if we forced them to pay with cash or check. If we didn’t take electronic payments, our sales would be significantly reduced. Take a look at www.communitymerchantsusa.com.

Thank you, Jon Ramos Southie Bikes

Susan Devlin, proprietor of Nurture Salon and Spa.

For event details and Southie Shuttle schedule visit: southbostonstreetfestival.com
Young Johnny lived in a big beautiful house with a long driveway with a lawn so big it had a cottage for the gardener, his wife and children. His fabulously wealthy parents had died, leaving him in charge with uncountable millions to lead a wild life. Police were called so many times for outrageous behavior that the chief himself finally showed up to tell young Johnny that if he crossed the line again it would be the last straw and the chief would take action.

Well young Johnny instead of cowering, filled up dozens of balloons with paint, placing them at every window, where he would bomb unsuspecting citizens pushing carriages or walking by with children. The chief got the call and he said, “That’s it”. He arrived at Johnny’s house, but instead of handcuffing Johnny or confiscating his paint balloons, the chief charged across the lawn and attacked the gardener’s cottage with his nightstick splitting wood and breaking windows which showered down and cut the children. “Collateral damage” the chief said, hoping young Johnny would change his ways, and then the chief left.

Now of course this ridiculous story never happened. It makes no sense. Or it makes as much sense as Obama’s rationale for America to attack Syria. That’s what it is. It’s an attack and it’s by America not Obama. He’ll be retired with secret service protection, while the rest of us have to be strip searched to go to a ball game because of the increase of terrorist “avengers”.

So we won’t attack the guy who allegedly is giving the order to use the poison chemicals. And we can’t attack the chemical bomb depot, because spreading the poison through bombs blast sort of defeats the purpose. The Syrian military, meanwhile, is constantly moving armaments into residential areas. So, are we going to bomb West Third Street in Damascus, just to let them know we’re mad?

Then, of course, it’s $25 million a week to keep the fleet in the area, unless they feel threatened, in which case, they increase alert status to “combat air patrol” which ups the cost to $45 million a week. If the tomahawk missiles are fired, at least 200 are estimated to be needed. That’s $300 million more at a million and a half per missile. And we absolutely, positively, know the Syrian military used chemicals, except for the video that has emerged with Al Qaeda leaders claiming responsibility.

Then there are those silly Russians claiming that their investigation reveals ingredients more common to “home made” style chemical bombs. This sounds as crazy as that story. The Russians told us about some kid living in Cambridge hanging with terrorists in Chechnya. Don’t worry; there will be no “boots on the grounds”. Providing Senator John “I never saw a military action I didn’t support “McCain’s musings about providing $500 million in aid and “trainers to the opposition” don’t become reality. When I was younger they were called “advisors” and they were only going to “train” the Vietnamese.

We’re doing it for the children though. It seems that the children starving to death in North Korea for the last 50 years while its leaders spend on nuclear bombs; or the skeletal, fly covered children, lying listless on streets and in the doorways of Somalia since long before “Black Hawk Down” will have to wait a while longer for our help. Our people in Ben Ghazi died waiting for help that never came. Right now, we’re going to help those Syrian children to a nice quick death with good old American fire power instead of those dirty, outlawed, chemical bombs they’ve been dying from. And it will be done in our name.

Have we lost our minds?

Take care until next week.
Harvard Study: Gun Control Does NOT Lead to Less Violence

By John Ciccone

Now even Harvard, long in denial about Second Amendment and gun issues, has discovered what most Americans, as well as the National Rifle Association, have known all along: That more gun control does not lead to less violence and might very well have the opposite effect.

A study titled “Would banning firearms lead to less murder and suicide”, conducted by the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy on Gun Control and Violence, revealed, after much research, that they could not point to one gun control initiative that worked. Even in European countries, the results were the same. For example, in the nation of Luxemburg, where all guns are banned, the murder rate was 9 times higher than in Germany which has 30,000 guns for every 100,000 people. In fact, in many cases, it was found that violence is very often lower where guns are more readily available.

Research showed that in Austria, which has the lowest murder rate of any industrialized country, murders were .8% per 100,000, it and has 17,000 guns for every 100,000 people. Data from the United States shows a “negative correlation”, that is, “where (legally owned) firearms are most numerous, firearms crime is lower and “where firearms are least available, the violent crime rate is the highest”. Chicago and Washington DC are clear examples of this. Russia has a ban on handguns and their murder rate is 30.6%, while the United States does not ban guns and the overall murder rate is 7.8%

Here in Boston, officials have been talking about implementing more gun buyback programs and increasing outreach on the issue of gun violence, but according to the Harvard Journal study, that might not be the answer at all. All across the nation, statistics are disputing the mantra that more gun control leads to less gun violence and in fact, many areas of the country with fewer restrictions on gun ownership have remarkably low violent crime rates. This is something that pro Second Amendment groups and pro-gun rights advocates have been saying all along. Now it seems that even a Harvard study has stated that it could actually be fact.

The Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy conceded the results of their own study were not anything like they expected. But the stats and data; not just from The United States but even from European countries seems to back up their findings, which was what they based their study on. Over and over again, it has been proved that what seems to be a ‘sensible’ solution to a problem in society isn’t a solution at all, and that politicians and some agenda driven activists rush to take action and pass laws that are merely ‘feel good’ remedies meant to make them feel they have a workable plan. They seem to be taking any steps they can imagine, without the benefit of research to back them up just to appear to solve the issue and project an image to the public that they are doing something – anything, to make things better.

There are times when taking these steps can actually make things worse and wind up penalizing and endangering the law obeying public; making them more vulnerable, while empowering the criminals in society; who will always have guns. It would seem that this issue falls into that category.
The $1 Billion Dollar Elephant in the Room

Boston Public Schools Superintendent Carol Johnson was appointed in August 2007. Ms. Johnson has since left that post in July of this year and, unless Mayor Menino decides differently in his last few month in office, it will be the decision for the next mayor. The proposed Schools budget for 2014 is $934,600,000, not including grants - essentially $1 billion. It accounts for nearly 40% of the $2.6 billion total operating budget for the City of Boston.

In 2013, the Boston School Committee voted to begin a new school choice system for the 2014-15 school year and beyond. The new “Home-Based” plan takes into consideration MCAS scores and population growth and options are grouped in four tiers. Every family has at least two schools within the top tier, four in the top half of performance, and six in the top 75%. Families also are able to list any school within one mile of their home. The plan was first approved by an External Advisory Committee made up of parents, academic experts and community leaders. It was developed by an academic team from Harvard and MIT, which volunteered their services for the project.

The upgrading and logistics of the assignment process are very important, but how a Mayor and his or her choice for superintendent, plans on using the budget to set priorities is just as critical. At this price tag, spending on management and academic consultants, supplies, transportation services, food and other vendors, as well as teacher and other union contracts must add up to a level of excellence that the next Mayor has every right to demand.

Every candidate has presented their ‘talking’ points. However, the important consideration for the long term goal of a quality education is answering the question - which candidate has the plan and guts to deliver on the rhetoric?

Councilor Bill Linehan Opposes Bike Lanes on Broadway

City Councilor Bill Linehan has raised some serious concerns about plans for bike lanes on Broadway. Safety for bicyclists, pedestrians and vehicle traffic is the biggest concern. After the meeting on this subject was held last month, it is also clear that there was not appropriate outreach to businesses on Broadway or all affected residents by the meetings’ organizers.

Bikes are allowed on local streets already and neighborhood bicyclists are welcome to bike up to Broadway to do some shopping. Providing a designated lane for bikes on Broadway however would encourage all bicyclists, including commuters, to use Broadway. A designated lane would signal to bicyclists that Broadway is the safest option, when clearly it is not.

Councilor Linehan would also like to see bike lanes placed on one-way streets wherever possible. This allows for more room for both bikes and cars. He’d also like to reduce the speed limit on these streets to create a safer atmosphere for bikes, cars and pedestrians.

Representatives from Councilor Linehan’s office have been present at all Southie Bikes meetings and the lead organizer of Southie Bikes met with Councilor Linehan in his office to discuss bike infrastructure improvements. Many bike improvements were discussed and Councilor Linehan has worked to get several of them approved, such as additional Hubway bike share locations for South Boston and bike lanes on A St. Councilor Linehan will continue to work on better transportation initiatives for all.

Councilor Linehan, added, “There is room for all modes of transportation on city streets. It is important that we provide infrastructure, and therefore options, to folks that prefer not to drive and to encourage them to do so. However, it is equally important that when we make the decisions on where to provide these options, we consider how it affects safety and the neighborhood businesses.”

The next meeting on this is scheduled for Monday September 16th at 6pm at the Condon School. If you have any questions, please contact Councilor Linehan’s Office at 617-635-3203 or Bill.Linehan@cityofboston.gov. You can also follow him on facebook, Bill Linehan and Twitter @linehanbill.

This Week’s Poll

Should The Citizens Of Boston Say “NO” To Mayor Menino On His Plan To Sell City Owned Land During The Last Three Months Of His ‘Reign’?

YES / NO

Harbor of Hope

South Boston Community Health Center’s Auction & Cocktail Reception

Thursday, September 19th, 6:00 PM
Boston Harbor Hotel, Wharf Room

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Development Transparency will be Key in Consalvo Administration

City councilor and mayoral candidate Rob Consalvo outlined an innovative strategy to seek our residents’ input, keep them informed as to what is happening in their neighborhood and offer transparency to the development process. The Consalvo Plan ensures Boston residents have the opportunity to be involved and that the BRA review process and Zoning Board Requirements are followed and adhered to. Consalvo said: “I believe in the community process and respect the ideas and concerns of our residents. It is imperative that their voices are heard when it comes to changing our cities landscape and the neighborhoods in which they live.” Consalvo noted that he has worked with residents and community groups to review and improve development projects throughout his tenure on the City Council. “I believe,” said Consalvo, “that when the community gets involved the project gets better.” “We must ensure that the integrity of the development process is consistent and fair to all of those involved.” Consalvo’s plan calls for convenience, innovation, accessibility and input for Boston’s residents in the development process.

10 Proposals to Transparency:

1. Conduct BRA and Zoning Board hearings more frequently and at more convenient times in the evening to provide residents with the opportunity to attend and participate.
2. Move the BRA and Zoning Board hearings to a variety of neighborhood locations regularly so that accessibility and parking are more available to residents wishing to attend.
3. Stream televised hearings on line so those without access to a TV have the opportunity to view it in real time.
4. When members’ terms are up, I will look for new board members to ensure fresh views of development issues and philosophy.
5. Provide an opportunity for electronic response opportunities to those who wish to comment but who cannot be present at the public hearings.
6. Appoint a designated neighborhood representative to the Board provide a strong voice for neighborhoods in the development process.
7. Streamline the permitting process to reduce the number of city agencies involved and as possible move the process online to make it easier for residents.
8. Make the planning, RFP response, and bidding processes as clear and transparent as possible with sufficient time for neighborhood residents to review and respond.
9. Provide translation services as necessary for Board meetings.
10. Make all documents used at Board meetings readily available on line.

Article 80 of BRA’s Development and Review proposal calls for clear, predictable, and unified requirements for the review of development projects throughout the City.

These review requirements also provide important opportunities for community involvement in development review activities that affect the quality of life in the City.

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will be left for the next mayor, with the following questionable exceptions: fast tracking permits for 3600 units; selling city owned land at discounted prices and increasing fees to developers.

Has there been any community input on the land disposition process? Is there a legitimate bidding process, given that there are only 110 days left in the Menino administration? Are developers agreeing to increased fees to the city in return for fast tracking permits? Who will be awarded the land? After 20 years, what’s the hurry?

Sometimes, history has a way refreshing one’s memory, and the Mayor’s memory should be refreshed. In October of 2000, the BRA issued an executive order that set the guidelines for inclusionary zoning which resulted in an increase in affordable housing units that low, moderate and middle income buyers would be eligible for. This new policy also “created a political and legal framework that re-emphasizes the role of the BRA, and clarifies the relationship between the developer and the community in the determination and mitigation of impacts of development. One component of the new policy will allow the Mayor to create an Impact Advisory Group (IAG) for major projects. This group will formally counsel the BRA on very specific issues surrounding affects of development on adjacent neighborhoods.”

In May of 2006, under the heading ‘New Changes to Inclusionary Development Policies (IDP) Brings More Resources for Housing’ the Mayor announced changes to his original executive order relative to the City’s IDP. “The BRA will now require that the IDP be based on the city’s median income, which is lower than the previous guidelines. Rental units will be affordable to households earning between $45,000 and $56,400 and ownership units will be affordable to households earning between $58,900 and $73,600, adjusted for household size. These income levels will be adjusted periodically to reflect changes in the real estate market. The BRA’s current IDP made housing opportunities available to households earning between 80% and 120% of the Boston Metro AMI that resulted in an average income limit range of $66,080 - $99,120 for both ownership and rental units.”

In what appears to still be a frequently used phrase by the BRA – adjusting policies to reflect changes in the real estate market (economy) – this change, eliminating households earning 80% and 120% of Average Median Income, disqualified middle income buyers from the affordability equation.

While the Mayor is trying to refill the gaps in his legacy, twelve candidates are trying to start one of their own. Why should he or she have to start with the remnants of his? Mayor Menino should be satisfied with what he has done and leave office contented and happy, if that is possible.

See this week’s poll on page 7
Connolly Details Plan to Better Serve Our Veterans

At an event at the Italian American War Veterans’ post in East Boston, City Councillor John Connolly laid out his plan to address issues facing Boston’s veterans. Connolly was joined by State Representative Carlo Basile who serves as Chairman of Joint Committee on Veterans & Federal Affairs at the State House, and Andrew Biggio, founder of Boston’s Wounded Vet Run.

“We must improve our city services to meet the needs of our returning heroes. As mayor, I would establish a unified veterans’ council within city government that would help to provide coordinated services to veterans of all generations,” said Connolly.

“When John is elected mayor, he will put our veterans first,” said State Representative Carlo Basile. Connolly’s recommendations include:

- Establishing a unified veterans’ council within city government to help provide coordinated services to veterans of all generations.
- Supporting state legislation filed by Rep. Carlo Basile that would fund home modifications for returning veterans whose injuries require home remodeling and establishing a city-funded program to match such funds.
- Strengthening connections with Boston’s non-profits and hospitals to expand access to successful programs like Mass General’s “Home Base” program that provides clinical services to veterans and their families.
- Ensuring that Boston’s two VA medical facilities continue to receive the support of city government and that veterans are able to connect with services designed to supporting them.
- Supporting initiatives that encourage the hiring of veterans.
- Supporting programs that help veterans to complete their education, like the Veterans Upward Bound Program at UMass-Boston.
- Ensuring that all veterans have access to quality mental health care services through community health centers and ensuring that all mental health care providers are trained to serve veterans.
- Organizing job and benefit fairs like Boston VA’s Veterans’ Expo 2013 to help connect veterans with prospective employers, schools and city officials who can assist them.
- Connecting working with organizations like the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans and Boston Healthcare for the Homeless to ensure that all of our veterans have access to the housing and services that they need.
- Making sure that the city partners with and supports veterans’ causes like the Boston Wounded Vet Ride and collaborates with VFW and AMVETS posts.

Window Into The State House

Starting next edition, South Boston Today is instituting a weekly column – Window Into The State House - that will provide our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or adopted by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education.

We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

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Welcome

Dr. Philip Barber and the staff of South Boston Dental are pleased to announce Dr. Andrew Luccio has joined their multi-specialty practice in South Boston.

Dr. Luccio is a resident of South Boston and a native of nearby Milton, MA. After completing a Masters of Science degree in Biology at the University of Richmond, Dr. Luccio studied dentistry at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, MA. Upon earning his Doctorate of Dental Medicine degree, he was awarded with the American Academy of Periodontology Achievement Award for academic and clinical excellence in Periodontics.

Dr. Luccio studied dentistry at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, MA.
Lieutenant General Robert E. Milstead, Jr.
Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs

25th Anniversary SB Vietnam Memorial - Guest Speaker

Lieutenant General Robert E. Milstead, Jr., was born at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on 10 November 1951, the son of a career Air Force Officer. He graduated with a B.A. in English from the University of Houston in 1974 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in March 1975. Upon graduation from the Basic School, he reported to NAS Pensacola, Florida, and was designated a Naval Aviator in September 1976.

Assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 39 at Camp Pendleton, Second Lieutenant Milstead joined HMA-169 flying the AH-1 Cobra helicopter. In June 1981, Captain Milstead was transferred to Separate Brigade Platoon, 2nd ANGLICO at Camp Pendleton where he served two years as the S-3 Officer. While assigned to 2nd ANGLICO, he attended both the U.S. Army Pathfinder School and U.S. Army Airborne Course.

In July 1986, Major Milstead was transferred to Quantico, Virginia, to attend the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. Graduating with honors, he was reassigned to The Basic School. In September 1990, he reported to MAG-36 on Okinawa as the S-3A/Plans Officer. During this tour, he deployed to Turkey and Northern Iraq as the Executive Officer of SPMAGTF 1-91 during Operation Provide Comfort.

Transferred to 3d MAW (FWD) at El Toro in June 1992, Lieutenant Colonel Milstead served as the Plans Officer and later as the 3d MAW Liaison Officer to MARFOR Somalia during Operation Restore Hope. He returned to MAG-39 in May 1993 and was assigned to HMLA-169 as the Executive Officer. He became the Commanding Officer of the HMLA-169 Vipers on 22 November 1994.

Relinquishing command in June 1996, he was transferred to Washington, DC to attend the National War College. Graduating with a Master of Science in National Security Strategy, Colonel Milstead was assigned to Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, as the Head of the Aviation Weapons Systems Requirements Branch (APW) in the Department of Aviation. In July 1999, he was reassigned within the Pentagon for joint duty in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Strategic and Tactical Systems, Land Warfare.

In May 2001, Colonel Milstead assumed command of Marine Aircraft Group 29 at New River, North Carolina. During this command tour, the MAG-29 War Eagles deployed and participated in combat operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He relinquished command in August 2003, and was reassigned to Camp Lejeune as Chief of Staff, 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism). In September, 2004 Colonel Milstead was reassigned to 2d Marine Aircraft Wing at Cherry Point as Commander, 2d MAW (Fwd) for deployment to Iraq. He was promoted to Brigadier General in Iraq on 17 February, 2005. 2d MAW (Fwd) returned to Cherry Point in February 2006. From March until June 2006, he served as the Commanding General, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, prior to transferring to Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps for assignment as the Director, Marine Corps Public Affairs. In May 2008, he was transferred to Quantico, Virginia and served as the Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command. In December 2010, Lieutenant General Milstead was appointed to his present grade and assumed the duties as Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Quantico, VA.

Lieutenant General Milstead’s personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two gold stars in lieu of second and third awards with the Combat V, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with 6 Strike/Flight Awards, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Navy Commendation Medal. Lieutenant General Milstead is happily married. He and his wife have four children and two grandchildren.

S.B. Vietnam Memorial Re-Dedication This Sunday

South Boston will celebrate the 32nd Anniversary of the South Boston Vietnam Memorial located in Medal of Honor Park at M St this Sunday, September 15th, 2013. The memorial Mass will be held in St. Brigid’s Church on E. Broadway at 10:30am. The rededication ceremony will be immediately after at the Memorial at Medal of Honor Park at M St. The keynote speaker will be Lieutenant General Robert E. Milstead Jr., Deputy Commandant of the United States Marine Corps.

On hand will be the families of the 25 men from South Boston who were killed in action during the Vietnam War, along with many of the South Boston Vietnam Veterans. This year’s ceremony will be dedicated to George Eagan, Marine Vietnam Veteran and member of the South Boston Vietnam Memorial Committee.

The South Boston Vietnam Memorial was among America’s first formal memorials for Vietnam Veterans; even pre dating the dedication of the national Vietnam Veteran’s by 13 months and honors the 25 men from South Boston who gave their lives during that war. South Boston suffered the highest loss of KIA for a community of its size in the country.

All are invited and urged to attend and to be part of these historic exercises, Mass and rededication ceremony this Sunday at St Brigid’s Church and at Medal of Honor Park this Sunday beginning at 10:30 am.
Meet Mayoral Candidate Felix Arroyo

We continue our series of profiling the mayoral candidates before the upcoming primary election. South Boston Today is doing this at the request of many of our readers who want to get to know more about the candidates’ positions on the issues and about who they are personally. This week South Boston Today features City Councilor Felix Arroyo.

Felix Arroyo is married to his wife Jasmine and lives in Jamaica Plain after his first stop in the South End, where he was born; and then Hyde Park where he was raised and was graduated from Hyde Park High.

On Schools:
The son of long time Councilor Felix Arroyo, he has politics in his blood. His mother, a retired Boston School teacher, enables Mr. Arroyo to see the teacher contract and overall school betterment issue from both sides. Mr. Arroyo to see the teacher contract and overall school betterment issue from both sides. Mr. Arroyo to see the teacher contract and overall school betterment issue from both sides. Mr. Arroyo to see the teacher contract and overall school betterment issue from both sides. Mr. Arroyo to see the teacher contract and overall school betterment issue from both sides.

On Real Estate Development:
While supportive and cognizant of the booming development happening, Mr. Arroyo believes the Boston residents’ job policy should be strictly enforced, as well as greater transparency on the building and development process controlled by the BRA and ZBA.

On Public Safety and Drugs:
Arroyo’s public safety policy was straight to the point - walking or “beat” patrol officers in all neighborhoods and increased funding for street workers; increased programs for drug education and prevention, as well as prioritize those fighting addiction and substance abuse. As Mayor, Arroyo would oversee an upgrade in all police, fire and EMS equipment, so that Boston’s citizens are provided the very best and up to date in life-saving technology and criminal investigation.

Vision For Boston:
As Mr. Arroyo envisions the future for Boston it would be a growing city, a city where every citizen is treated with dignity and respect, where every child is guaranteed a quality education, where investors come not to make profits but to contribute to a greater city, where citizens and residents have a real voice in what development is allowed. Boston has a new future and as Mayor, Felix Arroyo would bring that new future to all.

SBT wishes Mr. Arroyo luck in his campaign and thanks him for his time.
Mayoral Election Update

This was the week that everyone anticipated. Starting with the televised debate, the 12 candidates have begun jockeying at the top of the stretch attempting to get to the inside rail for the home stretch. While a bit unorthodox, the brief exchanges among the candidates had to be in the form of sound bites. Some were able to take advantage, but others were not. In the end, no winners, no losers.

The Boston Herald is the first news outlet of any size to make its opinion public, having endorsed both John Connolly and Dan Conley saying that they are “two candidates that stand out as having extraordinary potential”. Their endorsement came after answering what they consider the very serious questions before voters: Who can build on the progress (of the last 20 years) and make this a city that is comfortable for and appealing to all generations? Who can lead? Who has ideas that resonate? Locally, Rep. Nick Collins has endorsed John Connolly, saying that “John is the right person at this point in time”, citing his “laser focus” on quality education, increased police and public safety resources and consistent neighborhood development policies, all of which will keep middle class families in the city.

The Herald, The Boston Globe, Channels 4, 5, 6, 7, cable news, ethnic media, pirate and mainstream radio, and bloggers have all begun to weigh in on the Mayor’s race. All available local money has been raised and the media is happy that they are spending it. Some candidates in the primary have accepted outside support from national and special interest money - Rep. Marty Walsh from unions and union supported groups and Charlotte Golar Richie from progressive supporters affiliated with Emily’s List. John Connolly, supported by Democrats for Education Reform, decided not to accept financial support in the primary from Stand For Children, another education reform group. Councilor Rob Consalvo has repeatedly called for pledges from all candidates to decline outside interests and he was joined by Bill Walczak, John Barros and others. DA Dan Conley started his campaign with an $800,000 advantage thanks to extensive fundraising over the years from lawyers.

Campaign organizations are aggressively making voter contact through literature, phone calls, social media and events. The electorate is likely weary, but this is too important an election. The next mayor will have to bring a bold A-Game to leading, managing, and promoting one of the most vital cities in America, so that every neighborhood can take advantage of its cultural and economic progress.

James Brett to be Honored at UMass Boston’s 9th Annual Gala

University to Establish Brett Chair in Disability and Workforce Development

(Boston, August 26, 2013) – James T. Brett, president and CEO of the New England Council and a longtime advocate for people with intellectual disabilities, will be honored at the University of Massachusetts Boston’s ninth annual gala on Monday, September 16.

Proceeds from the gala will be used to endow the James T. Brett Chair in Disability and Workforce Development— the nation’s only endowed chair in this field. The Brett Chair will provide leadership and resources to enhance workforce participation and social inclusion for people with disabilities. The chair will be located in the university’s new School for Global Inclusion and Social Development. “We are honored to be recognizing one of Boston’s leading citizens in Jim Brett,” said Chancellor J. Keith Motley. “He’s a neighbor, has been a true friend of and advocate for Boston and our region, and is committed to helping to create opportunities for some of the most vulnerable members of our society. We look forward to continuing to work with Jim to strengthen our research and leadership in this area.”

Brett, of Dorchester, has been a business, civic, and humanitarian leader in Massachusetts for more than four decades. In addition to leading the New England Council, Brett is involved with several organizations devoted to the advancement of people with intellectual disabilities. Brett House, a Dorchester residential home for adults with disabilities operated by Bay Cove Human Services, is named in Jim’s honor. “We have made great progress, but clearly there is much work to be done,” Brett said. “The creation of this chair will help enhance research and also raise visibility on this important issue.” Brett is the newly appointed president of the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health. He is also chair of the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities and the Massachusetts Governor’s Commission on Intellectual Disability, and he is a former member of the state House of Representatives.

The 9th Annual UMass Boston Gala will be held on Monday, September 16 at the Seaport World Trade Center. The evening will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a program beginning at 6:30. Jack Connors, Jr., chairman emeritus of Hill Holliday, will serve as emcee.

Tickets are $250. To purchase tickets or learn how you can support the Brett Chair, call Gina Cappello at 617.287.5335 or visit www.umb.edu/gala.

About UMass Boston

With a growing reputation for innovative research addressing complex issues, the University of Massachusetts Boston, metropolitan Boston’s only public university, offers its diverse student population both an intimate learning environment and the rich experience of a great American city. UMass Boston’s ten colleges and graduate schools serve 16,000 students while engaging local, national, and international constituents through academic programs, research centers, and public service activities. To learn more about UMass Boston, visit www.umb.edu.
South Boston Health Center’s Auction September 19

Senator Elizabeth Warren and former Celtic Chris Herren to be Honored

As auctions go, you would be hard pressed to find one as exciting and fun as the South Boston Community Health Center’s Harbor of Hope Auction & Cocktail Reception. The annual event to benefit the programs and services of the Health Center will be taking place on Thursday, September 19th at 6:00 PM at the beautiful Boston Harbor Hotel in the Wharf Room overlooking Boston Harbor. This year, in addition to offering spectacular items, the health center is thrilled to be awarding Senator Elizabeth Warren and former Celtic and NBA star Chris Herren with “Partners in Hope” awards.

Started in 1999, the Health Center’s auction is still the best bargain around for a great night out. While tickets remain at $100 per person, your ticket price includes complimentary cocktails, lots of great food, live music, and the chance to mix and mingle while checking out fabulous silent auction items and taking part in the exciting bidding wars that always break out over the live items.

It’s hard to believe that this year’s items are some of the best yet – but indeed they are. Live auction items include both spectacular trips and incredible experiences...like the opportunity to take 20 kids to a Red Sox game, complete with your own trolley transport. Or, how about the chance for 2 of you to join Michele Obama at the First Ladies Luncheon? If food is more your thing, we’ll have dinner and drinks for 8 at 224 Boston Street Restaurant. If your taste runs more toward travel, you might want to bid on the incredible villa for two in Tuscany on a wine producing estate for 7 glorious days. Or stay closer to home at your fabulous six bedroom Cape Cod home for a week. There will be lots of silent items as well – theater experiences, dinners, spa services, and more. There is truly something for everyone!

This year’s event is generously underwritten by Partners HealthCare, Boston Medical Center and BMC HealthNet Plan. Please join in the fun and help keep the South Boston Community Health Center healthy. For tickets, call Margaret Lynch at 617-464-7505; Susan LaPaglia at 617-464-7504 or you can email mlynch@sbcchc.org. Come on down and bid high!

South Boston Community Hero Joseph Curran to be Honored on September 17

Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) will honor 18 outstanding volunteers who provide extraordinary assistance that helps put Boston-area residents on pathways to better lives. The event takes place on at the Revere Hotel on Tuesday, September 17, from 6PM-9PM. The annual event celebrates the voluntary efforts of individuals who work tirelessly to address and placate the plight of Boston’s underprivileged residents and communities through voluntary leadership and service.

ABCD President/CEO John J. Drew said that every day when ABCD opens its doors across the city, hundreds of volunteers make a difference for people seeking assistance. “Volunteers are an integral part of who we are,” said Drew. “We are so grateful for the board members, food pantry helpers, student interns and others who give of their time and talent and make a difference in so many lives.”

South Boston’s own Joseph Curran, who volunteers with the ABCD South Boston Action Center, will be honored for his contributions to the community. Currently a Youth Services Officer with the Boston Police Department, Joe Curran has spent his life in the service of young people. He has also provided significant volunteer services in the community where he was born and raised. A talented basketball player, Joe became a volunteer basketball coach in the D Street projects in the 1980s and then Athletic Director at Condon Community Center. He was Recreation Program Manager at Boston’s Center for Youth and Families and coach of St. Vincent’s CYO basketball team. He volunteers with the South Boston Youth Ambassadors, which provides extra-curricular activities for neighborhood teens. South Boston Action Center Director Patricia Wright says, “Joe’s commitment to our young people is exemplary and life-changing. We thank him!”

A special keynote address will be given by Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis and Channel 5’s Susan Wornick will Emcee.

About ABCD:
ABCD serves more than 87,000 low-income Boston and Greater Boston residents annually through its central offices and a decentralized neighborhood network of Neighborhood Service Centers (NSCs). ABCD programs and affiliations include Fuel Assistance; Child Care Services; Head Start; Child Care Choices of Boston; Education; Career Development; Housing and Homelessness Services; Health Services; Family Planning; Urban College of Boston; University Alternative High School; William J. Ostiguy High School for youngsters with substance and alcohol abuse problems; Weatherization; Foster Grandparents; a Holiday Toy Drive; Elder Services; Intergenerational Programs; Management services for city, state, federal and private sector payroll deduction campaigns.
Stepping Up: *FUN-raisers*

TIME- “...measured period during which an action, process or condition exists or continues” (merriam-webster.com)

TIME- any event where you can raise money for a good cause, throw back a few cold ones, nosh on some delicious food and/or dance the night away (a Boston colloquialism)

South Bostonians are known for giving back in any capacity they can. A commitment to community is part of every fiber of our being. Whether it’s giving time, making phone calls or soliciting donations, SB gets the job done. And after hitting the pavement, collecting charities and closing the phone lines, it doesn’t hurt that a good “time” can be had by all. Many of my friends say that I would go to the opening of an envelope; any excuse to give back AND go out is good enough for me! So lace up your sneakers, dust off your dancing shoes and stay thirsty and continue celebrating goodwill!

**On the boardwalk...** This Thursday September 12, from 6-9pm, the Barking Crab is bringing Coney Island (minus the rides) to you and will be hosting its 1st Annual Boardwalk Bash. Carnival games, music and food are just some of the treats you can enjoy while attending the event. All proceeds from this event go to the Boys & Girls Club of Dorchester. Here’s hoping to cotton candy!

**The Barking Crab, 88 Sleeper Street boardwalkbash.eventbrite.com**

**Go the extra mile...** September is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. On Sunday September 15, the National Ovarian Cancer Collation (NOCC) celebrates its golden birthday with the 15th Annual 5K Run/Walk to Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer along Carson Beach. There is no known cause for ovarian cancer so it’s even more important to get out and give. Now ‘Walk It Out’...

**ovarian.org**

Going once, going twice... SOLD! Del Frisco’s on the South Boston Waterfront is hosting a reception to benefit the Pan-Mass Challenge. Price per ticket is $75, includes drinks and food AND all the proceeds go towards the charity. There are also many silent auction items you can bid on to, including facials, teeth whitening and fitness gift certificates. Make sure to bid on those items and that way you can have your cake and eat it too, guilt free!

**www.pmcspot.com/hubspot-cloudant-team-pmc-2013-silent-auction**

Stepping Out: *Always in Fashion*

It’s said, “clothes make the man”. Now, I’m not advocating to judge a book by it’s cover. Making assumptions and generating conclusions that what people wear give weight and value to a person’s worth is an erroneous assertion. Clothing was invented to protect and shield us from the harsh events on Mother Nature’s calendar. For some, it’s just a covering needed to fend off the cold weather. For others, like me, it is a chance to express my creativity in another outlet, not just writing. As with any artistic endeavor, like painting and cooking, dressing one’s self is about balancing texture, color, flavor and cohesion. Whatever your preference, there are a few places in Southie where you can both purchase the basics and craft a look all your own. What better way to get ready for fall than to stroll on up to Broadway and do more than window shop? Below are a list of places and events where you can shop till ya drop!

**One for the Money, Two for the Show...** Who doesn’t love a “two-for-one”? The Closet Connection and The Fashion Truck are coming together on Thursday September 12, from 6-8pm, to share and sell side-by-side. Combine the Closet Connection’s one-of-a-kind pieces and the trendy and affordable wares sold on The Fashion Truck, and you could outfit yourself for the next two seasons! It’s a one-stop shop!

**closetconnectionboston.com fashiontruck.com**

**Oh Baby...** I can remember walking down to West Broadway and parading around Pobers in search of new garments. Now new South Bostonians have the ability to make their own memories and don their little ones in special duds. Bringing Up Baby is located on East Broadway between ‘I’ & ‘K’ streets and is the perfect place to find everyday wear, holiday gear and gifts galore. So stop on by and shop like it’s going out of style!

**Bringing Up Baby**

663 East Broadway, 617-765-8208

**Hot Under the Collar.** From foundation garments to statement necklaces, there are two boutiques in South Boston that should not be skipped. Whatever day of the week and whatever mood you are in, Ku De Ta has preppy/flirty/sexy/boho/casual/sporty glam looks for you, with accessories to complete the look. A few doors down, Habit dresses from head to toe. Load up on their amazing selection of denim, fun tops and cutting edge fall coats to complete the outfit. Beautiful handcrafted and unique jewelry makes an awesome gift, for you or someone else. This Saturday September 14th both boutiques will be participating in the South Boston Street Festival and offering special discounts. When you bring your finds home, just promise us- No Wire Hangers!!!

**kudetaboston.com**
Southie Senses:

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

**Touch** - Touch: Head, shoulders, knees and toes…
Fort Point Fitness is holding another Sunset Boot Camp at Q Park on Tuesday September 17th from 5:30-6:30pm. This event is free to participate; you just have to fill out a medical waiver. As the days get shorter, the nights come quicker and with it comes a chill in the air so get out and get physical.

friendsofortpointchannel.org

**See** - Seeing is Believing
SAmericans love football. So much so that the NFL has scheduled games not just on Sunday but Monday and Thursday, and the occasional Saturday. There has been much controversy surrounding our beloved Patriots but fans remain faithful and faith-filled. This week the Pats will open their season at Gillette to much fanfare and excitement. Head on down to Jerry Remy’s and catch the game on one of their many TV’s and cheer the boys onto Super Bowl XLVIII!

jerryremys.com

**Taste** - Big Mouth
Moving to a new place can be overwhelming and intimidating; so many new places and faces. Salon De Cheveux has taken a big bite out of that problem and is hosting their 2nd Annual “Welcome to the Neighborhood” Party. There will be goody bags to take home and treats to munch on. Guaranteed you will mix and mingle with your neighbors. Just remember- don’t let the cat get your tongue!

salondecheveuxboston.com

**Smell** - Sniffing Out Opportunities
School has started and so those sleepy, summer days for our youth are full of activity. When the school bell rings, kids have a chance to continue the learning process. The South Boston Health Center is now accepting applications for the Youth Ambassadors Program; the first meeting will be held on Tuesday September 17th and kids (ages 12-15) can submit the applications on 09/17 and 09/24. With all the skills and knowledge you can gain in this program, it’ll be no skin off your nose…

sbhc.org

**Hear** - LOL
Yuckyuckyuck. The much-anticipated opening of Laugh Boston, located at the Westin Waterfront hotel, is finally here. The comedy club is offering free admittance to shows on September 13th and 14th, with a short list of upcoming laugh-a-thons in the following months. All you have to do is “purchase” the tickets on their website. I know I will be all ears!

laughboston.com

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**Embrace All Of The Southie Senses:**

**G(et) O(ut) T(he) V(ote)**

It’s the most wonderful time of the year. Fancy parties and coffee klatches. Gathering together with people, new and old. Addressing cards and notes with greetings. Indulging in drink and food alike. So much excitement that sleep becomes a memory.

Like anticipation of Christmas, the buildup to the primary and general election is reminiscent of the buildup to Thanksgiving and Christmas. I know many gain just as much weight during campaigns as between the end of November to the beginning of January. These days there seems to be a lot more ‘lectin going on, and to some it’s annoyance. Hard to keep track of who is running, what their platform consists of, the district they cover, their party affiliation. True it can be exhausting to remember the what/where/when/why/how of election days, but it is one right and responsibility, one freedom where as an individual, you can make a difference. South Boston has many involved and engaged voters; many volunteer their free time and exhaust their piggy banks, in order find the right person for the job and their community. With many important seats to be filled in our city, your vote counts and weighs heavy when your ballot is cast. So get involved. Hold a sign for a candidate. Watch a debate. Listen to what the issues are and what is being said about them. Stick your nose into conversations about what your neighborhood needs and share your ideas. And in the end, taste sweet victory when all your hard work attains the representation you worked so hard to get elected. Remember, your vote counts. Vote early and often.
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### In Your Corner

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY**

**staff report**

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15th Annual Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer 5K
Raising funds and disease awareness.

The Massachusetts Chapter of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition will hold its 15th Annual 5K “Run/Walk to Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer” on Sunday, September 15, at DCR’s Carson Beach & Mother’s Rest Area in South Boston, to raise awareness of ovarian cancer, celebrate ovarian cancer survivors, and remember those lost to the disease. All proceeds fund education and awareness, as well as quality of life, programs on both a local and national level. Over 2,000 people are expected to attend the event.

“The Run/Walk to Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer brings the community together to demonstrate that ovarian cancer is more than a woman’s disease,” said Courtney Campbell, Massachusetts Chapter Manager. “We see family, friends, co-workers and the medical community gathering at the event to honor the women in their lives who have been diagnosed with ovarian cancer. The Run/Walk also serves as an opportunity for all who attend to learn how to be their own best health advocate.”

Event day festivities include family friendly activities, such as a Spirit Tent, Chance Drawing, Refreshments, a USATF certified 5K Run and a 5K Walk. Survivors and women in treatment for ovarian cancer will enjoy a special complimentary auction, take part in the annual Survivor group photo and leave their handprint on the Survivor banner. Teal items will be showcased in the Chance Drawing Tent for participants to win, with all proceeds going to NOCC. There will be an Honor Garden remembering those lost to the disease. 103.3 AMP radio will be joining us with their street team, playing music and offering giveaways. Yasso Frozen Yogurt, Carrabba’s Italian Grill, and Cabot Cheese will be offering free samples throughout the day to all participants and volunteers.

Online pre-registration runs until September 12, 2013 at nocc.kintera.org/massachusetts. The fee is $25 for adults and $30 for late / day-of registration. Day-of registration opens at 8:00am. The 5K run will start at 9:30am and the walkers will have a 5 minute delay. All on-site activities close at around 12:30pm.

About the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition

The mission of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) is to raise awareness and promote education about ovarian cancer. The Coalition is committed to improving the survival rate and quality of life for women with ovarian cancer. For more information, visit www.ovarian.org.
Marty Walsh Has Been There for Us When We Needed Him. He’ll Be There for Us as Mayor.

We residents of South Boston wish to publicly express our strong support for Marty Walsh, candidate for Mayor. Though he has represented our neighbors in Dorchester for the last 16 years, Marty has long been working for South Boston on Beacon Hill. In 2002, when South Boston was without a State Representative, Marty worked to fill the void in the House. When all of South Boston’s line items were struck from the budget by then Governor Mitt Romney, Marty lobbied the Speaker to get them reinstated. From keeping our parks and beaches clean, to securing funding for crucial organizations like Julie’s Family Learning, or serving on the board at the Gavin Foundation, Marty has already proven that he is a fierce advocate for the people of South Boston.

Marty is the closest thing to a South Boston candidate in this race. He is instilled with the characteristics that make us South Bostonians: hard work, courage, and, most importantly, loyalty. Marty has already been loyal to us. Let’s show him what it means to be from South Boston by returning that loyalty to him. Election Day is Tuesday, September 24th. Please join us in casting your ballot for an adopted son of South Boston, Martin J. Walsh.

Sincerely,

Jim Ahern
Libby Albanese
Mary Albanese
Pauline Barre
Donna Bohan
Mike Bohan
Leanne Boylan
Dennis Broyer
Pat Byrne
Garrett Byrne
Patrick Byrne
Bubba Cahill
Karen Cahill
John Carter
Joe Casper
Donna Casper
Tom Casper
Chrissy Coakley
Gerard Coakley
Tim Collins
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Susan Collins
Matt Collins
Billy Collins
Nancy Conroy
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Mike Conroy
Julie Cooper
Winnie Cotter
Chopper Cox
Kevin Coyne
Barbara Coyne
Billy Crowley
Kenny Cruz
Joe Curran
Stevie Curran
Mayso Curran
Jimbo Curran
Brian Curran
Carol Curran
Mark Curran
Anna Curran-Higgins
Sean Doherty
Mike Donovan
Kathy Donovan
Kathy Dwyer
Larry Dwyer
Joe Farina
Cheryl Farina
Andrea Flaherty
Mark Flaherty
Jane Flaherty
John Flaherty
Bobby Flynn
Maryellen Flynn
Terry Foley
Heather Foley
Dayna Ford
Paul Ford
Arthur Fritsch
Anthony Gilardi
Brendan Gilroy
Paul Greeley
Chris Hamilton
Teresa Hart
Jack Hart
Michelle Hart
Ellie Hart
Rachel Higgins
Billy Higgins Jr.
Billy Higgins Sr.
Richard Hogan
Mary Hogan
Frank Hogan
Jay Hurley
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Jenn Jackson
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Gary Murad
Lisa Murphy
Joe "Dodo" Nee
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Tommy Noto
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Kenny Woods
Stefan Yanovitch
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Paid for and Authorized by the Committee to Elect Martin J. Walsh.
Team Marie Fundraiser September 21

Please join Team Marie as we celebrate Marie Arico life and raise money for her boys and the cure. The event will be held Saturday September 21 at the Seapoint Bar and Grill 367 E. 8th Street from 7pm to midnight. Dru Errico is the DJ and tickets are $10 at the door.

Even though our hearts will be heavy, Marie wanted us to continue on with the fundraiser. Marie Arico was an inspiration to all who had the pleasure to have known her. Marie didn’t give into this disease; she lived her life right up to the end. What an amazing women she was. So with that we will continue on with the journey to help find a cure for this horrid disease.

We will have raffles baskets and raffles tickets. Raffle tickets are a book of 6 for $5.00. 1st Prize $500.00/ 2nd Prize $250.00/ 3rd Prize $100.00 worth of Lottery Tickets.

All-Parish K-6 Religious Education Program

The teachers and staff from Saint Brigid/Gate of Heaven, Saint Monica and Saint Augustine parishes are excited about the start of the Religious Education Program this year. Registration is currently being accepted for the Parish Program. Children in grades Kindergarten through Sixth, who attend public schools or who are otherwise educated outside the Catholic School system, begin classes on Sunday, September 22, 2013. Religious Education classes are scheduled to meet from 9:00 am to 10:15am in South Boston Catholic Academy located at East Broadway at “O” Street.

You may enroll your child/children in any of three ways.
(1) You may contact Jim Fowkes at JimFinsouthie@aol.com and leave complete mailing information;
(2) You may download a form at www.gateofheavenstbrigid.org. Go to Parish Life then drop down menu to Religious Education. (A copy of the certificate of Baptism must accompany registration forms of Children who were not baptized at Saint Brigid/Gate of Heaven, Saint Monica, Saint Augustine parishes.
(3) Registration will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2013 in Cushing Hall (lower Saint Brigid Church) at 9:00am to 11:30am.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jim Fowkes, Director of Religious Education at JimFinsouthie@aol.com

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2013/2014
St. Brigid, Gate of Heaven, St. Monica, St. Augustine Parishes

Confirmation Registration Information: All seventh grade students begin their preparation for Confirmation this fall; they will receive the Sacrament during the fall of their freshman year (2015). Registration and a mandatory parents’ meeting will be held on Sunday, September 15 at 5:00pm in Cardinal Cushing Hall (St. Brigid Church Basement). Please watch the mail for a registration packet. If you do not receive registration materials, or have any questions, please contact Br. Matt Janeczko at southbostonconfirmationprogram@gmail.com.

To see the full calendar for Confirmation classes, please go to gateofheavenstbrigid.org and click on Parish Life, Religious Education, Confirmation, Calendar.

Youth Ambassador Fall Semester Meetings Begin!

The South Boston Community Health Center Institute for a Healthier Community is pleased to announce that the first Youth Ambassador meeting of the fall semester will be held Tuesday September 17, 2013 from 5:00 to 7:00p.m. The location of the meeting is the South Boston Community Health Center, 409 West Broadway 3rd Floor. Youth, ages 12 – 18, are encouraged to attend the meetings to learn more about participating in community service projects, health related trainings and art based activities that engage youth in the life of the South Boston community.

The Youth Ambassador meetings will be held every Tuesday, September – December, 2013. This year Youth Ambassadors will be involved in a wide variety of activities and trainings to promote a healthier and more fulfilling life. Applications to become a Youth Ambassador will be accepted for two weeks, at the September 17 and 24th meetings.

If you would like more information about the Youth Ambassador program please contact Mayra Rodriguez-Howard (617) 464-7423 or Linda Doran (617) 464-7463, at the South Boston Community Health Center.

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PLEASE JOIN

State Rep. Nick Collins
for a Senior Luncheon
with Mayoral Candidate John Connolly

Thursday, September 19th
10:00am – 11:30am

Seapoint Bar & Grill · 367 East Eighth Street · South Boston

Complimentary for seniors! · Free Door prizes and More!
Free Transportation Provided To And From Luncheon

To RSVP, please call · (617) 942-0136.

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South Boston Youth Soccer’s “Parade of Champions”

By David Pollard

South Boston Youth Soccer held its annual “Parade of Champions” at Moakley Park last Thursday, where hundreds of Southie’s finest young athletes gathered to meet their teammates, collect their uniforms, and of course - to participate in the traditional quarter-mile march around Saunders Stadium. Teams gathered outside the stadium, where kids and parents met this season’s coaches. The kids had the chance to hang out with old friends and meet new teammates, while coaches and parents had a chance to fraternize about the upcoming season.

The new players, parents and coaches mingled with former
coaches and players, while original founders like Billy Baker and Dianne Horne provided the stabilizing influence that has kept this tradition going as a permanent fixture. John Shepeck is coaching Team 1 in the Under 6 group, the Marian Manor Dolphins. John has two daughters playing in the South Boston Youth Soccer League, and his wife, Courtney, coaches Team 7 in the Under 4 group, the Finsports Sharks.
“I grew up playing Southie Youth Soccer, until I was a teenager,” John said. “This is my daughter’s second year playing, and I have another daughter starting this year. [Parade day] is just about how much fun the kids have marching around with each other. It’s great for the kids.”

Another coach, Alex Cappalano, is coaching in the league for the first time. Both of his daughters are players in the league, just as he himself was when he was younger. This speaks volumes about the program, as parents who were once players in the league become involved again as coaches. Alex is coaching Team 2 in the Under 6 group, the Massport Red Rockets.
“The best part of parade day is being with the kids,” Alex said. “You know, they come out here, they have fun. And it’s about competition, it’s good these kids get to have some fun here.”

Michelle Callahan has an appreciation for the South Boston Youth Soccer League, as her son, Declan, has been playing in the league for seven years now. “I love [parade day], because all the families get together, and the kids get to find out their teams and see who they’re playing with.” Michelle added, “It’s really just a phenomenal program.” Declan is a forward, playing for Stapleton’s Florists on Team 3 in the Under 10 group. He’s been playing Southie Youth Soccer for seven years, and his favorite part of parade day is when “all the teams gather and get to hold up their team signs.”
The Boston Parks and Recreation Department provided music for the kids as they began their march, lead by the Boston Police Honor Guard. Brian Wallace greeted teams as the Master of Ceremonies at the end of the parade to announce this year’s teams and sponsors. After the parade, the kids did what kids do: they started running around the field, kicking soccer balls, tackling each other, building a bit of camaraderie before the new season for South Boston Youth Soccer kicks off.

Additional Sponsors, Teams and Coaches: UNDER 18, Team #2, Massport, coached by Carol and Jim Lydon; UNDER 18, Team #3, Yankee Bus Lines, coached by Paul Forde and Joe O’Toole; UNDER 18, Team #4, Deco Leasing, coached by Brian Morris.
SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER

Can you believe we have begun another season! The kids and coaches did a super job at the parade at usual. Thanks again to everyone who participated Thursday on making the

What a great weekend! The weather was great. Just a couple of reminders before we begin a recap of last week’s games.

COACHES: Remember it is important to turn in scoresheets. If you do not pass one in there will not be any write up for your team and that is not fair to the children who show up week after week or the sponsors. Remember all score sheets must be turned in by Monday morning at the latest. Also please fill all score sheets out correctly. For the coaches who have the last game in the Under 8 Division on Sunday, please remember to put the equipment away. Also make sure there is no parent or children (that are not playing the game) near the nets during the game. It is a distraction for the goalie.

PARENTS: Remember all children need to wear shin guards. If your child does not have them, they can not play. No hats, or jewelry can be worn while playing – this is for the safety of the children. Also, if you have any problems at the field, please see one of the officers of the league and we will take care of all concerns immediately. And remember to stay away from the goalie while they are playing as it is a distraction. All parents should be on one side of the field and the players on the opposite side.

Please remember that all players (no matter what age) and coaches must turn in a concussion certificate. In order to receive your certificate you can logon to http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/training/headsup concussion.html. For children ages 3 to 10 years old you can access another site http://brain101.orceasing.com. It is a cartoon site and should hold their attention. After you have gone through this info you can go to the other site (see above) and fill out the info saying you and your child have gone through this info you can go there (see above) and fill out the info saying you and your child have gone through this info you can go there (see above) and fill out the info saying you and your child have gone through this info you can go there (see above) and fill out the info saying you and your child have gone through.

And now on to a recap of the games:

UNDER 4 DIVISION: SMALL FRIES STEPHEN LYNCH
The Small Fries sponsored by Sullivan’s beat out their opponent by one goal when Zion Sequeira and VasilianMBrice each scored goals. JanekBuczowski and ZaylahGoncalves played a terrific game bringing the ball up and down the field.

The Green Team sponsored by Stephen Lynch just came up short with a goal kicked in the net by Arianna Shepherd. NaraithDepina played a super game as did the rest of the team.

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by John Hancock Insurance, Councilor Bill Linehan, Massport, Finisports and South Boston Today.

UNDER 6 DIVISION: DOLPHINS MASSPORT
The Dolphins sponsored by Marian Manor were victorious this week with Jacob Mulligan and Evan Pierce scoring the goals for their team. GiannaMarotta and Ryan Alexander played a terrific game. The Massport team played a super game and kept the game within reach with a goal by AlbinValda. Christian Devlin played a fabulous game as did the entire team.

METRO ROCKETS MOOSE
The Rockets sponsored by Metro Energy kicked in one better than their opponent for the win. The entire team did a terrific job.

The Moose sponsored by the McDonough Post Ladies Auxiliary played a great game. Goal scorers for the team were: Harry Minnunci and Rocco Blasi. Great goaltending by Harry, Ryan, Tessa, Katie and Dakota! Great hustle and teamwork by James, Aiden, Jaelise, Deacon, Logan, Michael, Haley, Katie, Rocco, Julianna and Ryan.

UNDER 8 DIVISION: BOSTON HOME INSPECTORS NINJAS
The team sponsored by Boston Home Inspectors were victorious this week with goals by Aidan Garcia, Derek Martinelli and TristanPecевич.

The Ninjas sponsored by Donahue & Associates turned in a great performance.

Sonny Quimby scored the only goal for his team. Teegan Fitzgerald, Fiona Burke, Megan Harrison and Zach DeMichelle were the MVP’s for their team.

SILVER HAWKS MASSPORT
The Silver Hawks sponsored by O’Connell Insurance started the season off with a win against a very tough goal. Ryan Shields, Dylan Picard, Jaholoni George, Roger Curely and Joseph Greene. Riley Joyce, KearsilWilkanks, Mavee Applegate and Marguerite Greene turned in a stellar performance.

The Massport team did a great job. All the players turned in a super performance.

BLUE DEVILS BILLY FLAHERTY’S GANG
The Blue Devils sponsored by Joe Pace & Sons started the season off victoriously with one goal and Deven Dunlap with a single goal. Marin Beem did a great job defensively. Katherine Baskiewicz was awesome on offense and Ryan McDonald did a terrific job manning the net.

The team sponsored by Billy Flaherty’s Gang scored a goal. All the players did a great job.

UNDER 10 DIVISION: CAHILL KICKERS 4 MT. WASHINGTON BANK 0
The Kickers sponsored by the Jim Cahill Club shut out their opponent when Eddie Tirabassi scored two goals assisted by Evan Markos, Evan Markos scored a goal assisted by Eddie and Alex Ducile scored a goal assisted by Kayla Fletch. Great defense by Corinne Reidy and MjokiMwang and sharing the goaltending duties and not letting anything get by them were Alex Ducile and LydonMcGarrel.

FLAMES 4 HORNETS 0
The Flames sponsored by Boston Firefighters Credit Union played a superb game and kept their opponents scoreless.

Henry Pulake scored a hat trick and Aiden Young kicked in a single goal. Owen Leahy and Coleen Lombard assisted on the goals. Owen Donovan did an awesome job in net. Lilly Austin and Madision Rull were dazzling on defense.

The Hornets sponsored by Jeffrey Chubb Associates did not score but it was not from lack of trying. Patrick Steele, Brandon Clark, Jake Harrison, Diego Alzamora and Henry Gaillunas played a good game on offense. Thomas Conlon put in a valiant effort in net. Samantha Bowen, Briana Mikshenas and TaetumZinng made up the defensive line.

SOUTHEAST STRONG 0 LIGHTNING 0
The Southie Strong sponsored by Stapleton Florist did not score but neither did their opponents. Christian Cintron, Caitlin McDonough, Declan Callahan, Ryan Leary, Thomas Leydon and Aaliyah Holland were all terrific on the field.

The Lightning sponsored by Massport turned in a great performance. Graine McBridge, Ethan Long, Caitlin Fitzgerald, FinbarKyne, FionaGilmartin and Jake Swartz played a superb game. Will Ahem was great in net.

UNDER 12 DIVISION: MICHAEL J. PERKINS POST 3 HOT TOTITIES 2
The team sponsored by the Michael J. Perkins Post American Legion #67 kicked in one better than their opponents for the win. Ethan Somers, Brennan Schallmo and Eric Pance were the goal scorers. Sophie Long, Abigail Glynn, James O’Brien and KaitaGoncalves played a great game.

The Hot Totties sponsored by Massport just came up short with KristianDhamo and Christopher Fitzgerald each kicking in a goal. Anna Lysakowski, Madison Kennedy and Jacqueline Powers turned in a terrific performance.

LIONS 8 GREEN MONSTERS 0
The Lions sponsored by O’Brien’s & Sons “roared” today! Great goals by Kyle Murphy, TariPecievitch and Paddy Craddock. Rachel Rans, Ani and Abigail Seero and Patrick Gjoka made the assists. The team played a superb game.

The Green Monsters sponsored by Eastern Bank did not score but it was not from lack of trying. Cormac Lafferty, Rebecca Donovan, Juliet Fitzgerald, Jacob Downey, Emma Gillis and Peter Gaillunas gave it 100%. Andrew Devlin did his best in net against a very tough opponent.

UNDER 18 DIVISION:
At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Iron Workers Local #7, Massport, Yankee Bus Line and Deco Leasing.
M STREET SOFTBALL
PLAYOFFS RESUME

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
By Mark Senna

After an exciting last week of regular season games that saw teams jockeying for playoff positions, the schedule hit a snag last week and came to a halt. Our apologies are extended to Manny Gregorio and any other softball fan that showed up on Thursday expecting to see action on the field. The playoff schedule is always tentative and the outcome of the game lacked the playoff intensity of that type of postponement. Before we look back at the games that were played last week it should be noted that there will not be any games played this Wednesday and Friday as the city has another event scheduled.

On Tuesday, the playoffs got under way with the fourth place Nix Mate Islanders squaring off against the fifth place Playwright in game one of their best of three series. Game notes were not available at press time but we can report that the Islanders played great defense while getting timely hits on their way to a 3-1 victory. Although the game lacked the playoff intensity usually seen here at M Street, the two teams played a fantastic brand of ball. Pitching and defense ruled in this one and the remaining games should be no different. The two teams were scheduled to play a double header on Monday, September 9th starting at 6:30 with the series winner moving on to the semi-finals.

Tuesday’s late action saw the Lincoln Tavern hold off the ever improving Telegraph Hill, 10-9 in the first game of their best of three series. Mike Briggs led the way for Lincoln as he belted out three hits including a long homerun to deep center field. The series will continue on Tuesday, September 10th and if necessary, game three will be played on Thursday, September 12th starting at 8:30pm. We don’t know how the games will turn out but we do know that Dave Nutter will be behind the plate handling the catching duties for Telegraph Hill. Nutter is the league’s iron man catcher as he has caught every pitch thrown by a Telegraph pitcher this season. Including the record breaking 22 walks his staff allowed in a game played on August 27th of this year. Catching a few innings of that game alone would have forced many of us into another position but not Dave.

On Wednesday, we saw John Gregorio back on the mound for the Playwright and picking up right where he left off the week before, that is dominating his opponent. Gregorio led the sixth place Southside Tavern to a stunning 1-0 extra inning victory over the third place Warehouse in game one of their best of three series. This was an M Street Softball pitching classic as Gregorio and Joey Magee were on top of their game and limiting any kind of attack. In fact, the Warehouse didn’t get a runer past second base and only collected three hits and a walk for the night. The outcome of the game was still in the balance only because Magee was just as dominating – allowing just five hits while striking out four batters.

The scoreless game quickly moved to the top of the ninth inning where we saw a little bit of everything. Pat Dolbeare led off with a hard single to center field and was followed by a strikeout. The inning seemed harmless until Sean Wilshire and Mark Dipari both reached base safely to load them for Rob Costello. On a 1-0 offering, Costello bounced a slow roller to the pitcher Magee who flipped the ball to catcher Mike McGrath. McGrath corralled the ball and applied the tag to the sliding Dolbeare but in doing so the ball was knocked lose and Dolbeare was declared safe. On the same play, while some argued the safe call with the umpire, Wilshire kept running from second and tried to score but was tagged out at the plate. More heated words were exchanged between the teams and there was some pushing and shoving but the men soon got back to playing softball. While all that was going on, Gregorio stayed away and kept his calm as he now had a run to keep their season alive. However, as they have all season long, the Brewers hung right in there and made this a game but the fire power and pitching Shenanigans has proved to be too much as they prevailed, 5-2. Shenanigans snapped a 2-2 tie in the fifth by batting around the order and plating three runs. Shayne Macdonald (3 hits) and Mike Hoadley (2 hits) provided the big hits in the inning while Nick Devito (home run in the fourth), Brad Cole (2 hits), and Kevin Coyle (hit and RBI) were the hitting stars for Brewers.

The series continued on Friday with the Brewers needing a win to keep their season alive. However, Shenanigans’s pitcher Nick French (allowed just 4 hits) wouldn’t have any of that as they won easily, 9-1 to complete the series. The undoing in the fourth inning spelled the end for the Brewers as Shenanigans plated seven runs and then put it on cruise control. Shenanigans became the first team to advance in the playoffs and will now wait to see if their next opponent is lowest seed Southside or the winner of the Playwright/Islanders series. In any case, the semi-final series will not start until Monday, September 16th starting at 6:30pm.

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 will continue to keep the heat this week but it’s still worthy of a night out. Playoff games this week will be played Monday, Tuesday, and possibly Thursday (if necessary) with games starting at 6:30 and 8:10pm. Best of luck to all of our players and teams, have a great week and we look forward to seeing you at the park.
Bruins Posed For Another Cup Run

By Conor Ryan

It seems like it was only yesterday that Blackhawks forward Dave Bolland beat Bruins goaltender Tuukka Rask after a rebound off the post, giving Chicago a 2-1 lead that they would never relinquish in what was one of the most improbable comebacks in Stanley Cup finals history. Fast forward to today, and with less than a month until the 2013-14 NHL season starts, the Bruins are once again back on the ice preparing for a new year and trying to move on from such a disappointing end to last season’s incredible run.

After a tumultuous offseason that saw GM Peter Chiarelli’s biggest shakeup of Boston’s roster in years, it will be interesting to see how the Bruins perform this season, but with a strong core of players returning, as well as some exciting new additions to the roster, the team is in prime position to capture their seventh Stanley Cup. Before looking at this current Bruins squad, perhaps it’s best to first examine what players are no longer going to put on the Black and Gold when the puck drops in early October.

Gone is 21-year-old phenom Tyler Seguin, traded to the Dallas Stars on July 4 perhaps due to maturity issues, lack of production, an upcoming $5.75 million cap hit or a combination of all of those issues. Gone is Nathan Horton, the physical winger who spurred the Bruins offers during free agency to sign with the smaller-market Columbus Blue Jackets on July 5. Gone as well are fan-favorite defenseman Andrew Ference, who inked a four-year deal with his hometown Edmonton Oilers, future Hall-of-Famer Jaromir Jagr, who, signed with the New Jersey Devils in late July, and goaltender Anton Khudobin, who signed a one-year deal with the Carolina Hurricanes on July 5.

Despite these losses, the Bruins staff has done a great job finding replacements for all of these players through trades, free agency, and prospects. Filling in the first-line RW spot will likely be six-time All-Star Jerome Iginla. Despite famously dismissing the Bruins and accepting a trade to the Pittsburgh Penguins on March 27, Iginla made the decision to sign with the Black and Gold during the offseason, just about a month after both him and his Penguins were swept in the Eastern Conference Finals by the Bruins.

While many Bruins fans are likely still bitter at Iginla’s actions in March, they will soon forget once they see the future Hall Of Famer out on the ice. With 530 career goals and 840 career penalty minutes to his name, Iginla will bring his tenacious goal-scoring ability and tough, physical play to a team that praises that style of hockey will be a huge factor in the team’s success this season.

Another exciting addition to the roster this season is Finnish winger Loui Eriksson, who the main piece that Boston received in the Tyler Seguin trade. While he may not have the off-the-charts potential that Seguin possessed, Eriksson is ultimately a better fit for this team and should continue to be a very productive player. Eriksson has a knack for scoring, as he has recorded at least 70 points in his last three full NHL seasons, but where he is most valuable is his cerebral style of play and defensive ability. Coupled on the second line with arguably the best two-way forward in the NHL in Patrice Bergeron, Eriksson should be a major contributor to this Bruins team.

In terms of replacing Jagr on the third line, the Bruins will likely expect Jordan Caron, who took a step back last season in Boston and Providence due to injury and lack of production, or top prospect Ryan Spooner to step up and play alongside Chris Kelly and Carl Soderberg. In terms of filling in the backup goalie spot, the Bruins will likely choose between Providence goaltender Niklas Svedberg and free agent acquisition Chad Johnson, while the spot vacated by Ference’s departure will likely be filled by either Torey Krug or Matt Bartkowski, the two young defensemen who stepped up in a major way during last season’s playoff run. While all of these players should immediately step in and make a positive impact on this Bruins squad, the chief reason as to why the Bruins are poised to make another run at the Cup is due to their returning core of players, a group that collectively has helped the B’s win a Cup in 2011 and 24 wins over the last five seasons.

With talent such as goalie Tuukka Rask, now in the first year of his eight-year, $56 million contract, perennial Norris Trophy candidate Zdeno Chara, Patrice Bergeron, Milan Lucic, Dennis Seidenberg, and countless others returning this season, the Bruins will be a force in the NHL once again. We are only a few weeks from hockey season, and with these new additions, as well as their returning nucleus of players, I fully expect to be cheering for the Bruins in June as they seek to once again raise the greatest trophy in sports.
DANNY PICARD: Did you watch “Behind the B” [on Monday night], and what did you think of it?
KEVIN WALSH: I did, and I liked it a lot. But listen, you’ve got to have some perspective here. if you’re expecting HBO’s 24/7, it’s not quite up to that standard, but I thought it was very good.

DP: Hold on, Walshy, before we continue, what I did when I analyzed this, I took my Comcast SportsNet winter coat off and hung it up, and that’s what I want you to do, too.

KW: Ok, you got it.

DP: So what did you think of it?
KW: I thought it was very good. Was a lot of the stuff new? No, if you’ve been paying attention all along. But you know what, it’s like when somebody tells you a story that you already know, I don’t see it as redundant. It may qualify as that, but it just confirms what you thought you knew. Maybe it fill sin a couple of blanks here and there. And it just gets you closer to the backstage pass, which is exactly what it is. So, for that regard, it’s well worth your time. I think it’s terrific. I watched it because I had to, but even if I didn’t have to, I would watch it. And it’s time well spent.

DP: It was. I think that after the first 15, 20 minutes you saw some stuff that you don’t really, you didn’t learn anything new, other than, and I didn’t know that Malcolm Subban had showed up late to one of the rookie camps and he had to do extra pushups. That’s something that at least was new to me. There was some new stuff with regards to, I thought early on was the most interesting. Chiarelli, Neely, the scouts, and the fact that on June 4, they’re talking about the future of Ference, Horton, and Seguin. They’re up on the Penguins 2-0 in the Eastern Conference Finals at that point. I thought that was cool. I thought that the reaction to not getting Horton back, and knowing early that he wasn’t coming back, talking to his agent, I thought that was interesting how upset they were at that. I didn’t think they’d be that upset with it. So you did learn some stuff. What I do think is that, the crew that filmed it and directed it and put it together, they’re going to learn some things here as we get into training camp. And I do think it will actually improve, giving us some things that we didn’t already know. The coolest part of the whole thing, and also the most upsetting and the most emotional was the very beginning, when they showed the Bruins in the room after they lose the Cup, and how awkward of a speech that is for Claude Julien to have to give when they’re sitting in that room. What was the most interesting thing you saw from “Behind the B” [on Monday night]?

KW: I’m on board with ya on the final moments after they lost the Stanley Cup. And the silence speaks a million volumes because that’s what it’s really like, what teams really say. Claude didn’t say much, but he said just enough to say, “Hey guys, don’t hang your heads.” But when you see everybody just kind of sitting there really doing nothing, it was almost like a still photograph.

You know how you see a picture in a newspaper and it’s just a good picture, you’re imagination fills in all the blanks. And that was video, but nobody was really moving all that much. SO to me, that was interesting. But when you see everybody just kind of sitting there really doing nothing, it was almost like a still photograph.

I thought that the off-ice issues were, but they wouldn’t give it to us in the documentary, and I really wanted to hear it from the coach’s mouth. We didn’t get it. So that’s the one thing that I left wanting for.

DP: I heard them mention “babysitting” and Neely was the only one who mentioned the words “off-ice” I believe, but for the most part, look Walshy, I get back to why Seguin was traded in the first place, and we can get all the scoop we want on the off-ice issues, but I think what they showed you, with regards to their thoughts on Seguin’s on-ice product and when he was going to become that player that they all in that room believe he can be, I think the reason they traded him was the fact that they said, “Hey, we have a chance to win next year and the year after. He might not learn those lessons that we thought he was going to learn, for a couple more years.” Given his contract, given the fact that, was that the right time to sell someone like that? They even compared him to Kessel by not throwing Kessel’s name out there when they said, “Does he remind you of anybody?”

I still think this was more of an on-ice trade, because they ended up getting Loui Eriksson. And I don’t think they knew what they were going to get out of Seguin. They know eventually what he’s going to be, but I don’t think they knew they were going to get that automatically the next couple years.

KW: The trade of Tyler Seguin was a home run for two reasons. Because it was addition by subtraction. Clearly he had become a distraction, based on what we knew about how he handled himself
during the Toronto series. At that level, you’ve got to be a pro, you’ve got to be accountable, and if there ever was a time to be more of a pro, isn’t it during the playoffs? You’ve got a guy like Shawn Thornton, who’s kind of at the end of the road and is counting on a guy like you to show up and do your job. One of the scouts or assistant coaches said, “If he was half of what he could’ve been, they would have won the Stanley Cup.”

DP: They said, “If he was half of Patrick Kane was, they would have won the Cup.”

KW: Yeah, that’s what it was. There’s no doubt in my mind about that. That trade with Dallas is going to be terrific. Loui Eriksson, European guy, but as he said on “Behind the B”, “I’m a two-way player.” And he’s not just saying that, he is that.”


KW: It’s a perfect time to read it, right around the fall, and we’re getting closer and closer to Thanksgiving. Just to say a lot in a little, about a year ago, my father summoned my brothers and me to come on a fishing trip with him to Western New York, to go after steelhead trout. Now the steelhead trout, they’re like a salmon. They go back to the exact same place they were born. My brothers live in the south. My older brother lives in Texas, my younger brother in Georgia. My dad paid for the trip, non-refundable, basically ordered us to come up and come fishing with him. Because if we didn’t, he’d be out of a lot of money. So, he had the financial pressure and the fatherly guilt that he bestowed on us. So we went after these fish that were essentially re-tracing their roots, and we were re-tracing our roots as a family and as brothers.

And it had been five years since we were all together again. If you have a brother, and you like sharing a beer with your brother, this is for you. If it’s been a while since you’ve had a beer with your brother, this is for you. For anybody who has a father, and you want to make your father proud, there’s not a man I know that doesn’t want to do that and wants that validation. We found this on the trip, caught a lot of fish, drank a lot of beer, but more importantly, we re-connected as a family, and that’s the beautiful part. If you’re a guy, you will see yourself within the pages.

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