



Evaluating METCO

This week Margery Eagan of the Boston Herald wrote an article about how the Metco program, started in Boston in 1966, and is the country's oldest voluntary school desegregation program that buses kids from Boston to a number of suburban schools, including Brookline, shouldn't be the target of budget cuts yet again. Why? The track record shows it works. On the other hand the question remains – at what cost. Its goal was to bridge educational and economic disparities between blacks and whites and was supposed to be a short-time deal, until Boston's schools got their act together.

Eagan goes on to state that “Metco's real value may be less about giving black kids from Boston the education they can't get at home, and more about

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EDITORIAL *Is it Spring Yet?*

So far, the winter of 2013-2014 has been, in the words of one meteorologist-“Unforgiving”. And we are not even half way through. Though the snow cover has been much deeper in some previous years, at least here in Boston to this point, the cold just does not seem to want to quit. An article that appeared last week says the way this month is going it could possibly be the coldest January nationwide in 100 years.

So, what to do? Well, to suggest we all bundle up when spending time outdoors; whether working or taking care of other business is a given. But if you don’t mind a few more suggestions on other steps to

take, South Boston Today has a few. First, during those extremely cold blasts that hit us and last for days, it wouldn’t be a bad idea to check in on a neighbor or two who might live alone just to make sure they are ok, especially if you haven’t seen them lately. Second, remind the kids that they absolutely should never venture out onto the ice if it should begin to form again in Pleasure Bay or for that matter anywhere along our South Boston shoreline. As we all learned from the experience of Sylvie the Husky two weeks ago, when she had to be rescued from the frigid lagoon, salt water ice may look hard enough to walk on but usually it’s anything but.



And finally, in an effort to save some of our hard earned money, it might pay off to throw on a sweatshirt even while inside our homes rather than cranking the heat way up. It can ruin your day when you open your monthly bill from the heating company and the number in the ‘pay this amount’ box causes your jaw to drop.

For the most part, South Bostonians are a hearty group. We easily make it through each winter no matter how cold and this year will be no exception. And it might bring you some comfort when you look at the calendar and realize that January is over. And in just nine weeks, springtime will be here. Stay warm neighbors.

*“I tried being reasonable, I didn’t like it.”
-Clint Eastwood*

This Week’s Poll

With the revelation that judges and other elected officials have for years been making calls or writing letters in support of applicants for various government jobs, should the ‘hiring practices’ case against Jack O’Brien, former Probation Commissioner, be dropped based on this age-old accepted practice?

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Before getting into this week's main topics a brief comment on the Patriots. A few readers say they just can't understand why I never made mention of the New England Patriots all season in this column; especially when they were on a hot winning streak. Don't you like the 'Pats'? was one reader's question. Yes, in point of fact I do like the Pats. But the way I see it, with 3 great young sports writers here at South Boston Today - Danny Picard, David Pollard and Conor Ryan who do a super job covering the Patriots - and in fact all sports - far better than I could ever hope to, so why bother? These young educated men of South Boston work hard, get the inside stories, put it all together and make it flow like few others anywhere can. We are honored to have their talents on our sports pages. I hope this answers our readers' questions.

We have many young people in South Boston who would love to become firefighters and who would become among some of the best. Well, for those who may not know, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has announced the dates for the next firefighter's exam. You can apply to take the exam right up until March 31st of this year. For information on how to apply you can log onto their website at www.mass.gov/civilservice or you can call by phone at 617-878-9895. Being a firefighter is a rewarding career that comes with good pay, opportunities for advancement and along with doing something many will love; it gives you the chance to help people in need. South Bostonians have always been well represented on fire departments in Boston and beyond.

The upcoming exam will provide the chance for those locals, who have 'a calling' so to speak, to make a real difference while doing something that they can be proud of.

A few weeks back, a comment was made in this column questioning the wisdom of Mayor Walsh's decision not to purchase AR-15 rifles for the Boston Police Department. It was felt that was the wrong decision and would leave our local cops outgunned by some of Boston's gang members who carry some pretty heavy illegal firepower. Reports this past weekend stated the mayor may reconsider after being advised by Police Commissioner Evans that there was in fact a need. So, now, that previous criticism from here will turn to praise that the new mayor will at least listen to a professional cop like Evans. His experience in the field gives him the best perspective about what is needed to fight crime, giving police the tools they should have to do the job. Walsh's willingness to listen to the common sense advice of those whose job it is to be 'in the know' on specific issues is a big improvement from the previous administration.

Secretary of State John F Kerry has been accused of being outmaneuvered by the Iranians regarding their nukes. The Iranians have actually been laughing publicly about what they say was a clear cut victory for them and a defeat for the US. Even some Democrats oppose the deal Kerry made and will actively work against it. But coming up short with Iran wasn't bad enough. Kerry felt the need to attempt to interfere in the internal issues of the State of Texas. Last week, Kerry tried unsuccessfully to stop Texas from

executing an illegal alien, a Mexican national tried and convicted of killing a young Texas cop. The police officer that Edgar Tamayo killed was on the job just 2 years. The officer and his wife were expecting their first child. Yet, Kerry tried to use his influence to save the cop killer. Kerry learned once again that no one tells Texas what to do; especially not a politician from the northeast and especially one who takes the side of someone who murders one of that state's police officers. Said one Texas official: "It

would be nice if John Kerry showed as much concern for the lives of thousands of innocent babies aborted every year by Planned Parenthood as he did for this cop killer." Texans have a reputation for not mincing words.

And finally for this week, a comment on Justin Bieber: Spoiled, pampered little brat? Out of control punk who harasses his neighbors, damages the property of others, endangers people's lives, assaults police officers and seems to have a

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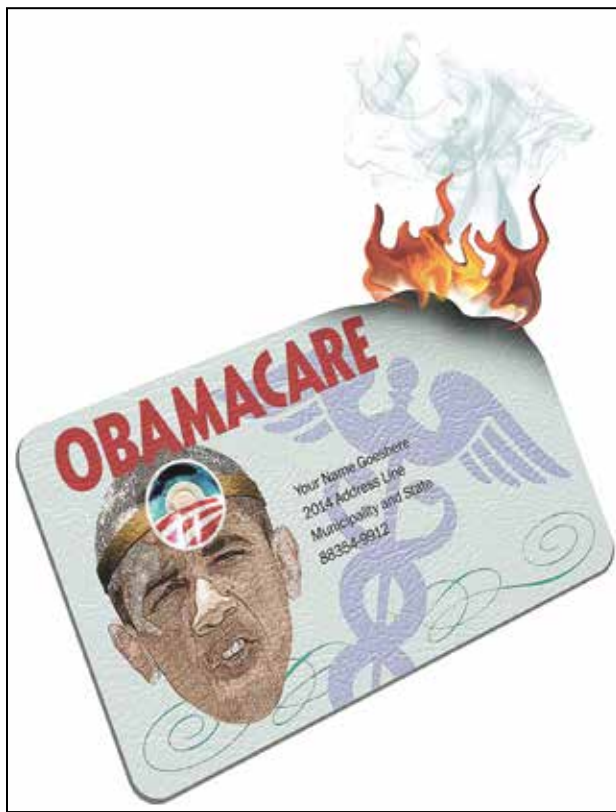
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Obamacare Running Out Of Time

The perils of Obamacare have been looming for some time. As has been reported since the summer, Governor Deval Patrick, with pressure from the Massachusetts Legislature, has been requesting a waiver for Obamacare – that is to exempt the Commonwealth and its citizens from having to participate. Recently, Charlie Baker, candidate for Governor, called for Governor Patrick to persistently request a waiver until the request is granted. To date the requests have been denied by the Obama Administration.

The problems that Obamacare is facing are that it was passed with the belief that young people would naturally join. But to date, they have not. Most young people, aka the ‘young invincibles’ don’t feel that they need to sign up. Also, this demographic, who are tech-savvy, find it hard to trust an entity that can’t run a website.

Here is why there is actually a bigger problem. Insurance companies charge rates based on actuary calculations. Actuarial science is the discipline that

applies mathematical and statistical methods to assess risk in insurance, finance and other industries and professions. While the formulae are complex, a simple way of looking at it is that older people need more healthcare and younger people need less. So if there is an equal amount of younger people paying insurance it offsets the use of the healthcare system by older people. However, since the younger people aren’t joining the system, and therefore not paying, then the insurance companies, who were forced into the Obamacare system, must take on the mathematical burden of assessing what amount to a much greater risk – more money being paid out in benefits with less money coming in to fund those benefits. If this problem persists, insurance companies may need to take a page out of Wall Street’s book and plan for a bailout, if the numbers don’t add up. Things could get very problematic, despite the intent.

When will it end? Will it take an election, or just a federal bailout? Both? Sounds like we have heard this story before?

What’s Good For The Goose – Another Double Standard Example?

The MA Probation Department case that the US Attorney has brought upon former Probation Commissioner Jack O’Brien has been written about extensively.

At the time the indictments were handed down, it was well known that Carmen Ortiz, the MA US Attorney, was considering a run at Governor. It was reported by the Boston Dailies

that the prosecution was seen by many as political in nature, as Ortiz pursued O’Brien for his role in a patronage scheme. Shortly thereafter, Governor Deval Patrick reportedly met with both House Speaker Robert Deleo and Senate President Therese Murray about supporting her as a potential gubernatorial candidate. They apparently were puzzled by the request in that Ortiz’s legal team was targeting members of the legislature, as well as both the Speaker and Senate President themselves. Shortly after that unorthodox overture, Ortiz decided against a run for Governor.

But Ortiz is still pursuing the case, which she seems committed to seeing through.

Peter Gelzinis, Boston Herald Columnist, wrote about Ortiz’ own curiously similar path to her patronage-like appointment as US Attorney having sought and received the recommendation of the late US Senator Ted Kennedy and former US Senator John Kerry. Incredibly, a document that itemizes pages of notes indicating that judges, politicians and others routinely recommended individuals for jobs

in the system was for some reason withheld from O’Brien’s defense team and now is playing a seemingly ominous role in questioning the validity of the government’s basic claim that O’Brien’s patronage process was illegal. What it shows is a strikingly similar process of pursuing recommendations that Ortiz herself followed in pursuit of her current role.

The irony has not been lost on any observer and pundit remotely connected to this case, whether lawyer, politician or average citizen. Even the judge presiding over this case has a potential conflict of interest inasmuch as his former law partner led the initial investigation of the probation department and had authored the report and its original recommendations. In addition, the wasteful cost of this type of prosecution adds even more to the public contempt towards the entire system.

Ortiz has brought intense and appropriate scrutiny onto herself and her prosecutorial team. At some point, enough is enough. At what cost to the taxpayers is this case worth pursuing?

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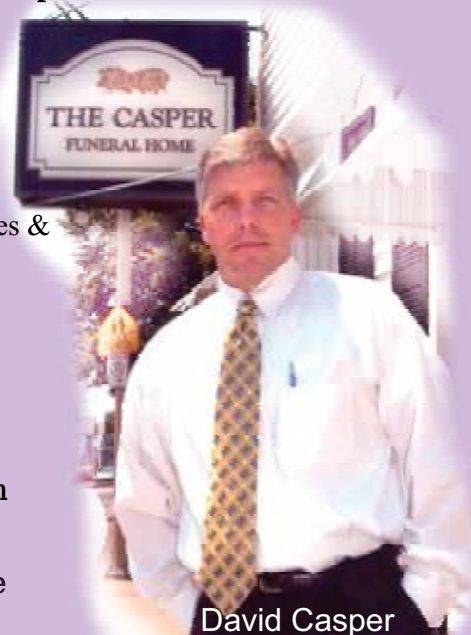
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Reading Between The Lines

Brian Mahoney has no column this week due to a bad case of the flu - He would like his readers to know that he'll be back next week

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Brian R. Mahoney

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Father, Son, Uncle Indicted in Fatal South Boston Stabbing



District Attorney Daniel F. Conley

Three family members were indicted today for first-degree murder in the fatal beating and stabbing of 29-year-old Edwin Santos in South Boston, District Attorney Daniel F. Conley announced. A Suffolk County grand jury returned the indictments charging Angel Sanchez; his father, Elias Sanchez


and Elias' brother, Gabriel Sanchez, with first-degree murder for the fatal Nov. 17 attack. The three men are expected to be arraigned on the indictments tomorrow morning in Suffolk Superior Court.

According to prosecutors, Elias Sanchez approached Santos and began to beat him with a club or

baton as the victim and a female companion stood outside a Dorchester Street market shortly before 5:00 p.m. Soon, the elder Sanchez's son, Angel, and brother, Gabriel, joined in the assault and each allegedly stabbed the victim. The three assailants fled on foot as Santos stumbled into the market and collapsed. He died of multiple

blunt trauma and stab wounds.

The grand jury proceedings that led to the indictments were led by Assistant District Attorney Mark Zanini, chief of the DA's Juvenile Unit. Angel Sanchez is represented by J.W. Carney. Elias Sanchez is represented by Thomas Ford. Gabriel Sanchez is represented by Robert Wheeler.



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Mayor Marty Walsh Plans Gang Violence Meetings

Mayor Marty Walsh issued the following press release regarding the number of shootings and the increase in their related murders that have taken place in the early days of 2014.

“We cannot become complacent to the death of any young person in our City; we need to stop these events from happening in the first place. I asked Boston Police Commissioner Bill Evans, Chief William Gross, and Gang Unit Officer Bobby Merner to brief me on recent violent events in our City. Here is what we know:

This time last year, Boston had seen 15 shootings and 2 gun fatalities. Since January 1st of this year, we have seen 13 shootings and 8 gun fatalities.

The last four shootings are likely related, and are a combination of gang violence and retaliation. It is the understanding of the Boston Police Department that there were prior

relationships between the victims and the suspects.

There was also another nonfatal shooting today in Jamaica Plain, and thanks to the efforts of Boston Police and the community, a suspect is now in custody.

In the coming days, I will be convening several groups to discuss actions we can take in several of the areas that I discussed with Commissioner Evans and his Command Staff. We will work with all levels of government, law enforcement and the community to reduce the trauma in our neighborhoods, get guns off the street, and address the underlying causes of violence.

While there is no single solution, improving public safety is among my highest priorities. This kind of violence cannot become commonplace; we should be shocked every time we hear of another shooting, of another death in our community.”



REP. COLLINS ANNOUNCES FINAL BEACHES COMMISSION HEARING

In the summer and fall of 2013, the Metropolitan Beaches Commission and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay held public hearings at the Massachusetts State House as well as in South Boston and Dorchester.

Nearly 700 people participated in the hearings and scores more took part in an online survey. Later this year, the Commission will issue its final report. Before releasing the report, the Commission will hold a public meeting at the UMass Boston

Campus Center from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday, February 1, 2014, to share its preliminary findings and recommendations.

“As a member of the Beaches Commission, I had the opportunity to hear from residents and staff who know our beaches, what is going right and what needs improvement,” said Representative Nick Collins. “I encourage everyone interested in our beaches to come to the final meeting at UMass Boston to contribute and make sure we get this final report right.”

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Rep. Collins Pushes DCF Agency Reform

On Tuesday, January 28 the Joint Committee on Children, Families & Persons with Disabilities heard testimony on legislation filed by State Representative Nick Collins (D-South Boston) that seeks to reform the state's Department of Children & Families. H.85/S.27 - An Act relative to children in the care, protection, and custody of the Commonwealth - would require the Commonwealth to provide for such common sense measures

as creating an economic opportunity pipeline for foster care youth to access apprenticeships and mentorships, while providing tax credits to small businesses that offer employment opportunities; require the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to examine the free credit reports of all children in its care to determine any instances of identity theft; develop a practical skills curriculum for foster care youth beginning at age 11, and a life coach program for long-term connections after the youth ages out of care.

Members of the Children's League of Massachusetts, a statewide association of over 75 organizations and individuals involved in advocating

for policies and services for the state's children, youth and families, also testified before the Legislature's Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities on behalf of a wide-ranging bill designed to provide additional support for children in the care of the Commonwealth.

Erin Bradley, its executive director, said the legislation is not a reaction to the controversy surrounding DCF, but was actually developed more than two years ago by agencies across the state. "This was a comprehensive review of things that can be done to improve the quality of life for the children in care and custody of state," Bradley said.

In addition, the bill would direct the Child Welfare Task Force to hold meetings monthly, and report quarterly, on the status of system integration for children in the care of the state. This would include designing a system for after-school care, summer camp, school sports transportation; mandating the creation of a reporter training tool to train and certify reporters every 3 years, and expanding eligibility for Early Intervention screening to children under three years of age with an open case in DCF.

"Our supreme obligation as a Commonwealth is to look after our most vulnerable citizens and children. This bill seeks to provide better oversight and communication among government agencies; smoother academic transitions for children in foster care; job training, skills training and financial literacy programs for our youth; and protections against identity theft for children in the custody and care of the Commonwealth. This legislation represents a smart investment in the future of our young people and gets us closer to fulfilling that obligation", stated Rep. Nick Collins

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substance abuse problem? Yes, all those things. But the question being asked by many Americans who have had enough of his antics is why he is allowed to get away with what he's been doing. It's a reasonable question for sure. Especially when you consider that this kid isn't even an American citizen. If American teenagers get caught pulling even a fraction of the things Bieber has been doing they'd be serving time in jail followed by probation. Is it because the kid made \$58 million dollars last year and gets a pass because he's rich? Could the blatant double standard be any more obvious? If they refuse to lock this kid up down here, the least they should do is revoke his visa and boot his tail back to Canada. If his supporters have a problem with that, maybe they should go with him.

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some also play music to ensure the teeth are brushed for the 2 minute recommended time. When a child is old enough to rinse out and not swallow, usually 4 years or older a fluoride rinse at night before bedtime will give added protection against tooth decay. Rinse for 1 minute with an over the counter fluoride or anti cavity rinse and be sure not to rinse out with water after as this can wash away the fluoride off the teeth.

Once a child's teeth are starting to erupt, if a bottle is given at bedtime be sure to only fill with water and not juice. Sippy cups during the day should only be tap water also. Juices have natural sugar and will decay the teeth so try to limit to meal times. If a child does develop

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answer any questions and discuss oral care, diet and any fluoride supplements your child may need. Often parents forget to check their Insurance to make sure their child is active on their policy. That would be something the parent should call to see if the child is added to their dental plan. We would ONLY bill the insurance company IF your child allowed us to clean their teeth and it was not just a "Happy Visit".

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turning upside down and inside out the narrow perspective of white kids in predominantly white and affluent towns. Americans are always about to have that "big" conversation about race. We never quite do. But in mixed-race student councils, basketball teams and AP calculus classes, small conversations happen; perspectives change. During mixed-race trips to the pizza joint on the corner or to a Metco family's home outside Dudley Square, perspectives change some more."

How does it work? It's a good opportunity, but is it really fair or equitable? Does this policy perpetuate urban school systems that are unwilling to make the changes necessary to improve its schools? What is the selection process?

The following is the current description of eligibility for Metco:

To be eligible for the Metco program you must be a resident of Boston or Springfield and be non-white. Eligibility does not depend on family income, school attendance, academic achievement, behavior or discipline record, English language

proficiency, immigration status, or athletic ability. Metco schools are public schools and do not have entrance requirements for district students or Metco students.

Special needs students are eligible for Metco unless the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) calls for an out-of-district placement. Metco schools must meet the needs of Metco special education students as long as the required services can be provided within the district.

This all assumes that all white students have better options than non-whites. This further begs the question, if the Boston Public Schools aren't good enough for some people, are they good enough for any? And furthermore shouldn't all children be offered the same opportunities? Metco is a good program. But should the real focus be on raising the standards of education in our own system and actually keep Metco as a specialty program with stricter eligibility requirements and not a catch-all or bailout option for a chosen few in the alternative.

The answer is never an easy one.



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The Artists' Studio



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A Story We Share: Massachusetts Artists Celebrating Black History and Culture

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, and The Massachusetts Archives & Commonwealth Museum have collaborated with the Boston Arts Academy on an art exhibit celebrating Black History Month. The exhibit, A Story We Share:

Massachusetts Artists Celebrating Black History and Culture has been curated by three Boston Arts Academy students, Stacy Lafume, Rodrick Guevara and Rocky Cotard under the guidance of BAA faculty member Destiny Palmer. We invite you to explore and enjoy the art of Stephen Hamilton, Paul Goodnight,

Laurence Pierce, Lucilda Dassardo-Cooper, Adam Bullock, Shaanti Williams and Ekua Holmesan.

The exhibit runs from February 1, 2014 through February 28, 2014 at the Massachusetts Archives Building, Columbia Point, Dorchester. The public is invited to attend the exhibit opening on Wednesday, February 5,

2014 at 6:00 pm. Admission is free to both the exhibit and the museum. The Commonwealth Museum is open Monday - Friday from 9-5 and free parking is available.

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Young at Arts Free Painting Classes Postponed

The next series of Young at Arts Youth Painting classes has been postponed to a later date. The next classes will begin on Monday February 24, 2014.

The classes will be held at St. Vincent Church Parish Meeting House, (across from the Church's main entrance on E Street). The sessions are free to youngsters from seven to 12 years of age. The sessions will be held on Monday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. All painting materials will be supplied. The youngsters will be painting in acrylics led by renowned watercolorist Dan McCole.

This is the eighth session of free painting classes for young painters and is co-sponsored by the 'Young Ambassadors' of the South Boston Community Health Center and the South Boston Arts Association. We look forward to seeing you on Monday February 24 at 4:30 p.m.!

For further information contact Mayra Rodriguez Howard at 617 464-7423 or Dan McCole at 617 464-4237.

The Wine Guy *DAVID AND GOLIATH*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Jamie Driscoll



Portugal is today's "David" in the wine world. Still stretching her legs and finding her way. A handful of producers are making wines, often from very old plots and typically from blends of indigenous varieties, that are challenging the greatest wines from other, more highly considered regions, but the bulk of the Portuguese wine industry remains focused on producing affordable table wines. The interesting thing here is that a large chunk of these table wines are being produced with those self same indigenous varieties that Portugal is using to challenge the Goliaths of the wine world with.

The local varieties are just so good, producing wines with such character and attractive qualities that I can't imagine they can be much improved, but as new generations of winemakers return home to transform more and more family vineyards with what they've learned from being abroad, there will doubtless be even more quality wine to be had at great values. Here are a few that you should seek out, as they're definitely worth the effort:

Quinta da Aveleda Follies Cabernet/Touriga Nacional 2010 (~\$12.00)- This dark, ruby-colored, wine is a blend of Touriga Nacional, a local variety and Cabernet Sauvignon that is very typical of many of the "new breed" of Portugal's wine challengers. The nose is pleasantly earthy and ripe

with blackcurrant, cherry and cigar box notes leading to a soft and supple, balanced mouth with a very decent, lingering finish. Really a lot of wine for the money and one you can enjoy with a number of meat and cheese options.

Casa de Santar Tinto 2010 (~\$10.00)-Gregory Dal Piaz, one of the top critics of Portuguese wines, had this to say:

"A blend of Touriga Nacional, Alfrocheiro and Tinta Roriz creates baking spices over blueberry and cherry notes. The oak on the nose may not be overpowering but this is some very perfumed wood. High acid on entry, showing some very soft, fine grained tannins, is both bright and inviting it the mouth with flavors that are a bit earthy with lots of high toned blue and wild cherry fruits that are framed by an assertive mineral edge. This shows lovely depth of flavor on the palate without much weight, and great clarity to the rather precise and very clear an edge of wild cherry on the backend and through the bright fruity finish. This is really lovely. 90pts"

To put it in plain English, 90 point quality at \$10.00 a bottle only rarely comes along and this impressive red from one of the country's oldest and most prestigious Port makers is one more reason to expect great things from their line of table wines, as well.

Quinta Do Casal Branco White,

2012 (~\$10.00)- For people who just love white, even in the weather we're having now, here's one for you. From the Ribatejo area, with its mild climate, this wine, made from Fernão Pires grapes, (another local varietal) is really pleasant drinking. Notes of apples, lime and some tropical fruit combine with nice balance and good acidity to give you a great choice for pairing with grilled seafood, as well as Thai or Chinese dishes. Real value

that you'll find yourself going back to again and again.

Let me just finish up here with a really big wine for the Big Game; it's another red from Casa de Santar. **The Casa de Santar Reserva, 2008 (~\$18.00)**- is carefully crafted, oak-aged and produced in small quantities. The wine is very full-bodied, exceptionally smooth and structured and compares really well to some of Burgundy's better wines for a fraction of the cost. Pair this one with a Sunday roast and you'll get smiles from everyone, regardless of who wins!

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Curley Rec Announces New Youth and Teen Center Opening

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
By Barbara Kelly

After much anticipation, the brand new space at the Curley Rec Center is ready to open its arms and its doors to the neighborhood's youth and teens with a motto of "Educational-Recreational-Social". The City of Boston's Boston Center for Youth and Families' Curley site, or the "L", is located at 1663 Columbia Road, South Boston, and offers a wide range of services to all ages - men, women and children - ranging in age from 6 years old to senior citizens. The newest addition to the BCYF facility will be our Youth & Teen Center, where, we are aiming to provide our local youth, ranging from ages 8 to 17, with a safe social, educational and creative environment and the first of its kind in the neighborhood - a place where we have combined a computer lab, an audio/visual recording studio (under construction), a large lounge with 2 flat screen TVs and WiFi, a social gathering area and an educational/academic area all under one roof.

Along with our popular Summer Youth Activities Program that runs July and August and holding successful events such as "Boston vs. Bullies" anti-bullying workshop with crusader Jillian Jensen, a 3 on 3 basketball "Summer Showdown", "Words Can Work", crowded Beach Jams featuring Paula Abdul, and lots of off-site activities like the Microsoft Store concert, Snow Tubing at Amesbury, "Girls Make The City", Jingle Bowl Football, Skate Club and Anti-Violence seminars with the Tynan staff we are now set to introduce our state of the art room with its hip, comfy furniture and a 70" flat screen to youth and their families.

The Curley Community Youth & Teen Center will operate year round, Monday thru Friday, 2pm-9pm and various weekend days as scheduled. Providing youth and teens, ages 8 to 17 with after-school programming including homework help and tutoring, a computer lab,

with both structured and free time, and nighttime activities such as workshops and seminars for both middle school and high school aged youth.

Our After-School program, ages 8-12 will open registration this Wednesday, January 29th. We will run Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 2:30-5:30pm. Tuesdays will open up in March. It's only \$5 for the year and kids will get a picture ID which they will scan at the K Street entrance upon entering the building for safety purposes. They can settle in the academic/educational area or at one of our 10 computers and get their written homework done and printed and take advantage of the computers to start or finish up a project. We are planning structured programs such as One Hen Inc., a proven and successful enrichment program for 4th & 5th graders that empowers kids to become social entrepreneurs who make a difference for themselves and the world by equipping them with educational resources geared to four values: financial responsibility, personal initiative, global awareness and giving back.

We are fortunate to have 2 great BYF teens working with us this school year and other responsible teens that will be doing community service hours to assist the children with their homework and offer math tutoring then at 4:30 will be joining the kids in "Free Time"! We have ping pong, bumper pool, arts & crafts, gimp, board games, all new video systems and the room is equipped with WiFi - so bring your iPad or Kindle along!

Our Teen Center will be open for ages 13-17 and promises to be a one stop gathering spot for them as they can take care of homework in the computer lab where our computers are networked together for group projects such as seminars and workshops having to do with academics such as "Preparing Your College Application", instruction of essential software such as MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Adobe Photoshop/Photography classes, essay writing, online book clubs and much more. It is also planned for

these computers to be tied into our Audio Visual Studio where teens can work separately and in groups to put the finishing touches on videos, commercials, cartoons, voiceovers and more.

We are scheduling an "Intro to Finance and Banking" 4 week seminar for Wednesdays, 6:30pm where the working teen, ages 16 & 17, will come away with knowledge on how to handle their money/ paycheck, make smart purchases, how to stretch their dollar and finish up with a \$20 personal account and a debit card. Space for this is very limited so please call today to reserve a spot.

To make the Teen Center and its workshops even more successful we will be reaching out to local South Boston merchants and businesses asking them to share their expertise and many talents such as web design, writing, photography, self-defense instruction, fitness and nutrition and artistry of all kinds! Something for everyone! The sky's the limit!

The teens will probably most enjoy the "Freedom Fridays" and our new Curley Teen Fitness Center. Freedom Fridays is just that; the choice to watch movies, get pizza, play pool, ping pong or video games, listen to music or play cards or LCR! Some nights we will go off-site bowling, the mall, batting cages, theater or just for a bite to eat or frozen yogurt. Our fitness center offers yet another option for ages 13-16 geared to working out, lifting some weights, running beach sprints, hitting the heavy bag and learning about proper nutrition all under the watchful eye of a certified instructor. We are solidifying the schedule for Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 4-6pm.

Other exciting things in the works are our "Run The World" Teen Girls Club where we will work with the BCYF, Big Sister, the Mayor's Youth council, and again, our own community to bring new and positive messages and experiences to the girls. We have lots of interesting ideas and trips planned. Watch for registration coming soon.

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Assessing Team USA

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

by David Pollard

Talk back to David at DPollard@SouthBostonToday.com

There are 12 men's hockey teams competing for gold in the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi - four years ago, the United States came within a goal of capturing gold over team Canada, but came up just short when Sydney Crosby put an overtime game-winner through the legs of Ryan Miller.

Will 2014 be any different for the red, white, and blue? Team Canada is once again the odds on favorite to win gold, but the U.S. roster is full of talent, team Russia will look to make a stand with a distinct home ice advantage, and teams like Sweden and Finland who faced off in the bronze medal game in 2010 cannot be overlooked either.

Team U.S.A.'s strength is in its offensive firepower, and goaltending. Patrick Kane is a dynamic player who will likely lead the offensive charge. He's had a highly successful career with the Chicago Blackhawks, winning two Stanley Cups during his career in the windy city. Zach Parise of the Minnesota Wild is a highly skilled three zone forward, as is David Backes of the St. Louis Blues. Phil Kessel of the Toronto Maple Leafs has blazing speed and one of the most lethal wrist shots in all of hockey.

The decision on the starting goaltender has not yet been made, but between Ryan Miller, Jonathan Quick, and Jimmy Howard, the odds on favorite to win the position should be Jonathan Quick. He proved to be a big game performer who can withstand high quality scoring chances when he took the Los Angeles Kings to a Stanley Cup victory in 2012, winning the Con Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP along the way.

If there is an area of concern it's on the blue line. Cam Fowler has come into his own as a young defenseman in Anaheim. Kevin Shattenkirk of the St. Louis Blues and Ryan Suter of the Minnesota Wild are going to be the two horses on the blue line.

Ryan McDonough of the New York Rangers is a sturdy defender, as is John Carlson of the Washington Capitals. Beyond the top four defensemen, it would seem Brooks Orpik and Paul Martin were chosen because of their familiarity with team U.S.A. head coach Dan Bylsma, and Justin Faulk of the Carolina Hurricanes has much to prove in this tournament if he is to convince people he belongs on the Olympic roster.

Can the defense withstand the offense of team Canada when the two inevitably meet in these winter games? Can the offense score with the likes of Sydney Crosby, Steven Stamkos, Rick Nash, John Tavares, Jonathan Toews, Ryan Getzlaf, Jamie Benn, Patrick Marleau, Corey Perry, Matt Duchene, Patrick Sharp, and Patrice Bergeron?

One advantage lies between the pipes. Team Canada will have the choice of Roberto Luongo, Carey Price, and Mike Smith. All highly capable goaltenders but who have not been able to win in the NHL postseason.

When it comes down to it, these are the two best teams in the tournament. It would be no shock to see these two face off for the gold medal for a second time in a row. Team Russia will feature players like Alexander Ovechkin, Pavel Datsyuk, Evgeni Malkin, and Ilya Kovalchuck, but behind those NHL All Stars are plenty of Russian Hockey League professionals. While the KHL is competitive, it cannot hold a torch to the talent in the National Hockey League.

Teams like Sweden and Finland have strength in depth, as many of their players are strong role players in the NHL. Sweden will also have Henrik Lundqvist between the pipes, Finland will likely start Tuukka Rask.

The competition is stiff, but the United States are poised to make a run for an Olympic gold medal. If they want to achieve a better result than 2010's silver, they will have to go through team Canada yet again.

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Patricia M. Campatelli January 16, 2014

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January 30, 2014





*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 from 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 WEEI-93.7 FM. This week, Danny talked Celtics with Comcast SportsNet's A. Sherrod Blakely:

DANNY PICARD: I watched the return of Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett, and I'm not going to lie, Sherrod, it got a little dusty in my living room during their tribute videos. Take me into the TD Garden, and what that moment was like in the building.

A. SHERROD BLAKELY: It was a different kind of buzz from the very start. It was the kind of buzz that we have not seen this year, as the Celtics go through their rebuilding phase. Once those guys got in the building, it only intensified. And once the video tributes started, it was clear that you were going to see a lot of cheers and a lot of tears that night. The players had a little dust in their eyes as well. And also from the fans, who clearly made it known how much they care about Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett. It was one of the more awesome things that I've seen ever.

DP: And I was glad that they separated the tributes. Because, going in, there was part of me that was concerned they were going to give one big tribute with both Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce. And not to take anything away from Garnett, but I'm glad they gave Paul Pierce his

own moment. Because he spent his whole career here. Not that Garnett didn't deserve a moment, but Pierce absolutely deserved his own moment.

ASB: Not only did Pierce deserve his own moment, but he deserved a longer tribute, which they gave him. You're talking about a guy that spent 15 years in one city. That is unheard of in today's NBA for a guy to have that kind of longevity in one place. So it was really great to see the treatment that they gave Paul Pierce. For a media member covering the game, it was so bizarre, because when Paul missed his first shot, people grimaced. How many visiting players go into the Garden, and people are actually grimacing when they miss a shot? You just don't see that happen. But it speaks to how much this fan base really loved Paul Pierce and gave him the kind of kind of respect that a guy, who put in the service that he did through the ups and downs over a 15-year career, deserved.

DP: Do you think anyone in the Celtics front office saw something like that [on Sunday] and maybe had some regrets they made that trade?

ASB: Not a bit. In fact, there's a

part of them that actually -- and they won't admit this -- but there's a part of them that likes the fact Brooklyn has been playing better, and those guys in particular. Paul and Kevin got off to rough starts and looked very bad out there in every phase of the game. Now, they're starting to look more like their old selves. But for the Celtics, they wanted to get rid of those contracts, and they got three future first-round picks in the deal, which is unheard of, for players at that particular age. So the Celtics, they got what they wanted, and the Nets got what they wanted, which was veteran leadership.

DP: You wrote on CSNNE.com that Kevin Garnett's number should be retired at the TD Garden. Give me your reasoning for why you think KG's number should be retired with the Celtics.

ASB: A number of reasons. First and foremost, he was a hell of a player, one of the best players in the NBA during his six seasons in Boston. Number two, he restored, not just the pride of the franchise, he restored the foundation of which, this team is still being built upon. The Celtics had a horrible team for a

really long time until they got Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen. I would put Kevin Garnett's acquisition ahead of Ray Allen's, simply because Kevin Garnett impacted the game in so many ways. Kevin Garnett is one of the few guys I've ever had the pleasure of covering who really is what you'd call a five-tool NBA player. And that's a guy who can score, rebound, defend, pass, and make his teammates better at the highest of levels. When you look at all those factors in one man, and the fact that they won an NBA Title, and the fact that if he didn't get hurt, they probably would have won a second title, it's not even worth debating whether or not Kevin Garnett is going to get his number retired.

DP: I agree with that. And I wanted you to explain your reasoning because if that does happen, the question will come up, and Cedric Maxwell has already started it, what would happen with Ray Allen's number? Do you think the Celtics should retire Ray Allen's number?

ASB: That is a tough one. Gosh. He hit so many big shots for them, but you know what, for me, what would put Kevin over the top, is that he

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didn't just change the way the Celtics played. He changed the culture around here. Kevin's impact is still felt to this day in that locker room. You can't say that about Ray Allen. You miss some of his big shots, obviously, but in terms of changing the culture, in terms of impacting the franchise in a way that it is never going to be the same, I don't see Ray Allen as having that kind of impact.

He is a great player, without question, and Ray Allen should be a Hall of Famer. I think he should be a first-ballot Hall of Famer, in my opinion. But should his jersey be retired at the TD Garden? I don't think so.

DP: Because I think you can make an argument, and I did in the previous segment. Kevin Garnett wasn't going to accept a trade to Boston until the Ray Allen trade. And you mention

rejuvenating the franchise, I also think that Ray Allen had a lot to do with rejuvenating the franchise. And if that is a major reason as to why the championship happened, don't you think it should be at least considered by the Celtics?

ASB: Oh, absolutely. By no means am I saying that you shouldn't even consider retiring Ray Allen's number in Boston. It should be something

that's talked about and discussed and debated. But I think at the end of the day, for me, what will put Kevin Garnett over the top, ahead of Ray Allen, was the fact that his impact was not only in the moment, but it still exists, now that he's gone. And I just don't see Ray Allen having that type of after-the-fact impact on this franchise. I just don't.

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Kids Learn Teamwork, Values and Respect from Sports

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
by Ray Flynn

Last Saturday, at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club, the annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shooting Contest was held. Boys and girls from South Boston and Dorchester participated in the fun event. As I told the players and parents, kids learn teamwork, values, and respect while playing sports.

I would also like to share a couple of small but important examples of why I feel this way. Ironically, the two examples took place the same day. The first one happened while Kathy, my 7 year old handicapped grandson Braedan and I were attending the 5 o'clock Mass at St. Vincent's Church in South Boston. Braedan often falls down when he tries to walk. But when he spotted Fr. Joe White standing in back of church before Mass, he immediately

dashed over to Father White with his hand extended wanting to greet Father and shake his hand. He didn't fall. It was like a reunion of two long time cherished friends and it was moving to watch.

In his homily, Father Joe talked about the church's outreach to the many young people who have recently moved into the Lower End of South Boston. He then went on to say that, "we have to welcome and greet these new arrivals the same way Braedan greeted me tonight. It was a brilliant example to describe the church's outreach effort echoed by several parishioners speaking to me after church.

A short time after mass, I witnessed something else at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club gym that I will not forget. While all the young free

throw contestants, both girls and boys were taking shots with the basketball, Braedan was also out on the court with them, chasing the basketball around. He was having so much fun. The kids were concerned every time Braedan fell down. Even though they were playing, they would run over to him and help pick him up. They also would roll the ball to him and cheer him on. Little kids themselves who instinctively wanted to help Braedan. Their parents sitting in the stands had to be very proud watching their children demonstrate such kindness.

Teamwork and respect for one another is what I tried to stress at the free throw contest. Yes, it was another special day in a place where it all began for me, the South Boston Boys and Girls Club, but more importantly it was a special day for all the kids competing in the Knights of Columbus basketball contest. Yes, the kids were playing basketball, but they were learning the real lessons about life and everybody deserved a Gold Medal.

Ray Flynn, is the former Mayor of Boston, and U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican.

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great people such as Citizens Bank, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, CHILL – a free snowboarding program at Wachusett Mountain, Staples Inc, Joe Curran BPD Community Liaison and Billy Stoddard of The Boston Police Athletic League to name a few in order to make the new youth and teen program a safe and successful venture.

So, just to remind you, registration begins this Wednesday at 2:30pm and is ongoing. Our After-school program will begin Thursday, the 30th, 2:30 to 5:30 with parent/guardian drop off and pick up and is \$5 for the year! Please note what we do have limited space. Registration for the Teen Center and Fitness area are ongoing as well any time, Monday-Friday, during open Curley Community Center hours.

Please feel free to call with any questions and ask for youth worker Barbara Kelly (617)635-5104. Stay tuned for our showcase and "Grand Opening" event in the coming weeks!

1. Andrew Collins and Sean Monahan, members of the Pere Marquette Council assist South Boston youth at the annual Free Throw Contest at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club.

2. South Boston resident Caitlin Fitzgerald, a participant in the annual free throw contest held at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club, is pictured with former Boston Mayor Ray Flynn.

3. Matiru Mwangi and Joey Maiullari, two South Boston youths who participated in Saturday's free throw tournament at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club

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