



## Development Showdown *Community vs. Profit*

Community or Developer.... Which Side Are You On?

Armed with over 1000 signatures on a petition supporting the designation of the former Gate of Heaven School property as a site for a Charter School, area residents are trying to persuade the City of Boston zoning board not to approve a luxury condominium project. This group of both long time and new residents are making the case that this property should not be treated by the Archdiocese or the City of Boston as a real estate development project. It should be viewed as a neighborhood stabilization and preservation project.

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## EDITORIAL *A NEW DAY?*

**C**ongratulations and praise should go to Mayor Marty Walsh on his assertive stand on the Revere Casino. He recognizes what many perhaps do not. This casino will lead to new development on the East Boston border and will have major and far reaching consequences to not only those residents, but the entire City of Boston. In this regard, our citizens should be fairly compensated.

It is no secret that South Boston has been ground zero for major development over the last 15 years and we are experienced in its impact and community benefits, or lack thereof. Combined with his anticipated overhaul of the BRA 'insider' culture, his attitude bodes well for the importance of community and resident interest in the decision-making process of any real estate development being proposed.



*"With all the money the US spends on foreign aid, can't we afford to place a cop in every school?" - Wayne LaPierre (NRA)*

### This Week's Poll

Should Gate of Heaven School be rezoned to accommodate a luxury condominium development?

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or  
**NO**

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# The Information Center



## God Bless Ollie Flynn and Little Jane Richards

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
John Ciccone

*Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at [jciccone@southbostontoday.com](mailto:jciccone@southbostontoday.com)*

We're still in the month of March but the first anniversary of the Boston Marathon Bombing is fast approaching. Though this column hasn't made much mention of it since the trial of the surviving bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, recent news stories about one of the bombing victims, the brave little 8 year old from Dorchester named Jane Richards, who lost her leg in the explosion, brings out the urge to make a comment.

Most remember the shameless front page photo on the cover of Rolling Stone Magazine glamorizing the swaggering terrorist punk and 'alleged' bomber. The New York Times also ran a complementary photo of this guy on its front page. By doing this, these leftist media publications somehow think it makes them look 'oh so hip and trendy'. In fact, it shows the world just how perverted and void of any decency so many of these liberal media outlets really are. Other news sources would most likely have followed the lead of these two rags, if not for the outraged reaction of millions of disgusted Americans.

If they had a shred of common decency, Rolling Stone and the New York Times would run a photo of little Jane Richards on their front covers, as she proudly and happily displays her new prosthetic leg to show how she overcame and survived a terrorist act. This might help, in part, to not only make amends for their original decision, but show how devastating and cruel the acts committed by the marathon Bombers really were, not to mention the courage of this smiling child determined to live a

normal life. Instead, they facilitated the perverse glorification of this psychotic individual by a handful of misguided or sick-minded groupies, who actually idolize Tsarnaev. Imagine the fact that this murderer has his own Facebook, Twitter following and Fan club. May God Bless little Jane Richards.

Boston is now running yet another questionable gun buy-back promotion. Though statistics show these programs have virtually no effect on crime, but there is more to curbing violence than this. For the record, I personally took part in a Boston gun buy back many years ago. The city offered \$50 for every gun turned in. I brought in an old broken shotgun that hung on the wall in my cellar for over 20 years. I turned it in, got the fifty bucks and used it for a down payment on a 38 special at a gun shop in New Hampshire. It was all legal and proper. I know of several other locals who did the same thing. And while the gun buy-back in those days didn't actually lower the crime rate, it worked well for some of us non-criminals, who found it quite helpful in the purchase of a new firearm.

Congratulations to the United States Postal Service. This April, they will begin selling the long awaited First Class stamps honoring the late great Charlton Heston. Heston was not only a great patriot, a veteran and one of the finest actors to ever come out of Hollywood, he was also a civil rights activist and president of the National Rifle Association. It's fitting that this great American's image will be on the stamps that carry our country's mail. 'Snail

Mail' just got a much needed boost.

We'll close this week with a request from some concerned South Bostonians. Ollie Flynn, a longtime active and well liked resident has become the victim of a serious illness. Many know Ollie from her years as a volunteer with the South Boston Information Center. She also took part in a number of other good causes always to benefit people in need. She is a great mother to her kids and a beloved Nana to her Grand kids. Those who know Ollie

personally know that you couldn't help but like and admire her. She is one of the nicest people anyone could ever hope to know. Right now, as she is going through a pretty rough time, receiving cards in the mail would do much to cheer her up and make her life more pleasant. Cards can be sent to Ollie Flynn, 628 E. Sixth Street, South Boston, MA 02127. Receiving cards would mean a lot and brighten Ollie's days and would be very much appreciated. May God also Bless Ollie Flynn.

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## Letter to the Editor

### *Community should be priority – Not Rich Developers*

**N**ext week, the BRA will host a meeting at the Tynan School to review a proposal to turn the Gate of Heaven School Building into luxury condominiums. A condominium development has only one winner: the buyer, a one time, for-profit developer. The alternative to this proposal is the possibility of a Charter School that will benefit, on an ongoing basis, both the entire South Boston community and the Archdiocese of Boston. In addition to the evening parking benefits to the surrounding neighborhood, the operation of the site as a charter school also adheres to the underlying zoning bylaws.

As to the condominium project, by its very nature, it further congests the neighborhood with more cars

and higher priced housing. In my opinion, it is not the way to go. Our neighborhood needs and deserves an affordable charter school option. The neighborhood is speaking loudly and clearly with its support of this alternative. Mayor Walsh and our elected officials should listen. The role of the Mayor and his administration is to serve the people of this city. A real estate developers wealth should not be of higher priority than that of the opportunity to improve the quality of life of a neighborhood. This is one such opportunity where educational options at an affordable price should take precedence over a seller/buyer maximum profit motive. Mayor Walsh promised us things would change and that things would be better. Here is his chance to prove it. **-Karen Lannon**

## West End Museum to Honor Former Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn

**T**he West End Museum will host its inaugural Irish Heritage Month celebration on Monday, March 31, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, and will include light refreshments. Former Boston Mayor Raymond L. Flynn (1984-1993)—who left City Hall to serve as the United States Ambassador to The Vatican (1993-1997)—will attend as an event honoree. The Museum will also honor Martin Lomasney and Daniel Whelton. Before Boston's Old West End was razed in the name of 1950s urban renewal, displacing tens of thousands of immigrant families, the neighborhood was home to many Irish-Americans who blended with a myriad of other ethnic groups, giving the West End its unique character. The Museum's Irish Heritage Month celebrates those Irish immigrants and the contributions they made to the West End.

Read more about The West End Museum's Irish Heritage Month and Honorees at SouthBostonToday.com

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This battle is really about the long term value that a neighborhood school will add to the publicly stated promise by Mayor Marty Walsh that his administration will do everything in its power to stabilize our communities so that young couples will stay in the city and raise their families. Luxury rate and market rate condominiums, without the supporting infrastructure such as schools, libraries and churches, have little or no value-added benefit for a community in the long term. This is the very challenge facing the SB waterfront residents. Condo developers and condo owners come and go, but the neighborhood remains forever.

The Mayor is now faced with an opportunity to make good on two of his campaign pledges – to 'give the community a stronger voice' and that he 'will listen to those voices'.

Next Tuesday evening, the BRA will host a meeting at the Tynan School to review a proposal to turn the Gate of Heaven School Building into luxury condominiums. The alternative

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# Reading Between The Lines

## “It’s Russia”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Brian R. Mahoney

Note: talk back to Brian by email at [bmahoney@southbostontoday.com](mailto:bmahoney@southbostontoday.com)

Experience shows that the source of honest opinion is the everyday person you meet and talk to on the street. Those that receive no benefit and have no connection with the press, political government or other institutions that shape our culture and daily lives and situations are the best filter. The eventual connection is that they are usually the ones who bear the brunt of the decisions that those institutions make.

For straight, honest opinions on world issues and although their most recent “foreign trip” is crossing the bridge at Andrew Square for a trip to South Bay Mall, it’s fortunate to have Ukrainians, specifically from Kiev, among those “everyday neighbors”. One who has built a successful business over more than 20 years and still returns regularly to visit family offered the following perspective.

First though, a little background. Crimea juts off of the Ukraine coast like the pouch beneath a Republican’s beak. Its history goes back to 63 B.C. and it’s been claimed and occupied by dozens of countries and civilizations, many that no longer even exist. Oddly, it has never been claimed by Ukraine. In 1774, Russia took control of this area that spoke Russian and considered themselves Russian. In 1945, it was granted province of the Soviet Union status. In 1954, Ukraine was given administrative authority over Crimea, both parts of the USSR.

With the fall of the Soviet Union, Crimea became part of the New Ukraine in 1992. Just fewer than 2 million people of the 43 million, Ukrainians live in this peninsula, a 5 mile ferry ride to Russia. It is the only place in Ukraine that they speak Russian and that’s all they speak.

My friend from Kiev told me that

Crimea has always been considered Russian by most Crimeans. While Ukraine would lose some seaports in Crimea, Ukraine itself has at least 3 seaports on its own coastline.

While it was a bonus to control Crimea for the last 25 years, Ukraine will not fight for it. My friend feels Ukraine is just posturing in order to get Russia to negotiate Crimea in exchange for a no invasion of Ukraine pledge. He argues Russia could take Ukraine at any time. They just want to re-create imperial Russia, which did not include Ukraine, by retaking Crimea. His reasoning and experience carry the day, certainly more than the retired General on T.V. Who said we should send military support because “Putin lied to us”. Well, he didn’t lie any worse than the American people find themselves lied to every day, at all political levels.

Remember how everyone thought Bush was so dumb because he claimed he had “looked into Putin’s soul”? So when Russia invaded neighboring Georgia, Bush was humiliated. The new trust was gone and relations turned to ice between the countries.

Then came Obama who was going to right the wrongs Bush the American president, not Putin the Russian President, had committed. Remember he was going to push the “reset button” and restore warm relations with Russia. To provide it we recently announced a military force reduction to pre-WWII levels. How’s that working out?

Now we’re rattling sabers? They sound more like butter knives. What aid could we give and why should we? Crimea has been Russian since before Lexington and Concord. Or how about the latest pronouncement that the US will make up an energy

shortfall to the Ukraine and Europe if Russia curtails gas and oil exports. At the same time, Obama refuses to Okay the pipeline from Canada that would reduce our dependence on foreign imports by 17 percent. Does any of this foreign policy make any sense at all? Is it any of our or for that matter the world’s business?

My friend say’s Russia just wants Crimea and that’s where it will end. Which makes sense here? Even Ukraine won’t fight for it. Just in case Putin and his troops are having a hot dog down Sully’s before this column

is printed, remember who your friends are Vlad.

Sometimes making light of a situation is the only way not to go crazy, however anytime we contemplate military action; it is no joke or laughing matter. There are real people involved. Since 9-11, our military has been constantly engaged. It has taken its toll and it continues sometimes long after return to civilian life. These veterans have seen and endured horror to keep us safe at home for the last decade and more. To keep

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### South Boston Community Health Center Youth Ambassadors Program



## Let's Talk!

### Youth / Adult Community Dialogue

South Boston Boys & Girls Club - 230 West Sixth Street  
Tuesday April 1, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

*The event will be an opportunity to share information and develop communication between South Boston youth and adult community members.*

This event is sponsored by the South Boston Community Health Center Youth Ambassador Program in collaboration with the Hope & Recovery Coalition, the Gavin Foundation, South Boston Boys & Girls Club, South Boston Neighborhood House, Laboure Center, the South Boston CAN Youth Council, the South Boston Collaborative Center and South Boston en Accion.

Please RSVP by phone at 617-464-7423 or through e-mail at [mahoward@sbchc.org](mailto:mahoward@sbchc.org), on or before March 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about the Youth/Adult Community Dialogue, please contact Mayra Rodriguez-Howard, director of the Youth Ambassador Program at 617-464-7423.

South Boston Community Health Center  
409 West Broadway, South Boston, MA 02127





Photo Credit: Matthew Healey

## The Fallon Company Breaks Ground on South Boston Waterfront Office Tower at Fan Pier

The Fallon Company celebrated another major milestone at Fan Pier today with a groundbreaking ceremony for 100 Northern Avenue, the fourth commercial tower on Fan Pier – one of the country's largest privately funded development sites. The 17-story, 515,000 square foot, build-to-suit tower will house the Boston office of global law firm Goodwin Procter LLP.

Mayor Walsh joined Goodwin Procter Chairman Regina Pisa, Massachusetts State Representative Nick Collins, The Fallon Company President and CEO Joe Fallon, and a host of local dignitaries to celebrate the occasion.

"New commercial development is driving job growth in our city – by creating jobs on the waterfront, we can help spread economic opportunity to all of Boston's neighborhoods," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh.

"We're delighted to partner with The Fallon Company on the creation of our new home at Fan Pier and the further development of this vibrant and exciting neighborhood," said Regina M. Pisa, Chairman of Goodwin Procter. "Our move to the waterfront will represent the latest

chapter in Goodwin's more than 100-year relationship with Boston and reaffirms our deep commitment to contributing to the growth of this world class city."

"Today's groundbreaking is another indication of the progress and momentum taking place at Fan Pier, and is a testament to the dynamic neighborhood being established on Boston's waterfront," said Fallon. "Its location, amenities and opportunities are a huge draw for some of the world's leading companies, like Goodwin Procter, which is looking to provide the best environment for its most important asset: its employees."

With the 100 Northern Avenue groundbreaking, Fan Pier, a joint venture of the Fallon Company and Mass Mutual as advised by Cornerstone Real Estate Advisers, features five high rise structures. The Fallon Company has under development or completed, including: One Marina Park Drive, the first commercial building on the site; Fifty Northern Avenue and Eleven Fan Pier Boulevard, two towers designed for the global headquarters of Vertex

Pharmaceuticals –which The Fallon Company sold to Senior Housing Properties Trust (SNH) for \$1.1 billion in February 2014; and Twenty Two Liberty, which broke ground in October 2013. When complete, the Fan Pier neighborhood will feature a total of eight contemporary commercial and residential luxury high rises, offering sweeping views and the best in dining, shopping and recreation on Boston's historic harbor.

Fan Pier is one of the country's largest privately-funded development sites, featuring three million square feet of mixed-use office, residential and retail space spanning 21 acres and nine city blocks, overlooking the revitalized Boston Harbor. Designed by global architectural firm HOK, 100 Northern Avenue will feature 500,000 square feet of commercial space, 380,000 of which will be occupied by Goodwin Procter, which currently plans to relocate to the new building by Spring 2016. The building also features more than 15,000 square feet of premium ground floor retail space.

Located adjacent to Boston's prestigious Institute of Contemporary Art on Fan Pier and overlooking the site's Public Green and six-acre marina, 100 Northern Avenue will offer many compelling amenities: convenient access to public transportation including South Station, a water taxi to Boston's Logan Airport and the Financial District, Hubway bikes and easy access to several highway exchanges, as well as a myriad of dining and shopping options. When fully developed, the Fan Pier neighborhood will feature a total of eight contemporary commercial and residential luxury high rises, offering sweeping views and the best in dining, shopping and recreation on Boston's historic harbor.

Artistic renderings of 100 Northern Avenue are available for download and use at: <http://bit.ly/1Lqe2T> (Photo Credit: The Fallon Company)

For more information on Fan Pier, visit [www.fanpierboston.com](http://www.fanpierboston.com)

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to this proposal is the possibility of a Charter School.

Here is an excerpt from a letter to South Boston Today from the Friends of Gate of Heaven and printed in its November 8 2012 edition. Although the school entity may not be the same, the benefit essentially is. It poses an option that the City and the Mayor has at their disposal.

*The Gate of Heaven Church needs a long term revenue stream to fund its current operations and to plan for the next 100 years of capital maintenance. If the church sells the school, there'll be no more assets to sell to maintain the church. The Rectory, Hall and Convent are now gone. The next time, the church needs \$6-\$8 million in repairs, where will that money come from? As the Boston Public Schools move in the direction of neighborhood schools and as the demand increases for charter schools, this building has far greater value as a school than as a residential development.*

*Under the current proposal, the church would give up all of the parking on the 4th street side, the H street side and most of the spots on the 5th street side. That would leave the area where the convent stood and a few spots up to where the stairs of the school begin. That is less than what is currently used for Sunday mass, never mind a large funeral or wedding. If the Church leases the building to a school, the church retains all of that parking on the weekends, in the evenings and all summer. Aside from giving up millions in potential revenue, the church would also be giving up essential parking spaces if they sold this building.*

Here is the full article: <http://southbostontoday.com/from-concerned-neighbors-regarding-development-of-the-gate-of-heaven-school-building/>

The ransacking of this peninsula under the Menino administration cannot be changed. The impact of residential overdevelopment has taken its toll on South Boston. With this situation, all of the residents of South Boston have a stake in how the Gate of Heaven School property is dealt with. Will a family-oriented charter school be woven into the fabric of the community and help stabilize the growth trajectory that South Boston is on, or will a pure profit motive win out?

The final question that needs an answer- Which side is Mayor Walsh on?

# SBT

Please weigh in on this week's SBT poll question about the Gate Of Heaven School Property at [southbostontoday.com](http://southbostontoday.com)

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# Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

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37 Gates Street Three Family	\$925,000	03/07/14	16	5	3260
361 West Fourth St UNIT 4 Condo	\$699,000	03/07/14	5	2	1287
870 East Second St UNIT 1 Condo	\$637,500	03/14/14	4	3	1700
495 East Fourth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$579,000	03/01/14	4	2.5	1550
141-143 M St UNIT 1 Condo	\$542,000	03/14/14	6	2.5	1651
375 Silver Street Single Family	\$527,000	03/05/14	8	2.5	1818
71 Farragut Road UNIT 3 Condo	\$500,000	03/14/14	4	1	1040
925 East Second St UNIT 7 Condo	\$450,000	03/01/14	6	1	987
239 West Fifth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$405,000	03/14/14	4	1	886
757 East Seventh St UNIT 2 Condo	\$395,000	03/14/14	5	1	933
27 Story St UNIT 2 Condo	\$385,000	03/07/14	4	1	863
7 Lovis Street Single Family	\$339,000	03/11/14	5	1	1160
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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: *Doing It & Doing It & Doing It Well*

March. This month has certainly lived up to its name. It's been a slow and steady pace through a series of weeks that followed a February that never ended. March roared in like a lion and is crawling out like a cub, with the lamb in its sights. But that hasn't stopped South Bostonians from getting out and doing some good. We love a good ole time at a time, what can I say? I certainly feel less guilt about ignoring the laundry, dish and bill piles strewn about the house when I am traipsing out the door. So cheers to that! Let's show 'em how Southie puts the “fun” in fundraising!

Team IMPACT Young Professionals Board is hosting a Cornhole Tournament this Saturday 03/29, at the Stadium. Team registration starts at 11am, with teams of two paying a \$50 registration fee and submit a donation of \$150 to go towards the charity. TEAM Impact focus partners with youth who are facing life-threatening illnesses and “drafts” them to college sports teams. The teamwork aspect of life and recovery shows to be a powerful anecdote in Team Impact's mission.

There are plenty of awesome sports prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places, like tickets to the B's to sit in Tukka's box. Let's work together and give these kids a chance.

**goteamimpact.org**  
**sharingcounts.com/events/75-team-entry-ticket-team-impact-cornhole-tournament**

On April 2nd, the 2nd Annual BostonGreenGala, an event to benefit Boston Green Academy, which is located on “G” street in South Boston and serves Boston youth, many who live below the poverty line, along the intersecting lines of education and the environment. To be held at District Hall, an innovative establishment, the Mayor Marty Walsh will be the keynote speaker and will spread the message of the important work that the students and faculty do in their everyday work at Boston Green Academy. Tickets are \$100, with proceeds to benefit those youth in the academy; drinks and apps will be served. Give HumpDay a little more love this week and show the kids you care.

**bostongreenacademy.org/gala/**



**districthallboston.org**

\*\*\* **World Autism Awareness Day**  
**April 2nd** \*\*\*

On Wednesday, April 2, 2014, help kick off Autism Awareness Month by participating in the “Light It Up Blue” program. Check out **autismspeaks.org** for places to donate and how to light up your business. But to

participate at home, head over to the Home Depot at South Bay Center and pick up a Philips Autism Speaks 25-Watt Incandescent A19 Transparent Blue Light Bulb. Make more aware. **homedepot.com/p/Philips-Autism-Speaks-25-Watt-Incandescent-A19-Transparent-Blue-Light-Bulb-427567/100549783**

## Stepping Out: *Get In My Belly*

South Boston is slowly but surely becoming a culinary mecca. People travel far and wide for a Sully's snapper. Lincoln Tavern was just voted Best Pizza by Eater Boston and YOU. Acclaimed chefs Barbara Lynch, Ming Tsai and Joanne Chang anchored eateries in the neighborhood. Boston bigwigs Franklin Cafe, Stephi's and the Paramount, all have outlets now rocking it out on the major 'ways and aves. Sometimes it's easy to dial up Village for a steak tip salad or stop by Teriyaki House for a spicy chicken bowl. But why not get out and enjoy all there is to offer here? Here are some ways to take a bite

outta Southie.

DineOut Boston's Winter Session ends this week but there is still time to dig in. DineOut officially ends 03/28, but many restaurants will continue the deal throughout the end of the week. There are even a few Seaport snackeries that offer their own twist on the week (Rosa Mexicano, Drink and Menton). With lunch and dinner offerings, either 2 or 3 courses, and some spots offering a wine paring for a small, additional cost, this deal cannot be beat. It's a win-win.

**bostonusa.com**

**Aura Restaurant, Del Frisco's, Empire, Gather, Morton's, Row 34,**

**Salvatore's, Sportello, Strega**

This Sunday March 30th is the Annual Taste of South Boston, held at the Seaport Boston. The tickets are \$50, where you can taste a plethora of palatable delights from lots of South Boston establishments. The event is hosted by South Boston Development Neighborhood Corporation and through SBDNC, proceeds benefit those of South Boston's elderly, working families and Veterans, in need of affordable housing. There is also a live auction, beer & wine tastings and a cash bar. Sunday Funday in a different way. **tasteofsouthboston.com**  
Get lucky this Sunday! Dinner for

two at Lucky's Lounge is \$59; it includes an appetizer, two entrees and a select bottle of red or white wine, after 5pm. And Sinatra croons around 8pm. Such a steal!

**luckyslounge.com**

Other “Buzz”: Some other “tastes” are also happening in Southie in the upcoming week. This Thursday 03/27, Barlow's and Dewars are hosting a sip session from 6-8pm. LOUIS Boston gives you a chance to try out some of Wachusett Brewery's beers, 03/27, 5-7pm. Social Wines, American Provisions and Bees Knees Provisions also have weekly tastings of wine and beer.



# Southie Senses:

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



## **Touch: Pen in Hand**

Realtor.com says that April-June is the busiest time of year to buy a home. Who knows if you are searching but it's important to be in the know when the right time strikes. The City of Boston holds First Time Home Buyers courses monthly all over the city to educate and inform the city's residents about taking that big step. Classes fill up quickly so get online and sign up! The next set of classes held in SB starts May 8-29, every Thursday 6:30-8:30pm at the Lst Bathhouse/Curley Community Center. [cityofboston.gov/dnd/bhc/Homebuying\\_101\\_Schedule.asp](http://cityofboston.gov/dnd/bhc/Homebuying_101_Schedule.asp)



## **See: Look Up!**

Don't be no April Fool! Remember that street cleaning starts April 1 in Southie. We can whine all we want about moving our cars, not finding a spot, blahblahblah. This is the city's attempt to at a spring cleanup. Follow suit- get out there and sweep your stoop and your neighbors; put on a pair of gloves and pick up the stuff that the machine didn't. And for the love of God, put your trash bags IN A BARREL. If your apartment building does not have them, purchase one and inform your landlord. We are all a part to make it a bright and shiny Spring. [cityofboston.gov/publicworks/sweeping/](http://cityofboston.gov/publicworks/sweeping/)



## **Taste: Fresh Air**

What better way to roll into spring than a bike ride along the water? This Saturday March 29th, Boston Natural Areas Network is holding their annual Neponset Ride, pedaling off at 10am. The ride starts at Fort Independence/Castle Island at Sullivan's and follows a 13-mile path one way. Both newbies and pros will be able to tackle this trail and observe all the next additions to the pathway to make Boston a more bike-able city, for both pleasure and purpose. Ride into that sun! [bostonnatural.org/calendar.asp](http://bostonnatural.org/calendar.asp)



## **Smell: Burnin' Rubber**

With this Nor'easter a bust, and 50 degrees in our sights for Friday, put that top down and go, go, go. The 40th Annual Town Faire Tire World of Wheels hot rod show is driving in to town on Friday 03/28 and staying through Sunday 03/30 at the Seaport World Trade Center. Admission for kids 12 and under is free on Friday, there are plenty of demos and celebrity appearances and even a career day event for automotive trade school students. Something for everyone. [autorama.com/attend-show/mar-28-30-boston-ma/](http://autorama.com/attend-show/mar-28-30-boston-ma/)



## **Hear: Play Ball!**

The boys are back! One sure sign of spring is baseball and the Red Sox Season Opener is this Monday 03/31 against the Orioles in Baltimore. Dust off those ball caps, fluff up your Sox gear and hear out to cheer on the boys to another World Series. Head on down to the Atlantic Beer Garden and Whiskey Priest and watch the game while taking in that ocean breeze. Even better, take the Southie Shuttle; it's FREE and safe. Batter up! [redsox.com/schedule](http://redsox.com/schedule) • [southieshuttle.com](http://southieshuttle.com) • [atlanticbeergarden.com](http://atlanticbeergarden.com) • [whiskey-priest.com](http://whiskey-priest.com)



## Embrace All Of The Southie Senses: *TOGETHER WE CAN*

• Fresh start: Boston Natural Areas Network is funding a free tree giveaway to Boston residents and neighborhood groups. What's a better way to get green in 2014? Applications are due by 04/04/14; if you don't know where you would put it, Southie Trees will help you out. [gogreen2014.Bostonnatural.org/trees\\_and\\_orchards.htm](http://gogreen2014.Bostonnatural.org/trees_and_orchards.htm) [southietrees.techboston.com](http://southietrees.techboston.com)

• Access is key:

The South Boston Community Health Center has been asked to take part in a petition to help fight cuts to community health centers; the program is named "Access is the Answer", championed by the National Association of Community Health Centers. A healthy people are vital to a health and vibrant neighborhood. Sign this petition by March 31 to ensure that affordable health

care is accessible and convenient to all: [saveourhcs.org/Sign%20the%20Petition.cfm](http://saveourhcs.org/Sign%20the%20Petition.cfm)

• Sea to shining sea: The Boston HarborWalk is a wonderful walk to soak in all that Boston has to offer. South Boston has a wonderful expanse of HarborWalk but there is more ground to be covered so that the million-dollar ocean view can be enjoyed by all. Join the Friends of Boston HarborWalk and make sure it

happens! Their monthly meeting is the fourth Thursday of every month (03/27 at 5:30-7pm) and is held at the offices of the Boston Harbor Association. [eventbrite.com/e/friends-of-the-boston-harborwalk-monthly-meeting-tickets-10843267505](http://eventbrite.com/e/friends-of-the-boston-harborwalk-monthly-meeting-tickets-10843267505)

• Young and Old Alike: Drugs and drug abuse has affected so many in our community and not just lifelong residents, but new members too. The effects are long lasting on the mind,

boy and spirit. The most important step to recovery for our people is discussion. This Tuesday 04/01 at the SB Boys & Girls Club, from 6-730pm, a discussion will be facilitated involving youth and adults to tackle this epidemic. Talk it out. **SBBGC 230 W 6th Street, South Boston, MA**

• Be the Change You Want to See: This January 2014, the mayor enacted a participatory budget

process which involves the youth of Boston to help decide where/what/when/why/how the city of Boston's \$1million budget will be sent. With meetings all over the city, it's now Southie's turn. The meeting is open to all at this "Idea Collection Assembly". Get on down to the Condon Community Center on Thursday 03/27 at 5pm and make your voice AND choice heard. [cityofboston.gov/youthzone/youthleadthechange/](http://cityofboston.gov/youthzone/youthleadthechange/)



## TOM MCGRATH TO RECEIVE GATEY CYO ALUMNI AWARD

After years of presenting awards to others in our community as President of the South Boston Citizens Association, it's now Tommy McGrath's turn to be honored.

On April 5th at the Annual Gate of Heaven C.Y.O. Fundraiser and 50th Anniversary celebration, Tom will receive the Jack McDonough Award. The Jack McDonough Award is given annual to the outstanding C.Y.O. Men's Alumni Member of the Year who exemplifies Christianity in today's society and the goals of the Gate of Heaven C.Y.O. and it's Alumni Association.

Tom has been a board member of the South Boston Citizens' Association for 25 years, and the President for the past eight years. As President he has been in charge of the six week preparations into the Evacuation Day celebration culminating with the community banquet that recognizes many unsung heroes that do volunteer work in the community year round.

As a board member of the South Boston Youth Hockey for the past 23

years, he has served as President for the past 10 years and Vice President the previous 8 years. Tom also coached and led the South Boston Youth Hockey teams to five State championships at the U 16 level and five USA Hockey National Championship appearances, the past 10 years. In his spare time Tom has been the Head Coach of St. Joseph Preparatory School Girls' Varsity hockey team.

When South Boston hockey legend John Cuniff passed away in 2002, Tom founded the John Cuniff Shamrock Shootout Hockey Tournament and Scholarship Fund in his memory. This tournament helps raise funds to afford scholarships for deserving boys and girls from the South Boston neighborhood.

Tom was also a founding member and coach of the South Boston Pop Warner Football & Cheerleading programs.

First, Tom says he owes his volunteering efforts on behalf of his parents, the late John and Winifred McGrath. That brings us to the Gatey C.Y.O. where Tom did his first community service under the tutelage of his dear friend and Gatey C.Y.O. legend Father Kevin Toomey. Father Toomey allowed Tom the opportunity to do his community service hours for High School as a coach and referee in the C.Y.O. Basketball Program. Tom has been a Gate of Heaven C.Y.O. since 1975 and is proud to have been a part of the Championship House League Basketball Team, the Bombers, who were 3 peat-champs. Tom was also a member of the 1981 C.Y.O. Olympic Championship team and 1981 C.Y.O. Baseball Championship Team.

We congratulate Tommy his wife Cathleen and his two children Bryan and Stefani on this overdue and well deserved award.

## GATE OF HEAVEN C.Y.O. ANNUAL FUNDRAISER & AWARDS

On Saturday, April 5th, the **Gate of Heaven C.Y.O.'s** Annual Fundraiser and 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held at Carson Place at the Boston Teacher's Union Hall, beginning at 6:30 with cocktails followed by dinner at 7:30. During the event the Rev. Paul V. Donovan, Rev. A. Paul White and Jack McDonough Awards will be presented.

The **Rev. A. Paul White Award** is presented annually to a woman in our community whose dedication and commitment has had a positive impact on the youth and families of the South Boston Community. This year's recipient, Jennifer Evans, has been a positive role model and coach for the young girls of South Boston for over 15 years. Jen has coached in the Gate of Heaven House League Basketball Program and has been head coach of the High School Girls' Travel Team. Two years ago Jen led the High School Travel Team to a C.Y.O. State Championship. Her coaching skills and community involvement goes beyond Gate of Heaven to coaching and helping out with both the South Boston Girls Softball and Youth Lacrosse programs. We thank Jen for all of her coaching, mentoring and ability to lend a hand whenever asked. Congratulations to Jen and her family on receiving the 2014 Rev. A. Paul White Award.

The Rev. Paul V. Donovan Award for the Parish's Outstanding Catholic Youth is presented annually to a person who exemplifies the best of what it means to live out the Catholic faith in today's society. The criteria used in selecting the recipient are based on participation in parish C.Y.O. activities, on church attendance, and on personal characteristics which evidence a commitment to the Christian faith. This award is presented as an expression of our pride in the youth of our community.

The 2014 Outstanding Catholic Youth Female Award will be

presented to two outstanding High School students this year - Katelyn Evans who is a senior at Boston Latin and is the daughter of John & Jennifer Evans of Middle Street; Kathleen Hart who is a Junior at The Winsor School and is the daughter of Jack & Michele Hart of G Street.

The 2014 Outstanding Catholic Youth Male Award will be presented to Lucas Monahan. Lucas is a senior and attends Green Academy and is the son of Sean & Jean Monahan of Dorchester Street. Congratulations to this year's recipients and we wish them all the best of luck now and in all their future endeavors.

The **Jack McDonough Award** is presented annually to the Outstanding Men's Alumni Member of the Year who exemplifies Christianity in today's society and the goals of the Gate of Heaven C.Y.O. and its Alumni Association. This year's recipient is long time community champion Tom McGrath. Tom has been leading the South Boston Citizens' Association for the past eight years while also presiding over the South Boston Youth Hockey for the past 10 years. We thank Tommy for all the great things he does for his community and the youth of South Boston and beyond.

There are still tickets available for this Annual Fundraiser but they must be purchased by March 31st for catering purposes. This has always been a great night out for a good cause and with **Danny Gill and the Old Brigade** providing the entertainment, fun is in the air.

Our thanks to all our friends, sponsors, coaches, and parents who have continually supported the Gate of Heaven C.Y.O. programs. We look forward to working together in the future to continue building a great program for our youth and hope to see a full house on Saturday the April 5th. You can contact any Coach, Kevin Lally (617-943-5238) or Touchie McDonough (617-792-8570) for more info or tickets.

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## St. Peter Academy Annual Spring Auction and Dance this Saturday

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY**  
SBT Staff Report

Looking for something to do on a Saturday night? Are you in the mood to help out a great cause and an awesome South Boston School? Well, you can combine both desires and head on out to the South Boston Lithuanian Club at 368 West Broadway this Saturday Evening, March 29th for the annual St. Peter's Academy Spring Auction and Dance. This year, the always fun event will feature a 1960's theme so its title will be - what else? Peace, Love and St. Peter Academy.

The event is being presented by the St. Peter Academy teachers, parents and friends and will run from 7-11pm. The tickets are \$25 at the door. For the price of the ticket, as always there are great auction items to bid on, raffles with excellent prizes, a DJ for music and dancing and food provided by Blasi's Café. But wait, there's more! Making their annual appearance will be the world renowned St. Peter Academy Dance Troupe to entertain the crowd as well. The troupe is made up of talented

current and former teachers and parents of students who always can be counted on to put on an outstanding show.

But to make it even better, if losing your home parking space is a concern to you, no worries. The Southie Shuttle will donate and provide free transportation to and from the event. All you have to do is make reservations with the Shuttle by calling them at 617-268-4110. Can it get any more convenient to go out and have a great time, while at the same time supporting a wonderful neighborhood school?

As most know, St. Peter Academy provides one of the finest educations that can be found anywhere and does so in a safe atmosphere conducive to learning. It receives no public funding or funds from the Boston Archdiocese and depends on private funds to operate. This annual Spring Auction will help allow the school to continue educating children in this neighborhood and beyond.

For ticket info or more information about Saturday's Spring Auction and Dance you can call 617-268-0750.

## Let's Talk! Youth/Adult Community Dialogue About Substance Abuse

Youth and adults from South Boston will have an opportunity to share views about the problem of substance abuse in the community and discuss ways by which, together, they can work towards a healthier South Boston. This event will take place on Tuesday, April 1st at 6:00 pm at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club, located at 230 West 6th Street.

The South Boston Youth Ambassadors Program is hosting this event in collaboration with the Hope & Recovery Coalition, the Gavin Foundation, the South Boston Boys & Girls Club, South Boston Neighborhood House, Laboure Center, the South Boston CAN Youth Council, the South Boston Collaborative Center and South Boston en Accion.

The Youth Ambassadors program

is a youth development program for youth ages 12-18 from the South Boston community. They receive leadership trainings and work on projects in the areas of health, community service and the arts.

Young people from the community have expressed interest in joining the conversation about substance abuse in South Boston and in finding ways to address this problem.

If you would like more information about this event, please contact Mayra Rodriguez-Howard at the South Boston Community Health Center 617-464-7423 mahoward@sbchc.org .

Funding in support of this event has been provided by: Partners Healthcare, the Boston Public Health Commission, Gillette P&G Great Starts grant and South Boston Community Development Foundation.

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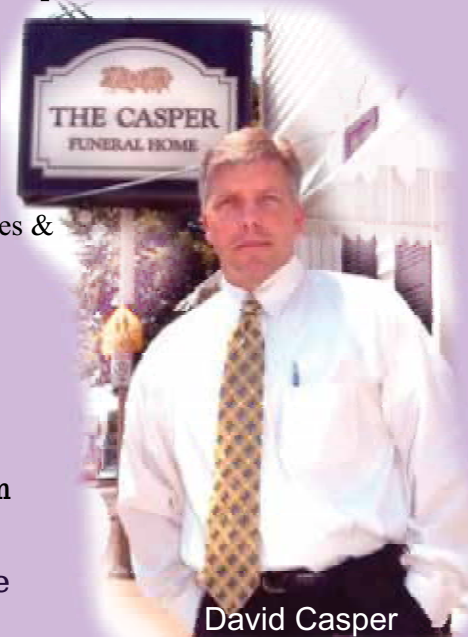
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## The Inaugural Season In The Valley– SB Youth Hockey Mites

**T**he 2013-2014 youth hockey season had a new platform.

The Greater Boston Youth Hockey League was no more and the South Boston Youth Hockey League would be moving to the Valley. New competition, new distances traveled and new challenges were ahead.

SBYH has always been a strong program, but this year was a little different. More kids were moving to private club teams, others never played because of the time commitment involved and the rest? Well, there just aren't that many kids in Southie anymore. The Mite team, 7 and 8 year old players, is the feeder team for the program. The 2013-2014 Season had just one team. Fourteen kids; boys and girls, and all different skill levels, made up the Mite A team for SBYH. Let's just say the outlook for the season wasn't so positive. At best, it would be a learning year.

What happened next? They were winning; and winning big! From the start of the season in September through the end of 2013, they didn't lose a game. Hockey was fun! A great group of kids, led by coaches Tom Harnan and Joe Burke, were unstoppable. With all their success, the team was moved to the National Elite division. They now played full ice games and worked hard to earn their spot in the Elite division. They finished the regular season in 3rd place, behind Charlestown and Winthrop.

The first round of the playoffs matched South Boston vs. Medford. They won 5-4 and advanced to the semi-finals against Winthrop. During the regular season, South Boston couldn't pull out a win against Winthrop. This time, it ended in a thrilling 4-3 OT win for South Boston.

In the end, it was two city teams

facing off for the title; both newcomers to the Valley. The winner would be named the Mite National Elite Champion. In the end, it was not meant to be. The South Boston Mite A team finished their season with an impressive 22-4-3 record in their inaugural season with Valley Hockey League. They also took 2nd place in the Central Mass Winter Classic. They took first in the annual Brian McGonagle Tournament. They won the Mass. District 1 championship. Their accomplishments are many.

One of the players said "you don't have to win to be a winner". At first thought, most would say it's a typical response of a player who lost the "big game". But what he said rings true. These kids may have lost the "big game", but they are truly winners in all of our hearts. They not only learned the game of hockey this season; they renewed a sense of community in all of us. They finished with the knowledge that a team can accomplish the improbable when they do it together. They finished with respect for each other, their coaches and themselves. They finished with a bond few will get to experience and memories to last a lifetime. They finished with their community behind them. They finished with pride and most of all, they had fun.

To Coaches Tom Harnan and Joe Burke, to Deven Dunlap, Toby Halloran, Patrick Harnan, Thomas Harnan, Brennah Hynes, Mae Lafferty, Gregory Matthews, Maeve Murray, Jerry O'Neil, Dylan Picard, Michael Pittman, Jack Reidy, Keara Wilbanks and Nolan Young, thank you for a great season, great friendships and most of all for the memories. The 2013-2014 Mite A season will always hold a special place.

### CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU14P0609EA

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Estate of:

James Cokorogianis

Date of Death: 02/04/2014

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:

**Cheryl L Cokorogianis of Lexington 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:

**Cheryl L Cokorogianis of Lexington 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 04/24/2014.**

**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**  
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that horror from us that horror stays with them.

Over Evacuation Day activities, the numerous speeches praising veterans were moving, as were the flags and music. Most veterans, while appreciative, aren't looking for praise, but to get their life moving again. Timothy "Doc" Cook was such a veteran. After service during the Iraq-Afghan War as a corpsman or medic he returned home.

Sadly the curse that is PTSD and the war itself claimed him last March. His

family and friends have determined, as should all grateful Americans, not to forget him and all veterans in need and have started the Timothy "Doc" Cook Foundation. They are holding a fundraiser May 17 at the Boston Teachers Union Hall. Listen, tickets are only 20 bucks and if you can't make it, the right thing to do is at least send the 20 bucks.

You can make a donation to the Timothy Cook Foundation at the Mt. Washington Bank. This is where we all make a difference.

**Take care till next week.**





## Go Where Your Goalie Takes You

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

by David Pollard

Talk back to David at [DPollard@SouthBostonToday.com](mailto:DPollard@SouthBostonToday.com)

The Boston Bruins clinched a spot in the postseason when they defeated the Colorado Avalanche last Friday. Clinching the playoff spot early means the black and gold can focus on resting players, maintaining their position atop the Eastern Conference, and getting ready for the next postseason run. The saying is “you build your team from the goalie, out”. The Bruins have always stuck to that system. The 2011 Cup Champions went as far as Tim Thomas took them, all the way to a game 7 shutout victory over the Vancouver Canucks. Thomas would win the Conn Smythe Trophy as Playoff MVP that year.

The following year, Jonathan Quick took his Los Angeles Kings to the promise land as well, also winning the Conn Smythe Trophy, the Kings were the eight seed in the Western Conference when they won the Cup. Of course, you can't rely solely on the will of your goaltender to win a Cup. It's a team game that requires a balanced lineup, hard work from each individual player, and honestly, a little luck here and there.

Tuukka Rask showed his stuff in last year's postseason run. However, the dam did burst. It only happened in the final two minutes of game 6 against the Blackhawks, but Rask allowed to goals that had him off his line, reacting too early to shots thrown his way. Rask found himself out of position twice, and it cost the Bruins a chance to win the Cup in game 7. The Bruins won't go anywhere far without Rask playing at the top of his game. In his career, the highlight so far has been the four game sweep of the Pittsburgh Penguins in 2013, when he shut the door on the East's most powerful offense. He will likely need to duplicate that performance if the Bruins go as far as the Eastern Conference Finals in 2014.

To further the logic that you go as far as your goalie will take you, just examine the Penguins of last season. Marc Andre Fluery is the main man in Pittsburgh, but in round one last season against the New York Islanders, Fluery looked like swiss cheese; as a result, the starting job in the playoffs was given to Tomas Vokoun - a capable goaltender in his own right, but not the anchor a Stanley Cup team requires. The matchup of Rask and Vokoun was a key element to the Bruins sweeping that series. Tuukka has had an up and down season. He was stifling prior to the Olympics, and leaky as the B's entered that break. He was great for team Finland, and leaky again when he returned to the NHL. Then, he and the Bruins went on a tear that saw the win 12 straight games of Sunday night.

Fans and media personnel were concerned that the black and gold may have peaked too early. The fact is, they're firing on all cylinders, they're clicking as teammates, and they have yet to peak. They're now finding consistency in their game which can filter into postseason play. That said, with the team clicking, the fact remains, if there is one man they cannot afford to stop feeling the fire - it's Tuukka Rask. This being his first full season as a starting goaltender, fatigue could be an issue - although it would seem whatever funk Tuukka was in has passed, many believed it was due to fatigue.

You can play well as a team and go far, but if your goaltender cracks, or you run into a team with a brick wall between the pipes - your season will end suddenly. Don't be surprised if Boston and St. Louis give us the Black and Blue final some are predicting backed by Tuukka Rask and Ryan Miller. Goaltending alone can't win you the Cup, but you will only go as far as your goalie takes you.

## SPRING IS IN THE AIR! BASEBALL SEASON IS HERE!

### 2014 Registration

### Registration is for Boys & Girls Baseball(ONLY)

Ages 4- 12 yr olds born between  
May 1, 2001 & April 30, 2010.

### Little League Tryouts

SAT April 5th - 12pm & SUN April 6th - 12pm  
At Moakley Park Diamond # 2

Baseball Fees: \$55.00 (1) child, \$95.00 (2) children,  
\$125.00 (3) or more children.

### Registration Locations & Dates will be held at

Boys & Girls Club: Tuesday March 25th 430PM-530PM  
Thursday March 20th & 27th 430PM-530PM

Tynan School: Tuesday March 25th 6PM -7PM  
Thursday March 20th , 27th 6 PM- 7 PM

**4 YR OLD TBALL- Every Sunday Starting May 4th – June 22nd  
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**6 YR OLD ROOKIE BALL- Every Sunday beginning May 4th – June  
22nd @Moakley Park**

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*If you may need extra registration forms, or maybe interested in volunteering.*

*Please visit our website at [www.SouthBostonLittleLeague.com](http://www.SouthBostonLittleLeague.com) and you can download the forms. Please send completed registration form(s) along with payment made payable to South Boston Little League: to PO Box 143 South Boston Ma, 02127. Any questions you may have, please contact us at: [SBLL1952@YAHOO.COM](mailto:SBLL1952@YAHOO.COM)*



**\*Every week, we will run a portion of an interview from "The Danny Picard Show" which can be heard weekends on WEEI-93.7 FM. The entire segment can be heard at WEEI.com. This week, Danny talked Red Sox Spring Training with Providence Journal's Brian MacPherson:**

**DANNY PICARD:** So as we come to the end of spring training and as we get closer to the Red Sox' first regular season game, how do you feel about this club, based on what you've seen down in Florida?

**BRIAN MACPHERSON:** You don't worry too much about what anybody looks like in spring training. You certainly don't look much at the statistics. You definitely don't look at the wins/loss record, because a lot of these runs are getting scored and games are being played with pitchers on the mound or players on the field that aren't going to be involved very much with the Red Sox when the season starts. The one thing you look for in spring training, you look for injury. So the one thing that is a little concerning about the way things have gone so far in spring training, is really just the fact that Shane Victorino got off to such a slow start. You really want Shane Victorino to be healthy. He played 120 games last year and he was kind of a banged-up 120 games. They'd really like to get at least that for Shane Victorino this year, if not more. They certainly brought him along slowly in hopes that he would stay healthy. But the fact that he needed some extra core strengthening work before he could play in games was a little disconcerting. It's that sort of thing that you look at. Xander Bogaerts has had some good swings, Jackie Bradley has had some good swings. They've also both looked bad at times at the plate. But you don't really worry about that so much at this stage, as you do just who's healthy and who's not. Especially for a veteran team like the Red Sox that brought back so much of its core, specifically what anybody does in spring training doesn't really matter very much.

**DP:** The results for certain guys don't

matter. But there are some guys that you're looking at results, and I think Grady Sizemore is one of those guys, results combined with his health. John Lackey got lit up [on Saturday]. People could see that and say, "It's getting close to the regular season, how's Lackey going to be?" But even he said afterwards, "It's spring training, man." This isn't a concern to see Lackey get lit up like this, this close to the regular season.

**BM:** No, it's not. And that's where you get some of the quirks of these spring training ballparks. Most of the home runs [Lackey] gave up [on Saturday] looked like routine fly balls to left field that just carried and carried. You're going to get that sometimes in the regular season too, but there were also a couple of breaking balls that he didn't think were very sharp. And the work now is to sharpen them up a little bit. Otherwise, he felt pretty good with his arm strength. Lackey's got a pretty set track record in the Major Leagues. You look over the course of his career, other than 2011 when he was pitching with a shredded elbow, his track record in the Major Leagues is pretty well established. You kind of know what you're going to get with John Lackey. So, one day in Spring Training in Orlando against the Atlanta Braves shouldn't alter your opinion of what you're going to see from John Lackey this season.

**DP:** How about Felix Doubront last week? To hear the phrase "dead arm," what did you think when you first heard that coming out of mouths down at Spring Training?

**BM:** Doubront said that he felt fine, but when they talk about a dead arm in Spring Training, that's a pretty common thing this time of year. Basically, these guys who haven't thrown a pitch in four months, all of a sudden working

their way back up, sometimes there's kind of a feeling that they have to break through, in terms of how they're feeling. They kind of get fatigued, and you just have to back off just a little bit. Maybe you throw a lighter bullpen in between two starts and you come back and build up again. A dead arm happens to all pitchers. It's certainly not a cause for any concern. Doubront said he's feeling fine anyways. That's one way that people explain just kind of a lack of feel, lack of finish sometimes.

**DP:** We've had the conversation before about Brandon Workman, and how the Red Sox would like to start him off in the minor leagues to keep him stretched out as a starter, to be somebody that could be called up to be a starter if one of those guys in the rotation goes down. But, is that still in their plans, as we look at Craig Breslow and see that maybe he won't be ready for Opening Day out of the bullpen? Where do Breslow and Workman stand, and what's that thought process right now?

**BM:** It's doesn't sound like Breslow is going to be ready for the season, to start. So he probably starts on the DL. I don't think they're real worried about him. They've been kind of vague about why he's starting on the DL. But either way, he started late last year, and he'll probably start late again this year. So, what you're looking at is probably Brandon Workman in the [Boston] bullpen. Yeah, we've talked about how they don't want to jerk Brandon Workman back and forth, and they still see him as a long-term starter. But John Farrell specified a difference between having him in the bullpen for a couple weeks, especially if they're pitching him multiple innings, and then sending him back [down to the minors] and having him start. He views that differently than,

come July, sticking him in the bullpen for three weeks then having him start, then going back to the bullpen again, they really don't want to do that with him. But, if he's in the bullpen for a couple of weeks while they're waiting for Craig Breslow, they're not opposed to that scenario.

**DP:** Let's say Workman begins the season with the team and he's in the bullpen because Breslow isn't ready to go, and then let's say something happens to one of the Red Sox' starting pitchers. Is the first move putting long reliever Chris Capuano in the rotation, or is the first move putting Workman in there right away?

**BM:** [Workman]'s been stretched out, so if something happened on April 6, I don't think they'd hesitate to use Workman. I still think they probably would go to Capuano first, because he's got an established track record in the Major Leagues. And that's what they signed him for. They signed him for that Ryan Dempster role, to be the first guy, if they were to need somebody. So I do think that they would go to Chris Capuano first.

**DP:** What's the plan with Grady Sizemore here in the final days of Spring Training?

**BM:** Playing in three straight games. That's the big test for him. Because if he's going to be on the Major League roster, he's going to have to play regularly. And they want to see how he feels. It's not even so much how he performs and how he looks, as it is how he feels coming out of the second day, coming out of the third day. And if that's something he's going to be able to maintain into the regular season, or if that's sort of the wall they hit -- they've talked about how they haven't hit a wall with him, and they've really been excited about that, that he's been able to pass every test. And this is the





last big test, three in a row. Because if he can't pass that test, they need to start to worry about his ability to hold up for a whole season.

**DP:** Alright, durability. And I don't look at results in Spring Training, but I do think there are exceptions. And I do think Sizemore is an exception to that, because not only do you need to see that he can stay healthy, but you also need to see if he can produce if he is healthy, even close to the level he used to produce at. Some of what is happening with Sizemore, and what the Red Sox are looking at, does have to do with production in Spring Training, while it might not with most players.

**BM:** It has a little bit to do with it. It has to do with how he looks with his bat speed, how he looks running the bases, those sorts of things. The Spring Training stats are just so

misleading, because you don't know what the pitching is like, you don't know what the ballpark is like. I mean, if he hit a home run to left field [Saturday in Orlando], it would have been the same thing that I said about Lackey. Just the way you discount the home run against Lackey, if Sizemore hit one of those home runs against a Braves pitcher, you'd probably discount it a little bit too. Because in most ballparks, it's a routine fly ball to left. So, you still don't look at the stats, because I mean, any guy could hit .200 in Spring Training, as any guy could hit .400 in Spring Training. We learned that with Jackie Bradley last spring. They want to see the bat speed. They want to see the athleticism. They want to see the first step in the outfield. Those are the things they're really looking at. I think the believe in

Grady Sizemore as a player. He was one of the best players in the game. So I really do think it's a lot more of how he feels and how he physically comes through, than what it looks like. Because I think they do have faith that if he's healthy, he can resemble the player that was one of the best players in the game five years ago.

**DP:** Yeah, but isn't it more encouraging if a guy like him, in his situation, is productive on top of showing that he's durable? Can't this be somewhat of a special case. Because let's say Sizemore showed he was durable, he stayed healthy, but he was overmatched. One thing I'm not hearing is, nobody is saying that he's overmatched at all at the plate. And that's great news. So I guess what I'm trying to get out of you is, what has the production been like, and are they happy with it to the point

where it is over-encouraging based on, "Alright, he's staying healthy, but he also has yet to be really over-matched by anybody, and that's a great sign, especially for a guy in his situation."

**BM:** Yeah, absolutely it's a good sign. I think part of the reason you're not hearing it, is because they thought that he'd be good as long as he is healthy. Last week, he had a terrific all-around day. He was hitting line drives, he made a couple of terrific catches in the outfield. That was something, that was a really big day for him to show that he looked like Grady Sizemore again. But I think the way the team has been thinking -- certainly the way his teammates have been thinking, and Shane Victorino talked about this the other day -- it's still in there, he didn't lose it, he's still Grady Sizemore. And it's not like he's 37 either. He's 31, 32 years old, and certainly you wouldn't expect him to be exactly what he was when he was 26, but you'd expect something similar to that. He's been off his feet for two years. There's some rust that they're probably shaking off. But other than that, I really think that you can't really evaluate it in Spring Training, so you don't want to make too much of either struggles or success. So even if he looks good, you really don't want to make too much out of that. I think they believe that if Grady Sizemore is healthy, he can be Grady Sizemore again. And he's done nothing to dissuade them of that. The only way you're really going to find out if he's going to be productive though is to go into the season. So if he's physically feeling pretty good, then they're going to go into the season with him, and they'll see what he has.

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