



A Rising Tide - Whither Quincy?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Staff Report

Boston planning and development gurus ignore the fast growing City of Quincy at their peril. Economists around the country are promoting regional planning, with a major city at the center, as the more

strategic approach to competing with cities around the globe.

Boston and its municipal neighbors have just gotten dramatically more competitive. The Chinese carrier Hainan Airlines has received federal approval to offer nonstop service from Boston to Beijing starting in June 2014, providing a boost to Logan International Airport's global ambitions and the state's strengthening economic ties to China. With a growing Asian community in Quincy, a more than \$1 billion investment in its center, the migration of life science companies and back office financial services firms, proximity to Boston, and affordable housing stock and an aggressive marketing campaign makes Quincy a likely competitor to Cambridge.

Quincy is not waiting for Boston or Cambridge to join forces with it to create an economic development

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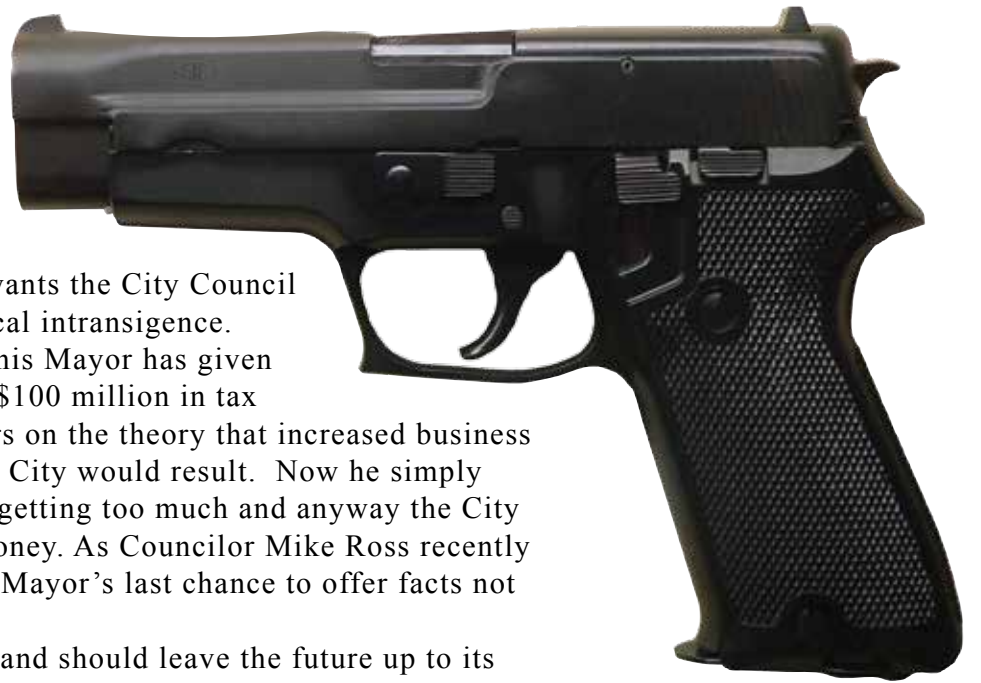
When the bombs went off most people, especially those far enough away not to see but sense danger, probably tried to get away. Most of those cops, initially confused and bewildered, probably wanted to get away. Instead their training and dedication kicked in and they ran toward the danger. Many others did also. Now, it is the police contract under pressure and in political debate.

Recently articles have appeared and statements made stating that police work is not any more dangerous than it used to be. Twenty years ago police officers in Boston carried six-shooters and bullet proof vests first being considered on a trial basis. The average armed bad guy today is carrying a hand gun with 16 rounds and body armor is purchased readily on the internet. It

certainly seems like a more dangerous world.

The Mayor, after 20 years, still can't reach an agreement and now, on his way out the door, wants the City Council to follow his illogical intransigence. Illogical, because this Mayor has given perhaps more than \$100 million in tax breaks to developers on the theory that increased business and revenue for the City would result. Now he simply says the police are getting too much and anyway the City doesn't have the money. As Councilor Mike Ross recently stated, "This is the Mayor's last chance to offer facts not speculation".

He couldn't do it and should leave the future up to its future leaders.



*"Members of Congress must live according to the same laws as everyone else."
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SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
John Ciccone

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There are several topics to touch on this week, as we hit you with another 'bits and pieces' column. Most know this already, but we were surprised to learn that there were actually some residents who weren't aware that towing for street cleaning is now over for the year. That's right, you can relax. You do not have to worry about moving your car for the street sweepers, as it all came to an end last Friday. What will the convoys of tow trucks and their drivers do now to occupy their time? We're positive they will find someone to tow.

Some residents at the Foley Apartments on H Street asked us here at South Boston Today to make mention of the continued generosity shown every year by Touchie McDonough and his family and the staff at the Shamrock Pub. Each year on Thanksgiving Day, Touchie and the crew deliver free and delicious home cooked turkey dinners to any resident of the Foley Apartments who wants one. We have so many good and generous people in South Boston and Touchie and his family rank right up there with the best of them.

Speaking of Thanksgiving, hopefully your family wasn't one of those who had to indulge a programmed relative lecturing you at the dinner table about the greatness of Obamacare. It was reported in the national press that Obama's political operatives sent out a mailing to all of the 'Obots' on their list of supporters and disciples with talking points to bring up with the family. The goal

of the Obots was to try to convince all that they should immediately sign up for the plan and like it. For those who try hard not to overeat on Thanksgiving, this might have been just what was needed to kill an appetite.

Speaking of Obamacare, November 30th, you know, the target date to fix the website to enroll in the plan has come and gone and it's STILL not working right. They've had well over a year to build it and spent over \$300 million on the site and it's still a mess. We have a couple of local young tech whizzes who put together and operate the South Boston Today websites and ours are working just fine. And it didn't even cost us \$300 million. I'm thinking the White House should have asked our guys for some advice on how to build a website that actually works.


Black Friday shopping once again this year had its share of problems with overly aggressive bargain seekers. In addition to the annual reports of shootings, stabbings and full blown riots, a new dimension has been added. In several locations around the country, people did battle with stun guns and tasers to make sure they got the items they wanted to buy. If anything, it's really starting to get creative as far as what people will do while shopping for those bargains.

Shock of all shocks, as of last Sunday, the Town of Brookline, MA is now a 'plastic bag free zone'. That's right, stores are no longer permitted to ask that familiar question "Paper or

Plastic?" No plastic bags and no Styrofoam coffee cups allowed in Brookline. Global Warming you know. As one reader pointed out, it wasn't too long ago that paper bags and cups were frowned upon by these same activists and busy bodies, warning about Global 'Cooling' back then, who said that far too many trees needed to be cut down to make those items. But fads and trends being that all-consuming force that they are; especially in moonbat

enclaves like Brookline and of course Cambridge, people there are easily led around by con men like Al Gore and so many other hucksters. Gore, it is well-known, personally uses more fuel and energy and causes more pollution with his private jets than any 20 average American families combined. But he wants the rest of us to live in tents and rollerblade to work. In Brookline, the mantra is 'people have the


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On Capitol Hill, take the heated

battle over the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. Two years ago, the entire party establishment courted Congressman Stephen Lynch's support in favor of the Affordable Care Act. Longtime and current supporters of Lynch, who criticized his vote at the time, now admit to Lynch's courage and wisdom. Unions and their members from all over the country fought for decades - and continue to do so - in order to achieve fair wages and benefits. What would be the point of supporting a bill that weakened their benefits and made them pay more for

At the time national union groups rallied in favor of what is now considered by many to be a disastrous bill. They also railed against those who didn't vote in favor of it. Let's highlight and remember the fact that most Members of Congress never knew what they were voting on. - The vote was taken blindly. Congressman Lynch held a consistent position that he would not sign on to a bill that he did not entirely read yet. Members of the House had 3 days to read and understand 2,000 pages of 'lawyer-speak'. The Speaker of the House at that time was Nancy Pelosi- who was thought to have had a hand in crafting the bill - famously announced at a press conference -" we need to pass the bill to know what's in it". Yes, she actually said that, but they passed it anyway.

We send our elected officials to Congress and the State House to actually read, understand, and make their best judgment on matters that affect our quality of life. No issue is as important as health care.

plan, but it is certainly staking its claim as an acceptable, viable and possibly smarter option for investment dollars. Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch announced a new economic development initiative aimed at attracting innovative, entrepreneurial start-up businesses. The Quincy Center for Innovation, housed at Eastern Nazarene campus, will provide a flexible and affordable environment along with a variety of support services to assist start-up companies and aspiring entrepreneurs. The 12,500 square-foot facility will also provide a variety of events, education, programs and one-on-one mentoring as well as access to an extensive network of industry experts providing assistance to help start-up companies grow and expand. With Boston as the Hub, Quincy and Cambridge, and maybe even Somerville forms a natural corridor of opportunity for the growing and diverse international population.

For Boston, it makes sense to lead a regional economic development strategy that leverages the various strengths of its partners and sister cities. Academic institutions, corporate headquarters, a skilled workforce, affordable and luxury housing, a bustling waterfront about to be improved upon, all add up to jobs, jobs and more jobs. Partnering rather than pilfering may be a smarter approach to attracting big players and employers. As the cliché suggests, “a rising tide lifts all boats”.

The logo for SBT (Shane Bauer TV) is displayed on a dark gray background. It features the letters "SBT" in a large, white, sans-serif font at the top. Below this, a thin white horizontal line separates the top "SBT" from a second "SBT" rendered in a large, black, serif font. At the bottom of the logo are two square social media icons: a blue Facebook icon with a white "f" and a light blue Twitter icon with a white bird.



Reading Between The Lines

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Brian R. Mahoney

“50-6? An Honor”

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Cut it out. Paste it in your scrap book. Frame and hang it for the entrance to your home. Put it on your business cards. Put the entire roster on there too. All fifteen of you. Don't forget the cheerleaders. They were with you every step of the way to the very end.

Fifty to six. Many would be embarrassed by such a score. To be straight, it isn't a result that your coach, you or your fans were looking for. We all want to win. Nobody plays to lose, but we sometimes lose sight of the fact that football or any sport or game is so much more than winning or losing. There is the skill aspect, because obviously you have to learn the particular game. Discipline is an aspect equal to all other elements in a game. The time and training and effort have to be mandatory and consistent.

Maybe the most important elements are commitment and sacrifice. Back perhaps in July or August you began your preparation for this season. Probably many more started out in those early hot days. Then school, homework, practice into the cold dusk after school. For different reasons, some began to fall away, but at least fifteen honored the commitment and bond. Loss after loss and still you came. South Boston football once ruled the city, if not the state. There is a long, long proud tradition. Auburn vs. Alabama was all the talk this past weekend, but Southie-Eastie is older than that. When Knute Rockne told his Notre Dame team to “win one for the Gipper”, Southie-Eastie was already decades old.

Listening to a sports show on the way home from the Thanksgiving game, we heard some of Jermaine

Wiggins' memories of this day. Wiggins, you may recall, was Brady's leading receiver in the Oakland “Snow Bowl” game and a member of the Patriots' first superbowl victory. He recalled his biggest desire was to appear in the state high school superbowl and not the NFL Superbowl. He never did make the Mass. Superbowl, but his fondest memories were of the Southie-Eastie game. “It's an ancient rivalry and players from both sides going back twenty and thirty years would show up to remind us what was at stake”.

He is not the first pro football champion to emerge from these schools. Hopefully he's not the last. As he pointed out, though, that future was never the goal or object, at least not this day. On this day the game was everything.

How daunting it must have been when the team first walked onto the field. The wind chill was hovering around ten degrees as fifteen teammates looked across the field at an East Boston team with at least 45 players. By the end of the first quarter an injury reduced the fifteen to fourteen. Nobody can ever remember a winless Southie High team. By half time and East Boston leading 30-0 every member of the team knew 0-10 would soon be 0-11. The temptation to just send out the team mascot with a white flag must have been great. Just pack it in at half time like many in the meager home crowd of about 75 people had started to do. No more getting pounded in the frigid cold, with the score getting run up and the stands virtually empty.

That would have been the easy way. That is not the way this team is made. We can all remember glories past. Undefeated teams. Unscored

upon teams. Championship runs spanning two decades. This team was the equal to any one of those in spirit and honor. Eastie didn't let up. It's a long rivalry and we would do the same. They kept scoring trying to drive the final stake into the team.

This Southie team refused to die. Despite every effort, with the first Eastie defense on the field to the final gun, Southie fought and pushed and simply would not quit. Finally they were rewarded with a score. It was a touchdown that took as much effort and was as important as any ever

scored over the years. It said you may outscore us and beat us on the field, but we will never quit and you will never defeat us.

If just the former players from both teams showed up it would be a packed house instead of the small, tiny gathering it has become. If that happy day comes and the stands are full once again this team will have a place of honor reserved on the fifty yard line as the team that would not quit. Be proud, as we are proud of you.

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Window Into The State House

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Andy Metzger

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education.

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

House Speaker Robert DeLeo anticipates “hot and heavy” discussion over the Senate’s minimum wage bill, and hopes for the finalization soon of three major bills so that the House can turn its attention toward an economic development bill and other matters in 2014.

Shortly before its final formal session of the year, the Senate last week voted 32-7 for a bill (S 1925) raising the minimum wage to \$11 by 2016 and hitching future increases to inflation, a proposal that has energized business owners and unions in opposite directions. “It’s garnering much interest shall we say, and I expect it’s going to be a hot

and heavy month in terms of people coming forward,” said DeLeo, who said he had met with Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce CEO Paul Guzzi, Mass. High Tech Council President Chris Anderson, restaurant owners and union officials.

DeLeo has previously said unemployment insurance reform should be included in a bill that would increase the minimum wage. Beacon Hill Democrats over the years have blocked proposals to reduce the duration of jobless benefits and to tighten eligibility, as other states have. Business groups say Massachusetts needs to tackle unemployment insurance system rules to address competitiveness concerns.

DeLeo is “anxiously awaiting” a report from his task force on gun violence and said that he planned to meet with ministers from Boston on the issue. The Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security is also awaiting that task force report before moving ahead with gun legislation.

The Speaker said he is also hoping the weeks leading up to the January can be spent reconciling the House and Senate versions of bills regulating the pharmaceutical industry, providing additional benefits to veterans and reforming the welfare system.

Senate President Therese Murray has signaled water infrastructure as a priority for her in her last session

as leader of the branch, and proposed a bill that would ease access to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and allow for an additional \$50 million in borrowing for local water projects.

After voters decriminalized marijuana via the 2008 ballot and legalized medical marijuana via the 2012 ballot, marijuana activists are pushing to pose non-binding questions to voters next year in advance of a push to put full marijuana legalization on the 2016 ballot. DeLeo said he has concerns but would respect the will of the voters.

SURVEY: SALES RISE AT MASS. “MOM AND POP” STORES

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Danny O,



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About The Fort Point Arts Community:

The Fort Point Arts Community, Inc. of South Boston (FPAC) is a non-profit

community organization founded in 1980 and run by neighborhood artists and volunteers. Our mission is to promote the work of our artists to a broad and diverse audience; to preserve the artists' community in Fort Point area; to maintain and expand access to affordable studio space; and to increase the visibility of the arts in Fort Point.

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By Norman Crump

The first time I said that it was almost twenty years ago. Not too many years after that I opened my first gallery. Since then I've heard others say it in various ways, which is a clear indicator that I'm not alone in my belief that artists travel a hard road and need the support of the community in order to make art their life's work.

What I've come to realize through these many years of painting here in South Boston is that this is a town full of active artists, and artist communities and that artist are workers like everyone else. We work hard at our craft, driven by the seeds of creativity which have turned our interest into a passion and that

passion is to make art, all the time. But unlike many workers in other industries there is no direct deposit at the end of the week. In fact for artists there's no guarantee of remuneration at all. What artists do have at the end of the creative process is a result – a work of art – a “product” let's say. So what next?

Like all products we want to get it into the hands of the customer. Whether we're a gallery artist, graphic artist, an installation artist, we sell our art or don't sell, there's no real roadmap to show what works and what doesn't in terms of bringing a work of art into the hands of a buyer. In truth most people in the arts aren't very good at business – not every artist even wants

to do business, but the artist that wants to support themselves with their craft has to find a way. What could be better than making a living at what you love?

There's a piece of the artist's soul in each work of art, so it's difficult for an artist to enter the market place, face the critics and even possible rejection. What most artists want people to know is that art is not a mystery for the elite few. Art is for everyone. You don't need be concerned that you may not know what's good art and what's bad art. It's subjective, it's what you like, what pleases you when you view it, what provokes you to think, maybe even challenges you in some way. If

you are moved or inspired by what you see, then consider owning it.

Who knows after the new electronics are already obsolete and the living room set is worn out and sitting on the curb waiting for the garbage man, that painting you purchased could be on its way to paying for your grandchildren's education.

Being in the arts is not a sprint it's a marathon, and with the help of you the public the actor, singer, writer, sculptor and painter live to create another day.

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South Boston Around the Globe



“Admiral George D. Murray”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
By Staff

Before leaving the Thanksgiving spirit behind it's important to note that Thanksgiving is bookended by two historical military events that underline our reasons to be thankful. This issue of South Boston Around the Globe features a native who was part of both events.

George Dominic Murray was born July 6, 1889 and lived at 250 C Street. He graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1910 and became the 22nd Naval Aviator in history in 1915 and served during WWI. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month originally signified the end of that war, but later evolved into today's Veteran's Day. It is, however, the other bookend, December 7, 1941, where, arguably and without exaggeration, his actions then and in the future

decided American and the world's fate during those dark days.

Rising to the ranks as Captain he now commanded the U.S.S. Enterprise and, because of his dedication to his task, the Carrier was out at sea on training when the attack occurred on that day of 'infamy'. Aircraft carriers, the Japanese' main target, were thus spared otherwise the entire U.S. West Coast was unprotected. America, militarily, was completely unprepared for war in both materiel and manpower. Nevertheless it was decided a retaliatory strike against Japan was needed to prove they were vulnerable also.

On April 18, 1942 Captain Murray brought a battle group of the carriers Enterprise and Hornet undetected to within 600 miles of Japan. On board the Hornet were 16 B-17

bombers which could only take off on a one way bombing mission over Tokyo. This was the famous Doolittle Raid. At that point, detection was unavoidable, the planes were launched and Captain Murray successfully escaped with no losses.

The next and most important action for Murray and the Enterprise was the Battle of Midway in June 1942, a battle that stopped Japanese Western expansion and in which the Enterprise received major credit. Then, Admiral Murray received the Japanese surrender of the Carolina Island Chain including Truk Island on September 2, 1945.

The U. S. S. Enterprise is a legend. That legend was created during WWII under the command of a son of South Boston. This truly just a snapshot of the many

accolades this extraordinary man achieved. Murray was awarded the Gray Eagle which signifies the most senior Naval Aviator. Upon his death and burial at Arlington National Cemetery June 18, 1956 he was awarded his fourth star as full Admiral. The Murray family home is now in Gloucester. In a conversation with great grand nephew Matt Murray he said that on occasion, at family gatherings, different relatives still recall stories and anecdotes of growing up in the lower end with the Admiral once musing he received no "finer lesson in loyalty than growing up in Southie".

South Boston is honored to memorialize, in this small way, a man who has done so much for his country and, by effect, South Boston itself. We remain grateful to his memory.



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: *The Greatest Gift of All: Giving*

Christmas; it comes but once a year. A time that allows ladies to wear sparkles, sequins and glitter all in outfit and permits for any reason to raise a glass of cheer, not matter the day, or more importantly, the time of day. Giving license to spend foolishly and with reckless abandon; that is, until the bills start rolling in on December 26th at 12:01am. Want to lift some of that impending guilt? Spend some of that credit on those who need it. Sure- it shouldn't be just about the presents. But, it's not the actual, physical gift giving. Moreover, it was what that symbolizes. For one, it shows those children, who would otherwise not have any presents on the holiday, that others care about them, and teaches them to do the same in return. Feeling like you matter, being acknowledged in this world, is, I think, the most important consideration one can give to another. It also presses upon those receiving the goodwill and cheer, that what we do in this world, matters;

both giver and receiver feel validation and reason for what was done. It's the reason for the season.

They Got It in the Bag

Eastern Bank and Vince Wilfork are teaming up with Toys for Tots in a 2nd Annual Toys for Tots drive. Through Saturday December 14th, Eastern Bank located on West Broadway, is collecting new and unwrapped toys. Toys for Tots will distribute to local kids and families who would otherwise not have any gifts on Christmas day. If you cannot get down to Eastern Bank by 12/14, or would rather make a monetary donation, you can do so online. Relive your youth and pick up a Dr. Barbie or Hot Wheels set. easternbank.com

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Deck the Halls

You know you are doing it right if there is a WAITING LIST to volunteer on a Saturday afternoon in December. Harpoon Helps is back again with it's 10th Annual Harpoon Helps Spread

Holiday Cheer event this Saturday, December 7th, 11am-3pm. It is a program that recruits people to help decorate local shelters, soup kitchens and other spaces, for the occasion and share warm greetings and smiles. This is done all over the country, but in the homeland of Harpoon, there are so many people who want to do good that there is a waiting list. All are encouraged to still sign up but if you can also give in another way. HH is asking for donations of \$10 gift cards to places like Target, Dunkin' Donuts and Stop & Shop to name a few; these g/c will be handed out to the parents in the family shelters to go and buy some goodies from them to their kids in time for Santa's arrival. Ho, Ho, Help. harpoonhelps.com

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Stepping Out: *Ready, Set, Shop!*

We all know this time of year means you need an extra hour to get to where you need to go and do what you need to do. Sure, if it was a Tuesday morning in July, the Post Office on 2nd may not have much of a wait, but that's a different story come December. Same goes for the mall, grocery store or pharmacy. Have you ever been to Stop & Shop South Bay at 11pm on any given day, let alone the holiday season? Everyone has the same bright idea to take a workday off and get it done. This should encourage you to want to just stroll down the street and get your necessities and other Christmas niceties and stop the madness. What was awesome about Small Business Saturday is that it reminds all that Southie has so many shops that cater to the everyday and special occasions. Continue to frequent these places and you will be

driving down 93S to the SSP much less often, I guarantee it. What's even more awesome is some events this next week where you can purchase multiple presents from local vendors. One stop shopping, and they are offering snacks and sips? That, right there my friends, is what it's all about.

Drink, Eat & Spend Merry

Eat Boutique is gathering many well know chefs, cookbook authors, wine and beer experts and other artisans for demos, talks, tasting and of course, purchasing. On Saturday December 7th, 11am-5pm, at the Black Falcon Terminal, there will be many chances to take part in demonstrations and shop till ya drop. Tickets can be purchased online for general admission and also for specified time slots for other events. Cheers!

eatboutique.com
eventbrite.com/e/eat-boutique-holiday-market-2013-tickets-8964901261

Not So Silent Night

Nothing says Christmas in South Boston like the annual Laboure Christmas House Tour. The LCHT will take place this weekend, with a Saturday tour (12/07) from 4-6pm and a Sunday (12/08) tour 12-4pm. In addition, the Laboure Christmas Shoppes will be open this Thursday-Sunday 10am-4pm, where gorgeous holiday housewares and other great giftables will be on sale too. Proceeds benefit this amazing Southie institution that aids families from infancy to adulthood. That's something to keep you warm!

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Southie Senses:

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Touch: Jello Jigglers

This Saturday at Social Wines on West Broadway, the tasting will feature edible, adult treats from Gelology, and include Southie's own GrandTen, from 6-8pm. This should get you ready for Saturday night: jiggle when you wiggle. socialwinesbos.com • gelology.com



See: What's He Wearing?

In keeping with a new-ish and silly tradition, the Spirit of Boston is holding an Ugly Sweater Christmas Lunch Cruise Thursday 12/12 from 3-5pm, with passengers receiving a complimentary sangria upon boarding. Thank goodness, because after seeing some of those sweaters, I am sure you are going to need it! The ship is already dressed in its holiday attire and there will be music to liven things up! Great way to get the weekend started! spiritofboston.com



Taste: Bottoms Up!

Though I usually only share events going on in South Boston, an event going on just over the Dot Ave bridge is too cool not to share. The Stich House, located a few blocks from the Southie border, is hosting the BABES this Saturday, 12/07, from 7-9pm. BABES (Boston Area Beer Enthusiasts Society) will be crafting and drinking the night away. Meet, greet, craft, sip and eat! eventbrite.com/e/babes-crafting-and-craft-beer-holiday-party-tickets-9451079433



Smell: Burnin' Rubber

Put your peds to the pavement and get your day started. This Saturday 12/07, starting at 10am, with a 100-meter dash and ½ miler for the younger set starting at 9am, South Boston Catholic Academy is having it's 5th Annual 5k. Sweat it out early and get ready for the weekend festivities! sbcaroadrace.wordpress.com



Hear: "Hi, My Name is ..."

There are two opportunities to mix and mingle with your neighbors. Cityside Neighborhood Association, the Andrew Square Civic Association and the West Broadway Civic Association, invites all to come to Barlow's on Tuesday 12/10 starting at 6:30pm, pay a \$5 admission (of which goes to the SB Boys & Girls Club) enjoy some treats and buy a raffle ticket or two for some great prizes. Also, the Design Museum Boston will be having a gathering at 315 on A, to kick off the season and introduce the space where their future exhibit, Green Patriot Posters: The Revolution will be Designed, will be held. Get out and say ho,ho,ho. barlowsrestaurant.com • designmuseumboston.org/2013/11/holiday-party-2



Who is Laela?

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What's new in South Boston's Waterfront District?

Over the past few months, there has been a great deal of activity in South Boston's Waterfront District and The Boston Business Journal's Thomas Grillo appears to be very interested in it.

In recent months, he has written about real estate transactions and development that have continued to make South Boston's Waterfront District the place to be. Just recently Skanska USA Commercial Development made another investment in the district with the purchase of a one-acre parcel for \$36.1 million, currently a parking lot. Skanska intends to construct a 17-story office building that would include 425,000 square feet of space with ground-floor retail on the property. This is its third land deal in the South Boston waterfront district.

Also within the last few months, Fan Pier developer Joseph Fallon broke ground on a 14-story, 118-unit luxury residential building. Fan Pier, which spans nine city blocks, in total is a multi-billion dollar real estate development play for Fallon Co., MassMutual and Cornerstone Real Estate Advisers. Fallon expects the units to be priced, on average, from \$1,400 to \$1,500 per square foot.

Of the Fan Pier development Fallon had this to say to Grillo "...the views are unmatched with a 270 degree view of the harbor and that's very unique for any property on the east coast."

The master-planned Seaport Square neighborhood, which spans 23 acres, recently secured \$112 million in refinancing. With a six-year loan through Starwood Property Trust, Boston Global Investors and Morgan Stanley's Real Estate division have secured a great deal of flexibility. The Boston Redevelopment Authority has already approved 6.3 million square feet of mixed uses for "Seaport Square."

The BBJ is reporting that apartment rents in Boston's Seaport District fell by nearly 9 percent in the third quarter as competition from a pair of new towers is putting downward pressure on prices, according to a new report from CoStar Group. This seems to be a result of leasing for nearly 450 apartments in two Seaport apartment buildings on the market right now. With the construction of even more units underway, the market saturation will likely continue to drive rental rates down.

Credit to BBJ Thomas Grillo's reporting.

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402-404 East Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$725,500	11/15/13	6	2.5	2376
64 G Street Two Family	\$680,000	11/19/13	11	3	3100
49 Old Harbor Street Single Family	\$679,000	11/15/13	9	2	2369
653-659 East Second St UNIT 208 Condo	\$670,000	11/15/13	6	2	1658
685 East Fifth St UNIT D Condo	\$619,000	11/20/13	7	3	1856
160 M Street Single Family	\$604,000	11/15/13	7	1.5	1410
18 Carpenter Street Two Family	\$599,000	11/15/13	9	2	2908
724 East Third St UNIT 2 Condo	\$540,000	11/20/13	5	2	1052
86 O St UNIT 1 Condo	\$511,000	11/15/13	5	2	1345
12 Carpenter St UNIT 6 Condo	\$510,000	11/15/13	4	2	1100
587 East Eighth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$480,000	11/20/13	4	1	1058
47 Ward Street Single Family	\$475,000	11/15/13	7	2.5	1301
7 Peters St UNIT 2 Condo	\$475,000	11/21/13	4	2	950
133-135 M St UNIT 1 Condo	\$455,000	11/19/13	4	1.5	825
58 I St UNIT 1 Condo	\$425,000	11/19/13	5	1.5	922
366 Dorchester St UNIT 6 Condo	\$389,000	11/16/13	4	1	745
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Religious Education News

Sunday, December 1, marked the First Sunday of Advent which is a time of watchful waiting, preparation and hope. The students in the Kindergarten, First, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade in the Gate of Heaven, St. Brigid, St. Monica and St. Augustine Religious Education Program learned about the meaning of Advent and how Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year for the Catholic Church. The children learned about waiting and preparing for Christmas and the coming of Jesus into our lives and hearts.

Ms. Susan read and discussed a

short story, *The Garden*. It is about how it takes time, patience and hard work, but at harvest time we find all that time, patience and hard work yields delicious fruits and vegetables to eat and beautiful fragrant flowers to put on our dining room table and to put smiles on our faces.

Then we planted narcissus bulbs in jars and cups, which the children took home to be placed in a warm, sunny spot and given a little water for the roots and with time, patience and loving care the narcissus plant should bloom in 3 or 4 weeks, hopefully in time for Christmas. This was done as a

symbol of our church community as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus into our hearts at Christmas. We also discussed the Advent Wreath. The students in the second grade are also learning to be patience, working hard and using their talents in preparing to put on a Skit recreating some of the on the Old and New Testaments stories for an upcoming second grade parents meet and greet that they hope their families will enjoy.

We went to Mass at St. Brigid Church and saw the celebrant, Fr. Bennett, our Parochial Vicar, light the first candle on the Advent wreath.

The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity. On that wreath, four candles (three purple and one pink) are typically arranged. During the season of Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday as a part of the Advent services. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation of hope, peace, joy and love for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ at Christmas. The children from the Religious Education Program; the Parish and South Boston Catholic Academy also brought the gifts up to the altar during the Mass.

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up 4.4 percent during November compared to November 2012, according to a Retailers Association of Massachusetts survey of its members. The survey reflects reports from "mom and pop" stores and does not include transactions at chain stores. The association reported that sales were up 3.3 percent this

past weekend over Thanksgiving weekend 2012. In a statement, association president Jon Hurst called it a "great start" to the holiday sales season and said the results were "in line with our expectations." Hurst said, "December will be a challenge given the calendar. We are facing one less shopping weekend in December prior to Christmas than

we had last year, and that means potentially less shopping trips and therefore fewer impulse buys for those weeks. But given the season to date, we believe our original projection of a 3.5% increase for the season remains achievable." - M. Norton/SHNS

MASS. STUDENTS NEAR TOP ON INTERNATIONAL TEST

RANKINGS

Massachusetts 15-year-olds were bested by their counterparts in Shanghai, Hong Kong and Singapore in reading literacy, and ranked seventh in science and tenth in math, according to test results from 65 countries released by the state. Bay State 15-year-olds were statistically

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South Boston Catholic Academy News

The Kindergarten students at South Boston Catholic Academy recently presented their annual performance of "The First Thanksgiving" to families, students, faculty and staff and received rave reviews once again. The children worked hard at practicing their lines and songs and also making their adorable costumes. Each child announced what they were thankful for (family was the most popular) and amazingly so, not one said toys! Thank you for our wonderful Kindergartners!

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right to choose' when it comes to abortion. But as far as how people buy groceries or drink coffee? Not.

When these people get bored with the plastic bag cause, we wonder what they will latch onto and try to ban next. Guaranteed that whatever it is, it will be something that will restrict even

more personal choices of people, who just want to be left alone to make their own decisions.

Thankfully, most of the country is not like the moonbat sanctuaries mentioned above. Second Amendment loving Americans have just reached a new high water mark as it was announced last week that as of November 15, 2013, there are now more than 100

million people who legally own firearms in this nation. Never in the history of the world has any place had as many armed citizens. Many high ranking military people think this is great news and consider it as being one of the primary reasons that no foreign army would ever dare try to invade the United States.

And finally, Congratulations to City Council President

Steve Murphy. Steve was recently married to his fiancée Bridget Simmons Murphy. Congratulations also to Steve for his reelection victory. Steve and Bridget took a much deserved honeymoon to the part of Mexico known as The Mayan Riviera on the Gulf side of the country. They had a great time. Steve is now back to City Hall and once again hard at work.

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tied with Japan and South Korea in reading scores. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the average reading literacy score (527) of Massachusetts 15-year-olds was somewhat below Japan and Korea in reading, but statistically tied. "The performance of our 15-year-olds, particularly in reading where they scored among the world's leaders, reflects the tremendous efforts of educators and students statewide to achieve a world-class education," Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester said

in a statement. "The top performing countries are actively working on upgrading their program of study, and so is Massachusetts. We are implementing new college and career ready standards, working to turn around our lowest performing schools and districts, and enhancing the effectiveness of all educators to support their growth and development."

The survey sampled 510,000 students worldwide and 1,700 Massachusetts students from 49 public schools, who took a two-hour PISA test in October and November of 2012 – A. Metzger/SHNS

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Southie honored Ted Cunniff at the SBYHL Reunion

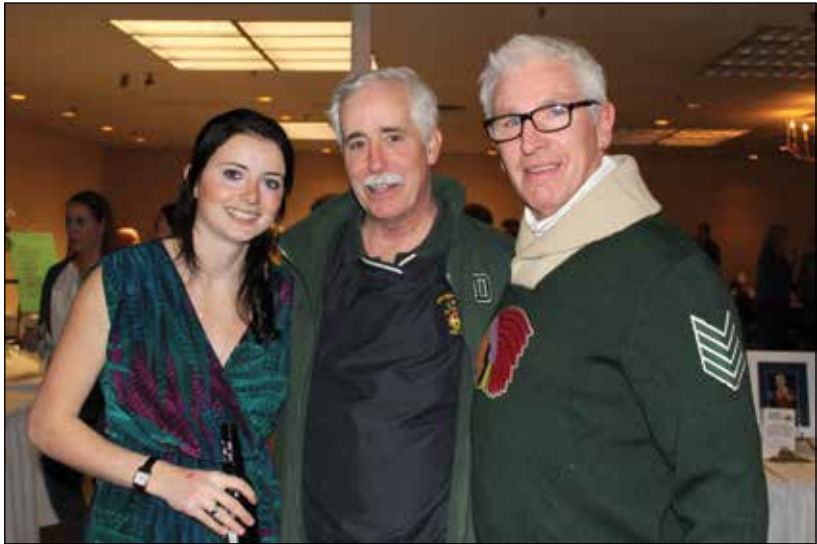
Everyone was pretty sure the Southie Reunion to benefit the South Boston Youth Hockey League would be a success and have a big turnout; especially when Teddy Cunniff would be honored. But the word 'huge' would better describe it. Hundreds of people from every age group jammed Carson Place last Saturday night to support one of the finest youth hockey leagues in the country and to show appreciation to

one of this town's true heroes.

Teddy Cunniff, as always was his usual laid back and humble self as he accepted the John Cunniff award which he so richly deserves. Few people have touched the lives in such positive ways as this great man who has given so much of himself to help others over so many years.

As the doors opened at 7pm, people were already lining up to get in and it was a steady flow of





arrivals all through the night. Great entertainment, auctions with fantastic items and raffles of super prizes all added to the night. But what really made the event special was as usual the reunion of longtime friends and neighbors who so often don't get to kick back and enjoy each other's company because of busy schedules and obligations. This reunion was a pleasant break from that and it turned out to be one heck of a party. South Boston needs to have more of these. And from the talk last Saturday night, it will probably be happening more often in the future.

The South Boston Christmas Stroll

Get ready to shop locally and celebrate the Holiday Season! On Thursday, December 5th take part in the South Boston Christmas Stroll! This fun-filled event takes place from 4pm to 8pm. Sip, Shop and Dine your way around South Boston and take advantage of special discounts and one-night only promotions at local shops and restaurants. The Southie Shuttle will be providing transportation up and down East and West Broadway.

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LStreet Running Club announces 2014 Marathon Training Schedule

LStreet Running Club of South Boston is announcing that it's Winter/ Spring Marathon training will start on Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 8:00 AM. Runners will meet most Sunday mornings at the Curley Recreation Center in South Boston. The training runs will vary in mileage from 10 to 22 miles with some of the training occurring on the actual Boston Marathon route. The first run on January 12th will be 10 miles. You must be a member of the LStreet Running Club to participate. Please see www.LStreet.org for information regarding membership and future training runs.

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NOTICE AND ORDER:

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

Docket No. SU13P2752GD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

In the interests of Ayla Grace Pino of Boston, MA, Minor
Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

- Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 11/12/2013 by Cheryl A. Pino of South Boston, MA will be held 12/20/2013 09:00AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located at 24 New Chardon Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02114 – Family Service Office.
- Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
- Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
- Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

November 12, 2013

Patricia M. Campetelli Register of Probate
December 7, 2013

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Docket No. SU13D1807DR

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Luz Alvarez

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David Reyes

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

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Upon motion of plaintiff for an order directing the defendant, to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P.Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for **Divorce 1B**.

Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.

It is **Ordered** that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint herein on or before **January 09, 2014**.

If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter.

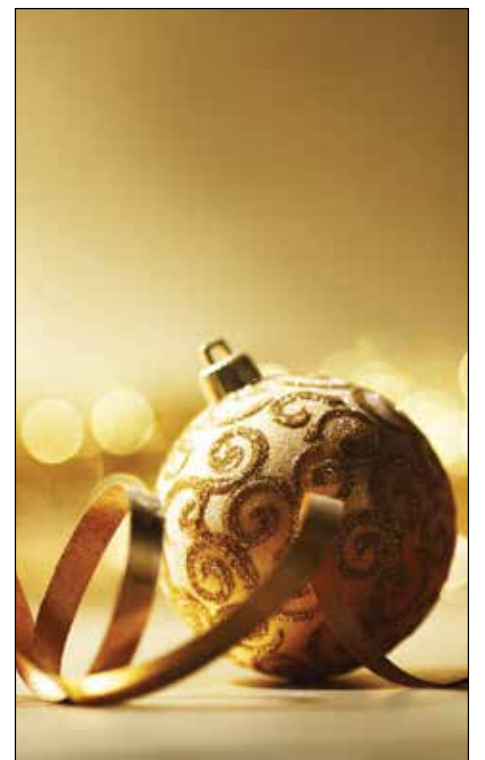
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Can Sox pull off a trade for Stanton?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Conor Ryan

Another MLB offseason. Another three months of Giancarlo Stanton rumors.

Yes, the November-January stretch for baseball is filled with the typical free-agent signings, but what really makes this the “Hot Stove” season is the multiple trade rumors that have already begun to emerge, as stars such as David Price, Troy Tulowitzki and Max Scherzer have all been mentioned as possible trade chips.

However, the biggest trade target this offseason has to be Giancarlo Stanton, the hulking right fielder for the Miami Marlins. Just 24 years old, Stanton has been one of the most exciting players in baseball due to his seemingly limitless power and team-friendly contract. Simply put, every MLB team would be drooling at the chance to get this stud in their lineup for the foreseeable future. The Sox, always the active presence during the

MLB offseason, have already been linked to Stanton. It would take a king’s ransom to acquire the All-Star outfielder, but Boston certainly has the resources to make it happen.

There are few drawbacks to Stanton’s game, especially if he was to man right field out in Fenway. The Panorama City, Calif. native has already slugged 117 home runs during his four-year career while posting a solid .889 OPS.

Stanton struggled in 2013, hitting just .249 with 24 home runs and 62 RBIs, but was limited for a number of reasons. Stanton dealt with hamstrung injuries throughout the year, holding him to just 116 games on the season. Perhaps most importantly, Stanton was simply pitched around all season due to being the one competent hitter in a putrid Marlins lineup. Stanton, whose 24 home runs led all Miami batters this year, had virtually no

protection behind him all season, as only three Marlins hit more than six home runs in 2013. The proof is in the stats, as Stanton’s walk total increased by 28 this year despite playing in six fewer games.

The thought of inserting Stanton into the middle of a stacked Red Sox lineup is enough to make any Boston fan giddy with excitement, as 35+ home runs for the next 10 years would be almost a guarantee from the skilled Stanton. However, the hard part is compiling the pieces necessary to pry Stanton out of Miami. At first glance, it would seem like Miami would immediately shut down any negotiations that do not include Xander Bogaerts in the deal. However, the Sox may still have enough to pull off the deal with dealing Bogaerts, as the Marlins have holes seemingly everywhere on their roster, especially thanks to the Jose

Reyes/Mark Buehrle fire-sale trade from November 2012.

Boston, with a top-tier farm system that includes players such as OF Jackie Bradley Jr., 3B Garin Cecchini, P Henry Owens and C Blake Swihart, just may have the various pieces needed to please the Marlins. Snatching Stanton from Miami will certainly be a tall task for Ben Cherington and Co., especially if they can deal for the slugger without giving up their future franchise player in Bogaerts. However, if the Sox can complete the deal, a lineup consisting of Bogaerts and Stanton could lead the Sox into World Series contention for the next decade.

Not often would I want the Sox to give up everything but the kitchen sink in a deal, but in this scenario, it would be a no-brainer. Stanton really is THAT good.



The Torey Krug Effect

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

by David Pollard

Talk back to David at DPollard@SouthBostonToday.com

The Boston Bruins are right where fans and experts expected them to be as teams throughout the league have played through just over a quarter of the 2013-14 season. The B's sit at the top of the Eastern Conference with an 18-7-2 record through 27 games. The 38 points as of Monday, is good enough to lead the Pittsburgh Penguins by 1 point for the Conference lead.

The Bruins winning formula has remained the same, solid defense and good goaltending, as well as opportunistic scoring is a great recipe for success in this high octane league. While Claude Julien's system sets defense as the priority, things have looked quite different on the blue line to begin the year.

The Bruins have only allowed 55 goals against in 27 games, that mark is the best in the East and second-best in the NHL to only the Colorado Avalanche. Thus, the Claude Julien



system is still in effect - and it doesn't hurt having Tuukka Rask between the pipes. But for the Bruins defense this year, it hasn't been all about keeping goals off the board. A new element has got the defense jumping into the play and putting pucks to the net at a relentless pace. What might be the main cause of this offensive element showing itself from the blue line? The biggest reason may be Torey Krug.

Fans may forget that Torey Krug is a rookie. He burst onto the scene in the 2013 playoffs, entering play in

the Eastern Conference Semi-Finals against the New York Rangers - where he scored 4 goals in his first 5 games against Henrik Lundqvist. Many wondered if Krug had simply caught lightning in a bottle, but this season has proved he's got what it takes to play at the NHL level consistently, and what's more - he can contribute.

Even Claude Julien has said, Torey Krug is a "risk/reward" type of player, in that his aggressiveness can sometime come back to bite you. It's

refreshing to see a defenseman in a black and gold sweater take a chance to make the big play every once in a while, and we've seen a Krug blunder here or there which has lead to opponent scoring chances. But the offensive upside is too great to keep him off the ice.

Credit the Bruins coaching as well, for not forcing the kid to become a shell of himself by chastising him for a bad turnover or encouraging him to play more defensively. The Bruins have allowed Torey Krug to play the game he's comfortable playing, and it has paid dividends. For starters, Krug leads all Bruins defensemen in scoring with 7 goals and 9 assists for 16 points. On top of this, he is tied for the league lead in goals scored by a defenseman with 7 (Ottawa's Erik Karlsson, Nashville's Shea Weber and Phoenix's Michaels Stone each have 7).

The statistics are there, but it seems that Krug's offensive bug is rather contagious as well. It looks different to the avid Bruins fan to

see pucks flying toward the net from the blue line, it also looks odd when a defenseman carries the puck from behind their own net through the neutral zone - simply taking the space that they're being given. We've even been treated to D-men jumping up on odd man rushes. Zdeno Chara plays in front of the net on the power play now as well. The D is contributing to the offense in a way that must have Bruins fans breathing some fresh air.

Some of the offensive prowess we are seeing comes from coaching, but there is a correlation between the more active blue line and the arrival of Torey Krug. Maybe some of the veterans are learning a thing or two from the kid. Perhaps they just see Torey Krug scoring and they want to join in the fun. Regardless, the B's defense is doing things we have not seen for quite some time.

It came as somewhat of a surprise after the explosive start Torey Krug has had to the season that Dan Bylsma, coach of the United States



Olympic Hockey team for the 2014 Winter Games has said there have been conversations about putting Krug on the roster. Just being considered for the team is incredible considering Krug’s age, and his small sample of NHL games. Bylsma must be seeing what the Bruins are seeing in the 22 year old.

Torey Krug may be playing with a chip on his shoulder, this undersized lefty is just 5’9” and weighs 180 pounds, but he’s out to prove he belongs in the NHL. His speed and agility make him a dangerous offensive threat from anywhere on the ice. His quick release and accurate shot can be lethal from

nearly anywhere in the offensive zone. He’s developing as a defender, but with his foot speed, it’s difficult to beat Krug on the outside as an opposing forward. To cap it off, he’s got a bomb from the blue line and has become a perfect fit for the high man on the B’s power play.

Krug may be a rookie, but he’s playing with the confidence of a veteran, and the Bruins will take the defensive risk for the offensive production - which is again, a credit to the coaching staff. B’s fans should expect Krug to be in the black and gold uniform for years to come - hopefully, the future for this 22 year old prospect is brighter yet.

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**Every week, we will run an interview from Danny Picard's daily sports-talk show "I'm Just Sayin'", which can be heard LIVE every weekday on the new DigRadio at DigBoston.com, with every show available on iTunes. He can also be heard hosting "The Danny Picard Show" weekends on WEEI-93.7 FM. This week, Danny talked with Providence Journal Red Sox beat writer Brian MacPherson:*

DANNY PICARD: So the Red Sox sign A.J. Pierzynski, one-year, \$8 million. What does this say to you?

BRIAN MACPHERSON: It says to me that the Red Sox really like their young catching, and they didn't want to tie up anybody that was going to go away from that young catching. They talked a lot, for a long time, about building from within. And they said last year that they got away from that philosophy of building from within and being patient. Last year, they had a lot of free agent stop gaps. Stephen Drew, for example, they brought him in for a year to be a good player, a productive player, but not to get in the way of Xander Bogaerts. And now you've got A.J. Pierzynski. Rather than giving there or four years to jarred Saltalamacchia, or giving three years to Carlos Ruiz, they go with one year to A.J. Pierzynski, who theoretically could give you what Saltalamacchia gave you last year, and then you're hoping that someone like Christian Vazquez or Blake Swihart -- Swihart being a couple years away -- you can kind of hand the reigns to those guys, your homegrown guys, rather than having to play the market every year.

DP: My sources tell me that Christian Vazquez is the guy that the Red Sox think could be ready

as early as next June. They think this is somebody that they really think highly of. They've even used the name "Yadier Molina" in the discussion when talking about comparisons to what Christian Vazquez could be. Have you seen Christian Vazquez play, and if so, how do you evaluate what he could bring to the table, even as soon as next year?

BM: I think that's fair. I mean, part of the reason you make this deal, especially with A.J. Pierzynski being as old as he is, you don't make this deal unless you have some guys in the system that you feel could be ready pretty quickly. And certainly you could see Vazquez up [in Boston]. If somebody goes on the DL, you never know what's going to happen with David Ross. Certainly you could see, [Dan] Butler is probably the first guy, but Vazquez was up to Triple-A at the end of last season and he'll start at Triple-A next season. He could be that guy. As far as the Molina's, he's worked with the Molina's. They're all from the same area, so he knows them well, he's worked with them. He's a catch-and-throw guy like Yadier Molina, certainly. He's an elite catch-and-throw defensive catcher, and I think those who get frustrated watching other teams run on Red Sox catching or pitching would certainly like to see [Vazquez]. His other skills are

still developing. His catch-and-throw skills are certainly ready right now. If his only job was to go out there and shut down a running game, he could do it right now. The other thing, the receiving, the game-calling, he hasn't done that above the Double-A level really. So, that's still to come. And that bat is still to come as well. The power hasn't really developed yet, but the thing you really have to like is the walks and strikeouts. He really controls the strike zone. He gets on-base. He doesn't strike out a lot. He draws a lot of walks. So, the bat is coming along. The bat is what you want for where is . You certainly don't want him as your opening day catcher when he hasn't really caught in Triple-A yet, except for a game or two. But yeah, he's a guy they really like. I would say Swihart is a guy they really, really like as well. He's probably two years away, or at least a year and a half away. Swihart is a first round pick. They said that he has the Buster Posey starter kit. That was the phrase when he got drafted, that he's got those sorts of all-around skills that he can develop, and he took a big step forward last year as well. So one of those two guys has a chance to be the catcher for this team for a long time.

DP: Some people will come out and say, well, if you're going to

come out and sign A.J. Pierzynski to a one-year, \$8 million deal, why wouldn't you just give Saltalamacchia the qualifying offer of \$14.1 million. I guess it saves them \$6 mil, is that the thinking? Because clearly it sounds as if they were only going to bring somebody in here on a one-year deal. Did they not bring back Salty on a qualifying offer because they didn't want to pay him that much? Is that the only reason?

BM: Yeah, I mean, \$6 million is a lot of money. I don't think you can just dismiss it and say, "Well, why didn't you pay \$14 million if you're going to pay Pierzynski \$8?" \$6 million is a lot of money, and the more you look at it, I was looking at their offensive numbers and looking at some of their projections. They're very similar offensive players. They're going to get on base at about the same rate, they're probably going to hit for the same amount of power. Saltalamacchia is younger, certainly, but Pierzynski has been durable. You don't know how long that trend can last, for a guy who's going to be 37, but he's been durable. He's played a lot in his career. You can either day that's mileage, or you can say that's a history of him being able to take care of himself. So, they're very similar players. And yeah, you could have made the qualifying

offer, in hopes that he turned it down looking for a multi-year deal. But that's sort of a gamble. The budget isn't endless. This isn't the Los Angeles Dodgers. They've got plenty of money to work with, but they've still got plenty of stuff they need to do. They're going to have to give up a little bit if they keep Mike Napoli, for example. Certainly, I would think, that Pierzynski for \$8 million for this year is preferable to Saltalamacchia for \$14 million. Saltalamacchia is probably slightly a better player. But he's not almost twice the player.

DP: I think Mike Napoli will be back in Boston on a multi-year deal. What are you hearing on Napoli and the Red Sox?

BM: The Red Sox are still the best fit for Napoli. There's mutual affection on both sides. It's still early in the offseason. It's barely December. There's still some time for things to happen. Agents are probably finding out what they can do. The Red Sox are probably exploring some creative solutions on their own. But yeah, Napoli makes sense for the Red Sox to bring back, especially when you bring in someone like Pierzynski, who doesn't really fit the Red Sox philosophy of drawing a lot of walks and seeing a lot of pitches. Napoli fits that beautifully. So it seems like Napoli is still the best fit.

DP: What do the Red Sox do in the outfield? I like Carlos Beltran, but I wouldn't give him more than two years. What is the move the Red Sox are looking to make in the outfield?

BM: Beltran is not a center fielder at this point. He's a corner outfielder. So if you're moving him...

DP: You'd move Victorino to center.

BM: Or Jackie Bradley Jr. plays center. That's been the plan all along, for Jackie Bradley to play center. And that goes along with the same philosophy, that, you have a homegrown guy, and you know he's an above-average defender right now, and you like his plate approach. He got his first exposure in the Major Leagues last year, and he struggles, of course he struggled, a lot of guys struggle.



You can just find countless examples of it. Dustin Pedroia in 2006 being the best example of a guy that they really valued in the minor leagues, had a great minor league track record, got called up, and was terrible. He was terrible when he got called up in 2006, and then he was terrible in April [of 2007], and then he turned it around and was the rookie of the year and was their second baseman and has been one of the best players in the

American league ever since. That's not what you're expecting Bradley to be necessarily, but he has enough of a minor-league track record, and he's got the defensive abilities that, yeah, you're certainly not going to give Beltran three years and move Shane Victorino to center field just because you don't feel good about Jackie Bradley based on last season. I don't think they want Victorino playing centerfield unless they really,

really have to. I think you still see Jackie Bradley as the opening day center fielder. There's ways to build insurance of a right-handed bat to kind of compliment him and make his transition a little bit easier, but I really think they want Jackie Bradley to be their guy in center field. And a big move like a Beltran, that would sort of ruin that.

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