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¬ hough tinged with sadness, the heartfelt gratitude and respect that all citizens have for the ultimate sacrifice made by Lieutenant Ed Walsh and Firefighter Michael Kennedy was evident in all aspects of the memorial services conducted to honor them. The sea of dressed blue highlighted the extent of the Firefighting Family that stretched half way around the globe to Australia and all places in between. And while heavy hearts

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EDITORIAL "Help at Home"

hether many or a few, old or must always protect its citizens. Malaysian Flight attitude, is the last thing 370 had an American in his 50's and two American children 4 and 5 traveling with a guardian. Our nation must take all reasonable measures to find out if our citizens, as well as all passengers, were the victims of accident or murder. Up to this point, with the satellite, air and naval resources we've deployed, we haven't done that. The Malaysian government's demonstrated confusion has led to some to

suggest that America should take control of young, America the investigation which, besides being an arrogant we should do.

> Except for those three Americans, besides human concern, we have absolutely no connection to the plane, pilots, country or area of search. During this airline tragedy the mud slide in Washington state demonstrated that the world continues to spin and tragedy is present right here in our own back yard. It is there our attention and resources should be re-focused.



"I've never reacted well to other people telling me what to do" - Tom Selleck

Last Week's Poll

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Yes 12% No 88%

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Who to Believe, Obama or the **Pope? – No Contest**

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'll start with a comment about the question that was being asked jokingly pretty much all over the country last week. The question was/is 'Who do you believe?' It was of course in reference to the two very different versions of what was discussed in the meeting in Rome at the Vatican between Barack Obama and Pope Francis. As most know, the statements that followed contradicted each other. Obama said it went one way. Pope Francis had a completely different take on it.

So, do we believe Obama, he of "if you like your health plan and doctor and hospital, you can keep them AND that the cost of your plans will drop by \$2500 per family". "I will not raise taxes on the Middle Class", "I am a strong supporter of the Second Amendment" and an endless list of other less than truthful statements he's made over the last nearly 6 dismal years of his regime...or do we believe the Pope, a man known for speaking truthfully and straight forwardly, whether you agree with what he says or not? And that is the question that has people all over the world chuckling each time it's brought up. So, Obama or the Pope? As far as honesty and trustworthiness - there really is no contest.

Speaking of your president, current polls and surveys show that by large margins, Americans now believe our country has become weaker economically, militarily and spiritually - under Obama and that we are far less respected by the rest of the world. As former congressman and retired Marine colonel Allen West stated: "Our allies no longer trust us and our enemies no longer when a US President brings The confirmed data that says the planet United States to this level.

Locally, just in case there are still a few of our readers who may not be aware of what comes along with the arrival of spring in our neighborhood, let me remind you that street cleaning and the accompanying ticketing and towing is now in full swing. It started this past Tuesday and will be with us until the end of next November. Check the signs on the street where you park your car. Some of the days and times may have changed since last season and you want to be prepared. A ticket and tow will cost you at least \$140. If you happen to be out of town when/if your car gets towed you are also looking at an additional daily storage charge at the tow lot. Not a good way to start the month of April.

And speaking of April, I'll say this quietly and carefully, I don't want to jinx it, but it seems that now, finally, the endless winter has come to an end. Yes, that was the sun in the sky and the thermometer really is still capable of climbing above 50 degrees. Data shows that this past January was the coldest in over 100 years. The Great Lakes haven't had this much ice cover in decades and who can forget the hilarious comedy of errors of the 3 ice breakers, filled with scientists stuck in 10 feet thick ice off Antarctica. The scientists were there to do a study to convince the world that Global Warming had made the ice caps all but disappear. But John Kerry, doing the UN's bidding just can't understand why people are laughing at him as he insists that the planet is warming and we'll all soon be under water fear us." It's a sad state of affairs as a result. He ignores other,

hasn't warmed a bit in the last 18 years, hoping the rest us won't notice. As the monthly heating bills came rolling in this winter, many people were thinking a little global warming might not be so bad.

Then there was the United Nation's report released this week saying that Global Warming is worse than we thought and that we're all doomed; unless of course American taxpayers dig deep into their pockets and pay more.

Immediately following the UN report, came another study from an independent group of scientist pretty much saying the UN's report was a bunch of bunk. John Kerry must hate it when that happens.

But most people are relieved that the incredibly rough winter of 2013-2014 is over. How cold was it? Well, as that now so often repeated saying goes: "It was so cold, that liberal politicians in Massachusetts and in Washington DC actually had their hands in their OWN pockets."





Window Into The State House

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

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

BAKER OUTLINES PLANS TO COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

By Matt Murphy

STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

As House Speaker Robert DeLeo prepares this week to release a proposal to address domestic violence, Republican gubernatorial candidate Charlie Baker detailed his own plan to stiffen penalties for repeat offenders, expand victim services and allow anyone over 18 to defend themselves with pepper spray.

"I care deeply about the families torn apart by violence and believe our plan will put abusers behind bars and families in healthier situations," Baker said in a statement released Monday with his proposal. "The current resources available and laws on the books are clearly not doing enough to address the complicated problem of domestic violence."

The Swampscott Republican's plan would create a new crime of strangulation, which is part of a bill the Senate approved last October, and allow cases that result in probation or continuances without a finding to count as a first offense. Baker also called for a reform of state bail laws to eliminate the presumption of release on personal recognizance for repeat bail defaulters, and said the state should partner with local police departments to implement victim advocate programs across the state. Finally, the plan recommends waiving the \$50 criminal background check fee for all individuals seeking information for their own personal safety, and proposes to set up a task force within the Department of Children and Families to monitor domestic abuse cases involving children.

VETERANS BILL ON WAY TO PATRICK'S DESK

The Senate on Thursday enacted the VALOR Act II, with provisions aimed at preventing charity fraud, requiring professional licenses fees waived for veterans and increases penalties for disturbing military funerals or services. The bill now heads to the desk of Gov. Deval Patrick. The bill also includes tax exemptions, provides for a special license plate available for Gold Star families and a KIA license plate designation for those whose loved one was killed in action. The bill also designates a portion of Route 44 running through Plymouth, Carver and Middleborough as the Gold Star Highway in honor of veterans who died serving the nation. - A. Metzger/SHNS

SMALL BIZ GROUP SURVEY FINDS 11 PERCENT HIKE IN INSURE PREMIUMS

After single-digit health insurance cost increases of 6 percent in 2012 and 4 percent in 2013, a survey of the 4,000 members of the Retailers Association of Massachusetts found an average annual increase of 11 percent in 2014. Association officials noted the increases this year are coming amid the first year of implementation of the Affordable Care Act and association president Jon Hurst again called for a "small business waiver" or changes in federal regulations, ideas that have failed to gain traction within the Obama administration. "We are seven years ahead of the federal government in making a mandated health insurance marketplace work, so it is frustrating that our common sense request for a small business waiver has been ignored," Hurst said in a statement, noting the federal government has rejected requests for small-business waivers in Massachusetts under

Obamacare but approved waivers associated with state government's broken health insurance signup website. The association reported state market reforms that enabled small employers to "group buy" and achieve savings through wellness programs helped lower the average increase for employers in its Health Insurance Cooperative to 6.6 percent in 2014. But Hurst said the success of that effort in lowering premiums is being preempted by the mandatory phase-out of rating factors under Obamacare. Hoping for changes in federal rules, Hurst said the association was starting an effort to "re-educate" state lawmakers and the Congressional delegation about the issues. - M. Norton/SHNS

HOUSE TO DEBATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BILL NEXT WEEK

Legislation unveiled Tuesday would stiffen penalties for domestic violence crimes, make strangulation a crime, and educate judges and prosecutors about the cycles of abuse to help them make more informed decisions surrounding bail and sentencing, Speaker Robert DeLeo and Attorney General Martha Coakley said during a press conference detailing their proposal. DeLeo said the murder of Jennifer Martel last summer, allegedly by her boyfriend Jared Remy, sparked his desire to look at state law's surrounding domestic violence and restraining orders. DeLeo called the bill the strongest proposal to curb domestic violence in a generation. "This bill was born out of a tragedy. Following a shocking crime, I didn't know how I could just sit back as a speaker, a father, a man, and not do everything I could to stop such senseless acts of violence," DeLeo said. "Almost unique with domestic violence, there are indicators; there are patterns. As so many folks I spoke to in preparing this bill said, it is preventable. And that was the key word that stuck with me throughout this whole process, that many of these acts are preventable." The legislation would

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ReadingBetween The Lines

"Good Changes"

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Brian R. Mahoney

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rying to outlast last week's monsoon-like weather, my wife and I resorted to channel surfing to pass the time. We were rewarded with that cinematic masterpiece, "Southie". Well maybe the plot, the storyline, the dialogue and the acting, were less than stellar, but the scenery and images captured a view of South Boston that only exists in memory. The movie was made in 1998 and in 16 short years the physical changes in South Boston are remarkable, particularly for those of us with a "before and after" perspective.

For instance, the L Street Tavern on the exterior looks a little run down in the movie, but today it looks pretty nice all buffed up. Other long time institutions are simply gone, relegated to snapshots and memory. The Quencher Tavern shown prominently in the movie closed about six months ago. Pete's at K and 4th St. are condos. The McCormack Bathhouse was still under renovation and surrounded by chain link fence. These places, as well as many others in the movie, are gone forever except in memory.

Physically, if not emotionally, many of the changes are good. One of the changes with special meaning, at this address, is the last office of the Tribune. The original Tribune office between F and E Streets is now condos as most are aware. However, the Tribby had moved, years earlier, next to the gas station at D and Broadway. The gas station by the way is closing and will become a TD Bank. Today the former Tribune is the site of a computer repair shop. Not just any shop but one that, perhaps, blends old and new traditions.

One of the traditions is that along with its identification as Irish is the reality that Southie has always had a strong influence of Lithuanian, Italian,

Polish, German and many others as part of the Southie culture. When he hosted the St. Patrick's breakfast, then Senate President Bill Bulger would humorously insert the line, "we don't grow geraniums, but we have Albanians", while singing "Southie is My Home Town". Funny but true. We have always and continue to have a strong Albanian presence.

Why? Until the recent tragic fire that destroyed St. John's Albanian Church at E and Broadway that was the Albanian religious center in New England. So it is no surprise that from West Second Street by way of Korca, Albania we have our latest contributor Van Cakuli. Korca is a major Albanian city near the Greek border. Born and raised there, Van had a knack for electronics which was recognized early and destined him for technical studies. After receiving his degree, he continued his studies in Boston. He has just celebrated his first year anniversary in the old Tribby office. Southie has always had a tradition of shops mastering many trades under one roof. Van is no different. Lap tops, pc, cell phones tablets, all the wondrous and constantly changing technology, (that I have no clue about), Van is a master of. Instead of a trek in town or a long wait on a phone, it's convenient to have an expert within walking distance.

Or, how about Randy Foster, who, along with members of the SVLENA organization, created a float calling attention for a park honoring the sacrifices and victory of Evacuation Day? So, while much has changed from when "Southie" was filmed, much of it is good. The tradition and goal of always working toward making things better is alive. Must be something in the water. Take care till next week.



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ouse Speaker Robert DeLeo earlier this month called the \$1.1 billion expansion of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center "vital to our economic future," and financing legislation to make the project a reality is beginning to make progress on Beacon Hill.

Rep. Nick Collins of South Boston filed the bill (H 3952) last October and the State Administration Committee approved it in March after a four-month review. Now the

BCEC EXPANSION BILL MOVES CLOSER TO A HOUSE VOTE

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Michael Norton -STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

House Bonding Committee, chaired by New Bedford Democrat Rep. Antonio Cabral, is scheduled to hold a hearing on the bill April 10.

During a speech to the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce this month where he grabbed headlines for outlining minimum wage and unemployment insurance system reforms, DeLeo also said an expanded convention center could enable the city to capture larger events like BIO International and be a "greater international competitor." "The convention center and our base of hotel rooms need to expand," DeLeo said. "I support the legislation that would authorize

and fund that convention center. I believe it is the kind of measured but creative thinking that can keep our state growing."

The \$850 million spent to launch the BCEC, DeLeo said, has resulted in a \$5.3 billion return on investment. Legislation facilitating the \$1.1 billion expansion encountered no opposition at a hearing last year, with proponents saying the larger facility will not require higher taxes or fees and will deliver an economic punch and create 4,700 construction jobs and 2,100 permanent jobs.

Massachusetts Convention Center Authority Executive Director James Rooney said Boston since 2000 has seen the largest growth in convention market share of any U.S. city, underscoring the need to expand. The bill relies on existing hospitality industry charges - Boston-area taxes and fees on hotel rooms, sales and meals taxes, trolley tour levies, and a \$10 rental car surcharge - to finance the expansion and leverage private hotel development valued at \$700 million.

In a March 11 Pioneer Institute policy brief, Charles Chieppo made the argument that about \$5 billion will not reach the state's General Fund in the coming years because proceeds from existing taxes used to pay off convention center bonds will be used to cover the expansion costs. Asked about the criticism Monday during a Tourism Fund Commission meeting, Rooney called the brief an "essay more than an analysis" and said the premise of the brief assumes that no subsidies should be provided for the convention business. "Essentially we would close our doors," he said, and conventionrelated jobs and spending would dry up without subsidies.

The expansion would add 1.5 acres of outdoor space, Rooney told the commission, and increase the square footage of the facility from 516,000 to 851,000, including the addition of a second ballroom. As he did last November, Rooney warned of a potential rise in interest rates that could affect project costs. "From our perspective, timing is of the essence," he said. Rooney said statewide

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give prosecutors more tools to keep victims safe, Coakley said, including delaying the issuance of bail for offenders to provide the victim with time to plan for their safety, and authorizing the revocation of bail in certain cases. DeLeo said he plans to bring the bill to the House floor next week. [Developing Story] - C. Ouinn/SHNS

WARREN: WORST OF FORECLOSURE CRISIS BEHIND MASS.

Foreclosure petitions, the first step in the foreclosure process, were down 49 percent in February compared to February 2013, marking 16 consecutive months of declines, The Warren Group reported Tuesday morning. Completed foreclosures were up 16 percent last month, compared to February 2013. There were 280 foreclosure deeds filed statewide last month and 439 foreclosure petitions. Warren Group CEO Timothy Warren Jr. attributed the drop in foreclosure starts to "a robust real estate market and improving economic conditions" and speculated that the increase in completed foreclosures "most likely reflects homes which have been in the foreclosure process for quite some time . . . The number of foreclosure deeds peaked at 1,391 in March 2010. The last time foreclosure deeds exceeded 500 was in September 2012. Clearly, the worst of the foreclosure crisis is now behind us." - M. Norton/SHNS





REP. COLLINS PUSHES TO INCREASE BENEFITS TO FIREFIGHTERS

Representative Nick Collins joined his colleagues on the House Ways and Means Committee in pushing for increased benefits for firefighters that die in the line of duty. Earlier this week, Collins voted in favor of H. 4002, An Act Relative to Line of Duty Benefits. The bill would increase line of duty benefits for fallen firefighters from \$100,000 to \$150,000. Equally important, the bill would also contribute to the trust fund established for the families of Lt.

Edward J. Walsh, Jr. and Michael R. Kennedy, who were killed while battling the nine-alarm fire in the Back Bay last week.

"Our Boston Firefighters are prepared to lay it all on the line for the citizens of Boston every day," said Rep. Collins. "The least we can do is to make sure that their families are taken care of if they do make the ultimate sacrifice. This bill, in a small way, gets us closer to that commitment."

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showed up on the faces of those who attended the wakes and funerals, and expressed by both average citizens and those who knew each man well, it was the gesture of the South Boston Youth Hockey players, their families and coaches that said it all.

Last Sunday, a touching scene played out at South Boston's two Fire Stations and the Boylston Street Station across town. More than 100 local kids and 2 dozen parents from the South Boston Youth Hockey League, wanting to say 'Thank You' to some of this city's true heroes boarded a bus and a trolley and paid visits and brought gifts to Boston's fire fighters. The event was organized by John Picariello and Leanne Burke and the South Boston Youth Hockey League and probably ranked up there with some of the most heartwarming gestures that anyone could have imagined.

The bus and trolley first arrived at Engine 2, Ladder 19 at K and E. Fourth St. From there they went to Engine 39, Ladder 18 at D St. and then over to Engine 33, Ladder 15 on Boylston St. - the home station of the two members of the Boston Fire Department killed in the line of duty in last week's tragic fire, mindful that they were once young athletes themselves.

At each stop, the players and families presented the fire fighters with gift baskets of carefully selected items and treats. Then, in a moving tribute to these heroes, they also read a prepared statement

of appreciation to the fire fighters, recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the National Anthem and God Bless America. Patrick Kennedy, a lifelong resident of South Boston who is also a youth hockey dad, a coach and volunteer with SBYHL stated: "Every youth hockey family donated to this effort and that the young players jumped at the chance to be part of the group to make the visits and say thank you to these fire fighters for the job they do." Special mention goes to young Brennah Hynes, Jerry O'Neil and John Gilmartin for the great jobs they did reading the statements of tribute and appreciation at the 3 fire stations, Ally Antonelli for her beautiful singing of the National Anthem and to each and every young player for their excellent singing of God Bless America. Also for the way they showed their deep caring and concern for Boston's Fire Fighting heroes.

The generosity of Old Towne
Trolley and Cavalier Bus Company
in providing the transportation to
help make this a wonderful event
was greatly appreciated. Though
firefighters are respected universally,
South Boston's thoughtful and
creative way of showing theirs was
truly inspiring and unique. It was
heartfelt, sincere and typically South
Bostonian. The players and parents
of South Boston's fantastic Youth
Hockey League, one of the finest
programs of its kind in the country,
are commended for a job well done.

Non Residents Arrested For B&E With Burglary Tools

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ood work by Boston Police in the neighborhood reveals that suspects from outside this community may be responsible for break-ins of motor vehicles, as well as homes in the area.

Last week, March 26th, two arrests were made for possession of burglary tools, as well as for an attempted forced entry into a car. The incidents happened in the A Street area of District 6, Area C. The time was 7:52pm when police, investigating a series of motor vehicle break-ins, spotted a Honda Civic occupied by 2 Hispanics, one male and one female. The Honda was driving slowly then came to a stop. The male got out and appeared to be checking parked cars with a flashlight. When the suspect spotted police, he got back into the car and the suspects fled. Police pulled the vehicle over and discovered burglary tools, as well as items that had been reported stolen from an area residence. Police then arrested Erica Flores, 23 of Roxbury

and Juan Pinales 26 of Mattapan and charged them both with breaking and entering and possession of the burglary tools. Pinales was also charged with attempted B&E of a motor vehicle.

There have been reports of a rash of motor vehicle break-ins in South Boston in recent weeks and police sources say they hope these arrests will help put an end to them. Last Saturday, March 29th, at approximately 9:15 am, Captain John Greland of Area C, District 6 said his officers caught and arrested a Malden man for trying to force his way into a residence at 325 E. Eighth Street. He was unsuccessful trying to enter and jumped 2 stories down to the ground. The impact caused him to suffer injuries of 2 broken feet. Needless to say, with the broken feet, escape was difficult and he was easily caught by police and booked at the station.

Once again, South Boston Today congratulates our local law enforcement personnel for being ever watchful and doing a top rate job in their efforts to keep South Boston safe. Hopefully, as word spreads of the arrests of these nonresidents who come to this neighborhood to commit their crimes, it will discourage other would be criminals from making these attempts.

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hotel tax receipts would backstop the expansion debt, an arrangement he said would result in "low risk."

During a discussion about ways to boost tourism, Rooney emphasized that convention-goers make their plans before arriving so efforts to influence their choices should occur before they depart on their trips. Surfacing the blending of business and leisure travel, or "bleisure," Rooney added, "It's kind of a behavioral thing that's going on." International visitors, Rooney said, stay longer and spend significantly more during their travels.



It's Time

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By Jamie Driscoll - The Wine Guy

espite the temperature on my outside thermometer reading in the high 30's, it's time to start thinking about warm weather wines.

One of my favorite brands both for consistently great wines and price points that always give great value is Napa Valley's *Franciscan* Vineyards. Janet Myers and her team produce wines that are substantial, but not overwhelming, either in character or price and one of her latest, the *2012 Franciscan Chardonnay*, makes for great tastes with a pleasantly long finish that can complement fresh fruit and cheese, chicken on the grille or linguine with white clam sauce, to name a few.

(Chardonnay, 2012, Franciscan Vineyards, Napa County, California, ~\$15.99).

Another warm weather favorite is Pinot Grigio and one that I tasted recently reminded me of the Pinots from Italy's Alto Aldige region, in the foothills of the Dolomite Mountains, although the closest thing to mountains you can see from Ramspeck Vineyards are the taller foothills of the Napa Valley. Located just next door in Lake County, this very Italian-style wine is one of several made by Gerry and Linda Rowland and I think you'll find that it delivers on every count-structure, balance, acidity and finish-look out, Santa Margherita!

(Pinot Grigio 2012, Ramspeck Cellars, Lake County, California, ~\$14.99.

One of the warmest spots in all of Italy, in fact, in all of Europe, is Sicily, where even in the winter months, the temperature rarely drops below 50 degrees. For generations, this island at the bottom of Italy made mostly unremarkable wine for the "Bulk" market- reds and whites in big glass jugs. In the last thirty years, however, things have changed and very much for the better. One of the best examples of this change is a wine called Inzolia, made from a grape by the same name. It's fragrant and light, like Pinot Grigio, but has some body to it, like a good Chardonnay and one of the best examples I know of is Terre di Giumara's 2012 Inzolia. It's just refreshing and elegant at the same time and its structure almost urges not to hurry, but to settle back and enjoy- a classically Italian characteristic. This is the one that you want to have outside, in the early evening of the first real day of spring...because it's time.

Items-

Please be sure to check in next week to read my interview with **Drew Bledsoe.**

Also, don't forget to ask *Leo Fonseca or Christian Pavesi* about their new *Wine Club* nights at Stephanie's In Southie. A great new way to try more wines with some great people - and at a great price.

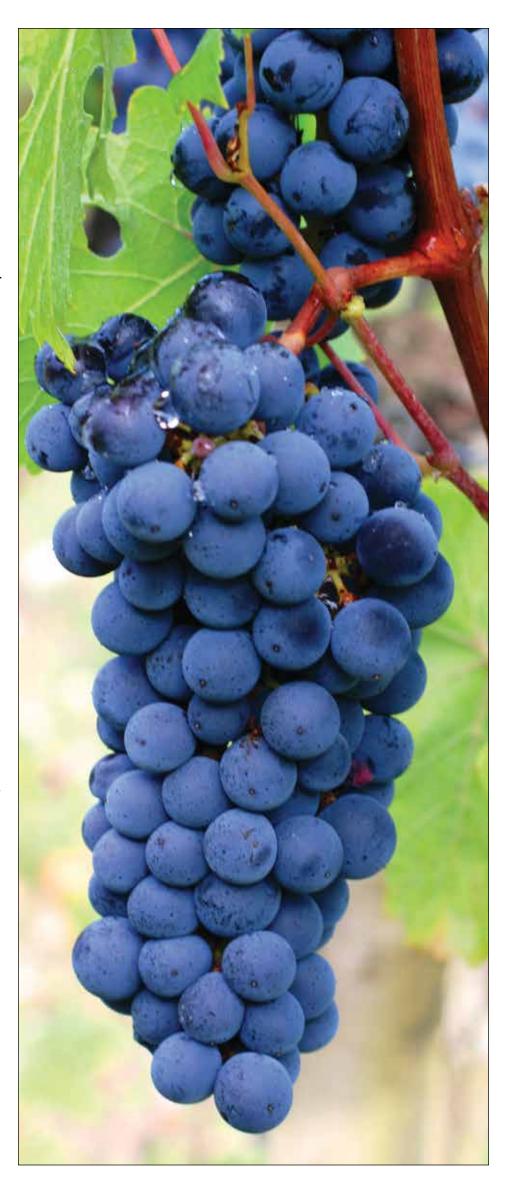
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Southie Shuttle Turns One

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n March 15th the Southie Shuttle celebrated it first anniversary. This locally owned and operated transportation service has become an instant hit within the South Boston Community. In its first year, The Southie Shuttle has provided nearly 30,000 rides to residents and visitors to South Boston. Of these 30,000 rides, 7,932 rides have been given to our seniors for medical, shopping and social visits.

Carol Sullivan, Director of Senior Programs at the South Boston Neighborhood House, states "The Southie Shuttle has been a godsend to the Senior Citizens off South Boston. The staff and management have been more than accommodating to our seniors."

"Bill Spain, President of the Castle Island Association was quoted as stating. "On time, reliable service is what we receive for our seniors, who travel to and from the Island each weekend".

Laura from Old Harbor Street commented that "whenever I call the

Southie Shuttle, the dispatcher is always pleasant; the driver arrives on time and does not leave until I enter my home. As a young female who enjoys the nightlife in Southie, I have come to rely on the Southie Shuttle to get to and from home safely."

"Always on time" states Renee from Norcross Place, who utilizes the shuttle each work day to get her to the waterfront.

Maryann McLeod Crush and her partners Dennis Conway and Jim Collins launched the shuttle service to provide our residents and visitors a safe, stress-free way to travel within the community without the hassle of hunting for parking. With the advent of the business members' "free to you" shuttle service, residents and visitors of the community travel to and from member shops, businesses and restaurants, free of charge. 20,268 rides have been completed thus far.

A lasting benefit to the business community is that South Boston dollars are being spent in South Boston. The shuttle has recently launched a limited express bus service to the South Station



Area. This service will be expanded in the coming months to include daily round trip service to both South Station and Copley Square.

The Southie Shuttle is not just a good business; it's a dependable service provider to our many civic, charitable and social service organizations.

During the first year the Southie Shuttle has provided donated transportation service to the following groups: Irish American Hockey Tournaments, South Boston Youth Hockey, South Boston Art Association, The Laboure Center, Medicine Wheel Productions, Fort Point Neighborhood Association, South Boston Boys & Girls Club, Castle Island

Association, Saint Peter Academy, Neighborhood Wide Community Safety Meeting, Early Morning Safe Gym Ride Program, Late Night Weekend Extended Hours Ride Program, The South Boston Chamber of Commerce's South Boston Street Festival & Holiday Stroll, South Boston Development Corp's Taste of South Boston, South Boston Special Kids, The Gate of Heaven CYO and The South Boston Historical Society.

Long overdue and just at the right time the Southie Shuttle has become a part of the landscape and fabric of South Boston. South Boston Today wishes the SOUTHIE SHUTTLE much success in the years ahead.

Here's what people are saying on Amazon about Brian Wallace's book "A Southie Memoir?"

Prian you took me back to another world. We were so happy and we had no clue that we didn't have anything except each other and friends that were like brothers. Thank you."—Elaine K

"I loved everything about this book. It let me relive my childhood again. I highly recommend this book if you grew up in the 50's or 60's. It is going to make you laugh and make you cry, longing for those good old days and good old friends" - James M

"Brian thanks for the memories. You took me home and I needed this." - Donna B

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"There is only one word for this book "hilarious" – Steve S

"You will cry and you will laugh at their antics, but you won't want the book to end." – Alan M

"You will never forget the Southie nickname chapter. My husband and I laughed until we cried." Arlene Available now on Amazon.com

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Stepping Up and Stepping Out:

Your Guide to the Southie Scene and the "Southie Senses"

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

Stepping Up: It Takes All Kinds

Success comes in many forms but one common denominator in the equation is support. Finding people who have your back through good times and bad is truly a gift. And surrounding yourself with family and friends, who will be there no matter what makes the seemingly impossible, possible. From a very young age, knowing you have a solid foundation to build your future and be all you want and can be is an invincible feeling. As we grow, learn, stumble, fall and get up again, our loved ones are there to catch, push and prop us up, back onto our path. This is where the golden rule applies; wanting the best for others and ourselves has to be an open and honest desire. Unconditional almost. There is so much outside influence that can impede progress and stunt how and where we can go; living in a society so consumed by media, it almost becomes overwhelming to know whether or not we are doing it right. There are times though when all that stimuli can open your eyes

and heart and reinforce the golden rule. The LGBTQ community has fought a long hard battle for acceptance and inclusion. A reality that has been lived day in and day out for most, reflected in the words and actions of others around them. Through this fight, the LGBTQ family has learned the power of understanding, authenticity and unity. But now it the time for solidarity; standing together and promoting a oneness of all while maintaining individual identities that make up the whole is where we all need to be. They way we get there? Support, together. Add these to your social calendar for the week. U.N.I.T.Y., that's a unity. -Queen Latifah The Greater Boston PFLAG: Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, presents the Pride and Passion Gala and Auction, this Thursday April 3rd, 6pm at the Seaport World Trade Center. PFLAG is a supportive system that educates and reinforces education, familial care and bulling prevention. The Gala raises money for

the programs that PFLAG produces; many local and well-known Boston chefs donate their time and product for all to enjoy during this event. If you cannot make the event, please donate to their worthy cause, to make sure it is no longer an issue. gbpflag.

org/prideandpassion

The 30th Annual Boston Film Festival starts rolling at ICA Boston this Thursday April 3- Saturday April 12. Celebrating 30 years of Queer Cinema in Boston, films are screened all week long, with the introduction of the fest showing To Be Takei, featuring George Takei, who is know to most as Hikaru Sulu, the "helmsman" of Star Trek's USS Enterprise and for the rest, the internet phenomenon who posts awesome and spot-on memes, via Facebook. There is a VIP party

that includes a pre-screening cocktail hour and an after party to be held at Empire. Get to the ICA and see the many and varied representations of the LGBT contributions to film.

bostonlgbtfilmfest.net eventbrite.com/e/vip-party-openingnight-film-tickets-10919509547

The You Can Play Project is a program that promotes a safe and encouraging environment where student athletes, both gay and straight, are unified and teamwork is key. Boston College High School has recently joined the You Can Play Project and works to exemplify and promote the message of understanding and caring. Take a minute to read about and reflect on what these young people are doing should move you to action. youcanplayproject.org



Stepping Out: Spring Cleaning

It's hhheeerrrreee! Spring has sprung. The temperature needs some convincing but as far as I am concerned, it has arrived. The excitement is palatable and electric. Then, reality sets in. Ina few, short weeks, I will have to expose more than ankle, face and wrist. Because this was the longest and coldest winter in ten years, my gym and nutrition game was slacking, bijiggg time. Panic has now set in and I am in a full sweat, stress induced. What? Do? I? Do?! One of my sparkling rules to live by is 'fake it till you make it'. So, with time running out, I am going to have to work triple time. Cleaning up the inside AND the outside while the outermost

layer will be buff and polished into an illusion. Southie has plenty of places where you can adorn and embellish the naked truth of what Mother Nature's extended winter break has done to you. Getting healthy doesn't have to be a pipe dream. Cleaning the pipes can actually kick start your spring cleanup. Sip on the pressed juices and nosh on clean eats from Nourish Your Soul, Bees Knees and the newly opened, sweetgreen.

Someday can become today. nourishvoursoul.com beeskneessupply.com sweetgreen.com

Make vourself the center of attention. One way to do so? Get to the middle of it all. Radiant

Yoga, South Boston Yoga and C2 Pilates all have amazing and interesting classes from yoga, barre, Pilates and workshops for mediation (for example) to get centered. There is also a location on Farragut Road for Transcendental Meditation; there are a variety of programs and opportunities to try the practice. available on the website. Stuck in the middle with you.

radiantyogaboston.com southbostonyoga.net c2pilates. com tm.org

Shine bright like a diamond, even when you feel a dull as a doorknob. Get an exfoliation treatment and a spray tan to get glowing. Saunter up to Broadway

and style yourself fresh with a new 'do or make-up application. Put your best face and foot forward with a facial, pedicure or an eyebrow shaping. When all else fails, accessorize. It will distract. spachristine.com salondecheveux.com shagboston.com nurturesalonandspa.com indulgedayspaboston.com sarrastudios.com kudetaboston.com prettyrecklessboston.com covetboston.com: Thursday, 04/03, from 5-8, join Covet and Boutikey from an event at the shop. 15% off one item and other surprises! habitshop.com closetconnectionboston.com



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



Touch: Little Darling, Stir It Up

Mixology is a craft that takes a lot of time and attention to master. Much practice is needed to attain and achieve the status of a mixologist. But a girl can dream, can't she? Swing by TR Street Food Tuesday April 8th and learn from the best, while sampling the creations and snacking on bites from Tavern Road. Sign up and take this season's freshest and most available additions and add them to spirits to make them sing. eventbrite.com/e/say-ahhhdiy-spring-cocktails-tickets-11007165729



See: See Me Lucky Charms

The Boston Children's Museum is taking part in the 3rd Annual Brain Building in Progress Week. This event is a weeklong series of events that engage the minds and spirits of youth to build a brighter future. This Saturday April 5th, take the kiddos to meet Lucky the Leprechaun from 11am-12pm and engage in the physical and mental activities to keep you all on your toes.

bost on childrens museum. org/calendar/brain-building-progress-meet-lucky-lep rechaun brain building in progress. org/bbip week



Taste: Food for Thought

Everyone deserves a chance to be something great. And nothing should get in their way. With the help of others, many underprivileged Boston youth can achieve and succeed. Mind Matters Boston is hosting an event at the Black Falcon Terminal to benefit the program this Saturday April 5th at 8pm. Give a little and get a lot. mindsmatter. ticketleap.com/6th-annual-minds-matter-spring-soiree/minsmatterboston.org



Smell: Sweet Smell of Spring

In honor of National Beer Day, which is on Monday April 7th, roll up them jeans, slip into some Cons and mosey on down to Harpoon to sip on some Big Squeeze Shandy. On draft for over just a week, the sweet, tart and refreshing fusion of beer and grapefruit juice is sure to hit the spot. Soak up the shandy and the sun! harpoonbrewery.com



Hear: Mmooommm!!!!

Scream all you want, but she won't hear you, unless she is there as your guess. Next Wednesday, April 9th, 6-9pm, the Boston Children's Museum is open for Adults-Only fun. Run through the museum and be a kid again while enjoying some adult beverages. You no longer have to fight the urge to jump in the ball pit. **bostonchildrensmuseum.org eventbrite.com/e/boston-grown-ups-museum-tickets-10781845791?aff=eorg**











Embrace All Of The Southie Senses: The "In Crowd"

Being in the "industry" all of my adult life, I have missed out on a lot. Birthdays, christenings, book clubs, bar crawls; ya know, the important stuff. My friendships changed as a result and though I tried my best to get to what I could, I know that relationships suffered. In retrospect, though I was being responsible and doing my job, I should have made more sacrifices when it came to giving up a shift or two. Now I certainly

make more time and much more effort to make up for the past. But, it is kinda sweet having your weekend fall on a day of the week when people are dragging their carcasses around from work to gym to Stop&Shop on a Monday night. One awesome bonus-Industry Night. Boston is slowly becoming a restaurant mecca and like zombies and vampires, we are growing by the bite ;) Delish cocktails,

special apps and even live music along with the gossip are hard to turn down. Check out Strega on the Waterfront every Sunday nights and Empire on Mondays. And once a month Blue Dragon is the place to be. Dial up one of your server/bartender friends and tag-a-long, because although we pride ourselves as being a tight and incestuous clique, we welcome new victims.

ming.com stregawaterfront.com empireboston.com





Linehan Testifies Against Rental Inspection Ordinance

ity Council President Bill Linehan recently testified before the City Council Committee on Government Operations on March 31, 2014 regarding the Rental Inspection Ordinance of 2012. Councilor Linehan filed an order to repeal this ordinance recently, prompting the hearing.

When the Ordinance was first proposed in 2012, Councilor Linehan opposed it. The ordinance was introduced to address problem properties, or absentee landlords, yet responsible property owners are being submitted to fees and additional inspections as a result of it. Additionally, real estate owners already pay for 67% of the city's annual budget and shouldn't be charged additional fees to fund these inspections.

Councilor Linehan also feels that the amendments Mayor Walsh has

proposed are a good starting place for discussion on improving the ordinance. He looks forward to working with Mayor Walsh to create an ordinance that works for the property owners and tenants of Boston.

"When the Rental Inspection Ordinance was voted on in 2012 I opposed it. I had then, and still have now, concerns that I believe need to be addressed. Since the passage of this ordinance, my office has received hundreds of calls and emails from throughout the city opposing this ordinance," stated Council President Linehan. "In my opinion, inspectors should not be going into private homes without probable cause"

You can contact Council President Linehan's Office at 617-635-3203 or Bill.Linehan@boston.gov. You can also follow him on facebook or twitter @Linehanbill.





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254 Emerson St UNIT 4 Condo	03/14/14	03/14/14	8	3.5	1922
11 Hamlin St UNIT 5 Condo	03/21/14	03/21/14	6	2.5	2034
94 Bolton St UNIT 94 Condo	03/15/14	03/15/14	6	3.5	1900
615 East Sixth St UNIT 1 Condo	03/20/14	03/20/14	6	3	1850
503 East First St UNIT 9 Condo	03/21/14	03/21/14	4	2	1324
150 Dorchester Ave UNIT 409 Condo	03/20/14	03/20/14	5	2	1117
615 East Sixth St UNIT 4 Condo	03/27/14	03/27/14	5	2	1300
870 East Second St UNIT 2 Condo	03/14/14	03/14/14	4	3	1700
461 East Sixth Street Single Family	03/19/14	03/19/14	7	2	1693
870 East Second St UNIT 3 Condo	03/18/14	03/18/14	4	2	1160
436 West Fourth St UNIT 2 Condo	03/27/14	03/27/14	5	2	1310
141-143 M St UNIT 1 Condo	03/14/14	03/14/14	6	2.5	1651
870 East Second St UNIT 2 Condo	03/19/14	03/19/14	4	2	1071
12 Carpenter St UNIT 2 Condo	03/21/14	03/21/14	4	2.5	1739
633 East Seventh St UNIT 3 Condo	03/26/14	03/26/14	4	2	980
11 Linden St UNIT 2 Condo	03/24/14	03/24/14	5	2	1133
71 Farragut Road UNIT 3 Condo	03/14/14	03/14/14	4	1	1040
231 Dorchester St UNIT 3 Condo	03/20/14	03/20/14	4	2	1100
111 Bolton St UNIT 1 Condo	03/25/14	03/25/14	4	2	881
134 West Ninth St UNIT 8 Condo	03/27/14	03/27/14	3	1	768
239 West Fifth St UNIT 3 Condo	03/14/14	03/14/14	4	1	886
486 East Third St UNIT 11 Condo	03/25/14	03/25/14	4	1	824
757 East Seventh St UNIT 2 Condo	03/14/14	03/14/14	5	1	933
171-173 St UNIT 2 Condo	03/24/14	03/24/14	3	1	753

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Multi-Industry Job Fair Open for All

he Asian American Civic Association (AACA) will be hosting a Multi-Industry Job Fair on Monday, April 7th, for 10 am to 1 pm, hosted by the DoubleTree Hotel, 821 Washington St. Boston MA. The Multi-Industry Job Fair will connect job seekers with industry leaders that have confirmed job openings. This initiative ties in with AACA's mission; namely to help its clients to reach financial self-sufficiency through a continuum of services including job training programs, job readiness, and job search assistance.

The list of employers represented is 26-strong, including companies from an incredible variety of industries, such as banking, health care, property management, and retail. On offer are jobs for attendees with all skillsets and levels of experience, such as maintenance engineer, cashier, groundskeeper, or customer service representative, with more unique openings for those with skills such as special language speakers or

programming experts. "Our employer partners have great opportunities for all levels of job seekers." said Employment Specialist Cyndy Chapin-Levesque. "We are working with employers that have a great track record of providing quality jobs, and these are companies with established career ladders." Furthermore, despite AACA's focus on the immigrant community, attendees with all backgrounds are welcome. (As of last year, AACA's client list includes people from over 80 countries all over the globe – and a significant proportion of them are native Bostonians.)

Talking about the reason Home Depot was attending the job fair, Bob Lundy, Regional Manager said, "In 2012, based upon the results of a comprehensive business review, we identified two critical business needs for our metro area stores: work force growth/development and bilingual language skills. Specifically, we sought out an agency that had an established Trades Skills training program that could also offer the diversity and

bilingual language skills needed to meet the changing demographics of metro Boston. We were very fortunate to meet both requirements through one organization, the Asian American Civic Association, Boston. Their well-established skills training programs combined with their outstanding efforts at providing employment training and placement to all members of the Boston immigrant community more than met our needs. Our continuing partnership remains a "win-win" for The Home Depot and the AACA."

AACA has a close relationship with all of the employers represented, which is great news for job-seekers. "People will often go to a job fair and collect some business cards, but after the job fair they might find it hard to get their new contacts to respond." said Employment Center Coordinator Oscar Wong. "Because we have a relationship with these employers, we can advise our attendees on the best way to contact them, or even follow up on their behalf."

The event is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP on AACA's website at http://aaca-boston.org/jobfair.

The Multi-Industry Job Fair is an initiative of AACA's Employment Center, which provides job readiness and job placement services to clients, including walk-in clients, applicants to AACA's educational programs, and all interested residents in need. Job search assistance is also an integral part of AACA's job training programs, which place graduates in jobs in the building maintenance, automotive, and banking and finance industries.

The full list of employers to be represented includes:

- Adcotron EMS
- Amtrak
- Associated Home Care
- Bank of America
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
- Citizens Bank
- CVS
- DoubleTree Hotel
- Dunkin' Donuts
- East Boston Savings Bank
- Eastern Bank
- Expressway Toyota
- Granite Telecommunications
- Hallmark Health
- Harvard Pilgrim Health Care

- Harvard University
- Home Depot
- Macy's
- Maloney Properties
- Neiman Marcus
- Peabody Properties
- Piantedosi Baking Company
- Santander Bank
- State Street Corporation
- Starpoint Solutions
- TD Bank

About AACA

Founded in 1967, the Asian American Civic Association (AACA) is a premier workforce development center in Greater Boston. AACA provides all immigrants and economically disadvantaged individuals with English education, occupational training, and social services which enable them to realize lasting economic selfsufficiency. It also runs the Buds & Blossoms Early Education and Care Center, the first Chinese Mandarinimmersion childcare center in Greater Boston, and publishes Sampan, the only bilingual English/Chinese newspaper in New England. For more information, visit aaca-boston.org.

Summer Leadership Intern Program for Youth Ages 11-14 Is Back.

he South Boston Neighborhood House is happy to announce that the Summer Leadership Intern Program (S.L.I.P.) for youth ages 11-14 is back for another year!

The S.L.I.P. program is designed to give youth between the ages of 11-14 an opportunity to intern over the summer at a local business in South Boston. Two days a week S.L.I.P. youth will also participate in workshops, trainings and field trips that are designed to help develop career skills and critical thinking needed in the workplace. There are only 12 spots available, so we ask that you be able to commit to the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 20**



Massport Accepting Applications for Memorial Scholarships

Thomas Butler Scholarship For South Boston Residents Lowell Richards Scholarship For All Boston Residents

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) today announced that applications are being accepted for three \$5,000 memorial scholarships honoring the memories of Thomas J. Butler, Donna Rauseo and Lowell Richards III.

Thomas Butler was the long-time Massport Director of Government and Community Affairs and son of South Boston. When he arrived at Massport in 1987 as a manager of intergovernmental relations, Mr. Butler was a licensed social worker who had worked in the Boston Juvenile Court, and for the City of Boston.

Donna Rauseo was a graduate of East Boston High School and for more than 20 years was the executive assistant to Thomas J. Kinton, Jr. when he served as Aviation Director of Logan Airport and later as CEO and Executive Director for Massport.

Lowell Richards was responsible for Massport's strategic and master

planning activities, including the airports and the seaport, as well as the agency's private commercial and residential real estate development in South Boston, East Boston, and Charlestown.

"These scholarships memorialize the contributions of our colleagues as part of the Massport family, while at the same time recognizing young people for community service and contributing to their neighborhood," said Massport CEO Thomas P. Glynn. "We hope the scholarships will be used by students who will one day work for the betterment of their community, wherever their professional life takes them."

Thomas Butler Application Guidelines

To be considered for the Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship, students must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Resident of South Boston
- High school senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Letter of acceptance to an accredited

college or university for the 2014-2015 academic year

- Involvement in community service in South Boston
- Interested in pursuing studies in Criminal Justice, Political Science, Public Service or Social Services
- Obtain two letters of recommendation, one of which MUST be from the community service agency where the applicant has volunteered

Students interested in applying for the Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship must submit an essay of 1,000 words describing their interest in pursuing one of the fields of study described above or how their community service has affected their outlook on life. All essays, letters of recommendation, certified High School transcript and proof of residency must be received by Alaina Coppola in Massport's Community Relations Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2014. For more information on Massport's

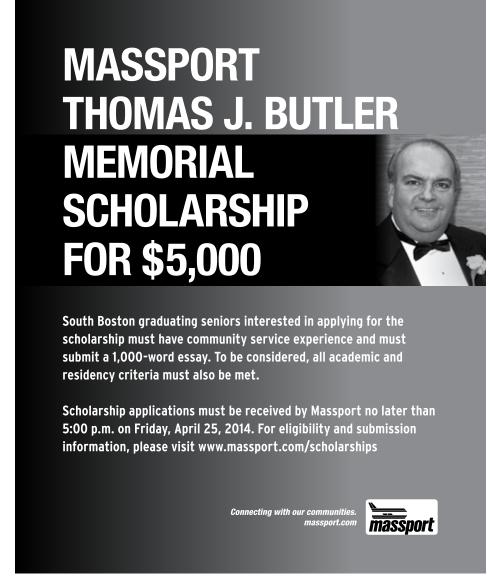
Scholarship Program, including an application checklist for Thomas J. Butler Scholarship, please visit www. Massport.com/scholarships.

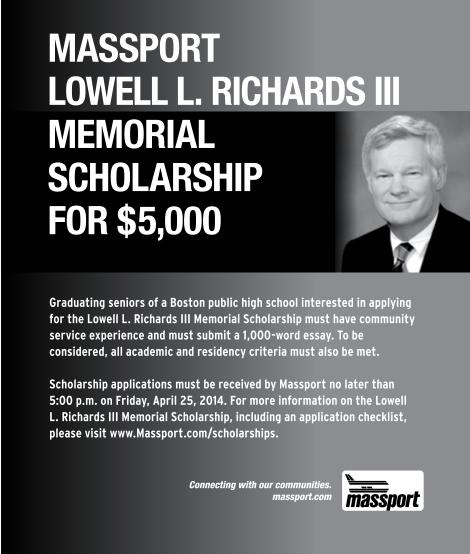
Lowell Richards Application Guidelines

To be considered for the Lowell L. Richards III Memorial Scholarship, students must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Resident of the City of Boston
- Boston public high school senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Letter of acceptance to an accredited college or university for the 2014-2015 academic year
- Involvement in community service
- Interested in pursuing studies in government, public administration, management, planning, architecture, and design.
- Obtain two letters of recommendation, one of which MUST be from the community service agency where the applicant has volunteered

Students interested in applying for the Lowell L. Richards III Memorial CONTINUED ON PAGE 16













- Food drive Miss Blenk with Grades 3 & 4 gave food donation bags to the neighbors.
 Food Drive 2 The Grade 8 girls, Cali, Jackie ,and Shannon helped deliver food to St.
- Vincent's Food pantry for Thanksgiving.
- Toys Student Council collected toys for needy children in St. Vincent's parish..
 Scanimal2 Student Council delivered blankets and sheets to the Alliance for Animals.



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Admission includes coffee and light refreshments, one family photo with the Easter bunny, games, face painting, raffles, prizes, and more!

All Proceeds Benefit St. Peter Academy

St. Peter Academy's Tradition of **Giving Back**

t. Peter Academy is continuing its long-standing tradition of giving back to the community through community service projects and donations. Principal Janice Carthas believes this is a cornerstone of faith-based education, saying "The children and staff of our school benefit from these programs. We all learn a little bit about ourselves and the community of South Boston when we collaborate to help others, whether it is people, animals, or the environment."

The Student Council is comprised of students from Grades 1 through 7. They have all been very busy this year, so far completing 4 donation campaigns. The students collected canned goods for the annual St. Vincent Parish food pantry in November, toys for the St. Vincent "Giving Tree" project in December, blankets and dog toys for an animal shelter, and new baby items for South Boston FANS. "Making the posters is fun! I liked walking around the block with my friends and collecting canned goods from the neighbors too!" said happy, art-loving student Mia DeMichele.

Middle school students in Grades 6 through 8 at St. Peter Academy have been working on their Community Service Hours; each student is required to perform 20 hours a year in order to graduate. Parent Deb Flaherty shares, "My kids are being taught that it is important that they participate in making South Boston a better place, if they are going out to clean up during Boston Shines, or visiting elderly in one of our nursing homes. This is where they come from- I love that they are learning

that they are an important part of our neighborhood." Sixth-grader Cole Keenan is working some of his hours in a soup kitchen with his grandfather. "It makes me feel good when I help people. I like spending the time with my grandfather. I've learned that not everyone has as much as we do, and they are thankful when I serve them lunch. I feel great when I leave the soup kitchen because I know I helped someone that day," Cole explains about his experience.

At St. Peter Academy, it isn't just the students who are involved in their own service projects. Teacher Amy Blenk, a recent Boston College graduate, joined the school this year. Miss Blenk is helping to organize and is participating in the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center Walk for Change. She agreed to play a large part in the walk this year because this is the only non-profit of its kind in Greater Boston, and she wants all women in Boston to have the resources they need in times of crisis. This year's Walk is Sunday, April 13th in Brighton. For more information or to make a donation, please see

http://barcc.donorpages.com/ WalkforChange2014/AmyBlenk

"St. Peter Academy is committed to continuing to provide affordable, high quality education to all children in South Boston and beyond," founding Board President Maryann Crush declared, "and a piece of that education is community service. It is not only teaching, but demonstrating through our own practices that in serving others, we become successful human beings ourselves."

St Peter Academy is an independent private school with a Catholic focus offering unique programs enhancing the educational experience for all of its students in grades Pre K through 8. Inquiries about St. Peter Academy should be directed to the school at (617)268-0750.

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residency must be received by Alaina Coppola in Massport's Community Relations Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2014. For more information on the Lowell L. Richards III Memorial Scholarship, including an application checklist, please visit www.Massport. com/scholarships.

A TASTE OF SOUTH BOSTON













Jamie Driscoll - The Wine Guy

his past Sunday evening, friends and supporters of the South Boston
Neighborhood Development
Corporation gathered at the
Seaport Hotel for a "Taste of
South Boston", where guests
were treated to food from some
our best restaurants and a great
offering of fine wines from South
Boston's own- *Al's Liquors*,
owned for decades by the same
family, the Carneys. In addition
to the wine selection, which was

extremely "well-analyzed" by all who attended, the Carney family also donated a bottle of Pappy Van Winkle hand-crafted Bourbon to the Silent Auction. While the weather was raw, the *Southie Shuttle's* generous donation of free door to door service to the event made the weather less daunting than it might have been otherwise; thanks to *Maryann Crush, Dennis Conway, Jim Collins and crew!*

Lucky's Jennifer Anderson

was there, both to serve and tell everyone about the restaurant's new week-end offering and *Stephi's in Southie* was well-represented by *Leo M. Fonseca*, *Jr., CEO* and *Christian Pavesi*, Director of Operations, as well as Sous-Chef Dan and Kevin, one of their great servers, passing out some fantastic appetizer items.

Mike Agricola, GM at Salvatore's, was there to personally make sure that no one went home hungry and I can tell you that he was very, very successful! On the beer front, Southie stalwart

and "number one" beer in South Boston, *Harpoon Brewery*, was there in force; I have to tell you, if you haven't had their **Rye IPA**, don't let that mistake linger any longer! Absolutely fantastic!

No surprise that it was such a success, as the typical South Boston formula for social success-a good cause and great people, helped by really great food and drink-was there in all its parts! Everyone at *South Boston Today* thanks everyone who attended and especially those who donated!



Curley Center Spruced Up On Aramark's Global Service Day

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

SBT Staff Report

hen was the last time you visited the Curley Recreation Center? The full and proper name for the facility is the Boston Centers for Youth and Families Curley Community Center or BCYF Curley Community Center. But many South Bostonians just call it 'The L'. Well, if you haven't been there since March 19th you are in for a pleasant surprise.

March 19th was the date set for 2014 international Global Service Day by the corporation called Aramark. If the name Aramark sounds familiar, it should to anyone who's been to a Red Sox game. They sell hot dogs at Fenway Park. But Aramark is huge beyond belief, with a

stated goal of "...Providing services to healthcare institutions, universities and school districts, stadiums and arenas and business's in 22 countries around the world." And this year, in cooperation with and at the recommendation of City Year, Aramark chose the Curley Center for an incredible face lift and sprucing up that has brought smiles to the faces of regular patrons of the facility, as well as residents who haven't used the place in some time.

With permission given by the City of Boston, and in the interest of further promoting a healthy lifestyle, City Year volunteers came to the Curley Center and began the prep work in advance of Aramark's Global Service Day visit. They pretty much laid out what had

to be done and where to begin. On the 19th, at 6am, 100 Aramark volunteers; divided into 10 different teams and combined with 20 City Year members arrived at the facility, planned the day ahead, did the setup, got to know the Curley Center Staff and by 9am, all were hard at work. Bear in mind, though all were volunteers, these folks were professionals; everyone had an assigned task and it was all completed perfectly.

They went from M St all the way to K St. From L St to K St the corridors and hall ways were spruced up and painted and then beautiful, colorful murals were painted in many of the rooms. Everything was transformed including the senior rooms, the card room, the youth boxing room, the spinning room; even the ballet studio and ball room. The work was nonstop and one of the most amazing things about this huge undertaking was that with all the activity and renovating

going on, the facility remained open to the public so as not to inconvenience the patrons. That's how well these Aramark volunteers did their jobs. And by 5pm – mission accomplished. All the work came to an end because everything was done. The 'L' had been transformed from a standard looking community center into an incredibly colorful and even more welcoming masterpiece that should make every resident proud.

South Boston Today spoke with the Curley Center's Administrative Coordinator and South Bostonian Fred Ahern after the job had been completed. He was very impressed and grateful to Aramark and to City Year for selecting his facility to get the Global Service Day make over. Fred had the following comments: "We are honored that Aramark picked the BCYF Curley Recreation Center for their Global Volunteer Day Boston Project. The hard





work of the volunteers who donated their time sprucing up the facility will make such a big difference in our ability to proudly serve the community. We would also like to acknowledge and thank the young adults from City Year for their work in planning and preparing the building for this special day".

The next time you are lucky enough to get to go to a 'Sox' game at Fenway Park and see the Aramark sign over the hot dog counter, remember how much more this huge organization does than just simply sell stadium food. On the same day, March 19, that they had

100 volunteers sprucing up the Curley Center, they were also doing similar good work in 22 other countries. And the next time you walk into the 'L', be sure to give yourself a tour of the entire building and see what some hard work by some dedicated and very professional volunteers accomplished in just one day. Oh, and be sure also to say hello to the great staff at the Curley Center and thank them for the good job they do operating a facility that provides so many excellent services and innovative programs to so many people of every age and interest.











Harpoon Helps Cupid Splash Raises More Than \$30K for Beach Events

the across the region plunged into the chilly waters of Boston Harbor on Saturday, March 29th and raised \$31, 565 dollars from more than 300 contributors to support free beach programs at the Harpoon Helps Cupid Splash at the BCYF Curley Community Center at M Street Beach in South Boston. Several dozen participants also splashed at Revere Beach, and raised \$4,235 dollars for America's oldest beach.

Funds raised at the Harpoon Helps Cupid Splash will be awarded to beach friends and community groups in the region's waterfront neighborhoods and beachfront communities to support free beach events in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull this summer.

"Harpoon is always happy to help Save the Harbor and our community," said Charlie Storey, Senior Vice President of Marketing at Harpoon Brewery. "A quick dip followed by burgers and chowder and of course a refreshing Harpoon Beer on the

early 200 brave souls from beach. It's a great way to spend the the across the region plunged first nice Saturday of spring!"

"What a terrific turnout" said Ronda Ivy McLeod, Manager Regional Marketing, Northeast at JetBlue Airways, on hand to support a team from JetBlue that raised \$2,654 at this year's splash. "We are always happy to partner with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for this event. Core to our mission is inspiring humanity, and whether it's in the air or on the ground, we're committed to bettering the lives of our customers, crewmembers and communities – and inspiring others to do the same."

"It was a great way to have some fun on one of the cleanest urban beaches in America and raise money to support free events on the region's public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket this summer" said Bruce Berman, spokesman for Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay who helped organize the event. "Thanks to all of the participants and donors, and thanks as well to event sponsors Harpoon Brewery, JetBlue Airways, Russo Marine, Mix 104.1, the Boston

Center for Youth And Families, NationalGrid, P&G Gillette, Comcast Massachusetts, Tasty Burger, Legal Sea Foods, the YMCA of Greater Boston and DCR for their support."

The top three eligible fundraisers, who each won a round trip ticket on JetBlue Airways, were John Coyne, who splashed for South Boston, Carol Haney, who splashed for Revere, and Bridget Ryan, who splashed for Quincy.

Kennedy Elsey of Mix 104.1 and Donny Todd of Jet Blue choose the winners for best costumes. This year's winners were Garrett Bergey, who splashed for Dorchester's Beaches dressed as Donatello the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle, and Julia Vose, who splashed for South Boston's beaches as a stunning jellyfish. They each received a round trip JetBlue Airways ticket as well.

The top ten fundraisers, who each won a Harpoon Hoodie were Bruce Berman, Joe Newman, John Coyne, Carol Haney, Mark Chrisos, Donnie Todd, Bridget Ryan, Robert Tucker, Mary Clare McGraw, and Kelly Thompson.

South Boston and Revere topped the list for funds raised by beach again this year, followed by Lynn & Nahant and East Boston.





South Boston	\$ 7,099
Revere	\$ 4,235
Lynn & Nahant	\$ 3,911
Constitution	\$ 3,660
Dorchester	\$ 2,050
Winthrop	\$ 1,556
Wollaston	\$ 1,204
Nantasket	\$ 840

You can see a slideshow of this year's Splash at https://tinyurl.com/2014splashslideshow

You can find a complete list of all prize winners on Save the Harbor's blog "Sea, Sand & Sky" at www. blog.savetheharbor.org, or on their Facebook page at www.facebook. com/savetheharbor

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entirety of the program from July 1 2014 to August 23 2014 before applying. Participants will also receive a stipend upon completion of the program.

In order to apply, youth will be asked to fill out an application and write a short essay. Once youth have returned their application and essay, they will be contacted to come into the Neighborhood House and interview for the position. Applications are available at the South Boston Neighborhood House at 136 H Street in South Boston from April 16-April 30. Selections for positions will be completed by early June.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Andrew Barrett, Coordinator of Education and Career Development at 617-268-1619 ext 402.

CITY GOLF COURSES OPEN APRIL 5

ayor Martin J. Walsh has announced that the City of Boston's two municipal golf courses - the William J. Devine Golf Course at Franklin Park in Dorchester and the George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park - will be fully open for business on Saturday, April 5, weather permitting (please call golf courses for availability).

"Boston's golfers are a determined bunch," Mayor Walsh noted. "Back in the 1970s a small group of dedicated players banded together to bring the William Devine Golf Course back to its former glory and the facility has grown better and better ever since. We now have an award-winning course in Franklin Park and the Donald Ross-designed George Wright in Hyde Park giving golfers two great municipal courses to choose from right in the city."

Both golf courses underwent improvements in 2013 including renovations to the majority of the first fairway at the George Wright. The first and second tees were expanded and additional bunkers were added on the first and second holes. Improvements completed at the William J. Devine include an expanded ninth hole tee complex which added new forward and rear tees and renovated greenside bunkers.

The George Wright was named in Golfweek's "Best Courses You Can Play" as the #8 overall course in Massachusetts for 2014 and the top



municipal course in Massachusetts for 2013 and will be the site of the 2014 U.S. Amateur Qualifier for New England on July 8. Golf Digest named the William J. Devine as one of their "Best Places to Play" three years in a row and will be hosting the Fairway Ladies MGA Rules of Golf Seminar on April 16 and a qualifier for the MGA 2014 Massachusetts Amateur Championship on June 16.

Both courses feature full pro shops, concessions, cart rentals, and lessons for all ages. The courses are owned and operated by the City of Boston through the Fund for Parks and Recreation and will be open daily from dawn to dusk. Golfers can

access information on rates, season permits, and tournaments at www. cityofbostongolf.com where they can also register for monthly giveaways, online news, and specials. For immediate course updates, the City's golf courses can be followed on Twitter @FranklinParkGC and @GeorgeWrightGC. The City offers affordable golf course memberships; for details call the clubhouses at the numbers listed below.

The second-oldest public golf course in America, the William J. Devine Golf Course at Franklin Park in Dorchester measures 5,961 yards from the blue tees. Part of the historic Emerald Necklace, the golf course offers a pleasant inner-city

golfing experience only minutes from downtown Boston and is open yearround, weather permitting. Contact PGA Professional Kevin Frawley at (617) 265-4084 for more information or to book a tee time.

Founded in 1938, the 18-hole Donald Ross-designed George Wright Golf Course is a hidden gem in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Boston. The course is open seven days a week through November. This par 70 layout measures 6,440 yards from the back tees and is a challenge to golfers of any level. PGA Professional Scott Allen is on hand to answer any questions. For more information or to reserve a tee time please call (617) 364-2300.







Red-Hot Iginla Leading The Way For The Bruins

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
By Conor Ryan



f you had mentioned the name "Jarome Iginla" on the streets of Boston just about a year ago, you'd probably be met with a smattering of groans and some unflattering language. After all, this was the Jarome Iginla who spurned the Black and Gold at last year's trade deadline, refusing a deal that would send the future Hall of Famer from his longtenured home in Calgary to the Hub. Instead, Iginla opted to join the Penguins, a team loaded with talented skaters such as Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin, in pursuit of his first Stanley Cup championship.

For Bruins fans, it seemed like a stab in the back. Just an hour beforehand, a Bruins squad positioned as one of the top teams in the conference had seemingly added a skilled and gritty scorer to its roster, and then suddenly, he was gone — lost to the one team that, talent-wise, had the ability to compete with the physical Bruins on the ice.

Predictably, it was indeed Boston and Pittsburgh that faced off in the Eastern Conference Finals last year, with the Penguins tagged as the early favorite. However, Boston's physical play, stingy defense and an incredible string of dominant play by Tukka Rask resulted in the Bruins sweeping the Penguins in dominating fashion. Boston was off to another Stanley Cup Final, while Iginla was chastised throughout New England as the loser who picked the wrong team while on the hunt for a ring.

Things sure have changed just a year later.

It's been another wildly successful campaign for the Bruins during the 2013-14 season, as Boston currently leads the entire NHL in points (110) and are favored to once again make it back to the Stanley Cup Finals. While most fans could've predicted last year that the team would once again be a title contender this season, few would've predicted that Iginla would be a main factor

in the team's success.

Yes, the same Jarome Iginla that was Public Enemy No. 1 just a year ago now might be what pushes this club over the top in the hunt for the franchise's seventh Stanley Cup. Iginla signed a one-year deal with the Bruins in July, and has brought his trademark physicality and knack for finding the back of the net to an already talented first line. On the year, Iginla leads all skaters with 30 goals and is second on the team in points (61). The Edmonton native has stepped his game up for the stretch run, as the winger was named the NHL's First Star of the Month for March after scoring 13 goals and adding four assists (17 points) in 17 games played.

Iginla also reached an important milestone this past month, passing Johnny Bucyk on the all-time goals lift after a two-goal performance against Colorado on March 21.

Boasting an impressive +31 plus/minus rating, Iginla has fit in seamlessly with fellow first-liners David Krejci and Milan Lucic. Iginla's penchant for hard checks and a fiery temper have made the Bruins top line an imposing force with the equally formidable Lucic on the ice, while Iginla's goalscoring talent has been utilized effectively by a skilled playmaker like Krejci (47 assists).

A six-time All-Star, Iginla has only made it to the Stanley Cup Finals once in his illustrative 17-season career. Now, at the ripe age of 36, Iginla might finally have the opportunity to hoist Lord Stanley in the coming months. The road through the playoffs is certainly an arduous one, but with Iginla leading the way, the Bruins are in prime position to make it to their third Stanley Cup Final in four years. We always loved ya, Jarome. No hard feelings.

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L c. 190B, S5-304

Docket No. SU14P0572GD Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

In the matter of: Jemile Giazi, Of: Boston, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA. 02114

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Maria Blasi of South Boston, MA

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Jemile Giazi** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Maria Blasi of South Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this **proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **04/17/2014.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Joan P Armstrong, First Justice of this Court. March 13, 2014

Patricia M Campetelli Register of Probate April 3, 2014



*Every week, we run part of an interview from Danny Picard's daily sports-talk show, "I'm Just Sayin," which can be heard every weekday by subscribing on iTunes. He also hosts "The Danny Picard Show" every weekend on WEEI-93.7 FM. However, this week, Danny gave his 2014 Major League **Baseball predictions:**

The Red Sox begin their World Series title defense in Baltimore. They'll feature a familiar pitching staff, a new center fielder, and the start of a new era at shortstop. But will it be enough to repeat as champions?

Nobody has won back-to-back World Series titles since the New York Yankees won three-straight in 1998, 1999, and 2000. Before then, it hadn't been done since the Toronto Blue Jays in 1992 and 1993.

So, it has been accomplished. And perhaps, you could make the case that somebody is "due" to repeat. If anyone can do it, it's a Red Sox team that, again, returns much of its championship pitching staff from last season.

And while I have the Red Sox making the postseason once again, I don't actually have them winning it all in 2014.

Here are my MLB predictions:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

AL EAST: Tampa Bay Rays

-- The Rays ended up holding onto their ace, David Price, and that's probably a good thing if they want to be contenders. Tampa Bay won 92 games last year and lost to the eventual World Series champs in the ALDS after beating Cleveland in the Wild Card game. Look for youngster Chris Archer to establish himself as a stud pitcher in a Rays rotation that's already pretty damn good with Price, Matt Moore, and Alex Cobb. And oh yeah, their offense will only get better as American League Rookie of the Year Wil Myers enters his second season. The Red Sox will win 91 games and get one of the wild card spots. A rock-solid Baltimore Orioles club will wish they were in a different division. And the final game of Derek Jeter's career will be at Fenway Park on September 28. First pitch is at 1:35. AL CENTRAL: Detroit Tigers

--Assuming the Tigers are still in the

playoff hunt by the All-Star break, reigning AL Cy Young winner Max Scherzer won't be getting traded in the last year of his contract. The Tigers and Scherzer could not agree to a new deal in the offseason, and with Scott Boras as his agent, it's likely he'll be hitting the free agent market at season's end. Expect Detroit to make one more run at it with Scherzer still in the mix. And Justin Verlander didn't have his best season in 2013. He'll be better than 13-12 with a 3.46 ERA in 2014. And new closer Joe Nathan will only solidify the Tigers' pitching staff. It's their division to lose.

AL WEST: Los Angeles Angels

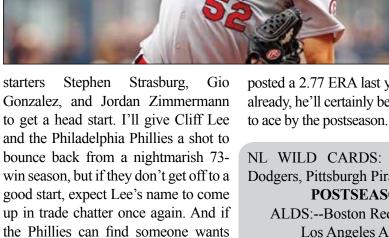
-- Had the Texas Rangers or Oakland Athletics been completely healthy to start the season, the Angels would be just another team in the West. But the Rangers' rotation is all banged up entering the year, with Yu Darvish, Derek Holland, and Matt Harrison all on the DL. As for Oakland, 24-year-old Sonny Gray had his coming-out party in Game 2 of last year's ALDS when he out-pitched Verlander, striking out nine Tigers in eight scoreless innings and a 1-0 Athletics win. Had young starter Jarrod Parker not just had Tommy John surgery, I would have been strongly predicting Oakland to be a World Series contender. But look for the Angels, behind ace Jered Weaver -- and a lineup that is stronger than Oakland's -- to win the West in a close three-way race.

AL WILD CARDS: Boston Red Sox, **Texas Rangers**

NATIONAL LEAGUE

NL EAST: Washington Nationals

-- The Atlanta Braves won the East last year, and while they're still a very good ball club, they're also suffering from injuries in their rotation. Starters Kris Medlen and Mike Minor begin the season on the DL, allowing Nationals



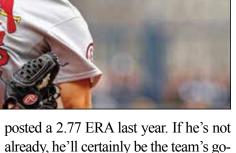
to pay the 35-year-old (turns 36 in

August) \$25 million next season, then

they'll be out of contention for sure.

NL CENTRAL: St. Louis Cardinals -- The Cardinals lost in the World Series, but it seems like they're only going to get better in 2014. Their rotation is stacked. I mean, does anybody on that entire pitching staff throw under 95 mph? Don't be surprised if 22-yearold Michael Wacha ends up winning the Cy Young in 2014. He's that good. Expect the Cardinals to also have the best closer in the game, in flame thrower Trevor Rosenthal. St. Louis could win 100 games.

NL WEST: San Francisco Giants -- The Giants didn't make the postseason after a 76-win regular season in 2013. But don't forget that they won the World Series the year before that, in 2012. Expect 24-year-old lefty Madison Bumgarner to battle Wacha for the Cy Young, and expect veteran starter Matt Cain to have a bounce-back year. Bumgarner is a 200-strikeout guy who



NL WILD CARDS: Los Angeles Dodgers, Pittsburgh Pirates

POSTSEASON

ALDS:--Boston Red Sox over Los Angeles Angels -- Tampa Bay Rays over **Detroit Tigers**

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-- Tampa Bay Rays over Boston Red Sox NLDS:

--St. Louis Cardinals over Los Angeles Dodgers

--Washington Nationals over San Francisco Giants NLCS:

--St. Louis Cardinals over Washington Nationals

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--St. Louis Cardinals over Tampa Bay Rays

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