Is Late Night Public Safety At Risk?  - Rogue Livery Driver Charged With Sexual Assault -

Get that late night pilot program started sooner than later, Mr. Mayor. Like New York, Boston may soon become a ‘City That Never Sleeps’. Evidenced by this latest assault on a young woman expecting to be driven home safely by a ‘livery service driver’, public safety planning must be the top priority.

At about 1:12 am, on Sunday, June 22, 2014, officers from District A-1 (Downtown) spoke to a victim who reported that she had been sexually assaulted earlier in the evening in the South Boston Waterfront District. According to the victim, she flagged down what she believed to be a taxi cab in the area of 270 Northern Avenue. Later investigation showed the vehicle to be a livery vehicle. After entering the motor vehicle, the victim states that the suspect drove the victim to a secluded location where the sexual assault took place. The victim further states that she was robbed of several items during the assault, including her iPhone and several

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EDITORIAL “A Tree”

“I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree. Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree”. Considered a classic in literary circles it was written by poet naturalist and Army Sgt. Joyce Kilmer during WWI where he was killed in the trenches of France. Somehow, in the midst of all that horror or perhaps because of it, he was able to see how feeble humanity’s creations compare to the beauty and power of God or nature’s creation. He mocks those who compare insufficient words and poems to the wonder of creation. His words become even more powerful, emphasizing a desire shared by us all. A desire to enjoy natural beauty.

In the 1970’s, there were perhaps 10 trees on the bench from Kelly’s Landing to the McCormack Bathhouse. The tree at G Street being the most prominent. The grass median along the beach was bare. In 1993, there were 3 trees on West Third Street from “A” Street to Dorchester Street. In both cases, years of activism by South Boston residents resulted in the continuous arched grove both areas enjoy today. Not a mystery, simply a human desire to live among and try to preserve nature’s beauty.

Last week, however, some type of arrogant punk has decided his or her wishes are greater than not only us mere mortal citizens, but the creator of natural life as well. What was done is a crime and should be investigated as any crime. The first thing is establish a motive. This should be a simple matter, were it just vandals, broken branches and maybe one tree would be the result. Maybe two downed trees, but five? Is it possible some jealous person wanted to deprive those residents the beauty of those trees? What other reason could there be?

Surely the folks whose view of the trees has been stolen are heart broken now that they can only look out over sand, open water, harbor islands and sunsets. Hopefully the police can solve the case for those deprived residents, if nothing else.

“It is easy to take liberty for granted when you have never had it taken from you” - Former Vice President Dick Cheney
Tree Vandals and Feet Ticklers
Still at-Large/“Molon Labe”

John Ciccone

Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at jciccone@southbostontoday.com

Before I get into today's other subjects, we here at South Boston Today send our deepest condolences to the family of Ollie Flynn. She passed away two weeks ago after a long illness. Ollie was a true daughter of South Boston; a cherished and beloved resident if there ever was one. She will be missed by her family, many friends and the neighborhood that she dearly loved and was so proud of.

As of this writing, no arrests have been made, yet, in the case of the vandalized trees near M Street Beach. Though it was 2 weeks ago now, calls are still coming in asking about the progress. There was a firestorm of outraged locals when South Boston woke up a week ago last Sunday morning to find that someone had cut down five beautiful, healthy young trees that had been standing for years on the greenie across from M Street beach. The number of phone calls, texts, tweets and emails coming into South Boston Today was off the charts. When we broke the story on our website and Facebook pages that Sunday night, we received more than 5,000 Facebook shares and hits within the first 24 hrs. Breaking into homes and stealing cars sets people off too of course. But mess with long standing trees and it's like slapping around a course. But people who assault our trees. But at least we're not Brighton. Reports say the person known as 'The Boston Tickler' still has not been caught. This is a guy who has been breaking into homes in the Brighton section of Boston, sneaks into the bedrooms and tickles the feet of the sleeping occupants and runs away when the startled snoozers wake up. Talk about weird people in strange neighborhoods. History tells us that many years ago, Boston was notorious for the 'Boston Strangler'. Now that this city is being called the home of 'The Boston Tickler' does this mean that we have become a kinder, gentler Hub?

Most by now know who Lois Lerner is. She’s a former IRS honcho who has been accused of overseeing that agency’s alleged harassment of conservative groups, because they oppose the Obama Regime’s policies. IRS was ordered to turn over to Congress all of her emails. The ones they did turn over were not the ones Congress wanted. Only the emails that Congress DID want mysteriously went missing recently. Oh, that could happen, right? Almost no one, not even some Democrats are buying this. Said one Kentucky senator, “It’s a sad state of affairs when only the hopelessly naïve still trust Washington to be honest.” Said one Republican senator point blank to the new head of the IRS who continued to claim the emails were simply lost: “No one believes you.” Maybe the IRS chief should have said ‘the dog ate the emails’. It’s just as good of an excuse as they’ve given so far.

To more dangerous matters now: The headlines on the Drudge Report and online news sources show and tell of Mexican and Central American gang members; many of them members of cartels, flooding across the border since Washington has all but thrown open the gates.

In the Middle East, the new terrorist army known as ISIS is carving a path of destruction, committing mass killings and beheadings with the goal of setting up new bases from which to one day attack Israel and the United States. This country’s response is to send in John Kerry. I’m sure that has all the terrorists quaking in their boots.

The 5 prisoners released from Gitmo will certainly be returning to the battlefield. In fact one terrorist leader, the worst one of all, Abu Bakr Al Bagdadi, told US officials that “I’ll see you all in New York.” He means it. Terrorism experts are convinced that it won’t be too long before all of these
Rep. Collins Secures Funding for Both Castle Island & McDonough Sailing Center

The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a $1.75 billion bond bill to help communities across the Commonwealth finance environmental improvement projects.

Representative Nick Collins secured capital improvements and environmental analysis and mitigation for South Boston as the bill made its way through the House of Representatives.

Locally, the bill requires studies to analyze air and noise pollution associated with the expansion of Conley and Black Falcon Terminals. The legislation also calls for mitigation to benefit the surrounding communities as a result of the expansion. Equally important is that the bill requires that a study be undertaken regarding the feasibility of shore power, which would eliminate the need for ships to idle while docked at those Terminals. The bill also includes funding for capital improvement projects in South Boston, specifically $500,000 for improvements to Castle Island and Harry McDonough Sailing Center.

A member of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission, Rep. Collins was also able to work with his fellow commissioners to secure $20 million for capital improvements and equipment for beaches, including beaches in South Boston and Dorchester. “I was very happy to work at securing funding for capital improvement projects to our beaches and recreational amenities in this year’s environmental bond bill,” said Rep. Collins. “Our amenities in South Boston are essential to our quality of life and worth protecting and preserving. I am glad we were able to continue that commitment in this year’s environmental bond bill.”

The bill now moves to the Senate for consideration.

Councilor Flaherty’s Hearing to Discuss Civil Service Residency Preference

Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael F. Flaherty has announced that on Tuesday, July 1st at 1:00 PM, he will hold a hearing to discuss his proposal to extend the residency preference for civil service applicants in the city.

The proposal, titled “An Ordinance Regarding Residency Preference for the Boston Police Department and the Boston Fire Department,” was introduced at the Boston City Council meeting on April 30th and assigned to the Committee on Government Operations, of which Councilor Flaherty chairs. Currently, The Civil Service Law governed by Chapter 31 Section 58 of the Massachusetts General Laws permits cities and towns to ask that residents be placed on the eligible service list before non-residents. Because the state defines residency as occupying a city or town for just one year, Councilor Flaherty argues that the current law does not give enough preference to longtime city residents. If passed, Councilor Flaherty hopes this ordinance will lead to more opportunities for local citizens who grew up in Boston, raised in Boston and are familiar with our streets.

“What I am proposing is that the city does more to recruit police officers and firefighters who are vested in the city where they serve,” Flaherty said. “Additionally, there have been concerns over the years about the lack of diversity within public safety jobs and that issue will be addressed by this ordinance.”

Larry Ellison, President of the Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers (M.A.M.L.E.O), said, “Boston only grows when its workforce is diverse, and that starts with planting a seed in the city and watching it grow.”

Those invited to testify at the hearing include Commissioner William Evans of the Boston Police Department; Acting Commissioner John Hasson of the Boston Fire Department; Richard Paris, President of Firefighters Local 718; Larry Ellison, President of the Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers (MAMLEO); Thomas J. Nee, President of Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association; and Rayshawn Johnson, President of the Boston Society of Vulcans.

When the ordinance was initially introduced, seven other councilors signed on and expressed their support. The hearing will take place at Boston City Hall’s Iannella Chambers and public testimony is welcome.

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credit cards. The aforementioned stolen credit cards were then used to make several unauthorized transactions. After an extensive investigation by detectives assigned to the Boston Police Department’s Sexual Assault Unit, detectives tracked down the suspect wanted in connection to this assault to an address in Quincy. Officers arrested Said Said, 40, of Quincy, and charged him with Aggravated Rape, Unarmed Robbery and Receiving Stolen Property. Said was arraigned Wednesday June 25 in South Boston District Court. Prosecutors recommended $50,000 cash bail for Said. Judge Michael Bolden imposed $35,000 cash bail and granted a request that the defendant surrender his passport and wear a GPS device if he posts that amount. His next court date is July 22.

Rep. Nick Collins after expressing his concern for the victim stated, “This disturbing incident, similar to what happened last summer, underscores my concern about the Boston Police jurisdiction issue on the waterfront and oversight of the unregulated livery services on the commercially used MassPort property. Unregulated livery services are a real public safety concern for people in our neighborhood, especially women. This issue needs to be resolved quickly.”

Councilor Mike Flaherty said,
Can America survive the last 2 1/2 years of Obama’s presidency? There was a time, not so long ago, when I would reflect on my age and the state of the nation and remark that I didn’t envy the future and was perhaps fortunate that I wouldn’t be around to see it. That confidence in my demise before the apocalypse is shaken with the events of the last week.

A friend called the other day and after praising my colleague John Ciccone for being “obviously intelligent and articulate” asked how John could believe what he wrote. My response was obviously my friend hadn’t read as far as my column on the next page.

While John and I do not collaborate on our columns, we share many of the same views and philosophies and on occasion we are struck by the same public news items and coincidentally write about them the same week. Last week was such a week.

The question I would ask my friend is how, as a veteran, lawyer and “obviously intelligent and articulate” man he can dismiss the obvious and disturbing crisis, articulate” man he can dismiss and “obviously intelligent and articulate” asked John Ciccone for being “obviously intelligent and articulate” asked how John could believe what he wrote. My response was obviously my friend hadn’t read as far as my column on the next page.

The big difference is it’s a war between American street gangs and the Mexican cartel. By the end of summer machine guns will be back in vogue in the windy city. Just to show we’re not picking on the Mexicans, border patrol estimates 75% of the invaders are O.T.M (other than Mexican). Whoever the invaders are, they’re bringing in measles, TB, all diseases we had virtually eradicated by the simple expedient inoculation of our children and checking people at our borders for diseases. For the first time in 50 years these diseases are on the rise. Why? Last week Rhode Island announced the discovery of a previously unheard of “tropical” disease in their state. From domestic to foreign the news isn’t any better. Just like in Afghanistan Obama has backed an obviously corrupt regime. Think of the Kennedy support of the Diem regime in South Viet Nam.

In all three cases, you have America propping up a hand-picked regime that fills their government with friends and families instead of competent professionals. Case in point: America spends trillions, most importantly loses 4,500 military personnel and trains the Iraqi Officer Corp at West Point. Obama, looking to disengage fro Iraq, demands Iraq sign an agreement with impossible conditions, knowing full well Iraq will refuse, which Iraq promptly does. Free from American oversight, Iraq President Malaki replaces the trained West Pointers with unqualified cronies as his
The Southie Scene - Stepping Up: Summer In The City

The most exciting day of the year for children round the neighborhood has arrived: school’s out! For me, that meant chasing the frosty truck, riding my bike in the street and playing wiffleball in St. Peter’s schoolyard until “late” at night: my bedtime during the early evening hours of the fall was as early as 7. My mom was a trickster. This time is just as joyous for most, but we also need to keep in mind that times have changed: parents work long and sometimes, double, days, streets are more full of cars and people and resources are tight. There still are many great and important places and programs implemented in Southie to keep the kids safe and entertained, all while very affordable. As this school comes to a close and summer programs ramp up for next week, take some time to support and be informed about what is available for the children of SB. And make it a point to help make their summer just as awesome as it can be!

**Thursday June 26th, 6-9pm**

Harry McDonough Sailing Center Summer Kickoff Cocktail Reception, HMSC Castle Island

I’m sure many of you have gone for a run around the Island or stopped for a late morning/early afternoon, after Saturday night, “snack” at Sully’s and wondered what went on at the dock in the lagoon full of sailboats and shrieking. The Harry McDonough Sailing Center has been offering a summer program to teach kids how to sail for as long as I can remember. But it all comes at a cost; equipment, staff and maintenance are all needed to keep this place going and have to be financed. This Thursday the annual HMSC reception will be held at the site; live entertainment and drinks will be served. Sail into summer! facebook.com/HarryMcDonoughSailingCenter

**Friday June 27th, 6-9pm**

Pre-Renovation Party, South Boston Boys & Girls Club, 230 West 6th Street

A South Boston institution known fondly by so many of us as a place that was fun and safe, any time of the year. The SBBGC is a haven for children of all backgrounds, ethnic and economic. As the “Club” gets ready to take part in Southie’s “Fun in the Sun” summer day camp program, they are getting a much needed and deserved facelift. But before they do, there is always room for a little “big kid” fun. Stop by this Friday night and reminisce with old pals and new, have a drink or two and celebrate all that the Club does do. bgcb.org/our-location/south-boston-club/ more info: email Patti McCormick - pmccormick@bcg.org

**Tuesday July 1st & Thursday July 3rd, 3pm**

South Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library, 646 East Broadway

Summer reading is made fun by our friends at the SBBPL! Stop by on Tuesday 07/01 and sign up to take part in the program, where you can pick up your reading packet and logs. On Thursday July 3rd, the Kick Off party to summer reading fun will take place and the Museum of Science will be on hand to add to the good times.

facebook.com/pages/South-Boston-Branch-of-the-Boston-Public-Library/386727670294

The Southie Scene - Stepping Out: In Good Taste

South Boston is fast tracking to becoming a food mecca. Whether is fresh and fit green juice boosts at Nourish Your Soul to fancy, coursed cuisine at Menton, to get-your-hands-dirty crab and lobster at the Barking Crab, Southie is a serious dining destination. This warm and welcoming summer weather makes it even that more inviting. There is so much to eat and drink, it can be overwhelming and hard to choose where/what/when/why. Here are a few opportunities to visit some spots and knock ‘em of the list. Around the neighborhood in little bites.

**Thursday June 26th**

Tacos & Tequila, Rosa Mexicano, 11:30am-11:00pm

Take a bite out of summer and do it right! Enjoy the cultural cuisine of Mexico through July 13th, with Rosa Mexicano’s “Tacos & Tequila” tasting menu. Light and flavor, with a side of tequila, what isn’t right about this? rosamexicano.com/ file/16486/Sample_TacosTequila_ LDWeb.pdf

Beats & Eats, Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, Capiz, 6-8pm

The Renaissance Hotel is celebrating their third annual “Day of Discovery” by doing something new and interesting and engaging guests alike to do the same. Try crafted cocktails and creative snacks and “Live Life to Discover”. Chew on that, eventbrite.com/e/ renaissance-and-stitcher-presents-beats-and-eats-draft-night-at-capiz-tickets-11960372797

**Friday June 27th**

Bud Light Promotion, William’s Tavern, 6-8pm

William’s Tavern, located on A street, has gone through some awesome renovations and alterations. It still has that comfortable, local pub vibe that us Southie peeps love, but now have expanded their repertoire by serving up a menu of great nibbles and different drinks. But this Friday, Bud Light is bringing us back to the start with a free Bud Light promo; if you are ordering and drinking BL’s, Budweiser is going to pick up the tab. I can drink to that! williamstavernsouthboston.com

**Saturday June 28th**

Miel Brasserie Provençale, InterContinental Boston, 2-5pm

What says summer better than Rosé? Through Labor Day, Miel is hosting Rosé flight tasting on Saturday afternoons, for $25. With lots of lazy, sipping summer days ahead, it’s definitely on my list. Sips ahoy. intercontinentalboston.com/dining/miel.aspx

Stadium South Boston, 6:30-9:30pm

Beers and bites are on the menu this Saturday at Stadium Southie. The menu looks like a hit and it surely shouldn’t be missed. Make sure you get your tickets now! eventbrite. com/e/samuel-adams-beer-dinner-at-stadium-south-boston-june-27th-tickets-9621384821
**Southie Senses: Things to touch, see, taste, smell and hear in Southie**

**Touch: Reach For It**
SB Yoga is holding a FREE hatha yoga class this Saturday June 28th, on Spectacle Island, 10-11:30am. Take the Spectacle Island ferry from Long Wharf North at 9:30am; make sure to bring along your mat and some water and meet at the SI Visitor Info Center. bostonharborislands.org

**See: Free For All**
Come one, come all to the ICA Boston. Thursday nights are free to view exhibits and other activities. There is an amazing view and a café if you get “thirsty”. Get a little cooler. icaboston.org

**Taste: Patio Pick-Me-Ups**
This weather has meet outside for anything I need/want to do. This weekend looks to be another winner, so get out there and check out some of SB’s best outdoor spaces. Barlow’s. Sam’s at Louis. Jerry Remy’s. Legal Harborside. Temazcal. 75 on Liberty Wharf. Rosa Mexicano. Tamo at the Seaport. Gather at District Hall. Atlantic Beer Garden. Whiskey Priest. Cheers!

**Smell: Burning Rubber**
Hit that hot summer pavement this weekend and ride for a cure. Bike MS is riding the weekend away on this two-day ride: the Cape Cod Getaway ride, from Boston to Provincetown. The ride leaves from UMass Boston and the entrance fee is $55. Long is leisurely is underrated. bikemsmass.org

**Hear: Speaking Volumes**
The John Joseph Moakley Courthouse presents an eye-opening and informative exhibition “Lawyers Without Rights: Jewish Lawyers in Germany under the Third Reich”. The exhibit illustrates through pictures and words the utter and complete lawlessness of Germany during this time and how many non-Jewish German lawyers sat in silence as their colleagues and friends were treated with such disdain and tortured to death. Hear the truth. Through 09/30/2014. lawyerswithoutrights.com

**Embrace All the Southie Senses: See the Sea**
What could be better than living by the ocean? Absolutely, positively, nothing. The smells and the sounds, hug you like a friendly embrace, their familiarity comforting you, but the knowledge that with time everything passes. Like a wave headed to shore, sometimes life can crash to a stop or slowly fade into the sand. Embracing this idea and the sea itself, get out there and take full advantage of it, Southie. Take the relaxing, slow rolling wave into summer and dead to the beach, ride your bike along the boardwalk or fish at Castle Island. Or crash into summer head-on with a sail around the harbor, with some dancing and drinking to stir it up. Whatever you do, make it a good one.

**Thursday-Saturdays 6-7:30pm**
UrbanAdventours Night Ride through the Seaport and Fort Point zerwe.com/Adventours/Night Bike Rentals: mybike.com hubway.com

**06/26, 7:30-10:30pm**
Summer Party Cruise, Bay State Cruises, Seaport Blvd. bostoneventguide.com/summer-party-cruise

**06/28, 6-10pm**
Boat Cruise Summer Series on the Provincetown II, Seaport Blvd. eventbrite.com/e/boat-cruise-summer-series-presents-gta-tickets-1158970615

**07/03, 9pm-1am**
Summer Classic: Semi Formal Independence Day Weekend Cruise, Spirit of Boston, Seaport Blvd. eventbrite.com/e/summer-classic-independence-day-weekend-cruise-tickets-11607501349

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“In light of recent events, it is important to remind the women of Boston and neighboring communities to be cautious of their surroundings and if possible do not travel alone to ensure a safe trip home.”

Dennis Conway of the Southie Shuttle stated, “The restaurants that use our service are confident that their customers and employees are getting home safely late at night and early mornings. 8 out of 10 times, we are familiar with one or more of our riders because all of our drivers are locals.”

The bottom line is that the city’s public transportation system, the private network of buses, shuttle, taxis and other forms of transportation, as well as law enforcement have to be coordinated. The Uber, Lyft and one-off Livery services need monitoring and regulation as it relates to public safety.

To be fair, when the Mayor speaks about accommodating the millennials and others, whose lifestyle is based on a 24/7 clock, it’s not to foster alcohol consumption. Cafes, diners, late night/early morning dining options accommodate the global nature of a world class city that now has direct flights to Beijing, Dubai, Tokyo added to its established UK and European destinations.

However, the shine will come off of the title of ‘world class’, if our residents and visitors, especially women, can’t be assured of their safety.
In Your Corner

“K”elly’s on Revere Beach has long had a reputation as the best roast beef sandwich. Frequent travelers report places in New York or Philly. True connoisseurs of roast beef have discovered, like Dorothy, “there’s no place like home”. That home is Liberty Bell where the “King Beef” sandwich reigns supreme. If you’ve never had the place like home”. That home is Liberty Bell where the “King Beef” sandwich reigns supreme. If you’ve never had the As they have been at every step, representatives of Councilors Linehan, Flaherty, Mayor Walsh, Senator Dorcena Forry and Rep. Collins were present. Technically the process is continuing but at the community acceptance level the message seems to be, “get your King Beef while you can”.

This also sets the tone for “Foreign Motors” next door and “South Boston Tire” next to that at “B” and Broadway. Both properties are in initial design discussion.

Finally, we are just hearing the details on a proposal for 30 “B” Street. Initial reaction from folks familiar with this area that existing area height of 35 feet should be maintained, that a 1 for 1 parking ratio must be adhered to and possible commercial use in this area would ultimately interfere with MBTA buses. This proposal needs much more community review.

Neighbors Express Concerns About Black Mass Filming

Last Monday night’s meeting at South Boston High School was a chance for this neighborhood to share its concerns about the filming being done locally and in fact with the movie ‘Black Mass’ in particular. Longtime residents as well as some newcomers gathered out of curiosity to give input. Not everyone at the meeting was opposed to the filming, on the contrary, some were quite pleased with all the excitement that film crews and the sight of famous personalities roaming around the area brings. But there were some concerns and two issues predominated.

With representatives of the film industry listening intently to residents, some in attendance seemed to feel the meeting was constructive. One of the main concerns was the parking and street closures. South Bostonians have it tough enough getting around and it’s often a battle to find a spot for your car to make sure it won’t get towed. And that’s without a Hollywood movie set. One of the other big concerns was about what has plagued the neighborhood for decades - unfair and inaccurate portrayal of a proud working class traditional neighborhood which has so many positive things to highlight yet is so often made to look only negative. Many times over so many years this negative face put on South Boston by Hollywood movie makers has been deliberate, and by design in the interest of sales, to make this town look like anything it is not. It plays in to the stereotype that often does well at the box office but fails to tell the real story.

Former Mayor Ray Flynn, who was at the meeting, described past Hollywood portrayals of South Boston and its people as “sensationalized and grossly inaccurate”. Flynn stated that “People in the movie business, book authors and the media are only interested in telling of the dark side of South Boston. Not about the wonderful men and women who served and died for our country in time of need. Not about the dedicated mothers and fathers who worked 2 jobs to raise great families. Not about the good neighbors who were always there to help others in need. No, we won’t see any of that in this upcoming movie. Why are all these outsiders determined to put the fine people and families down? When will the real story be told? When will the distortions end? Maybe Hollywood will come back to South Boston some day and talk to people who really know its history, traditions and fine qualities of our proud neighborhood. Now that’s a movie that everyone would enjoy seeing.” I think they would learn that sometimes, truth is more entertaining than fiction” said Flynn.

Bob Allison stated that “It’s sad that South Boston is known for busing and Whitey”. Others at the meeting voiced similar reservations. Said one longtime resident who hoped that this time would be different: “If they are going to limit where we can park and disrupt the neighborhood, the least they can do is not make Southie look like we are a suburb of Hell.” That summed up the feelings of many around town. Time will tell and we’ll know if things will be different this time when the film Black Mass opens ‘at a theater near you’.

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Flag Retirement Ceremony

South Boston ROTC Onto the Parade Grounds to Begin Ceremonies

The blending of soft light rain and early morning fog. The green sloping landscape leading up to the Castle and upon the entry to the interior manicured parade ground. The tall massive granite block walls topped with cannons surrounding and looked down on the array gathered on the parade ground. The South Boston ROTC color guard in dress uniform with flags flying, the Scottish Highlander Regiment from Rhode Island in kilts carrying the traditional basket handle claymore. The plaintive, soft keening of bagpiper Kevin Conroy’s “Amazing Grace” created a mosaic with a touch of the Highland Moor for the “Retirement of the Colors” ceremony at Fort Independence on Saturday, June 14th.

This annual ceremony is to properly dispose or “retire” worn, torn or otherwise damaged American flags. An emblem as important to the creed of America as a Cross, Crescent or Star of David is as a symbol of those religions. The South Boston Allied War Veterans, Paul J. Saunders American Legion and Thomas Fitzgerald Posts partake in this stately ritual coordinated and sponsored by the Castle Island Association annually. Young and old, tourist and resident, Cub Scouts from a New Hampshire troop all stood as Sister Florence delivered a prayer of thanks and remembrance.

The retired flags, blazing in a pyre in a specially constructed chamber, were rendered a salute by those in attendance as Tommy floated “Taps” from his trumpet. The staff, shuttle drivers and folks who prepare the refreshments honor themselves and their country by their work making the ceremony possible and successful. A ceremony simple but as meaningful as any at Washington’s Temples.

Two WWII vets returning from the ceremony were passed by fire trucks at “L” and Broadway causing one to quip “maybe someone saw the flag smoke and called”. Turns out a pleasure boat saw smoke and called the fire department. Many thanks to Engine 19 and Ladder 2 for their response. Hope they took advantage and ate at Sully’s while they were down the Island.

As the great photos by Jim Gaffigan show, it was an inspiring event. The event also marked the 239th birthday of America’s oldest and most decorated warriors; the U.S. Army.
South Boston Catholic Academy Fifth Graders Create Mural

C ontaining more than 17,000 glass tiles, a mosaic mural now graces the schoolyard at South Boston Catholic Academy. The permanent art installation was created by 31 fifth graders over a 6 week period made possible with a grant from the Boston Foundation of Architecture.

As a part of SBCA’s ongoing architectural curriculum, students in grade k2 through grade 6 art classes draw and build castles, birdhouses, create blueprints, design 3-D rooms and learn about famous architects. This year, grade 5 brainstormed about iconic buildings was easy but paring down the number was more difficult. Since the design was being executed in 3-D rooms and learn about famous architects. This year, grade 5 brainstormed about iconic buildings was easy but paring down the number was more difficult. Since the design was being executed in tiles the architecture needed to be simplified and still recognizable. Size was also a factor. It was decided that the John Hancock Tower was an absolute must, the TD Bank Garden took precedence with its Bruin’s logo. but although Fenway Park was a class favorite, the TD Bank Garden took precedence with its Bruin’s logo. but although Fenway Park was a class favorite, the TD Bank Garden took precedence with its Bruin’s logo.

The completed squares were attached to the school’s brick exterior and grouted on Wednesday, June 11 just in time for the BFA’s Project Pin-Up the following day. Photographs of the mural, in-progress and completed, were presented at Project Pin-Up which featured a mini-exhibit and highlighted all the extraordinary projects funded this past year by the Boston Foundation for Architecture (BFA) as well as a panel of recent grantees. The BFA was created by the Boston Society of Architects in 1984 to enhance public awareness of the built environment and the processes that shape it. The BFA Project Pin-Up connects BSA members with educators, artists and other BFA grant recipients to discuss recent successes and future options. We are extremely grateful to the Boston Foundation of Architecture for supporting this mural project and our architecture curriculum.

You can see the mural from the Third Street side of the school.

“CAN AMERICA SURVIVE?”
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generals. Now outnumbered 25-1 and facing all of America’s modern weaponry, the terrorist army ISIS, not only demolished the Iraqi military, they now control all that fancy hardware.

Naturally the Iraqis who couldn’t get rid of us quick enough now are demanding we bail them out and the Obama who couldn’t run out of Iraq quick enough is now making noise about “sending help”. And you don’t believe we’re on the eve of destruction?

If all this doesn’t get your attention, then the fact IRS boss Lois Lerner just happened to have a computer glitch destroy the very time frame Congressional investigators want to examine. Probably seems normal to you. Granted the IRS scandal is old noise about “sending help”. And you don’t believe we’re on the eve of destruction?

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Friday afternoon. Although this time they may have pushed their luck. Last Friday was the 13th.

Take care till next week.
Youth Fitness and Nutrition Program

The South Boston Leadership Initiative and Boston Centers for Youth and Families Curley Community Center have partnered together to offer a summer long Youth Fitness and Nutrition Program to be held at the BCYF Curley Community Center in South Boston. The program is open to South Boston residents and students between the ages of 12-18 and will be free. Some highlights include:

- Summer of 2014 (June 30rd – August 22nd)
- 4 sessions per week (Mon – Thurs)
- Additional unique opportunities on Fridays to be introduced to a variety of activities (spinning, yoga, boxing, etc.)
- Group 1: Ages 15-18 (7:30am-9:30am)
- Group 2: Ages 12-14 (9:30am-10:30am)

This unique program, will be facilitated by South Boston resident Thomas Regan, of Regan’s Motivated Fitness. The program will look to use fitness and nutrition as a means of instilling healthy lifestyles to the youth in South Boston. While focusing on everything from flexibility to nutrition to sport-specific weight training, each participant will improve not just physically but mentally as well.

For more information and to sign up please go to www.southbostonleadership.org. Informational packets will be distributed after the sign up process. Also, space is limited.

2014 South Boston Pop Warner Football & Cheerleading Registration Information

South Boston Pop Warner football and cheerleading will be holding registrations every Wednesday in July from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM @ the SBPW Football Field

A through E registration fees will be $150 and F players will be $100.

This registration is for both football and cheerleading. We will not be accepting registrations for A & B level football but will be accepting cheerleading registrations for all levels.

Players from previous years must sign up each year. No player or cheerleader is guaranteed a spot on a roster. The maximum team size is 35 and registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis. Waiting list will be formed once we reached 35 per team.

Paperwork needed to participate

1. An original birth certificate (no copies). Certified copies are on file for players who participated on the A through E teams. No Tiny Mite players’ birth certificates were certified.
2. National Registration Form can be downloaded from our website www.SBPW.com. The form has to be totally completed with both the parent and players’ signature on the backside of the form.
3. National Medical Waiver can be downloaded from our website.
4. The form has to be completed by a doctor or nurse practitioner and has to be dated after January 1, 2014. Physicals prior to January 1, 2014 will not be accepted.
5. Registration fee.
6. Copy of the June 2014 report card – which will be collected in the summer.

You can still register if you do not have all items but you will need to submit all paperwork before your child will be all to practice.

Football Players & Cheerleaders – Ages by Team (Weight requirement is football only)

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Remembering Tony Gwynn: A True Champion of the Game

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
By Conor Ryan

A s a sports fan, there are some moments that just stick with you. One of the first memories that really resonated with me growing up was the 1999 All-Star Game at Fenway Park. The game itself was memorable, as Pedro Martinez, in the midst of perhaps the best season for an individual pitcher since the days of Koufax, earned All-Star Game MVP honors after striking out the first five of six batters that he faced. But even on that night, Pedro’s brilliance was just an afterthought.

It was the return of Ted Williams, the greatest hitter who ever lived, that still stands as one of the most memorable moments in Red Sox history. The ailing 80-year-old Williams, seated in a golf cart, made his way along the warning track, tipping his cap as the Fenway Faithful roared in approval. Teddy Ballgame eventually made it to the pitcher’s mound, where he was greeted by a collection of baseball legends and all-stars. One of the first players to greet Williams was San Diego Padres right fielder Tony Gwynn – perhaps the only player who has really come close to Williams’ hitting prowess over the last 50 years.

Baseball lost Tony Gwynn on Monday, as the Hall of Famer lost his four-year battle with cancer. He was only 54 years old. Yes, when I write my columns, all of them revolve around what’s going on in the Boston sports scene. However, I wanted to use this piece to remember Gwynn, one of the few athletes that I’ve seen that exemplified what was right about sports. Sadly, I wasn’t old enough to remember the Tony Gwynn that had 56 stolen bases in 1987. The Tony Gwynn that most kids growing up in the ‘90s remember didn’t look like a contact hitter. In fact, he didn’t even look like an athlete.

Just 5-foot-11 and weighing over 200 pounds, Gwynn in no way fit the profile of a player that would win eight batting titles and five Gold Gloves. Despite his portly size, Gwynn was simply a magician with his small 3½ ounce bat. Gwynn retired with a career .338 batting average - the 17th-highest mark in baseball history and the highest of any player who started his career after World War II – while also collecting 3,141 hits.

To put his incredible hitting prowess into context, Gwynn would have had to go 0-for-1,183 for his career batting average to drop below .300. Tony Gwynn batted over .350 six times in his 20-year career, and even came close to hitting .400 during the strike-shortened 1994 season, finishing the year with a .394 average. His plate discipline was also legendary: Gwynn only had 34 multi-strikeout games in his career; while also posting 45 career four-hit games. Gwynn was the face of the Padres, finishing his career as the franchise leader in batting average, hits, singles, doubles, triples, RBIs and stolen bases.

However, while Gwynn was known for his skill at the plate and in the field, he was beloved in his hometown of San Diego for what he did away from the park, as his constant smile and active participation in the community truly made him an icon in Southern California.

Again, it’s not everyday that baseball is given a player like Tony Gwynn, who like Ted Williams, was a true master of hitting. Rest easy, Mr. Padre.
DANNY PICARD: We’ve taken the remote broadcast approach today, because right now, we are actually in the ring at Peter Welch’s Gym in South Boston. You’re in town, promoting the fights in Maine on August 16. It’s actually UFC’s first event in Maine. That’s August 16 at Cross Insurance Center in Bangor. And with UFC making its first appearance in Maine, it tells me that UFC has come a long way. And I can’t begin to talk about that and how far it’s come without asking you about what Dana White calls “the most important fight in UFC history.” Do you ever think back at that? Because I know some people that work at UFC, and they tell me that, “Forrest Griffin, he saved UFC,” because of your fight in the finals on the first season of “The Ultimate Fighter.”

FORREST GRIFFIN: I wouldn’t go that far, but I brought it to the main stream. It was a pinnacle moment. It needed to happen. But if you think about it, if it wasn’t for people like Dana White, I don’t know that the sport would still be here at all. It’s weird because, as great as “Pride Fighting” was, it had kind of run its course. And the UFC had kind of fallen by the wayside.

DP: People say that that fight against Stephan Bonnar put UFC on the map. But what I find to be the most interesting part, is that you almost didn’t participate in “The Ultimate Fighter.”

FG: Yeah, well, I had quit my job once before and had taken up professional fighting as a career. And I was living on my friend’s couch with no dime, with nothing to my name, no car. Well, I had a car, but it was broken. So, things weren’t great, and I went back to law enforcement. Right when I got a job, a good-paying job, sort of getting on track, I was going to go get my Master’s degree, and then I just get this call. It’s like that girlfriend that keeps pulling you back in because you love her, even though she’s a dirty, dirty whore. But you just love her, you know? That was fighting.

DP: And Dana White called you, so what did he say?

FG: Well, I didn’t get on the plane the first time, and I called the producer [of “The Ultimate Fighter”] and basically said, “Talk me into this. I don’t know if I want to do this.” Because the guy described it to me as “The Real World” but with fighters. And I was like, “I don’t want to do this.” Then I got on the phone with Dana, and he basically said what I thought, which was, it’s basically better to regret the things you do than the things you don’t do. If you regret the things you don’t do, it’s because you never know. You don’t know what happens. You’d rather move forward and fail, than not move forward at all.

DP: And before they could convince you, you were a cop in Georgia?

FG: I was a cop for a couple years, and then I quit to become a professional fighter. And then I broke my arm. I ended up pretty much homeless and penny-less. My car was broken. I finally got a job in law enforcement. I was working as a cop again. All my ducks were getting in a row. And that’s when I got the call for [“The Ultimate Fighter”]. And that’s why I was a little hesitant to do it. I was like, “Man, I actually got a job, I got a place, I got a car, I had money for the first time in years. I was only making hundreds of dollars fighting professionally, and hundreds of dollars wasn’t covering the thousands of dollars in medical bills.

DP: So what are you up to now? You’re technically a UFC employee. You’re out promoting the event in Maine, you’re wearing a “UFC Fight Pass” t-shirt. But you’re in this ring with me right now, and you took your shoes off. So what’s going through your head right now as you sit in here. Do you ever get that itch to fight again?

FG: I mean, I didn’t mean to quit fighting. I wasn’t good at it anymore. My body was breaking down. I pulled out of two of my last four fights. So, just based on that, I’d fire me, based on lack of dependability. I was already on a poster for a fight, and canceled twice. So, it’s tough when you do that to people. It’s been two years. It was tough the first year. I saw guys, and it was just pure envy, just pure jealousy and rage. Like,
“Oh my God, look at them having a great time out there.” I took things way too seriously, too, when I was actually fighting.

DP: You were the light heavyweight champ. The light heavyweight champ now is Bones Jones. Do you ever watch him and maybe in your head, put yourself in the right with him, in your prime? Do you ever play that out in your head?

FG: No. Since he fought [Ryan] Bader that first time, I knew he was something special. We all did. Even before that, when he fought Stephan [Bonnar]. Because I remember training with Stephan for that fight, and we thought [Jones] was a wrestler. And then when we saw him come out, I remember thinking to myself, “That’s not what we trained for. That kid’s a freak. He’s throwing spinning heel kicks. He’s throwing everything.” Because his wrestling is so good, he’s not afraid of being put on his back.

DP: How good is Bones Jones?

FG: He’s amazing. he’s the next level. He’s the best in the world. A couple wins away from being better than Anderson Silva, believe it or not. A couple wins away.

DP: What’s the craziest thing you’ve seen done with the championship belt?

FG: My little brother just casually shopped in it. Just went on a shopping trip wearing the belt. Then, my grandmother wore it to church. She was like 85. We told her to do it as a joke, and she could barely hold the thing up. She was just like, “Ah, whatever.” You can’t beat that.

—Listen to entire conversation by subscribing to “I’m Just Sayin” on iTunes. Also, be sure to follow Danny on Twitter and Facebook.

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