



## The Boston Finance Commission, State Inspector General and South Boston Civic Groups

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Carnac the Magnificent, a frequent guest on the popular Johnny Carson show, always knew the question when given three

clues. In this case the question is: Name three citizen groups that the BRA ignores.

On September 26, it was reported

by the dailies that the Boston Redevelopment Authority voted 4-1 to approve a controversial Red Sox deal, ignoring the state Inspector General's request to delay the vote on the proposed \$7.3 million deal for air rights over Lansdowne Street and game-day concessions on Yawkey Way. The Inspector General's Office, which is reviewing the proposed agreement, called it the "product of private negotiations between the Red Sox and the BRA, with no opportunity to date for public comment." "The OIG recommends an open process any time a public entity conveys property rights," Cunha's letter stated.

Earlier in the week, on September 24, the Boston Finance Commission sent a letter to the BRA objecting to the vote stating, the agreement has been not sufficiently vetted and "will shackle generations of Bostonians to an agreement that over time will prove to be financially irresponsible." The

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# EDITORIAL “Racist Boston?”

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Many Bostonians would agree that they bristled and disagreed with assertions by the media, national and local, that Boston was a racist city. While obviously, there were well publicized racial incidents, the reasons, those many years ago, were not a simple black and white issue. Or at least many felt that way. Many thought it was a case of liberal social engineering. Perhaps we were all wrong. Maybe it was a case of judging by skin color. Boston might be a racist city. How else to explain the recent election results?

In all due respect to Charlotte Golar-Richie, she had an anonymous career as a State Representative and a disappointing, (at least to South Boston), term as the head of the City Department of Neighborhood Development. She may very well turn out to be the greatest

politician in American History, but she is not there now. She is virtually unknown. One of the last to enter and among the least funded candidates with little name recognition, she received more votes than the popular Felix Arroyo, John Barros, highest funded District Attorney, Dan Conley and 30 year Councilor Charles Yancey. How?

Even today most people know nothing about her. It was accurately pointed out by Rev. Eugene Rivers that six minority candidates diluted the minority voting block. Obviously, Golar-Richie received many votes outside the minority precincts. We can only hope they were the most astute and knowledgeable voters and not guilt-ridden zombies voting merely on skin color and gender - in other words, not on race.



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## Last Week's Poll Results

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## Primary Election Results Shine Light on a Double Standard

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Can you just imagine the indignant outcry and firestorm that would be raging in this city if oh, say this newspaper decided to label a couple of the minority candidates that just lost the recent mayoral primary as belonging to the “Same Tribe”? And would not South Boston’s elected officials be demonized and scolded and referred to as insensitive bigots and throw backs to the Jim Crow era if they expressed anger that ‘white’ candidates did not properly band together and all get behind just one of their own so that they could make sure the top two vote getters were not African Americans? How about if some of this town’s local clergy called a press conference after the votes were counted complaining about the lack of unity because Boston will have a person of color as mayor instead of a White Irish Catholic Male? Shock! Anger! Outrage! We know it would all be there. But none of that would have happened. It’s not who the residents of this town are. But if you paid attention to the news during the week following the election all of that DID happen across town and in the media, only in reverse.

Was it gutsy for the Boston Globe to sniff about the election’s outcome and call John Connolly and Martin Walsh members of the same Irish American Tribe? No, it wasn’t gutsy. It was insensitive stereotyping and it was bigotry and racism at its most blatant. The problem is, that rusty old heap of a dying newspaper is run by arrogant bigots, who do not have the intelligence to see just how bigoted what they said

is. In fact, many others in the major media showed their true colors as they were so angry that they stuttered when the final votes were tallied and two Irish Americans came out on top. You see folks, to those in the press, and the fraudulent civil rights types who claim to speak for all minorities in this city, everything is about race. When they walk into a crowded room, they don’t see people as individuals, they immediately start counting how many of each color are there. If the numbers are not to their liking it somehow must be the fault of racists. This is getting old and maybe this is one of the reasons they didn’t get their way in the primary. People are tired of it.

It was almost laughable watching election coverage on NECN as the ridiculous Jim Braude, their resident leftist whiner, was visibly furious that Ms. Golar Ritchie or Mr. Clemons did not make the top spots. How dare the people of Boston select two white males to make the finals seemed to be what he was saying with his scolding tone. In fact, the candidates themselves took it far better than Braude and the rest of the press. All the candidates were dignified and magnanimous after their loss.

The results of the primary speak for themselves. The contest for the final is now on and it will get hot and heavy very soon. But it was the reaction to those results by the news media and the liberal so-called elite in this city that told the real story about just who the intolerant and ignorant in and around Boston really are. And it was the blatant double standard that reared its ugly head

when that bunch didn’t get its way that speaks volumes and exposes just how prejudiced those who claim to be for tolerance really are. And the sad thing or funny thing about it, however you view it, is that they are not smart enough to realize just how intolerant they are. They should be ashamed of themselves but

they aren’t even smart enough to know that. They are too caught up in thinking they are enlightened and superior. They are anything but.

Touching on non-election news, the US Senator from Texas, Ted Cruz had a question the other day. He asked if

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# Window Into The State House

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*Starting This 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 acted upon 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.*

## GOVERNOR MULLING FATE OF EMPLOYEEES PAID WITH FEDERAL FUNDS

In the face of a federal government shutdown that began on Tuesday, Gov. Deval Patrick said he would determine “soon” whether the state can retain thousands of state employees whose salaries are paid either fully or in part with federal funds. “There are over 4,000 people who work in state government who are paid in whole or in part by federal grants,” Patrick told reporters Tuesday at UMass-Boston. “We’re trying to figure out whether we can hang on to any of those people.” - A. Metzger/SHNS

## HOUSING FORECLOSURES DOWN SHARPLY THROUGH AUGUST

Completed foreclosures fell in August, marking 15 straight months of year-over-year declines, according to data released Tuesday. The Warren Group reported 261 completed foreclosures in August, a 54 percent drop from August 2012. There have been 2,135 completed foreclosures in Massachusetts over the first eight months of 2013, down 64 percent from the same period in 2012. Warren Group CEO said the trend in foreclosures has been accompanied by a rise in home sales and prices, an improved economy, loan modifications and other processes that homeowners have taken to avoid foreclosures. Foreclosure petitions, the first step in the foreclosure process, are down almost 70 percent through August, compared to the same period in 2012. - M. Norton/SHNS

## INSURERS WANT STATE TO HAVE GREATER CONTROL IN LIMITING CONSOLIDATION

As state officials prepared to convene for the first cost trends hearing since implementation of last year’s health cost control law, the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans reiterated its concerns about consolidation by hospitals and other health care providers. “State policymakers should examine closely whether the benefits providers articulate relative to lower costs, better quality and greater clinical integration when joining together are actually realized,” MAHP President Lora Pellegrini said in a statement Monday. “It is essential for employers and consumers that these organizations be held accountable over the long-term to ensure that the promises made now are

promises kept in the future.” MAHP also called for the attorney general and the newly created Healthy Policy Commission to be granted authority to “prohibit consolidations, mergers or affiliations” that are deemed to increase costs or decrease competition. The Health Policy Commission is currently reviewing the merger between South Shore Hospital and Partners HealthCare System, but declined to undertake a similar market impact review of Partners’ acquisition of Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton. - A. Metzger/SHNS

## COMPOUNDING PHARMACY BILL ON MOVE IN HOUSE

The House plans a vote Wednesday on legislation strengthening the oversight of compounding pharmacies in the wake of last year’s national fungal meningitis outbreak that stemmed from a Framingham company. A final bill is expected to emerge Monday that would call for the licensing of practitioners and the mandatory reporting of adverse “drug events.” The House Committee on Ways and Means began polling committee members on the bill (H 3600) Friday afternoon, and it advanced Monday morning out of committee with 15 members voting in favor of the bill and three reserving their rights. The 26-page bill, which also passed through the Committee on Public Health and the Committee on Health Care Financing in July, will be presented to House Democrats during caucus on Wednesday morning before a scheduled vote in the House that afternoon. - M. Murphy/SHNS

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agreement itself was first unveiled September 20 by the Red Sox and the Boston Redevelopment Authority, which controls portions of Yawkey Way and Lansdowne Street, a mere six days before the scheduled vote by the BRA’s board of directors.

BRA director Peter Meade told the Globe that week that the agency believed a predictable revenue stream would be better than a revenue sharing arrangement in which the city’s take would fluctuate from year to year.

However, it is now being reported by the Boston Herald that “the Boston Redevelopment Authority used dated real estate values to support a back-room deal to sell the Red Sox rights on Yawkey Way and Lansdowne Street — a ploy designed to ease a sweetheart deal, claims a local watchdog who is questioning the accuracy of the appraisal.” It goes on to quote Gregory W. Sullivan, the state’s former inspector general and now research director at Pioneer

Institute. “The taxpayers deserve to share in the extremely lucrative public rights to Yawkey Way — many more millions than the Red Sox have agreed to pay.”

South Boston activists and civic groups are likely pleased that the institutional watchdogs are now weighing in on development issues that the South Boston community has been contending with for years. Whether it is the Fenway, Jamaica Plain, Brighton or South Boston

communities, the BRA rules. Apparently, it is allowed to interpret its own rules as it sees fit. It has become the city’s planner, developer and deal-maker — a seemingly inbuilt conflict. But, to put it another way - ‘He who has the Gold makes the Rules’. It remains to be seen if the watchdogs of Boston will be given an updated copy of the rulebook. They may just have to wait until the city has a new mayor.

Weigh in on this week’s poll on page 8 - Vote at SouthBostonToday.com





# Reading Between The Lines

## *“I Love Southie”*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Brian R. Mahoney

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I love Southie. Born here, raised here, spent most of my life here and God willing, take my last breath here. It's a wonderful place. A special place filled with wonderful and special people. I could, and often have, cited evidence to prove my point. Evidence, sometimes though, is in the eye of the beholder. Never the less it always seemed to me that if it wasn't for Southie the media would have nothing to talk about. It doesn't matter where you begin. Over a hundred years ago, it was reported as a scandal that money should be spent to build a Dorchester Heights Memorial in that “immigrant enclave” of South Boston. When troops fired on South Boston crowds killing three at E St. & Broadway during the Boston Police strike of 1919, praise was heaped on the “Gallant State Militia”.

In the 50's and early 60's, the headlines were filled with stories of the “criminal labor strikes” by the “hooligan longshoremen”, even though it was a demand for safer conditions and a living wage. In fact, most of the unrest was due to an attempted take over by New York criminals. In the 70's of course, the nation was transfixed as South Boston became the focal point of resistance to the racist, liberal and social engineering experiment of forced busing. ‘Racist’ because when you strip away all their unproven theories, it boiled down to an assertion that minority children could only learn, if they were sitting next to white children.

Then, of course, as always, there came the unrelenting attack on South Boston politicians. Whether

Hicks or Bulger or Flynn or Kelly, it didn't matter time, place or position only that they be from South Boston and it was grist for the media mills.

Then, there is the Whitey story, and all the books and movies and opinion pieces that have come out telling of the “true” Southie. Ironically, the festivities were held in the Moakley Courthouse named for a South Boston politician, attacked like the others, until he was granted liberal sainthood when he displayed his character and virtue by fighting for oppressed people in El Salvador. A virtue taught to every South Bostonian at birth.

The past 15 years or so, the other buzz around South Boston is, of course, development. Needless to say every request for benefits for the South Boston Community is treated, by the media, as either greed, extortion, or both. Our constant and ongoing complaints of development and the BRA antics specifically are either ignored or dismissed as NIMBY-ism.

I've often wondered how those outside of South Boston view us. How I wish it were possible to see the constant assault through our eyes - we are not like the “boy who cried wolf”. My wish has come true, “welcome to Southie”. The wish came in the form of the latest BRA deal with a downtown storied developer, owner of the iconic Fenway Park, the venue of so many memories. It is considered a place for which most New Englanders have come to feel a sense of ownership of the place. Sort of like the memories of going to grandma's house for Sunday dinner or Christmas.

Well sorry everybody, but Grandma's house is closed. In a decision that will give everybody a sense of living in Southie, the BRA has signed a deal that will allow the Red Sox to take over and close down a public street 365 days a year. That the deal was done behind closed doors surprises no one, at least not in South Boston. That the Inspector General of Massachusetts issued a report questioning such a deal without any public comment causes no one at City Hall to bat an eye.

That Attorney General Martha Coakley is doing or saying nothing is the way its been going for the last 15 years. Business as usual.

So stop paying those crazy condo prices to experience Southie. The BRA will see to it that everyone in Boston and beyond can experience the “keep your mouth shut we don't care what you think and nobody else does either” attitude they've perfected in Southie without the high prices.

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## City To Drop Broadway Bike Lane Proposal

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**I**t seems the plan to put 'Bike Lanes' on Broadway has been taken off the table at least for the foreseeable future. According to an email sent out from city officials, bike lanes will be added to D St. instead of the Broadway business district. The reason given is

because lanes on D Street would be less intrusive than if they were added to Broadway for obvious reasons. The D Street bike lanes had already been in the works anyway according to City Hall sources as there seemed to be far less community opposition to this location

than the proposed Broadway locale, although no public meetings were held with any of the civic groups South Boston Today spoke with.

Officials also have stated that if the idea of adding the bike lanes to Broadway ever were to come up again, there would certainly be a public meeting to discuss any such proposal. SBT spoke with Sean Regan from the Mayor's Office who confirmed the decision. A call was also put into Nicole Freedman, Bike Program Director/Boston Bikes at the city of Boston who also gave confirmation.

This decision appears to be a clear victory for what polls have shown to be overwhelming opposition by South Boston residents who have made it clear that bike lanes on Broadway are not now and probably never will be acceptable. It would also seem that the powers that be at city hall listened to the will of the people and responded accordingly.

Much of the opposition to bike lanes on Broadway stemmed from safety concerns that the street itself was just too narrow for this addition, as well as the potential for local business to be hurt by traditional, though not quite legal, double parking of cars by residents shopping in the area. Some of the proponents of adding bike lanes to South Boston's most traveled business district drew comparisons to other places such as Cambridge and Brookline and along Commonwealth Avenue where bike lanes are the norm. Such comparisons however were shown to be unrealistic as the structure and proximity of street to storefront are in most cases very much different. Proponents also disputed the conventional wisdom that these bike lanes would be dangerous if added and believe they would actually make the area safer.

In any event, at least from what this neighborhood is being told officially, it appears that no bike lanes will be added to South Boston's main shopping district. Is this an issue that requires watching just the same? Should residents who opposed the plan from the beginning remain vigilant if they want to make sure that officials currently running city hall as well as those who will be soon taking over hold to this decision? Many who have been active throughout the years on a variety of concerns to the South Boston community have said that it would be a wise idea to stay alert and stay tuned - just in case.

## Letter to the Editor

### Why I'm Supporting John Connolly for Mayor

**T**he next mayor will have the opportunity to make decisions that will directly impact our neighborhood on big issues, two of which are education and public safety.

Our next mayor must not only have the vision for this new era in Boston, but he must also have the courage to lead.

For a host of reasons, I believe that candidate is John Connolly.

Connolly's educational background and experience as a City Councilor speak volumes. During discussions with John, it's clear that he possesses a big picture vision along with a firm understanding of the issues that matter most to the people of South Boston.

For the past two years I served as the president of the Family Council and as a member of the board of trustees at a local charter school. I have witnessed firsthand the impact that a quality school can have on the educational development of a child. Additionally I recognize the link between safe neighborhoods and quality public schools close to home, and so does John.

John Connolly has maintained a focus on education and made it the centerpiece of his campaign. A former teacher and head of the education committee for the City Council, he and his wife Meg have two children in a Boston Public School. It's not merely a campaign issue for the Connolly family; they live it every day. John's "Quality Choice Plan" guarantees a quality school close to home for everyone. Now that's something everyone can get behind.

John Connolly also has a characteristic that I believe is almost as important as the policies he will pursue - John Connolly has the courage to lead. While others were testing the political winds, Connolly respectfully said he could offer bold ideas and new energy to the city.

For these reasons, I support John Connolly for Mayor and encourage my friends and neighbors to consider him as well. Respectfully,

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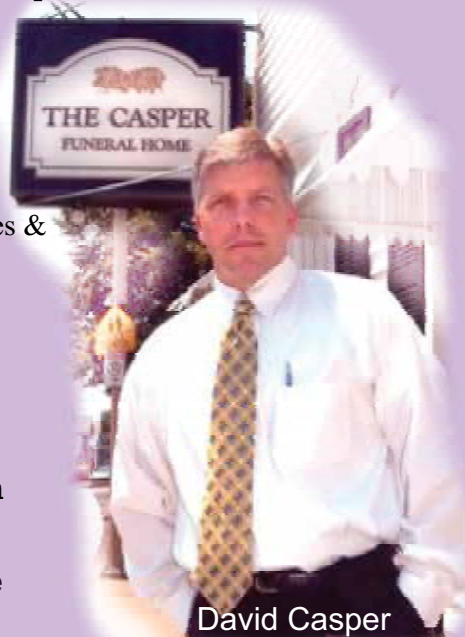
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# Three Mayoral Debates Scheduled For General Election

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The Walsh and Connolly campaigns have agreed upon three live televised debates for the general election cycle. These include:

- Tuesday, October 15, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., hosted by WBZ-TV, WBZ 1030 AM, and the Boston Globe, with Jon Keller and a Globe correspondent

- Tuesday, October 22, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., hosted by WGBH-TV and WGBH-Radio, with Jim Braude and Margery Eagan

- Tuesday, October 29, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., hosted by the Boston Media Consortium (including WHDH-TV, NECN, WGBH-

TV, WCVB-TV, WGBH-Radio, WBUR Radio, and Bloomberg Radio)

The details of debate formats and logistics will be negotiated among the campaigns and the host partners, and will be announced as they are available.

Last Wednesday, both campaigns released the following statement regarding the debate schedule going forward:

*After discussions between our campaigns, we agree that televised debates will provide an important forum for voters to gain the information they need to make an informed decision in November's mayoral election. In addition, we believe that*

*these debates would offer a broader platform for the many community groups wishing to have their substantive issues discussed during the campaign. Given the many demands on our campaigns, we request that the media consortiums that have organized candidate debates in the past come together to organize – in conjunction with community and advocacy groups – three televised debates between now and November 5th, one each during the weeks of October 14, 21, and 28. We ask that community groups wishing to organize forums or discussions cooperate with media organizations to make sure these are substantive debates.*

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# City of Boston Partners with State Agencies on Immediate Transportation Improvements in the Innovation District



Collaboration will focus on proactive steps and future planning to improve traffic, public transit, biking and walking options throughout growing Waterfront. Mayor Thomas M. Menino today joined

representatives of MassDOT, the MBTA, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, Massport, and A Better City to announce immediate, proactive steps that will allow the Innovation District to continue its rapid growth by preventing

traffic congestion, improving public transit, and enhancing walking and biking options throughout the Waterfront.

"The Innovation District has become a busy and thriving mix of business, industry, cultural attractions, restaurants, and residences," Mayor Menino said. "The steps we are taking today - and planning for the future - to connect it with the rest of Boston will make it even more attractive and accessible to companies, their employees, residents, and visitors."

The City of Boston has taken or will take significant steps to mitigate potential traffic issues and improve transportation options. They include:

- Creating and enforcing "Don't Block the Box" areas at the junctions of Seaport Boulevard and Sleeper Street, as well as Atlantic Avenue and Summer Street
- Restriping the road surface on the Moakley Bridge, a major route in and out of the district, to guide motorists to travel lanes to I-93 and other destinations, preventing tie-ups caused by confusion
- Installing, by the end of November, "Time to Destination" variable message signs that will provide drivers with accurate information on traffic to allow them to choose alternate routes

"The Innovation District and seaport are gateways to Boston for people and goods traveling by air and sea from across the world," said Massport CEO Thomas P. Glynn. "Massport is contributing resources and working with the City of Boston and other key agencies to implement immediate and long-term improvements to ensure that the Innovation District, Logan Airport, and our port can reach their fullest potential without being restricted by congestion on our roads or public transit."

With hundreds of thousands of convention attendees coming to the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC) each year, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority is working with the other government agencies, providing resources, and including plans in its expansion and hotel development efforts to improve transportation in the Innovation District.

This work will benefit those attending conventions, working in the area, and residents of South Boston. "To keep

Boston competitive as a top convention and tourism destination, it is important that attendees, business leaders, and tourists alike have a positive experience traveling to and from the BCEC, Logan Airport, hotels, restaurants, and cultural attractions located in the South Boston Waterfront and throughout the city," said James E. Rooney, executive director of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority. "The MCCA is providing resources and incorporating improvements to streets, parking, and public transit into our expansion plans that will benefit those attending conventions, working in the area, and residents of South Boston."

Jim Rooney acknowledged the efforts of City Councilor Bill Linehan and State Representative Nick Collins who were in attendance.

The planning efforts and administration of an Innovation District transportation plan are led by A Better City, a business organization with experience in transportation planning for Boston and the region. A Better City will soon release a RFP to solicit consultant services for a comprehensive, forward-looking transportation planning effort for the future of the Innovation District.

"A Better City is committed to economic growth by improving our transportation infrastructure throughout the Boston area," said Richard A. Dimino, president and CEO of A Better City. "The Innovation District serves as a job shed not only for Boston and the region, but throughout the Commonwealth. We look forward to working with the City of Boston and other transportation agencies to improve access and mobility in this important economic center."

"As one of the first major companies to establish themselves here in the Innovation District, we've seen the incredible growth of this area as well as the challenges that come with more commuters and visitors," said Jim Gallagher, executive vice president at John Hancock Financial. "We are very happy to see the City of Boston partner with MassDOT and other state agencies to improve transportation in the Innovation District. John Hancock remains committed to helping improve traffic in the city as well as the commute of our employees who come here every day."



Our heartfelt thanks to all our family, friends, and neighbors who supported us through Billy's illness and passing. Thank you to all who kept the food chain going, all that made the wake and services, and those who couldn't but kept him in your prayers. We feel blessed and so grateful having you all in our lives.

*Sheila, Billy, Ryan and Jesse Miller  
and  
The Miller and O'Connell Families*





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## Stephi's in Southie: The New Kid on the Block

It's like the first day of anything new. Looking around, you wonder: will I fit in? Am I like them? Do I look "right"? It can be both paralyzing and exhilarating at the same time. When you do something outside of yourself, your norm, your comfort zone, and any preconceived notions are challenged, the results are paramount. Your identity becomes expanded by each encounter and experience and for the better.

Stephanie Sokolove's restaurants have been on the Boston culinary scene for quite some time, since 1994 to be exact. With the flagship Stephanie's anchoring Newbury and Exeter Streets, the restaurant has the most desirable outdoor patio space and lunch/brunch/dinner crowd in Boston; their eggs benny cannot be beat. Another

location opened in May of 2008 on Tremont Street; Stephi's on Tremont continues the Stephanie's traditions of comfort food and well-crafted cocktails, in more intimate setting. Another dining destination, the South End, like Newbury Street, is where one can see and be seen and not have to sacrifice great food and drink as a result. The latest, probably not the last, and certainly not the least venture, is Stephi's in Southie.

It makes perfect sense. With South Boston's escalating population and their need and desire to want the most out of their neighborhood, adding another restaurant seemed obvious. Though the where, when, why and how were important, the 'what' was most significant: the answer- Stephi's. Found in the new 11

West Broadway building, Stephi's brings its culinary advantage to the neighborhood and even has the same type of coziness the Quiet Man once had. The new and the old; with vibrant colors, warm exposed wood, beautiful accent lights and funky, studded sitting space, and a roaring fire wall, it embraces what Southie is and where it is going. Together these components function as a whole and move forward together. There is a beautiful bar shaped to be enjoyed by many and a space with a warm and aesthetically pleasing wine wall, where many toasts will be made. The dining room gives way to great street views of our South Boston, where one can people watch. And the excitement from neighbors and Stephi's staff is felt before entering through

the doors. General Manager Steve Pellegrino can't contain his excitement of extending the Stephanie's/Stephi's family to South Boston. The space lends itself to welcoming all generations of South Bostonians and has something for everyone.

With dinner already rolled out, lunch is scheduled to start on October 7th, as well as a late night dining menu. Sokolove is onto something here; she continues to be a pioneer in the food industry and does so by creating spaces that exemplify and execute what a neighborhood is all about- welcoming and warmth.

Food is all about bringing people together and creating memories. In the end, it's not where you start, but where you end up. My suggestion- Stephi's in Southie.





# LAUGH Boston: We'll Get the Last Laugh

It is said that laughter is the best medicine. And after the past sixth months Boston has had, it is a welcome cure. In days following the Boston Marathon Bombing, a tense and heavy presence enveloped the people of Boston. Every day since, those affected have worked hard to break down that iron curtain through their efforts to become stronger physically, mentally and emotionally. A new attitude has been embraced and a lightness has returned. The old Boston is back; the gritty, loyal and cynical, with a twist, populace has gone back to the start, taking each incident with a grain of salt and a humorous view. Those from here know that getting back to the basics—moving forward with the good and enjoying time with those you love—make what has been hard, that much

easier. It's almost as if Boston can breathe again. And laugh again. So "Go Ahead: Laugh Boston."

On a cold and wet winter afternoon, after trolling the windy sidewalks of the South Boston waterfront, John Tobin, Chet Harding and Norm Laviolette walked into the Westin Waterfront Hotel. Stopping in to warm the chill in their bones and put pause in their extensive search for the right venue, Norm wandered down a hallway and saw a space where their vision could come to life. That was another step in the right direction. But where to start? Sure, these three comedic visionaries knew the craft; Norm and Chet are the founding fathers of Boston's Improv Asylum and John was the former booker of talent for Nick's Comedy Stop and now has Theatre District Productions.

And sure they understood some of the business-side of "the business". Their experience though was from the inside. What about from the outside looking in? Chet, John and Norm knew what they wanted from the audience— a laugh— but what did the audience want in return? In order to find the answer, all three travelled the country, going from small comedy stops to larger halls, participating as spectators and thinking about an experience you or I (and eventually, they) might want.

The venue was in a hotel— a space that if not designed correctly could feel vacuous and cold. People needed to feed not only their spirits but also their bellies. John said that there was intimacy felt when performances occurred in a smaller club; he wanted to translate that into the LAUGH space.

And knowing whom you are serving, what they want and how they want it, was also a key element. Comedy is a universal language and not exclusive to anyone type of person or age group. So offering a variety of show times, dates and fare were key components to success. Fast forward to a room of long group tables in the back of the room, a mid range bar in the middle and with smaller rounds surrounding the stage. Finger foods— easy to eat and enjoy— like Pretzel Bites, Peking Duck Spring Rolls, paninis and flatbreads were introduced. Inventive drinks to imbibe upon— the Knock Knock and the Last Laugh, just to name two— easy to sip. LAUGH is the trifecta— food, drink and entertainment— all in one. You can make it an evening without ever having to leave your seat. It was all coming together.





Now that all this was understood—what about the operational side of things? Who do you call when the fryolator breaks during opening weekend? What should the staff wear? Are speed racks in the bar necessary? How many staff members do you really need? Norm said this information was little known to he and his three partners; learning the ins and outs of the operational side of the business has been a sobering experience. But has pushed the three owners to look towards the future. As an artist, you live day-to-day, club-to-club; what you own is your performance. As the boss, it's so different: the need to anticipate what is to come in the next 3 weeks, 3 months, 3 years and the ability to see around corners of what lies ahead and be aware of challenges.

in arenas and gardens is success. But, in there, because there are so many people, all the laughs are the same. When your audience consists of 100 participants, you can hear the individual sounds that your comedy produces. Each laugh is distinctive; each a fiber woven and fashioned into the tapestry of the art form known as comedy. As with an acoustic concert or ballet recital, the response of the onlookers is part of the final product—reaction; it is what makes it all come together.

And the peeps at LAUGH Boston are as pumped as the rest of us. LAUGH is at the forefront of the changing dynamic that is the South Boston Waterfront; it is the flagship of entertainment venues on the Waterfront— all encompassing. Bob Melley, LAUGH's Director



So many people said it couldn't be done. The face of entertainment was changing; the closure of the Comedy Connection seemed to be evidence of that. But that just stoked their desire and threw another log of determination onto the fire that was LAUGH Boston. And Opening Week was an indication and nod to all the hard work of Chet, John, Norm. The lineup included local comics with a variety of deliveries, ages and ethnicities. The last set was that of a 5th Street-er, Mike Donovan. He was hilarious and deadpan. But he shared with me the most important aspect of his experience. He said that he has been on the scene a long time, and played spaces both big and small. And maybe for some, selling those seats

of Business Development said: "We are all so pumped and proud to establish Laugh Boston as Boston's premier comedy club. It was a long journey from initial concept to this great night and the incredible effort from our entire team can be seen in every detail of this beautiful club. We want everyone to feel at home, to have fun amongst friends and to laugh with all of Boston".

LAUGH Boston embodies the spirit of our great city: when times are tough and things aren't looking up, Bostonians look within to find strength and from there growth occurs. Now that time has passed for the people of Boston and we can all lighten up a bit, LAUGH is the place to do just that. Sit back, relax: "Go Ahead, Laugh Boston."





# Stepping Up and Stepping Out:

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

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

### Stepping Up: *Stay Abreast*

Cancer- a five letter word that wrecks havoc on so many. For such a minute amount of space the word takes up on a page, it weighs much, much heavier on the tongue and in the heart. So many of us have struggled with various forms of the disease, either personally or within the community. Likewise, we have also battled back against cancer through fundraising efforts. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month; breast cancer is the 2nd leading cause of cancer death in women in the United States. Through research funded through efforts of individuals and local businesses like you and I, the cure is that much closer. The South Boston people are answering the call to give back and get our women “in the pink”. Dig into desserts and drive the stationary bike right to the same goal: to deliver resources to those breast cancer fighters and survivors. Think pink.

#### **Tickled Pink**

Push your body and heart to the limit and take part in The Handle Bar’s “Pedal in Pink” spin class every Wednesday (7 pm) through the end of October. You will be cycling for a cure with 50% of your \$20 class fee going to the Ellie Fund, which supports the fight against breast cancer by, “easing its effects on women and families across Massachusetts”. When you drag yourself from pedal pushing, treat yourself to a pink The Handle Bar shirt (short or long sleeved) and 20% of the purchase price also will be donated. Push it!

**handlebarcycling.com**  
**elliefund.org**

#### **Please the Palette in Pink**

Confections, cupcakes and cookies; truffles, trifles and tiramisus. How can you

resist? Boston Bakes for Breast Cancer has enlisted many Boston and Greater Boston bakeries and restaurants to create and commission delectable after dinner dishes to benefit breast cancer research. South Bostonians can walk up to Stop & Shop on Broadway and grab a treat or head on down to Legal’s Harborside and indulge in all the 2nd floor has to offer, including satiating your sweet tooth. Whatever you choose, know that all those extra calories are food for thought.  
**bostonbakesforbreastcancer.org**



### Stepping Out: *The Old “Geek” is the New “Chic”*

Nerd. Geek. Dweeb. High school was not only part of a foundation that built the base of the structure on which young Americans constructed a future, but it was also a breeding ground for insecurities and the projection of those anxieties and self-doubts onto others. For some, it was the best four years of their lives; for others, secondary school is a blip on the monitor of their existence and would like to keep it that way. That being said, not all those who loathed their ‘4 year sentence’ were subject to abject maltreatment, but those that were, those that were referred to as nerd/geek/dweeb are now laughing all the way to their vacation home in the Maldives. Those forward thinkers saw opportunity and potential not only in a new way of approaching business and the growing technology market, but also in the expanding population of our city. They overlooked what was once a space full of emptied storefronts and big industrial buildings and envisioned an area where the aforementioned tech and business movement could

intermingle with all mediums of art, including cuisine. This vision is now a reality. Movement toward a left-brained approach that doesn’t ignore the rational, right side of things appeals to a wider audience and engages the workforce in a non- traditional yet innovative way. This week has been coined “Boston Idea Week” and there are a plethora of events where all are welcome to get behind this momentous momentum. The Innovation District- where people meet, mingle and get it done.

**bostonideaweek.org**

#### **Makin’ Some Noise**

We are here and we ain’t going nowhere. An invite has been extended to check out the Innovation District’s first block party “Boston Tech Jam”, this Thursday October 3rd. As with your typical block party, there will be chow, cavorting and consumption of cocktails. Throw in a few business ideas, an open and willing audience and some of the most unconventional and successful entrepreneurs and it’s sure to be an

exciting event. Techies and maybe some Trekkies unite!

**bostontechjam.org**

#### **Bare Your Soul**

South Boston’s Innovation District: Where everyone knows your name, or at least will soon enough. With an uptick in small businesses and nonprofits filling the empty locales along Summer Street, there comes a need for a pressure free zone where ideas, education and some fun can be facilitated. Space with A Soul allows just that; it is a place sanctioned for events, meetings and some good ole grunt work. With the capabilities like desks, labs and also open areas, the thinking being done is directed toward the goal of the group and no brainpower needs to be wasted on the particulars. Remember, sharing is caring.

**spacewithasoul.org**

#### **Micro-Manage**

Mini. Petite. Tiny. When thinking about living space, especially in a loft-style setting, these three words certainly do



not come to mind. And usually do not translate into what loft-y can mean: comfortable, spacious and airy. The micro-units at South Boston’s Factory 63 may be short in square feet but don’t have the feel of what little can also mean- cramped, diminutive and insufficient. These units introduce an efficient and practical way to living that many are seeking. Other residences in the building offer environmentally conscious uses of energy. It’s a win-win for everyone. No small change here.  
**factory63.com**



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# Southie Senses:

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



### **Touch:** *Too Hot to Handle*

The Boston Fire Museum and LEGO have teamed up for a fun-structional event to kick off National Fire Prevention Week. On Saturday October 5th, between the hours of 10 am and 4pm, the young and the young at heart can drop by the museum, pick up some fire safety tips from the professionals, check out the antique fire truck and build a LEGO fire house 4 feet tall. LEGO on down to the demo!

**bostonfiremuseum.com**

**buildtogether.com**



### **See:** *In Focus*

With an every changing cityscape and a growing live-in population, desire for professional, creative and innovative designs for both interiors and exteriors are in high demand. This Friday October 4th at 6 pm, the exhibit: Women in Design: Urban Interventions opens at the BSA Space. Peruse the architectural and artistic designs of many celebrated and talented female creators. All eyes on them.

**bsaspace.org • architects.org**



### **Taste:** *Bottom's Up!*

Harpoon celebrates the last week of Oktoberfest with a fall festival full of merriment this Friday (5:30 pm- 11pm) and Saturday (2 pm- 9pm). There will be brews, brats and the German Oompah Band for sure. This event is cash only. "Stein" me up!

**harpoonbrewery.com**



### **Smell:** *Breathe New Life Into It*

The Fresh Truck has taken the food truck revolution to a whole 'notha level. This culinary cab is a food truck on steroids; at 38 foot, this transformed school bus is rolling round the city, chock full of fresh fruits, veggies and other healthy treats. With stops all over the city, including the Seaport World Trade Center on Mondays & Thursdays (11 am-2 pm), the fruit is not far from the tree.

**thefreshtruck.org**



### **Hear:** *Ear to the Ground*

Whether you hit the streets running, driving or biking, what goes on in your neighborhood is your business. This Thursday October 3rd, 6 pm-9 pm, a meeting will be held to discuss what will be done with the space where South Boston and the South End meet below I 93. All are encouraged to go and discuss creative and useful alternatives for the space. The "Underpass/Makeover": I hear that!

**theprojectplace.org**



## Embrace All Of The Southie Senses:



## Kid at Heart

For 100 years, the Boston Children's Museum has been a place where playing and learning translates into the same thing- fun. From interactive exhibits, to hands-on activities and performances galore, children and adults are educated on how things work and the histories of our people, places and things. This weekend marks the centennial celebration of the Boston Children's Museum. There will be so many chances to tap your toes in time with the many musical groups and lots of occasions to view the visual and theatrical performances. Certainly, there will be time to snack and sip. Beat on your eardrums with the sounds of sweet children's voices. Right under your nose is a three-day extravaganza that cannot be missed. This event has something for everyone. Everybody's workin' for the weekend.

**bostonchildrensmuseum.org**

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### Who is Laela?

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

# South Boston Around the Globe



## Sean Malone

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
staff report



In our continuing series of notable South Bostonians we are proud to present Sean Malone. The son of Sean and Carolyn, Sean has two sisters, Courtney and Lauren, and is a senior at Boston College High School. Before specifically profiling Sean, SBT would point out there is a similar specific formula that outstanding young South Bostonians seem to follow and new parents might take notice. At the earliest age, Sean was involved in hockey, soccer, Little League, Pop Warner and basketball.

An axiom cited by his Dad bears repeating. Sometimes it's "sports or the courts".

Sean's involvement in sports has benefited him to the point that as a defensive lineman on the B. C. High football team ESPN.com recently cited him in a report on outstanding high school athletes. His strength is in track and field and as Catholic Conference Discus Champion he will be traveling to Australia to compete against the world's best. He is also a champion shot put thrower and competed in the Atlanta Jr. Olympics.

It's easy to understand why his parents say "It is a joy and they are so proud to have him as a son". Sean himself states "sports gave me an opportunity to learn discipline and stick-to-it-ness and most importantly make good

friends who help each other". Sean took that lesson of helping others by serving dinner on Thanksgiving and Christmas at St. Monica's or wherever he is needed for the less fortunate.

Despite all the above it is academics where Sean shines. A trait that runs in the family as both Courtney and Lauren excel in athletics and academics. Sean received a top academic award in astronomy. During his "spare" time in the summer, Sean took an honor physics course in order to have room during regular school year to take an extra science course. This all to best prepare himself for a career as an engineer. Wentworth, WPI, U of Maine, St Michaels, UVM are just some of the potential destinations Sean is considering.

Sean is quick to point out this success is due in large part to that South Boston tradition of helping each other. "Mary Balaconis tutored me in math, and she didn't just go through the motions. She made me explain why I arrived at the answer and the process I used. It's that type of dedication that I was taught by my parents and all who helped me that I intend passing on to and doing the same for others".

South Boston Today is proud of South Bostonian Sean Malone and looks forward to hearing of the future success that we are confident he will have.

## This Week's Poll

Do you believe the Mayor and BRA struck a 'backroom deal' at the expense of Boston's citizens when they agreed to sell the Red Sox rights to Yawkey Way and Landsdowne Street?

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## BCBSMA and Save the Harbor CLEAN UP South Boston beaches

**80** employees from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts joined Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for a beach cleanup in South Boston on September 18th as part in the company's 3rd annual company-wide Service Day, which included 3,000 employees and 16,000 service hours across the entire state.

The BCBSMA "Blue Crew" spent the day removing trash, trimming bushes and overgrown brush, and weeding pathways and sidewalks that line the beach and adjacent parks and ball fields. In total, the "Blue Crew" beautified 12+ acres of public parks, including 2 miles of sandy swimming beaches and 3 miles of urban parkways and removed more than 7 tons of trash and landscape debris. Andrew Dreyfus, President & CEO Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and Jeff Bellows, VP of Corporate Citizenship were on hand – and hands on – at the event.

"We appreciate the opportunity to

partner with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay to protect the public's \$4.5 billion investment in the Boston Harbor Cleanup. Our employees share the mission to restore our public beaches and our harbor", said Dreyfus. "Inspired by the vision and goals of our community partners, Service Day gives our associates the opportunity to strengthen cities, towns, and neighborhoods across Massachusetts and continues our more than 75 year legacy of community commitment - which has been a hallmark of Blue Cross since our founding."

Jay Stack participated in last year's service day with Save the Harbor and I stepped up and volunteered to be Site Coordinator for BC/BS Service Day 2013. "I grew up in South Boston and spent great days on these beaches. It is really rewarding to give a little back."

Bandi "Weed Killer" Braimn and his teammates tackled weeds and invasive species with gusto. "What a productive

day on Carson Beach", said Bandi as he trimmed the overgrown brush among the sea grass. "My granddaughter lives here so we bring her to these beaches. This is a great opportunity to give back and teach her the importance of community service."

Save the Harbor's President Patty Foley, who learned to swim at L Street Beach, was impressed by what the "Blue Crew" accomplished and is proud to have earned the company's support. "Save the Harbor values our partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield and their commitment to our community. They are passionate

about our mission to restore our harbor and beaches while creating the next generation of harbor stewards. BCBS is a truly a leader in corporate citizenship in our city and beyond."

For information about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay visit [www.savetheharbor.org](http://www.savetheharbor.org) follow them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/savetheharbor](http://www.facebook.com/savetheharbor) or visit their Boston Harbor blog "Sea, Sand & Sky" at <http://www.blog.savetheharbor.org>

For more information about the Blue Cross / Blue Shield of Massachusetts Day of Service, visit <http://www.bluecrossma.com/service-day/>

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- 1: Blue Cross/Blue Shield's "Blue Crew" and Save the Harbor's staff at the McCormack Bath House in South Boston
- 2: (From right to left) BCBSMA President and CEO Andrew Dreyfus, BCBSMA Vice President of Corporate Citizenship Jeff Bellows and SH/SB Vice President Matt Wolfe
- 3: BCBS Service Day Site Coordinator Jay Stack briefs BCBSMA volunteers on the beach.
- 4: BCBS volunteer Bandi Braimn and his teammates tackled weeds and removed brush
- 5: Save the Harbor President Patricia Foley and BCBSMA President and CEO Andrew Dreyfus on the beach in South Boston

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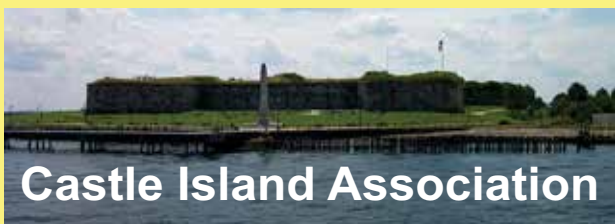
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10:00a - 24 Bellflower St.  
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10:20a - Telegraph St. @ Dorchester St.  
10:30a - Farragut Rd. @ East Broadway  
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10:50a - Castle Cove (Bolton St. Side)  
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11:10a - 120 H St.  
11:20a - 199 H St.  
11:25a - Farragut Rd. @ East Broadway  
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11:45a - 1380 Columbia Rd. (Compass Bay)  
11:55a - 120 L St.  
12:05p - Farragut Rd. @ East Broadway  
12:15p - Drop off @ Castle Island

12:30p-2:00p Shuttle from residential locations in South Boston to Castle Island (seniors may call the shuttle company 617-268-4110 the day prior to schedule a ride during this time period).

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anyone knows if Barack Obama will demand background checks on the Syrian rebels before providing them with weapons.' There are many in the Bay State that wish we had a senator like Ted Cruz here instead of the two whacky, Kool-Aid guzzling leftists we're stuck with. The answer to that is: If enough Massachusetts voters one day finally wake up, maybe we will.

And finally, recent polling data gathered in a survey of American

voters brought surprising results that rattled the White House. Americans by a 49% to 25% margin say that Russian leader Vladimir Putin was a far more effective leader during the Syrian crisis than was the President of the United States. Who would have thought it would ever come to this? It's a far cry from the leadership of Teddy Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan.

Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at [jjciccone@southbostontoday.com](mailto:jjciccone@southbostontoday.com)

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141 Dorchester St UNIT 119 Condo	\$860,000	9/23/13	5	2	1701
452 East Third Street Two Family	\$855,000	9/27/13	10	2	2500
1500-1504 Columbia Road Land	\$850,000	9/26/13			
1-11 Hamlin St UNIT 4 Condo	\$719,000	9/27/13	4	2	1479
525 East Second St UNIT 1 Condo	\$649,000	9/30/13	6	3	1833
141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 118 Condo	\$625,000	9/24/13	3	1	1008
663 East Fifth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$604,700	9/23/13	4	2	1201
124-D West Seventh St UNIT 14 Condo	\$550,000	9/27/13	6	2.5	1455
360 West Second St UNIT 10 Condo	\$549,000	9/30/13	4	2	1206
707 East Broadway UNIT 3 Condo	\$525,000	9/24/13	4	2	1126
214-216 West Seventh St UNIT 2L Condo	\$510,000	9/30/13	5	2	1050
435 East Seventh St UNIT 3 Condo	\$506,000	10/1/13	5	2	1115
153 I St UNIT 1 Condo	\$505,250	9/26/13	4	2.5	1155
716 East Seventh St UNIT 2 Condo	\$395,000	9/23/13	4	1.5	900
529 East Broadway UNIT 8 Condo	\$365,000	9/27/13	3	1	525
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## Blessing of the Animals this Sunday

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, patron Saint of Animals, there will be a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 6th after the 12PM Mass at Gate of Heaven Church at 1PM.

The blessing will take place outside in the courtyard near the Celtic Cross. All are welcome to attend, with their pets on a leash or in a cage. There will also be blessing at South Boston Catholic Academy school yard on Friday, September 4 at 7:45AM.

## St. Augustine's Chapel and Burying Ground Open for Tours

St. Augustine's Chapel and Burying Ground will be open for tours on Saturday mornings in October, from 10 to noon. Come see the oldest Catholic cemetery in New England, and the oldest Catholic Church building in the Archdiocese.

St. Augustine's Chapel was built in 1818, at the direction of Boston's first Bishop, Jean Cheverus, to be a final resting place for his friend and fellow refugee from Revolutionary France, Father Francis Anthony Matignon. It is the oldest Gothic Revival building in Massachusetts. The earliest graves there date back to the first decades of the 19th-century, and

include veterans of the American Revolution and Civil War. Also buried in the chapel are some of the church's early clergy, including Ursuline sisters, who survived the convent fire.

The hundreds of graves tell many stories of immigrants and their families. Barney McGinniskin, Boston's first Irish police officer is buried here, as is Father Alexander Healy, an African-American priest at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. South Boston's Catholic churches, in collaboration with the South Boston Historical Society, invite visitors to take a glimpse into Boston's fascinating history by visiting this historic place.



## Family Comedy Magic Show October 18!B

The Retired Boston Police Officers' Association will be hosting a very special, free Comedy Magic Show featuring Matt Roberts Astonishing Magic & Illusion Act on Friday, October 18th at the Curley Community Center, 7pm, with hilarious, clean comedy, fun audience participation, and a magnetic personality that

audiences of all ages talk about long after this incredible show has ended!

Frequently recognized as "that guy from the Walmart commercials!" Matt is a two-time EMMY-nominee who makes over 200 live events a year impressive and fun with his own unique magic show. As seen nationally on FOX, PBS, NBC's Today Show, and alongside Jim Henson's Muppets, professional magician and comedian Matt Roberts presents an interactive, hilarious and amazing show that you will never forget!

During this dynamic, family-friendly performance, audiences of all ages will not only witness astonishing original illusions, skillful sleight-of hand and an exciting twist on Houdini's impressive straitjacket escape, but will also become part of the show as spectators are brought onstage to have their minds read, take part in making objects disappear and to assist in a jaw-dropping levitation that has to be seen to be believed. Matt's shows are astonishing and universally appealing.

This promises to be a perfect family-themed, Friday night event for ALL ages!

Admission is FREE! Doors open at 6pm at the Curley Community Center, 1663 Columbia Road, South Boston - "K" Street Entrance. Space is limited. For more information please call Barbara Kelly at (617)635-5104.







## They're back ... kids who paint

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Dan McCole

The kids came back. Close to twenty of them. Well ... a lot of the kids came back and some of the others were new. They were given paint ... and brushes ... and canvas boards ... and pie-plate-pallets ... and pencils and erasers. Then we gave them old painting shirts to keep their clothing fairly paint-free and then we stood back and let 'em rip.

This was a free painting session for any youngster from age seven to twelve originated and sponsored by the South Boston Community Health Center's Young at Arts group in cooperation with the South Boston Arts Association. The sessions are on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30, and

thanks to pastor Fr. Joe White, are held at the St. Vincent Parish House on E Street, across from the entrance to the Church.

Some kids pick out their own subject matter but on Monday's session the group had a choice between pictures of Donald Duck and Daisy Duck. And the boys took Donald and the young ladies took Daisy. A no-brainer.

The youngsters paint on canvas boards beginning with a pencil sketch of the subject and are given the three primary colors (red, blue and yellow) and black and white paint. They mix the primaries for their oranges, greens and purples and their big universal question is ... "How do you make

brown?" During a lesson in color mixing last year one kid asked ... "I know the three primary colors but which one was the first one?" I gave him some extra red and told him to keep quiet.

Myra Rodriguez Howard, director of youth services at the Health Center, has been dealing with older youth, (mostly teens) but she realizes the younger youth will be in the teenage range shortly and will likely be ideal candidates for her regular program as Youth Ambassadors. Painting may or may not solve any or all social problems but it is one of the disciplines in which youngsters can involve and develop the creative sense. And ... it gets their attention.

Painters and mentors in the program from the South Boston Arts Association have included, Bill Frew, Lorie Walsh, Anne Marie Collins, Joanne Miller and Dan McCole. Among the Youth Ambassadors who assisted Monday were: Maria Castillo, Roshawna Grant, Brenda Nyamunda, Phyllis Nyamunda, Jamil Quinones and Liz Sheehan. The sessions are free and open to all South Boston youngsters. Call Myra Rodriguez Howard at 1 617 464-7423 or Dan McCole at 1 617 464 4237

*Dan McCole is President of the South Boston Arts Association [www.southbostonartsassco.org](http://www.southbostonartsassco.org)  
To view Dan's work – visit his website [DanMcCole.com](http://DanMcCole.com)*





## St. Peter Academy Travels to Tougas Farm

**O**n September 25th, a beautiful fall day, teachers and children in PreK-B, PreK-A, K1, K2, Grade 1 and Grade 2 traveled to Tougas Farm in Northboro for a day of apple and pumpkin picking. Many parents were able to chaperone this trip and had just as much fun as the children did. After picking their apples and visiting the pumpkin patch, the children enjoyed playing in the playground and going into the area where they could pet and feed the goats. Everyone had a great time!

*St Peter Academy, South Boston, is an independent private school with a Catholic focus offering unique programs enhancing the educational experience for all of its students in grades Pre K through 8.*



1. PreK-A enjoy their apples
2. Miss Sara and Mrs. Donovan with PreK-A
3. Grade 1 buddies: Thomas, Sarah, Erin and Molly
4. Grade 2 girls; Patience, Chloe, Madison, Jamee and Saoirse
5. Petting the goats
6. PreK-B: Maddix, Liam, Natalie, Cormac, Selina, Parker & Rose
7. K2 kids: Tess, Rocco, Logan, Breanna, Mairin and Dimitri
8. K1 boys are raring to go: Gavin, James, Logan, Joaquin, Jake and Finn
9. Miss Collins and Grade 2 in the orchard
10. Madison & Patience riding the bus
11. Abby, Peyton, Keira and Greta choose their apples







# South Boston Catholic Academy Third Grade News

The third grade at South Boston Catholic Academy began their new year by bringing stories to life! Working together, they created their own boom towns and character journeys based on their anthology readings. Rumor has it their illustrations and creativity rivaled those of the professionals!



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# SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER

**COACHES:** Remember it is important to turn in score sheets. 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 cannot 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/headsupconcussion.html>. For children ages 3 to 10 years old you can access another site <http://brain101.orcasinc/5000/.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 completed this class.

These are not the rules of the South Boston Youth Soccer League. It is mandatory for any youth who are involved in activities on City of Boston properties to take the class. So please make sure you go to this website.

**SNACK BAR:** Please patronize the snack bar. All monies that are brought in at the snack bar go right back to the local sports teams that use the park, which helps defray some of the expenses to the league.

**NEW SOCCER BANQUET DATES & TIMES:** The Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 23rd at the South Boston Boys & Girls Club, 230 W. 6th Street, South Boston. Parents are asked to bring desserts. See times and age groups below:

UNDER 4: 12 noon

UNDER 6: 1:00 p.m.

UNDER 8 & UNDER 10: 2:00 p.m.

UNDER 12 & UNDER 18: 3:00 p.m.

And now on to a recap of the games:

## UNDER 4 DIVISIONS:

### SMALL FRIES

### HAPPY GREEN MONSTERS

The Small Fries sponsored by Sullivan's kept up their winning streak when Zion Sequeiqa scored four goals and Rylee O'Connor scored a

single goal. Grant Sullivan and Keagan Somers played a terrific game.

The Happy Green Monsters sponsored by Massport played a tough opponent and gave it their all with the team scoring three goals.

### GREEN LIGHTNING SHARKS

The Green Lightning sponsored by Congressman Stephen Lynch kicked in one better than their opponent for the win. Elizabeth Stoddard scored a pair of goals and Ryleigh Clapham also scoring. Callie Zedower, Naraih Depina and Emily Reidy did a fabulous job bringing the ball up and down the field.

The Sharks sponsored by FNISports just came up short with Joseph Leeman, Cameron Stevens and Thomas Quinlan each scoring goals. Stella Walsh, Nicholas Sherburne, Tiara Horne and Michael Quinlan played a terrific game.

### GREEN NINJAS SCOOPS

The Green Ninjas sponsored by Councilor Bill Linehan kept the game even with Liam Colton scoring a pair of goals and Logan Jackson scoring one goal. Caroline Baker, Sophia Kinney and Callen Dean were the MVP'S for their team.

The Scoops sponsored by South Boston Today played a fantastic game. All the players did a great job. At the time of print no score sheets were available for the Wolf Pack sponsored by John Hancock Insurance and the team sponsored by PAL.

## UNDER 6 DIVISION:

### MOOSE

### HEAT

The Moose sponsored by the McDonough Post Ladies Auxiliary played to a tie with Michael Clark and Harry Minnucci each scoring a goal. Great defense by Dakota Herbert. Excellent plays and bravery shown by James McFarland. Some big kicks by Deacon Evriviades. Good work by Haleigh Morrisson and Kaleigh Hislop. Keep up the good work Moose.

The Heat sponsored by Metro Energy kept the game even with goals by Benjamin and Aidan with assist going to Jack and Andrew. Vasi and Maya were dazzling on defense. Griffin and Dimitri did an excellent job sharing the goaltending duties and Pierce & Ian showed great hustle up and down the field.

### DOLPHINS

### RED ROCKETS

The Marian Manor Dolphins were victorious this week with Evan Pierce scoring two goals. Isabel Sheppeck and Jacob Mulligan were made some great saves while sharing the goalie duties. Reilly Nee showed great hustle.

The Red Rockets sponsored by Massport did not score but gave it their best shot. Learra Cappellano, Albin Valdez, Kevin McBride, Jack Hynes, Ethan Muldowney and Jayden Cavanagh all played a terrific game.

## UNDER 8 DIVISION:

### THE GANG

### HOT SHOTS

The Gang sponsored by Billy Flaherty's Gang scored one better than their opponent for the win. Terry Markos scored a hat trick. Taryn Reyes and Jared Frith displayed some great team work. Great defense by all players.

The Hot Shots sponsored by Boston Home Inspectors just came up short with goals by Tristen Pecevich and Derek Martinelli. Brian Quimby, Ronan Himouz and Mya Donovan played an outstanding game.

### SILVER HAWKS NINJAS

The Silver Hawks sponsored by O'Connell Insurance played a terrific game for the win. Ryan Shields scored four goals and Joseph Green scored one goal. Keara Wilbanks, Caleigh Houlihan, Benjamin Fennelly, Connor Flaherty, William Mullins and Grainne Conlon played a great two-way game.

The Ninjas sponsored by Donahue and Associates played a fabulous game.

### BLUE DEVILS FLYERS

The Blue Devils sponsored by Joe Pace & Sons went on a scoring spree with Mario Blasi scoring three goals, Zara Ratican and Deven Dunlap each scoring a pair of goals and Katherine Baskiewicz scoring a single goal. Madison Jones made some great assists. Nolan Young was tremendous on defense. Nolan Baskiewicz and Ryan McDonald did a great job on offense.

The Flyers sponsored by Massport played a tough opponent but did manage to score a couple of goals. The entire team gave it 100%.

## UNDER 10 DIVISION:

### CAHILL KICKERS 6

### LIGHTNING 1

The Kickers sponsored by the Jimmy Cahill Club lived up to their name with Alex Fucile scored a pair of goals, Eddie Tirabassi, Owen Anastas, Evan Markos and Lydon McGarell each scoring a single goal. Great defensive playing by Kevin Nodreka, Nickolas Jacobs and Andrew Riva. The undefeated Cahill Kickers were seriously challenged by their opponents and the score does not reflect how well the teams played.

The Massport Lightning played a tough opponent but never gave up until the final whistle. Ethan Long was the goal scorer for his team. John Gilmartin, Fiona Gilmartin, Finbar Kyne, Dylan Murtagh, Grainne McBride and Will Ahearn all did a fantastic job.

### FLAMES 2

### SOUTHIE STRONG 2

The Flames sponsored by the Firefighters Credit Union played a great game and kept the game even with goals by Henry Pulake and Aidan Young. Lilly Austin did a great job on offense. Madison Rull was awesome in net. Aiden Fitzgerald and John Hamilton both played a strong game.

The Southie Strong sponsored by Stapleton

Florist played to a tie with goals scored by Christian Cintron and Alex Lysakowski. Caitlin McDonough did a great job on defense. Molly Keenan was awesome on offense. Haleigh Holmes and Ryan Leary played a superb two-way game at midfield and Declan Callahan was terrific as goaltender.

### HORNETS 4

### SHAMROCKS 2

The Hornets sponsored by Jeffrey Chubb Associates had a great game with Jake Harrison scoring a hattrick and Brandon Clark scoring a single goal. Patrick Steele did a great job in net. Michael Lentini, Diego Alzamora and Pablo Alzamora played a great defensive game. Tatum Zingg, Samantha Bowen, Thomas Conlon and Madison O'Brien were fabulous as forwards.

## UNDER 12 DIVISION:

### LIONS 2

### MONSTERS 0

The Lions sponsored by O'Brien Funeral Home shutout their opponent when Ani Pulacke and Drew Garcia each scored a goal. Linda Stefanov, Patrick Gjoka and Ronan O'Connell played a superb all-around game.

The Monsters sponsored by Eastern Bank did not score but gave it their all. Rose Haman, Daniel Murtagh, Jacob Downey, Andrew Devlin, Grace Tinlin and Tasia Horne did an awesome job running the ball up and down the field. Christian Kinney was terrific in net and made some great saves.

### JETS 6

### HOT TOTTIES 4

The Jets sponsored by the Michael J. Perkins American Legion Post #67 beat out their opponent scoring a total of six goals. All the players did a terrific job.

The Hot Totties sponsored by Massport played a tough game with two goals each scored by Kristian Dhamo and Samuel Holder with assists going to Jack Flaherty and Samuel Holder. Chloe Connors, Cole Keenan and Declan Walsh played a fabulous game.

## UNDER 18 DIVISION:

### DECO LEASING 5

### YANKEE BUS LINE 1

The team sponsored by Deco Leasing Systems played a great game. Scorers were: Josaun George with two goals and single goals by Pat Morris, Katelyn Evans and David Zyba. Anna Stefanov did a great job manning the net. Vivian Morris and David Rans played a superb overall game.

The team sponsored by Yankee Bus Line played a tough opponent but never gave up. Justin Novicki scored the only goal for his team. Mark Lysakowski made some nice saves while manning the net. Pat Forde and Connor O'Toole played an overall good game.

*At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Iron Workers Local #7 and Massport.*





## South Boston Pop Warner Meets Braintree

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

by David Pollard

South Boston's Fighting Irish took the field on Sunday for a triple header of match-ups against The Braintree Wamps at Braintree High School.

First up at 9AM for the Fighting Irish was Team A, the 7 to 8 years olds enrolled in Southie Pop Warner:

The Braintree Wamps got off to a good start, they took a quick 13-0 lead in the first half, as the Southie offense struggled to put up points early against the Wamp defense.

Southie never stopped fighting in this one - Jackie Murphy took the handoff from a red zone play, after zipping past several defenders Jackie managed to dive into the end zone for a touchdown. Unfortunately for these youngsters, that was as close as they could get, as Braintree scored two more times early in the half, before Charlie Clough of South Boston was able to punch in another touchdown. The final: Braintree, 24, South Boston, 12.







Game 2 started at noon, and featured Team C, Southie's finest football players between the ages of 12 and 13:

This game saw some high flying offense from both sides, but it was Braintree who got on the board first again. In the first half, the Wamps scored 13 points, and were able to shut out South Boston's offense. Southie's offense stormed out of the gate in the second half when Nathan Martin capped off a long drive with a running touchdown to close the gap to 13-7. Teams then traded scores, Braintree answered on the following drive to go up 19-7. The Fighting Irish answered right back though, when quarterback Morgan Curtis had a dazzling 60 yard run into the end zone to make it 19-13. Curtis started taking control of the Southie offense, after another Braintree touchdown, the Southie quarterback capped off another long offensive drive for the Fighting Irish with a solid 2-yard touchdown run through traffic,



# 2013 South Boston Pop Warner Game Schedule

	Date	Team	Day	Location	Time	Field
Week 1	9/2/13	C	Monday	South Boston @ Ashland	12:00 PM	Ashland Middle School
	9/2/13	D	Monday	South Boston @ Ashland	1:30 PM	Ashland Middle School
	9/2/13	E	Monday	South Boston @ Ashland	3:00 PM	Ashland Middle School
Week 2	9/6/13	All Teams		Pep Rally @ South Boston	6:30 PM	Home
	9/6/13	F	Friday	@ South Boston	7:00 PM	Home
	9/7/13	E	Saturday	Randolph @ South Boston	4:00 PM	Home
	9/7/13	D	Saturday	Randolph @ South Boston	5:30 PM	Home
	9/7/13	C	Saturday	Randolph @ South Boston	7:00 PM	Home
Week 3	9/12/13	F	Thursday	@ South Boston	6:00 PM	Home
	9/14/13	E	Saturday	Parkway @ South Boston	4:00 PM	Home
	9/14/13	D	Saturday	Parkway @ South Boston	5:30 PM	Home
	9/14/13	C	Saturday	Parkway @ South Boston	7:00 PM	Home
Week 4	9/21/13	F	Saturday	@ South Boston	2:30 PM	Home
	9/21/13	E	Saturday	Dedham @ South Boston	4:00 PM	Home
	9/21/13	D	Saturday	Dedham @ South Boston	5:30 PM	Home
	9/21/13	C	Saturday	Dedham @ South Boston	7:00 PM	Home
Week 5	9/27/13	F	Friday	@ South Boston	7:00 PM	Home
	9/29/13	E	Sunday	South Boston @ Braintree	9:00 AM	Braintree High School
	9/29/13	C	Sunday	South Boston @ Braintree	12:00 PM	Braintree High School
	9/29/13	D	Sunday	South Boston @ Braintree	1:30 PM	Braintree High School
Week 6	10/5/13	F	Saturday	@ South Boston	2:30 PM	Home
	10/5/13	E	Saturday	Medway @ South Boston	4:00 PM	Home
	10/5/13	D	Saturday	Medway @ South Boston	5:30 PM	Home
	10/5/13	C	Saturday	Medway @ South Boston	7:00 PM	Home
Week 7	10/11/13	F	Friday	@ South Boston	7:00 PM	Home
	10/13/13	E	Sunday	South Boston @ Mansfield	10:30 AM	Mansfield - Memorial Park
	10/13/13	D	Sunday	South Boston @ Mansfield	12:00 PM	Mansfield - Memorial Park
	10/13/13	C	Sunday	South Boston @ Mansfield	1:30 PM	Mansfield - Alumni Field
Week 8	10/19/13	E	Saturday	South Boston @ Taunton	10:00 AM	Taunton High School
	10/19/13	D	Saturday	South Boston @ Taunton	1:00 PM	Taunton High School
	10/20/13	C	Sunday	South Boston @ Franklin	10:30 AM	Franklin High School
Week 9	10/26/13		Saturday	Cheerleading Competition @ Bellingham HS		

Schedule is subject to change.  
Updated: 10/1/13





making it 27-19 Braintree. In the end though, Braintree's early lead proved useful, the Wamps would put one more touchdown up on the board, and Morgan Curtis would add his 3rd touchdown of the day on yet another spectacular run to the corner of the end zone. Despite outscoring Braintree 25-20 in the 2nd half, the Fighting Irish fell in this one - the final: Braintree 33, South Boston, 25.

Game 3 kicked off at 1:30PM, this time, Team B went up against the Braintree Wamps. Team B consists of Southie's Pop Warner stars between the ages of 9 and 11:

Braintree's defense was strong in this one, and Southie's offense could not get much started again in the first half. A few untimely turnovers attributed to the Wamps early success, and left the Fighting Irish with tough field position to deal with all game. Braintree took a shut-out into the 4th quarter before running back Zachary Mitchell scored Southie's first points of the day. Although the Fighting Irish never lost heart in the final quarter, they were unable to put any more points up on the board, and the Braintree Wamps ran away with a victory, the final: Braintree 31, South Boston 6.

Catch video highlights of the South Boston Fighting Irish games at [SouthBostonToday.com](http://SouthBostonToday.com)

Sunday was a nice and cool Fall day, the perfect weather to enjoy some football. Root on the Fighting Irish this weekend at home, Pop Warner games begin at 2PM on Saturday, October 5th at McCarthy/Rosher Field next to the Murphy Hockey Rink.

*Talk back to David at [DPollard@SouthBostonToday.com](mailto:DPollard@SouthBostonToday.com)*







# M STREET SOFTBALL – SHENANNIGANS SWEEPS

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Mark Senna



Last Wednesday evening Shenannigans completed a three game sweep over the Warehouse and won their fifth consecutive M Street Softball championship. Shenannigans joins the Paul Alessi and Jackie Feeney led Ocean Kai/L Street Tavern team (1990-1994) as the only two teams to win the title five straight years.

Shenannigans got things rolling on Monday when they took advantage of some poor defensive play and cruised easily to a 6-1 victory. This was a record setting game for all the wrong reasons as the Warehouse played uninspired softball while committing eleven errors! Almost every player contributed to the record of miscues - there were throwing errors, dropped balls, and plenty of mishandled grounders.

While this was taking place, Mike Hoadley was busy tossing a four-hitter while leading Shenannigans to the game one victory. Dave Conti, Eddie Delcarmen, John Hoadley, and Luis Colon all collected two hits in the win.

It should be noted that Shenannigans had a full roster of championship driven players



2013 M Street Softball Champions - Shenannigans. Front row (left to right) - Dennis Hajjar, Eddie Delcarmen, Steve Stalcup, Al Martin, Dave Conti, John Hoadley, Back row (left to right) - Nick French (MVP), Dan Brown, Luis Colon, Brian Erwin, Mark Dion, John Smith, Marty O'Malley, Mike Hoadley, coach Jay, John Cavaleri, and Greg Trudell.

who wanted to be on the field. They arrived early, got in a full stretching session; one group enjoyed a spirited game of "pepper" while others chased fly balls in the outfield. Needless to say, the defending champions were very active and ready to go by game time. On the other hand, the

few (only 7) Warehouse players who were at the field sat on their bench and watched Shenannigans go through their warm up. As an observer of many playoff games, I have to say that this game was lost before Mike Hoadley threw his first pitch.

Game two of the series was

played on Tuesday night and was a different story all together. The Warehouse learned from their mistake in game one, had all of their players present and was ready to go by game time. They got an extra motivational boost when they saw Joey Venuti in uniform and warming up. As outlined in last week's article,

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Venuti missed a couple of playoff games to undergo a treatment for his thyroid cancer. Yet, here he was at M Street Park anxious to get back on the mound and give his team everything he had.

Venuti was opposed by the league's best pitcher (tops in ERA and strikeouts) in lefty Nick French. With two experienced and talented pitchers on the mound, scoring runs would prove to be a very difficult task in game two.

After three scoreless innings, Shenannigans struck in the fourth when Al Martin hit a triple to deep left center and then scored on Dennis Hajjar's (2 hits) double. Greg Trudell increased the lead when he dropped a double down the right field line that scored two more making it 3-0 and that would be all the scoring for Shenannigans.

French, who was mowing them down through five innings, ran into some trouble when Ryan Martin led off the sixth with a single and later scored on Brendan McGinn's bases loaded sacrifice fly. The Warehouse loaded the bases again in the inning but couldn't get the big hit to tie the game as French would strike out the side in the seventh to end the uprising.

With their backs against the wall, the Warehouse would need to be perfect in game three to get back into the series. With Joey Magee on the mound and looking very sharp, they built a 2-0 lead in the fourth when lefty Brendan McGinn smoked a ball to right center and later scored on Dave Blandino's single. In a move that would prove pivotal, Shenannigans sent Nick French out to relieve Mike Hoadley in the fifth.

Up until this point, the Warehouse was getting top performances from their key players and were about to get back into the series. However, the game turned in the bottom of the fifth. With two outs and a runner on first base (Steve Stalcup), Dave Conti reached on an infield error. Al Martin then delivered another clutch RBI hit that scored Stalcup making it 2-1. Next up was lefty Dennis Hajjar who wasted little time in doubling to deep right center plating Conti

and Martin giving Shenannigans a 3-2 lead. French then reached on another error which drove Hajjar home with the fourth run of the inning. Shenannigans would add an insurance run in the sixth when pinch hitter Brian Erwin singled home John Smith making it 5-2 and just like that the series was over.

At the conclusion of the game, Nick French was named the unanimous MVP. From start

to finish this year, French was dominant on the mound. His record breaking 0.88 ERA was a great regular season statistic but the "Frenchman" improved that number in the playoffs by tossing 24 innings and yielding only two earned runs for a shiny 0.58 ERA! He was 4-0 and struck out 26 batters in the playoffs alone.

It should also be noted that Shenannigans played exceptional defense (their trademark) in this series. The usual gold glovers (Steve Stalcup, Luis Colon, Al Martin, and Dennis Hajjar) made plenty of "web gems" but Greg Trudell, who doesn't get much recognition, made several outstanding running catches in left field that saved runs and ended potential rallies. After the game Greg and his teammates were celebrating with well deserved victory cigars and plenty of cold beverages. They are the champions again and have earned a well deserved CONGRATULATION!

Although the team carried the name

of their once proud sponsor located on West Broadway, Shenannigans was actually sponsored by their lefty power hitting second baseman, John Smith. John, who owns the telecommunications company "Smithcomms" based in Weymouth, is a true professional in every sense of the word and is one of the nicest players in the league.

In closing, because of the field renovation project that didn't complete until July 11th, this was a shortened softball season at M Street Park. However, there is already a buzz about making 2014 a truly memorable season with multiple levels of play. The league has enjoyed 43 wonderful years and we want you to join us next season. Player clinics, free agent tryouts, and a rookie league are just some of the new additions to look for in 2014. Follow the league right here in South Boston Today and/or check our league website (www.sbsports.com) for the most updated information. Until we meet again, stay healthy everyone!

#### CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No.  
SU13P2280EA

**Commonwealth Of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Estate of:**

Albert J Bilotas

**Date of Death: 01/02/2013**

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

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To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

**John F. Bilotas of Briantree MA**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that:

**John F. Bilotas of Braintree MA**

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on 10/24/2013**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

**WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong,**

**First Justice of this Court**

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by David Pollard

The National Hockey League is all new after an offseason which saw the league introduce re-aligned divisions and plenty of new regulations for players to follow. All new divisions are making their debut in the 2013-14 NHL season. There are now two divisions in both the Eastern and Western Conferences. The new alignment was proposed and passed by the league early last season. It creates more convenient schedules for teams that generally play out of their time zones (teams like the Detroit Red Wings or Columbus Blue Jackets were in the Western Conference playing games scheduled for teams in the Pacific time zone). Each team will play divisional opponents either 4 or 5 times (a total of 29 games within the division). Each team will also meet all non-divisional conference opponents 3 times a piece (21 games). The rest of the schedule is made up by inter-conference play. Each team will play every other team outside of their conference twice (one home, and one away game). This is how the NHL managed to create a schedule where every team visits every arena throughout the league.

So how does this impact the playoff picture? The new NHL still stipulates that 16 teams will qualify for the Stanley Cup Playoffs (8 teams from each conference). The top 3 teams from each division earn an automatic playoff birth. The available two slots will be considered "wild card" spots and will go to the next best two teams in the conference. This will do away with having one weak division supply an average team with the gift of home ice advantage in round 1 of the playoffs (for example in the 2011-2012 the Florida Panthers were ranked 3rd in the conference with 94 points - while the Pittsburgh Penguins, Philadelphia Flyers, and New Jersey Devils were ranked 4th, 5th, and 6th, despite having 108, 103,

and 102 points respectively). The new playoff structure allows teams to earn their position, and makes those divisional games even more important than previous seasons.

The new divisions have been re-aligned as follows: In the Eastern Conference you have the Atlantic Division (with the Boston Bruins,



Buffalo Sabres, Detroit Red Wings, Montreal Canadiens, Ottawa Senators, Toronto Maple Leafs, Tampa Bay Lightning, and Florida Panthers) and the Metropolitan Division (with the Pittsburgh Penguins, New York Rangers, Philadelphia Flyers, New Jersey Devils, Washington Capitals, Carolina Hurricanes, and Columbus Blue Jackets). In the Western Conference you have the Pacific Division (with the Anaheim Ducks, Calgary Flames, Edmonton Oilers, Los Angeles Kings, Phoenix Coyotes, San Jose Sharks, and Vancouver Canucks) and the Central Division (with the Chicago Blackhawks, Colorado Avalanche, Dallas Stars, Minnesota Wild, Nashville Predators, St. Louis Blues, and Winnipeg Jets).

Going into this season, it would seem the Atlantic Division is going to be the most competitive. Really, the only thing missing from the Atlantic Division is the Chicago Blackhawks, as they are the only Original Six team not playing in the Atlantic Division going forward. There is some bad blood in the Metropolitan

Division as well, but the bad blood in the Atlantic Division goes way back to the origins of hockey - and each team (apart from the Florida teams and an anemic Buffalo unit) has made big strides and smart offseason acquisitions. Toronto (who lets not forget were 10 minutes away from closing out the Boston Bruins in round

1 last year) went out and acquired Jonathan Bernier from the L.A. Kings to help solve their goaltender issues. The Bruins themselves got better this offseason by adding Loui Eriksson and Jarome Iginla to the roster. The Ottawa Senators added perennial 40 goal scorer Bobby Ryan to their already speedy offense (and they still have a solid defensive core, and the guy who would have won the Vezina Trophy for best goaltender last year had he been healthy in Craig Anderson). Montreal will keep improving, and then add Detroit into the mix, a team that has made the postseason every year for the last two decades. The Atlantic Division is the most competitive division following re-alignment.

There are some notable new rules coming to the NHL this year as well. Hybrid icing is one of the new rules being tested this preseason. Injuries that occur on races to the puck are rare, but the race itself is dangerous. Often when injuries do occur, the results can be ugly. Usually, there are some broken bones, Joni Pitkanen of

Carolina sustained a broken ankle, in the same breath Kurtis Foster of Minnesota and Eric Nystrom of Edmonton broke their femurs, all in an effort to beat an opposing player to the puck on a delayed icing call.

Does it benefit the NHL to keep delayed icing calls? Hybrid icing is a different concept. Instead of which player wins the race to the puck, it becomes which player wins the race to the low face-off dot - and similar to the "tie goes to the runner" type deal in baseball, in the event of a tie the defenseman gets the call. However, if the forward has the potential to win a race from a different angle (in other words, not a straight sprint to the backboards taking the same path as the defender to the puck) then it is to the discretion of the referee to call the play in favor of the forward and let the play continue. The ideal result of hybrid icing is to negate unnecessary (often career threatening) injuries. After all, what does the NHL gain by keeping delayed icing? Are hockey fans often finding themselves at the edge of their seats watching a race to beat out an icing? In reality, delayed icing is good for the occasional groan followed by heckling of the referee because the call went against your team. It might take some adjusting to, but delayed icing will quickly become a thing of the past.

There are some new equipment rules for the players as well. Visors will now be mandatory for any player entering the National Hockey League. Beginning this season, any player who enters the league must wear a visor for a minimum of 26 games, and then the player is given the option on whether or not they want to wear it. The idea here is to prevent eye injuries - we saw Marc Staal of the Rangers and Sydney Crosby of the Penguins take pucks to the eye last season. By having players enter the league required to sport the visor for 26 games, the league hopes players will feel comfortable wearing



the equipment and will decide to keep it on beyond those first 26 games.

Goalies will have to adjust to new pads this season. The percentages get slightly dizzying on this rule, but it breaks down like this - in the past, the rule on goalie pads was that a pad could not go higher than 55 percent of the distance between the goalie's knee and his waist. Essentially, if a goalie's upper-leg measured out to 20 inches, the pad could only rise 11 inches above the goaltender's knee. The new rule states that the new limit will be 45 percent (which means pads go no higher than 9 inches above the knee for the goalie with the 20 inch upper-leg). So most goalies will lose about two inches off the top of their pads, which will affect how many of them play the five-hole. Butterfly goalies might struggle more with this equipment amendment, because it is a style that relies on pads big enough to cover the five-hole. Hybrid and stand-up goaltenders will likely have an easier time with the adjustment (although there are not many stand-up goalies left besides Martin Brodeur).

Goalie nets are shallower now, the NHL has taken 4 inches off the back of the net's frame (the depth of the goal was 44 inches; it has been reduced to 40 inches). What this creates is a bit more room behind the net. Players are going to have a little more wiggle room to create plays from behind the net. Goaltenders will also have a bit more room to work with in the trapezoid (which designates the area behind the net that goalies are allowed to play the puck). However, it's been on display in the preseason, and some goalies will certainly need to make some slight technical adjustments to play in these shallower nets.

One of the more confusing rules to fans and some players was the decision to enforce a "no-tuck" rule regarding jerseys. Players are no longer allowed to tuck their shirts into the back of their pants (some might remember, it's how Gretzky wore his uniform). If any player does tuck their shirt in, they will receive warning, if the warning is not adhered to, a 2 minute minor penalty is assessed. Not all players are thrilled about it, in fact, Alex Ovechkin called the rule "stupid" because each player is an individual

who should wear the jersey the way they're most comfortable wearing it. It's a technical rule that's actually been around since 1964, which states that all protective equipment (including hockey pants) must be worn underneath the player's jersey. It seems a petty rule to enforce, but it would be even more petty for a player to take a penalty over a wardrobe dispute.

Something the league decided to change over the summer was video review for high-sticking penalties. Often a high-stick happens fast or amidst a scrum, and referees (sometimes) miss the call. Video review would have allowed a clear view for referees to resolve missed high-sticking calls - particularly double-minor penalties where a player is cut on the play. The review would have also served to reverse a "bad" high-sticking call, meaning if the ref calls a high-sticking penalty but review shows there was no infraction, the player would not be penalized. Notice how I said "would have"? That's because a few weeks ago, the league announced that they would not be practicing this new rule, at least not in the 2013-2014 season. Director of hockey operations Colin Campbell reversed the decision due to concerns about goals being scored on delayed penalties. For now, it's a murky area that the NHL is going to sit back and examine for at least one more season.

You will see a few other changes this season, one of which came in the fighting department. Players who remove their helmets before a fight will now be penalized an additional 2 minutes for unsportsmanlike conduct. Again, the league is trying to avoid head injuries here, but there could be an increase in knuckle injuries. Also, players are still allowed to rip the other player's helmet off during the fight, then continue to pummel them. It's a practice in reduction of injuries from the NHL. The league also wants to introduce a few more outdoor games to spread that Winter Classic feeling to more areas. The 2014 NHL Winter Classic will be held, as always, on New Year's Day - the Detroit Red Wings will host the Toronto Maple Leafs at Michigan Stadium. In addition, the Chicago

Blackhawks will host the Pittsburgh Penguins at Soldier Field on March 1, 2014 as the first installment of "The Stadium Series". The NHL has announced that there will be other outdoor games announced at

a later date, but the hope is to have 6 outdoor games every season: a Winter Classic, a Heritage Classic, and four Stadium Series games.

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