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# EDITORIAL

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Staff Report

Last week's cleanup of Farragut Park, cancelled due to the weather, is on for this Saturday at 10:00am. A great start, but a practice that should be a regular activity not an isolated event. This is our town and we have to take care of it.

Wildlife is everywhere and storing or leaving trash barrels on the street is not only illegal but unsanitary, but many do it and this attracts these critters. In turn, garbage is strewn all over by these animals. Sweeping or cleaning in front of your house seems to be a forgotten art.

On Saturday May 10th beginning at 10:00 AM in Flaherty Park at B and 3rd St.

Volunteers are wanted to clean and spruce up that and St. Vinny's playground. It's your town. Join in.



*"Liberty may be endangered by the abuse of liberty, but also by the abuse of power" - James Madison*

## This Week's Poll

What Size Residence Is Most Needed In Affordable Housing?

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## In Massachusetts and DC, Making a Mess has its Rewards

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
John Ciccone

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**Q**uestion: What's more difficult than pulling a deep rooted wisdom tooth from a set of gums that seem to be holding on like rock hard concrete? Answer: Removing incompetent bureaucrats who have been put in positions of power by politically liberal administrations; whether on the state or the federal level.

As we all know, this past Tuesday Governor Deval Patrick reluctantly and begrudgingly accepted the resignation of the head of the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF), Olga Roche. At his spectacle of a press conference, the governor actually said to do so was not what he wanted, he was disappointed and saddened to be doing this and still believes that Ms. Roche has the "expertise" to run the department well. In other words, the only reason he did do it was because there was so much political pressure to accept her resignation and he was ticked off about her leaving.

To quote Jeff Kuhner of WRKO Radio: "What is it with this state?" Missing children, dead children, abused children, children that were supposed to be under the watch of DCF and Governor Patrick thinks that the head of DCF has the expertise to run the agency? Then of course there is the tragic case of Justina Pelletier, the child that DCF has practically kidnapped and still holds, separating the young girl from her Connecticut family for what has not been shown to be for good reasons.

Now, in typical liberal politician form, Deval blames everyone but Ms. Roche, and never himself for appointing her, while refusing to accept that resignation until Tuesday.

He wouldn't think of blaming one of his personal appointees, so he blames low level case workers, the Grafton Police Department and anyone else he can think of to shift that blame to. That famous statement "The buck stops here" it seems is dead; at least in Massachusetts.

But Governor Patrick has not been nicknamed 'Mini Me' for nothing; the name Mini Me meaning he's a smaller version of his friend, Barack Obama. After all, he is only following the lead of the president. Attorney General Eric Holder, appointed by Obama, had his Justice Department oversee the debacle that was Operation Fast and Furious, where it allowed guns to be given to Mexican drug cartels and used to kill American Border Patrol agents and countless Mexican citizens. As far as Obama is concerned, Eric Holder can do no wrong. The fact that Holder refused to prosecute members of the New Black Panthers, who were caught on video harassing white voters with bats and clubs, as they went into polling places was no big deal to them.

Then there is Lois Lerner of the IRS. Her agency, under her direction, is accused of harassing conservative groups, churches and other organizations that disagree politically with the regime. She too gets the total backing of the White House, who thinks that this is an overblown issue and that there is "absolutely no corruption" involved. Hillary Clinton can't be touched even after four Americans were killed in Benghazi; killed because she refused to beef up security that the ambassador practically begged for leading up to the attack. As one

internet source making the rounds suggested, Cliven Bundy should rename his ranch Benghazi, so the feds would never come near the place again. And then, of course, there's John Kerry. This week, he insulted Israel, but again, not even a reprimand by the one who nominated him. Although at least Kerry apologized.

Governor Patrick has only eight more months in office and then he's gone. Some people complain that he spends far too little time in the state

and instead travels too much and with no real purpose that benefits the state. But please, stop complaining about that. The less time he is on the job, the fewer things he can mess up. But Barack Obama has two and a half more years left to go. He can do a lot more damage to this country than he already has in that much time. Maybe the American people can convince him to get on the same type of vacation schedule as his buddy Deval. I'm guessing Michelle wouldn't mind that at all.

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## “Cardinal, We Never Stop Working In My Town.”

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY**  
By Ray Flynn

Some of America's leading political thinkers came together for a week in Rome to discuss the life and times of two great world religious leaders: Pope John Paul II and John XXIII. The extraordinary conference was part of the canonization for sainthood of these two declared saints. But the formal presentations were only a small part of the most illuminating and remarkable part of the week. When the day long speeches from scholars, leading political operatives, diplomats and theologians were over, everyone was anxious to keep the discussion going. So we retired to the spacious lobby of the Grand Hotel on Via Veneto to continue with story after story about American politics, the culture, and the current political and economic turmoil in the world.

Most people who were part of our group, already had an intimate knowledge and experience of the early political days when John Paul II was Pope, and a few older ex-Vatican officials and Italian journalists studied who reported on both Angelo Roncalli and Karol Wojtyla's career. We even spoke with members of the Polish Army and resistance who fought the Nazis during World War II. President Reagan's son Michael, Pat Caddell, Newt Gingrich and I must have spoken to 100 people, from friends of John XXIII to priests who met Cardinal Cushing. Five former U. S. Ambassadors to the Vatican spoke to five American Cardinals at yet another reception in Rome.

But the long conversation with former President of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize recipient Lech Walesa, gave us the most insight into the role that Pope John Paul II played

## Letters To The Editor

### Unanimous Opposition to Gate of Heaven Development

The South Boston Neighborhood Association Committee unanimously opposes condominium construction at Gate of Heaven School Building and supports the development of a Charter School. Five South Boston Neighborhood Civic Associations have rallied in opposition to the condominium development being proposed by developers for the Gate of Heaven School Building.

Here is a joint statement from the civic associations:

“We agree that the South Boston community does not need more high priced condos in an area that is already densely developed. There are far better uses for this property

with many readily available. As a community we are tired of the overdevelopment of our neighborhood and the routine granting of variances to developers. This project is too dense and overburdens an extreme parking shortage.”

We ask our members and all of our neighbors to email and call Mayor Walsh's Office, The Zoning Board of Appeals and the Boston Redevelopment Authority to voice opposition to this project.

We also ask everyone to attend the ZBA hearing which will be held on Tuesday, May 6 at 9:30 am at City Hall, Room 801.

-SB Neighborhood Association Committee

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## Community United In Opposition To Gate Of Heaven School Building Project

Long time residents, and new ones, like myself, agree that the proposal to alter the Gate of Heaven School Building and develop condominiums is far too dense and irresponsible for the neighborhood. Hundreds of residents attended the recent meeting regarding the Gate of Heaven School. The meeting was important because it basically told us all we needed

to know. Every local politician and every resident in attendance publicly opposed the project. The condo project doesn't meet the Zoning code or BRA regulations. So how could the mayor, Zoning Board, and BRA support changing the rules for this one developer, when neither the community nor the immediate neighborhood supports it?

-Mary B Boyle

in the fall of communism than anything I had ever heard before. “The back door conversations with the Church and Pope were not only secret, but dangerous. Many priests were tortured and murdered in the struggle for freedom and human rights,” he said.

But I was also able to talk to the Vatican's leading health and science experts about their work in medical research. As many know by now, my 7 year old grandson Braeden and so many other children like him, with rare undiagnosed diseases, have turned me into a determined advocate for research and medical solutions. I spoke to Vatican medical experts at the Vatican and told them I would push for more medical funding and research. I told them, I would advocate on behalf of parents with our good political leaders in America.

On behalf of the St. Joseph Society (San Giuseppe Societa) in the North

End of Boston, I gave one of Pope Francis' top aides a letter inviting the Pope to visit Boston, when he comes to the United States. He will find a warm and friendly people and city. I also added the compliments of the new Mayor of Boston Martin Walsh and all its political and civic leaders. “I will assure you, Mr. Ambassador, that your comments are received by the Holy Father.” He said.

A Cardinal I have worked closely with at the United Nations said to me at lunch, “Ambassador, do you ever stop working?” I paused and said, “Cardinal, that's all I've done since I was a boy. In my town, that's what we do.” “Sounds like a good place,” he said. “It is,” I replied.

Ray Flynn is the Former Ambassador to the Vatican and Mayor of Boston. He Attended the Canonization of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II

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overpay for properties, they need to know that middle market and middle class family housing is his top priority.

Residents have made it clear to the Walsh administration at many of the community hearings held during the transition period this past winter that they are in desperate need of relief from the parking crisis and the impact of residential tax increases caused and skewed by the luxury market craze.

The proposal, currently being reviewed by the City, to develop the Gate of Heaven School into luxury housing – which is being met by unanimous opposition by both residents and elected officials – is a perfect example of community frustration and is a high profile test of Mayor Walsh's commitment to his housing agenda. Then along comes the newest example, a proposed upscale 164 unit project at 45 West Third Street, planning only 115 parking spaces and 22 affordable units. The project will occupy the block that is bound by A Street to the West, West 3rd Street to the north, Haul Road to the east, and Athens Street to the south designed as a group of varied style buildings. With each of these projects and others currently

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# Reading Between The Lines

## “Priorities”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Brian R. Mahoney

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“P”rioritize your goals. Don’t let anything get in your way,” is probably good advice for someone pursuing a career.

In the news business, the news itself is the priority - or goal - or at least it should be. The last few weeks have been a stark reminder that the priority, or goal, for most of the “lame stream media” is the constant denigration of America.

If you’re a news watcher, you’re aware that flight 370 coverage reached the ridiculous level, weeks ago. CNN was the worst offender with 24-7 plane search coverage. Everything else, Washington State mudslides, Chicago murder spree and more received little or no coverage. The Ukraine crisis got a little, but then right back to the plane. Forget the IRS agents getting bonuses, or the VA getting raises, while veterans died on a waiting list. Even the near shootout with Cliven Bundy in Nevada didn’t rate. All of a sudden, Bundy opened his bigoted mouth and it was breaking news.

Then the L.A. Clippers’ owner Donald Sterling was taped giving his philosophy on race, and the media went wild. The constantly repeated media theme was “this proves America has an ongoing race problem.” How is that? Everyone I talked to about it just thought they were two old dopes. No one voiced support for them. Why is it my problem? Even the NCAA said they forgive Sterling. Never the less he’s done in by his words. He’ll have to sell that team. Yet it was pointed out, a former NE Patriot player killed a man while driving drunk, did a year in jail and still returned to play in the NFL. For

his racist words alone Sterling will never be allowed back in the NBA, so please spare us the “America is still racist” song and dance.

When the marathon bombing punk was lionized on the cover of Rolling Stone those who complain are depicted as right wing zealots who would squash freedom of the press. It would be nice if the lame stream media gave a little more coverage to the last marathon death, that of Officer Dennis Simmonds. Officer Simmonds was injured by a bomb during the battle in Watertown. He was due to receive a national top cop award for his actions that night. It is possible and quite probable Officer Simmonds died of injuries he received. Under the law, death resulting within a year from a criminal act makes the criminal eligible to be charged for that death.

In fact, the weasel should be charged with his brother, “speed bump’s” murder. According to police statements, “Speedbump” was struggling up to the moment the police dove to avoid being hit by the weasel. After the weasel dragged “Speadbump” a half block under the car’s tires all struggling ceased, which would indicate the car struck the fatal blow. Again, anyone killed during the commission of a felony is the fault of the criminal.

On one hand, we have the young punk bomber who hates America, which means he can’t be all bad. On the other hand, you have a dedicated black police officer who risked and apparently gave his life for this racist America which doesn’t fit the “hate America” narrative. This, of course, is the problem when the priority, or goal, is to make the news fit a predetermined philosophy,

instead of letting the news itself tell the tale. This just means the viewer has the added task of trying to filter out the media spin.

Finally, congratulations to the committee who put together last week’s class of 67, 68, 69 reunions. A lot of laughs and memories were shared. All the assisted living facilities were deserted that night. A long with a few medical walkers, a copy of “Reflections” was left behind, which the owner can reclaim with a call.

*Take care till next week.*

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## OFFICIALS ADDRESS CONCERNS REGARDING HUBWAY BIKES

**B**oston City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty convened an onsite meeting Friday April 25th to address community concerns about the placement of Hubway bike stations within South Boston. Councilor Flaherty invited Nicole Freedman, Director of Boston Bikes; Kristen McCosh, the Persons with Disabilities Commissioner; City Councilor Bill Linehan, State Senator Linda Dorcea Forry, and State Representative Nick Collins to discuss issues of placement, public safety, and accessibility of the stations. Nicole Freedman has agreed to relocate the West Broadway bike station from the street to the sidewalk



because of safety concerns. This will also restore 3 vital parking spaces to our business district where parking has already posed an issue with residents and patrons.

Furthermore, the City will post signs around the MDC skating rink location notifying visitors that bike riding is prohibited around Castle Island. Nicole Freedman will collaborate with elected officials regarding future placements of Hubway bike stations. Councilor Flaherty and South Boston elected officials will keep the community informed on this matter.

If any resident has additional concerns or ideas about better and safer locations for bike racks, please call Councilor Flaherty's office at 617-635-4205.

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proposed there is also the issue of the FAR (floor to area ratio). In most South Boston zoning it is a 1 to 1 building to land area ratio. Developers have been asking for 3 to 6 times the ratio and it has been frequently granted. It is expected that any re-zoning proposal will address this often abused aspect.

The reality is that those seeking affordable housing in this market today range from the working poor who have worked very hard to gain middle income status, to those considered middle class such a young professionals, laden

with student loans, to young families with both spouses working or with one stay at home parent, to mature family housing needing 3 or more bedrooms, and finally to those characterized as the 'techie' workforce types employed by innovative start-up companies. The demographic profile of affordability is not straightforward anymore.

The current policy in effect from the Menino administration, which has been modified since a 1999 executive order calling for 'inclusionary' zoning, is inadequate not only to deal with the changing demographics, but in also dealing with the Mayor Walsh's

campaign commitment to find ways to keep young Boston-educated talent and their families here. Affordable housing and the state of the School System are the two principle elements that will anchor the fulfillment of that commitment.

As reported this week in Bostinno, Mayor Walsh was interviewed by Bloomberg News. In the Bloomberg interview, Mayor Marty Walsh "offered up an intriguing solution to retain Boston's young talent: workforce housing in the form of skyscrapers," DeLuca said. "I'm not afraid to build a skyscraper for workforce housing," the

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## REP. COLLINS VOTES COMPREHENSIVE AUTISM LEGISLATION

**R**epresentative Nick Collins joined his colleagues in the House of Representatives to pass comprehensive autism legislation that will help foster independence for autistic individuals and provide their families with financial tools for long-term planning.

The bill permanently establishes a state Autism Commission and creates new programs and enhances resources for individuals, families, and education professionals and distinguishes Massachusetts as a national leader. The Autism Commission will be responsible for making recommendations and monitoring the implementation of policies to improve autism care in the Commonwealth.

"This bill helps families of children, adults and elderly relatives with autism to develop long-term financial strategies to prepare for necessary expenses," said Rep. Collins, who sits on the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. "Equally important, this legislation empowers families and individuals throughout their lifetime and helps put Massachusetts at the forefront in supporting its citizens with autism."

One provision, known as the ABLE program (Achieving a Better Life Experience), assists families with financial planning for individuals with disabilities by creating tax-advantaged savings accounts to help plan for long-term disability-related expenses. Eligible costs include expenses for education, medical and dental care, job training, housing, transportation, financial management, assistive technology, home improvements and other uses.

The legislation also ensures that as the number of students with autism increases, school districts and teachers are able to provide effective education. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will develop a training program to help teachers educate those with autism in a manner that is individualized and allows them to stay in classrooms, if appropriate.

The bill will also expand the IQ-based eligibility requirement for adult services provided by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) so that these services can be effectively extended to those requiring care.

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# Kentucky Derby Day This Saturday at Barlow's

**A**s Americans, we are fortunate to have epic sporting events watched and enjoyed by people all over the country and even beyond: The Super Bowl, The World Series, The Stanley Cup Finals, The NBA Playoffs and now even NASCAR. There is also the Kentucky Derby. The 'Derby' is not just a horse race at a track; it's the Super Bowl and World Series of horse racing. It attracts people from the far corners of the nation who make the trek to the beautiful state of Kentucky to be part of and to experience the action and all the history that goes with this magnificent event. It takes place this Saturday, May 3rd.

But here's even better news to go with it. You do not have to fly or drive all the way to Kentucky to be part of the experience and the fun of the Derby. Nope. You can stay right here in South Boston and get caught up in all the festivities while in the company of family, friends and neighbors and enjoy fine food and drink while you're at it. All you need do is head down to Barlow's Restaurant at 241 A Street this Saturday for 'Kentucky Derby Day', sponsored by the South Boston Collaborative Center. What could be better? You get to watch and root for your favorite horse and jockey on large screen TVs, as they battle and sprint to the finish line at breakneck speed with all the grace and splendor that is horse racing and help support one of the finest organizations around: the South Boston Collaborative Center.

The South Boston Collaborative Center (SBCC) as most know does wonderful work in this neighborhood. They help provide higher levels of care to those in need and have been doing so for many years. They constantly work to combat the drug problem that plagues this community. Many residents have been helped by the good work of the dedicated, competent and professional workers at the SBCC. They also work in

cooperation with the South Boston Community Health Center and the Boston Police. They are among the best resources the South Boston Community has ever had. But to be able to continue their work at the level they do and that people depend on, they rely on fundraisers such as this Saturday's 'Kentucky Derby Day'.

Kentucky Derby Day at Barlow's will begin at 4pm on Saturday and go until 7pm. The main event race itself will start at 5pm but you'll want to get there early. Barlow's will have a special menu for the day and if you haven't tasted the fine food at this excellent South Boston Restaurant, you will be in for a pleasant surprise and an incredible treat. For the \$20 price of admission, you'll get a drink ticket and an awesome buffet supper that is sure to please. And then there are the raffle prizes; excellent raffle prizes.

Though it's certainly not required, to make it even more festive, organizers suggest; even encourage you to come dressed in full Kentucky Derby regalia. That's right, if you feel like dressing up like a jockey or other type of Derby costume that night, please do. Andy Ward of the 'Collaborative' told South Boston Today that there will be great prizes for the best costumes such as a large gift certificate for Ku De Ta; this one for the best dressed lady in Derby costume and for the best Derby costumed guy, a dinner party at Barlow's. There will also be a raffle for Red Sox Games and dinners at Fenway Park's Pavilion Club.

Andy Ward went on to say that "this will be a time to enjoy. Fun and excitement will be the theme of the event." Whether you are a horse racing fan or not, you're going to have a great time at Kentucky Derby Day this Saturday. If you are a fan of the Kentucky Derby or never gave it a second thought, it doesn't matter, you won't be able to help but get caught up in all the fun and excitement. And it's all to help out a great cause; the South Boston Collaborative Center.

Again, it's this Saturday, May 3rd from 4-7pm at Barlow's Restaurant at 241 A Street right here in South Boston. Tickets are just \$20 at the door.

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mayor told Bloomberg. "The middle class is being pushed out, and it's happening everywhere." "We have to create workforce housing," he added.

This is an interesting idea, but the housing stock and land availability in certain neighborhoods is not conducive to this vertical approach to housing, not to mention that the targeted 'techies' may not be inclined to put roots down in Boston over the long term, if they don't feel a strong horizontal connection to a neighborhood.

Here are some more realistic recommendations, based on local experience, that make universal sense: private developers of housing of 10 units or more should provide 25% of the units in their development as affordable; eligibility should be for those persons earning 80% to 120% of the area's median income, with the average affordable household income of all the affordable units at 100%; keep affordable units within the proposed development and remaining affordable in perpetuity; affordable units should be at the same

quality finish as the market rate units; excessive zoning relief needs to stop; any re-zoning in South Boston, and anywhere in the city for that matter, should include an affordable housing component, missing in the recent First Street re-zoning; parking spaces should be tied to a unit for the use of the person living in the unit and cannot be available for lease unless the inhabitant is carless.

These suggestions run the gamut and need to be crafted into a policy that doesn't constrict development, but sets up a mechanism that meets the Mayor's goals and gives predictability to both the residents and the developer. Mutual respect is necessary to achieve this. The result would be that the many people, who would love to move back to South Boston, and other finding it to their liking, would do so if there were ever true "affordable" middle market housing.

Mayor Walsh is making it a priority and during his inauguration he promised to listen. The only way for him to listen is for the residents to speak up.

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## Stepping Up: *All We Do is GiveGiveGive*

‘Winter is coming...’ is not just a tagline from Game of Thrones. It’s how it actually, physically feels like outside; like a crisp, wet fall day, waiting for the first flake to fall. I definitely have S.A.D. and have been researching the special heat lamp. With all that aside, SB is still trucking on. Despite how it looks, gray is NOT the new black. This season Pantone has put out the colors of Spring 2014, and gray ain’t in there. One color, yellow, or Freesia, Pantone ID: 14-0852, is prominently positioned at the front. Yellow called to mind: warmth, sunshine, smiles; all things usually associated with spring. So since it’s delayed, it’s on US to make our own sunshine to warm up people and bring smiles to

those faces. Here are some events this weekend where fun in the sun can be faked and good can be given in abundance. That makes me smile.

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## Stepping Out: *Mother Load*

Mother Nature ain’t messing around. This weather is definitely some sort of punishment for picking leaves off plants, littering, leaving the water running for no reason, walking on newly seeded, clearly marked, STAY OFF THE GRASS, lawns. Now a reformed recycle-a-holic, I am certainly guilt of all of these offenses and more. As well as leaving a trail of clothes all over the house, dirty dishes, being mean(-er,-est) to my siblings and telling little white/big dark, tales. I owe both Moms a whole heck of a lot. Sunday May 11 is Mother’s Day. There are plenty of moms in our lives we need to pay homage to: new bestie moms, sisters, aunties, godmothers. Though it’s over a week a way, who wants to be wrestling on Rite Aid floor for a Mother’s Day card and a box of Russell Stover’s? Why not check out some alternative events and gifts to ya moms? Give it a little more time, a little more thought. Remember-

you’ll always love your momma. She’s your favorite girl.

•Drool 2014, Wednesday May 7th, 3-9pm, Westin Waterfront Hotel; Expo chock full of demos, resources, giveaways.  
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•Merry Maids, with a location on Damrell Street, diagonally across from the Stadium, does all types of cleaning. Whether you want to treat the new/expectant/ANY mom to a top to floor do-over or just a light dusting, I am quite sure she will be appreciative. [merrymaids.com](http://merrymaids.com)  
•Mother’s Day Pop Up, Thursday May 8, 11am-3pm, brought to us by Fort Point Arts Community and Atlantic Wharf. Textiles, prints, floral arrangements and other trinkets will be available for purchase.  
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# Southie Senses:

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



## **Touch:** *Plays at Your Heartstrings*

The school year is a lllliittllle longer this year for many of our kids. Snow days are pushing summer vacay to the last day of June and that's ok because it feels like September anyway. But end of the year events are still happening. Why not support a local school helping out or neighborhood kids? Thursday May 8th, Excel High School is hosting their spring event, where the students will showcase their talents and hard work. Give a helping hand.

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## **See:** *May Days*

First Friday is almost here. The 1st Friday evening of every month, the ICA puts on a program full of fun, food, drink, music and laughter, all while learning. The cost is FREE for members and \$15 for nonmembers, with an after party at Tavern Road. Grab a friend, strap on some dancing shoes and a smile, and get down to ICA Boston.

[icaboston.org/programs/first-fridays/play/](http://icaboston.org/programs/first-fridays/play/)



## **Taste:** *Big City Bites*

Zagat has been all over Southie's Fort Point and it's newest additions (Pastoral, Row 34). Big stuff. Fort Point is fast becoming a work/live/play destination. The NAOIP knows this and wants us to hear from the best. Thursday, May 8 at the Seaport Boston, NAOIP is hosting "Fort Point: Our Nation's New Culinary Destination", full of an expert panel to discuss the present and future possibilities in the Seaport. The event is open to all ages and ready to give the inside scoop.

[naiopma.org/events/eventdetail.aspx?EventID=307](http://naiopma.org/events/eventdetail.aspx?EventID=307)



## **Smell:** *Dragon Breath*

Daenerys Targaryen is the only one with dragons... Take some time out and try Dragon Boat Racing on the waterfront this spring (if we can call it that). Living Root puts the dragon boats in the water at the Barking Crab, and this weekend is going to be 60' and sunny. DBR is "rooted" in a ceremonial East Asian tradition but today practiced as a paddle-racing event. Check out the website and give it a whirl.

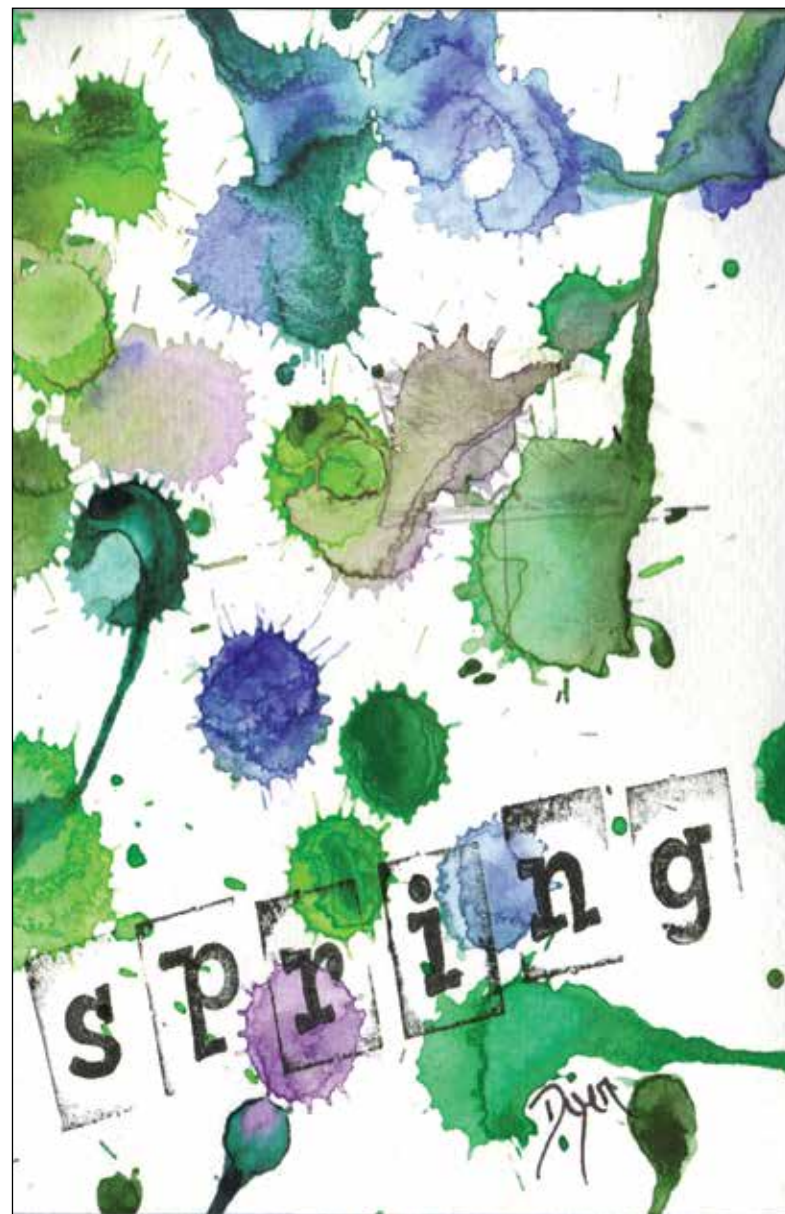
[livingroot.org](http://livingroot.org)



## **Hear:** *BlahBlahBlah*

This week is LitWeek in Boston, a 7 daylong celebration of the word: written, spoken, sung. Grub Street has sponsored events that are happening all over the city and some just past the limits, but Tuesday May 6th, 8pm, hear live performances of "The Moth: True Stories Told Live", performed at LAUGH Boston. Truth told.

[laughboston.com/event/the-moth-courage/](http://laughboston.com/event/the-moth-courage/) [grubstreet.org/muse/lit-week-2014/](http://grubstreet.org/muse/lit-week-2014/)



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## Youth Ambassadors Complete April Community Service Trip!

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The South Boston Community Health Center's Youth Ambassadors recently returned from their annual Community Service trip. The Youth Ambassadors, ages 15 – 18, and their adult chaperones traveled to Long Island, New York to assist with home rebuilding efforts for residents who were directly affected by Hurricane Sandy in 2012. Many still remain homeless nearly two years after the disaster. The trip, funded entirely by the generosity of South Boston residents, businesses, family and friends was a huge success.

Once again, as is our history and tradition, members of the South Boston community rolled

up their sleeves and opened their wallets to help people in need. We thank everyone for their kindness and support. The efforts were deeply appreciated by the residents of the Babylon area of Long Island, New York, the storm ravaged area where the Youth Ambassadors worked this year.

The entire Youth Ambassador team worked tirelessly during their April school vacation installing drywall, insulation and “mudding” walls of two homes that had been completely destroyed by the storm. The work had a profound impact on the youth, many of whom report that they now appreciate their lives and what they have in South Boston.

## South Boston Community Health Center presents “Getting Kids Moving and Eating Well” Living Healthy Speaker Series

South Boston Community Health Center invites patients, their families and the community to an upcoming talk on childhood nutrition and exercise featuring specialists from Boston Medical Center's Nutrition for Life Program. Speakers Kathy Ireland and Aimée Lim-Miller will share their expertise on keeping your child physically active, the best healthy and nutritious foods to feed your child and programs available to help with your child's weight issues.

Kathy Ireland is a clinical dietitian and BMC Clinic Director of the Nutrition and Fitness for Life (NFL) Program. Kathy helps families make lifestyle changes to achieve a healthier weight. Aimée Lim-Miller is a NFL clinical social worker. Aimée provides individualized assessments and interventions for patients and their families.

The Living Healthy Speaker Series is a year-long sequence of talks on healthy choices and disease prevention held at BMC affiliated community health centers. Experts in their fields, BMC clinical specialists share cutting edge information and inspire listeners to embark on a journey of healthy living.

To view upcoming talks, visit [www.bmc.org/chc](http://www.bmc.org/chc).

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346 West Third St UNIT 14 Condo	\$389,229	04/15/14	4	1	655
40 Baxter St UNIT 1 Condo	\$430,000	04/14/14	5	2	930
40 Baxter St UNIT 8 Condo	\$440,500	04/10/14	5	2	930
658 East Sixth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$420,000	04/18/14	4	1	767
11 Bell Court UNIT 2 Condo	\$210,000	04/18/14	3	1	380
7 Knowlton St UNIT 1 Condo	\$385,000	04/15/14	4	1	750
719 East Fourth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$360,000	04/18/14	3	1	575
16 Thomas Park UNIT 16-1 Condo	\$519,000	04/18/14	6	1.5	1455
355 K St UNIT 1 Condo	\$568,000	04/15/14	6	2.5	1120
12 Mohawk St UNIT 2 Condo	\$450,000	04/10/14	4	2	962
69-73 Telegraph St UNIT 201 Condo	\$685,000	04/08/14	4	2	1639
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## Pastor Langevin To Receive Daniel Sharp D.D. Award

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SBT Staff Report

**T**his coming Sunday, May 4th, Pastor Gene Langevin, of the South Baptist Church at 80 L Street in South Boston will be presented with the Annual Daniel Sharp D.D. Award. This award will be presented to Pastor Langevin for being an 'Affectionate and Honorable Christian and for overseeing a

Worthy and Faithful Ministry'. The presentation will be made at the weekly 10:30am Service at the South Baptist Church and will be presented by Reverend Michael Harvey, the Executive Minister of the Baptist Church. All are invited to the service and the presentation.

Gene and Patricia Langevin; co-

pastors at the South Baptist Church are South Boston residents and have been involved in good work in the community for many years. They also have been overseeing 'The Way Up', a Christian organization that deals with and helps at risk youths in need. Pastor Gene founded the Way Up 50 years ago and Pastor Patti has been involved in the organization for 30 years, as well. Pastor Langevin told South Boston Today that when he receives the Daniel Sharp Award this Sunday, he will be accepting it not only for himself but also for Pastor Patti for all of her good work.

The Way Up works with a diverse population of young people in need. Their ages range from as young as 10 years old to as old as 19. These targeted youth have backgrounds as church members as well as from various neighborhoods and institutions in different parts of the state. They are referred at times by public schools, youth shelters, the juvenile courts

as well as other organizations that work with at risk young people. Pastor Langevin explained that while the Way Up is a Christian Organization, a child or youth does not have to be a Christian to be ministered to. They gladly accept young people of all faiths as well as those with no faith.

The Annual Daniel Sharp D.D. Award is considered a very prestigious honor as it is presented to those who are recognized for their hard work, dedication and documented success in the worthy efforts to help youths who need a helping hand as well as guidance to assist them in getting on the right track in life. Pastor Langevin certainly has met the qualifications with the creation of the Way Up program and for all the countless youths he and Pastor Patti have helped all of these many years. Again, the award will be presented this Sunday, May 4th at the 10:30am Service at South Baptist Church at 80 L Street in South Boston. All are welcome.

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## Bruins and Habs Meet Again

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

by David Pollard

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

Listen to Southie native David Pollard on "The Sports Blast" along with Aashish Sharma, Brian Roach and Mark Loiselle every Saturday from 11am-2pm on ESPN New Hampshire. That's 900AM Nashua, 1250AM Manchester. For everyone in Southie, you can listen to the show on [espnnewhampshire.com](http://espnnewhampshire.com), [ESPNRadio.com](http://ESPNRadio.com), or The ESPN Radio App on your iPhone or Smart Phone. You can tweet the show @ESPNNH and @SportsBlastNH, and people can follow me on twitter @DaveJPollard.

For the 34th time in the history of the National Hockey League, the Boston Bruins and the Montreal Canadiens, two of the league's most storied franchises, will meet in the postseason.

The two Original Six teams are far from unfamiliar with one another, and the history between the two has been loaded with big hits, big goals, and lots of hate. The last time these two teams met in the postseason was in the first round of the 2010-11 season. That series saw Montreal (46-28-8 in the regular season) take a 2-0 series lead before the Bruins roared back to win four out of five, to take the series in seven games. That series propelled the Bruins (54-19-9) on a Cup run that ended with the Black and Gold hoisting Lord Stanley for the first time since 1972.

Since 1972, the Bruins have won that lone Stanley Cup; the Habs have won seven - but haven't tasted glory since 1993 when a goalie named Patrick Roy was awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP. This season, the Bruins went 1-2-1 in four games against Montreal. The team that

calls the Belle Centre home is a difficult matchup for the Bruins with the amount of speed they can muster against the B's bigger, more physical lineup.

Team USA's Max Pacioretty will lead the charge for the Habs; he scored 39 goals for Montreal in the regular season and netted his first career postseason goal in game four against the Tampa Bay Lightning. Pacioretty's line-mates, David Desharnais and Thomas Vanek, will give the Bruins defense fits, and will likely be the line that Patrice Bergeron will be responsible for stopping.

The first unit for the Habs is certainly a threat, and Thomas Vanek is a Bruins killer; he has 30 goals and 31 assists for a plus-21 rating in 53 career games facing the B's (more than a point per game). The problem that the Habs bring with them this season is their depth - and they have speed to burn through four lines of forwards. The second unit consists of Brandon Prust, Tomas Plekanec, and Brendan Gallagher. Prust is a guy, who is not afraid to drop the gloves, and Brendan Gallagher is currently tied for the team lead

in scoring this postseason; he has three goals and two assists in the four games his team has played thus far.

With more speed comes the third unit in Lars Eller, Rene Bourque, and captain Brian Gionta. Bourque was on fire to kick off the postseason, he scored three goals in the series against Tampa Bay, and Lars Eller has wracked up two goals and three assists to compliment his line-mates. The fourth line for the Habs will be Dale Weise, Michael Bournival, and Danny Briere, whom Bruins fans may be familiar with from his time spent with the Philadelphia Flyers. This is a fourth line that can match the intensity that the B's fourth line of Campbell, Thornton, and Paille can bring to the table.

The defensive pairings for the Habs stretch to their fourth defenseman, beyond which point the talent begins to dip. Look for Andrei Markov and Alexei Emelin to be the first pairing on defense, followed by the pair of Josh Gorges and P.K. Subban. Rounding out Montreal's defensive core will be Francis Bouillon and Mike Weaver. The first line will make

up the Canadians first power play unit, with P.K. Subban and Andrei Markov quarterbacking from the blue line. The Montreal man-advantage can be lethal; they attack with creativity and speed, and can power the puck through to the net from the blue line. They only converted at 17.2% clip, good for the 19th best power play in the league.

The Bruins power-play will be put to the test after going 6-for-16 (37.5%) against a reeling Detroit penalty kill. Montreal had the fourth best PK in the league during the regular season, killing off 85.1% of all opposing powerplays. Despite the tough PK, the Bruins should have a decisive advantage in the special teams department. The Habs looked good in round one, sweeping the Tampa Bay Lightning out of the playoffs in four games. Montreal got the job done, but also did not have to face Tampa's Vezina-nominated goaltender in Ben Bishop, who was lost to an injury prior to the start of the postseason. The Bruins were workmanlike in round one as well, after dropping game one

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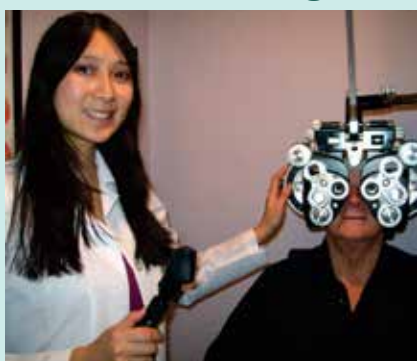
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**\*Every week, we run part of a segment from Danny Picard's daily iTunes podcast, "I'm Just Sayin." He can also be heard weekends on WEEI 93.7 FM. This week, Danny talked Bruins/Canadiens with NHL Insider Jimmy Murphy:**

**DANNY PICARD:** Murph, you're in the Canadiens' dressing room before this series with the Bruins, and they're obviously being asked questions about the Bruins. But with the schedule unknown [as early as Tuesday morning], how is this affecting the players? We know how it's affecting us, and at the end of the day, it won't affect our stories, our sports talk shows, or how we break this down or look at these games. But do you think it's affecting the players' mindset going into this series, that they don't know what the schedule could be [as of Tuesday morning]?

**JIMMY MURPHY:** Yeah I think it does for sure. And I'll tell you what, I mean, I'm not a big [Montreal Canadiens coach] Michel Therrien fan. I've made that very clear. But I'll give him credit for thinking outside the box [on Monday]. I don't know if you saw what he did, but he held a simulated game day, where the Canadiens basically treated everything like a game day. He had his players go right back into that routine. They showed up to the rink for a gameday skate. They were instructed to go home, take their game day naps, come back, go to the Bell Centre, have their chicken meal that they have before every game, and then they played a scrimmage against the Hamilton Bulldogs. It can't hurt. I think back to what the Olympic teams were doing, USA and Canada. They didn't have the insurance to have the players go on the ice, so they held ball hockey games. Hey, maybe the Bruins should do that. Find a ball hockey rink or an indoor soccer field, or play some ball hockey or something, because you've got to keep that mindset, man. It's all about routine, especially in the playoffs.

**DP:** You had a nice piece in The Boston Herald [on Tuesday] where you

looked back at the 2011 playoff series between the Bruins and Canadiens, and how that one ended in the Bruins' favor. You got some quotes from P.K. Subban. I guess, when you look at that Bruins team and that Canadiens team, and the Bruins/Canadiens teams now, do you give the edge to a different team heading into this series? Who are you giving the edge to, heading into this one?

**JM:** Well, I mean, if we're looking on paper right now, we're looking in terms of stats and standings. Because Subban said it, this Bruins team right now is better than that Bruins team that beat Montreal in 2011 and went on to win the Stanley Cup. And I agree with him. So I think the Bruins get the edge. I think this Canadiens team that you're going to see, is a lot different than the Canadiens team that you saw [in the regular season]. They were just starting to get to where they are now, when you last saw them, when they went into Boston and won 2-1 in a shootout in late March. They're just starting to get into the form they're in now. And, you know, I've been watching this Canadiens team closely and covering them, and they're able to roll lines like the Bruins. So, they've got a lot more depth than maybe we thought they did at the beginning of the season. And they've got a lot of chemistry going on. But when it comes down to it, if I'm forced to pick, I'm going to pick the Bruins. Because I just think they're the better team overall, and they've got more experience. And I think when it comes down to it, the Bruins end up winning this series in seven games.

**DP:** And in talking about that 2011 Bruins team, you can say the same things about this Bruins team in 2014. You just mentioned the Canadiens, that they can roll deep with all of their lines. But the Bruins, here they

are even with injuries to Chris Kelly and Daniel Paille, and they're still continuing to roll four lines in big spots. One thing you cannot say about [Bruins coach] Claude Julien, you can never say that he doesn't trust everybody on his bench.

**JM:** It's true. And I think he has an even deeper team this year. One of my colleagues wrote a piece for NHL.com where he was saying the Canadiens are just as deep as the Bruins. I wouldn't go that far. I don't think they're even close to being as deep as the Bruins, when it comes to skill. I think that's just the level [the Canadiens] are playing at right now. And the chemistry and the mindset that they've been in the last month, that's where they're deep. I think a lot of guys right now for the Canadiens are over-achieving, where, I think a lot of guys for the Boston Bruins right now are just doing what they should do, based on their skill and their stats. So, I think the Bruins are a deeper team when it comes down to it.

**DP:** If you lined them up against a wall, and you had to pick one goalie for one game, who would it be, Tuukka Rask or Carey Price?

**JM:** That's too much of a choice, man. I mean, if you look at Carey Price, and just the way he -- and I know he had a superstar team in front of him at the Olympics. But still, he was lights out when the other teams did get their chances. And I thought he was amazing in that game against USA. But, overall body of work, and just what Tuukka's done this year. And also, I think what Tuukka's been through since 2011, I think I'd have to go with Tuukka. I don't think Price has experienced enough playoff hockey, compared to Tuukka Rask since 2011. And Price has only got past the first round now twice in his career as a starting goalie, because it was Jaroslav Halak who

took them on that run in 2010. So in terms of playoff experience and you've got a Game 7, do-or-die, I've got to go with Tuukka Rask.

**DP:** Yeah, I'd go with Tuukka as well. The things that he's dealt with in the past. He was the Bruins' goalie the year before they won the Cup, where they blew a 3-0 series lead to the Flyers. That was on Tuukka. And I think last year we were wondering if Tuukka could even get out of the East, could he even be a guy to get them past the second round. He took them to the Stanley Cup Final, and we know how that ended last year, not the way they wanted it to, obviously. But here they are trying to get back to the Cup Final, and I would take Tuukka Rask over Carey Price, if I had to line them up against a wall and pick one for a big game. When we line these two teams up going into this series. What people were saying with the Bruins and Red Wings series was, hey, the Bruins are the more physical team but the Red Wings had skill, speed, and finesse. I think one thing that got lost in the conversation was, the Bruins also have a lot of speed and have a lot of skill to go along with the physicality. And that should be recognized going into this series with the skilled Canadiens.

**JM:** It's interesting you bring that up, because I'm writing a little preview of the series for TSN, and I was just trying to transcribe some quotes. I talked to [Canadiens forward] Travis Moen a couple days ago, and I brought that up to him, that, everyone is talking about the Bruins' depth and all you ever hear up here [in Montreal] is how physical the Bruins are, the big, bad Bruins. But I asked him, I said, "Am I crazy to say that they're a fast team too?" And he said, "No, not at all." And he said, "You know what, one guy that's fast and nobody gives him





credit for it is Milan Lucic.” He goes, “When that guy gets his wheels going, man, you get out of the way or you’re getting run over. He’s like a runaway freight train.” He gave the Bruins a lot of credit for their speed. And I haven’t heard many players say that before.

**DP:** I’m going to pick the Bruins to win this one in six games, Murph. I just think that this Bruins team, even if you have to keep going with Florek and Caron in the lineup, I think that Tuukka is just locked in. I love what I see from Dougie Hamilton in the defensive zone. I’m higher on this Bruins team

this year, than I was last year’s team. And I think that’s saying a lot, because last year was a pretty damn good team as we know, even though they didn’t get the ultimate prize. So I’m going to say Bruins in six games. But let’s say I’m wrong, and the Canadiens win, what would be the storyline? How can the Canadiens somehow prove me wrong and win this series? I think we’d be talking about the Canadiens power play dominating the series, and making the Bruins penalty kill look pedestrian. If the Canadiens prove me wrong, what would the storyline be?

**JM:** I think it would be the Canadiens distracting the Bruins away from their game plan and making the Bruins forget the task at hand and be more worried about pounding some guys into oblivion. I think the other storyline is, I don’t think the Canadiens -- stat-wise or skill-wise -- are as deep as the Bruins, but I think they’re playing as deep as the Bruins right now. They’re playing bigger than they are. They’re playing better than maybe they are. There’s a thing with this Canadiens team that everyone says up here, and it’s that, a lot of times the Canadiens in

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to Detroit, Boston ousted the Red Wings by winning four straight.

This series can be broken down by match-ups, and it’s safe to say that both teams bring very different styles to the table. Odds are the team that dictates the pace of play will be the team with the overall advantage in the round two playoff matchup. On paper, the Bruins still have more depth, but the real battle will be played between the pipes. Carey Price and Tuukka Rask are both Olympians, two of the best goalies in the world - this series could very well come down to which goalie can come up with the big save at the right time. Both are entirely capable of stealing a series for their respective teams. One thing is certain, when the Bruins and the Habs meet, blood begins to boil - and with the two teams meeting in the postseason, the bad blood only intensifies. Both teams will have time to rest prior to the start of round two as the remainder of the NHL wraps up round one. When the series kicks off, both teams will be fresh, play will be fast, furious, and physical - and the hate will be palpable.

the past would get a 2-0 lead and then they’d collapse and they’d lose. It’s the other way around now, where, if they have that lead, they hold on, they find a way to keep the momentum if the other team starts to come back. And now, if they’re the team losing 2-0, they come back. There’s a resilient Canadiens team that I think wasn’t there before. And I think that could be a factor.

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