



## Citizen Tom Menino's Shadow Looms Large Over City Hall

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Staff Report

The waves of verbal bouquets thrown both at and by Tom Menino as he left office ranged from his boast about leaving a \$20 million surplus to the creation of the Innovation District. But, upon closer inspection, the trail of petals left behind range from allowing his former aides to cash out sick and vacation time that they may ultimately not be allowed to keep to leaving Mayor Walsh holding the bag on questionable development deals by the BRA as well as potentially budget-busting contract negotiations that could cost the taxpayer up to \$180 million.

Menino's 20 year reign was two-sided. On the one hand, he seemed to be a benevolent godfather embracing diversity, improving playgrounds and making the city 'greener', all positive accomplishments. On the other hand, when it came to politics and

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# EDITORIAL “A Celebration, NOT A Protest”

Peace is a wonderful idea or philosophy. Doesn't the Bible state "Blessed Be The Peacemakers"? Sometimes, though, it is used as a cover for more questionable purposes. After all, our nuclear arsenal once contained a missile delivery system called "Peacekeeper". Nevertheless, true peace is something to strive for. Though like the expression "Freedom Is Not Free", peace is rarely achieved in a peaceful manner.

Patrick Henry probable stated it best, "Gentlemen May Cry Peace, But There

Is No Peace. What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?" He, of course, went on to say he would rather die than live under those conditions. His words and those of others like him, inspired a nation.

Here in Boston, even back in the 1700's three pennies was not a lot of money. But the symbolism of that tiny tax, on a pound of tea, and the message, "you will have no voice and do what you're told" was enough for the citizens to risk hanging

and rise up and throw the tea in the harbor. Those events lit the fuse for what we celebrate today – The First Victory by General Washington, the American Army and the American Nation.

We choose to honor and remember those Americans who died or were injured fighting in the battle, so long and for that peace they gave us and the nation they created by proclaiming their praise in a parade. We will not forget that proclamation is free speech in its purest form. The right to practice that free speech openly and

without harassment has been defended, over the centuries, by countless South Bostonians. It is enjoyed by every other group and parade in the nation.

The right of other to criticize American military actions, now or in the past, or America's action or America itself, is not in dispute. That, however, is for a different parade. Not ours. That is not our message. Imagine an uninvited guest demanding admittance to the wedding reception, in order to yell insults at the bride and groom. However,

misguided other marchers might be at least their conviction is presumably sincere. Less so for the political hypocrisy that crosses race, gender, and age lines in "Peek-A-Boo" appearances on St. Patrick's Day at the Breakfast.

No one yearns for peace more than those who bear the burden of war. The highest death toll of the Vietnam War that is contained in the twenty-five names on the monument in Medal of Honor Park at "M" Street attests to that fact. As does its message "If You Forget My Death Then I Died

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*“If you are explaining, you are losing” -Former Congressman JC Watts*

## Last Week's Poll

### Last Week's Poll Results On Pepper Spray Legislation

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

- **Yes 94%**
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## More Nonsense from the would be Parade Crashers

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
John Ciccone

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What would St. Patrick's Day in South Boston be without at least some, way out in left field agitators shaking their rattles and pounding the sand in tantrum mode hysterically seeking publicity? We've come to expect the usual antics and childlike press releases from the so called 'Veterans for Peace' group. Once again, like a tired sounding fog horn blowing in the distance they demanded to be allowed to march in South Boston's real St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day parade. Their request was denied by the parade's organizers; The South Boston Allied War Veterans. The Veteran's for Peace would have everyone believe that it was because the Allied Vets do not believe in peace, are intolerant and are just plain mean and out of touch. But what these VFP types might not tell you is that they were told by the Allied War Vets that they WOULD be allowed to march but could not carry any signs or banners that contradict the message and theme of what the traditional parade is about; It celebrates an Irish Catholic saint and an American military victory. They were also told that like each and every other unit that is granted a spot in the parade, they will abide by the rules of the organizers. Leave your anti-military protest banners home, and you can march. Try to turn the traditional parade into a demonstration and a circus which is their goal and you can't march. It's that simple. Oh, what's that? The VFP press releases forgot to mention this little fact? Is anyone surprised that they would be less than up front about their plans?

The VFP spokes people whine and

shriek that by denying them a place in the parade it's an embarrassment to Boston. No, the ragtag procession that the VFP sends each year to try to disrupt South Boston's biggest day is what is embarrassing. It resembles something out of a 1980's Nicaraguan Sandinista rally; complete with the banners, chants, anti-military and what many perceive to be an anti-American tone. If we were to print some of the vile, hate filled, anti US emails by some of this group's members that come into this newspaper and other media locations, you might be astonished. In fact, in coming weeks, we just might do that so people can get a better understanding about just what the agenda of this group really is. We have saved every one of them. The VFP bellow that South Boston's veterans are practicing exclusion by denying them entrance to the parade. Wrong again. The problem is that The VFP want to be able to crash someone else's privately run parade under their own nonnegotiable terms and then scream discrimination when they are denied as they knew they would be. Then they run to an easily duped press demanding the attention they so desperately seek. These tired games go on every year.

As my good friend and this year's Chief Marshal Brian Mahoney says; no one wants peace more than our local veterans who have been to war and would not wish that experience on anyone. Brian is correct and everyone knows it. What the VFP would have us believe is that if South Boston bans these radicals from marching, the Allied War Vets must be pro war and intolerant

bigots. Again, wrong. To their credit, the South Boston Allied War Veterans are standing firm against the VFP attempts at bullying and intimidation. Our local vets are determined that South Boston's parade will remain a family themed event and they will not allow it to be turned into a protest – period. And not just this year but every year from now until the turn of the next century. The law says that they do not have to budge from their principles for anyone and they

won't. All the nasty, deliberately misleading news stories, pandering boycotting politicians and tantrum throwing radical rants have not made them back down for all these years. In fact it just makes South Boston's Allied War Vets more determined to stand their ground. Let the would be parade crashers gnash their teeth and stomp their feet and get their two weeks of publicity. And as always, on March 17th, the day after the parade they will again fade away

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## South Boston Fire Victim Dies From Injuries

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The tragic fire last Saturday, February 22nd at 265 E. Street claimed the life of local resident Andrew Pano who was 90 years old. Mr. Pano died this past Tuesday at Mass General Hospital. Both Mr. Pano and a second victim of the fire, a woman who lived in the same building were rushed to hospitals after

being carried out of the burning building by fire fighters. Both were transported to area hospitals. The second victim as of this writing remains in serious condition at Brigham and Womens Hospital. Fire Department officials report that the fire was believed caused by a short circuit in the three decker home. Both victims were said to have lived in the building for many

years. This is the second fatal fire so far this year in Boston.

The South Boston Today team sends our deepest, most sincere condolences to the family of Andrew Pano. He will be in our thoughts and prayers. The entire community mourns the loss of this good man. We also send our thoughts and prayers for a complete recovery for the second fire victim, still in the hospital.

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like dust in the wind as they do every other year. They won't be given a second thought for another 12 months. And the South Boston Community will continue being the good place to live, work and bring up a family. In short, their actions will have absolutely no effect on anything.

Those of you who read this column and in fact this entire newspaper regularly, know that we are constantly and have always been supportive of veteran's causes; whether it is 'The Wounded Warrior Project and other programs like it and certainly anything that will promote and assist our local vets. We are proud to call our many South Boston veterans neighbors, friends and heroes. Just like they had this country's back when they joined the military and went to war, we will always have their backs when they are under assault. We have no intention of sitting quietly by, like some timid politicians do and media outlets when groups like the VFP, which has among its membership what we feel are of out of town agitators, attack and insult our South Boston vets by trying to label them as exclusionary bigots, homophobes and a long list of other derogatory names. Or when they manipulate their allies in the press to trash our local vets each year at this time. We will support the South Boston Allied War Veterans and their decision to exercise their Constitutional rights whenever they come under attack and against all comers. And that's just the way it's going to be.

## Local Residents Struck and Seriously Injured On Day Blvd Is it Time to Put Cameras at South Boston's Busy Intersections?

It's a pretty common occurrence in Spring and Summer in South Boston. Furious residents call police and our local newspapers to complain about speeding cars and red-light running drivers making Day Blvd and L. Street dangerous crossing for pedestrians and other drivers alike. The woman who was struck and seriously injured last Thursday at the intersection of Day Blvd and I Street was just the most recent case to highlight a bad situation. Whitney Hardy was out for a walk. It was 6:30pm and it was dark. So far, there is no evidence that says the driver, who did remain on scene after the accident, was speeding or driving recklessly. But very often, accidents and near misses are said to have been the result of high rates of speed and a disregard for the law. Last weekend, South Boston Today received a call from a resident who

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was very upset. She stated that she waited for the pedestrian light at L Street and Day Blvd to indicate she could cross, but as she stepped into the street, into the cross walk, a white Lexus SUV totally ignored the red light and made the left turn onto L Street and just blew right through the other red light as well. She yelled at the driver and received 'the finger' for her trouble. She was walking with her two grandchildren; ages 5 and 7 when she tried to cross. The Lexus then sped up L Street at a high rate of speed. We have received other similar calls over the past year. Unfortunately, incidents like this are not rare; they happen constantly and only get worse as the weather warms up. Lines in the streets, signs on the side of the road and traffic signals in plain view seem to have no effect on careless motorists who tend to have

no consideration for pedestrians. Over the years, a number of people have been killed when just trying to cross the street. Some of the fatalities have been senior citizens and children.

State and City officials are justifiably concerned about the situation and have done what they can to make sure there are enough traffic lights and signage where it should be. Yet, it seems that with some drivers; no amount of signage will deter them from driving as fast and as reckless as they wish as long as they think they can get away with it.

Suggestions have been made that cameras be installed to capture the image of motorists who flaunt the laws of the road and endanger pedestrians; especially at some of South Boston busiest intersections. These cameras are capable of monitoring speed and snapping photos of license plates of the offending drivers. These violations are then followed up with fines and even court appearances. This is one of the suggestions being made by fed up residents. Others are asking that police be assigned in un-marked

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# Reading Between The Lines

**“The Heights”** *The second of a 3-part series on the History of Evacuation Day*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Brian R. Mahoney

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The British conducted their last and most destructive raid into South Boston (Dorchester Neck) on February 13, 1776, burning houses and property of the Blake, Wiswell and Foster families among others. This time however, the Americans responded with 300 mounted troops, causing the British to flee in their longboats. It was this raid which seems to have been the final straw. Washington had been advocating for a frontal assault across the ice from Cambridge and Roxbury. His military council disagreed and after his final council of war on February 26, Washington wrote, “I am preparing to take a position on Dorchester Heights to see if the enemy will come out to meet me.” He had reversed course and decided the Americans would fight from fortified positions and force the British to make the frontal assault.

On the morning of March 2, the Americans opened a three-day bombardment of the British in Boston. Under an advance protective screen of 800 infantry, 2,000 artillery men began their stealthy advance into South Boston. With muffled horses’ hooves and wagon wheels, this column began to snake its way up the “Turnpike” (Dorchester Street). Reaching the area of today’s “Telegraph Street”, nine cannons for three artillery batteries were muscled up to the peak of the “Twin Hill.”

The column continued up the “Turnpike” until it reached today’s Perkins Square area. There, a sloping hill began to rise, extending west toward the West Broadway parking lot and north toward Dorchester Street and Emerson Street. This hill was known as “Leek’s Hill” and was designated for 7 cannons. Emerson Street, the second of South Boston’s original

remaining streets, was called the “way to the Castle” and extended all the way to the east shore (Farragut Road). The column moved on this road to roughly “M” & East Fourth Street. At this point, six cannons were dragged up to “Bush Tree Hill” where their muzzles towered menacingly over the British warships at anchor. The last leg of the eastern march ended at Dorchester Point where a single three-gun battery was placed.

Back at “Leek’s Hill”, 700 men and 10 cannons skirted the western base and followed “Plaski Ave.” to West Third Street. This third and final road was known as the “Way to the Nook.” This road reached, straight as an arrow, to the 125 foot high “Nook Hill” located at today’s “B” & West Third Street. This hill was closest to British positions and warship anchorage so presented the most danger to the British. At the same time, its nearness made it the most exposed to British fire. It was decided by the Americans to fortify this hill last.

The cannon’s movement and the actual construction of their fortifications was a master stroke itself. Besides wrapping hooves and wheels in rags to muffle sounds, the Americans took a number of pre-emptive measures that led directly to victory.

The crossing into the “Neck” would have been under the eyes and guns of the British, particularly the “Green” artillery position located on a rise at today’s Berkeley and Washington Streets intersection. The American created a “Blind” or a wall that would cover their movements by twisting and weaving hay. This was called “Screwed Straw”. Washington, for weeks, had his troops out in the “Wilderness” of Dorchester collecting thin tree branches and kindling. This was used

to build “Fascine” or walls around cannon positions; usually by digging a trench and combing dirt and branches to make those protective walls. The frozen ground plus the need for secrecy made digging impossible. The solution was called, “chandelier”. These were simply 10 by 4 foot skeletal wooden tubs. Light, mobile, easily moved into position around the cannons, filled with the “Fascinés” and immediately turned into sturdy defensive walls.

During the next three days, the men labored to erect defenses while the non-stop bombardment of Boston

provided cover their actions. A bombardment so fierce that famed jurist, Oliver Wendell Holmes, later wrote and spoke of it in a childhood memory. As a Boston schoolboy in the 1850’s, Homes recalled passing everyday by a house which still has “cannonball embedded in its chimney since that barrage”.

Over the centuries, Americans have been stirred to the defense of their country, in part by words identifying their cause. “Remember 911” is most recent. Before that it was “Remember

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# March 1ST – D-Day For The Release Of Zohydro

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

If you have been following my series on the dangerous painkiller called Zohydro then you should know that this drug is equivalent to 5 to 10 times the potency of any other drug made like Vicodin and other painkilling drugs. Let me ask you, would you put a drug in your body that says on the box or bottle, “Swallow capsule whole: crushing, chewing, or dissolving Zohydro will result in uncontrollable delivery of hydrocodone and can lead to death. SAFETY AND EFFICACY NOT ESTABLISHED. Because of the risks of addiction, abuse and misuses with opioids, even at recommended doses, and because of the greater risks of overdose and death, patients should be cognizant of the dangers associated with this drug. Accidental consumption of even one dose of Zohydro by children can result in a fatal overdose. What if it is in your cabinet with kids in the house? This in

reality, to me, is worse than having a gun in your house.

Serious life-threatening or fatal respiratory depression may occur with use of Zohydro. Monitor for respiratory depression, especially after the initial dosage. Yeah, tell all the kids that take Zohydro that they could die the first time they snort it or inject it, but they should monitor their respiratory balances. What world are these pharmaceuticals living in? One where the only thing that counts to them is money. Bot lives, not communities, not ruining families and communities, only money.

When Zoegnix, the maker of Zohydro, was pressed why this drug or any drug, like oxycontin, can be made without any deterrent properties, they said they were working on it. They said that about oxycontin and it took 8 years to finally put a deterrent in oxycontin after thousands were already dead. We are heading down the same, even steeper track this time.

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# Councilors Linehan, Baker Call for Marijuana Dispensary Hearing

City Council President Bill Linehan and Councilor Frank Baker recently called for a council hearing to fully vet the issues surrounding medical marijuana dispensaries in the City of Boston.

The date for this hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday March 4th at 1:30 pm in the Iannella Chamber, 5th floor of Boston City Hall. Appropriate city agencies, residents & community leaders, and dispensary proponents have been invited. Any member of the public that would like to speak is welcome. Council rules request that anyone wishing to speak sign up to do so at least 5 minutes before the start of the hearing.

This hearing is an opportunity to hear questions, concerns and recommendations from city agencies, neighborhood stakeholders and the proponents themselves. Written comments may be made part of the record by sending them by mail, e-mail or fax to arrive prior to the hearing.

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cars with radar guns to pull over everyone that ignores the rules. Many residents believe that if one or both of these safeguards are put into use, the word will spread quickly; especially to commuters who often have a practice of using South Boston’s busy boulevards and streets as their own personal race tracks that it’s time to slow down and obey the traffic rules when driving through this community or find another route to travel in some other town.

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Pearl Harbor”. Earlier, “Remember the Maine”. Still earlier, “Remember the Alamo”. It was on the “Heights” that call to battle was first used as General Washington walked among the troops exhorting them to “Remember the Men of March the Fifth”. Speaking of course, of the “Boston Massacre” six years earlier.

Upon awakening on March 5, 1776, General Howe first noticed the silenced cannons. Next, across the harbor, was the astonishing sight of the “Heights” bristling with troops and cannon from four positions. He then made his famous statement, “These men have done more work in a night than mine could do in a month.” Undeterred, Howe immediately drew up plans to attack across the harbor and dislodge the Americans from the Heights. All day, Boston was the scene of increasing alarm as British troops hustled about preparing for battle. Longboats were brought from the warships to ferry the troops for the assault and tied up at “Long Wharf”. By late afternoon, 2,400 troops were lined up at the foot of “Long Wharf”, today’s Purchase Street.

Stay tuned next week for the final chapter.

In the meantime, please remember public drinking is illegal.

A number of “Family Zones” have been created throughout the parade route and will be listed today and next week. Please ask your guests to respect the celebration, the town, and themselves and refrain from “Mardi Gras” type actions. Folks have worked diligently for a year to provide a safe, fun day that can be enjoyed by all.

**Take care till next week.**

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In Vain”. We don’t forget and this Sunday we’ll celebrate their lives and actions and all veterans services while in our hearts mourning those who are gone. The Allied War Veterans would like to thank those Boston area attorneys who have volunteered to monitor the start and otherwise distance that must be maintained as mandated by the court to protect the veterans’ first amendment.

Most of all the veterans wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Evacuation/St. Patrick’s Day Celebration.

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862 East Fifth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$425,000	02/21/14	5	1	1010
339 E St UNIT 1 Condo	\$400,000	02/14/14	4	1	710
428 West Second St UNIT 2 Condo	\$380,000	02/07/14	4	2	630
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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: Knowledge is POWER

**This Monday**, March 3rd is the National Education Association’s “Read Across America Day”, kicking off a week of literacy awareness and education in schools, libraries and other programs, all over the United States. NEA’s partner in this effort is Dr. Seuss Enterprises; many children have and still do use Dr. Seuss books as a learning tool. Among his fun and lighthearted approach to teaching, Dr. Seuss is also infamous for imparting life lessons to his audiences. Taking a page out of Dr. Seuss’s book: “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” As important as prevention, education and advocacy for literacy in our youth is, the need for help in older generations still remains.

Being raised in an age where cursive script was deemed a necessary tool in life, and I should know because I spent half a year of recess staying in until my handwriting was perfected, I am not one to type notes, texts or emails. Most of the work I do concerning this column is by hand, only transferred to type print in the last stages of completion. I love the written word; reading and writing are two of my most treasured pastimes. And as I am composing this now,

I realize how those are skills I take for granted. I had able and attentive parents who had the time to foster my desire and need to read and write. Moreover, I did not have any personal challenges that prohibited me from learning to do either. As a woman with adult diagnosed ADHD, I cannot comprehend how difficult it may have been to have a learning disability that handicaps one in their youth. Even more so, how one must feel if they still struggle with this serious issue in adulthood; many who are illiterate adults were written off in elementary education as rowdy, disengaged and lazy. Or to be dismissed as one who has a “problem” with learning, when all it may have taken was a little more time and effort on the part of educators and other adults to take notice. Though the circumstances could have varied, from working parents without an extra moment to spare or an overwhelmed, overworked teacher, to a youngster labeled as “unfixable”, the problem of illiteracy in adults in the US is ever present: approximately 32 million. Today, proficiencies in reading and writing can be overlooked because we live in a technology and shorthanded communication society. But this should not distract from this ongoing crisis. Give others a chance and take

some time to show others the places they CAN go.

**“Take pride in how far you’ve come. Have faith in how far you can go.”**  
-Michael Josephson

South Boston is a pride-filled place. Throughout, one can see this displayed as waving flags, clean doorsteps, and courteous neighbors. Taking care of one another, new friend or old, is an important example of how South Bostonians convey their respect and admiration for their hometown and all those who live in it. And forging opportunities for all to succeed, no matter how much or little you have, is a top priority. Two centers that promote wellness and education in the face of adversity shine bright like Broadway on the first day of street cleaning. The Notre Dame Education Center has been assisting those in need since 1849 in Boston; when Cardinal Cushing High School closed its doors, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur opened the center in 1992 and have been serving the community ever since, offering classes in literacy, GED aid, and teaching English to those for which it is not a primary language. NDEC, which can be found on Old Colony Ave, stresses the importance of equality and places the same weight and value on all

peoples. This implements a safe and fair environment for students to learn and grow and reinforces that education for all is not just an idea, but a reality. Julie’s Family Learning Program, located at 133 Dorchester Street, aims to break the cycle of poverty and the lack of opportunity in low-income families by aiding those families through skill-building classes and education. JFLP helps those who may be held back by their financial situation and teaches that forward progress can be made by giving a chance through instructive and informative classes. Both institutions signify that their students are productive and self-sufficient members of their community who just need to be given a chance and the respect they deserve. But both these organizations need the support of its fellow neighbors to achieve this goal. Tutors and instructors of many subjects are needed at both establishments to share their time and knowledge. But also to provide the encouragement needed for those looking to attain and acquire skills that they were previously denied or once unable to obtain due to their circumstances. Please remember: “A little consideration, a little thought for others, makes all the difference.”-Eeyore

**Ndecboston.com juliesfamily.org bostonaduldliteracy.org**

### Stepping Out: Comforts of Home

This past weekend’s “tropical” weather was such a tease. Sure it was nice to do things like clean out my car, shovel some gray snow (under which I discover a few “treasures” which shall remain nameless) and wash my winter outdoor gear. But that “taste” certainly did not quench the thirst I have for warmer days. I was barely able to dry my Northface and we are being slapped with another cold and snowy snap. When it comes to having some fun, not much can stop me. However, this weather sure does know how to slow me down. So instead of wallowing in my cold apartment sorrows with

my mittened hands wrapped around a mug (yes I said mug) of red wine, I vow to get out and get at it, as if it were a spring weekend. Southie has a variety of activities in which I can partake. Home to stylish boutiques to shop, fun pubs with live music, darts and pool, a bowling alley that serves awesome drafts, relaxing spas and snazzy salons, lots of places to get physical not to mention a slew of food places, there is no shortage of things to do. And home to some kick-a\$\$ breweries and a distillery. All within walking distance or a short cab ride, you can sip, slurp and swallow your troubles away.

#### **Trillium Brewery**

Located in Fort Point, Trillium’s tasting room is open Tuesday through Saturday with opportunities to purchase takeaways and fill growlers with some of their best brews. You have to get there within enough time though, because sometimes they run out! Their beer is on tap at a select few locals like Row 34 and they launched their first bottled beer in December, which is aged three months in American Straight Whiskey Casks from Bully Boy, a Boston distillery that makes a killer white whiskey. Trillium’s popularity is no longer slowly gaining momentum, they are

full steam ahead. Cheers to that!

#### **trilliumbrewing.com**

#### **Harpoon Brewery**

Harpoon is the O.G. of this group, living in the Seaport district far before it was the thing to do, 1986 to be exact. They are open seven days a week, with lots of tour available, but they sell out almost always. Now with their expanded beer hall where you can grab a beer AND a bite (delicious pretzels) you can pass go and collect your prize. They have also established a well known charitable arm of their brand- Harpoon Helps, which hosts lots of great events for important

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# Southie Senses:

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



**Touch:** *Show Me Your Hand*

Calling all card sharks. Altisource Labs' Poker Night is hopefully the beginning of a long-standing tradition. Altisource Labs finds it home in Fort Point and is an important face of emerging talent and technology in the Innovation District. The event is free; all you have to do is sign up. Start practicing your poker face.

[labs-poker-night-registration-10555685339](http://labs-poker-night-registration-10555685339)



**See:** *All That Glitters is Gold*

This Sunday is the evening dreams are made of: the Oscars. While most of you will be riding the couch in sweats while watching the action, some of you may want to see what all the hype is about. ICA Boston is still holding some screenings of Oscar nominated films and shorts this weekend and into next week. You can view what you'd like and make your own decision of who should win what!

[icaboston.org](http://icaboston.org)



**Taste:** *One Last Bite*

Tuesday, March 4th marks Fat Tuesday and I plan to take full advantage of that it lives up to its name. For some it's the last chance to dance for our taste buds because Ash Wednesday follows that Tuesday, and Lent begins. A time to reflect and sacrifice, many give up chocolate, beer, caffeine and other vices that one indulges in. I usually last a week, and though the efforts become fleeting, I try. But before the clock strikes midnight I will have filled myself with anything I can get my hands on, and finish every last bit of this King's Cake. Eat up.

[southernliving.com/food/holidays-occasions/a-salute-to-king-cake-00400000007599](http://southernliving.com/food/holidays-occasions/a-salute-to-king-cake-00400000007599)



**Smell:** *Get a Whiff of a Winner*

This Saturday is your chance to be the best, better than all the rest. The Ultimate Self Defense & Performance Center at 12 B Street is hosting a Trivia Night with proceeds to go to individuals benefitting from the Mixed Martial Arts Scholarship Fund, giving those who otherwise may not be able to afford it, participate in Ultimate Self Defense's programs. The event is being held on location from 5-7pm and tickets are \$35. Put all that useless knowledge to work for you!

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



**Hear:** *FORE!*

Keep your ears open this weekend when you head to the Boston Golf Expo. Gear up and get ready for the season because (hopefully) it will be here before you know it. Held at the Seaport World Trade Center February 28-March 4, there will be great demonstrations, chances to try out some equipment, purchase paraphernalia and even a 19th hole! This is sure to be on par.

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



## Embrace All Of The Southie Senses: *GIRL POWER*



March is National Women's History Month. It commemorates those fierce femmes that have come before us and allow for all to live life the way we are used to. But it also pushes us to pay homage to those women around us who are not necessarily making headlines but sure should. Heroes

come in many forms: athletes, actresses, presidents, teachers and plumbers. But many of us know that it is those around us who make our lives better just by being them. Moms, aunts, sisters, daughters and friends that do the little things that are the foundation of life. This Thursday February 27th, Boston

Glow, an organization that empowers women of all ages to be their best and gives them an opportunity to do so, is holding it's IGNITE the NIGHT event at the Artists For Humanity Epicenter. The event is held to generate funds to support underserved young women in at-risk communities in under-resourced

schools. Tickets are \$75 and with it comes three drinks, food and a chance to mix and mingle with some of Boston's finest females AND the donation is tax-deductible. On Wednesday March 5th, Still Harbor, a center of wellness and spirituality with a focus on social justice and connectivity

among a community, is commemorating and celebrating Women's History Month with an evening of connection and conversation. Share your personal accounts of women that have wowed you and listen to others as they gush about their girls. I am woman, hear me roar. [bostonglow.org](http://bostonglow.org) [stillharbor.org](http://stillharbor.org)



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causes. This Saturday March 1 is the launch of Purple Heart Pilsner, brewed by combat veterans, with \$1 of each beer poured in Boston and Windsor, VT, going to a Boston-based charitable fund to help returning combat vets and their families that have been affected by Traumatic Brain Injuries or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Do some sipping and feel good about it. [harpoonbrewery.com](http://harpoonbrewery.com)

#### **GrandTen Distilling**

Though you are not able to see it from the street, GrandTen certainly

is a standout. Home to Wire Works Gin and Fire Punch Vodka, they are about to debut their Medford Rum, reviving a lost but well known rum from the 1800s and an Irish Whiskey in time for St. Patrick's Day. Make a plan to stop, buy and taste; GrandTen is only open Saturdays 12-4. But this Friday February 28, there is a special event of sustenance and sips to warm you up for a great night out. Sign me up! [grandten.com](http://grandten.com) [eventbrite.com/e/punches-bites-with-drizly-kitchensurfing-grandten-tickets-10705820397](http://eventbrite.com/e/punches-bites-with-drizly-kitchensurfing-grandten-tickets-10705820397)

## **Jimmy Flaherty Kick-off Breakfast Set for Saturday**

The SBCA President Tom McGrath is pleased to announce that on Saturday, March 1st, 2014, at the Kick-off Breakfast, The Henry Knox Award Presentation will take place. Family, Friends and Neighbors are respectfully invited to attend this wonderful event. A small donation is requested at door to help offset costs. This year's event will once again feature great music of Bob Fowkes and Curragh's Fancy. The event Chairman will be South Boston's own and City Councilor President Billy Linehan, who has led the fight to preserve the historical importance of Evacuation Day. "As president of the Association, it is an honor for me to appoint Billy to kick-off the festivities. Bill's commitment and involvement with the SBCA has been a tremendous asset to me and the Executive Board," said McGrath.

The awards are presented to everyday volunteers in the community who seek no recognition, who are considered "Unsung Heroes". This year's winners are Dennis Conway, Kevin Lally, Audrey McDonough, Alicia Jurus and John Healy.

The first recipient is Dennis Conway, South Boston High School class of 1973, is regarded as one of the most passionate advocates for preserving the fabric and quality of life of the South Boston neighborhood. In the midst of all that is going on that affects this community, Dennis' guiding principle is "respect for tradition and for the people who

paved the way for this great town".

Dennis is actively promoting increased services and funding needed for Adult Day Health Care. He is a member of Storer Scout Camp alumni group and was the former finance chairperson of the Boston Council for Special Needs Scouting. He is currently the Corresponding Secretary to the Castle Island Association and a member of the Bostonian Society. A budding artist with several paintings depicted on his holiday greeting cards, Dennis is also a member of the South Boston Arts Association.

After 35 years in the Transportation Management business, Dennis fulfilled a vision by launching the Southie Shuttle in 2013 along with his partners Maryann Crush and Jim Collins. There were two main reasons that motivated Dennis. First, he believed our senior citizens deserved special attention and that a flexible shuttle service would enhance their desire to live independently. Secondly, he was just plain tired of not finding a parking space after coming home in the evening after dining with family or shopping locally. The Southie Shuttle seemed like the perfect solution and as Dennis says, "so far, so good."

The next recipient is Kevin Lally, A lifelong resident from South Boston who has been involved with the South Boston Youth sports community for well over 40 years. SBCA President McGrath said. It is an honor for the association to recognize Kevin. Its volunteers like him, that taught many how to play, coach and get involved in the South Boston Sports community, that make it a success. Without them I don't think we would have programs that keep the youth of South Boston occupied after school and during summer vacation time. He is a strong supporter of the youth of our community and is always going the extra mile to get the necessary funds needed to support these programs in South Boston."

Currently Kevin has been serving as SB Babe Ruth Baseball commissioner for 35 years and Athletic Director for the past 25 years at Gate of Heaven CYO. Kevin is also a founding member of the

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**SIDEWALK CAFE {BOSTON}**  
764 EAST FOURTH STREET, SOUTH BOSTON

### **Featuring:**

Boars Head Products

New Pizza Recipe

New Healthier Options

Home Cooked Meals

The Sidewalk Café will be closed for renovations on Monday, March 3rd and we will reopen Saturday, March 8th when a new menu will be introduced

Check out our daily status at [sidewalksouthboston.com](http://sidewalksouthboston.com) & at our Facebook page

Sorry for the inconvenience and we look forward to serving you.

Thank You!



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Gate of Heaven Civic Association. Kevin's passion for the Gate of Heaven community is priceless. He also led the efforts to raise funds necessary to update and renovate the Gate of Heaven Church. Besides handling his responsibilities and busy schedule with Gate of Heaven, Kevin is married to Kathleen and has a son Greg.

Next up we, have another business owner, Audrey McDonough. Audrey grew up in the Old Colony housing projects. Audrey working as a hairdresser for many years learned the trade well enough that she and her friend Maryann Capuzo took a gamble and became owners of salon 236. Being a business owner in this community is tough. It is the business community that makes many of the events, times, and local organizations fundraisers very successful, due to the many donation requests throughout the year. As the owner of Salon 236, she continuously donates to all the "Times" in this great community year

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# Up Academy Invites Enrollment Applications



UP Academy would like to invite all Boston families with students entering grades K1 through 8 to apply to one of two UP Academy schools in Boston. The mission of UP Academy schools is to ensure that its students acquire the knowledge, skills, and strength of character necessary to succeed on the path to college and to achieve their full potential. To achieve this mission, UP Academy schools provide high academic expectations, supports for all learners, an extended school day, and a safe, orderly learning environment. Additionally,

all students are required to wear school uniforms, and the school provides financial assistance for uniform costs as needed.

The school program provides comprehensive supports for all students, including Special Education students and English Language Learners. Each class and each assignment is designed to prepare students for success at UP Academy and beyond. Our extended school day is designed to maximize instructional time and provide opportunities for arts and fitness education.

UP Academy Charter School of Boston was founded in 2011. In its first year, the 2011-12 academic year, UP Academy Charter School of Boston demonstrated incredible academic progress, ranking #1 for academic growth in math among all public middle schools in Massachusetts, doubling

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# HARPOON<sup>®</sup> St. Patrick's Festival 2014

at our brewery  
in **Boston, MA**

**Friday, March 7**  
5:30-11:00 PM, doors close 9:30 PM  
**Saturday, March 8**  
2:00-9:00 PM, doors close 7:30 PM

Kick off the St. Patrick's season at the Harpoon Brewery in Boston, featuring great beer, live Irish and rock & roll bands, and Irish-style food!



## Leadership Initiative Announces Creative Writing and Public Speaking Classes

The South Boston Leadership Initiative is proud to announce that two new youth programs, Creative Writing and Public Speaking, will begin the week of Monday March 10, 2014 for students in grades 4-8, and lasting for a total of ten weeks. Groups of students will meet for one hour per week and be divided into two sessions (grades 4-6 and 7-8). The program is free and open to South Boston residents, and will be held at St Peter's Academy on Monday and Wednesday, respectively.

Meghan Greene, a lifelong South Boston resident and a Boston Public School teacher at the Condon School, will lead the Creative Writing program. This unique weekly exercise with an emphasis on current events will help to promote dialogue and discussion amongst the students. The focus will be for students to write creatively and form opinions about current on-goings in South Boston and around the world. After discussing current events using Scholastic Magazine and other local news outlets, students will have an opportunity to express their ideas through writing. Students will mostly be exploring journal writing and argumentative writing. This is a great opportunity for students to discuss current events with their peers from every neighborhood in South Boston

while improving their writing skills. Grades 4th thru 6th will meet every Monday at 3:30 and grades 7th thru 8th will meet at 4:30 every Monday.

The Public Speaking program will begin on Wednesday March 12, 2014, and students will be able to hone their public speaking skills in a relaxed, non-intimidating environment. The program is designed to help with oral presentations and general social interactions. The program will help conquer nervousness, promote solid speaking techniques, and tips when speaking in a public setting. Participants will not be forced into any situations that make them uncomfortable speaking in public, but rather, taught and aided into learning how to do it successfully. Students will be able to learn from each other, and will feel more confident in their social skills as a result. Strong communication skills are important in every student's life and this program will help to enhance those particular skills. Grades 4th thru 6th will meet every Wednesday at 3:30 and grades 7th and 8th will meet every Wednesday at 4:30.

*For more information, and to sign up for Creative Writing and Public Speaking, please visit: [www.SouthBostonLeadership.org](http://www.SouthBostonLeadership.org)*

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math proficiency rates from 24% to 48% and improving English Language Arts (ELA) proficiency rates from 32% to 53%. In its second year of operation, students at UP Academy Boston again ranked #1 statewide for math growth on the spring 2013 MCAS, and its 8th grade students had a remarkable median student growth percentile score of 96 in math, the highest for any group of 8th grade students in Massachusetts history.

This fall, the John Marshall Elementary School was restarted as UP Academy Charter School of Dorchester, which now serves nearly

600 students from grades K1-5 and will expand to serve students in grades K1-8 by fall 2016.

Both schools are managed by Unlocking Potential, which is a nonprofit school management organization whose mission is to transform chronically underperforming district schools into extraordinary schools that sustain high achievement over time. The goal of the organization is to ensure at-risk students in Massachusetts will acquire the knowledge, skills, and strength of character necessary to succeed on the path to college and to achieve their full potential.

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## SB Youth Hockey League 2014/15 Season Tryout Schedule

With the 2013/2014 Season winding down, the South Boston Youth Hockey League would like to announce the following try out schedule for the 2014/2015 Season:

For children born in 06 and 07 - MITE Level:

Tuesday, March 4th @ 6 pm  
Monday, March 10th @ 5 pm  
Tuesday, March 11th @ 6 pm

For children born in 04 and 05 - SQUIRT Level:

Tuesday, March 4th @ 7 pm  
Monday, March 10th @ 6 pm  
Tuesday, March 11th @ 7 pm

For children born in 02 and 03 - PEEWEE Level:

Monday, March 3rd @ 7 pm  
Tuesday, March 4th @ 8 pm  
Wednesday, March 12th @ 7 pm

For children born in 00 and 01 - BANTAM Level:

Wednesday, March 5th @ 7 pm  
Thursday, March 6th @ 7 pm  
Monday, March 10th @ 7 pm

A second round of tryouts will be held in August.

ALL TRYOUTS ARE HELD AT THE MURPHY RINK

Also, do you know of any child between the ages of 4 and 9 that is interested in playing hockey? Stop by the Murphy Rink on Saturday, March 1st and "try hockey for free". The session begins at 11 am, so plan on arriving by 10:15 am for equipment and information. For more info, log on to [www.tryhockeyforfree.com](http://www.tryhockeyforfree.com) See you all at the rink!

### CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU14P0401EA  
Commonwealth Of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court

Estate of:

Louise F Gilmore

Date of Death: 06/23/2013

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:

**Susan L Dooley of Winchester 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:

**Susan L Dooley of Winchester MA** 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 03/27/2014.**

**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 19, 2014

Patricia M. Campatelli,

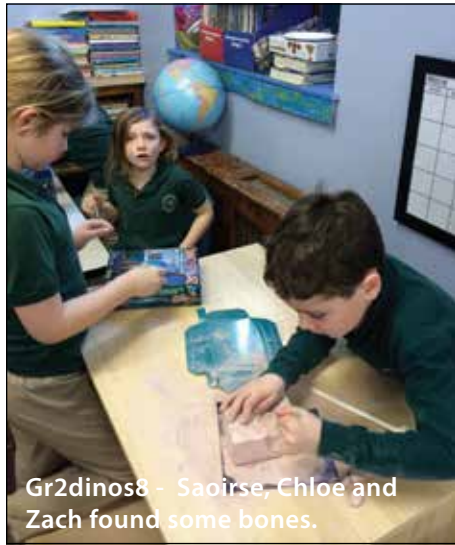
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This drug is going to hit like a hurricane and make oxycontin look tame. The rich get richer and the poor and middle classes get another pill which will kill them.

I hope the 28 Attorneys General and the three United States Senators may have enough clout to even delay the drug from coming to market. But I doubt it. Did you know there are three pharmaceutical lobbyists in Washington for every sitting Congressman. Here we go again. Don't say I didn't warn you. Be careful, be safe and watch your children. They have no idea how strong this drug is.



Gr2dinos8 - Saoirse, Chloe and Zach found some bones.



Gr2dinos7 - Terry and Patience working hard.



Gr2dinos5 - Keith unearthed a dinosaur bone.



Gr2dinos1 - Madison and Dylan are ready to dig.



Gr2dinos6 - Three of the dinosaurs created by our resident paleontologists.

## A Dinosaur Dig at St. Peter Academy

At St. Peter Academy, Ms Collins' second graders have been learning about dinosaurs in Science class. Last week they learned what it is like to be a paleontologist by participating in a dinosaur dig. Each group of students was given a block of hard clay, a hammer and chisel, and a brush. Inside the block were

dinosaur bones. The students had to work together to dig the bones out of the clay. When all of the bones were found, each group had to piece together their bones to create a dinosaur. Not only did the students enjoy this hands-on activity, but they also learned how hard it is to be a paleontologist.

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While UP Academy Boston and UP Academy Dorchester are both part of the Unlocking Potential network of schools, the enrollment procedures are managed separately for each.

Families with students entering grades 6, 7, and 8 should apply directly to UP Academy Boston, and families with students entering K1 to grade 6 should apply directly to UP Academy Dorchester. The first application

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after year. Some of Audrey's unsung hero efforts include her involvement and support for parents with children battling addiction and mothers who have lost a child. Audrey has given a day of beauty to these moms. She has also volunteers with the Dana Farber cancer patients donating hair and other grooming necessities need for the patients. SBCA President McGrath stated, "Audrey is a true unsung hero in the community and this award is very deserving, and she truly fulfills the criteria of the Knox Award." Audrey is married to Joe "Twinny" McDonough and has three Children, Gerry, Alana and Jenna.

Moving on, we have Alicia Jurus who was born and raised in South Boston. She never expected to still be here, but loves living in Southie with her husband, Tom and daughter, Erica, an 8th grader at Latin. She loves the People, Places and Traditions that make South Boston special and unique. And the best way to enjoy all that South Boston has to offer is to participate and get involved.

Over the years, she has helped with activities at the Fourth Presbyterian Church, such as the Musical Theater program and Gingerbread House Parties. Recently she has become a member and become active with The Castle Island Association's Magical Castle at Halloween. She assists with Girls Lacrosse, when needed. Lastly, she is hoping to be very active with the new Open Space/Park being planned between West Second and West First St. She even helps SBCA President Tommy McGrath with the schedule for the SBCA Evacuation Day events each year. She is also active with Boston Latin's Friends of the Arts.

Before it closed, Alicia worked at the Tribune and had the pleasure of meeting many wonderful people and covering many of the traditions that make Southie special such as: SBCA events, The Soccer Parade,

The Street Festival, Italian American Night, L Street Beach Bashes and Youth Ambassadors' Community Day. These events to name just a few, and the people are what make Alicia and her family glad to live and be active in South Boston.

Finally, we have the legendary John Healey, born November 18, 1946 to Pat and Jack Healey. Brother of Barbara and John Mulligan, Patty and Frank Miller, and MaryAnn and Michael Healey. John will begin his 51st year of volunteering for the South Boston Baseball programs including Connie Mack, Babe Ruth, and Little League. He has coached numerous teams for the past 50 years. John was the first ever recipient of the Connie Mack Sportsmanship Award in 1965. He also received it in 1967 and 1968.

He was the first bat boy for Connie Mack League and for the Babe Ruth League. John takes great pride in refurbishing treasured baseball gloves for local players. You will always see him with a glove in his hand either playing catch or properly showing the fundamentals to any Little Leaguer willing to listen.

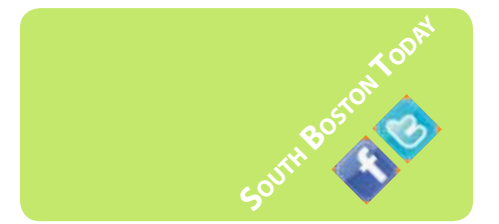
John continues to be an altar server to this day. He can be found at the 4:00 Mass on Saturday at St. Augustine's Chapel. He credits his commitment and dedication to the game, the children who play it, and his town to the great people of South Boston that have influenced him his whole life.

*Please join the South Boston Citizens' Association in recognizing these individuals who make South Boston the greatest place on earth.*

Tom McGrath, President of the SBCA, said "It is an honor to recognize these individuals who dedicate their time and energy to the South Boston Community. I hope the community will join me and others on Saturday March 1st to honor these men and women."

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10.00 or by contacting Tom McGrath @857-204-5825.

deadline for both schools is Friday, March 7 by 4pm. For additional details, you may visit [upacademyboston.org](http://upacademyboston.org) (or call (617)635-8819) or visit [upacademydorchester.org](http://upacademydorchester.org) (or call 617) 635-8810.





\*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 recapped the NBA Trade Deadline with Comcast SportsNet Celtics Insider A. Sherrod Blakely:

**DANNY PICARD:** Were you surprised that we didn't have any deals from the Celtics before Thursday's trade deadline?

**A. SHERROD BLAKELY:** A little bit surprised, but the thing that was really more surprising was the reluctance of teams -- not just in Boston, but throughout the NBA -- to not really pursue the mega-blockbuster type deal. Just talking to different people though out the league, it became very clear to me about an hour or so before the deadline, that, teams were focused on this summer. There's a handful of teams that feel this is their year to contend for a title. You saw those teams, like Indiana for example, making pretty significant moves. But for the rest of the league, everyone is looking at this summer at the earliest, as their opportunity to really re-shape their roster.

**DP:** And that makes sense because if you're a team that wants to acquire somebody's top draft pick, you're probably going to have to send them a pretty good player, which would affect what draft pick you're getting. So that might be why teams would be hesitant to make those

major moves, where they get a top pick from a bad team for a big-name player. But if you send a good player to that bad team, then that affects the pick that you get. So that's really why some of those big deals, you maybe have to wait until draft night or the offseason.

**ASB:** Yeah, I think that plays a certain role in the decision-making that teams make when it comes to pulling the trigger on a deal or even pursuing a deal. But I think that the bigger issue is that, I think teams are more realistic about who they are right now than they've been in years past. I think some teams in the past just had this unrealistic expectation that they can add one marquee player and they can give away their future and then all of a sudden teams will be great. I think all of a sudden, teams are now being a lot smarter about how they go about building their rosters, than what we've seen in the past.

**DP:** Were the Celtics close to making a move? I know they didn't. But were they in on anything late, before the trade deadline at 3 o'clock? How close were they to maybe making a move?

**ASB:** It was pretty quiet. From all indications that I got from the Celtics, it was one of the more quieter periods leading up to the trade deadline. And a lot of that has to do with the fact that a lot of the preliminary conversations that they had with different teams, it was clear what the Celtics were looking for. Normally you would expect a little bit more attraction as you get closer to the end of the trade deadline. But teams pretty much dug their heels in and said, "Look, we may deal with you in the summer, but we're not looking to do anything right now." Because a lot of the players that the Celtics have that I think teams were interested in, you're going to have a better chance of acquiring those guys at a better value for both the other team and the Celtics, if you do something in the summer. Danny Ainge talked about that. A couple other GM's have talked about how the summer is just a better time to really get the kind of deals that can help you both short term and long term.

**DP:** When we heard all of those Rajon Rondo trade rumors last week. First we heard Sacramento, then we heard maybe Toronto would be interested. The last one was the Houston Rockets, Chandler Parsons and a couple draft picks for Rajon Rondo. I mean, were these trade talks ever serious? Any of these deals that we heard about, were the Rondo talks ever serious at any point on the Celtics' end?

**ASB:** No, no, they weren't. And the reason why they weren't was because the guys that your talking about that the Celtics would receive in return are good players, but would any of them fall under the category of game-changers, guys that have

shown a track record of having the ability to not only change the course of the game, but change a playoff series the way Rajon Rondo can do? The answer is no. And I think that's -- from the Celtics' perspective -- that's why you're not itching to move Rondo, because he is one of the few game changers that has a proven track record of being that type of player. And, let's not forget that the guy is 27, 28 years old. There are a lot of reasons why the Celtics would be very wise to hold onto Rondo, unless they get an offer that they simply can't refuse. And the type of players that would have to be included in such an offer, those guys for the most part, aren't made available.

**DP:** Sherrod, you know how I feel about Rondo, you join me on this show a lot. I think the Celtics need to keep him and build around him. And if the Celtics do make a move, it's to make a move to get a guy to play with Rondo, not trade Rondo away. So, I'm glad that they didn't trade Rondo. But since we hear those rumors, people wonder, "Are the Celtics trying to trade Rondo?" Let's say talks never got serious, but when we hear Rondo's name in trade rumors, it's not the Celtics trying to trade Rondo, right? It's the Celtics just listening to deals. Because I do find it humorous when we hear reports that "Houston is interested in Rondo, but talks aren't serious." I don't know that that's a news story, I think that's just common sense. Why wouldn't you be interested in Rondo? Isn't this more of just the Celtics listening and not trying to trade Rondo?

**ASB:** You have two things at work here. You've got teams who are expressing interest in Rondo because

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the Celtics don't have a very good record. And typically, when teams are struggling, anyone and everyone on that roster becomes -- at the very least -- open for discussion, as far as a move. And if you're the Celtics, you have to listen to other teams so that you can get a better sense of how you perceive a player's value, relative to the other teams. This is a good thing for both the Celtics and Rajon Rondo, to get some sense of what teams think he's worth. And for the Celtics, clearly, the way they view Rondo and the way other teams view him, isn't even close to being the same. The Celtics seem to value him a lot more than other teams do right now.

**DP:** Danny Ainge told [Comcast SportsNet's] Kyle Draper that this offseason, he's going to be very active. What does that mean when he says that?

**ASB:** That's one of the great things for him, just about this whole trade

deadline, the fact that he talked to so many different GM's who have given him some relatively honest feedback, as far as, what his players are worth. I think Danny Ainge goes into this summer knowing what he can get for certain guys, and I think he's going to have the flexibility to make a lot more deals because again, he's got all those draft picks, he's got some guys going into the final year of their contracts, which is always an attractive piece. And let's not forget the trade exception. The Celtics are going to have the assets to get deals done and make it worth other teams' while to give the Celtics really good players. And that's what Danny Ainge is looking for more than anything else, to speed up the process of getting the Celtics back into a relevant title-contending team. I think he's got the pieces in place to make that happen, which I think a lot of people will expect.

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the inner workings of city hall, his reign seemed more like that of Lord Farquaad from Shrek the Musical, where subjects, in this case employees, other politicians and people looking to do business with the city, were banished if they crossed him or if he or his aides thought they crossed him. South Boston is a case in point.

As a community, South Boston's history of resistance and challenging authority, including his, was somehow taken as a slight by the Mayor. The result was banishment to a form of political Siberia. Not so its land and property. Essentially, the land and property on both the South Boston Waterfront and in South Boston Proper was plundered. Those who were in favor were rewarded. Affordable housing as a matter of public policy was minimized. Investment in the public schools at a time when Catholic schools were closing was negligible. Even the Archdiocese allowed its real estate to be plundered. School teachers, firefighters and police were held hostage. Snow removal priority placed South Boston at the end of the schedule for many years in the nineties and early 2000s.

This side of Menino is the one that seemingly looms large over the city right now. The results of that type of behavior may be manifested in the coming months as Mayor Walsh tries to untangle the autocratic policies that will now make his job more difficult.

Those imbedded Menino policies have made the BRA the unregulated and omnipotent decision maker on all things related to Boston's economic growth. They have left the School Department with inadequate facilities and no clear path to excellence, and have made the Municipal Unions, with no incentive to collectively bargain in truly good faith, take their shot with an arbitrator. With the exception of his public stance on banning assault weapons and other anti-gun legislation, he appeared to even manipulate his Police Commissioner's narrative on some of other equally serious issues like drugs, personally believing that there 'is no crisis'.

The early days of the Walsh administration signal some movement toward a shift from this high-handedness. The BRA and School Department will be subject to audits. Commissioner Evans is bringing a fresh approach to dealing with violence on our streets and openly addresses the scourge of drugs and the police department's plans to address it head on.

So, after 20 years, those tributes to Menino from the neighborhoods, academia, the business community, political leaders and his loyal supporters were presumably sincere, and in some cases deserved. But, as Boston tries to move forward under a Walsh administration, the shadow cast is causing a chill that may last a long time. The sun seems to be shining above and behind the shadow. Under Mayor Walsh's leadership it just might bust on through in due time.

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