



Obamacare and Our Seniors Citizens – Let’s Get Some Facts Straight.

While Congress, led by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Speaker of the House John Boehner, postures on behalf of their political parties and President Barack

Obama tries to defend himself, senior citizens are confused about how the new Affordable Health Care Act and the new Insurance Exchanges actually affect them. South Boston Today wants to help our seniors understand how Obamacare affects them and try to calm as many of fears as possible.

Question: What is Medicare?

Medicare is the government health insurance program for Americans with certain disabilities or who are more than 65 years old.

Question: What is the Insurance Exchange?

Obamacare Health Insurance Exchange Marketplace opened Oct 1st, 2013. The Obamacare health insurance exchanges are online marketplaces for health insurance. South Boston citizens can use the Massachusetts Health Connector (mahealthconnector.org) to obtain coverage from competing private

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EDITORIAL *A Generation Found Its Soul In His Death*

There is one question you can always ask a Baby Boomer, and not only will you NOT get a blank stare, you will probably have to listen to a long, detailed account. The question is this: "Where were you when you heard that President F. Kennedy had died?"

November 22, 1963. Members of the boomer generation could have been as old as 20 or as young as five when they heard about the three shots in Dallas. We will remember exactly where we were...and more importantly, how we felt. In that regard, only 9/11 ranks up there with this event. JFK's assassination was the defining moment of a generation and a nation.

Fifty years later, it is difficult to explain to anyone who has no memory of JFK or Camelot or John-John exactly what that moment meant, or why what had come after it would be so vastly different than what had come before. If someone, in a Rip Van Winkle-like state, had fallen asleep in 1933 and awakened in 1963, America would have looked very familiar. True, there would have been

some technological changes, but apart from television, little else had changed in society.

However, if that same person awoke just a few years later, say in 1967, it would have felt like waking up on Mars. As quickly as that young president had been ripped from our lives, so did the transition from one era to the next experience a seismic shift? Whatever challenges were facing the so-called boomer generation – civil rights, Vietnam, communism - they suddenly percolated to the top as an entire generation was left without its charismatic leader in the White House.

Eight weeks after JFK's death, the Beatles appeared on the Ed Sullivan show, and politics merged with the counter-culture. With Kennedy's assassination, a generation shifted its loyalties from working inside the political establishment to challenging it at every turn. Without a doubt, that energy produced some exciting and world-changing music, art and



culture but it meant that – for a while – politics and government was "the other."

Some historians may argue whether or not Kennedy was a great president. But was he important? Meaningful? Without question, the answer is yes. His death changed an entire generation, and there are not many mortals who can lay claim to that.

"The best road to progress is Freedom's road." -John F. Kennedy

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Are we witnessing the deliberate weakening of America?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
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America, it has often been said, is far too powerful for any external enemy to be able to destroy. If this country was ever to be brought down, it would have to be done from within.

In a recent column, I made the statement that the Obama Regime has been “purging our military of America’s great generals and admirals”. I was asked by several readers what I meant by that. Reports have now confirmed that, unfortunately, this president and those that surround him have been quietly firing some of this country’s top military leaders; looking for the slightest excuse to get rid of them. Hard to believe this could be happening in America, but believe it or not it IS going on. Nine were removed from their commands this year so far, in addition to a long list in 2012. Just look at the following names that are gone just in 2013.

Air Force General Michael Carry, Navy Vice Admiral Tim Giardina, Army Lt. General David Holmes, Marine Corps General M.M. Gurganus, Marine Corps General Gregg Sturdevant, Army Brigadier General Bryan Roberts, Army Major General Ralph Baker, Navy Rear Admiral Charles Gaudette and the most recent to go is Army General Carter Hamm. General Hamm left voluntarily, but apparently saw the writing on the wall. He was next in line to be removed. The White House was furious with Hamm because he was critical of Obama’s response during the Benghazi attack, exposing that they lied about not having available reinforcements to send in to save the Americans being attacked. The general resigned and retired, before they could fire him.

Many retired military senior officers are now speaking out about what’s

happening to America’s military, as they watch in distress as the White House crowd methodically hollows out our armed forces and remove what are said to be the most competent and fiercely patriotic commanders, replacing them with Obama’s personal picks. Picks that he feels will not oppose his leftist agenda. These admirals and generals, who were removed, played a major role in keeping our country’s readiness and strength the most effective in the world. This is now said to be creating a ripple effect from top to bottom in the ranks, and is also said to be causing a drop in morale. This has prompted many of those currently serving to leave when their tour of duty is up rather than reenlist. This week, it was reported that the Air Force was having a hard time keeping pilots. While all attention is being focused on Obamacare, and the many other scandals rocking this administration, the weakening of our nation’s defenses has been ongoing. Now, notice has even been taken of this by major media, which is finally starting to report on it, and some members of Congress are beginning to speak up.

It has long been suspected that Obama and the people he surrounds himself with dislike the military and would like nothing better than to weaken it. Those in charge have shown signs of contempt for the US Constitution. They consider it a hindrance to fostering their agenda. They routinely ignore the laws that they do not like and make decisions, often, by executive order, some of which are considered illegal. They have turned agencies like EPA, NSA, Justice Department and others loose with a free hand to impose crippling regulations on industries that they disapprove of, with the net effect of weakening the US Economy.

America’s status in the world continues to shrink as its power, and many believe this is by design. What better way to bring this country down than to chip away at its military readiness, which is exactly what they are doing? Do you still actually believe that this president has America’s best interest at heart? A growing number of our military leaders do not. Personally, I trust their word a lot more than his. I must say that we can be confident of the sense of honor and duty that our admirals and generals possess. I wonder

now about our commander in chief.

Lately, there have been popular celebrities who have the gall to say that opposition to Obama is racially motivated. Typically, when liberals run out of excuses, they play the race card. Oprah Winfrey and Robert Redford are the most recent to make these accusations. They scold and lecture the people who oppose Obama because he is black. My response to that is BS. His color has nothing to do with it. He’s being criticized and opposed now because he is a terrible president.

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South Boston Resident Amy Lord Murder Suspect Edwin Alemany Indicted

Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley was joined by Acting Boston Police Commissioner William Evans and a top courtroom prosecutor to deliver the following remarks on a 20-count indictment charging Edwin Alemany with the July 23 homicide of Amy Lord and three other attacks on women. Here are District Attorney Conley's remarks:

"A short time ago, the Suffolk County Grand Jury returned indictments charging Edwin Alemany with four violent attacks on lone women in the City of Boston. These indictments join separate cases arising out of Mission Hill, South Boston, and West Roxbury into one consolidated prosecution we expect to bring in Suffolk Superior Court. As you know, Alemany is in custody and will remain held pending an arraignment next month on these new charges.

"The indictments charge Alemany with first-degree murder, kidnapping, armed carjacking, two counts of armed robbery, two counts of armed robbery while masked, stealing by confining, arson of a motor vehicle, and assault-related offenses – all in connection with the homicide of 24-year-old Amy Lord on the morning of July 23.

"The evidence suggests that Alemany abducted Ms. Lord as she left her Dorchester Street apartment shortly before 6:00 a.m. We believe he beat her and forced her into her Jeep Cherokee at knifepoint. In a little less than an hour that followed, he ordered her to make cash withdrawals at four bank machines through South Boston and Dorchester. We believe he then transported Ms. Lord to the Stony Brook Reservation in Hyde Park, where he murdered her. He then drove her Jeep back to South Boston, where he set it on fire at about 8:30 a.m.

"The homicide of Amy Lord was savage and brutal. The level of violence visited upon her shocked the City of Boston and even hardened police and prosecutors with decades of experience. But it was not the beginning or the end of Edwin Alemany's violent spree.

"He is also charged with attempted murder, unarmed robbery, and assault and battery for a physical assault on a 20-year-old woman on Sept. 28, 2012. The victim in that case was walking along Parker Hill Avenue at about 2:30 a.m. when Alemany allegedly attacked her from behind and began to choke her. The woman fought back, and before she lost consciousness she was able to grab hold of Alemany's wallet. That wallet was recovered at the scene along with a baseball cap. The cap was submitted for DNA testing as part of this investigation and yielded a profile consistent with Alemany's.

"He is charged with attempted murder and assault and battery for a physical assault on a 22-year-old woman just before 5:00 am on July 23, 2013. She, too, was walking alone in the early morning hours when Alemany allegedly struck her in the face, knocked her to the ground, and dragged her by her legs into a parking lot off of Old Colony Avenue. As he did so, he allegedly told her he wasn't going to rob her – he was going to kill her. But before he hurt her further, he fled the scene on foot.

"He is charged with armed assault with intent to murder and aggravated assault and battery with a dangerous weapon for one last attack shortly after midnight on July 24 – about 18 hours after Amy Lord was killed and about eight hours after her body was discovered by a passerby. In that case, he rushed a 21-year-old woman as she approached her Gates Street residence and began stabbing her. She suffered serious injuries to her torso, face, neck – but she screamed for help and neighbors called 911. As her attacker fled on foot, emergency medical technicians raced to the scene, where they stabilized her condition and brought her to Tufts Medical Center.

"The evidence suggests that Alemany cut his left hand badly on the knife he used to stab this last victim. By pure chance, he admitted

himself for treatment at the same hospital where she was being treated – and where she gave a description that matched him to a T. Paramedics spotted Alemany, recognized that description, and notified Boston Police. Alemany has been in custody since that time.

"The evidence supporting these indictments comes from many and diverse sources. It comes from surveillance cameras, witness statements, DNA testing, interviews with the surviving victims, and many other sources.

"There is also unmistakable pattern evidence in these crimes: All of the victims were young women between the ages of 20 and 24. Each was walking alone in the late night or early morning hours. And the attacks were all blitz-style physical assaults where the victims were immediately overwhelmed with violence. Moreover, the power of 21st century science reveals that the assailant left traces of himself at some scenes, and carried traces of others on his clothing. Separately, these cases are pieces of a puzzle, but together they show a picture of one man – Edwin Alemany. This will be a challenging case, but a compelling one that we look forward to proving to a jury.

"The herculean job of marshaling this evidence was undertaken by an outstanding team. I'd like to note the contributions of Suffolk Chief Trial Counsel John Pappas; the Boston Police homicide squad of Sgt. Det. Paul McLaughlin and detectives Jeff Cecil, Jamie Sheehan, and Joe Keaveny; members of the Suffolk County State Police Detective Unit; the Boston Police Crime Lab; the Forensic Audio Video Imaging Unit of our office; uniformed Boston and State police, and most especially the civilian witnesses across the city who cooperated with this investigation from start to finish.

"Edwin Alemany's criminal past suggests a car thief and petty crook whose offenses were occasionally violent but never approached this level of savagery – until the events of September 2012. We may never know what sparked that change in behavior, but today we do know this – there is an unmistakable clarity of mind in

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Reading Between The Lines

“Fifty Years”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Brian R. Mahoney

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The noise echoed off the canyon like builders lining Arlington Street in Park Square as presidential candidate John F. Kennedy approached in an open convertible. Our Sunday school teacher Lenny Kane had taken a dozen 10 year olds to see history. We were standing in front of Paine’s Furniture where a cop, noting our youth, used just his eyes to intimidate the crowd from pushing us from our front row spot. This allowed us the brief second of a handshake and smile from this handsome politician as he passed the swarming crowd.

That was about all the thought I gave to politics until the afternoon in the seventh grade when my civics teacher, Mr. Donovan, in a trembling voice pointed to his temple and said “President Kennedy has been shot. You are dismissed and go straight home”.

Her we are fifty years later and what is the enduring legacy of JFK? Some would say he is the lost king of liberalism. Others would argue he would not recognize today’s Democratic Party. That day in Dallas is often called the day America lost its innocence. It is also the day that the vast divide we have in America today began. It’s when one side began the practice of painting the other, not as wrong, but as evil.

Somehow, Lee Harvey Oswald became a symbol of the alleged right-wing hate. During all of the intervening years, the true Oswald has been obscured by all the conspiracy smoke. It was the Mafia. It was The CIA, the military-industrial complex, Texas oilmen. For fifty years, Oswald has been an

assassin for some right wing cabal.

The truth, or at least the facts the left wing party chose to ignore, show a different story. First, that Oswald was a nut or rather a left wing nut. He was a former Marine who defected to Russia, for God’s sake. His allegiances struck too close to home for many on the American left.

He thought Lenin, Stalin and Mao were great men. He thought Fidel Castro was a great leader of the worker’s paradise, whom America was abusing. That sentiment would get him free housing in Cambridge today. Like Bill Ayers, he felt violence was a legitimate tool to effect political change. A few months before shooting Kennedy, Oswald used the same rifle to attempt to murder a former General turned politician Edwin Walker, missing him only because the window deflected the round.

Just as the race card was played today to paint an opponent as evil, the “vast right wing conspiracy” was used when the left ran out of rational reasons for their irrational behavior and philosophy. The “conspiracy” smokescreen has been used since that day in Dallas.

The facts, however, show that the same values, philosophy and allegiances which Oswald believed in are still held by many people on the political left today.

Kennedy - a Liberal King? More likely he, not Ronald Reagan, would have coined the phrase “I didn’t leave the Democratic Party. The Democratic Party left me”. Just from his inauguration speech we can learn that his philosophy was incompatible with the left, then and now. How many today believe “we

are the watchmen on the walls of freedom?” Kennedy did. Kennedy did not whine about the shape of the country or the world he inherited. He acknowledged tough times ahead but instead stated, “I do not shrink from this task, I welcome it”.

Today’s left is constantly looking for new ways to have the government provide yet another crutch for those unable or, sadly, unwilling to stop their destructive behavior. They lay claim to some unwritten and unintended “Civil Right” embodied in the Constitution, but visible only

to their ‘enlightened’ eyes. They continue to claim that our Country owes such sustenance which in fact contravenes the very philosophy espoused in one of his most famous quotes: “Ask not what your Country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your Country”.

After fifty years, instead of using his death as a weapon to push a hollow philosophy, perhaps we can use his life as a tool to work and create the better nation that he dreamed of.

Take care till next week.



Stabbings Shatter South Boston Tranquility

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Staff Report

It has been quiet in South Boston for quite a while, but the tranquility that residents were getting comfortable with was shattered over the last week. Police report that last Friday, November

15th, a man suffered life threatening wounds when he was stabbed on Gates Street around 9pm.

And in a brutally violent attack this past Sunday, November 17th, Edwin Santos of South Boston was

viciously attacked and stabbed to death on Dorchester Street at the entrance to Bell's Market, allegedly by 3 men, two of whom have been identified by authorities as Elias Sanchez 43, Angel Sanchez 16, the other being sought. Both the older and younger Sanchez family members reside on 9th Street in South Boston around the corner from where the attack took place. Santos has died from his wounds. Both have been arrested and charged with murder.

Police describe the attack as follows: The elder Sanchez began assaulting the victim with a baton like club and was soon joined by the younger Sanchez; his son who began stabbing Santos with a knife. They were joined in the attack by the other assailant and are said to have kept stabbing Santos until they got tired of stabbing him then left him lying there to die. A female friend of Santos intervened and tried to fend off the assailants but was unable to stop it.

Elias Sanchez, also injured in the fight, allegedly by the female friend of Santos, was taken to Boston City Hospital with serious stab wound and was arraigned while in his hospital bed. His son Angel was arraigned the same day in South Boston District Court. Both are denied bail.

Police also report a new rash of house break-ins in the West 8th Street area of South Boston. Residents are advised to be alert, lock their doors and windows and are asked to report any and all suspicious activity in the area. Law enforcement urges people to call 911 for emergencies and to call the Boston Police Crime Stoppers Line at 1-800-494-8477 if you have any information about illegal activity in your area. Callers can remain anonymous.

It is important to note that the attack near Bell's Market is not the norm for this area. Bell's Market is an established and popular South Boston business that has supported and served the community well for generations. It has always been, still is and will continue to be a safe and friendly place for neighborhood people to shop.

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health care providers. Shoppers can use a price calculator to see if they qualify for subsidies and then look at side-by-side comparisons of qualified health plans ensuring the best deal for you and your family.

Question: How will the Affordable Care Act affect Medicare and will supplemental care and prescription plans be dropped?

Medicare isn't part of the health insurance exchange, so seniors don't need to do anything. The exchange will not affect seniors' Medicare choices and their benefits will not be changing. The exchange will not offer Medicare supplement (Medigap) insurance or Part D drug plans. Under Obamacare, Medicare enrollees get more preventive services, for less cost. Medicare now covers certain preventive services, like mammograms or colonoscopies, without charging seniors for the Part B coinsurance or deductible. They also get a free yearly "wellness" visit.

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) has produced a multi-fact sheet.

Obamacare is not replacing Medicare. In fact, AARP representatives say that Medicare will become stronger once the Affordable Care Act is fully in effect. "Medicare's guaranteed benefits are protected in ways they hadn't been protected in the past," says Nicole Duritz, AARP's vice president for Health Education and Outreach.

Medicare is health insurance, so beneficiaries do not need to buy anything during the ACA enrollment period that starts on Oct. 1, when the Health Connector is open for business. Seniors on Medicare can change their plans and prescription drug coverage during the Medicare open enrollment period, which is Oct. 15 through Dec. 7.

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satisfied with their current plans don't have to do anything.

Under Obamacare, as it relates to the cost of medications, higher-income Medicare beneficiaries – those who earn more than \$85,000 per person or \$170,000 per couple – pay slightly more for their prescription drug coverage, or Medicare Part D. But this only affects about 5 percent of beneficiaries, AARP's Duritz points out. The law also provides enrollees savings on brand-name drugs. Medicare enrollees in the "doughnut hole" will get a 50 percent discount when buying Part D-covered brand-name prescription drugs. The discount is applied automatically at the pharmacy counter. Under Obamacare, the doughnut hole will be closed completely by 2020. The 'doughnut hole' is a coverage gap that starts when Medicare enrollees' annual drug costs reach \$2,970. They don't get out of the doughnut hole until their out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4,750. At that point, catastrophic coverage kicks in. In 2012, roughly 3.5 million Medicare beneficiaries saved an average of \$706 each, the federal Department of Health and Human Services reported in March. As the donut hole closes, the savings will increase.

Finally, nothing in Obamacare will change which doctors Medicare patients can see. Hospitals, physicians, pharmacies and other health care providers make routine business decisions and may choose to withdraw from the Medicare program, but no master switch is flipping on Jan. 1 requiring seniors on Medicare to leave their current doctors and choose new providers.

After the political infighting, which is trying to affect the 2014 congressional races, plays itself out, the average citizen needs to understand the new health care insurance industry. Hopefully this effort by SB Today to better inform our readers has been helpful.

Rep. Collins votes to send Housing Bond bill to the Governor

State Representative Nick Collins joined his colleagues in the Legislature to pass final legislation authorizing \$1.4 billion in capital spending over the next five years to fund the production and preservation of affordable housing in the Commonwealth.

"Providing safe and secure housing is a crucial step to helping families across the Commonwealth achieve economic stability," **House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo** (D-Winthrop) said. "Massachusetts has been able to improve its economy because we consistently address the most basic needs of our citizens. The housing bond bill is an important step in this direction and I commend the conferees for their thorough work on this legislation."

"The Legislature has shown unwavering support for public and affordable housing in the Commonwealth by passing the largest ever – \$1.4 billion – housing bond bill," said **Representative Kevin Honan** (D-Brighton), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Housing. "This bill provides \$500 million for the modernization of our public housing stock, which is vital for our local housing authorities to get vacant units back online. It also provides for innovative strategies to address homelessness, funds to promote mixed-use and transit-oriented development, and critical housing services for the mentally and physically disabled."

"These funds are critically important for the maintenance and upkeep of our state-funded public housing apartments in Boston," said **Boston Housing Authority Administrator Bill McGonagle**. "Many of our poorest elderly and disabled citizens and families with young children need this affordable housing resource."

"This Housing Bond bill speaks to Legislature's commitment to working collaboratively to solve some of the Commonwealth's most difficult housing and homelessness challenges. More importantly, it will improve the quality of life for some of our state's most vulnerable citizens

by injecting much needed capital into our local housing authorities," said Representative Nick Collins (D-South Boston), Chair of the Boston Delegation.

This is the first long-term housing finance bill to come before the Legislature since 2008 and includes \$500 million for the rehabilitation and modernization of state-assisted public housing.

The legislation establishes the Early Education and Out of School Time Capital Fund to provide grants to non-profit childcare organizations for capital improvements to their facilities. Eligible providers must reserve at least 25 percent of their childcare slots for families receiving a public subsidy.

This plan also allows for development projects within a half-mile of a mass transit hub to be eligible for funding by expanding the definition of transit-oriented development in the MassWorks Infrastructure Program.

The bill also includes:

- \$55 million for a home modification program for blind and severely disabled homeowners;
- \$47 million for a loan program to provide community-based or supportive housing for individuals with mental illness or intellectual disabilities;
- \$38 million for a loan program for community-based or supportive housing for individuals with disabilities who are institutionalized or at risk of being institutionalized;
- \$305 million to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to create and preserve affordable housing for households at or under 110 percent of the area median income;
- \$135 million to the Housing Stabilization and Investment Trust Fund for acquisition, preservation and rehabilitation of affordable housing;
- \$50 million for a five-year grant program within the Department of Housing and Community Development to test cost-effective revitalization methods for family and elderly-disabled public housing;

Michael Flaherty Urges Gaming Commission to Reject Revere-Only Suffolk Downs Casino

BOSTON — Boston City Councilor-Elect Michael F. Flaherty has sent a letter to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission urging the Commission to reject any application for a Revere-only casino plan at Suffolk Downs. The Suffolk Downs site is located in both Revere and in East Boston. While Revere voters approved a casino referendum vote, East Boston voters overwhelmingly rejected the proposal for a casino at Suffolk Downs, which is located mostly in East Boston. A copy of Flaherty's letter to Stephen Crosby and other gaming commissioners is included on the South Boston Today website.

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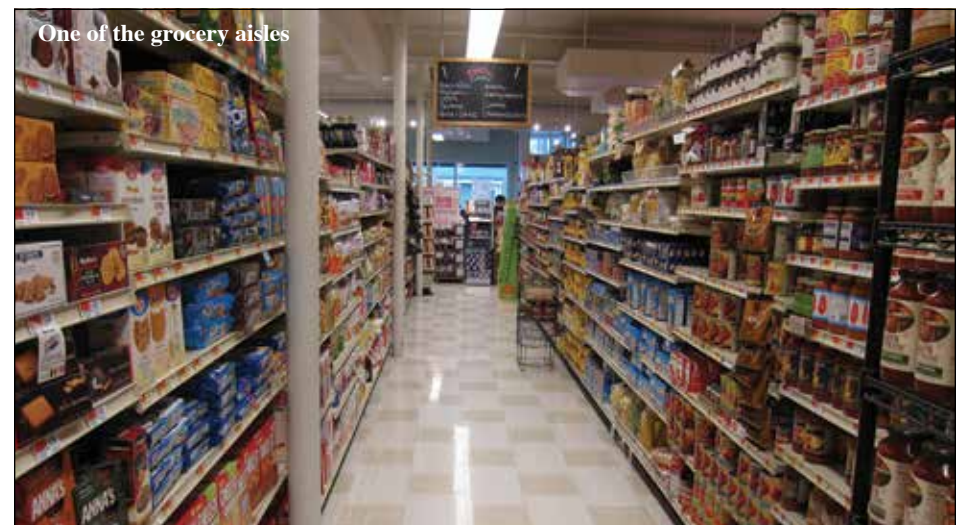
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on West Broadway at the corner of C Street. There is customer parking next to the store, a bike rack and is also accessible by the Southie Shuttle, which provides daily service to and from Foodie’s, free of charge.

David goes on to say that they have a full variety of both frozen and fresh turkeys including Bell & Evans which are grain-fed with no animal by-products, no antibiotics after chick

growth, contains less fat, less calories than commercial factory-raised turkeys. Also on hand will be a full assortment of traditional sides and specialty platters including shrimp, cut fruit, veggie, cheese and antipasto. They will also feature a complete assortment of Thanksgiving Holiday flowers for gifts or for your table. And, just in case you’re not into preparing a traditional turkey dinner for yourself, they will

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Foodie's produce is delivered daily and is always fresh. They have a large organic section and squeeze their own fresh orange juice daily along with their to-go fruit cups. Check out their ready-made Greek and garden salads along with an extensive salad & soup bar if you want to make your own.

Prepared foods have always been a Foodie's tradition. They cook up lunch, dinner and even in-between specialties from gourmet to comfort foods including rotisserie chicken for you to pick up on the go.

If you're looking for traditional butcher shop type meat, then try Foodie's. Their meat is cut fresh and prepared daily. A full selection of every cut of beef including Certified Angus Beef is available for your choice. They carry organic Smart Chicken and all natural Bell & Evens chicken also.

And if you're looking for seafood, then Foodie's is the place to go. Their seafood selection is fresh, packaged daily and includes a full line of the most popular seasonal filets like salmon, haddock, cod, and halibut along with sea scallops, shrimp and swordfish.

Basic or fancy, gourmet or economy, imported or local New England, Foodie's has a choice for you. You'll find organic, vegan, gluten-free, sugar free and salt-free foods along with everyday essentials all at competitive prices. And, if there's a product you don't see, just ask one of the managers to see if it can be special ordered.

Foodie's Markets are family owned and in addition to their South Boston location they also operate stores in Boston's South End and Duxbury. In 1998, Victor Leon Sr. took over the old ABC Market in Boston's South End and transformed it into Foodie's Urban Market. In 2007, Foodie's opened their second store in the center of Duxbury. Nearly twice the size of the South End store, the Duxbury store has also become an integral part of the community. Foodie's objective in all their stores is to be the friendly neighborhood grocery store where service and selection is most important.

So whether you're shopping for your Thanksgiving dinner, planning a tailgate, having a house party or doing your everyday or weekly shopping, try out Foodie's Market for their extensive selections at affordable prices.



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: Give It Up

It's here. Americans favorite holiday: Thanksgiving. A time when people travel from all over the globe to spend a day or two (because it is probably as much as they can stand, otherwise why would they have moved so far away?) with their families, breaking bread and sharing time. Giving alms to all that is before them: sustenance for the body, mind and soul. Yeah that, and the fact they live in a country where overindulging is the good ole American way: shopping, drinking, eating, football, and all are done in excess on this very hallowed day. But I am sure that as the killer night-before-Thanksgiving-bonanza hangover fades, your first round of grazing is finished and a spot to nap has been discovered, you reflect on how lucky you actually are; it's then that you realize there are people who are not as fortunate. On Thursday November 28th, there will be so many spending this glorious fall day as any other: alone, hungry and cold. So this year I ask of you to do something

for someone else: share time, give a few dollars and (NOT or) drop off some nonperishables. Find the time.

Do the Can-Can

We all have to do it. For many, it's the bane of our existence and no matter the day or time, you barely get out alive. If any of you have been to Market Basket for it's amazing selection of produce, low prices and bonus sideshow, you KNOW that dedicating a day for recovery is an absolute must. But since you are already there, it's easy to pick up a few things for someone else. There are a few places in Southie where you can choose to drop off the nonperishables and know they will be shared the right way, and not eaten for lunch by the staff!

Mt. Washington Bank:

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Saturday 9am-1pm

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Gate of Heaven, St Brigid, St.

Augustine's Chapel & St. Monica:

One can drop at the goods at the door of the churches:

Saturday November 23rd:

Gate of Heaven, St. Brigid and St.

Augustine's Chapel from 3-5pm

Sunday November 24th:

Gate of Heaven: 8am-1pm

St. Brigid: 7-11:30am, 5-7pm

St. Monica: 8:30-10:30am

Gate of Heaven, 615 E.4th St (at the corner of I & 4th)

St. Brigid, 845 E. Broadway (between N & O)

St. Augustine's Chapel, 181 Dorchester St (set back from the street)

St. Monica, 70 Devine Way (at the corner of Preble Street)

City of Boston CANshare:

Collections going on through December 6th; drop-off locations:

Boston Fire Department, 272 D St & 700 E.4th St

Community Centers:

- Curley Rec Center, 1663 Columbia Rd
 - Condon Community Center, 200 D St
 - Tynan Community Center, 650 E. 4th St
- *** checkout cityofboston.gov/bcyf for community center hours***

cityofboston.gov/food/canshare

Thanksgiving Day:

St. Monica's and the Catholic churches of South Boston host an annual Thanksgiving meal and all are welcome to join: to eat, to serve or drive meals to shut-ins. The event is held at St. Monica's Hall on Thursday November 28th, 11:30am-1:30pm.

The Southie Shuttle will be providing free rides (617-268-4110). And please do me a favor. Many of you have moved here and enjoyed all that South Boston has to offer, but it's time to reach out & meet your neighbors. You may have noticed some elderly or disabled dwellers in close proximity to your abode. Introduce yourself, and see if they would like a meal. A smile may be all they need, but the offer will surely be appreciated.

Stepping Out: Last-Minute Dash

Whether you are homeward bound, gathering table settings for “Friendsgiving” or set on baking the perfect pumpkin pie to impress your significant other's family, we are all scrambling to get something done before the big day. I always have big dreams of taking the time to pick out the perfect farm ingredients for the side I am supposed to create, all-natural farm-fresh bird for my mom, collect some beautiful and eclectic type of centerpiece. I aim high, but that usually leaves me in one of the two open lines at the South Bay Stop & Shop on Wednesday around 6pm. So instead of having to rush into things, check out a few places in South Boston where they can alleviate some of your worry and work. Whatever you are in charge of: wine, apps, sweets, sides or the beast itself, SB has got you covered. Gobble gobble.

Turkey Trot

Fear not friends! If you are in charge of providing the bird, stop clipping coupons and trolling the Sunday circulars for the best and most affordable fowl. All that time and gas wasted can be saved. Walk up to American Provisions and put your order in for an all-natural Bell & Evans or free-range Misty Knolls fine-featherless-friend. If you like to go the non-traditional route, get down to Bees Knees, where ham/hen/duck are there for your quirky and creative celebration.

americanprovisions.com

beeskneessupply.com

Soup to Nuts!

Stovetop stuffing. Turnip. Canned cranberry jelly. Ah, the comforts of home. But if you would like to amaze your fam and friendlies with your maturity and culinary skills, fake it till

you make it and get on down to Flour Bakery. They have a cornucopia of interesting twists on your traditional sides and accouterments served on the day of almsgiving. Just transfer it into a beat up Corningware dish and no one will be the wiser.

flourbakery.com

Sips and Sweets

Whether you are tasked with the charge of providing the libations to make the meal move or finish the food marathon off with mouthwatering morsels of sweetness, you have a little more time. American Provisions and Social Wines have some festive and flattering wine pairings for the day. And Pie in the Sky, a program where restaurants/individuals/bakeries bake pies on their own time and dime to be sold during the holiday season, and

profits go to Community Servings, a program that feeds the ill and homebound in Massachusetts. There are apple (regular & sugar-free), pumpkin, pecan and sweet potato pies available for purchase. The cost is \$25 and can be ordered online with a pick up location in the South Boston Waterfront: Boston Private Bank & Trust, on Wednesday November 27th. If you are all set with your treats, Pie in the Sky gives you the chance to give a pie to someone else as well as donate a pie to an organization that would use the dessert to feed others. That is just desserts. socialwinesbos.com pieinthesky.org servings.org **Boston Private Bank & Trust, 157 Seaport Blvd**





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

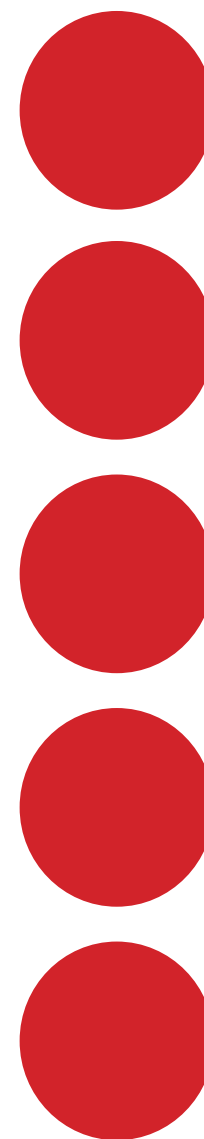
 **Touch: Make Arrangements**
 I always said if I had some disposable income I would splurge on 2 things: a daily blowout and flowers. Alas, there has been no lottery hit, there will be no inheritance but my coif is surviving. What hasn't are my botany skills. This Saturday November 23rd, Carrie Chang of Fort Point's Floral Lab will be holding a class at Bees Knees on how to create the centerpiece of your Thanksgiving dreams. The price of admission gives you world-class instruction, supplies and final product as well as some refreshment. Flower Power! beeskneessupply.com

 **See: Look to the Future**
 One way for you to prepare yourself and others for Thanksgiving is to give it a test run. Sometimes practicing how you will have to act in front of newly introduced "in-laws", your quacky families or a party with pals, can help guide you through what can sometimes be holiday madness. Geekhouse, a made-in-the-USA bicycle-welding outfit, located in Fort Point, is having a Thanksgiving throw down. The cost is \$20, which includes beer, food, 3 raffle tickets and a bingo card for some kick-ass prizes. The event, beside the obvious fun component, is to sponsor building a larger work area for Geekhouse and with a co-working artist space. Also, all who attend are asked to bring a food item to be donated to the Greater Boston Food Bank. Visionaries. geekhousebikes.com • eventbrite.com/e/hq-thanksgiving-tickets-9276039885

 **Taste: Sip on Some Sizzurp**
 With anticipation and a slight postponement, the day has finally arrived. And a much-needed night of relaxation will be needed to prime oneself for the days ahead. The Sustainable Business Network's 4th Annual Local Craft Brewfest will hold court this Friday November 22nd, 6-9:30pm, at the Joseph Moakley Courthouse. SBN of Massachusetts platform is to build economy through fair, green and locally engaged business practice. Tickets will not be sold at the event, so get online line and order up! Stay thirsty my friends! sbnmass.org • eventbrite.com/e/sbns-4th-annual-local-craft-brewfest-on-boston-waterfront-fort-point-tickets-6516959401

 **Smell: Breath of Fresh Air**
 Thanksgiving is more than just food and fun. It is also about what the name of the day says: giving thanks. Especially for faculties we take for granted, like our health. On Sunday November 24th, 4-7pm, get on down to Legal Harborside Roofdeck and join the Journey of the Cure, a charity spearheaded by Lisa Honig. Lisa is a self-described "Survivor & Thriver" invites us to Let's Do Launch. The foundation was established as a promise to herself and a dear friend and this event is way to help others get through a difficult time and raise some money for a cure for cancer. The POV you will get from the scene and the scenery will breath new life into you. eventbrite.com/e/journey-of-the-cure-lets-do-launch-tickets-8998874877 • journeyofthecure.com

 **Hear: This Should Catch Your Ear**
 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. ACA. "Obamacare". Call it what you will, it doesn't make it any less confusing. This Friday November 22nd, 10am-12pm, multilingual representatives from the Boston Public Health Commission will be at the South Boston Branch Library to help us figure it out. There are many affordable plans and some free care for those who qualify, and these reps are here to break it down for us common folk. Lend an ear, get the care. bphc.org



Embrace All Of The Southie Senses:

There's No Place Like Home...

Sometimes, no matter how much your friends and family drive you nuts, there is still some comfort in chaos. You are driving the train and as an adult can derail when you please and pick up a couple extras if you are feeling feisty. Unfortunately, though, Thanksgiving is the busiest and most expensive time of the year to travel, and some of us who live away from the old neighborhood can't get there. With so many restaurants in such close proximity to South Boston

Proper offering a midday meal on the day of thanks, you can reenact what is happening at the homestead. Just make sure you follow these simple rules: No Shoes, No Shirt, No Service!
75 on Liberty Wharf: 11:30am-6pm, \$55 per person 75onliberty.com
Aura at the Seaport Hotel: 11am-3pm, \$71 adults, \$25 7-14 yr., 6 yr. & younger, FREE aurarestaurant.com



Legal Harborside: 12-8pm, \$60 per person legalseafoods.com/restaurants/boston-legal-harborside
M.J. O'Connors at the Westin Waterfront: 11:30am-10pm, 3 meals to choose from waterfront.mjoconnors.com
Rosa Mexicano: Offering a twist on traditional Thanksgiving fare rosamexicano.com
 Morton's: Holiday tradition with a twist mortons.com





Did you know?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Robert J. Allison

That Chelsea Creek, the narrow stream between East Boston and Chelsea, was the scene of an important battle between American forces and the British Navy in 1775? The Battle of Chelsea Creek is often overshadowed by Lexington and Concord and Bunker Hill. But, before Bunker Hill, there was Chelsea Creek!

On May 27-28, 1775, militia men

driving British cattle and hogs off of Noddles and Hog Islands (now East Boston) fought a running engagement with British forces. The British schooner *Diana*, sent to repel the colonial forces, ran aground in the mud off of Chelsea. The patriots burned the stranded the vessel—the Americans' first naval capture.

Victor T. Mastone, Director

and Chief Archaeologist of the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources, has the historical records and GIS analysis to create a digital elevation model, and a military terrain model of the Chelsea Creek battlescape, creating a high-resolution spatial and temporal data set of Boston's historical landscape at the time of the American Revolution. He will present his findings to the South Boston Historical Society on Monday, November 25, 6:30 pm at the South Boston Library.

Join the Society for a fascinating presentation on this neglected battle, and on the new ways that archaeology and technology can be used to uncover history. Victor Mastone's work helps us to see Boston as it was in 1775, to imagine the scenes of the Revolution now obscured by the city that has grown up, thanks to the men who fought here in 1775.

Robert J. Allison is President of the South Boston Historical Society and Chair of the History Department at Suffolk University.

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his actions, especially through the morning of July 23. We believe a jury will see those actions for what they are: efforts to commit a terrible crime and escape detection in its aftermath.

"Victim advocates from our office spoke today with members of Amy Lord's family to tell them of this morning's development and offer once again our promise to do everything in our power to hold accountable the man who took their daughter's life. I also want to let them know that I have every confidence in Acting Commissioner William Evans, who was at the Stony Brook scene on the day Amy was murdered and who expressed his own commitment to hold her killer accountable. He's got my deepest respect as a cop and a commissioner, and I'd like to ask him to say a few words, as well."

Alemaney is represented by attorney Jeffrey Denner. His arraignment in Suffolk Superior Court has not yet been scheduled but is expected next month.

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Thanksgiving Wines Part II

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Jamie Driscoll

It's coming up on the time of year when we get together with family and friends to celebrate some big holidays, Thanksgiving being the first among them. So, let me put some suggestions out there for wines that will add to the fun, enhance the meal and not break the bank.

Since there are so many wines, both red and white, that complement Turkey on many different levels, we talked about white wines last week and red wines this week.

As far as red wines are concerned, Pinot Noir will give you a tasteful, yet flexible option, since you can choose from many regions. My favorites, for both quality and value, are the Russian river in Sonoma County, California, as well as the Central Coast area and New Zealand's Marlborough region.

Pinot Noir is the primary grape of France's Burgundy region; it has been

grown there since Roman Times and today's best (and very expensive) iterations present a wine that is supple and elegant, with typically strong notes of coffee, blackberry and earth tones, yet a wine that could be aptly characterized in one word as, "delicate" and just delicious with roasted turkey.

Look for these available and affordable Pinot Noirs:

-Jean Minor, "Four Beans:", Central Coast, 2011 (~\$14.00), a great nose of blackberries and vanilla with a nice finish, especially with cranberry sauce and sweet potatoes.

-Belle Glos Meiom Pinot Noir, California, 2012 (~\$19.00), is a really well-structured Pinot, with lush notes of caramel apples and cranberries on the nose, a strong vanilla/cream soda flavor on the palate and a finish that includes

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Partners HealthCare to aid health centers in fight against hunger this holiday season

Partners HealthCare and its founding hospitals, Brigham and Women's and Massachusetts General Hospitals, are helping health centers provide quality, coordinated care that includes filling in the hunger gap and making sure patients have enough to eat.

Starting this month, Partners is offering hunger assistance grants to twenty affiliated health centers throughout the greater Boston region including the South Boston Community Health Center. The \$10,000 initiative will provide twenty (20) mini grants of \$500 each and can be used in ways the individual health centers determine are best for the families they serve.

Some health centers intend to use the grants to distribute Thanksgiving baskets, while others will use the additional resources to provide emergency food assistance in the form of supermarket gift cards.

Many families look to health centers for help in alleviating issues of food insecurity. The right quantity and quality of food is essential for good health.

"The holiday season is always our busiest time of year. Families that are already struggling find it extremely difficult to provide a family meal on Thanksgiving. It is through grants like these that we are able to bring some relief to those patients who are struggling financially. We

also see an increase in demand during the Christmas season when families have to sacrifice day to day necessities to provide joy during the holiday for their children," said Susan LaPaglia of South Boston Community Health Center.

Since the economic downturn of 2008, many Massachusetts families have struggled to make ends meet and providing adequate meals has become an additional source of stress. According to the Status Report on Hunger in Massachusetts 2012, the state's annual report on hunger, over 750,000 people in Massachusetts are at risk for hunger. The rate of hungry families has grown by over 43% since

the onset of the recession with 11.8% of Massachusetts families presently experiencing some form of food insecurity. Moreover, SNAP benefits were reduced, and over 470,000 Massachusetts residents will see their monthly Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefit cut; many health center patients will be impacted by the decrease in their monthly benefit.

"Health centers play an essential role in the community and understand their patients' needs, including the need for hunger assistance. This is an important effort and it aligns with Partners' commitment to providing comprehensive care to all of the patients and communities we serve," said Matt Fishman, Vice President for Community Health at Partners HealthCare.

The Artists' Studio



First Painting Sale SOUTH BOSTON TODAY By Dan McCole

In a summer of my younger years I was a rookie-in-training learning how to paint at a watercolor workshop in Provincetown. I had a job as a restaurant gopher and outside of making as much money as I could use from day to day I was basically involved in learning how to paint and ... more important ... what was happening after work. So, in between busing tables, the late night parties, and learning to work with paper, brushes and color ... I harbored no thoughts or ambitions that someone would, or could, pay some money to me for things I was trying to figure out how to do.

Five mornings a week I painted and seven days a week I bussed and did odd jobs at the Moors Restaurant, out

near the beach. One afternoon a very pretty woman came in with two small children and her mother ... or maybe the mother-in-law.

I did a slow and very careful job of laying out the silverware and napkins (did I mention that she was pretty?) and after a few minutes of schmoozing away with the kids and the women ... I guess because of my city-street attitude ... she asked what I was doing in P'town. She was genuinely surprised when I told of my painting classes ... and asked to see some of my work.

When she said that I completely lost my zoom. I mean... she wanted to see my paintings. What the hell was that all about? Why would she want to see my

paintings? I was just learning some stuff.

Then I really began losing it ... stuttering and shuffling around because I sure as hell didn't want anyone to look at my work. I guess I kind of figured it was cool to talk about being a painter and let them wonder if I was any good ... rather than let them see the work and remove any doubt. I find out later that this is a curse that infects many painters, writers and the like. We never quite know whether anything that we do in the privacy of our minds and hearts and kitchen tables is any good. The fear is that we don't have the talent and are wasting our time.

Once again ... the big mouth put me in a dilemma and now I had entered the put-up-or-shut-up zone.

I did have my gear in the locker including three or four paintings I was working on and I was kind of pleased with one of them ... a painting of a fish processing plant jutting out into the harbor on a fog-drenched morning that I had just finished. I liked it ... It was a good painting. To me.

Anyways ... I remained firm in my refusal to show my works for about 35 seconds. Did I mention that she was a good looking woman? Yeh ... Right. So anyhow the macho, alpha male slinked off to the locker.

When I got back to the table a man had joined the party. The husband. He had been parking the car. I shrugged and handed the paintings to the woman and went off to fetch water and take care of some other people. I didn't want to hear their comments. When I came back the guy says to me ... "How much ... how much are you selling these for?"

Whoa ... wait a minute ... having to show them was bad enough ... now he thinks I was trying to sell them. I took a bit of an issue with his question and his tone ... like I was some kind of a gypsy selling roses from table to table. No way.

I told him I was not selling them. He gave me a look ... Yeh, right.

He said, "What do you mean you're not selling them?"

I said, "I'm ... not ... selling ... them." Spacing each word.

He waved around the paintings and said, "Well why are you bringing these around?"

I guess he figured ... in tourist-land everybody sells everything. Well, not me. I wasn't. I had my principles.

He stared at me. I felt like I was melting into the floor. I was really getting agitated ... on the defensive ... started blathering ... trying to explain something very simple ... and doing a bad job of it. "The lady asked what I was doing in Provincetown and I told her I was in a painting workshop. I work here after classes, I paint in the mornings and I really didn't want to show them around, I don't ever show my paintings, I don't sell my paintings."

At least I had never sold any. And besides, I had my dignity, you know ... my principles.

He said, "You don't sell your paintings!"

I said ... "Yeh ... now, you got it."

Then he holds up the painting I liked ... the good one ... a foggy fish plant ... and says, "If you were selling them ... what would you sell this one for?"

Now he was playing with me ...

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Gingerbread House Competition – Southie's Version of Cake Wars

The South Boston Arts Association is excited to be sponsoring a Gingerbread House Competition on Dec 5 at the Library! We are using the event to gather unwrapped toy donations for Toys for Tots and to generate some neighborhood pride with a little healthy competition. All entry fees for the contest will be paid in new, unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots charity.

The competition has two entry categories. The first is the Individual, which anyone, 10 and up, can enter. Families are

encourages to work together to create a gingerbread house and to enter it in this category. We are offering 3 cash prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25.

The second category is for businesses and non-profits. We are hoping that businesses and non-profits will participate and create a gingerbread entry that symbolizes or represents their place of business. The prize for this category is a trophy and bragging rights for an entire year! Also, since it's a single evening event, you will get to

take your creation home that night and use it for a beautiful holiday decoration for the rest of the season. (Hopefully, in your front window, where everyone can see it!)

We have 3 judges lined up (Ambassador Ray Flynn, Glenn Quirion of Sweet Tooth and the Wonder Twins and we are hoping to generate enough interest to make this an annual event. Sergeant Jaime F. Gomez, local Coordinator for Toys for Tots has expressed his thanks and looks forward to the receiving all the donated toys!

Contest registration deadline December 1. Forms can be found at the Library or on line at www.southbostonartsassociation.org. Gingerbread House drop off will be December 5, from 4 to 6pm. Gingerbread House judging, awards and celebration will be from 6 to 7:45pm. Even if you don't make a house, please come by and drop off an unwrapped toy or check (made out to Toys for Tots) and join us for some Holiday spirit!

Check our website (www.southbostonartsassociation.org) or the library for more info

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617-268-4110
 by Tuesday November 26 to reserve a ride.

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	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
505 East Third Street Three Family	\$875,000	10/21/13	14	3	3225
84 Old Harbor Street Single Family	\$815,000	10/24/13	6	1f2h	2500
215-219 Athens Street Single Family	\$810,000	10/30/13	6	2.5	1548
925 East Broadway UNIT 3 Condo	\$650,000	10/24/13	6	2	1268
559 East Second St UNIT 4 Condo	\$625,000	11/1/13	6	1.5	1334
509 East Second St UNIT 3 Condo	\$549,000	10/25/13	4	2	1111
50 B St UNIT 4 Condo	\$517,500	10/28/13	4	2	1250
128 P St UNIT 1 Condo	\$507,000	10/24/13	5	2	1265
881 East First St UNIT 203 Condo	\$450,000	11/1/13	2	1	1053
10 Peters St UNIT 2 Condo	\$445,000	10/31/13	5	1	857
703 East Fifth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$439,000	10/31/13	5	1	1006
225 Gold St UNIT 1 Condo	\$437,500	10/21/13	4	1.5	1028
1 Viking Street Single Family	\$425,000	10/22/13	8	1	1890
62 O St UNIT 1 Condo	\$425,000	10/29/13	4	1	990
221 West Fifth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$420,000	10/25/13	4	2	1172
134-136 West Ninth St UNIT 7 Condo	\$420,000	10/25/13	3	1	710
87 I St UNIT 2 Condo	\$402,000	10/31/13	4	1	746
194 Athens St Unit C Condo	\$360,000	10/30/13	4	1	709
62 O St UNIT 3 Condo	\$345,000	11/1/13	3	1	670
135 I St UNIT A Condo	\$335,000	11/1/13	3	1	790
907 East Fourth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$335,000	10/31/13	3	1	600
681 East Eighth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$325,000	10/30/13	3	1	449
522 East Eighth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$255,000	10/24/13	3	1	515

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Around Town



South Baptist Church Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Yes, it's that time of year again that so many residents of South Boston and even beyond look forward to. Thanksgiving is coming and as so many people know, what always precedes this wonderful holiday to the delight of many is the annual pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale sponsored by the ladies of the South Baptist Church located at 80 L Street (at the corner of L and Fourth Streets). It will be this coming Saturday, November 23rd in the lower Church from 10am till 2pm.

Don't feel like baking all those goodies for Thanksgiving? Do you have enough to do just preparing the turkey and all that goes with it? Or are you wondering what deserts you can bring to family or friends on that special day? Well, you can just relax and let the pros do it for you. As anyone who has ever tried the baked good from this long time, now

famous event can attest, it is by any standards, a 'taste treat'.

There will be cakes, pies, brownies, cookies, cupcakes, breads, homemade baked beans and the best chili; both beef and turkey east of Texas. All ingredients used are wholesome and fresh. Everything is home baked and it is prepared by some of the finest cooks and bakers around – the ladies from the South Baptist Church. When it comes to cooking and baking; they aren't just great at what they do, they are true artists.

People look forward to this annual pre-Thanksgiving bake sale every season because it's all so fresh and so good it makes mouths water and the prices are good as well. Remember, it's this Saturday, November 23rd, from 10am till 2pm at the South Baptist Church at 80 L Street in South Boston. Coffee and sandwiches will be available at the church.

Thanksgiving Eve Flag Football Turkey Bowl!

Debuting this year will be the first ever Youth & Teen Flag Football Turkey Bowl held out on the sands of the BCYF Curley M Street beach on Thanksgiving eve afternoon, Wednesday, November 27! The fun starts at 12:30 with the 8&U boys' division kicking things off; followed by the 9-12 boys and girls divisions; and closing out with the super championship of the 16&U boys division!

It is a 4 player team format, \$20 per team (\$5 per player) with each player receiving membership to the new Curley Youth & Teen Center opening the first week of December – with an Afterschool Program including homework help, a computer lab with printer, and Arts & Crafts, games, gimp and a giant screen TV for when school work is completed!! Our Teen Program will also open up that week with the new Curley Fitness Center at M Street for ages 12-15 with scheduled classes and an open schedule for fitness with weights.

Look for Turkey Bowl registration



forms at the Curley K Street Desk, Katie O'Connell at the Tynan Gym, FB or one can be emailed to you from Barbara.kelly@cityofboston.gov

So, think of a team name, pick a captain and bundle up for some early Thanksgiving football fun! Bring your friends! I'll bring the hot chocolate, warm apple cider and some sweet treats! Space is very limited because of time and sunset, so please register today. Call Barbara Kelly at (617)635-5104.

Other December events planned at the Curley will be a Family Holiday Bingo, a Christmas Crafts afternoon and "back by popular demand" SnowTubing, 12/27 over Christmas Vacation.

Stay tuned!

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alight, sweet, oaky combination. This is a wine whose overall structure will really enhance your Thanksgiving meal

-Kim Crawford Pinot Noir, Marlborough, 2012, (~\$15.00) comes from the northeastern tip of New Zealand's South Island and is one of the country's oldest vineyards. This Pinot has a great nose of berries and apples as well as a touch of espresso and cappuccino. On the palate, it has a creamy, lush feel and a finish that is smoky and earthy. I think you'll be pleased with the great way it complements both the turkey and the vegetables, especially any creamed ones you might serve.

I hope that trying any of these wines makes your Thanksgiving Day even more enjoyable than usual and a little more fun, too!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Jamie Driscoll, a wine

consultant, is the proud son and grandson of South Boston families and has been involved in various aspects of the wine business for over 35 years. Working in the restaurant business before and after attending Georgetown University, he was introduced to wine by an Englishman, Robyn MacAuley, who bought the wines for the restaurants. He would travel to Europe every year and buy directly for the family's importing business. On Sunday afternoons, a group of us would try Robyn's selections and he was hooked on the wine business and has been learning ever since.

Jamie states, "I hope that, in the coming weeks, you'll look forward to learning with me and thank you in advance for your interest." You can send questions to: jdriscoll@southbostontoday.com.

Finally, his only rule with respect to learning about and enjoying wine is that it must be fun



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Term 1 Awards at St. Peter Academy

Mrs. Janice Carthas, Principal would like to congratulate the students who earned awards for the first term at St. Peter Academy. Students who achieved First Honors, all A's in all subjects are Fernando Correia, Molly Keenan, Ethan Long and Evan Markos.

Students who achieved Second Honors, all A's and B's in all subjects are Thomas Germain, Molly Hearon, Sarah Tracey, Mario Blasi, Saoirse Callanan, Jamee Clapham, Zach DeMichele, Terry Markos, Chloe McAuliffe, Nyla Anderson, Mia DeMichele, Henry Gailunas, Jake Swartz, Peter

Gailunas, Tommy Leydon, Carolyn Deal, Cole Keenan, Nikolas Lakis, Meghan Doyle, Jenna Splaine, Noah White, Jack Mersereau, and Holly Silva. Citizenship awards were given to Sarah Tracey, Madison Anastas, Kathryn Baszkiewicz, Ellen Shiner, Cole Keenan, Jake Baldiviez and

Shannon Flaherty. Students who achieved Perfect Attendance for Term 1 are Erin Vaillancourt, Mario Blasi, Terry Markos, Chloe McAuliffe, Nyla Anderson, Bobby Leydon, Molly Keenan, Ethan Long, Jake Swartz, Tommy Leydon, Carolyn Deal, Meghan Doyle, and Steven Leydon.

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having a little sport in front of the wife and family. I was getting into a slow burn. They were all looking at me ... all of them ... so I figured ... to hell with it. I regrouped. I really wanted to put him down and make him look silly in front of his very pretty wife and so I thought to myself ... let's see if he can put his money where his mouth is.

I smiled ... leaned forward ... locked into his eyes and calmly said, "Twenty bucks."

Now don't forget ... I had my principles ... but back then twenty bucks was twenty bucks and would go a long

way for me a student painter in P'town. I'm talking rent ... food ... nights of partying. Well ... mostly the partying.

The guy gives me a look then reaches into his pocket ... pulls out his wallet ... picks out a twenty and holds it out to me.

Ah Jeez! He called my hand. I looked at the twenty ... then at my painting ... my painting that was getting better looking and better looking as the seconds ticked by.

I licked my lips ... seven, eight, nine, ten ... I grabbed the twenty, smiled and said, "You're not getting it back."

Everybody laughed and I think I thanked him and them and went off to

my other chores filled with a bittersweet joy of selling my first painting ever ... but one that I really didn't want to sell ... to someone who I didn't want to sell it to. So much for principles, right?

Later in the afternoon, as things slowed down, I was chatting up with the bartender and he asked, "What was going on with the Fords?"

I said ... "The Fords ..."

He says ... "The Fords."

I said ... "What Fords?"

He said ... "The Fords ... the party against the window ... you were showing them some of your paintings."

I said, "Them! Oh yeh! They were

nice. The guy was kind of a wise guy ... he was busting on me, but he did buy one of my paintings."

The bartender said, "Henry Ford Jr. bought one of your paintings?"

I said, "Henry Ford Jr.?" Things flashed in my brain. "Henry Ford Jr. ... like in the beep, beep, beep, Henry Ford ... The automobile-Ford? ... Model T? ... For Cripe sake ... THE FORDS?"

He said, "Yeh ... That was Henry Ford Jr."

I said, "How do you like that?" I looked over at the empty table and thought, "I coulda nailed that guy for forty bucks."

True story.



South Boston Catholic Academy Pre-Kindergarten News Thank you to the Fire Fighters at Ladder 19 K Street, Engine 2

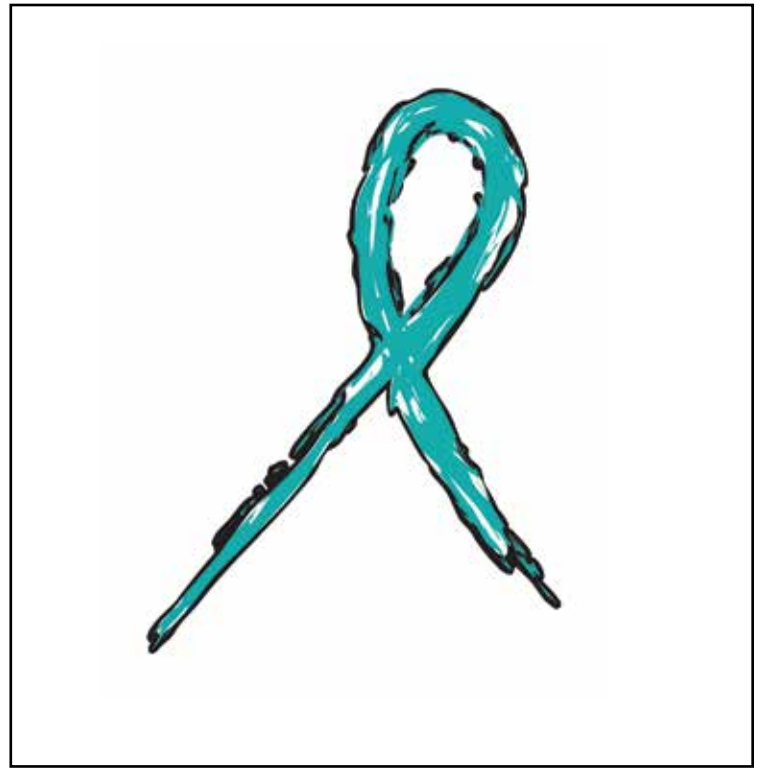
Recently the students in South Boston Catholic Academy Pre-K had a chance to visit the Firehouse at Ladder 19 K Street. They learned about a day in the life

of a fire fighter, how they use the fire engines/trucks and other equipment needed to protect themselves and that help them to put fires out. Fire fighters are always ready to help

people in any emergency situation. We also learned about fire safety at home and school. We want to say a special Thank You to Lieutenant Steve Byrne, Lieutenant Brian Nee,

Fire Fighter David Parker and Fire Fighter Billy McCarthy of Ladder 19 K Street, Engine 2 and to all the great fire fighters, who are always there to help us.





National Ovarian Cancer Coalition's 15th Annual 5K Run/Walk to Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer held at Mother's Rest on Carson Beach in support of ovarian cancer awareness.



MARIAN MANOR'S CARMELITE SISTERS CELEBRATE 60 YEARS

Last Thursday night at the Fairmount Copley Plaza Hotel over 400 dignitaries and guests joined with the Carmelite Sisters as they celebrated 60 years of service to the elderly in Massachusetts.

Along with Marian Manor in South Boston, the Carmelite Sisters sponsor St. Patrick's Manor Nursing Home and Carmel Terrace Assisted Living in Framingham.

The proceeds of the event will go toward operating costs for each of the three facilities.

The evening's events were officiated over by Ron Della Chiesa, prominent Boston radio personality. Presentations were made honoring the current Mother General of the Carmelite Sisters, Mother Mark Louis Anne Randall and renowned writer Mary Higgins Clark.

Among those in attendance were Most Reverend Auxillary Bishop Robert F. Hennessey, Congressman & Mrs. Stephen F. Lynch and former State Senator & Mrs. Jack Hart. The true stars of the evening were the Carmelite Sisters

who came from as far away as Kentucky and Florida and many of the dedicated employees from Marian Manor and the Framingham homes. Together they have brought compassionate care to thousands of elderly who have resided at the 3 locations in Massachusetts.

The program included a live auction entertainingly officiated over by Dan Flynn of Quincy. Guests were treated to an excellent night of camaraderie and appeared to truly enjoy the spirit of giving that filled the night. The cause of the elderly and dedicated work of the Carmelite Sisters is something that touches us all and it was truly inspiring to be part of a celebration of their life's work.

The Carmelite Sisters' mission is to continue to operate quality facilities and they are dedicated to live by the words of their Foundress, Venerable Mary Teresa Angeline, and "regard as their chief duties to receive old people, to lodge them, to feed them, to take care of them, with the same love and happiness they would have in caring for Our Lord Himself."



Honoree Mary Higgins Clark, Author, pictured with Carmelite Sisters



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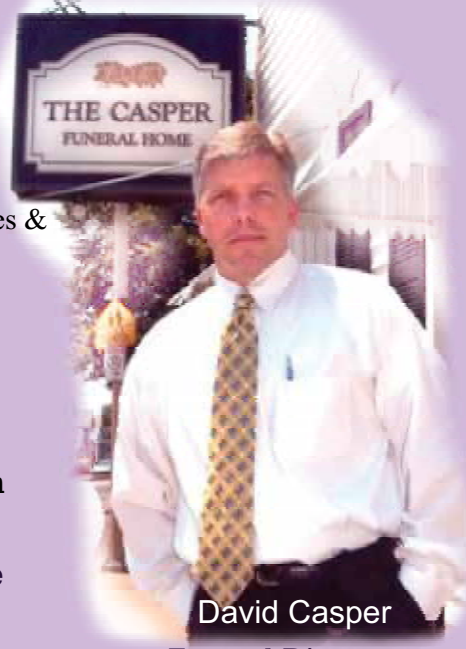
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Another Hall of Fame Induction for the Honorable Raymond Flynn



South Boston's own Ray Flynn, who needs no further title, was recently inducted into the Boston Park League Baseball Hall of Fame. Here are his remarks:

"Playing sports was an important part of our life growing up in South Boston. It was on those ball fields, parks, gyms and playgrounds where we first learned sportsmanship. I recall as a 17 year old kid from South Boston, playing against many great professional, amateur and college baseball players. Trying to pitch around Johnny MacDonald and Walt Mortimer, or hit Joe Reardon's knuckle ball, or Jimmy Collier's curve ball or keeping Bobby Timmons from stealing second and third on me, were early challenges that I had to encounter. You also learned the early lessons of humility playing against those guys. But, it just wasn't just the advanced level of playing against the best ever to come out of Boston in the oldest amateur baseball league in America, it was the kind of people you grew up with and played with.

I want to tell you about just one important lesson that I learned while playing in the Boston Senior Park League as just a teenager. And that lesson was about sportsmanship.

A quick story about my basketball days at Providence College - We were playing a big N.I.T. game at Madison Square Garden in New York City against Miami of Florida. Both teams were 2 of the best college basketball teams in the country at that time. Whoever won that game would probably win the

college basketball championship. Providence College was called America's Cinderella team because we were a small Catholic College in the smallest state in the country and we weren't supposed to be playing in the best tournament in the country before a national TV audience. We had lost earlier in the year to Miami in Providence, so beating them at the Garden was considered a big upset. In fact, legendary announcer Marty Glickman said on air that it was the greatest game he had ever announced in 34 years. Miami was led by the highest scorer in the country Rick Barry, who would later become the highest scorer in the N.B.A.

After the game, because of the crowd pouring onto the court, it was impossible to congratulate the opposing players on the court. Rick Barry and I had each been built up in the media as a classic shoot out, so the rivalry was noted. I showered quickly and walked to the exit where the Miami team would walk out onto 8th Avenue. When I spotted Rick Barry, I approached him and congratulated him and one of the other players. We only spoke for a few seconds. Fran Duggan, a Southie Boys Club coach and friend to many of us, who was at the game, asked me what made me think of doing that. I told him when I was playing for Charlestown in a Senior Park League final playoff baseball game before 10,000 fans at Dorchester Town Field when I was sent in to pinch hit against the great 93 miles an hour pitcher Artie Nowell of St. Paul's. Down by 2, with 2 outs, 2 men on and 2 strikes on me, Artie and everyone else had reason to believe that he could blow the final fastball by me. When I connected with his pitch, the ball went soaring over the right centerfield fence and we won the game and ultimately the championship.

After the game, there, waiting outside the clubhouse for me, was the great Hall of Famer Artie Nowell. He put his arm around this 17 year old kid and said "I had you 0 and 2; I should have brushed you back. Great hit kid." That's the essence of what I mean when I say 'I learned many important life's lessons from sports'.

Whether it's Little League baseball,

youth hockey, soccer, Pop Warner, BNBL, C.Y.O., girls or men's softball or the Park League, it was these organized sports programs for young boys and girls, which helped make Boston the great city that it is today. It taught us sportsmanship, discipline, teamwork, playing hard but fair, and playing by the rules. Isn't that what every parent wants for their child?

Yes, I have had the experience of

working with Presidents, Popes and Prime Ministers, but I first learned the values of sportsmanship and personal relationships from my teammates and coaches on the ball fields, gyms and playgrounds of South Boston."

Ray Flynn is the former three sports player at South Boston High School and now Boston Senior Park League Baseball Hall of Famer.

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South Boston Midget U16's Capture Mass Hockey State Championship

The South Boston Midget U16 team won the National Bound State hockey tournament on Veterans Day weekend at the New England Sports Center. There were 16 Teams competing in this tournament for the coveted trip to "Natty's" in Reston, Virginia, next April.

South Boston #3 seed team in tournament with a cord of 21-5-1 played its first game of the round-robin play on Friday night against a strong Springfield Riffle's team. Just 2 weeks ago the Shamrocks won a hard fought game by the score of 2-1. The Shamrocks let the Riffles know that that ride to Springfield 2 weeks ago was not fun, so they unleashed a 7 goal attack. The final score was 7-2 Shamrocks

On Saturday morning, the Shamrocks played a very talented Walpole Express team. The Shamrocks would be short-handed for this game as 6 players due to school exams and injury. South Boston prevailed 2-0 and would head out for a team lunch at Sully's First Edition. Sully is a long-



time friend of Coach JR. Butler's family. We were treated with great food and hospitality.

Next up later that evening was the Canton Bulldogs for a trip to the semi-finals. Both teams were undefeated going into the final game of pool play. The Shamrocks were not going to be denied as they out-worked, out-played and out-scored Canton 7-0.

With a 3-0 record going into the State Semi-finals on Sunday morning, South Boston would now face the Neponset Valley River Rats at 9:00am. This was a great game as former SB National champ and friend, Pat Welch was coaching the Rat's. This game had the billing of the Student (Welch)

against the teacher (Ted Cunniff assistant SB coach). Teddy had coached Pat back in 02' and 03' to National Championships.

The Shamrocks went up 2-0 in the game, and the River Rat's would not go easy as they made it 2-1 on a power-play goal late in the second period. That would be the final as Goal-tending and solid defense sent the Shamrocks to their 6th State Tournament title game since they were established in 2004. Another trip to Sully's to fuel up on Pasta and chicken and rest up for the 4PM Championship game.

The Shamrocks would now face off against the North Shore Vipers who cruised through their bracket with impressive wins against the E.Mass Senators 5-2, Dual-State River Hawks 8-1, Weymouth Wildcats 7-1 and a semi-final win against the undefeated 495 Stars 8-1.

Both teams came ready to play in front of a full house at the Sports Center. The Vipers jumped out to a 2-0 lead, until late in second period

when the Shamrocks scored to get with-in one. Shamrock goalie Jonathan O'Donnell would stop a penalty shot to keep it within one. Griffin Connolly would tie the game up midway through the 3rd on a power play. The teams battled throughout the 3rd period with no scoring and head into overtime tied at 2.

South Boston came out flying from the get-go as they applied steady pressure in the offensive zone and didn't allow the Viper big guns any opportunities in their own zone. Both teams played their hearts out and let it all out on the ice. With time running down in the overtime Shamrocks held the pressure in the Vipers zone and with 23 seconds left James Lydon ripped a loose puck from the point into the net to give the Shamrocks their 5th State Championship and a trip to Natty's in April 2014.

South Boston will now represent Massachusetts in the USA Hockey National Championships in Reston Virginia, April 2-6, 2014.



Mite A's celebrating another victory.

Mite A Travel Team

The youngest members of the South Boston Youth Hockey League travel program are the Mite A's. These are the kids who will help shape the future of the SBYHL and they are on fire! At just 7 and 8 years old, you can already

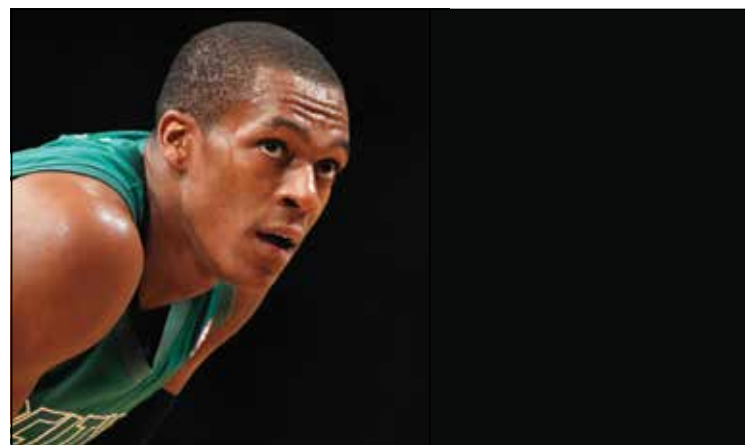
see the love and knowledge of the game. Don't get me wrong, they're still learning, but they are dominating the Valley League in the Mite Central AAA division. To date, they have a 9-0-1 record with 178 goals for and

83 goals against. Each time they step on the ice, their opponents are coming at them strong to be the first team to hand them a loss. It's not going to be an easy road ahead, but these young players are ready for it. According

to coaches Tom Harnan and Joe Burke, the kids have a great chemistry together and listen very well.

You can catch one of their games on Sunday mornings at the Simoni Rink in Cambridge, MA.

Roster: Deven Dunlap, Toby Halloran, Patrick Harnan, Thomas Harnan, Brennah Hynes, Mae Lafferty, Gregory Matthews, Maeve Murray, Jerry O'Neil, Dylan Picard, Michael Pittman, John Reidy, Keara Wilbanks, and Nolan Young.



With Stacked Draft Class, Should C's Tank? SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Conor Ryan

It didn't seem possible. The Celtics were trailing the two-time defending NBA champion Miami Heat 110-108 on Nov. 9 with just 0.06 seconds on the clock. It would have taken a miracle for the C's to tie the game, let alone take the lead. As Boston's players scrambled to get open on the final possession of the game, Gerald Wallace fired the inbound pass across the court and found Jeff Green, who had managed to break away from the pursuing LeBron James for just a brief second. With barely anytime to get into position, Green lofted up a desperate three-pointer over the outstretched arms of James. It was a one-in-a-million shot. And then, swoosh. Game over. The 2-4 Celtics had stunned Miami in their own house, 111-110.

As I sat in my dormitory room and watched the miraculous play go down, I jumped up in jubilation at the sight of my beloved C's taking down the top team in the Association. But then, it began to hit me: This was a glass-half-empty win. While it is promising to see the Celtics, just a few months removed from losing two of their cornerstone

players in Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett, string together a few wins at the start of the 2013-14 campaign, it is ultimately in the best interests of the franchise if they finish the year near the bottom of the Eastern Conference.

'Tanking' may be a hard reality to accept, especially for an organization built on success like the Celtics, but with the promising outlook of a stacked 2014 NBA Draft, the role as cellar dweller this year might be the best recipe for a quick return to prominence for the C's.

Currently, the Celtics are 4-7 and are third in the Atlantic Division: Pretty solid considering they boast a roster consisting of spare-part players such as Wallace, Jordan Crawford and Brandon Bass, as well as a first-year coach in Brad Stevens. However, the C's are facing a dilemma. Already placed in a woefully underperforming Eastern Conference, the Celtics simply have too many assets to really be a team that can earn a top-five pick in next year's draft.

Boston's situation should only get more complicated in late December, as All-Star guard Rajon Rondo is

scheduled to return after missing almost a year recovering from a torn ACL. With Rondo added to a team, the Celtics are a .500 team. Hell, they might even sneak into the playoffs as a seven or eight seed. This is precisely the spot that no NBA team wants to be in: Bad enough that you will never contend for a title, but not horrible enough that you can get that a high pick in the draft to turn your fortunes around. Teams like the Bucks and Hawks have been stuck in this situation for years now, and seem permanently entrenched in that seven-eight seed position for years to come.

Simply put, the Celtics cannot afford to be in that spot. Whether it be holding Rondo off the court for as long as possible or even trading Rondo or a player like Jeff Green, the Celtics need to tane this year in order for a shot to rebuild through the draft.

Whether it is the Bulls (Jordan), Cavaliers (James), Spurs (Duncan, Robinson), Thunder (Durant) or countless other franchises, each team found their way back to the top by acquiring a franchise player in the draft.

The Celtics have certainly picked a

good year to break apart their team and contend for a pick, as the 2014 Draft looks to be one of the most stacked classes in years. So far, it seems like just netting a top-five pick will get you a franchise player, as Andrew Wiggins, Jabari Parker, Julius Randle, Marcus Smart and Aaron Gordon all look like future superstars in the NBA.

If the Celtics were able to one of these players to a promising core of Rondo, Green, Avery Bradley and Jared Sullinger, it would not be out of the cards for the Celtics to return as one of the NBA's elite teams in just a few seasons. Yes, for any team, especially here in Boston, losing is hard to accept. However, losing is sometimes the nature of the game, especially in the NBA.

It's the circle of life in basketball: A team becomes a title contender, slowly declines, breaks apart its core, endures a few rough years, then drafts the next big star and repeats the process. It may not be fun to see the Celtics struggle, but as long as Boston continues to pile up losses, the rebirth of this proud franchise may not be very far away.



Patriots Fall to Panthers in Quarterback Duel

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

by David Pollard

Talk back to David at DPollard@SouthBostonToday.com



The Patriots took on the Carolina Panthers in a Monday Night Football showdown between veteran quarterback Tom Brady and third year quarterback Cam Newton. Despite having experience on their side it was the versatility of Newton that would carry the Panthers to a 24-20 victory.

Coming into the match, the Panthers were 6-3 and had won 5 straight games. New England knew scoring would be difficult, as Carolina's defense ranks in the top 10 in all major categories. In the 5 games prior to facing New England, the Panthers had given up 10, 15, 13, 10, and 9 points; Carolina had allowed an average of 12.8 points

per game, making them the 2nd most effective defense in the league.

The difference on Monday night was timely execution. After a game-tying 9 play, 80 yard drive that resulted in a Stephen Ridley touchdown, the Patriots forced a 3-and-out on the Panthers, who had to punt from deep in their own end - giving Tom Brady his best field position of the day. The Pats offense could not get down the field and had to settle for a field goal, giving New England a 20-17 lead.

With 6:32 left in the 4th quarter Cam Newton took his team down the field, using his feet to pick up big yards in order to keep the drive alive. The drive took 13 plays, covering

83 yards, but Newton finished it off with a 25 yard touchdown pass to Ted Ginn Jr., giving Carolina a 24-20 lead with just 59-seconds remaining on the clock.

Tom Brady took the drive to the 18-yard line, but on the final play Brady was rushed, and tried to force a pass to TE Rob Gronkowski, which resulted in a game ending interception.

It was a hard fought battle all the way through, but when it came down to crunch time, it was the Panthers, and particularly Cam Newton, who shined. For the Patriots, they need to improve on defense, which is no easy task when Jarrod Mayo and Vince Wilfork will not return this season.

Aqib Talib made his return, and many wondered if he would be the same impact player he was in the first 6 weeks of the season. On Monday, 34-year old WR Stephen Smith frustrated Talib, and got the better of him throughout the match. No doubt, there may be some rust in Talib's game after missing 3 games with a bye week in between. Talib took a foolish penalty getting wrapped up with Smith after a play in which Smith flat out beat Talib - the penalty helped the Panthers put up their first touchdown of the game.

Other areas of concern for the Pats surfaced in this game, Stephen

Ridley had a rushing touchdown, but also had an untimely fumble early in the 2nd quarter when New England was threatening to score their first points of the game. The ensuing Carolina drive resulted in a field goal (after another bad penalty by Talib on 3rd and 10 kept that drive alive). Ridley wouldn't see the field again until the 4th quarter.

The Patriots had their opportunities but could not get on the board until Stephen Gostowski kicked a field goal with 1:09 left in the 1st half. Interestingly, with 2 time-outs remaining, Bill Belichick chose not to stop the clock when the defense made a stand against Carolina, taking away any further chance for the Pats to put points up before the half ended.

In the 2nd half, the offense woke up a bit. Rob Gronkowski would tie the game at 10 after powering through 3 Carolina defenders, and stretching his arms backward across the goal-line.

Newton would respond on the following drive, the highlight of which came on a 3rd down and 7, the Pat's pass rush had Newton dead-to-rights in the backfield, but Newton caused three Patriots to whiff on tackles before picking 14 yards for a first down. The third year QB showed off his arm as

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well, going 7/7 on the drive, which ended in a Greg Olson touchdown reception on a corner route that Devin McCourty could not defend, putting the Panthers up 17-10.

The Patriots would score the next 10 points before Newton put the Panthers back ahead for good. For New England, it was a frustrating loss, as the inability to capitalize was apparent. The defense remains a work in progress, as they were unable to stop Cam Newton with an average offense.

Newton would end the night 19/28, throwing for 209 yards, rushing for 62, with 3 TD passes and 0 interceptions. Tom Brady went 29/40 for 296 yards with 1 TD pass and 1 interception on the final play of the game. Most importantly, Newton stepped big when it mattered most, on the ground and through the air - propelling his team to victory as the Pats fell to 7-3.

There were some good signs for the Patriots as well, the offensive approach was solid, they won the time of possession battle by a slim margin,

but untimely errors caused the Pats to come away with less points than they would have in a clean game.

Getting healthy always helps, Shane Vereen looked solid in his return, he led the team with 8 receptions and 65 yards, and had a big impact on 3rd down conversions for the Patriots. Despite Aqib Talib not looking quite like himself, he's necessary to round out New England's back field.

The Patriots will need to leave this loss behind them quickly, as the road ahead does not provide any time to dwell. New England's next match up is another primetime game, this time Sunday Night Football, against the 9-1 Denver Broncos.



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

DANNY PICARD: Jerry, I'll get right to it. What's your reaction to this non-call at the end of the Monday night game? I'll tell you what I think. When they throw the flag, and even afterwards, when Mike Reiss -- as the pool reporter -- asked them why they threw the flag, and the reasoning was exactly what I thought when I was watching. I think "contact" is not giving it enough credit because it was more like Luke Kuechly was giving Rob Gronkowski the "Rock Bottom" in the back of the end zone. But I thought the flag was a good flag, and the reasoning for them pulling it back is ridiculous. You can't pull that flag once you throw it. What's your reaction to it?

JERRY THORNTON: I agree 100,000 percent. Because you know what, look. We've all complained about tacky, ticky-tack fouls. I've called it the NBA of football, when you see guys going out, and their only purpose is to try to draw a flag, and if there's any contact at all, they're looking at the refs and doing the flag motion. Okay, we all feel that football has gone too far in the other direction. You pick, NOW to swing the pendulum back? I've heard the argument that, "Oh well, you don't want a game decided on that." Since when? They decide games on this stuff all the time. And people are saying, "Yeah, but part of the complaint about the push-gate call with the Jets is that you shouldn't call it because you don't want to see a game decided." The major difference being is that they never call that push [penalty]. They

call the pass interference, all the time. Now, there's another counter-argument I'm hearing already, that the ball was uncatchable, that [Gronkowski] was in the back of the end zone, and the play was four yards shy. I invite you to re-watch the play, if that's your argument. Gronk got grabbed before the spot where the ball ended up by Kuechly and pushed him back. That's what he was doing in the back of the end zone. He was turning to go to where Brady threw the ball. That's how the play was designed. And he just got manhandled to the back of the end zone. There is no way that you pick that flag up, especially coming from the side judge and the umpire, whoever the hell called it. They called it from a million miles away. they just didn't have the stones to make the call. And here's my point, Danny. That wouldn't have given the Patriots the game. it would've set them up on first-and-goal from the 1-yard line, with an untimed play. They still have to punch it in to win the game. let it be settled that way. But there's no way you can convince me that that call wasn't completely blown by refs who panicked in the moment.

DP: My biggest issue is, when they pick the flag up, their reasoning for it is, "We ruled that it was uncatchable." Well, their ruling that it was uncatchable was based on the result of the play. And last time I checked, you can't review penalty calls. You can't review pass interference plays. So, by them saying it's uncatchable because of the result of the play, they're saying, "Well, we

basically reviewed this." Do you know how many pass interference plays you could go back on and have that reasoning for? It doesn't make sense. You can't review it. So, when the flag is thrown, at the time of the contact, at the time the flag was thrown, science tells you that nobody has any idea that that ball was going to be catchable or not, at the time the flag was thrown.

JT: And how about on the receiving end of that attempted touchdown was the best tight end ever to play the game. How about that? So, there aren't too many uncatchable balls, when you're Gronk. If it was uncatchable, it might have something to do with the fact that he had Luke Kuechly draped all over him. Why don't they mention that that's a factor? That if he doesn't have Luke Kuechly up in his grill mix that he's going to catch that ball because he's Rob flippin' Gronkowski. And how about this, even if you want to accept it and give the refs the benefit of the doubt, how about an explanation? How about you get on the friggin' PA system and let us know what the call was. My reaction to it was that Tom Brady's reaction was restrained. He showed remarkable poise in restrain. He was like friggin' Gandhi, compared to how I would have been, had I been in there. And for your listeners who don't know, he got up in the referee's grill and was F-bombin' him and screaming at him with very good reason.

DP: And people will complain, "Oh Brady's a sore loser." No, I'd rather see somebody take losing to heart and be

passionate about it. And the example I give, and what I hate, I hate when players -- 10 seconds after a tough loss -- are laughing with the other team that just beat them, at the 50-yard line. And then to go to another sport, the worst situation like that that I have ever seen, was last year when the Miami Heat beat the San Antonio Spurs in the NBA Finals, and Gregg Popovich might as well have been in the Heat locker room popping champagne bottles for them. His team just lost a championship, and he's hugging Dwayne Wade as if he's about to get a championship T-shirt with the Miami Heat logo on it. I can't understand it. So I don't call Brady a sore loser. I actually liked what I saw from him, the passion as he stormed off the field. And I probably would have been doing the same thing, even worse.

JT: Oh yeah, absolutely. And I'm with ya too. We all get that these guys are sort of colleagues in a way or whatever. None of us are asking them to take each other out with hits on one another. We get that, but, there's a time to be nice, and it's not immediately following a tough loss, or when somebody just beat you for a championship. That's when you give the minimum handshake. You certainly don't pull a Popovich on these guys. I'm with you 1,000 percent. Give me a guy who goes bananas after a tough loss, over a guy who smiles, any day. As the great General Patton said, "I wouldn't give a hoot in hell for a man who lost and laughed."

DP: Getting into some of the

other aspects of the Patriots loss to the Panthers, outside of this non-penalty call. And when I look at this, before I even get to the Patriots and their fourth-quarter drive in which they kicked a field goal before Cam Newton drove the Panthers down for the game-winning score, I have to give Cam Newton credit. He answered Tom Brady multiple times in this game, and I didn't think he was going to be able to do it. He did it with his legs, and then he did it with his arm. We would not be doing sports analysis -- and NFL analysis -- justice, if we didn't give Cam Newton credit for being pretty damn good in this game.

JT: Absolutely, and this was Carolina treating this like a Super Bowl. And every year, the Patriots play a couple teams that their franchise has been kind of downtrodden, and they treat it like the biggest game they've ever had. A quick example pops to mind when they played Cleveland a few years back, and Eric Mangini was coaching them. And after they won the game, they gave Mangini a Gatorade bath. That's how Patriot games tend to be. And for Carolina, that's how this was. They've been down, and this was them hosting a game on Monday Night Football and they haven't had a lot of primetime games, so, Newton gets the ball, and he needs a field goal to tie the game, and that's one of those put-up or shut-up times for a young quarterback. This is where you show that you have the grapes to do what it takes. And yeah, he absolutely did. And the Patriots defense lives or dies by the turnover. Well, this was the first time in I think 36 games -- which is the longest streak in the NFL -- that their defense didn't produce a turnover. And that's largely the credit of Cam Newton. So, yeah, I give the guy kudos. And Danny, when he was coming out of college, I said he was going to be a colossal bust. I didn't like him. A great line I heard last night was, "He's been in the NFL three years, and he's been a pro for five years." This guy was surrounded by an entourage and sneaker company executives, and I was going to make marshmallows on the flames of his career. Well, I've never been more wrong in my life than I was with him. He's got a head on his shoulders, he can play the game, he's got ball skills, he's everything you could want in a quarterback, I think.



DP: And I think it's his charisma on the field that I think pisses people off. But I'll tell you this, I agree with you, I thought the same thing. I thought he was going to be a punk. And you see him [Monday] night after the game, and I had to look up to make sure that was him. I was on my computer, and they were asking him postgame questions on the field, and all he was doing was praising the Patriots. He might as well have been a Patriots player praising the other team after a win. I had to look up to make sure that was Cam Newton. I'm saying, wow, he impressed me just listening to him. But I figured he'd be the type of kid, after that type of night, that he would be out there pounding his chest and giving the Superman sign on ESPN. So, clearly this kid is at a maturity level to go along with the winning football. That's pretty impressive. You have to give him credit for that. But I want to go back to -- and the Ridley fumble in the red zone certainly cost them -- but that Patriots drive, in which they kicked the field goal late, before Cam Newton drove them down for the game-winning Ted Ginn Jr. touchdown. The field goal put the Pats up 20-17. Before that, you get a 1st-and-10 at the Carolina 17-yard line, following a pass to Gronkowski. 1st-and-10 from the 17, tie ball game. You go Blount run, Blount run, incomplete pass to Dobson. That's terrible play calling on the first two plays, to me. I know they like the running game, but I'm sorry, when it's fourth quarter, and you're on the road, and you have Tom Brady in a groove in the second half, you need to be throwing the football

on first or second down, on one of those plays. To me, that's bad play calling. Outside of the non-penalty call, this is where the Patriots lost the game, on that drive, having to kick a field goal.

JT: I disagree with you only on one small point. I think you're not emphasizing the third-down call enough. Because that, I thought, was really the most bogus call by Josh McDaniels in the game. And I do agree with you about taking the ball out of Brady's hands, but having said that, Blount set them up with a 3rd-and-1. And in the 3rd-and-1 call, they went into a Jumbo package, which is two tight ends and two running backs, and split Dobson out by himself out wide. And you've pretty much limited your options on that play. And I guess I can see the logic, that, you know, they've just gashed them with a couple of runs, so they'll get Carolina to load up. But I mean, you're options on that play are really: hit Dobson, where he's probably double covered; get Gronk out into the end zone, and that's about it. Because you're not going to throw the ball to James Develin. They never have. And he was on the field. And Matthew Mulligan is your other option, and they're not going to throw it to him. So yeah, I thought that was just a terrible call at that point, unless maybe Brady audibled out of the run because Carolina loaded up. But you know what; just call the timeout there or something. Because that's not how you're going to pick up the yard. Now where you're going to leave Vereen and Amendola and Edelman and all these guys who know exactly where

the sticks are, on the bench. That was the call that I thought cost them the game as much as anything.

DP: I don't like that third-down call either. I was just thinking big-picture, on that set of downs. Once you get that first down at the 17, to kick a field goal on that set of downs where you get into the red zone, they come away from it saying, "We didn't hit Gronk or Amendola. They didn't even get a look there." That can't happen.

JT: Your point is very well taken. Those are your best weapons. You've got the Swiss-army knife of receiving weapons available now to you because they're healthy for the first time all season. And you don't look to any of them on the three plays. I agree with you wholeheartedly on that. I think the third down was the worst of the three, but they all made it to the podium of the worst play calls of the game.

DP: State of the Patriots is what?

JT: I think they're positioned for a playoff run, and I've said this basically since the end of last season, when Baltimore won. It's really not about anything more than just getting into the playoffs. And we all put a lot of emphasis on the bye weeks and getting a home game and all that other stuff, and that's great, and you would think it would help. But I've looked at the eight teams that have won the Super Bowl since the Patriots did, and there's no pattern there. Half of the teams that have won championships since 2004 had to win three games to get there. Three of them were wild card teams, meaning that they had to play all their games on the road. Baltimore, last year, went into the playoffs 1-4 in their last five regular season games. They just got there, they took care of the ball, they made other teams turn it over, and they won. So, I think that the Patriots are still a work in progress. I thought their offense looked good [Monday]. They moved the ball against a very good Carolina team on the road. They'll have their hands full [in Week 12]. After that, their schedule is just full of tomato cans. So, this loss didn't deter me at all. They've lost three games, two of them were to terrible calls at the end of the game, games that they could have and should have won. I'm no less optimistic about their chances than I was going into [Monday] night.

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