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## Rep. Collins Secures \$465.5 Million For District Transportation Improvements

State Representative Nick Collins joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in approving a \$12.7 billion bond bill to assist Massachusetts communities in

paying for local transportation-related projects.

The bond bill authorizes \$300 million in Chapter 90 funding to help cities and towns complete road, bridge and infrastructure improvement projects. This marks the eighth consecutive year that the House has either raised or level-funded Chapter 90.

“This bill includes badly needed capital investments to our state’s transportation infrastructure,” said Rep. Collins. “Most importantly, I am proud of securing the resources that this bond bill commits to the 4th Suffolk District to improve public transit, bike lane opportunities, the competitiveness of Boston’s commercial port and the University of Massachusetts—Boston.”

Funding for South Boston and Dorchester will benefit projects such as:

- \$300 million for improvements to South Station;

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# EDITORIAL

**Queerty.com** is a well known news and entertainment site that's "free of an agenda, except that gay one" as it is described online. In March 2010, Queerty ran an article titled, "New York Parade Still Doesn't Want Gays. And That's Their Right."

The gist of the article was that while they vehemently disagree with what they view as a discriminatory policy, they agreed that organizers absolutely have the right to admit whom they want. The posted comments ranged from 100% agreement with the article to "The article couldn't be more wrong."

Most took a moderate position. For instance, "on this occasion Queerty has got it right". Another, "It's abhorrent but their right as a private organization must be respected, just as we would want our rights respected". This one was actually pretty funny, "and marching in some drunks' parade is important to gays because...?" Still another, "We have the best gay parade in the world and if we won that means we'd have to allow any anti-gay floats in our parade? I don't want those blankety-blanks in my parade and I don't want to be in theirs either".

Yet another said "We'd have a much stronger argument if we were able to point to gay groups marching on Thanksgiving Day, Columbus Day, Puerto Rican Day, Pulaski Day, Caribbean Day, Israeli Day, in other New York Parades but gays aren't allowed to march openly in those parades either. It isn't just those terrible, bigoted, awful, Irish Catholics who discriminate in their parades. The Jews, Poles, Blacks and Puerto Ricans aren't any better". Remember, too, this is not New York nor is it Ireland. How and why they run their Patrick's Day Parade is their business.

The main point here is that you cannot use a broad stroke and say all gay people feel a certain way, anymore than it is okay to say all Irish will drink.

Our parade is different. Our parade isn't actually a St. Patrick's Day Parade. People sometimes refer to anti-Irish discrimination in America, but Boston was ground zero. The insult, "Paddy Wagon", was coined here in Boston. Boston was the home of the anti-Catholic Know-Nothing Party. "No Irish Need Apply" signs were first used in Boston. So virulent was the hatred that Evacuation Day was never observed because it fell on St. Patrick's Day. It

actually wasn't observed until 1902 when the Dorchester Heights Monument, which the South Boston Citizen's Association lobbied for, was dedicated that Evacuation Day. Thus St. Patrick's Day became linked forever and the Irish had their day. It was the first time, in their new country that our Parents, Grandparents and Great Grandparents, could openly and proudly declare themselves as proud Irish Catholics. Surely Gay Americans understand the feeling on a day that you can stand up proudly and say this is who I am.

Interestingly, shortly after  
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*"I do think that our freedoms are at risk"*  
**-US Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas**

## Last Week's Poll

Last Week's Poll Saw Lots Of Action With More Than 5,000 Votes – Here Are The Results.

### School or Condos

Should the Gate of Heaven School be leased for a Charter School or sold for luxury condos?

- **Charter School - 97%**
- **Condos - 3%**

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One of the most rewarding things about being part of this newspaper is the incredible amount of feedback we get from you, our readers. The number of comments that come to us here at South Boston Today in the form of emails, tweets, phone calls and even handwritten letters through the postal mail continues to grow. Being approached personally while out and around town by residents with feedback and suggestions is appreciated too. The majority of comments we get are positive and encouraging; some are not. But all of them; pro or con are welcome but may not be fit to print in our opinion. There are a variety of views and opinions out there on just about every issue; all of them deserve to be respected and we enjoy hearing them. This week, this column will take some space to comment on what issues that we've been covering that you've been telling us concern you too.

An article we ran a couple of weeks ago on our front page titled 'Quality School or more Condos'; written by Sean Monahan brought in a heavy amount of responses. Most thought Sean hit the mark when he opined that South Boston has more luxury condos and apartments than this town can handle. In that article, he was particularly concerned about the old Gate of Heaven School building possibly going condo rather than becoming a charter school. The surrounding neighborhood has been clear in its preference for a school. But the feeding frenzy to build ever more condos on any size piece of land goes far beyond the Gate of Heaven School. Said one

reader in response to the article: "There is approximately a 10 foot space between my house and the house next door. I'm almost afraid to go away for the weekend fearing that on my return; I'd find that some developer, with the approval of the city, would have somehow managed to fit a new condo in between the two homes." She has a point. Another believes that condos are inevitable and we should just accept them as evidence of progress and a way to preserve real estate value. But, that seems more a selfish benefit than a community benefit, which was the point of the commentary.

Another recent feature that we ran on our pages that brought in a deluge of comments was the information sent to us by Suffolk County DA Daniel Conley's office about the roundup of suspected would-be 'Johns' by the Boston police Departments' Human Trafficking Unit. The accused were all arraigned in South Boston District Court on a variety of charges. The fact that they were arraigned locally means that they came to the South Boston area to commit (allegedly) their crimes. South Boston Today decided to run not only the names of the arrested, but also their photos. This was something many of you approved of and took the time to let us know. We plan to do more of this in the future. If people choose this neighborhood to commit their crimes; they need to know that, if caught, people are going to know who they are and what they look like.

Over the past month, 3 readers have asked why there was talk of banning the sale and use of Electronic Cigarettes or 'E Cigarettes'. These readers wanted to know why there was a problem,

since the stated purpose of these items is to help people stop smoking. Well, there are some states where E-Cigs are banned, citing the presence of nicotine in the product, which is addictive. But, since they do not throw off any type of toxic fumes like second hand smoke, it is said that they are no danger to anyone in the vicinity, since only a water vapor comes from them. It's hard to understand why some authorities see the need to ban them at all, with the exception of sales to minors. If people want to use these devices to help them

quit smoking and they are not a danger to others nearby, some of you ask what the harm is. Letting people make their own choice seems to be the reasoning. Some, not all, anti-smoking advocates are so adamant in their cause that the reasons that they give to ban them is because E Cigs look too much like real cigs and they find the whole practice 'offensive' to watch. There's that 'O' word again. Some people are too easily offended these days. If more people would mind their own business and

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## Letter to the Editor



### Gate of Heaven School Building

There has been a lot of discussion about the best use of the Gate of Heaven School building. It appears that the neighborhood is unified behind continuing its use for education purposes. The opportunity to bring a charter school to the center of South Boston would be the best use for the building, in my opinion. Financially speaking, it makes better sense for the archdiocese to lease this building to an organization which would provide a steady stream

of income. For the neighborhood, it would be a welcome community benefit. On a small but important level, the parking spaces made available to immediate area residents is a huge benefit to the surrounding neighborhood. But even more importantly, what a charter school can do for our community is offer the kind of institutional resource that is central to the universal hope that young families will stay in South Boston and raise their children here. A quality school option, close to home, is crucial to that hope.

As a new resident who has been here for a few years, this is my hope and goal. It is widely known that affordable quality education has a lot to do with where people live. Many people choose to work a second job in order to be able to send their child to a private school. Allowing Gate of Heaven to be developed as a noncompetitive Charter school would do exactly that. It will allow a generation of parents the opportunity to do what so many young adults and families would prefer to do: stay in this wonderful neighborhood that we are proud to call our home - South Boston.

Common sense and visionary wisdom should rule the day and allow the Gate of Heaven School building to become a charter school. The cost-benefit to the archdiocese will be measured by its commitment to our youth and community.

*-Matthew Kennedy, South Boston resident*

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the Allied Veterans won their right to decide who can be in the parade, Gay Pride Parade organizers used it to exclude a Christian group. Politicians and candidates, who are tripping over themselves to denounce our parade for discrimination, fail to do so when that very same law is used to discriminate by someone else, in this case the very constituency that they wish to pander to. At least one of the current candidates, who have denounced the parade, marched in it two years ago, without questioning its policy then. If those who denounce it are that firm in their convictions then they shouldn't march nor should they attend the Breakfast event leading up to it. Ahh! The press coverage and photo opps! Talk about having your corned beef and eat it too!

Of course, as usual, the sting of this will be felt by the good people of South Boston, because after the reporters, cameras and crowds leave, we are here with each other. Over the last 10 years, most of 33,000 residents are new. Most of these new people have become involved in community meetings and community life over this time. Some of them are gay. I think, or actually, I know. But really don't. Our relationships have been about what is best for our neighborhood and how to make it better. Why should I know of their personal life, or they, of mine? Our new residents and neighbors are as dedicated and community minded as any other Southie people I have known. They moved here because it is a community of many resources, man-made and natural. It is a community rooted in fundamentals – safe streets, excellent health care, good restaurants, intriguing people, time honored traditions, proximity to Boston, defenders of liberty, rich history. South Boston gives everyone that sense of place that reminds them of home.

These relationships and this sense of place may be called into question because South Boston, yet again, is forced to defend itself over the invidious label of 'bigotry'. However, I have a hunch that after this celebration has passed, Southie people, gay and straight; will get back to the business of building community on our terms.

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# Reading Between The Lines

## “Battle for Boston”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Brian R. Mahoney

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Recently, while watching the History Channel series on the American Revolution, the episode of the evacuation of Boston was aired. The narrator summed up the event by intoning, “Thus the British woke up, surprised at the cannons positioned on the hill and evacuated the city without a shot being fired.”

South Boston Today, over the next 3 weeks, is proud to print the most complete and accurate account of this event ever produced. We are honored to remember and print for the first time in over 200 years, the names of the very first casualties in the history of the American Armed Forces. We are determined to do our duty and correct the historical record of Gen. Washington and the American Nations first victory. For most of its history, South Boston has always been identified as an Irish community. Growing up, I remember people jokingly calling it, “Ireland’s 33rd County”.

During most of its 200 plus year history, it has had a predominately Irish population. Those of us, who have grown up or live here, however, know that its merchants, athletes, scholars and leaders have always been drawn from every ethnicity under the sun. That same wide-ranging mix was present during the fortification of the “Heights” and is with us today.

The Battle for Boston is one of the most misunderstood and least appreciated acts of our American Revolution. Our story should probably start at the Battle of Bunker Hill in Charlestown. To paraphrase the British Commanding General Howe, “Many more victories like this and our army will be destroyed.”

The strategic importance of the Hills or Heights surrounding Boston had long been apparent before that



bloody engagement. The arrogance and contempt the British held for their “Yankee Doodle” cousins, however, caused the British to underestimate the necessity of the prompt securing and fortifying of these Hills and Heights. Even after the Battle, South Boston (Dorchester Neck), was primarily grazing land for cattle and was sparsely populated by approximately 12 families.

Though they still didn’t occupy, the British became more aggressive and warlike toward the small South Boston population. A series of raids by the British over the next 8 months led to the capture of at least six rebel soldiers and the burning of houses and barns. Among the properties burned was the Wiswell Estate near “Bush Tree Hill (M Street Park), the Jones Estate at K and First Streets and Blake Estates near Farragut Road and the Foster property between F and D Streets. Combined with harassing fire from British held Castle William (Castle Island), South Boston was soon evacuated and left empty by the people. If it had remained that way, it is conceivable that our

National Anthem today would be “God Save the Queen”.

Fate and destiny, however, had other plans for South Boston and America, Destiny’s Child in this tale was a Boston bookseller named Henry Knox. Knox, friend and advisor to General Washington, was commissioned a Colonel of Artillery in November of 1775. At the same time, the “Green Mountain Boys,” commanded by Ethan Allen, (and accompanied by a Massachusetts Colonel named Benedict Arnold) captured Fort Ticonderoga and its cannon. Located in Upstate New York, Ticonderoga is an Indian name meaning, “Between Two Lakes”. It is situated between Lake George and Lake Champlain up by the Canadian border. Washington needed its cannon for his plan and this was Knox’s mission. A mission, in the dead of winter, Knox was determined to accomplish.

So began one of the epic journeys in military history. With snow, sleet and howling winds, from Lake Champlain, over the Allegheny and Berkshire Mountains, through Great Barrington

and Western Massachusetts, Col. Knox was able to transport these cannon, by oxen, through the roadless wilderness. Knox later wrote that the cannons had to be dragged up and over, “Mountains from which we might have seen all the kingdoms of the Earth.” Imagine driving those oxen through the icy wilderness wearing those heavy, soggy, frozen, woolen, revolutionary uniforms. 1775 was one of the coldest up to that time.

Toward the end of January 1776, Colonel Henry Knox was able to write to General Washington from Framingham that, “A noble train of artillery,” consisting of 59 pieces was ready to be turned over to the American Army at Cambridge. In late February, some 35 cannon were brought from Cambridge to Roxbury. Then, when March began, the cannon were brought from Roxbury to the area we now call Andrew Square.

Today, South Boston rises towards the middle and eastern end with large tracts of flat land on north and south coasts on the West End. Back then, the ocean on the south came up to almost Eighth Street. Moakley Park did not exist. It was water. On the north “A” Street met the Ft. Point Channel and the ocean came almost up to Second Street. Farragut Road was the shore between the ocean and Castle Island. The land itself had steep rises and deep gullies and had five points prominent above all others.

The first point is what we know today as the Dorchester Heights. Then it was actually two high points called the “Twin Hills”. Just behind Perkins Square, a long, sloping, rocky hill began its climb, reaching its high point around Dorchester Street and Emerson Street. This hill reached as far as the City parking lot

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## Window Into The State House

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

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

### POLITICS OF ACCOUNTABILITY SOUTH BOSTON TODAY By Matt Murphy – State House News Service

The proverbial buck, and where it stops, proved to be a nearly all-consuming question and one, for many who asked, that lacked a satisfying answer. There's blood in the water. And sharks – both blue and red – were circling. Gov. Deval Patrick, after seven years at the switch, continues to ride strong popularity numbers, but can't even count on his fellow Democrats these days to have his back as he bounces from crisis to crisis, namely the unfolding controversies surrounding his child protection agency and the disastrous rollout of the state's Health Connector enrollment website. Almost everyone is running for something (except Patrick), and someone must be held accountable. It's open season on Beacon Hill.

Implementing Obamacare in Massachusetts was supposed to be a cinch. The state had basically done it before, seven years earlier and Obamacare was supposedly modeled after RomneyCare. Or so the refrain went. But as Patrick's new health exchange czar noted before a legislative committee last week, the complexity of tuning up the well-oiled enrollment machine may have been greatly underestimated.

If that wasn't enough to deal with, Department of Children and Families Commissioner Olga Roche ended the week clinging to her job. Calls for her resignation, which started with Republican gubernatorial candidate Charlie Baker, extended to lawmakers, Republicans and Democrats, who have lost faith in her leadership while Gov. Patrick has not. Roche has largely taken responsibility for the shortcomings at

DCF, and Patrick and the broader child welfare community continues to support her, for now. "Given that the agency is destabilized in many respects because of so much incoming bad publicity, I think it's a terrible time to change up the leadership," the governor said Friday.

Attorney General Martha Coakley, who is running to succeed Patrick, took the same position this week when she was grilled about Roche after a roundtable event at Suffolk University. Coakley's front-running status in the polls has put a bulls-eye on her back, and while Baker seems to be playing each scandalous headline to its maximum advantage, the attorney general spent her week fending off flip-flopping charges from Democratic rival Steve Grossman, the state treasurer, and contemplating what it might mean for her own ambitions if she is called to testify during the upcoming trial of former Probation Commissioner John O'Brien about job recommendations.

#### MBTA PENSION FUNDS POSTS 16 PERCENT GAIN

The MBTA Retirement Fund posted a 16.19 percent return on investment in 2013, a more than \$200 million gain for the fund that pays out pensions to retired transit workers. The gains surpassed the assumed 8 percent rate of the return for the Retirement Fund, and exceeded the 15.2 percent return on investment achieved by the state's Pension Reserve Investment Management Board. The updated numbers were detailed in Executive Director Michael Mulhern's February newsletter posted online Wednesday. According to letter, the investment

gains accounted for a \$25 million loss in a Fletcher Asset Management fund investment that had been recommended to the fund by its former executive director. The MBTA Retirement Fund, which is often criticized for its secrecy and has challenged legislative efforts to increase transparency, is suing over the loss. – M. Murphy/SHNS

#### GOOD SAMARITAN LAW UPDATE NEARS GUV'S DESK

A bill that would extend liability protection to off-duty emergency personnel appears on its way to becoming law, with the House on Tuesday giving its final approval to the legislation. Currently, people who are not first responders and who make a good faith effort to help a person have some liability protection for the results of their help. The bill (S 1993) extends that liability protection to off-duty firefighters, police, emergency medical technicians and others whose regular duties involve the provision of emergency medical care. The bill was filed by former Rep. Kathi-Anne Reinstein, whose husband is a captain in the Chelsea Fire Department. The legislation, which still requires enactment in the Senate and the signature of the governor to become law, would provide legal protections for off-duty emergency personnel who try to help people and are otherwise open to lawsuits. "There were some incidents where people were off-duty, rendered aid, and they ended up being sued for the aid they gave in good faith," said Revere Fire Chief Gene Doherty. Doherty said he was unaware why emergency medical professionals were excluded from the Samaritan law and said off-duty firefighters help people in emergencies even without the

legal protections. "We've had people on plenty of occasions, off-duty, render aid," Doherty told the News Service. He said, "I think the vast majority of firefighters wouldn't hesitate to do that." - A. Metzger/SHNS

#### BOSTON-AREA HOUSEHOLD SPENDING 28 PERCENT HIGHER THAN U.S. AVERAGE

While incomes are higher in Massachusetts compared to other states, so are spending rates. Boston-area households spent an average of 28 percent more in 2011-2012 than the average level for the typical U.S. household, according to new government statistics. Housing costs were the largest outlay, accounting for nearly 32 percent of the total budget for Boston-area households, which spent an average of \$64,982 per year in 2011-2012. At 14.8 percent of the total budget, transportation was the second largest expenditure area for Boston-area households, according to the New England office of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Of the \$9,610 in annual transportation spending among area households, 90.7 percent was spent buying and maintaining private vehicles. The remaining 9.3 percent was spent on public transportation, compared to a 6.1 percent average for the nation. The bureau also reported that the average share of the Boston consumer's budget that was spent on food was 13.2 percent, close to the national average of 12.9 percent, and that Boston households spent more on alcohol, \$813, than the national average of \$454. – M. Norton/SHNS

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on West Broadway and it was known as "Leek's Hill". M Street Park, before it was flattened, was known as "Bush Tree Hill" and towered over the Harbor looking directly toward the British

warships anchorage. At the extreme easternmost point, the land rose to about 40 feet above the ocean at what today is Farragut & Broadway. At that time, it was called "Dorchester Point". Finally, all the way to the west at what is now "B"

& West 3rd Street stood a hill probably topping at 125 feet known alternately as "Foster's Hill" or "Nook Hill".

These five hills or heights were the reason and the final destination of Knox's miraculous journey. The difficulties of

this journey are wonderfully depicted in the oil paintings adorning the walls of the former South Boston Savings Bank, now Bank of America. Stop in the bank and check them out.

*Part II will be written next week.*





## “Z” Coming To A Corner Near You In Two Weeks

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY**  
By Brian P. Wallace

If you hear your kids talking about “Z” soon, it is not just some random letter in the alphabet and there will be a lot more clever names to refer to the dangerous pain killing, people killing, drug that will be available in pharmacies all over the country on two weeks. There have been warnings from Attorneys General from 28 states. There have been warnings from the FDA’s own Advisory Board following an 11-2 vote again Zohydro. There have been warnings from prominent physicians. There have been warnings from law enforcement agencies all across the country. There have been warnings from addiction experts and others who have witnessed the devastating effects that Oxycontin had when it was released. Well, Zohydro is Oxycontin on steroids.

Dr. Andrew Kolodny, one of the most prominent addiction specialists in the country, stated, “One has to wonder how many more patients have to be harmed, how many people have to become addicted, how many more lives

will be lost,” Kolodny stated, “before the FDA finally begins to exercise its authority and responsibility to prohibit drug companies from marketing opioids as if they have been proven safe and effective for long term use.”

Kolodny after speaking before the FDA Advisory Board, felt that there was no way chance that Zohydro would make it to market following the Board’s strong vote against it. If this wasn’t so serious it would be almost comical. The FDA approves a drug 5 times stronger than Oxycontin which contains no deterrent for abuse, after it had seen what their approval of Oxycontin had done to the country. People fear the drug dealers and the drug pushers, “Wallace states. “They should really fear the FDA which is as bad, if not worse than the pushers on the street. And why am I telling you all this. Why haven’t the major papers or the major television stations even mentioned Zohydro even once? Personally, I think that the family of the first Zohydro overdose, which is coming soon, should sue the FDA for

reckless behavior. While the pushers go to jail the members of the FDA go to cocktail parties. When are they going to be held accountable?” Wallace stated.

If this wasn’t true it might actually be funny. The company that is making Zohydro, is a company called Zogenix whose known for making a drug called Vivitrol, which is made to treat patients who are addicted to opioids. That is the truth. I couldn’t make that up, even in a screenplay. Talk about having all

your bases covered? Zogenix makes Zohydro and when people become addicted to this dangerous drug, they are prescribed Vivitrol, both of which are made by Zogenix. Only in America?

My last article will be next week, just about the time that Z is hitting your pharmacy. Please be careful. This drug is nothing to play with. The people in Washington should be ashamed of themselves, but they don’t have to go the funerals, we do.

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- \$25 million for transportation studies and modernize the state’s and improvements to South Boston infrastructure system through and the South Boston Waterfront; projects including:
- \$75 million for infrastructure and roadway improvements to the University of Massachusetts—Boston; and
- \$2.97 billion for state-wide roadway and bridge projects;
- \$65 million for improvements to and dredging of Boston Harbor.
- \$350 million in investments for Regional Transit Authority improvements;
- \$125 million to support the Department of Conservation in preserving and improving historic parkways; and
- \$2.5 billion for MBTA rail improvements, including new Red and Orange Line cars.

The bill also includes \$50 million in grant monies for the “Complete Streets” project which supports investments that accommodate users including motorists, pedestrians, cyclists, and public transit.

*The bill now moves to the Senate.*



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## Pepper Spray - Easily Available in Massachusetts? Bill Filed to Eliminate Permit to Purchase and Carry Massachusetts?

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Staff Report

A bill has been filed by a Massachusetts State Representative that if passed, would eliminate the permit requirement to purchase Pepper Spray; often referred to as mace. Rep Kimberley Ferguson, a Republican from the Town of Holden has filed the bill. Ferguson's bill would also do away with the need to possess a permit to carry Pepper Spray. As the law stands now, a Firearms Identification Card is needed both to purchase and to possess the substance in the State of Massachusetts. Massachusetts is the only state in the nation that still requires such a permit. The permit application process requires filling out the proper forms, and going through a background check and of course, a fee to be paid just for applying. The waiting period for approval can sometimes take months.

Last year, when several South Boston women were attacked, there was a rush by local residents to acquire Pepper Spray for self-defense purposes. The combination of the fee, the application process and the long wait involved to finally get a permit brought frustration and many complaints from residents. In fact, in response to dozens of calls and



emails asking advice on how to go about acquiring the spray, South Boston Today did a feature article on what was needed to actually complete the process.

It's a known fact that because of the difficulty and time involved in getting a Firearms Identification

Card, even for Pepper Spray, many people, in violation of the law would simply drive across any state line and buy the product there. What Representative Ferguson's bill when/if signed into law would do would finally bring Massachusetts up to speed with the rest of the country which would also end the need for those people looking to possess what they feel is an effective tool for self-defense from committing a misdemeanor level crime.

Pepper Spray is a chemical that when sprayed at an attacker; usually has the effect of temporarily disabling that attacker with a harsh burning sensation, allowing the potential victim to escape. Pepper Spray is considered non-lethal and is said to not to cause permanent damage to the recipient of the spray.

Representative Ferguson's bill is being hailed in many quarters; even by some in law enforcement, as a common sense and much needed step in allowing for the non-lethal self-defense against criminal predators.

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not interfere in the personal lives of others, the world might be a little better place. In any event, if there are readers out there that can fill us in about the reasons they think E Cigs are bad; we'd like to hear about them. Maybe I'm missing something. But please, make sure they are real reasons and not just because you find them offensive.

Finally for this week, the nation's leftwing media used to be in charge of what Americans think, believe, and want. Or so it thought. But lately, its power continues on a long and steady slide downward. Its influence has tanked. That media is no longer trusted by a majority of people, who view it as pushing an anti-American slant in everything it does. It is anti-military, anti-religion - except maybe when it comes to radical Islam - and anti-traditional family. At least that's what new polls indicate. The New York Times used to be called 'The Paper of Record', a name given to it by, well, itself. It has just lost another 12% in profits on top of consistent losses during recent years. The Boston Globe was dumped by its former owner, the New York Times and sold at a fraction of what it was originally purchased for. CNN just announced that it was laying off hundreds more employees and reporters, as its audience dwindles almost daily. MSNBC is looked upon as a bastion of crazies, with a shrinking viewer base. The story is pretty much the same with just about every 'progressive' leaning news outlet in America. And we can toss Hollywood into the mix with them.

The once mighty leftist media was often and still is accused of looking upon the public as being not very intelligent and easily manipulated, molded into believing whatever the press wanted them to believe. But with the internet, Talk Radio and more Conservative media outlets surging in popularity, it seems the pendulum has swung, as the public seems to have caught on and wised up to its media tactics. That saying rings true: "Good things come to those who wait".

## This Week's Poll

**Do You Support The Massachusetts Legislative Bill That Would Remove The Permit Requirements To Purchase And Carry Pepper Spray?**

- YES
- NO



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## The Wine Guy *JUMILLA*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Jamie Driscoll

In southeastern Spain, in the northern part of the Province of Mercia, lies the town and D.O. (**Denominación de Origen**) of Jumilla. Like most of the southern part of the country, it's arid and the climate is challenging for growing anything; yet, the grapes and wines produced from this area are some of Spain's most enjoyable and affordable.

One of the most predominant native grapes is the Monastrell; it provides over 80% of the wine produced here and blended along with other varieties, such as Grenacha, Mouverde, Syrah and others, offers a wide spectrum of quality and price.

Here are some that I believe represent real value for the money:

### ***Tarima Hill, 2011, (~\$11.00)***

-New vintage of this varietal of Monastrell grapes produced in Sierra de la Sima. The low-yield vineyards of 40-75 years old vines are grown under a continental climate with Mediterranean influences. The flower of the passion fruit which appears in the label symbolizes the extraordinary qualities of the wines produced by Bodegas Volver, a project of Rafael Cañizares and Jorge Ordoñez, two of this area's best winemakers.

The wine itself is soft and balanced, with nice hints of blackberry and



cherries, as well as an overall earthy tone, that make it a great candidate for stews, marinated tips and lamb.

### ***Luzon, Jumilla, 2010, Finca de Luzon, (~\$10.00)***

-One of the nice things about this wine and many others from this area is the price for quality. Spain is one of the world's largest wine-producing countries and its recent bumper harvests have created lots of great wines at very attractive prices. The nose for this wine is supple and herbaceous, the tannins soft and lingering on the palate- just the right amounts of fruit and earth. Try this one with any kind of red tomato sauce or some great salsa.

### ***El Campeador, 2012, (~\$12.00)***

-El Campeador combines inky Monastrell with Shiraz, which gives it a fig-like fruitiness and a splash of Petit Verdot for even greater depth. It takes its name from local hero El Cid - also known as El Campeador or "the champion" and like the Luzon, it really enhances sauce-based dishes, like Beef Stroganoff.

See you at the Boston Wine Expo this weekend!







## Foodies Celebrates One Year Anniversary In South Boston!!!!

Foodie's Market would like to thank Southie for a great first year and is inviting residents to join them in celebrating their One Year Anniversary by hosting a party in

their South Boston store on **Monday, February 24th from 4 – 7:00 PM.** There will be free Boar's Head hot dogs, pizza, home-made anniversary cake, and food samplings in every

department. Some of the other free samples will include Vita Coco-Coconut Water, Body Amour-Vitality Drinks, Ruuska (locally made) Fresh Pickles, Ice cream cones from Maple

Farms and Foodie's Fresh Squeezed Orange Juice.

Foodie's Market had their Grand Opening for their South Boston store on February 23, 2013 and is located





on West Broadway at the corner of C Street. There is parking next to the store, a bike rack and is also accessible by the Southie Shuttle – free of charge door to door transportation to Foodie’s customers. Store Manager David Healy says: “We are excited to be able to celebrate our One Year Anniversary with our friends and neighbors here in South Boston. We invite everyone to come in and enjoy the free food, samples and meet the store staff and department managers who will be on hand to greet you and answer any of your questions about Foodie’s Markets.”



Foodie’s is a full service market that features high quality produce, meats, seafood, prepared foods, gourmet cheeses, specialty products and grocery staples for everyday needs. Foodie’s is constantly reviewing their products and revising their offerings to meet the needs and tastes of the Southie community. If you have a suggestion, just let the friendly staff at Foodie’s know. Basic or fancy, gourmet or economy, imported or local

New England, Foodie’s has a choice for you. You’ll find organic, vegan, gluten-free, sugar free and salt-free foods along with everyday essentials all at competitive prices. And, on every Tuesday, Senior Citizens receive a 10% discount on the purchases.

Foodie’s Markets are family-owned and in addition to their South Boston location they also operate stores in Boston’s South End and Duxbury. In 1998, Victor Leon Sr. took over the

old ABC Market in Boston’s South End and transformed it into Foodie’s Urban Market. In 2007, Foodie’s opened their second store in the center of Duxbury. Nearly twice the size of the South End store, the Duxbury store has also become an integral part of the community. Foodie’s objective in all their stores is to be the friendly neighborhood grocery store where service and selection is most important. The Markets are now run by Victor Leon Jr. So whether you’re shopping for dinner, planning a special occasion, having a house party or doing your everyday or weekly shopping, try out Foodie’s Market for their extensive selections at affordable prices.

The staff at SOUTH BOSTON TODAY would like to congratulate Foodie’s Market’s owners, managers and employees on their First Year Anniversary and their service to the Southie community.

*So be sure to join the Foodie’s staff on Monday, February 24th between 4 – 7:00PM at their South Boston store to celebrate their One Year Anniversary!*

# Thank you, South Boston!

Help us celebrate our one year anniversary! Join us for a **Foodie’s Celebration** Monday, February 24th 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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[foodiesmarkets.com](http://foodiesmarkets.com)

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# Stepping Up and Stepping Out:

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

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

### Stepping Up: *Purrr, Baby, Purrr*

These cold months have had me hibernating (aka eating, sleeping and grooming) like a bear. I have tried to draw strength and engage in many of the suggested activities I have posted in the column both socially and philanthropically. But the struggle is all too real folks. And while I can break from this and be temporarily transported via vacation, a book or a pitcher of margaritas to my face at Salsa's, the moment is fleeting and my reality upon return will still be: this. So after hours of watching cat videos on Instagram and viewing the pet selfies on Facebook to soothe my ailing brain and achy body, a calm came over me. The healing ability of animals has proven to pull people out of dark places by aiding in the process of recuperating, rebuilding and rehabilitating: mentally, emotionally and physically. Help others while helping yourself and take that mental vacation we all need.

#### **Teach This Old Dog Some New Tricks**

The phrase “work like a dog” is given a heavier and newer meaning when it comes to describing those who volunteer. It is a no-pay and at times thankless job. Satisfaction comes from another man or mammal getting to where's needed to go. The Alliance of Animals, located on Silver Street, has, for almost 20 years, been

a friend to both the people and the creatures of South Boston. Alliance of Animals opened near 30 years ago as a place for people of little means to have their animals spayed/neutered and is now almost a fully functioning vet clinic. There are also many pets in need of adoption that are taken care of there and they need someone to help in their care. AofA is growing and looking to expand to a larger space (in Dorchester) and with that the need for more volunteers, which makes up much of the base, is growing. Volunteers are needed not only for people-to-pet contact, but to facilitate all facets of the venture: fundraising for the center, publicity and promotion of their programs, communicating that to the public, technical assistants, just to name a few. So when you thought you couldn't, your contribution won't go to the dogs. Replace those catnaps with another more fulfilling activity! [afaboston.org](http://afaboston.org)

#### **Give Every Dog It's Day**

Woken up with wet kisses. Making noise to get even an ounce of your attention. Waiting for you to come home. No- it's not an adoring S.O. It's your pet. The unconditional love that your yippers and lickers show you they can make you when something was about to break you. So why not share that joy with others? Our senior citizens are such a



vital and important part of the fabric of our cultural tapestry but there are so many that spend their days alone. Taking some time to visit and bring some sunshine to them is possible though, with the help of you AND your furry friend. FriendshipWorks, located on Chauncy Street, right outside the 02210, Southie's other zip code, has a multitude of programs to assist one in sharing time with elders who desire and demand support. PetPals, more specifically, matches

people and pets with nursing homes. Required?: a friendly demeanor, able to respond to basic commands and have a clean bill of health. And what's needed from you? A kind, caring and compassionate outlook and attitude. And you cannot be mad if Fido finds love with someone else; remember it's only temporary; you are the main boo. With all private and public elderly housing units in SB, you are sure to make it like you are the top **dog**. [fwelders.org](http://fwelders.org)

### Stepping Out: *Comforts of Home*

Lately the only time I leave the house is to go to work and the liquor store. I can barely get to the grocery store, let alone the gym. Sure I could walk, but I would be so completely exhausted by the time I arrived that I wouldn't even get through the door. And with this artic tundra-like weather, the draw of eating well for days yonder is completely lost on me. My diet still consists of the major food groups: I order veggies on my pizza, meat in my mac and cheese and starch with my meat. People- it's all about moderation. And I moderately mix in all of these delights, with other sprinkled in between. Here are some spots in Southie where takeout is taken

as seriously as it should and doesn't discriminate. What tastes better than not having to cook and clean?

#### **TOP COMFORT FOODS:**

- 1. Macaroni & Cheese-** A classic version is offered up as a side at Stephi's, while Lucky's dinner portion takes it to another level.
- 2. Steak and Potatoes-** Paramount has a Southie staple- steak tips, and Lincoln carries a bar steak that melts in your mouth.
- 3. Pizza-** Mirasolas and Café Portbello split the two sides of my BFF necklace. You can taste the love in every slice.
- 4. Fried Chicken-** Local 149 serves theirs with waffles. 'Nuff said.

**5. Meatloaf-** Stephi's and Barlow's take me back to mom's dinner table and the brown paper bag version I ate the next day, which was just as good, if not better.

**6. Burger & Fries-** The countdown to Sully's is on. But Tasty Burger comes in as a close second annnndddd they deliver.

**7. Spaghetti & Meatballs-** Joseph's makes an awesome meatball and Sal's has amazing sauce.

**8. Buffalo Chicken-** AK's buffalo ANYthing makes my mouth water. I am drooling as I type.

**9. Chocolate Chip Cookies-** Sweet Tooth has a milk chocolate chip cookie the size of your head that kicks the crap



out of your taste buds.

**10. Southie's Own Fried Chicken-** The long-gone-but-not-forgotten Fish Pier's Chicken and Chips tradition is being carried on by Village Pizza. If you don't know, you better get to ordering.





# Southie Senses:

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



## **Touch:** *All Thumbs*

Flappy Birds is no longer available because of its addictive qualities; kind of awful and awesome at the same time. Have an interest in gaming- playing, creating and executing too? Check out The Purple Monkey Game Jam II: the Gamening this weekend. Take part in the action and submit your ideas through the website until 02/20, or just claw your way into the other action.

[eventbrite.com/e/purple-monkey-game-jam-ii-the-gamening-tickets-10123574885](http://eventbrite.com/e/purple-monkey-game-jam-ii-the-gamening-tickets-10123574885)



## **See:** *Seeing Soon-to-be-Stars*

So you think you can dance? I certainly do after a couple of pops and a cute outfit. But there are many talented and up-and-coming dancers who take their craft so seriously, it becomes a way of life. This weekend at the BCEC, the Pulse on Tour is hitting Boston hard, with a weekend full of dance workshops and instruction by top choreographers and producers. Set your sights on the stars.

[thepulseontour.com](http://thepulseontour.com)



## **Taste:** *Sips Some Suds and Manage Some Margaritas*

Taking a bite out of so much, the Paramount Southie has something for everyone. Their daily specials are available for take out AND delivery: that's enough for me. Or maybe not because the special events can drag me out of the house. This Monday 02/24, Paramount is hosting a 4 course dinner for \$45 featuring Goose Island beer. If that isn't enough, celebrate National Margarita Day on 02/22; Paramount is known for their marg party on Sunday, but I am sure they will start it a little early this week.

[paramountboston.com/southboston](http://paramountboston.com/southboston)



## **Smell:** *Breathe in the Baked Goodness*

Sweets for my sweets? Want to know how to make the stuff of sugar? Sign up for a class at Flour bakery. This Saturday night 02/22, 6:30-8:30pm, class will be held at Flour Bakery and Café at the Fort Point Farnsworth Street location. Cake basics and decorating will be the featured tutorials and you will have you cake AND eat it too.

[flourbakery.com/event/flours-cakes-and-decorating](http://flourbakery.com/event/flours-cakes-and-decorating)



## **Hear:** *I am WOMAN, Hear Me Roar*

Many women, like so many I love close to me, balance career, motherhood and household and don't seem to bat a perfectly lashed and lined eye. Get to the bottom of their secret and get on track to greatness by attending the "Mogul, Mom & Maid" discussion panel Monday 02/24 at the BCEC; breakfast will be served as well as an inside look to the lives of some amazing ladies. All ears!

[eventbrite.com/e/mogul-mom-maid-panel-discussion-tickets-10065713821](http://eventbrite.com/e/mogul-mom-maid-panel-discussion-tickets-10065713821)



## Embrace All Of The Southie Senses:



**Laughter is the best medicine.** And after the winter we have had, all we can do is laugh. Between the frigid temperatures, the parking wars, the snow days and snow parties, we have had our fair share of funny fodder. It's hard enough getting ready to get out of the house when it's 15 degrees

outside, you have to walk everywhere in order to not lose your spot, through mounds of wet/dry/slushy/icy snow, so why would you even want to be social? Because Bostonians snarky, sarcastic and sometimes sadistic sense of humor can warm up even the most chilly and cold person. LAUGH Boston

serves up the best of Boston on Wednesday Nights with it's Boston Accents show. The Polish Club on Boston Street is hosting some ha-ha-ha's Saturday night with proceeds to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Like classic comedy? Doesn't get any more O.G. than Huzzah Tavern Nights

at the Boston Tea Party Ship, where one can make merriment with the likes of John Hancock, Sam Adams and Paul Revere. Want to see something a little lighter and loose? Fort Point's Catalyst Comedy at 50 Melcher Street is once again hosting B.U.M.P. for a night of improv. Or head to the Shamrock,

Murphy's or the Seapoint and you are sure to find someone funnier than yourself  
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## 238th EVACUATION DAY ESSAY AND POSTER CONTESTS

South Boston Citizens' Association President Tom McGrath announced today that because of the tremendous success of the past two year's contest, the association will once again sponsor the 2014 Annual Essay and Poster Contests.

After last year's outstanding effort put forth by past President Bernie O'Donnell, he has once again expressed an interest of taking on the challenge of chairing The Essay and Poster Contests. Bernie always taught me that these contests are a great way to educate and strengthen the interest of the children of the community, I was more than pleased when Bernie offered to once again head up this Event for the children of South Boston", remarked McGrath.

Bernie further expressed "One of the missions of the SBCA is to reach out to the younger folks of this historically rich community, joining the SBCA in promoting, organizing, and judging the Evacuation Day Poster and Essay Competitions is a most fitting way to improve on that mission."

Topics for the 2014 South Boston Citizens' Association's Evacuation Day Essay and Poster Competitions have been announced by the SBCA. The subject matter has been specifically chosen

The Poster Competition is open to all students in grades 3, 4 and 5 who are either South Boston residents or who attend school in South Boston. This year's theme is what is the significance of the statues in South Boston (example Dorchester Heights, Fort Independence, and Admiral Farragut). Posters should be original

compositions, in any medium, at least 8 1/2" x 11", but preferably larger.

Prizes are as follows first prize \$100, second prize \$75, and third prize \$25

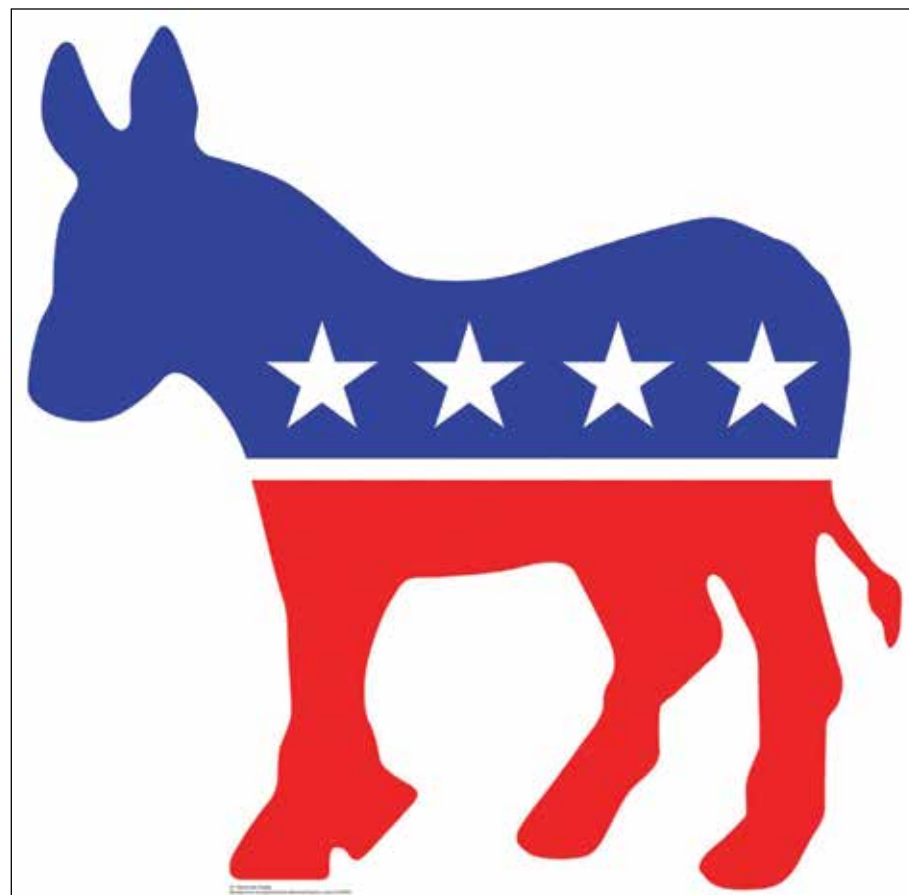
The Essay Competition is open to all students in grades 6 through 12 who are either South Boston residents or who attend school in South Boston. The Essay themes are broken down according to grade, as follows: For students in grades 6 through 8: : Who was General George Washington and what his connection to Evacuation Day ? Essays should be at least 500 words, prizes are as follows first prize \$100, second prize \$75, third prize \$25

The Topic for student in grades 9 through 12: : Col. Henry Knox and his contribution to Dorchester heights and our country Essays should be at least 1000 words, prizes are as follows; first prize \$150, second prize 100, third prize \$50.

As in years past the SBCA is generously sponsoring the competitions.

All prizes will be presented during the Historical Exercises on Monday, March 17, 2014 at Dorchester Heights, following the Mass at St. Augustine's Chapel, weather permitting.

All entries should bear, in an attached envelope, the contestant's name, school and a means of contacting the entrant, and should be submitted no later than Monday, March 10, 2014 At 5 PM. All entries may be mailed to P.O. Box 74, South Boston, MA 02127, or can be picked up at schools by a representative of the Citizens' Association. You may also drop in front hallway of 170 M street.



## DEMOCRATS TO HOLD CAUCUS

Democrats in Wards 6 and 7 will be holding caucuses at the Curley Recreation Center, 1163 Columbia Road, South Boston (M Street Entrance) on Saturday February 22nd at 9:00 am. Doors will open at 8:30 am for check in. The caucus is open to all

registered Democrats in Wards 6 and 7. Candidates for Delegate and Alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus. Those not elected as a Delegate and/or Alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be add-on delegates.



**South Boston Historical Society Presents:**

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252 West Broadway UNIT PH Condo	\$575,000	01/31/14	4	2	1650
410 East Fourth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$503,000	01/31/14	5	1.5	906
12 Mohawk St UNIT 1 Condo	\$495,000	01/31/14	4	2	1355
45 Vinton St UNIT 6 Condo	\$482,000	01/30/14	4	2	1207
64 O St UNIT 3 Condo	\$324,000	01/31/14	3	1	670
11 Dixfield St UNIT 2 Condo	\$307,500	01/30/14	3	1	500
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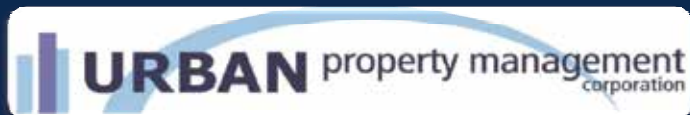


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## Mass and Reception for Sister Evelyn Hurley, SCN

Sister Evelyn Hurley SCN will turn 99 years of age and begin her 100th year the weekend of March 8th. During the month of March she will also be celebrating 80 years as a professed Sister of Charity of Nazareth. Sister Evelyn has been serving the South Boston Community for over 60 years! She was a teacher and principal at St.

Brigid and Nazareth Schools. Since her retirement at St. Brigid Convent she has been praying for all of us!

In early April, Sister will be returning to the Mother House and Retirement Home of the Sisters of Charity in Nazareth, Kentucky. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held on Saturday, March 8th, 2014 at 4PM at St. Brigid Church. A

Dinner Reception will follow at South Boston Catholic Academy. All are invited to attend the Mass.

### **Dinner Details:**

In order to prepare for the dinner reception, the committee asks that you reserve a place by providing a donation of \$15 per person. You may drop your donation at the Parish or School office or

collection basket at church with a clearly marked envelope—"March 8th Dinner Reception", please be sure to include your name, address and telephone number. Tables of 8 or 9 are available to reserve.

Deadline to reserve your spot for the Dinner Reception is Friday, February 28th. The committee also asks for any photos or remembrances of Sr. Evelyn to be dropped off at the Parish Office.



## Curley Center Teens Are Making "Cents"

The BCYF Curley Community Center is partnering with Citizens Bank and hosting an "Introduction to Basic Banking for Teens" workshop to be held on the four Wednesdays in March from 6:30-7:30pm. Classes will be held at the new Teen Center and will be geared to guide young adults to financial responsibility and to learn real-world money management skills. The classes are designed to introduce the working teen, ages 16 & 17, to the

fundamentals of everyday banking and provide the teens with the knowledge of how to handle their money/ paycheck, make smart purchases, and how to stretch their dollar in today's society. As an added bonus for completing the four classes, each teen will receive their own \$20 personal savings account and an ATM card. Please note space for this workshop is very limited. Call Barbara Kelly to reserve your spot today at (617)635-5104.

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### **CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Docket No. SU14P0334EA

**Commonwealth Of Massachusetts**

**The Trial Court**

**Probate and Family Court**

**Estate of:**

Francis J Simmons

**Date of Death: 10/18/2013**

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street

Boston, MA 02114

(617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

**Mark J. Gillis of Reading MA**

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

And also requesting that:

**Mark J. Gillis of Reading MA or suitable person**

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

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 03/20/2014.**

**This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.**

**WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong First Justice of this Court**

February 12, 2014

Patricia M. Campatelli,

Register of Probate

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## Representative Nick Collins Named 2014 Evacuation Day General Chairman

South Boston Citizens' Association President Thomas E. McGrath has announced the naming of the General Chairman of the Association's 2014 Evacuation Day commemoration, by the SBCA Executive Board.

State Representative Nick Collins will serve as General Chairman of this year's activities, which begin with the Jimmy Flaherty Kick-Off Breakfast on Saturday March 1st, followed by the Senior Salute on March 8rd, the 134th Annual Evacuation Day Banquet at the South Boston Convention Center, on Friday, March 14th, Memorial Mass and Historical Exercises at Dorchester Heights Monument on Monday, March 17th.

"The executive board and I look forward to working with Representative Collins, to ensure once again the success of this unique community celebration and commemoration of the British evacuation of Boston in 1776," said McGrath. "Everyone is aware of his commitment and genuine devotion to the community of South Boston, highlighted by the documentary that he and his friends produced and unveiled at the 2010 banquet.

Nick is a lifelong resident and

active member of the SBCA his entire adult life. His dedication to the South Boston Citizens' Association and the neighborhood of South Boston will make him stronger throughout his life and political career. We are honored to list him as a member, and even prouder to name him this year's General Chairman."

McGrath also stated "I have known Nick since his Little League and Youth Hockey careers and later worked with him on community issues when he was former Senator Jack Hart's legislative aide. Though he relinquished that title, he has yet to relinquish the work and commitment, which he has performed for the SBCA and this community. "

"The citizens of South Boston see the three weeks of celebration with each year's Evacuation Day celebration, but there are another 12-15 weeks of preparation to put it all together. Nick works side by side with other dedicated SBCA members in those hectic weeks, licking stamps, making phone calls and doing whatever it takes."

The Association this year will once again sponsor a full roster of civic and sporting events over a three-


week period. The full schedule of events, as well as the identities of the 2014 Henry Knox Award, John W. McCormack Public Service Award,

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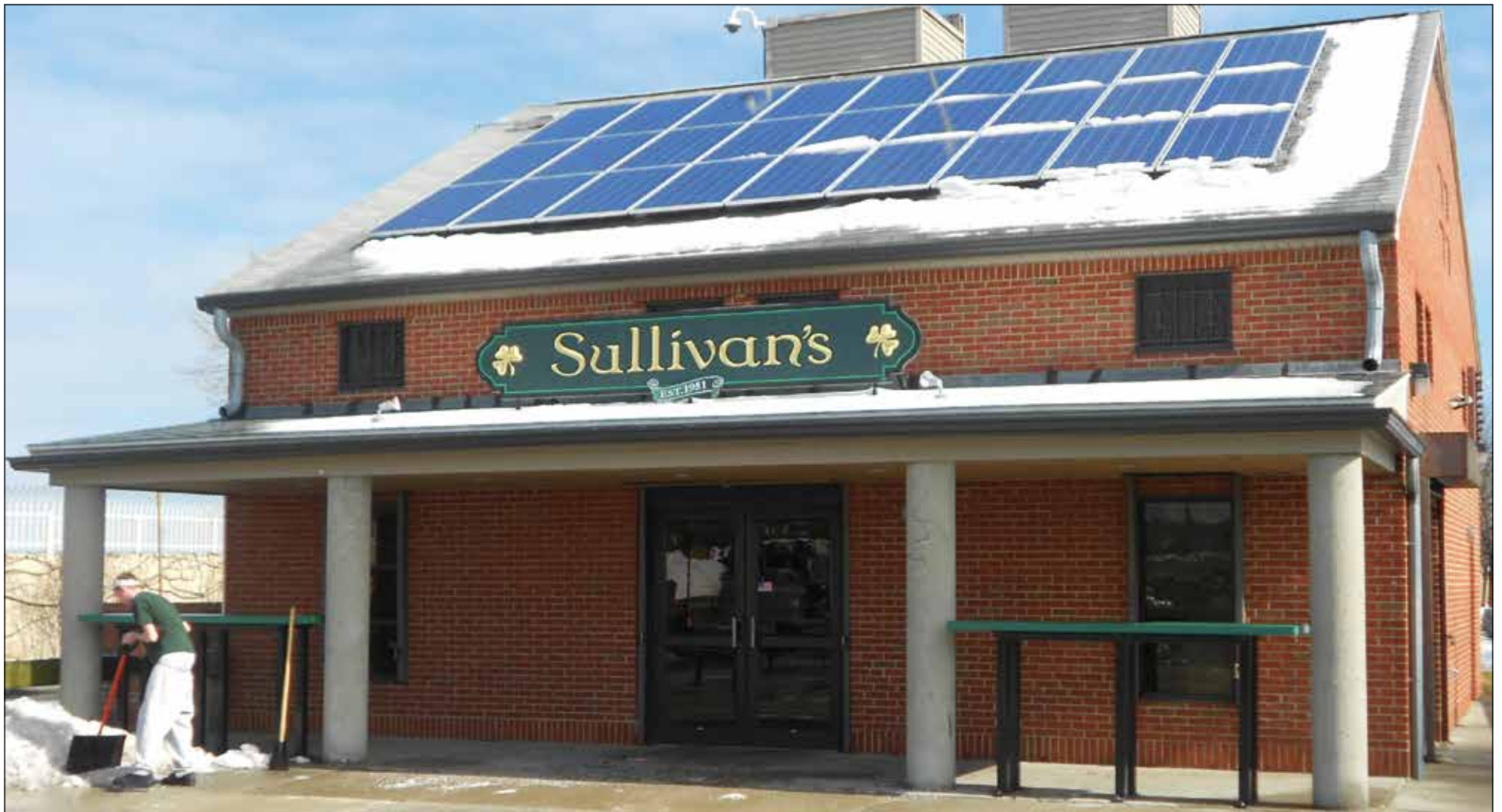
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## Sullivan's at Castle Island Opens This Saturday

### *Spring Must Be Right Around The Corner*

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Staff Report

**O**k. So there are piles of snow everywhere. There is so much ice around that slipping and falling when out for a walk or a run is a definite possibility. Puddles of slush sometimes soak through your shoes and get your socks wet. Off and on, freezing temperatures and what seems like a snow storm every 3 days, is making people crazy. But, it must all be coming to an end. Because it matters not that the calendar says it's still winter, or, that the pudgy groundhog said we still have a long way to go. Sullivan's at Castle Island is opening this weekend so it must be spring. Period.

Yes, Sullivan's will be open for the season this Saturday, February 22nd. AND of course, as with every opening weekend, the hot dogs will be half price.

Celebrating more than 60 years in operation at 'The Island', Sullivan's, or 'Sully's' as most people call it, has become one of the best known landmarks for miles around. Yes, tourists come to Boston to walk the 'Freedom Trail', take a ride on the Duck Tour boats and visit Faneuil

Hall, but a trip to Sully's for some of the finest comfort food around is often on the, whether you come from K Street or Kentucky.

Most locals know the story of how Sullivan's came to be. Dan Sullivan Sr. opened it back in 1951. His goal was to give the customers great food for reasonable prices. Add in quick and friendly service and you have the recipe for success. If you've ever seen the lines on a warm summer's day, you know how popular the place is and how quickly a long lines moves.

It's now 2014 and Sullivan's has come a long way since it first opened more than 6 decades ago. It moved from one part of Castle Island to the other and increased in size as it was rebuilt and remodeled. Current owner Brendan Sullivan has installed state of the art technology for taking your order and serving you even faster than ever. But the food, like always is worth making the trek to the island, simply because it is so tasty. Each year the menu gets a little bigger. The old standbys are, of

course, their wildly popular hot dogs, hamburgers, fries and onion rings. They have a great sea food selection, chicken, their famous grilled cheese sandwiches and other traditional items you'd expect to see at a restaurant near the beach. But they also have salads, fruit smoothies, ice cream and yogurt treats and a variety of drinks. And what everything on the menu has in common is that all of it is delicious.

Heading to Sullivan's for a meal, a snack or just for something hot or cold to drink is always a good experience, and not just for the great food. Being greeted and served by some of the friendliest staff that can be found anywhere adds to the pleasant experience. As you approach the counter to place your order, you are met by some of the nicest people around. Hard workers all. They work as a team, they enjoy their jobs and each other's company and it shows; no matter how crowded it gets.

A quote from one of the managers, Chris Lane, says it all. "I love my job. As General Manager, my proudest

accomplishment is watching our employees succeed in whatever they do. For over 25 years, I have worked side by side with owner Brendan Sullivan. We share the same philosophy – we want this to be a place where our employees grow and learn, we provide quality food at reasonable prices and you will want to return again and again."

Then, of course, there is Manager Harry Markarian, who has been with Sullivan's for more than 40 years. Harry is that familiar face that so often greets you at the counter with a big smile and hello, and even though he deals with thousands of customers, he has this amazing ability to remember so many names. His guiding presence at the counter seems to further motivate an already motivated staff, working hard to serve you and make sure your order comes out just right.

It all comes together at Sullivan's to make this a truly unique destination. Great food, great service and a great crew to serve you insures that a trip to 'Sully's on the Island' will always be fun and a good experience that as Chris Lane says "will make sure you'll want to return again and again."





## Sullinger Rebounding From Injury-Prone Label

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Conor Ryan



At first glimpse, Celtics power forward/center Jared Sullinger seems rather pedestrian, if not unimpressive, while out on the court. Standing at 6'9", Sullinger is undersized for his position and at 260 pounds is far from svelte, especially for a NBA player. While his physical tools leave much to be desired and he does not possess the high-flying athletic style of play that the NBA thrives off of, Sullinger has been one of the few bright spots for a Celtics team going through one of their toughest seasons in recent memory.

On the year, the 21-year-old Sullinger is averaging 13.4 points per game and 8.1 assists per game: solid numbers for a player that has only taken part in only 94 regular-season games. While averaging a near double-double has played a big part in establishing Sullinger as one of the most promising young players in the NBA, the Columbus, Ohio native has been on another level over the last two weeks.

Over his last five games, Sullinger is averaging 21.2 points per game and 13.4 (4.2 offensive) rebounds per game while shooting 48% from the field. Over those five games, Sullinger has looked like a poor-man's Kevin Love: bullying his way past larger defenders in the paint, fighting for good rebounding positions and occasionally knocking down shots from beyond the arc. For his efforts on the hardwood, Sullinger was named the Eastern Conference Player of the Week on Monday. It was the first time in his NBA career that Sullinger has

received such an honor.

"He's capable, and I'm not saying that you have to get a double-double every day, but he's darn near capable of doing that," said Celtics coach Brad Stevens after Friday's 99-89 win over the Kings, a game that saw Sullinger score 31 points and pull down 16 boards in 33 minutes of play. "I think that the more that we can continue to build off that, the better." Sullinger's recent success out on the hardwood should come as no surprise, especially amongst those who saw the talented big man rise through the ranks of high school and college basketball.

Rated the number-two ranked player out of the entire 2010 high school class by ESPN, Sullinger opted to play for Coach Thad Matta at Ohio State University. Sullinger made his presence felt immediately with the Buckeyes, averaging a double-double per game and leading his team to a Sweet 16 appearance in the NCAA tournament. After such an impressive showing during his freshman year, most experts expected Sullinger to make the jump up to the NBA, where he was expected to be a potential top-5 pick in the 2011 NBA Draft. Sullinger would have other plans however, opting to return to Ohio State for one more run.

Sullinger once again posted All-American numbers in 2011-12, leading the Buckeyes to a Final Four appearance before being bested by Thomas Robinson and the Kansas Jayhawks. After announcing his decision to enter the NBA Draft after the college basketball season concluded, Sullinger was primed to be one of the top picks once again, as NBA scouts and GMs drooled over the prospect over the portly power forward abusing defenders with his post moves.

Unfortunately for Sullinger, a top-10 selection would not be in the

cards. Sullinger saw his draft stock take a nosedive after it was revealed that he was dealing with back issues that would likely require surgery at some point down the road. Despite the red flag, the Celtics could not pass up on Sullinger's tantalizing talent, selecting him with the 21st overall pick in the 2012 NBA Draft. Sullinger showed flashes of brilliance in his rookie season, but was sidelined with a lumbar disk injury in early February 2013, forcing him to miss the remainder of the season.

While the road to recovery was long and arduous for Sullinger, he has returned this year with both a new focus and a new array of post moves, both of which have helped

elevate him into the echelon of premier young players in the NBA. While Indiana's Lance Stephenson is the odds-on favorite at this point, Sullinger has definitely put his name into the discussion of the Most Improved Player award, a testament to the strides that he has made this year. "How high does he reach? He's not there," Stevens said. "That's the good news. He's not there. He can get better."

For Celtics fans looking for any sort of light at the end of the dark tunnel that has been the 2013-14 season, Sullinger's stellar play has to be some sort of relief, as the player who was once cast aside as an injury liability is now shining as one of the Celtics' brightest stars.

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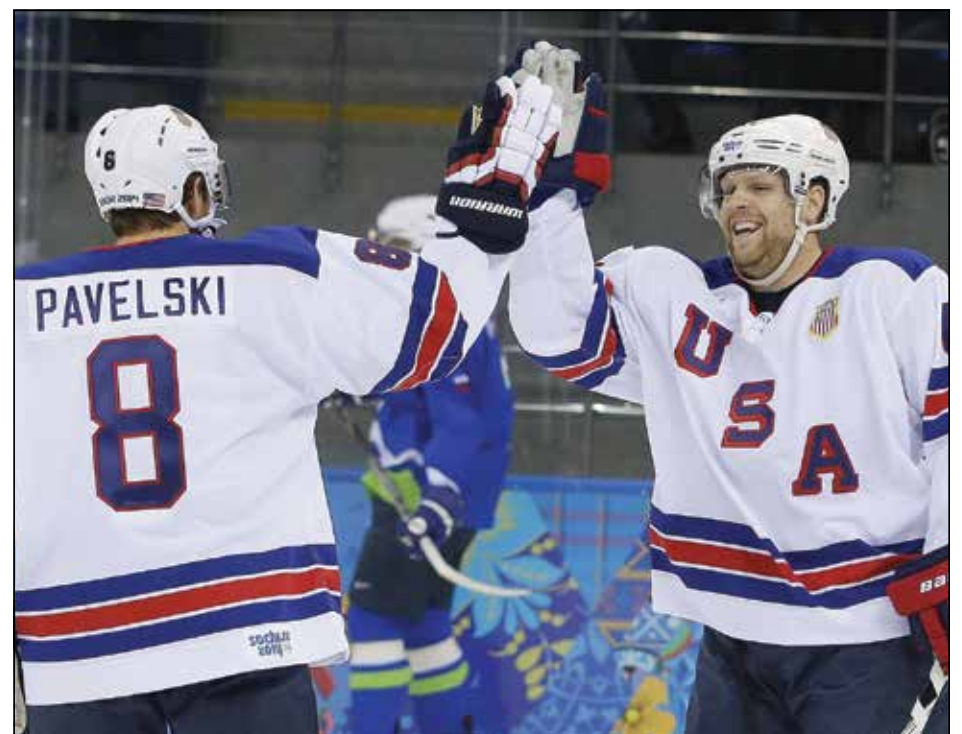


In examining the teams with a shot to win gold in the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, one has to take a serious glance at the way the United States roster was constructed. After players were selected, many thought some of the best talent was left off the roster, the poster-boy for U.S. snubs being Bobby Ryan of the Ottawa Senators. Ryan is a prolific goal scorer in the NHL, and may be one of the most lethal offensive forces in the game. As it goes in hockey though, there are other phases of the game - unfortunately for Bobby Ryan, the question surrounding his game is: if he's not scoring, what is he doing?

So instead of enlisting players like Bobby Ryan to round out the

Olympic Roster, GM David Poile, Associate GM Ray Shero, and Head Coach Dan Bylsma sought out a fully constructed lineup built for success in tournament play. Take for instance, the NHL Playoffs. Building a team for postseason success starts in goal. Then surround your goalie with stingy defensemen with high hockey IQ. Lastly create an offensive attack with the ability to role four lines in order to conserve energy and wear others down.

The Boston Bruins are a perfect example of a team built for postseason success. - A team with depth, two top scoring lines, solid defense, and great goaltending. There is a reason that the B's were able to sweep away the highly skilled Pittsburgh Penguins







in the Eastern Conference Finals last year. The Bruins had a better goalie, a stronger defense, and the ability to crush the Penguins forwards into submission over the course of a lengthy series.

Team U.S.A. took these notions into account, and also recognized their need for speed on offense with a bigger sheet of ice. Start with the goaltending of Jonathan Quick, who plays for the Los Angeles Kings. Much was made about the U.S. sitting Ryan Miller in favor of Quick after Miller took team U.S.A. to within a goal of Gold in 2010. But Jonathan Quick is a guy that took the 2012 Kings all the way to a Stanley Cup victory, despite having the fewest points of any team entering the playoffs. Long story short, Quick is a goalie that will stand on his head, and do it when everything is on the line.

The blue line is well constructed, with young guns like Justin Faulk, John Carlson, and Cam Fowler, there is a good blend of youth and veteran experience at the back end. The stars at the blue line are undoubtedly Ryan Suter of the Minnesota Wild and Kevin Shattenkirk of the St. Louis Blues. Onto the most thrilling aspect of this team, the offense. The United States have three of the top ten goal scorers in the NHL in Patrick Kane (27 goals), Joe Pavelski (29), and Phil Kessel (31). These three forwards make up the U.S. first power play - it is fast and it is lethal. Let's not kid ourselves about this Olympic tournament, the team to beat is Canada. The names on the Canadian roster are dizzying, starting with Sydney Crosby, as you go down the list, it's quite daunting with the likes of Ryan Getzlaf, Rick Nash, Patrick Marleau, Jonathan

Toews, Corey Perry, Jeff Carter, Jamie Benn, Patrice Bergeron... the list goes on - and Steven Stamkos couldn't even play due to injury.

Where does the U.S. own an advantage over the All Star lineup of team Canada? Two areas: depth and goaltending. It's true, the Canadians have high end talent on all four lines, but having four first lines is not how to build a hockey team. The role players on the U.S. are present and impactful. Players like Zach Parise, T.J. Oshie, David Backes, Dustin Brown, Ryan Kesler, and Ryan Callahan know what it takes to win in all three zones. In the few games they've played, it is apparent that the United States offense is dedicated to rushing back to help out their defense.

The talent is good to have, but when you break it down, there is one role player on the Canadian

roster is Patrice Bergeron. In order to win hockey games you need players to be dedicated to the back check, turning defense into offense. You need players that understand these concepts, rather than a team of scorers. Sure, team Canada can light the lamp - but there are no grinders to be had when the going gets tough. The Canadian net-minders are Carey Price, Roberto Luongo and Mike Smith. All of them are talented goalies, and its likely Carey Price will start come the qualifying rounds. The fact is, Jonathan Quick is a more talented goaltender than any of the three options team Canada can turn to.

The Men's Semifinals take place on Friday February 21st at 7AM and 12PM. The Bronze Medal Game will be on Saturday February 22nd at 10AM. The Gold Medal Game will take place on Monday, February 23rd at 7AM.





\*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 WEEI-93.7 FM.

This week, Danny talked Red Sox spring training with Providence Journal's Brian MacPherson:

**DANNY PICARD:** What was your reaction to Ryan Dempster walking away from the Red Sox? He's just going to walk away from \$13 million. What did you think when you heard this news?

**BRIAN MACPHERSON:** It's pretty impressive, just from an individual standpoint, for a guy to decide that he can't pitch, and he's just going to forfeit that contract money. There's plenty of guys who sit out, but first will try to pitch and then go on the DL and have the team pay for their operations and things and collect their salary. And Dempster decided that if he couldn't compete, then he wasn't going to pitch. And that's a pretty honorable thing to do. Certainly it resolves the six-for-five situation that the Red Sox had in their starting rotation. Maybe that had a little influence on the decision Dempster made, if he thought he was the odd man out. Now, you know what the five-man rotation is going to be. But it certainly depletes a little depth. If Felix Doubront comes up with a strained hamstring here in the next couple of weeks, then this looks very

different for the Red Sox, than it does right now.

**DP:** Do you think Dempster looked at it and said, "Where do I stand on the depth chart?" I guess the question I have for him would be, if he was projected to be the No. 3 guy in the rotation, would we be talking about this today?

**BM:** Yeah, I've wondered that too. He talked a lot about his team, and how much the team meant to him. I do wonder, if he was leaving the team shorthanded, if he would have given it a shot. I think there's a good chance that he would have tried to pitch if he was leaving this team shorthanded. But the fact that there were five starters and there's a bunch of young guys, maybe it influenced him because he thought he was the odd man out. Or maybe that just made it easier for him to think, "You know what, this team's OK without me. I'm not leaving them shorthanded by retiring now." And that maybe made his decision easier.

**DP:** Where did you project Ryan Dempster to be when the season began?

**BM:** Probably on another team.

Though, that depended on the trade market materializing. It would have been tough to stick him in the bullpen. I guess the second option would have been as a long guy in the bullpen. That old Tim Wakefield role, where he just kind of pitched multiple innings in relief, and then somebody inevitably gets hurt and you end up in the rotation. I guess more likely there than traded, just because the trade market didn't seem to be there. But he wasn't going to be one of the five starters.

**DP:** Who benefits from this news that Dempster is not returning to the Red Sox? Maybe a kid like Brandon Workman? Is this a big spot for him now? I would have put him ahead of Dempster anyways on the depth chart. But I guess, officially, he's moved up a spot now. Is this the guy who benefits most? Who benefits most from this news?

**BM:** Well, Workman is an interesting candidate, because in some ways he doesn't benefit, in the sense that most players would rather be in the majors than the minors, no matter what their role. And now, I would say the odds are extremely good that Workman is a starter in the minor leagues, as opposed to a reliever in the Major Leagues. Because he's the next guy on that depth chart. He's the No. 6 starter in line. Whereas, if Dempster's on the team, then perhaps Workman is in the bullpen because they'd feel like they have enough starting pitching depth, because they'd have Dempster there and they could use Workman as a reliever. Now, if Workman wants to be a starter long-term, and he probably does, this is better for him because he'll be that next starter in line. There was a chance

Workman was going to be a reliever to start the season, just like he was down the stretch last season. Now, I think it's very likely you'll see him in the Pawtucket rotation and he'll be the first guy called up if they need a starter. They have to keep him stretched out. You just look at the scenario, if Clay Buchholz gets hurt, who are you going to turn to to start? You can't have a guy like Brandon Workman -- who's just been pitching an inning at a time for six weeks. You'd need a guy who can give you six innings, and Workman wouldn't be in a position to do that if he's in the bullpen in the Major Leagues. I don't know that additional exposure in the Major Leagues is necessary. He had quite a bit of that last year, including in the playoffs. If he's going to get called up to start games, when there's that need, he's going to have to be stretched out to be able to pitch five, six, seven innings.

**DP:** So Dempster's walking away from \$13 million. Is this a situation where the Red Sox look at it and say, "Wow, we have \$13 million to spend" or is that a non-factor at this point?

**BM:** Well, it's a factor. It's not a non-factor. But that doesn't mean that you spend it just for the sake of spending it. There was a weird rumor that the Red Sox were somehow involved in Ubaldo Jimenez, which didn't really make any sense because they have five starters. The natural name to connect with, at \$13 million, is Stephen Drew. Because they've been connected with Stephen Drew all offseason. But I think that will still have less to do with the money, and more to do with their confidence level in Will Middlebrooks and



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Xander Bogaerts. If they want Middlebrooks and Bogaerts to play, they're not going to sign Drew, because Drew has to play in front of one of those guys. So, the odds are, now, probably they pocket that \$13 million. But it gives them some flexibility at the trade deadline. Just like last year they went out and got Jake Peavy. If they need a piece at the trade deadline this year that costs them some money -- maybe a Cliff Lee -- that money could come

in handy then.

**DP:** What is the reason Stephen Drew is not on a team [as of Tuesday afternoon]? Is it that compensation draft pick that's hanging over his head? Or is there another reason? What is the reason that we're still talking about Drew as a free agent?

**BM:** I don't know exactly. I don't think it's totally the draft pick. Because the Yankees, at this point, would only forfeit a second-round

draft pick if they signed Drew. I believe the Mets would only forfeit a third-round draft pick if they signed Drew. So that's not a good enough reason not to sign one of the top-10 shortstops in the game. I think the Yankees, it's awkward, because they want Derek Jeter to be their shortstop, because Derek Jeter wants to be the shortstop, and to have a better shortstop like Stephen Drew come in and displace Derek Jeter would

be an awkward situation in his final year. The Mets seem to really want to go with Ruben Tejada as their shortstop and give the young guy a shot. That's what it has more to do with. A team like the Twins could use Drew, but they've got a young shortstop that they like. So there's a lot of teams that Drew would be a better shortstop than what they have, just like Drew would probably be better than Middlebrooks and maybe even better than Bogaerts this early in their careers. But so many teams are going with their young guys, and if you're going with your young guys, you've got to give them a chance at some point. And I think that's what's happening across the league.

**DP:** Yeah, and I think the Red Sox need to stick with their young guys, especially where they've started spring training now. We keep hearing reports that the Red Sox might still have some interest in Drew, but I mean, aren't we to the point where if they did bring Drew back, that this would just be an awkward situation?

**BM:** I don't think it's too late at this point. As you get down towards the end of March, then certainly it would be a little awkward. Because if you did that, you'd want Bogaerts to get some time at third base at some point in spring training games. I think before games start, it's still OK. But John Farrell said there's an expiration date, and once they get too deep into games, yeah, it would get awkward to bring him in.

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