



John Connolly Second Degree Murder Conviction Overturned

The Associated Press reported breaking news Wednesday that on a 2-1 vote a Florida appeals court threw out the murder conviction and lengthy prison sentence for former FBI agent John Connolly of South Boston in the killing of a gambling executive. The 3rd District Court of Appeal ruled that former agent John Connolly was improperly convicted and sentenced to 40 years in prison for his role in the 1982 slaying of World Jai-Alai President John Callahan.

A hit man testified in the 2008 trial that he fatally shot Callahan after

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EDITORIAL “Honor and Desecration”

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Staff Report

To paraphrase President Kennedy, “a nation is judged as much as by those it honors”. That might be extended to include who does the honoring.

Veterans from the Thomas Fitzgerald Post were joined in their Memorial Day march to Medal of Honor Park to lay a wreath by a host of those who do the honoring. Congressman Lynch, Senator Dorcena Forry, Representative Collins, Councilor Wu, Clerk Powers and the South Boston High R.O.T.C. honor guard and the assembled residents graced

the proceedings with their presence. Officer John Sullivan and the Boston Police made sure of an unimpeded march. Finally, Veterans Services Chief Francisco Arenas representing Mayor Walsh noted that the small gesture of time expended by those in attendance to remember and honor is a small tribute to those who gave all of their time and tomorrows for us.

Bob Guerrero, Bob Linehan, Jackie McGrath, Steve Foley and Jack Kennedy used the previous week preparing the park, polishing it like an emerald. They knew.

They grew up with or served with virtually every name on that memorial.

Sadly not all acted so honorably. Two nights before the march some cowards saw fit to rip out the flowers in the planters along the memorial walk way. Thankfully Boston Parks and Recreation came to the rescue repairing the vulgar damage.

But which America is today? The grateful country remembering with honor or the ungrateful, selfish, ‘me’ segment, plundering, taking or looking with disdain on those who believe in America.



“Only those who want everything done for them are bored” - Rev. Billy Graham

Letter To The Editor

I feel compelled to respond to the parking issues in SB. While I agree there are resident parking issues, there are also visitor parking issues. Like many we do not have off street parking and, like many, have family and friends who do not live here. It is frustrating, sad and embarrassing for me to tell my family and friends that I have no overnight parking to offer to them during the week. This especially hurts when it involves our toddler grandchildren.

We should not be an exclusive community who does not welcome our family members to spend some quality time here. It is clear we need a solution that works for all, be it visitor parking permits, reopening more of Day Blvd to visitors, &/or finding a place for a resident like me to park so my visitor can have what would be my overnight space. This issue has many implications and I urge the politicians to consider all of us.

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One of the great things about being part of 'South Boston Today' news is that we are blessed to have good writers and contributors that help keep every issue interesting. We're not boasting at all. We're repeating what so many of you, our readers keep telling us. Each week we do our best to bring you a combination of hard breaking news, coverage of community events, plenty of local and national sports stories and commentary, arts, entertainment, real estate updates. We also enjoy giving so many different local groups and organizations a forum in our pages to highlight the many good things they do in the neighborhood. With talented people covering such a variety of topics, it gives me the opportunity to 'occasionally' go off the beaten track and have a bit of fun reporting on stories around the country that shine a light on the unusual or cause a snicker. Here are a couple for you.

Most of you have heard of the extreme animal rights group called 'People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals' or PETA. (No, the letters PETA do not stand for People Eating Tasty Animals). Well, last week officials at PETA were outraged at author and producer Stephen Spielberg. It seems Spielberg posed for a picture as he knelt next to a 'Triceratops' looking as if it was a trophy that he had hunted and killed. It was actually a photo-shopped picture to be used as a movie or book prop. Immediately, a spokesperson for PETA released an angry statement condemning Spielberg which read as follows: "If someone doesn't

stop the hunting of Triceratops they will quickly become extinct". This was no tongue in cheek statement from PETA, they were serious and they were very upset with Spielberg. Apparently, the fact that Triceratops, a type of dinosaur, have been extinct for 65 million years was somehow lost on the folks at PETA, even though every student from the 3rd grade on up knows this. When this fact was brought to PETA's attention, we're told their reaction was "Oh, never mind".

Then there was the incident in North Carolina just last week. A restaurant called 'Pit Authentic Barbecue' is said to have recently come under new ownership and management. As the story goes, someone from the northeast moved there, a more 'progressive' thinking type bought the restaurant and immediately banned patrons and customers from bringing their firearms in. Prior to this, customers were welcome to bring their guns inside as is the case with many establishments in the Southern states. The restaurant was always considered a safe place; never any trouble, it had never been robbed. But as luck would have it, and quite predictably, according to news reports, as the new signs went up at the front door reading 'No weapons allowed inside/no concealed carry' and of course 'Gun Free Zone', yes, you guessed it, the restaurant was robbed, at gunpoint by three men. 2 patrons were assaulted. The thieves got away with an undisclosed amount of cash from the restaurant's safe along with personal belongings

and valuables from the customers. Could it be that the robbers didn't see the signs telling them no guns were allowed? Uh, no. Most likely, and local police agreed, that it was because they DID see the signs that they knew it would now be an easy hit. Far be it from me to laugh at the misfortunes of others, but it is a bit difficult not to be at least somewhat amused.

And if you're a regular reader of this column you know that sometimes, I poke a little good

natured fun at the Global Warming fanatics, who are convinced the Earth as we know it will cease to exist in five years, if we don't all pay more taxes and radically change our lifestyles. This from some of the same people who can't accurately predict if it will rain next Monday. But this latest event has Obama, John Kerry, Al Gore and the UN raging out of their minds. In response to the government report released a few

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South Boston Must Be Included In Mayor's Middle Market Plan

Tuesday's Boston Globe headline, "Walsh pushes for middle-income housing", was music to the ears of most South Bostonians, until you read the fine print. The reporter states, "It has become exceedingly difficult for middle-income residents to find homes they can buy. In 2013 and early this year, middle-income earners were essentially priced out of many parts of the city, including

Charlestown, the Back Bay, Beacon Hill, downtown, the South End, South Boston, and the Fenway." He went on to further state, "Because of those soaring property values, Walsh administration officials said they will seek to spur more middle-income housing production in outlying neighborhoods such as Allston, Brighton, Dorchester, Roxbury, East Boston, Hyde Park, and Roslindale."

Hold on. The reporter must have been mistaken because the Mayor knows all too well that South Boston had borne the brunt of former Mayor Menino's 'legacy play' on the Waterfront. He knows all too well that luxury condo development has plagued this community, pricing out residents and promoting an insider trading-like development culture

benefitting a select few. Meanwhile, these profiteers are still prowling the hallways and offices of 1010 Mass. Ave and City Hall attempting to push a project or two by before the Mayor catches up to them.

The bottom line is that South Boston has enough half a million plus dollar condos to recycle for at least another decade. Families are starting to want to raise their children here. Affordable housing and a better school system are crucial to achieving this. On one day this past week, 5 or 6 Moms were seen crossing at I Street to the Boulevard beginning a morning walk with their strollers. Improved schools, middle class housing possibilities, multi-modal transportation options all add up to boosting support for the

Mayor's mission to grow the middle class in Boston.

Sheila Dillon, the mayor's housing chief stated, "We have to work in the neighborhoods where there's opportunity for growth, places where there is great public transit and available building sites." South Boston remains one of those places. Ms. Dillon is leading a group of developers, affordable housing advocates, and urban planners who are working on recommendations to submit in the coming weeks. South Boston residents could write the book on the tricks of the developer's trade and that insight is invaluable. Local leaders should insist that this community has a seat at the table during this planning and recommendation phase.

Please call and email the following elected officials with your concerns:

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To Our South Boston Residents: Fort Point Needs Our Help

In yet another example of the Push Down/Pop Up effect of over-development is the impact of yet another, but this time, 240 seat restaurant about to open in the Fort Point neighborhood of the South Boston Community. The Boston Herald reports that "The newest entry to Fort Point's growing restaurant scene is putting further pressure on street parking — already at a premium in the South Boston neighborhood — with its plans to squeeze in valet services. Bastille Kitchen, opening next week, wants to take over four residential parking spots in front of its Melcher Street location for a 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. valet zone."

"It's the latest example of Fort Point's residential community being asked to make concessions to new restaurants, said Peter Agoos, who lives and works in Fort Point.

"Some of the amenities that residents have acquired, including residential parking, are things which the incoming restaurants should accommodate as opposed to the residents accommodating the restaurants," he said. Bastille is just .05 miles away — a one-minute walk — from the Necco Street Garage. "So it's not a huge imposition for the restaurant customers to park their own cars," Agoos said.



The lack of parking options, which has become a lightning rod for residents and political leaders, who are looking for answers, needs both practical and creative solutions. Valet parking, while convenient for diners, pilfers valuable parking spots. Mr. Agoos' observation that a short walk to available parking lots would be a small price to pay for enjoying either French or Asian cuisine sounds reasonable and practical. Running a shuttle service, as many local restaurants now do using the Southie Shuttle, seems to be a practical option that should be considered. Some vacant parcels and buildings should be given incentives to create parking solutions and satisfy the need for a return on investment.

In any event, as One South Boston, what happens to our Fort Point neighbors should concern us and vice versa.

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Reading Between The Lines

“Lock Him Up”

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The Pentagon announced they were canceling joint military exercises with Thailand and I say “not so fast”.

The reason is the recent action by the Thai military that our government believes is a military coup. It seems that the Thai army surrounded the National Legislator Building and its lawmakers. Then they surrounded the Anti-Government Party Compound. Next it was the Pro-Government Party Compound. Their latest move was to surround the main university with the professors. Unlike your run-of-the-mill military coup, the Thai military has stated it will return civilian authority and release lawmakers when they obey the Thai Constitution and work to get the country moving and prosperous.

The idea has possibilities. Just picture the 82nd airborne division camping out in Harvard Yard or the 101st airborne on the West Lawn of the Capitol or even the Rose Garden. Not to mention padlocks on Democratic and Republican Headquarters, (temporarily of course). Just until they come to an agreement. Not an agreement on how to run the country. That will never happen. No, they all just have to agree on the rules, which is a simple matter because we have a rule book. It’s called the Constitution. For example, when one becomes President they swear an oath to “faithfully execute” the law and Constitution. So when criminal invaders are released into America, or border law is not enforced, or a health care bill which is prohibited from Presidential change is nevertheless changed by

the president, that oath is broken.

The Constitution, the Law of the Land is being broken. I am a veteran - closer to Beetle Bailey than Audie Murphy - but still a veteran. A soldier must also swear an oath. They swear to “bear true faith and allegiance” to the Constitution. Not to any person. Not to a King, Queen or President. We swear to uphold the principle of “a nation of laws, not men”. The one person I or any veteran has never sworn to obey and defend is the Mayor of Somerville.

Why is this guy not being arrested? He picks the week leading up to Memorial Day, as the worst veterans’ medical neglect case in history is unfolding, to announce his moral compass demands that he not only break the law, but commands the Somerville Police Department to do the same. Let’s not kid ourselves. This Mayor cares only about power and how he can acquire it. Like many pushing for amnesty for the criminal invaders, he cares little for their situation instead simply views it as an opportunity to get press.

No doubt he opposes voter ID under the false assertion that it “suppresses the minority vote”. In reality, the absence of voter ID laws allows the illegal voting the Somerville Mayor hopes to benefit from. He promotes the narrative that “police chiefs don’t want to fill jails with folks whose only crime is no license”. Breaking and entering our country is a crime. Taking services intended for Americans is like burglary; or at least theft.

They have and are continuing to break the law and the country is worse for it. It is estimated that 25

Americans are killed every day by an illegal alien. Why should we worry about Al Qaeda when we have dictators like Somerville’s Mayor to worry about?

Finally, for those who still love America, a special thanks to Father Zukas of St. Peter’s, Bill Foley of the Park Service, and a special nod to the Darius Post trumpet player, all South Boston Veterans Posts and especially the residents who attended the Dorchester Heights Memorial Service on Monday.

Take care till next week.

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The Artists' Studio

Medicine Wheel's Spoke Gallery Presents 'By Land, By Sea – Hidden Histories'

By Land, By Sea- Hidden Histories is the current show at Medicine Wheel's Spoke Gallery and is on view until June 6th. This group show features the recent and/or new work by Huaiyu Chou, Michela Griffo, Meredith Morten, Matthew Nash, Dave Ortega, Annee Spileos Scott, and Jamal Thorne. This exhibition was inspired by Medicine Wheel's project, The Tonnes, in Ireland that supports the post peace process dialog. This project "engages the residents of

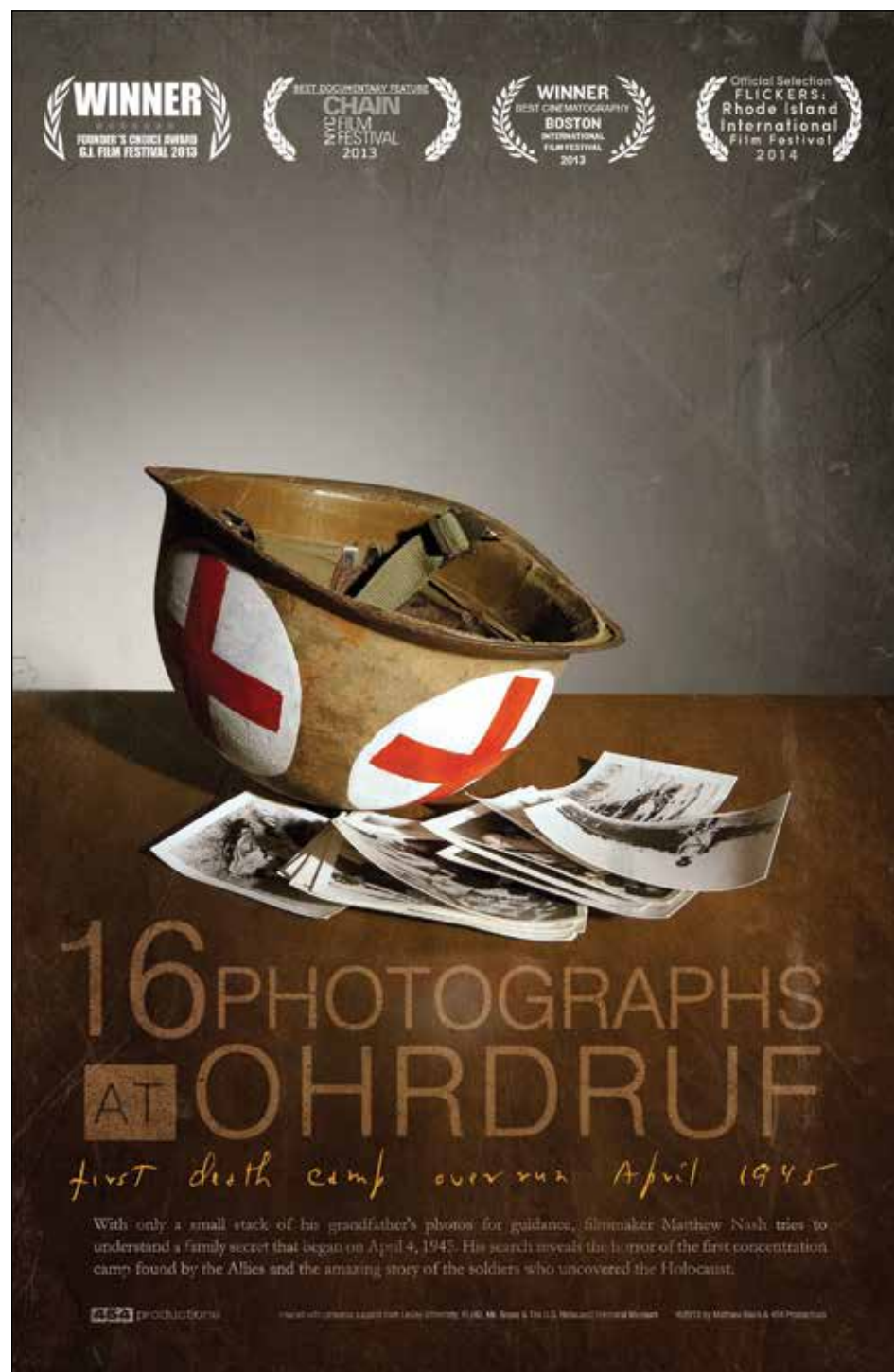


the area along the Foyle River on both sides of the border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland....Such experiences are one way to build lasting changes in attitude, laying the groundwork for peaceful coexistence and productive social relations."

All of the work in the By Land, By Sea investigates and/or is inspired by history. Some of the artists reference very specific points of history in their art work. Several of the art works in the show highlight war or post war/ conflict issues. It is important to note that some are declared / recognized wars, while others are unofficial wars and/or social change movements. Two of the artists in By Land By Sea have ties to South Boston. All of the works

underscore the often forgotten fact that all societies/civilizations are built on past ones. Many of the artists have a direct personal and/or family connection to the history they are referencing. It is often these personal stories or connections that last in our hearts and minds and are passed down from generation to generation.

Annee Spileos Scott is showing her installation, CROSS CULTURES: Greece and Turkey; The Population Exchange of 1923. The piece is a direct reference to the Greco Turkish War (1919-1922) that came after WW1, the signing of the Treaty of Lausanne*, and the forced massive population exchange that was part of that agreement. Annee has deep family connection to this history and



art work: "The women of my family survived the "Asia Minor Catastrophe" of 1922 in Smyrna through a fortuitous series of event and I grew up listening to the oral histories.." She also has ties to South Boston. In the early 60's, she was the bookkeeper for the family business her father co-owned, Spileos Brothers Construction Company, that was located on B Street.

For this exhibition, **Dave Ortega** is graciously giving away copies of his recent comic books: Abuela Y Los Dead Mexicans(2011) and Insurrectos (2012). Both of these works take their inspiration from the Mexican Revolution. His Abuela "intersperses the stories of my grandmother's escape from Mexico during the Revolution

of 1910-1920 with those from "official" history. Featured players include the Revolution's "Big Four": Pancho Villa, Emiliano Zapata, Alvaro Obregon and Venustiano Carranza: as well as my great-grandmother Evarista and her daughters Consuelo (my grandmother) and Beatriz."

A grandparent's stories also helped to inspire **Huaiyu Chou**. She is showing a selection of her beautiful but haunting monochromatic miniature watercolors that are from her series entitled, White Terror. These are portraits of some of those who were the victims of Tawain's great massacre of 1947 and of the White Terror period of martial law from 1949 to 1987. Although Chou's immediate family never fell victim to imprisonment or direct



harassment, her grandfather knew of friends who did disappear.

Jamal Thorne is exhibiting two of his exquisite large scale “layered” drawings from his series entitled *Frontin(g)*. In a sense his layered drawing visualize our DNA, the past peoples and civilizations we carry in our genetics/flesh. Another interpretation can be that they symbolize the mask(s) people put for themselves and/or for others. He has also created a new site specific wall drawing from his *Good Fences* series entitled *Proper Attire Required*. All of three of these works reference the historical and contemporary experiences of the African American males in the United States.

Since her early works of the 1980’s, **Michela Griffo** has been creating impeccable drawings and paintings in a somewhat realist figurative tradition that echo the political and layered meanings found in history painting, historical portraiture painting, and in Dutch still lives. Her works offer biting commentary on the reality that society has chosen to construct and believe, while at the same time calling attention to the so called truth or actually reality that society as a whole avoids acknowledging. For this series of small scale pen

& ink watercolors, entitled, *The Secret History of Homosexuals*, she is examining external and internal homophobia.

Meredith Morten, who has her live/work studio in Fort Point, is showing five of her beautifully crafted ceramic clay sculptures that are inspired by her love of archaeology and geology. Archeology is one of the disciplines that uncovers past civilizations and its peoples. This discipline helps to create or clarify narratives of hidden histories by painstakingly uncovering objects and artifacts that help to frame what happened in past societies. The Carpathian Basin or the Pannonian Basin located in Central Europe is an area Meredith has been researching and has informed this recent work.

The documentary film-16 *Photographs at Ohrdruf* by **Matthew Nash** can be screened on line. Like three of the artists in this show, Matthew Nash’s award winning film draws inspiration from a grandparent’s experiences. The film won the following awards in 2013: Founder’s Choice Award for Best of Festival, G.I. Film Festival; Best of Festival, Chain NYC Film Festival; and Best Cinematography, Boston International Film Festival. Currently the Pentagon Channel is featuring the film. <http://www.16photographs.com/>

Save the Date: June 6th- Closing Reception 6:30pm and at 7pm A Conversation with Artist & Gay Rights Activist Michela Griffo.

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weeks ago by 200 scientists saying the threat of Global Warming is worse than first thought, 31,072 scientists signed the ‘Petition Project’ in which they state that there is no conclusive proof that human activity will be or is

causing Global Warming and that it is certainly NOT settled science and much of it is simply myth. Over 9000 of these scientists have PHD’s in a scientific field. This can be verified from the ‘World Climate Report’ a scientific periodical. I’m willing to bet that

South Boston ‘Open Studios’ This Sunday



Dan McCole’s Latest Works – Carlos and the Pope, Rainy Night in Paris, Havana Street Scene.



Dan McCole’s Watercolor studio at the Distillery will be open to the public during the South Boston Spring Open Studios, this Sunday, June 1. Dan, as well as over 50 visual artists and craftspeople with studios in the Distillery, 516 East Second Street, King Terminal, 570 East First Street and the 555 Gallery, 555 East Second Street will be participating and will be on hand to exhibit and discuss their works, this Sunday, June 1 from noon to 5pm.

The weekend exhibit will include many artists who have shown their works locally, nationally and

internationally. Some are well established and others are emerging, but all will be showing the results of their yearlong commitment to their talents. Exhibits throughout the studios will include: oil paintings, watercolors, pastels, sculpture, metals, mixed media, decorative art, graphic design, digital media, screen printing, photography, jewelry making and installation works.

The exhibits will be hosted by the artists and craftspeople in their working environments at: The Distillery, 516 East Second Street; The King Terminal, 570 East First Street and 555 Gallery, 555 East Second Street.

each one of these 31,072 scientists can expect an audit by the IRS in the near future.

And finally a comment on the scandal involving the VA: It’s been said many times that it’s pretty bad if terrorists held prisoner at GITMO are receiving better healthcare than

many of America’s veterans. But of course, Obama knew nothing about it, or Benghazi, or Fast and Furious, or the IRS targeting Conservatives, or NSA spying on Americans or..... Can’t you just hear the famous words of Sgt. Shultz in the Hogan’s Hero’s reruns “I know nothing...?”



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!

The Southie Scene - Stepping Up: *Child's Play*

Summatime, summatime, sum-sum-summatime! School vacation is just around the corner and the kiddos are getting excited. This week during my Southie staycation, I saw tons of families with kids doing the same. Running around in the park, strolling along the boulevard, buying slushes at Sal & Betty's and bravely dipping in the bay. The excitement for warmer days, shorter nights and ice cream dinners, was palpable. With a few weeks in the countdown, it's important for the older generations who remember those days and sometimes, still act like a kid, to take an active role in shaping their free time. Especially

for those who may not have others in their lives who can do so. Let's forget those schoolbooks, check out some of the looks and cooks at these events and get 'took' for the tots.

Saturday May 31, 2014

KIND & Sprout Present: Operation Kind Kids

This Saturday, head down to the Boston Children's Museum with your little one and join KIND healthy snacks and Sprout in their "Operation Kind Kids". This campaign encourages tots and 'rents to incorporate kindness into ordinary, everyday acts through fun and interactive activities. Price

of admission for this event is the entrance fee to the museum. Keep it kind. operationkindkids.com bostonchildrensmuseum.org

Though the Neighborhood House Charter School is located in the 02124 but I know plenty of y'all have relatives and friends that may attend this school. NHCS is hosting their "NHCS Spring for Success" party at Empire Restaurant and Lounge, Saturday 05/31, at 7pm. Tickets include open bar, apps and dancing; if you purchase the second-tier ticket for an additional \$10, you will help offset a ticket for teachers of the school that give so much on and off

the clock. Boogie down Beantown! thenhcs.org/brownpapertickets.com/event/634430

Wednesday June 4, 2014

The Adoption and Foster Care Mentoring program, also know as AFC Mentoring, is holding it's 5th Annual Match Gala at the AFH Epicenter in South Boston. Enjoy bites from many amazing, local chefs and bid on silent auction items. More importantly, meet some of their amazing youth mentees, other mentors and see what this great cause is all about. Maybe even sign up to become a mentor. Give a kid a chance, give yourself a chance.

afcmessaging.org/match-2014/

The Southie Scene - Stepping Out: *Shape Up for Summer*

As the weather turn from good to great this weekend and I was forced to rummage through my summer duds for some temp-appropriate gear, I realized that we are truly, really and tangibly, on the fast track to summer. This also occurred to me when I pulled my bike out of the attic and the tire was flat, mind you 30 minutes before a long group bike ride. And then about 30 minutes after the "relaxing" ride when I could barely move, let alone, walk to my bed. All complaining about the poor shape of my gear and body for hot weather pursuits, there is plenty of opportunity to shape up before you ship out. Tune in and tune up so that when those endless days of summer really do arrive, pleasure and not pain will be your only memories.

Thursday May 29, 2014

The folks at 315 on A are offering complimentary bike tune-ups, repairs and tutorials for some do-

it-yourself moves, 6-8pm. Ride or walk your bike down to 315 on A and join mybike for this free get-ready-to-cycle session. origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1102463374687-1304/Bike+Event+Flyer.pdf

Hit the ground running and end it on a happy note! WeWork & sweetgreen invite you to join in on their "Fun Run + Happier Hour", 6-7pm. An evening run through Fort Point and a sweet treat and some sips at WeWork after the dash. sgwework.splashthat.com

Saturday, May 31, 2014

Get on over the bridge and enjoy the sweet sounds and smells of summer on the waterfront lawn of the Intercontinental Hotel with free Hatha Yoga classes every Saturday through Labor Day. Class starts at 9:30am; dress for comfort and bring some hydration. Stretch your way to summer fit. intercontinentalboston.com





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 **See: Double Trouble**
 Ray LaMontagne is playing Friday 05/30 and Saturday 05/31 at the pavilion this weekend. Make sure to check this "Trouble"-maker out!
ticketmaster.com

 **Taste: Fine Taste**
 Prominently display your Chanel on the living room mantle like art? Capture your fave piece with you, on you and for you, at Ma Cherie Studios this Saturday May 31, 1-5pm. Get dolled up, strap on your most esteemed embellishment and be the picture of fashion. Don't care much about being in the shot? There will also be individual praise given to your item in a solo session.
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 **Smell: The Nose Knows**
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There are some stories that can touch the heartstrings of just about anyone. The Furbush Children's Benefit to be held on June 7th is a result of just such a story. For those who don't know already, the Furbush Kids, Kayley 6 and Patrick 3 lost both of their parents two months and one day apart. Their Mom, Kristen Furbush died from an aggressive brain tumor that she had been in a painful battle with for over 7 months. Their Dad, Stephen Furbush went to sleep one night and never woke up. He had a massive heart attack that came without warning. It is incomprehensible what it must be like for an adult child to lose both parents, unexpectedly and that close together. What a shock that would be even to anyone who had reached maturity and possessed an understanding of the bad hand that life sometimes deals. But for children so young it must be traumatic beyond belief. It is almost unimaginable how they must feel. Sadness, loss, the fear of what might come next, where they will go, who will take care of them: so

many questions and emotions must be running through their young minds.

By every account from each and every person who knew Kristen and Stephen Furbush they were wonderful people with many close friends and they were known for being loving and caring parents to Kayley and Patrick. They were generous to others, always there to help someone else in need. To be sure, they were taken from this life at far too young an age and taken from these two beautiful children much too soon. Thankfully, Kayley and Patrick will be cared for by their grandparents and by their uncle, John O'Keefe, a Boston Police officer. Kayley and Patrick are fortunate indeed to have such loving and caring family members willing and happy to be able to see to it that they will be brought up and cared for in safety and that security that only family can provide.

After his wife Kristen passed on, Stephen Furbush set up a fund dedicated to making sure his children would have all that they needed as they grow up, as well as give them the opportunity to go

to college. With his unexpected passing so soon, friends, family members and neighbors have stepped up to make sure the fund was still viable for this purpose. And that's what The Furbush Children's Benefit is all about on Saturday, June 7th. It will be held at the Boston Teacher's Union Hall from 7:30pm till 12:30am. There will be music, raffles and a silent auction. And as all benefits like this have in common, it will be a chance for friends and neighbors, and even strangers willing to help out and support a good cause, to gather and enjoy themselves, while doing something wonderful - in this case, helping to bring added stability to two great little kids who really, truly need a helping hand at this point in their young lives.

Tickets are \$40 dollars at the door. If you are looking for something to do on Saturday, June 7th, what better way to enjoy a night out, while at the same time helping this good cause? To purchase tickets in advance, make a donation or to get more information you can log on to the website at www.furbushchildrensbenefit.com

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Connolly tipped Boston mobster James "Whitey" Bulger and his lieutenant, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, that the executive would implicate them in another death. The appeals court initially upheld Connolly's conviction in 2011 without comment, but overturned it after Connolly's lawyer asked for reconsideration.

In the court's new ruling, a panel of judges determined that Connolly's second-degree murder conviction was barred by the statute of limitations applicable at the time. His attorneys argued that prosecutors improperly used a firearms allegation to enhance the charge to one potentially punishable by life in prison — for which the statute of limitations would not apply.

"Connolly's conviction for second-degree murder with a firearm should not have been reclassified to a life felony in order to circumvent the statute of limitation," wrote Chief Judge Frank A. Shepard and Judge Richard J. Suarez in the majority opinion. "Without the fundamentally erroneous reclassification, the first-degree felony of second-degree murder was time-barred." Judge Leslie B. Rothenberg dissented.

John Connolly has long denied a role in Callahan's slaying. Trial testimony showed he was 1,500 miles away in Massachusetts when Callahan was killed by hit man John Martorano, who made a deal with prosecutors in return for his testimony in Connolly's case and others. The only evidence that Connolly might have had a firearm when Callahan was killed is the standard FBI practice that agents are armed while on duty.

The court said Connolly should be freed from prison based on the erroneous conviction, but it issued a stay so prosecutors could appeal further. Connolly was convicted in 2002 of racketeering for his dealings with Bulger's gang, mainly protecting them from prosecution and tipping them about informants in their ranks. He was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison in that case. That sentence has been completed.



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Donovan Snub Sparks Controversy

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Landon Donovan has had a remarkable career. Since his first international appearance in 2000, the left-side striker has tallied 57 goals and 58 assists in international matches. He was the U.S. Soccer Young Athlete of the Year in 2000 at the age of 18. In 2002, he scored his first international goal against Poland and would later net a header against Mexico in the Round of 16. That year he would win the Best Young Player Award for his play in the tournament. His 156 caps (international game appearances) are the highest of any player entering the World Cup this year. He's won four Gold Cups and four U.S. Soccer Athlete of the Year awards.

In 12 World Cup matches, Donovan has scored five goals. Compare that to Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo, Zlatan Ibrahimovic, and Wayne Rooney, considered to be some of the best scorers in the world, have combined to play 30 World Cup games, and have scored a combined three goals. The 115 goals manufactured by Donovan makes him the most prolific point getter in U.S. Soccer history. Now, at the age of 32, his World Cup career is likely over after being cut from the 23-man roster early last week by team manager, Jorgen Klinsmann.

Since the move, rumors have surfaced that cutting Donovan may have been part of a personal vendetta. The two have a history from Donovan's failed stint with German powerhouse Bayern Munich in 2009, where Klinsmann was coaching. Klinsmann would lose that job shortly after Donovan left the team, though it is unclear what the relationship was like at the time.

In 2012, with the World Cup Qualifying rounds approaching, Donovan eluded to needing a break from the game. In December, following an M.L.S. Championship



run with the L.A. Galaxy, Donovan took that break, during which he stated he was "exhausted from the weight of the past 15 years." Four months later, Donovan returned to the U.S. Soccer team "excited and committed", confident that the four month hiatus from soccer helped improve his physical and mental state. Part of his sabbatical, though, seeped into the qualifying round of the World Cup in March, 2013. As a result, he missed the first three games against Jamaica, Panama, and Honduras. Klinsmann, though he did not express as much, did not take kindly to this move by Donovan. Missing three games vital to the U.S.'s chances to qualify for the 2014 World Cup rubbed the former German striker the wrong way. Despite Donovan's absence, the team won all three games.

With Donovan, the U.S. would win two out of the next three qualifying matches. He was cut for the final qualifying match against Panama - and the U.S. responded with a come-from-behind 3-2 win, with two goals scored after the 90th minute. Since the cut, Klinsmann has defended his decision to leave Donovan off the 23-man roster. "The other strikers we see that inch ahead of him,"

Klinsmann said. "We feel those guys are a little step ahead of Landon in certain areas. That's why we made that decision."

If the strikers that were chosen are a step ahead of Donovan, we have not seen it translate into World Cup success, because only five of the 23 who made the cut have World Cup experience - the fewest since the U.S. returned to the tournament in 1990 after a 40-year absence. The five players are Clint Dempsey, Michael Bradley, Tim Howard, Jozy Altidore and DaMarcus Beasley. Of the five, Altidore is the only pure scorer, and he proved it scoring in four of the U.S.'s six qualifying games. It's quite possible the midfielder Graham Zusi may make the move to striker to replace Donovan's skill set. Still, you can't replace Donovan's undeniable productivity - Zusi, in 112 career games with Kansas City, has scored 18 goals and 30 assists. In seven international matches since 2012, he's netted three and assisted on five.

In the final qualifying game, Zusi scored a huge goal to tie Panama in extra time before Aron Johannsson scored a minute later, lifting the U.S. to a 3-2 victory. The message from Klinsmann is clear, past productivity does not make you qualified for his

team. "I have to do what I think is the right way." Klinsmann said. "I'm very strongly convinced this is the right way. We'll find out the next seven weeks if it was."

Some of Donovan's former teammates do not feel the same way. "It's certainly one that catches everybody by surprise," midfielder Michael Bradley said. "To see him hurting and upset that now he's not going to have another chance to go to

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the World Cup is certainly hard.” U.S. Goalie Time Howard says it’s hard to believe because, if on the field, Donovan is “one of the two best players we have out there”. More rumors began to permeate when Klinsmann’s son, Jason, tweeted “HAHAHAHAHAHAHAH DONOVAN HAHAHAHAA I DIDNT EVEN NOTICE UNTIL MY PHONE NOTIFIED ME HAHA”. This added fuel to the notion that Klinsmann’s motion to cut Donovan may have been personal. In response to his son’s tweet, Klinsmann said, “He has a father who put him in line. It was highly disrespectful. He got the biggest social media lesson you could imagine. He owes Landon a huge apology.”

Regardless of the motive, the U.S. will be without Landon Donovan for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. When asked about the possibility of bringing Donovan onto the roster should there be an injury prior to the tournament, he said, “if it’s a striker, Donovan is the first one I’ll call.” As for Donovan, this was likely his last shot at cracking a World Cup roster, as he’ll be 36 years old when the tournament moves to Russia in 2018. “I was looking forward to playing in Brazil and, as you can imagine, I am very disappointed with today’s decision,” Donovan posted on his Facebook page. “Regardless, I will be cheering on my friends and teammates this summer, and I remain committed to helping grow soccer in the U.S. in the years to come.”

The U.S. is now faced with the challenge of playing without Landon Donovan, on top of what has become a distraction that will likely be talked about until the World Cup is over; but Klinsmann is just happy to have his roster finalized. “It’s a difficult situation for all of the players coming into a camp. It hangs like a cloud over the group for eight, nine, ten days. If you wait it gets even heavier,” he said. “It’s a huge boost for everybody in the 23. We can start preparing for the details going into the match with Ghana.”

The U.S. begins their 2014 World Cup run against Group D opponent Ghana on June 16. They’ll play Portugal on June 22nd and Germany on June 26th.



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DANNYPICARD: Manny Ramirez has signed with the Chicago Cubs organization as a player/coach for Triple-A Iowa. How the hell is that going to work out for the Cubs organization? What's the point here? What's the purpose, really, behind this?

BRIAN MACPHERSON: He's got a long track record of knowing a lot about hitting. David Ortiz was saying, in Atlanta, that he feels like Manny is a different guy from what he used to be. And certainly nobody knows him, or, few know him as well as the Cubs know him. Theo Epstein is there. Jed Hoyer is there. So these guys know what they're getting into. And Theo Epstein was the guy who traded him away. Other than going to Cleveland with Terry Francona, going to the Cubs, these are people that know him. They know his idiosyncrasies. They know the down side. So if they feel comfortable with it, if they feel like he's a guy that can make a positive impact, that makes sense to me. As opposed to going to Colorado or Houston or San Diego, somewhere that they don't know him as well.

DP: Theo Epstein had a pretty humorous quote, but he was dead serious with it when he said that if Manny ends up finding that he has some magic left in his bat, then maybe he'll make another run with a Major League team, but it won't be with our Major League team. He pretty much pointed out to say that if anybody is actually thinking Manny is going to make a Major League comeback, it's not going to happen with the Cubs. Do you think that Manny could find that magic and actually could get a Major League shot with somebody else at some point? And do you think that's

actually Manny's goal in all this, to get that shot?

BM: It may be his goal, but I don't think that's a possibility. The skills slow down so much at that age. The last time he played at all was in 2011, and it didn't go well at all. That was when he was 39, so he's in his early 40's now. I don't see it. He wasn't very good in Triple-A in 2013 when he made a brief comeback with the Rangers. I just don't see it. The skills deteriorate too much when you get into your late 30's. Unless, there's some guys that are able to do it, but he's shown no signs that he's been able to do it. If he had still been hitting, sort of like David Ortiz -- the fact that David Ortiz has done what he's done at age 37, 38, it gives you hope for 39 and 40. Where, with Ramirez, that didn't happen for him. The last real good season he had was I think 2010, sort of. That was a decent season for him, half a season. So, I don't see that happening. Maybe that's his goal. Lots of guys try to find one last hurrah. But I don't know that that's realistic to expect.

DP: [On Monday], the Red Sox snapped a 10-game losing skid with a big win in Atlanta. David Ortiz with a big home run in that five-run fifth inning. I even look at the Pedroia hit before that, with two outs, and 0-2 fastball that he jumps on that's up. That was a huge hit for this team. Two huge hits from Pedroia and Ortiz. Throughout this 10-game skid, we couldn't let those guys off the hook. People are basically begging for this team to come up with some big hits in big spots, and those two hits in that fifth inning were really the biggest hits in the ballgame.

BM: Certainly they needed to

get more from Ortiz and Pedroia. There's no pointing fingers in any particular direction during a 10-game losing streak, because nobody was good. Starting rotation, bullpen, lineup, defense, everything. I sort of argued that one of the biggest at-bats in that fifth inning wasn't Ortiz or Pedroia though. It was Daniel Nava starting that rally with two outs with a tough at-bat. And it sort of reminds you of what Daniel Nava brought to this team last year. He's spent the last month in Triple-A Pawtucket. That's a bat they've missed. That's a plate approach they've missed, too. And that's what he did last year, especially against right-handed pitching, to get rallies going when innings seemed dead. That's why he's hit lead-off. That's why he's a candidate to hit lead-off, coming out of spring training. He has the plate approach that allows them to extend innings like that, and give Pedroia a shot, give Ortiz a shot, that sort of thing. So I think that was a pretty big moment too. And that's your reminder of what Daniel Nava can be for this team.

DP: During that 10-game losing skid, everything was going wrong for this Red Sox team. But, something that still went wrong [on Monday] even after getting a win, is Clay Buchholz. I didn't think that the Red Sox should have allowed him to make this start against the Braves. I thought there should have been some sort of DL stint and maybe get him to work on his mechanics in the minors. Is that the only issue to you, with Buchholz, when you watch him, the mechanics? Or are you starting to think now that maybe there is an injury?

BM: It's hard to tell. He keeps insisting he's healthy. Certainly,

confidence is becoming an issue, too. Because [on Monday], he just didn't want to throw strikes at all. People talk a lot about him going on the DL, but he says he's healthy. And you can't just put a guy on the DL who's healthy. And he's made very clear that he's healthy. They may still try and finagle this now, but part of the reason they kept going with him is because they can't send him to the minor leagues without his consent. The DL is not a thing you can use just to put guys who are terrible. That's the challenge they face. They may still try and say now, "Ok, fine, there's some arm fatigue from last year," and that's good enough to go on the DL. But I don't think it's an automatic thing that you look at a guy who's struggling and you put him right on the DL, especially when he's a guy who, just two years ago, had a terrible month of April and came out of it and was terrific through the whole summer. So that's the guy they're trying to recapture now. They haven't gotten there yet, but there's some history to show that there's a possibility, which is why they kept putting him back out there, hoping that all he has to do is find the changeup, and he gets a couple of swings and misses on the changeup, and then he's more confident in his fastball, and then all of a sudden everything clicks into place the way it did in 2012.

DP: Ben Cherington joined the Red Sox in Atlanta and he talked to the media about how they could maybe make some changes at some point to the roster. During that 10-game losing skid, we all had our minds going, thinking about what moves they could make. Some people want



to get crazy with trades. I don't see that happening. Do you see this team making any sort of major move going forward, whether it's adding a big-name pitcher or a power-hitting outfielder? Or do you think that maybe the changes just need to come from within?

BM: A lot of it does have to come from within. I mean, yeah, they could add a starting pitcher and they certainly need more from their

outfield, but you're not going to replace Shane Victorino. You've got too much money invested in him going forward. There's only so much you can do at the catching position. Part of the problem is, it's so early that there aren't many teams that have fallen out of contention that are ready to trade away spare parts. That's the danger of this sort of losing streak so early, there's not much you can do on the trade market

to fix it. That's why Stephen Drew was the move they made. No matter how they felt about Xander Bogaerts at shortstop, they had to go get Drew because that was a move they could make. He was available and could help. Right now, there aren't that many players available, there aren't going to be very many major trades made. You look at where this team is now, even the 2012 team under Bobby Valentine was over .500 at this

point. It may not be about making a major move to get back in it, unless they can right the ship from within. Because if it gets into late June and they're still eight-to-10 games under .500, then you've got way too much ground to make up for one move to make a big difference.

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