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## Fire Fighter Sean Coyle In The Rescue Of Sylvie The Husky Credits Team Work

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY**  
Staff Report

South Boston has always taken great pride in the Firefighters who protect this neighborhood and have so often put their lives on the line on behalf of local residents. So often we read and hear about the acts of heroism and courage of these dedicated 'Jakes' stationed in our midst that it's never a surprise when a new story of a rescue hits the news.

Last Thursday, January 9th, we were treated to yet another rescue story. It was not one of firefighters rushing into a burning building and coming out with a baby in his or her arms or a car accident where injured victims had to be pried out of the vehicle perhaps with the jaws of life. But it was an act of bravery in a dangerous situation just the same. We have all read the story and have seen the photos of Boston Firefighter Sean Coyle rescuing a beautiful Husky named

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# EDITORIAL

**I**t's been written and said that a 100 day sample would be needed to judge Mayor Walsh's initial effectiveness as chief executive. It's not clear who would do the judging, but why wait 100 days?

His first act was to appoint a snow czar followed by a pothole chief. Next came the two "Boston Billy's" as in Commissioner Bill Evans and Superintendent in charge Bill Gross. Two more dedicated professionals on the force do not exist. Plus

they're local guys who grew up on and know the streets of Boston.

The Mayor has hit a home run on all these appointments, addressing immediate and pressing needs. And he did it in 11 days. The next 89 days should be interesting.

These are just the more high profile moves of Mayor Walsh. Word is he's just as involved in the less publicized, but equally important to the quality of all lives, issues that affect the running of the city.

Now if only the Mayor can punt and hold for field goals.



*"Growing up is not being so dead set on making everybody happy"*  
**-Reba McEntire**

## Last Week's Poll

Last week's South Boston Today Poll asked you to vote on how you would describe Tom Menino: Here's how you answered.

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SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
John Ciccone

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Ok, most of us were brought up being taught never to laugh at the misfortunes of others. It's just not a nice thing to do. But there are times when it's pretty darn hard to keep it in, when something is, well, hilarious. This column touched on it a bit last week and Brian Mahoney mentioned it as well and conservative commentators like Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity took it and had a heck of a time with it. I speak about the Ship filled with Scientists that got stuck in the ice in Antarctica 2 weeks ago.

Now what made this so much fun to watch play out was of course the fact that they were not just any scientists. These were scientists and environmental activists going down there with the sole purpose of making the case to the world that Global Warming is causing the ice to melt at the 2 poles. It's summer time in the southern hemisphere and as it has been doing for thousands of years, ice melts at the polar caps when it's summertime. So they figured they would have an easy time conning the world into going along with their theory. Documentaries showing melting glaciers make the best props, as far as they're concerned. But as we all now know, the huge ship got stuck in 10 foot thick ice. The ice breaker they sent down there to rescue them also got stuck in the ice, as did a third ice breaker. Now you have 3 ocean-going ice cutters frozen and stuck in what they wanted so much for the rest of us to believe was no longer there. So thick was the ice that they had to call in the US Coast Guard's most powerful cutter to help and many of the activists had to be flown out by helicopters. Folks, I'm sorry, I

tried hard not to laugh, but one only has so much self-control.

Now, most people in America have figured out what the game is. The goal of the activists is to convince everyone that the climate is warming because of human behavior. Then it follows that everyone must be talked into changing their life styles and if they don't do it voluntarily - force them. Then, of course, with the UN's blessing, taxes must be raised on working Americans to pay to combat Global Warming, which has now been renamed 'Climate Change' in order to sell it better, which is another attempt by the UN and the Obama Regime at income redistribution. A conspiracy theory? Call it what you will. But it makes it even more amusing when those who truly believe that the rest of us are so stupid that we'll buy anything, continue to look ridiculous themselves.

It was two years ago when Hilary Clinton led an expedition, this time to the Arctic near the North Pole to film the melting ice and prove to the skeptics, whoops, I mean "deniers", that Global Warming is real and caused by humans and to stop it, our taxes must be raised.. She did this of course in the month of June. When better to show Northern glaciers melting and polar bears swimming in ice free waters than in summertime. Here again, the Arctic ice too has melted in summer for thousands of years. It's what it does. Did I mention that this trip also had the approval of the UN? With each passing year, polls and surveys show that fewer Americans are concerned about the threat of climate change and even fewer believe, if it exists at all, that it is caused by what humans are doing. Yet, the activists are

undeterred. A recent news story out of San Francisco, of course, reported that environmental activists there are demanding that every gas station post warning labels on their pumps that say "Warning. Filling your gas tank and driving your cars causes Global Warming". This they say is to get people to stop driving.

Major cities, bowing to the pressure of the activists are creating 'climate change' agencies, again, at great taxpayer's expense, to take action to fight Global Warming. The

fact that over 400 scientists signed a letter disputing the theory; some even calling it a hoax is, ignored by politicians, so as not to get on the bad side of environmental groups.

Personally, if people want to 'go green', ride their bikes instead of driving cars, stop drinking out of plastic water bottles and Styrofoam cups, eat only organic food and live without air conditioning when it 90 degrees in July, I say good for them. I think it's a good thing. Everyone

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## Senate Majority Leader Reid Loses Control Unemployment Benefits Hang In Balance

With millions of US citizens suffering with their lives on hold and basic needs unmet, hoping and expecting their unemployment benefits to resume, The U.S. Senate has failed twice to pass legislation extending unemployment benefits. What members of both parties are saying is “blame Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.”

Reid is known for his sometimes smarmy press conferences and his abdication to the extreme factions of his party's agenda. But lately what he is known for is losing control of the Senate. Reid has a habit of changing the rules as he goes, has been known to break procedure and even disregard parameters and guidelines that

established the rules and regulations of the Senate body and its function.

The reports in DC are that both Democrats and Republicans have lost trust and faith in Reid. The latest vote lost on a 52-48 margin. 60 votes are needed to pass. Several Democrats voted against it for many reasons. Unemployment benefits to those who need them, and properly paid into the system for them, shouldn't suffer because of one man's ineptitude. This lack of control of the process, which is the role of the Senate leader, is causing dissension among the rank and file heading into re-election. After the mid-term elections, if the Democrats remain the majority party in the Senate, they may consider new leadership in 2015.



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'Sylvie' who fell through the ice in Pleasure Bay. With so much bad news coming at us 24 hours a day; wars, crime, deadly storms etc., the public really does need a heartwarming story every once in a while to help break the cycle of the bad stuff. The rescue of Sylvie seemed to fill the bill and touch a chord with the public because this story

went 'viral'. It was carried nationwide and even in other countries.

While pulling Sylvie out of the water - she probably would have died if he hadn't - Sean Coyle fell in the water himself; proving once again that our firefighters will do whatever is needed and take any risk to save a life; even if that life belongs to one of our 4 legged residents. So at the request of

more than 2 dozen readers who contacted us seeking more info on the rescue and Coyle himself, South Boston Today not only wanted to find out more about the story than just what was reported. We wanted to find out any behind the scenes info that may not have been brought to light. So we contacted Sean, who is assigned to Ladder 19 at K and Fourth Street right here in South Boston for more details to find out a bit more about what actually happened as well as learn more about him.

One thing Coyle continued to stress as we spoke was that though he was the one in all the photos in the press, the rescue was a team effort and all 8 members of the BFD team did their parts in order for this rescue to be a success.

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## “A New Day”

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In case you missed it an article by Jack Encarnacao for the Boston Herald (Jan. 13) reported that Mayor Walsh wants to conduct an audit on the BRA. The article cites a number of opinions by local government experts.

Those experts list some questions that should be asked. A few hot button developments like the “Yawkey Way giveaway”, Harvard University’s Allston Expansion and a Boston Garden site were mentioned. It was also stated the audit should go back ten years.

Here at SBT we’re wondering if a lawsuit is on the way.

Over a year ago this paper asked some of the same questions as the Herald article and the result is a multi-million dollar lawsuit against us that is still in court.

For instance the Herald asks “how often has the BRA intervened to set aside zoning restrictions for developers?” We proved, with documentation, that the recently resigned BRADirector overruled the city planning inspector report and recommendation without explanation to allow a development to go forward. The result was two abutters felt compelled to move from their homes because the development allowed was so imposing and out of scale with the surrounding area. The impacted neighbors were never allowed the normal community meeting process and the development was allowed under expired zoning rather than the new, present zoning.

“Has the BRA planned more on the basis of the City’s needs or in response to political or commercial pressure?” We need go no further than the “Municipal Harbor Plan”.

This plan, approved by the State Secretary of the Environment, was the result of 18 months of meetings and planning between South Boston residents and city and state planning officials. It was created to replace the

“Seaport Public Realm Plan”. The intent was to create a master plan for the entire South Boston development area. This would include Fort Point, the Waterfront and Seaport up to First Street. This was to create ground rules developer and citizens could operate by and to eliminate piece meal development of conflicting height and density. Needless to say, the ink wasn’t dry on the new rule book which, by the way, called for a 150 feet height limit in Fort Point when the BRA began pushing for the 250 foot “Midway Development” in Fort Point.. So for every rule and zoning regulation to be voided all is needed is connections or deep pockets and postage stamp lots are suddenly nine unit innovation condos. Who cares if it’s zoned for a three decker, there’s money to be made.

“Have multimillion dollar tax breaks and easements been granted too freely?” No need to be a financial whiz for this one. If a developer wanted to invest in downtown Detroit then absolutely every incentive is needed, including tax breaks, to try to revitalize it.

South Boston, the hottest real estate in America, does not have to go hat in hand to attract developers. They are ringing our phones and sending us letters to try and buy. The entire city is hot. If anything places like the waterfronts, Southie and Eastie should be a new tax revenue windfall for the city. The present system of giveaways is probably as close to criminal without indictment as possible.

While going back ten years was suggested by the article the last year or even 6 months in South Boston alone would give examples of the questionable operations of the city development. Developments from one end of First Street and Broadway to the other should be enough to make the point. Lack of community meetings, approvals with

inadequate or non existing parking, proposals for community benefit funds to aid private developers. The list goes on.

The new mayor has his work cut out. It will not be easy to bring control over what is essentially a rogue department. It may be helpful to note that only two other

cities have this crazy independent status for planning bodies the BRA enjoys.

It won’t be easy but this will be the Mayor’s first, biggest test as to whether a new day for the people has dawned in Boston.

*Take care till next week.*



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## REP. COLLINS ANNOUNCES NEW LEGISLATIVE AIDE

Representative Nick Collins recently appointed South Boston native David Biele as his legislative aide. “I’m very honored to serve the people of South Boston and Dorchester,” said Mr. Biele. “I look forward to working with Representative Collins on behalf of our neighborhoods in the House of Representatives.”

Born and raised in South Boston, David attended St. Peter’s School and grew up participating in South Boston youth sports. He is a graduate of Boston Latin School where he participated in several charitable organizations, including a student-led book drive to support elementary schools in Africa.

David attended Boston College and completed his degree requirements in three years, graduating near the top of his class with a degree in history. While at Boston College, David traveled to Birmingham, Alabama and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where he led students on two Habitat for Humanity building projects. He also worked as a construction laborer throughout his undergraduate career to help

defray the costs of his education.

After college, David enrolled in Boston College Law School and continued to work his way through school. He also continued his service work, traveling to New Orleans, Louisiana to demolish and remodel homes following Hurricane Katrina. Locally, David participated in an after-school reading program for elementary students.

Following his admittance to the Massachusetts Bar, David worked for the Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau where he provided legal advocacy for low-income families in the areas of housing, disability and family law. He also worked in private practice, specializing in employment, insurance and construction law, prior to being appointed by Rep. Collins.

David continues to remain active in the South Boston community, mentoring youth through the T.E.A.M. program offered by the Labour Center. He has also participated in three Boston Marathons as part of the Boston Athletic Association’s charity program.

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## This Week's Poll

**Do you think Mayor Walsh's appointments to the command staff at the Boston police department reflect a change for the City?**

- Yes, major change from previous admin**
- Yes, but only slightly**
- No, not enough**
- No real change**

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This was not a one man show. When the Lieutenant arrived on the scene he assigned each guy and they operated as a unit. When he fell into the water himself, other members of the team pulled him right out. He also wanted it known that the State Police were on the scene doing their part as well. Typical of the great character of all firefighters, Sean Coyle is a team player who holds his coworkers in the highest regard and knows that in order to accomplish a task; it takes all of them working together. He stated emphatically: "There are 1200 plus firefighters on the BFD and any one of them would have done exactly what I did. I just happened to be the one assigned to the sled and with the task of actually pulling Sylvie out."

We asked Sean his thoughts on working in the South Boston Community as a firefighter. He said "As members of the Boston Fire Department, all of us take a lot of pride in our relationship with the neighborhood and the community. We train continuously



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and are always ready to assist when called, whether it is EMS related, a building fire or a car accident. I think the residents of South Boston know they can count on us and our record is a good one." He went on to say "I'm sure I speak for everyone at Ladder 19 and Engine 2, It's an honor to serve the people of South Boston and I know, when called, we'll show up and do everything we can to help." As is the case with many of Boston's firefighters, Coyle served in the

military, he is a former US Marine which does much to explain his sense of duty when it comes to protecting others.

Sean's father served in the Marine Corps and was a police officer who Coyle said raised him to be cognizant of the gift it is to be an American Citizen and raised in a free country. He said "He wanted to serve his country and do his part in protecting our way of life. After 9/11, he wanted to continue that service as a Boston Firefighter.

This was a good story with a happy ending. We're told Sylvie is doing just fine. Huskies, along with being friendly and playful, are known for being one of the toughest, most resilient breeds of dogs there are. They can live to be 17 years old or more and stay healthy and active their whole lives. Thanks to her rescuers, she will get to live out the rest of her life with her grateful family right here in South Boston. And if she could talk, she would probably tell everyone how fortunate she was as are the people of South Boston to have such a great team of dedicated firefighters on guard in this community.

Sean Coyle was made aware of an Eskimo legend which says that if you save the life of a husky, it waits for you at the Gates of Heaven and you walk through those Gates together. There actually is such a legend. Which makes many convinced that Sylvie will be there waiting for Sean Coyle and the entire crew of Ladder 19 and will escort each one of them through as they arrive many years from now.

## Walsh Lauds Command Staff Diversity, Minority Group Disagrees

Boston Police Commissioner, South Boston's William Evans, announced what he called "the most diverse group of police brass in city history." This includes the first black police chief in Boston's history – William Gross.

The minority law enforcement group, (MAMLEO – Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers) told the Boston Herald that Mayor Martin Walsh's police department represents "the same old same old". "It looks like recycled Menino administration appointments," Ellison told the Herald. "It's more of the same. You may have a more diverse command staff and that's good, but I think people were really looking for a change."

Walsh stood by his assignment decision. "We've stressed over

and over again the importance of the Boston Police Department reflecting the diversity of our City, and these appointments are clearly a key step forward," Walsh told the Herald.

Other shakeups in the command staff included the demotion of former Chief Dan Linskey to lieutenant assigned to the police academy and the promotion of Commander Robert Merner to Superintendent, and Lisa Holmes, a black female, to superintendent in charge of the police academy. Merner recently ran Boston's Drug unit which was responsible for hundreds of drug related arrests over the last few years and has worked closely with the South Boston community. Congratulations to Superintendent Merner on a well-deserved promotion.



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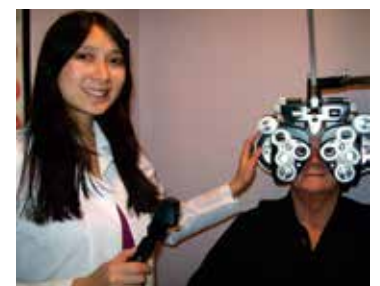
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# Castle Island Brewing Co...coming to South Boston? SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Staff Report

As reported by Jon Chesto of the Boston Business Journal, it appears as though a new brewery is hoping to come to South Boston. South Boston resident Adam Romanow is actively seeking as much as 12,000 square feet of space to open Castle Island Brewing Co. Romanow tells the BBJ that he would prefer to open the brewery in Southie, but hasn't had much luck as of yet.

The article tells how Romanow

spent time as an apprentice with White Birch Brewing in Hooksett, N.H. in 2010 and 2011. His experience there prepared him to run his brewery. It seems to have served as a source of inspiration that contributed to his desire to commit to the start-up brewery.

The article estimates Romanow's start-up investment as roughly \$1.25 million.

He says he now has recipes for around ten different beers including

three flagship offerings. Romanow claims the latest uptick of high-end residential condominium development has limited his options for space in certain parts of the neighborhood. He claims his future rivals have been showing him the ropes on entering the market, which is unusual in a competitive environment. Apparently, the more the better.

One of the goals of Castle Island Brewery, says Romanow, is to

distribute beer to local and regional stores and restaurants. CIB also intends on having an on-site tasting component. With respect to job creation, in his first year in business he envisions five full-time employees with the staff growing to ten to fifteen people after three or four years.

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15 Ward St UNIT 6 Condo	\$520,000	12/30/13	6	2	1234
39 R Middle Street Single Family	\$495,000	01/07/14	7	1.5	1276
7 Tuckerman St UNIT 3 Condo	\$490,000	1/6/14	4	2	1308
72 Dorchester Street Single Family	\$485,000	01/10/14	5	3	1500
18-20 Knowlton St UNIT 3 Condo	\$434,000	12/24/13	4	2	1043
633 Dorchester Ave UNIT 3 Condo	\$417,500	12/30/13	6	1	1258
68 I St UNIT 2 Condo	\$412,500	12/30/13	4	1	952
633 Dorchester Ave UNIT 1 Condo	\$410,000	1/7/14	7	2	1258
14 Dixfield Street Single Family	\$405,000	1/10/14	5	1.5	1160
14 O St UNIT 2 Condo	\$403,000	01/06/14	6	2	785
80 Harbor St UNIT 3 Condo	\$390,000	1/2/14	4	1	802
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536 East Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$270,000	1/6/14	3	1	505

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should live the lifestyle they want. But please, don't try to force the rest of us to follow your rules and don't try to make us pay for it. It's really starting to tick folks off.

Now as for the scientists stranded on the ships, stuck in the ice off Antarctica, except for being embarrassed, exposed

and made to look foolish, none of them were injured and it's reported that they'll all make it home safely. That's the most important thing. And because they will all be safe, I figure its ok to have a good laugh about how this ridiculous expedition turned out and how silly they all looked to a world watching this comedy of errors.

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## 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: Knock It Out Cold

Living in New England, we experience weather that is hardly predictable. Since the beginning of the New Year, we have had snowstorms, 50 plus degree-days, hail and below zero temps. And it's all we talk about. For many of us it's just that, a topic of conversation. But there are others that have to do more than think about it- their worries about being warm enough to brave the elements are a constant reminder. So many young children and adults do not have the proper attire to battle the cold winter months here in Boston. But South Bostonians are just the people to take action. Here are a few ways you can turn the heat up on ending this problem.

#### Give It the Cold Shoulder

This winter instead of heading out into that cold, most of us are planted

on our couches. So why not knock a resolution off your list? Most of us say we want to do more for others. How about starting up a winter clothing drive? The Boston Homeless has a program called “Warm Hands, Warm Hearts” that is in need of clothing and cold weather accessories for little and big kids alike. Cradles to Crayons also has “Gear Up For Winter”, a drive to help children up to age 12 attain proper clothing for the season. Or “Operation Sock Drop” where socks and other undergarments are needed for those who are homeless and not always in the most comfortable living environment. Get in touch with a local restaurant; many are willing to donate space, food, etc. when they are in the know about what you are doing. Attempt to get a corporate sponsorship from your employer. Or

just donate goods and service. “Do what you can, where you are, with what you have.” -Teddy Roosevelt  
[cradlestocrayons.org](http://cradlestocrayons.org) [fobh.org](http://fobh.org)

#### Shed Some Warmth on the Lives of Others

St. Peter's Academy, located at 371 West Fourth Street, is well known for their community giving. So it's no surprise that Principal Janice Carthas is conducting a collection of coats, gloves/mittens, hats, sweaters and other clothing needed to cover and protect for the chilly days ahead. The school will be accepting donations of these good for guys and gals of all ages through 01/31. Also, the South Boston Post Office is doing the same; drop-offs can be made during normal business hours. It's that easy.  
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BECOME  
POOR FROM  
GIVING.”

-ANN FRANK

### Stepping Out: You Gotta Get Up and Try, Try, Try

Many of us say it year after year: this is *THE* year. I am going to see the world/get a hobby/go outside of my comfort zone/learn more. And here we are again: another year. Sure we are 16 days into 2014, but these things cannot be rushed. In order to ensure that you succeed, easing into your new ventures is the way to go. South Boston is full of opportunities to follow through with the newest attempts at a better you, and though these events are happening this week, there are plenty more where they came from. As Nike puts it “Just Do It”.

#### Have Christmas Money, Will Travel-

Have you ever wanted to see the world? Or at least the rest of New England? I have always said that I want to drive cross-country, and for my honeymoon, in an RV; that's after I find someone to marry in the first place. This weekend the Boston RV & Camping Expo is debuting at the BCEC for a three-day tour. Take the long weekend and grab some info and plan ahead. Also, \$1 of every \$12 admission ticket is donated to the MCAA Scholarship Foundation

to benefit South Bostonians. I'm going and I look forward to 'Laela's Excellent Adventure'. [bostonrvexpo.com](http://bostonrvexpo.com)  
**Get Those Creative Juices Flowin'**- I own about 15 infinity scarves and have thought to myself that maybe, just maybe, I could make one of my own. And I have watched more than my fair share of how-to-make-your-tee/scarf/jeans into vest/tote/leg warmers on YouTube. And my Pinterest board is chock full of ideas minus attempts. The Stitch House, located on Dorchester Avenue, right over the Southie line, holds classes all week long to teach how to sew/crochet/knit our lil digits off. Fingerless gloves- here I come.  
[thestitchhousedorchester.com](http://thestitchhousedorchester.com)  
**Learn Yaself Sumpthin'**- I have gone and watched from afar, silently participating by rooting for my friends and loved ones. And boy have I learned- how little I really know about life's little pleasures. Trivia is a phenomenon that not only is a fun and interactive way to spend a weeknight but also is usually free and allots for prizes to be earned for knowing

“useless” stuff. I have never been a fan of jumping in feet first and not knowing if I will come out on top; my type A personality rarely allows for me to do things on a whim. This year I am going to learn how to get to know about everything in general and nothing in particular.  
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[bostonbeergarden.com](http://bostonbeergarden.com)  
**Step Out of Your Comfort Zone**  
- Same ole routine. Weeknights: yoga, sushi, sake. Weekends consist of getting a bite to eat, laundry and heading to a local bar. Sure it's fun, but it's time to add some new going-out activities to your repertoire. Right down the street at the Westin Waterfront is LAUGH Boston. There are shows that run Wednesday-Saturday nights, but in honor of this long weekend there is an additional night of ‘yucks’ this Sunday 01/19 with two shows. All joking aside, it will be a nice break from the norm, and if it's too much to handle, you can probably repeat your usual Sunday routine on the Monday holiday. Funny, huh? [laughboston.com](http://laughboston.com)

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LIFE BEGINS AT  
THE END  
OF YOUR  
COMFORT ZONE  
- NEALE DONALD WALSCH





# Southie Senses:

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



**Touch:** *Fought Their Way to the Top*

Southie's own Peter Welch and his boxing gym of the same namesake are the subject matter of a new show, *The Fighters*, premiering Thursday 01/23 at 9pm, on the Discovery Channel. Peter has contributed much to his community and has always stressed the importance of fitness for a healthy mind and spirit through the sport of boxing. PWG has invited members for a special viewing party and the debut of an addition to the facility on 01/23 starting at 6pm. Want to give PWG a try? Check out their 5-class deal that won't last long on [groupon.com](http://groupon.com) and knockout your resolution to get fit.

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**See:** *Only Have Eyes for You*

Met the right one: check. Set a date: check. Found those grumpy cat-printed ties for the groomsmen and a photographer who will stage a 'Day of the Dead' engagement shoot: ummm... no. Get down to the Lovesick Boston Expo Sunday 01/19 at the Artists for Humanity Epicenter. The expo travels around the country and offers extra-ordinary ideas and wares for your nuptials. Admission is \$10 for an advanced purchase ticket and \$15 at the door. Check it out.

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**Taste:** *Take a Bite of Some Humble Pie*

This Monday, 01/20, marks the 44th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast being held at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, from 8-10 am. There will be amazing keynote speakers that exemplify Dr. King's message of service to others who will be sharing their experiences. It is also said that the day is not a day off, but a day on - a day of service for others. Sign on to [mlkday.gov](http://mlkday.gov) and check out some opportunities - one suggestion is a teen mentor at Artists for Humanity.

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

Martin Luther King Jr.

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**Smell:** *What Ya Cookin' Up?*

We all want to save a little money, right? But for someone like me, abstaining from my most favored vice, going out to eat, completely, is impossible. So I have to find a balance. American Express has again partnered with No Kid Hungry/Share Our Strength; register your AMEX through 01/31 and each time you use it to dine out, \$1 goes to the No Kid Hungry campaign, and up to \$1,000,000 will be donated so that the promise of no kid being hungry stays true. I have signed up and have already participated in the campaign. Makes 'scents'.

[amexnetwork.com/dineforacause](http://amexnetwork.com/dineforacause) • [nokidhungry.org](http://nokidhungry.org)



**Hear:** *Vroom Vroom*

"Fast cars, bright lights, big city, long nights"

This weekend the New England Auto Show is being held at the BCEC on Summer Street. For five days, some of the hottest and newest rides are on display for your viewing and purchasing needs, all under one roof. Bonus: unsully, a mobile car wash service, is hosting a happy hour at District Hall on 01/17, from 5:30-7:30pm. It's free- you just have to sign up. Put the pedal to the metal and head on down.

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## Embrace All Of The Southie Senses: *Better late than never has always been my motto*

**N**ot necessarily by choice because tardiness is in my genes. As I get older, showing up 40 minutes late in no longer seen as a grand entrance. One of my reoccurring resolutions is to be on time because early is never, ever going to happen. But this year- I am actually making a full effort to work on it. Because someday, I am really going to miss the boat. That being said, I just wanted to

thank you all for taking the time out to continue to stay in touch with your community through reading South Boston Today. South Bostonians exemplify what it means to be a true citizen and neighbor. I feel so blessed and lucky to have my column welcomed by South Boston Today and have immensely enjoyed sharing fun, incorporating and engaging activities in God's country. I wish you all a happy and healthy 2014.

**Cheers, Laela**







# St. Peter Academy Cooks!

St. Peter Academy is extremely proud to announce that our first cookbook has been published. With over 200 recipes submitted by teachers, parents, and students, there is something for everyone! Published by Morris Press Cookbooks, all advance sales have been processed and now this cookbook is available to the community at \$12 each or \$10 for

10 or more. Rumor has it some SPA parents are professional chefs so that should be worth something! The children wrote recipes on their own (very amusing!) and contributed artwork. A contest was held and 8 students had their artwork chosen for the publication. Students were asked to draw the best thing about St. Peter's. The winners are as follows: Gavin Ekman, K1,

Kaleigh Flaherty, Grade 7, Daniel Mahoney, Grade 5, Molly Keenan, Grade 4, Mario Blasi, Grade 2, Noelle Haddad, K1, Tess Dirstine, K2, and Dylan Picard, Grade 2. Congratulations to all! If you are interested in ordering a cookbook, please contact St. Peter Academy at 617-268-0750 before they are all gone! All proceeds benefit St. Peter Academy, a registered 501c3.

- 1 – PreK-B student Ellie loves to color.
- 2 – Molly designs her page.
- 3 – Terry concentrates on his artwork.
- 4 - Chloe is working hard on her project.
- 5 – Grade 2 students in art class.
- 6 – Cole works on his design.
- 7 – Jamie in Grade 7 works diligently.





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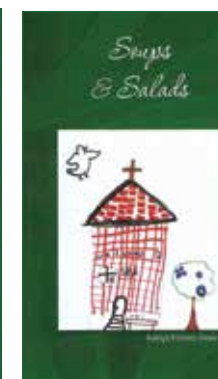
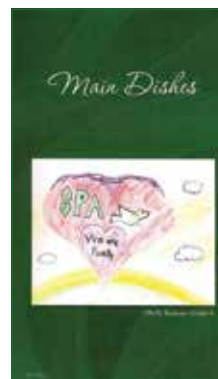
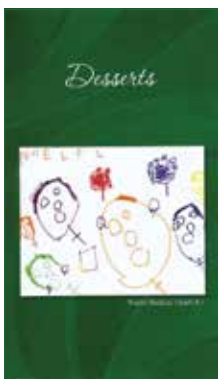


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*\*Every week, we will run part of an interview from Danny Picard's daily sports-talk show "I'm Just Sayin'", which can be heard LIVE every weekday Noon-2pm on the new DigRadio at DigBoston.com, and on the TuneIn app, with every show available on iTunes. He can also be heard hosting "The Danny Picard Show" weekends on WEEL-93.7 FM. This week, Danny talked Patriots with Comcast SportsNet's Mike Giardi:*

**DANNY PICARD:** I think we both believed the Patriots were going to beat the Colts. They put up 43 points, and Tom Brady doesn't throw a touchdown pass. What would you have told me if I had drawn it up like that for you before the game?

**MIKE GIARDI:** I felt like, all week, that they were going to drive the ball down Indy's throat. I thought they were way more physical, and they're sort of establishing that. I think the other thing that's really clear, especially with Aaron Dobson sidelined -- and not that he was dominant when he was in there, but at least he gave them an outside threat -- they don't have an outside threat at all, so it's harder for the little guys to get open. I figured they'd run the ball a lot, but, if you told me that they were going to score 43 points and Brady was not going to throw a touchdown pass, I would have said, "You're out of your mind, there's no way that happens."

**DP:** Andrew Luck made some big plays in this game. He made some big throws to Brazill, that one down the middle midway through the third quarter that cut the Patriots' lead to 29-22. He made big plays, but he made some mistakes, and he forced some balls like I think we all expected him to do. Because we saw it the week before against the Chiefs. He forces a ball in on the first possession of the game, and Dennard makes him pay. We knew that Andrew Luck would force those balls, and credit the Patriots defense here now for making him pay for those mistakes.

**MG:** Yeah, and [Aqib] Talib told me afterwards, he said, "Look, what we saw on tape was a guy who was willing to take risks. And we figured that if we did a good job of jamming their receivers at the line of scrimmage, then some of his timing would get messed up and some of those balls would be up for grabs." Clearly that was the case. And there was another one when Dennard and McCourty actually ended up knocking each other off the ball. So, they did a very good job on that front. The first Colts touchdown pass, Dennard had great coverage, and it was just, Luck made three or four throws that were the best throws of the night, and that was one of them. But the Patriots defense did a nice job. Once it got to 29-22, they tightened things up, because it started to get to that point where you're starting to wonder, "Are they letting this one slip away?" And, no, they held the Colts without a score the rest of the way. So you've got to tip your cap to the defense for coming up large late in that game.

**DP:** LeGarrette Blount, look, all the credit in the world to him. He's had a couple big weeks here late in this season, and he's been huge for this team. Not just in that game, but also helping them secure that first-round bye and get that first home game in the playoffs. But how about this offensive line, Mike? I mean, how much credit are we giving to the offensive line for the type of run game this Patriots team had Saturday night?

**MG:** I think you have to give them a lot of credit because early it worked, and then Indy sort of crept up and made things a little bit more difficult. And midway through the third quarter, I think they were only averaging about 3.3 yards per carry, and that's not good enough. But what they had done here and what they had established, and what Josh [McDaniels] clearly felt was key, was, "We're wearing them down." And I talked to Logan Mankins after the game and that's what he said. I think you have to give a lot of credit to them because by and large, this was kind of a disappointing year for the offensive line. Vollmer's injury played into that, but I think Dan Connolly struggled for a better part of the year. Ryan Wendell, he also did not have a great year. Logan had a little stretch there for two or three games where he wasn't himself. And Solder, I think, in the second half of the season, got exposed a couple times by big-time pass rushers, which is what happens. But I think, by and large, you expect more from a Dante Scarnecchia coached group and a group that has been together for a long time. But the last three weeks, they've convinced the coaching staff that they can move anybody. And the belief certainly paid off late in that game in that long Blount touchdown run.

**DP:** If the offensive line is playing like this, would you consider LeGarrette Blount unstoppable right now?

**MG:** I don't know that I'd consider

him unstoppable, but I think that if you continue to lean on people like that, his size and his burst -- Belichick has been saying all along that he runs lighter than he is, and I guess there's some part of that, but he's probably a 4.55 40-guy. So we're not talking about this guy that's 250-260 pounds who's running a 4.4 or a 4.3. He's more in the 4.5, but what he does is, I think people come up and they definitely want the linebackers to get him at the defensive line because he's such a load to handle, and once he gets into that second level, you can't get him with one guy. That's what we've seen pretty much since the Houston game, since Dec. 1, is really when I felt like LeGarrette Blount started running in this manner where he would be dragging guys along with him. That's a psychological thing that wears on guys, physically as well. So maybe late in games he's got that feel of Corey Dillon in 2004 and Antwain Smith in 2001 where, you can do some different things over the course of the game, but in the fourth quarter, when they're running the ball, you don't want to tackle this guy anymore. He hurts you when you tackle him. And he's getting you four, five, or six yards a pop and setting you up nicely at 2nd-and-5 and 2nd-and-4, putting you in favorable situations where you can play action or go with quick screens, you can even try to dial something up further down the field. He just puts them in such a great spot when they're controlling the line of scrimmage like that and ripping off





good chunks of yards late in games.  
**DP:** Now here they are going to Denver for the AFC Championship, and if the Patriots are going to go to the Super Bowl, they're going to need to come up with the turnovers that they came up with against the Colts. And when we talk about disguising coverages, which we're going to talk about all week against Peyton Manning, because that's the blueprint to beat Peyton, and the Patriots did it in the second half of that Week 12 game. I look at the Jamie Collins interception against the Colts on Saturday. When you watch that again, it almost looks like the defensive play call is for Jamie Collins to come in on a blitz, and Rob Ninkovich, at the last minute, tells him and waves to him, "No, get back,

get back!" And that confuses Andrew Luck because he was going to [Coby] Fleener. He throws it out there, and Jamie Collins had dropped back into coverage based on what Ninkovich told him, and he comes up with the interception. Did you see the same thing that I saw? Because  
**MG:** You absolutely saw the same thing. And again, you know I am very much the president of the Rob Ninkovich fan club. It's one of those things that people don't really know about him, the intelligence and some of the stuff, some of the signals, and some of the leadership he's taken on that defense. He's sort of taken himself to a different place this year. Part of that is obviously because of no Wilfork, no Mayo, all these important guys out of the lineup.

But part of it is, I think, he is just now really comfortable and confident with who he is as a player and his role on this defense. I've seen it numerous times this year, even signaling the safeties, he wants them to do something different than what's been called, and putting guys in the right spot. Normally you'd say that's the middle linebacker or that's the free safety who does that. He totally told Collins to peel back and make that play. And Collins, we've seen signs of him making progress here in the second half of the season, and it hasn't always been consistent, but he's shown up in every game over the last six or seven games, making a play where you say, "That's why they call him a freak, with that athletic ability." But now, I'm seeing -- not only confidence -- but he's

picked up the system. He gets it more than he's gotten it. And knowledge, for a guy with that much skill, that creates a lot of power for that defense, and he played a hell of a football game when they needed him to. And he's going to need to play as well, if not better, this weekend. Because, they didn't see Julius Thomas the first time, but they're going to see him in this one.

**DP:** I think the Patriots are going to beat the Broncos in Denver. I want someone to give me a reason why the Patriots won't. Do you have a favorite to win this one?

**MG:** I don't see the Patriots losing. There are many reasons why you could say they shouldn't win, because you look at all the things that they've been through, you look at their talent level, you look at some of the guys they're playing with now and relying on quite a bit. We've talked about the defensive tackles a ton. All these guys came off the street. So you look at it, man-to-man, Denver is a far more talented football team. But you love the quarterback in this spot. You love the coach in this spot. You love the physicality that the Patriots are playing with right now. And I just think this is old school Patriots football. This is 2001, this is 2003, this is 2004, maybe minus some of the talent they had in 2003 and 2004, but the same sort of mentality. They don't believe the Broncos are going to beat them. And they believe that if they stay in a game, that they will find a way to beat you. That's how I see Sunday. I think it's going to be one of those games that's decided in the fourth quarter. And I just have the utmost confidence that this group will find a way to get it done in the fourth quarter.

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