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Could Boston Be Ready Host The 2024 Olympics

he U.S. Olympic Committee's board of directors met at MIT in Cambridge on Tuesday, and the metro area remains a contender on a short list under consideration for a U.S. bid. New York and Philadelphia recently dropped out of contention. Other candidates have reportedly included Washington, San Diego, Los Angeles, Dallas and San Francisco.

There are at least three of the USOC board's 15 voting members with local ties: former John Hancock Life Insurance CEO James Benson, Candlewick Press licensing director

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EDITORIAL Residency Requirement Argument Persuasive

ayor Walsh deserves credit for his attempt to get the best possible minds to City Hall. He also deserves credit for recognizing that while arguments can be made to relax the residency requirement the arguments for the law are just as, if not more, persuasive.

As a "city kid" himself, the Mayor can surely understand the pride and determination of those city dwellers who chose to make the close quarters of city living a plus rather than seeking the solace, but sometime isolation of the suburbs. Also, as a "city kid" who rose to be Mayor, he can appreciate the city attitude that the human talent to be or do anything is already present within the City and these city dwellers are prepared to execute any job that the Mayor needs done.



"Happiness isn't getting what you want, it's wanting what you got" - Garth Brooks

Last Week's Poll

Mayor Walsh wants to end the residency requirement for high level city workers. Should the city council approve his request?

Yes25% No75%





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Is the Bay State Finally Awake? / Persistence Can Pay Off

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY John Ciccone

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he lead story on Monday in one of Boston's daily papers told of new polling that showed that even in Massachusetts, the most liberal state in the country, Obama's popularity is sinking like a rock with more people now opposing his policies than those in favor. In Massachusetts??!! This is a state so liberal that there is a percentage of the electorate who would vote for the Ted Kennedy Family pet parakeet if it were on the ballot. So left leaning and uninformed are many voters in the Bay State that all they have to see is one or two bogus political commercials on TV or listen to propaganda by leaders in labor groups like SEIU and they vote to raise their own taxes. Yet, what Obama is doing to this country is so blatantly anti-America and lawless that he's faltering badly in what was probably his biggest stronghold.

Early this week, photos and video of thousands of illegal immigrants flooding in from Mexico as border security has been ordered to stand down and just let them come was infuriating to millions of Americans. To add insult to this, Obama has said he will use taxpayer money to provide lawyers to defend those here illegally should the local governments in the Border States try to deport them. The feds are now sending shuttles to transport those who are crossing to bus and train stations in Arizona and Texas to make it convenient for them to go anywhere in the United States that they desire. There will be free healthcare and housing and countless other perks that most citizens cannot even get. Who can forget the 36,000 criminals he had released from prison recently with convicted murderers, rapists, runners of illegal guns and major drug dealers among them?

hospitals, where dozens or our vets have died because of secret waiting lists has been temporarily knocked out of the headlines only by the illegal trade of five of the most dangerous terrorist's commanders in the world from Gitmo for one, what his fellow soldiers who served with him have called, traitor and deserter. SSgt Bergdahl has committed to Jihad and says he considers America a disgusting country and the US military a joke. The Taliban is of course thrilled and have publicly stated that they will now capture more Americans to use as hostage trades. Americans are now in more danger around the world than they were because of this trade and Obama says he will do it again. And what response did the soldiers who came out to shed light on Bergdahl's actions get from the White House? They were called "Psychopaths". Said one terrorism expert: "With this trade, the Taliban are now on steroids" Meanwhile, an innocent US Marine, SSgt Andrew Tahmooressi has for months, been sitting in a Mexican prison for accidently taking a wrong turn and not a word from Obama or any effort to get him released. To quote former presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan: "Somewhere in Hell, Osama Bin Laden is smiling."

This president is doing everything in his power to put the coal industry out of business and block the Keystone Pipeline from being built which will make our country even more dependent on Middle Eastern oil and cause the price of energy for every American to skyrocket. He's allowing the EPA to put so many punishing regulations on American industry that farmers, ranchers and other business will be going bankrupt. He's shrinking the military to dangerously low levels The neglect at Veteran's Administration and weakening American power

and influence around the world at every opportunity which puts all of us in danger. With each passing day, Obama's disregard for our Constitution and laws becomes more apparent and so does what an increasing number of Americans now see as his deliberate effort to bring down this nation. And now, even in liberal Massachusetts, the majority of people are finally waking up to what's happening. What took them so long?

Locally, so many locals, even many new arrivals are becoming alarmed at the amount and at the rate of new development going on in South Boston. In conversations around town, some people have been asking is there nothing that can be done to give residents more input and control over what's happening here. Well, it seems there is some hope after all. We all saw what community action and persistence can accomplish in regard to the recent Gate of Heaven School building. Neighbors refused to give in and were determined to have **CONTINUED ON page 11**



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REP. COLLINS DELIVERS LIVE THEATER TAX CREDIT IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BILL

BOSTON- On Wednesday the Massachusetts House of Representatives passed an Economic Development bill aimed at spurring job creation and economic growth across the Commonwealth.

Among the House's priorities was the establishment of a Live Theater Tax Credit for pre-Broadway shows produced in Massachusetts. The legislation creates a capped \$3 million tax credit for shows that run in Boston prior to being produced on Broadway in New York City.

"This tax credit program is critical to bringing Boston back to where it belongs as the premier site for pre-Broadway productions. It will strengthen our city and state's creative economy, our tourism and most importantly, our economy by creating good jobs," stated Representative Nick Collins.

Long a hub of pre-Broadway productions, starting with the Colonial Theater, Massachusetts and particularly Boston have lost out in recent years to other states such as Illinois, Louisiana, and Rhode Island, all of whom created a similar tax credit program. Earlier this week ArtsBoston released a reported highlighting that the creative economy contributes over \$1.4 billion annually to the state and regional economy.

"We are grateful for Rep. Collins' for efforts on the Live Theater Tax Credit for Pre-Broadway shows in Massachusetts. Since we first raised this concept, he has worked tirelessly to assure its passage in the House of Representatives. These efforts will bring good paying jobs to the workers in our industry. These wages and benefits have been lost to other states in recent years. This bill will no doubt have a tremendous impact across the state for the theatre community," stated John Walsh, a South Boston resident and the political director of IATSE Local 11, representing the skilled men and women who work behind the scenes in the entertainment industry.

Rep. Collins co-sponsored the original legislation along with House colleague Rep. Paul McMurtry of Dedham and former Sen. Jack Hart of South Boston.

Julie's Family Learning Program awarded \$100,000

Tulie's Family Learning Program has been selected as one of 100 local nonprofits to receive grants of \$100,000 each through Cummings Foundation's \$100K for 100 Program. The Boston-based organization was chosen from more than 430 applicants during a very competitive review process. Julie's Family Learning Program is a community based family support and education program committed to the development of strong, stable, healthy family functioning. We provide services that enable poor, at risk mothers and their children to transform their lives and become healthy, successful and economically self-sufficient members of their communities.

Representing Julie's, Bob Monahan, **Executive Director and Carrie** Coughlin, Development Associate joined more than 250 other guests at a June 2 reception at TradeCenter 128 in Woburn to celebrate the \$10 million infusion of funding into greater Boston's nonprofit sector. For the second year, this exclusive event drew representatives from all 100 grantee organizations, as well as many public officials. Bob Monahan says, "We are very grateful for the multiyear support from the Cummings Foundation. This funding strategy not only maximizes our limited staff development capacity, but it also helps us to secure the future of this miracle we call Julie's for years to come."

The \$100K for 100 Program supports nonprofits that are not only based in but also primarily serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties. This year, the program awarded 38 grants in Middlesex County, 25 in Essex County, and 37 in Suffolk County. Through this "place-based" initiative, Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the area where it owns commercial buildings, all of which are managed by its affiliate Cummings Properties. Founded in 1970 by Bill Cummings,

the Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages more than 10 million square feet of space, the majority of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

Joel Swets, Cummings Foundation's executive director, said, "Cummings Foundation is very committed to the local communities where the staff and clients of the Cummings organization live and work. We are delighted to support very worthy nonprofits like Julie's that are working tirelessly for the benefit of the people they serve." This year's very diverse group of grant recipients represents a wide variety of causes, including underserved populations, education, healthcare, hunger relief, and homelessness prevention. Most of the grants will be paid over two to five years. The complete list of 100 grant winners is available at www. CummingsFoundation.org.

About Julie's Family Learning Program

Julie's was founded in 1974 by two educators, Jean Sullivan, SND and Louise Kearns, SND, who had been working closely with struggling, female-headed families living in crisis at the margins of society. 40 years later, Julie's provides mothers and their children with an array of services that helps them systematically tackle their multiple challenges while strengthening the family unit. Having parent and child learning together in the same building provides a double incentive for families to make the effort to attend and focus. Julie's was founded on such a vision of a true community of learners.

About Cummings Foundation

Woburn-based Cummings
Foundation, Inc. was established in
1986 by Joyce and Bill Cummings
of Winchester, Mass. With assets
exceeding \$1 billion, it recently joined
Barr Foundation and The Boston
Foundation as one of the three largest
foundations in New England.

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Mary McCagg and Bain Capital private equity associate Whitney Ping. There are also board members with ties to Los Angeles, a city seen by some as a frontrunner.

According to Jon Chesto of the Boston Business Journal, the USOC has been expected to narrow down its candidates for the 2024 Olympics this month, with a goal of picking a U.S. city by 2015. There will be inevitable competitors from other countries if the USOC moves ahead with a bid and the International Olympic Committee will pick the host city in 2017. The U-T San Diego reported last week that L.A. and Boston are expected to make the USOC's list of finalists at Tuesday's meeting, and possibly Washington and San Francisco, but not San Diego. San Diego's inferior airport was cited as one of its biggest liabilities. The Summer Games haven't been in the U.S. since 1996, when they were held in Atlanta.

In Boston, the local efforts to bring the Summer Games here are being led by John Fish, the CEO of Suffolk Construction and the local organizing group is meeting with political and business leaders to better understand the benefits and costs of hosting the Olympics. "Boston is a world-class city and would serve as a wonderful host for the Summer Olympics," Fish was quoted as saying. "Our history, leadingedge business industries and sportsloving residents would provide a perfect atmosphere for the Olympic movement and the spirit of the Games. In addition, holding the Olympics in the Boston area would serve as a catalyst for growth in the region, supporting the kinds of major transportation and infrastructure improvements that are essential to our state's economic future."

Fish and his coalition know they'll need to make a strong case not just to the USOC, but also to Boston-area residents. The idea of hosting the Summer Games here has prompted criticism from people who worry about the cost— when everything is added up, the price tag would be in the billions of dollars — while there are fundamental infrastructure issues around here that badly need to be addressed. Fish's statement indicates that the local organizing committee is hoping to come up with a plan in which big-ticket items

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ReadingBetween The Lines

"Who Are Your Friends?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Brian R. Mahoney

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here are all different ways and places to grow up. Still, we all have similar experiences. We all remember certain, courageous events and people. Despite all the stories, lies and self-serving books and movies exaggerating and distorting the true history of South Boston, one central true fact is that Southie had its share of toughness. No matter how or where your life happened, how many of you consider someone, who planned a mass murder, a friend or even knew someone like that?

President Obama's friend and fund raiser Bill Ayers co-founded a terrorist organization planning to blow up American soldiers and their families Christmas party at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Fortunately, this inept crew blew themselves and their Greenwich Village townhouse to bits. Unfortunately, Ayres was out and able to go on the run for 10 years. People's memories faded and he got a slap on the wrist. Should it be mentioned that great American "peacemaker" Rev. Jeremiah Wright is both spiritual advisor and friend of the President? His "green energy" Czar Van Jones had to resign after giving a speech praising "Muslim Brotherhood Fighters September 12, 2011. Seems to me something big happened that September week in 2001. He too is a Presidential friend.

Special acknowledgement should go to another friend of the President and his first Press Secretary Anita Dunn. She resigned after giving an interview where she cited Mao Tse Tung as the most important figure in history, not Jesus, Washington or Gandhi. She liked Mao, he of the 20 million or more murders. Really? Did you or do you hang out with people like this where everyone's favorite hero or philosophy is violent anti-Americanism? No? Well your President does. These folks didn't leave because of drugs, drinking, sexual misconduct, or embezzlement. They instead all left because their hate America philosophy was exposed.

That was the first term so they had to go but now he's playing out the string so the mask is down and the gloves are off. Remember the President's first admonition to entrepreneurs that "you didn't build this. Somebody helped you"? Well, Mr. President you didn't create the office you hold and the power that comes with it. Through death and sacrifice a lot of people "helped you".

People like the Veterans who are being abused and neglected. You counsel "patience" while they die, as yet more "hearings" are scheduled. No such neglect or need for hearings when it comes to illegally aiding thousands of children at our borders being used as pawns by the criminal invaders. Help was instantaneous and massive. Then there is the strange case of the Marine being held in Mexico. By all accounts he seems to be a straight arrow, red-blooded American soldier. Obviously not the kind to win favor in this administration so he languishes in jail while "diplomatic channels" are being pursued. Anyone seen Secretary of State Kerry lately?

No. The person who catches this administration's eye is a deserter. Anybody who tweets "I am ashamed and disgusted to be an American" can't be all bad, especially when

he can be used for the real goal of closing Guantanamo. Let's look at these lies. The President had to violate the law to free the deserter, because a video showed him in ill health. If so, why wait till June to act on a video taken in January? Besides, two sets of military doctors have already said he's in good health. The Taliban threatened to kill him. Even the Taliban laughed at that saying "we realized how valuable our bird was". Most recently "we leave no man behind". Records released by the White

House themselves prove that Obama and Secretary of State Clinton were discussing the disproved "video" as the cover for the Benghazi attack at 8:00PM. The last Americans were murdered at 10:30PM two and a half hours after the political cover up had begun. So much for leaving "no one behind".

When Obama was elected his main stated goal was to close Guantanamo and free our enemies. However, agency after agency as well as Congressional committee after **CONTINUED ON page 11**



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Stepping Up and Stepping Out:

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

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

The Southie Scene - Stepping Up: Harbor of Heroes

All too often, the term "hero" becomes aligned with one who has acquired and posses much wealth and celebrity. And many times, that fortune comes at a bigger price than seems worthy: a la Kim, or any other, Kardashian. These "brave" women and men have to fight the paparazzi every day to avoid pimple pics and nip slips, photos of them doing "normal" things like grocery shopping or taking their little ones to the park. Sure, some of our "gods" are talented persons who live/work/play in a respectful manner and should be praised for doing so. But what about the real, everyday super-peoples, those who often go overlooked because their heroics are successfully practiced

on such consistent, daily basis, that we take their bravery for granted? These guys and gals run into burning buildings but also jump someone's car when it dies (guilty party here), all while conducting a blood drive and helping an elderly woman, not just cross the street, but carry her bags five blocks to her home. Step in front of bullets, while stepping in front of our youth to educate and improve their chances in this cruel world, buy someone in front of them their post-hangover coffee and bagel and then go home to their family and do it all over again. Travel to a distant and threatening lands, share their gifts of chocolate and gum with the kids in their patrolled villages, then

simultaneously shelter those kids and expose themselves to extreme danger, all so we can YOLO over here in the USA.

Time to get back to the start. Let's become a little more conscious of these everyday, all day superstars who live for you and me. Sign petitions and lobby for better benefits for our veterans, NOW. Refrain from uninformed and passive commentary concerning the pay of our rescue civil servantsdo your research and you will be shocked. Take a cue from these neighbors and set an example, a nature that comes secondhand to them, but some others may need a little push. This weekend Southie is getting out to support and revere

these very heroes- why don't you do the same?

Thursday June 12, 2014, 6-10pm 2nd Annual Mass Fallen Heroes Harbor Cruise, Provincetown II Shipping out of the WTC Pier at 200 Seaport Blvd, join Mass Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Heroes Memorial Fund this Thursday and listen to the infamous summer sound master, Jim Plunkett, while kicking off the actual, it's really here, weather! Tickets are \$25 and all proceeds benefit the fund, which actively supports our veterans and their families and continues to memorialize those lost in the war on terror. A physical memorial is slated to break ground this year in

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The Southie Scene - Stepping Out: Right on "A" Street

My childhood memories of South Boston's Seaport consisted of driving by a blinking "Jimmy's Harborside" sign on Summer Street, always missing some bulbs and an occasional fried whole-bellied (is there any other?) clam run with my Mom from Jimbo's, when we couldn't get to Kelly's Landing. And how could I forget being escorted in the back door of Eastern Pier Chinese restaurant, because my godmother was a favored guest? Most of the area was full of empty lots consisting of broken concrete and trash. Somewhere in the midst of it all though, were hidden hopes and dreams found in the abandoned buildings of "A" Street and the cracks in that vast concrete expanse, as well as in the hearts and minds of our local politicians and community activists. A desire to make all of South Boston stand out and shine. Fifteen years later, Fort Point and the Seaport are professional and palatable destinations, with

innovation running through all of the area: the arts, business, real estate construction as well as food and drink. People come from far and wide to work, live and play in Southie. One of my New Year's resolutions was to keep it all local; there is so much to do and see in your free time as well as keep yourself fueled through the week, one doesn't have to leave SB. Take in some of what our 'hood has to offer and learn more about our other half. Attend some of these events to meet your neighbors and enhance your experience in your community. Thursday June 12, 2014, 12-1:30pm 10th Annual Taste of Fort Point, Children's Wharf Park

10th Annual Taste of Fort Point, Children's Wharf Park No brown baggin' it Thursday! Head down to the park and enjoy free samples from local Fort Point vendors and some live music, and enjoy all the waterfront has to offer. friendsoffortpointchannel.org/tasteof-fort-point

Thursday June 12, 2014- Saturday

June 14, 2014 Higher Ground Farm, 1 Design Center Place

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*Tuesday June 17, 6-8pm*Walking Tour of Fort Point Channel

Neighborhood, South Station Once a bleak and desolate landscape, Fort Point is bustling with life. A remarkable mix of residential and commercial spaces, filled with artists and suits alike. Learn about the growing history of the neighborhood. Stroll the streets and make sure to troll one of the hotspots after becoming more informed! bcae.org/index.cfm?method=ClassInfo. ClassInformation&int class id=11209&int category id=0&int sub category id=0&int catalog id=0# Wednesday June 18, 2014, 6-9pm Ties & Taps, Gather at District Hall Get out and do what Southie does best: GIVE. The 2nd Annual Ties & Taps is a fundraiser for Community Work Services, an organization that aids adults in job training, placement and support services. Tickets are \$35 and guests are asked to bring a tie, scarf or clothing store g/c, that one can use and wear to an interview. Food provided by Gather and beer by Long Trail. TiesAndTaps2014.Eventbrite.com cwbos.com



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



Touch: *Take Your Pick*

What better way to celebrate Pops and family but with food? The Fork in the Road Food Truck Festival sets the table this Saturday June 14th, 12-10pm, at the Pavilion. Tickle your taste buds with offerings of bacon, beer and burgers: surely a path to anyone's heart.

foodtruckfestivalsofne.com/fork-in-the-road-fest/



See: No You See It, Now You Don't ...

What better way to end the dreaded and disillusioned Friday the 13th? Drag Dad to Catalyst Comedy at 50 Melcher Street and bear witness to Magic: The Gathering The Show. A little krazy and kooky, take in this comically charged cabaret full of mystery.

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Taste: Bites and Beats

Music, food, and family: nothing can beat that. Tour Fort Point's ever-expanding landscape of culinary and creative talents on "A Taste of the Arts" tour, this Saturday June 14th, from 2:30-5:30pm. The tickets include some stops at South Boston's finest and most revered restaurants as well as a walking tour of Fort Point, ending with a beautiful orchestrated concert on the green of 280/290 Congress Street at 5:30 pm, complete with dancers. Take a bite of out Southie and bring Dad along.

event brite.com/e/a-taste-of-the-arts-boston-virtuosi-fort-point-restaurant-crawl-tickets-11130865719



Smell: Ya Salty Dog

Live on the edge and sail the high seas with the Captain of ye family, this Saturday June 14th. The Pirate Crawl has 5-7 bars along the way, one being a cruise around the harbor in search of bounty of fun. Starts at 12pm; after registering the list of stops will be available to you. Ahoy, matey.

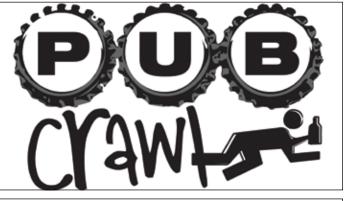
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Hear: Say It Isn't So

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Sunday June 15, 2014, 7pm HAHAs for Heroes, LAUGH Boston

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and support of the families of fallen heroes Lt. Ed Walsh's and FF Mike Kennedy's families; a dad and Big Brother who should be honored on Father's Day. Local comics are performing and donating all proceeds to the fun; tickets are \$20. Invite those important guys in your life along: I'm sure Lt. Walsh and FF Kennedy would absolutely approve.

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In Your Corner

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
SBT Staff Report

ast week an application for a liquor license for 11 Dorchester was denied. The process underlines the need to participate in your neighborhood's life. The proponents, Dave and Dave, had an intriguing residential and commercial proposal for the former New England Auto at Dorchester and Dresser Streets. While concerns of density and ample parking were raised it seemed a reduction in overall size of the project might negate those concerns.

The major issue was the inclusion of a restaurant as the commercial use - more to the point a liquor license. People, in general, were receptive and supportive of a dining establishment, but were dubious of the need and effect for a 2am, a 1am, or even a midnight license. Residents in this area are already under constant noise assault from revelers and patrons exiting the Perkins Sq. and West Broadway bars. Allowing the potential for a possible future "sports" bar was a gamble the residents were unwilling to take.

On a historical note, about 8 years ago the Boston Licensing Board took the unprecedented step of holding a public meeting in St. Vinny's Club House to hear resident testimony on the "Abbey Bar and Grill". The result of that testimony was the closing of that bar, which is only a half block from the newest proposal. So while the meetings were sometimes contentious, everyone should have their say. However, this board, as well as others such as BRA or Zoning Board, should incorporate legal reasoning into their decision making process.

For instance, the courts recognize residents living within 400 feet of a proposal have "legal standing" to go to court and seek relief. Yet at last week's hearings the Board initially seemed to be swayed by "e-mails" in favor of the liquor license until the Mayor's Representative pointed out nearly all were from folks as much as a mile distant, certainly not impacted residents. This type of tactic fools no one but one to always be on the alert for.

Senator Dorcena-Forry, Rep. Collins, Mayor Walsh, Council President Linehan, and Councilor Flaherty should be recognized for the presence of their aides attending and participating in all meetings. Much thanks, as always, to the residents who took the time to show up.

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for the Summer Games would have long-term benefits, that in part address some of these infrastructure issues.

An ad hoc commission created by the Legislature to study the feasibility of bringing the Olympics here stopped short of making an actual recommendation in its report on the issue at the end of February. But the report contains a long list of examples why Boston could be well suited to host this massive event. There would still need to be some crucial construction projects: an 80,000-seat Olympic stadium, an "athletes' village" spanning some 100 acres or so, a giant swimming facility and a cycling velodrome.

To make the case for a local Olympics, the organizers would likely need to map out how each big project could leave a legacy after the games are over. The Olympic stadium, for example, could be an opportunity for Bob Kraft to finally develop a soccer venue for his New England Revolution in the Boston area, as long as many of the stadium's seats are temporary or retractable. (The Krafts need a much smaller stadium for their pro soccer team.) The velodrome could be put to good use by cyclists who have been pushing for an indoor cycling facility in New England.

Perhaps Boston's biggest stumbling block is the dearth of available land: Organizers would want a big site or two close to the city center. There aren't many that fit the bill — the former rail yards in Allston probably come closest to the type of blank-canvas property that would be sought.

Mindful of political realities, former Boston Mayor Tom Menino publicly scoffed at the notion of hosting the 2024 Games when asked about the concept last year. (His administration, however, helped bring together two co-founders of the local 2024 Summer Games movement.) Mayor Marty Walsh has shown some receptivity to the concept. Walsh, though, still realizes the fundamental math that's essential to the 2024 Olympics becoming a reality here: The benefits are going to need to outweigh the costs over the long haul.

"13th Annual Turning the Wheel"

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
SBT Staff Report

riday the 13th is a day associated with strange happenings usually of the bad luck variety. This year is a ploy to offset the bad day by emphasizing the good.

Tonight Thursday June 12th, Medicine Wheel Productions will host the 13th annual "Turning the Wheel" fundraiser held at Grand Ten Distilling, 383 Dorchester Avenue (next to the Peter Welch gym). It's the event that starts off the Southie summer season of times, fundraisers and planned get-togethers. Its position as the first summer event coincidentally signifies the organization's importance in the community, an importance that its target audience, the kids, recognizes and accepts.

A visit to Medicine Wheel studio at K and First Street proved the point. Outside, at the I Street Harbor Walk, Director Michael Dowling was recognized and approached by one of the kids just hanging, directionless, but with hidden artistic talents. The lad is told to "show up next week" at Medicine Wheel and "we'll see". Inside the studio itself a group of kids, already in the program, are choreographing an upcoming dance to be part of an overall exhibit.

In this instance, the kids, or rather young adults, are the best judges and they have made their judgment. Medicine Wheel is a program that works and they support. So should you, dear reader, and tonight from 7-10 is a perfect opportunity to support and learn what the kid's already know. Please give what you can.

Art Festival Saturday, June 14 at the Library South Boston Arts Association

rtists and art lovers, please note! Please join for our 43rd Annual Art Festival, an exhibit of artwork by local adult and teen artists which will be held in the Library's lovely walled garden from 12 to 4 p.m. on June 14. If you're an adult or teen artist looking for a place to display your talent, this is an opportunity to do so in a free and open forum. Registration forms are available at the Library—please register by June 13. For those who just like to check out the local art scene. our Art Festival is the chance to do so. Singer/songwriter and Southie native Bob Dunlap with his partner Kathi Taylor will entertain with original music and more.

And once again we will be showcasing The Community Canvas Tote & Tile Project, sponsored by the Friends of the South Boston Branch Library, which is an opportunity for people of all ages to participate in a project that is a unique way to



celebrate community. Materials will be provided for anyone of any age who wants to submit a drawing, painting, or sketch entry, and the artwork is combined into a collage that will adorn a special tile that will be on permanent exhibit at the South Boston Branch, at 646 East Broadway. A special event not to be missed!



Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 809	\$1,109,000	05/23/14	7	3	2600
306 West Third Street	\$965,000	05/23/14	7	2.5	2000
Three Family					
267 Bolton Street	\$810,000	05/24/14	6	2.5	1450
Single Family					
752 East Fifth St UNIT 2	\$662,000	05/28/14	4	1	635
Condo					
31 G Street	\$660,000	05/28/14	4	2	872
Single Family					
411-413 East Fifth Street	\$638,000	05/22/14	3	1	640
Two Family					
191 K St UNIT 6	\$628,000	05/22/14	3	1.5	924
Condo					
858 East Second St UNIT 1	\$605,000	05/26/14	3	1	500
Condo					
858 East Second St UNIT 3	\$595,000	05/26/14	6	2	1564
Condo					
701 East Broadway UNIT 0	\$580,000	05/23/14	4	1.5	1143
Condo					
66 N St UNIT 6	\$540,000	05/28/14	3	1	415
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851 East First St UNIT 3	\$489,000	05/22/14	4	2.5	1775
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119 Dorchester St UNIT 5	\$462,000	05/28/14	6	2	1300
Condo	\$385,000	05/23/14	4	2	1001
43 Gates St UNIT 3 Condo	φ303,000	03/23/14	4	2	1231
284 K St UNIT PH3	\$373,000	05/28/14	5	2	1601
Condo	φ313,000	03/20/14	3	2	1001
350 West Fourth St UNIT 305	\$275,000	05/27/14	9	2	1848
Condo	Ψ210,000	30,21,14		_	1070
227 West Third St UNIT 2	\$261,100	05/28/14	13	3	2340
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St. Peter Academy News

ongratulations to St. Peter
Academy students Ellen
Shiner and Jamie Scali
for placing third in the Massport
Recycling Art Contest. Ellen, grade
5 and Jamie, grade 7, took 3rd place
with their design of a recycle barrel
that will be placed in Terminal A at
Logan Airport. Ellen's drawing

depicted St. Peter Academy's mascot, the dove, and Jamie drew a picture of three airplanes in the formation of a recycle symbol. As a reward, Alaina Cappola and Oscar Brazoban from Massport treated Grades 5 & 7 to a pizza party. They were happy that St. Peter Academy won, especially since our school is

located so close to Logan Airport and we see the planes over Southie every day. So if you are traveling and happen to be in Terminal A, keep an eye out for our St. Peter Academy recycle barrel.

St Peter Academy, South Boston, is an independent private school with a Catholic focus offering unique programs enhancing the educational experience for all of its students in grades Pre K through 8. They are currently accepting applications for their summer program and 2014-15 school year. To schedule a private tour or request an application call 617-268-0750 or email spacademy2004@yahoo.com

Southie Family Fun Day

aturday, more than a thousand people gathered at Marine Park with a mission. It was a day for families to enjoy the day together in the beautiful weather and brilliant sunshine and just kick back and have some fun.

Southie Family Fun Day was Saturday June 7 at Farragut Park in South Boston. The MOMS Club is celebrating their fifth year of bringing this event to the community. Co-chairs Carrie Coughlin and Sharon Asiaf are grateful for the support of the non-profit community and our elected officials. 100% of donations and grant money goes toward this yearly event, open and free to all with appeal to children of all ages. This year more than 1200 people attended over the course of the day, enjoying performances by 4th Presbyterian Children's Theater Group, Woods School of Irish Dance, Ultimate Self Defense, and our main attraction, Toe Jam Puppet Band.

This mission was definitely



accomplished as people gathered to take part in games and contests, listen to music, and have something to eat and to celebrate the festive atmosphere that comes natural to South Bostonians. It was Southie Family Fun Day and from the looks of all the smiling faces, the adults were having just as much fun as the kids. Good job by all.











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input in what will be built there. That persistence paid off. More recently, there was an issue with a proposal at 11 Dorchester Street where the New England Auto Body building stands. According to neighbors, the proposal is for a large scale restaurant and bar. It seemed to be a done deal under the Menino Administration but neighbors had a problem with the closing times and provisions with the liquor license to be transferred. But here again, large numbers of residents showed up to the meeting last week and were overwhelmingly opposed to parts of the proposal. Residents have informed us that the new mayor and all our local elected officials are all "strongly opposed" and are standing with the residents and this proposal will not go forward as is currently written.

Could this be yet another victory for neighborhood activism and does it show us all that, when enough people in this town get together, stand their ground and make sure they are included in the process, they certainly can influence the outcome? I believe it does.

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committee opposed any closing. In 2012, his National Security Director named the five recently released as the one reason "if no other existed", for keeping Guantanamo open. Last year, the Pakistanis informed us that the Haqqani network holding our deserter would give him up for money. The President refused unless the Haqqanis accepted the five plus the ransom. The Haqqanis refused. It wasn't until now that the Haqqanis agreed to accept the five plus ransom.

So, this all could have been resolved a year ago for money. That, however, would have meant we still held the five. That would never do. Now that they're gone expect the case to be closed because, after all, the "five most dangerous" have been released. How dangerous could releasing the rest of these America hating killers be? More tragically, how many soldiers' lives were lost or damaged forever to get Obama political brownie points?

Take care till next week.







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Passive Offseason Leaves Red Sox Ailing

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

by David Pollard

Talk back to David at DPollard@SouthBostonToday.com

I his is not your 2013 World Series Champion Boston Red Sox. What may seem like a similar roster for a team that befuddled baseball fans and experts alike with their epic postseason run and subsequent World Series victory, is a completely different, albeit worse team. The streaky Sox don't have to make excuses though. There should be no call for a remedy. Let's face it, to call a World Series Championship luck would be asinine - but to say that the team overachieved is not such an outlandish thought.

In fact, many believed that with a new coach and general manager, that the 2013 Sox would be the bridge to a newer, more refreshing roster. But last year's team skipped out on the development stage, did away with the "rebuilding year" and set a mission from opening day that landed them in the World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals. 2013 is over. Coach John Farrell and GM Ben Cherington are now being exposed for their poor decision making, both on and off the field.

In the offseason that Cherington took over, prior to the 2013 season, he hired John Farrell as the manager of the team. He resigned David Ortiz to a two-year \$26-million extension. He signed free agents David Ross, Johnny Gomes, Shane Victorino, Koji Uehara, Mike Napoli, and Stephen Drew. He was also responsible for acquiring roll players Mike Carp and Daniel Nava. Those moves changed the Red Sox in 2013. The offseason was highly active, and nearly every move Cherington made had a positive impact on a team that never lost three games in a row.

This past offseason, the

biggest acquisition was Edward Mujica, formerly of the St. Louis Cardinals. He's currently 2-2 out of the bullpen with a 6.95 ERA. National League success does not always translate to American League success for pitchers. Now, consider the subtractions the Red Sox made this offseason. They let go of Jacoby Ellsbury, to the Yankees no less, arguably the MLB's best leadoff hitter and one of the league's best center fielders, period. They also let go of Jarrod Saltalamacchia, denying him a three-year, \$21-million contract. Not wanting to pay Ellsbury \$153-million over seven years, one can understand. But with no other catcher waiting in the wing, was \$7-million per year really too rich for the Sox blood?

Answer: No. The luxury tax threshold for 2014 is \$189-million. Currently, the Red Sox payroll stands at \$154.5-million. So even if the Sox made all the acquisitions they did in 2014, even if they paid Ellsbury \$25-million per year, and Salty \$9-million, the Sox still would have come in under the luxury tax - which, by the way, is not a cap - and the Sox have the revenue to spend beyond the \$189-million threshold. Right now, four teams have a higher payroll than Boston: Detroit (\$161-million), Philadelphia (\$184-million), the Yankees (\$209.4-million), and the L.A. Dodgers (\$238.8-million).

The Red Sox could have spent more money to become a better team. They did not want to spend the money. Instead, they took a passive approach, acquiring low-level roll players like an aging A.J. Pierzynski (who is in tandem with the close-to-40-year-old David Ross), known around the league

as a clubhouse poison pill, and a fragile Grady Sizemore.

To start the 2014 season, other things have also gone wrong that may have gone right for the Sox in 2013. The only consistent starters in the rotation are Lester and Lackey. Clay Buchholz is playing about as much as he did last year, but is pitching with no confidence. and was getting lit up before he took a spot on the D.L. in favor of newcomer Ruby De La Rosa. The bullpen has not been the same. Koji Uehara was overworked last year and as a result, has arm problems to kick off 2014. Rather than making late inning comebacks the Sox have squandered leads. They cannot hit with runners in scoring position, and the lineup has been changed more times than a baby's diaper, the contents of which resemble the way the Sox have played through 60 regular season games - utter crap.

The kicker: the Sox let go of Stephen Drew during the offseason only to re-sign him to a one-year \$10-million contract, to essentially play tandem shortstop and third base, giving youngsters like Xander Bogaerts and Brock Holt less play time, and therefore less valuable developmental time. The Drew re-signing was a panic move. It's time to face it; the 2014 Red Sox are not the same team that won the World Series this past October. If that's the case, embrace the rebuilding process, allow Bogaerts to develop as a short stop, make Drew into a \$10-million benchwarmer, and begin to insert your prospects to get them ready for the big leagues.

If this notion is not embraced, it won't be long before the Sox begin pawning off their young talent for a quick fix. Let this

team lose, but let them grow; rather than chasing down another unrealistic World Series, let the rebuilding process begin.

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU14P1221EA

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Estate of:

Elizabeth Giazi

Date of Death: 03/26/2013

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

(617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Maria Blasi of South Boston MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that:

Maria Blasi of South Boston MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 06/26/2014

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong First Justice of this Court

May 22, 2014 Ann Marie Passanisi Register of Probate June 12, 2014



M STREET SOFTBALL – *RACE TIGHTENS*



By Mark Senna

eek four of our season began on Monday with the Lincoln Tavern taking on the Warehouse. Just a few minutes into the game, the Warehouse ran into trouble as Lincoln loaded the bases with one out. Adam Feinstein didn't let them off the hook either as he roped a triple to right center field making it 4-0. After a few scoreless frames, the game would move to the sixth inning with Lincoln comfortably in front at 8-1. But Dan Pencinger led by example and rallied his troops by delivering a clutch triple to make it 8-3. Lincoln added their ninth run in the top of the seventh and at the time, the run seemed meaningless as the game was in hand.

However, The Warehouse had other ideas as they rallied in the bottom of the seventh. Mike McGrath made it 9-5 when he doubled to right center and later scored on Chris Bartlett's single, 9-6. With two outs, Kevin Snow kept the inning alive with his fourth single of the game. Pencinger then made things very interesting as he laced a double that plated two more runs making it 9-8. With the tying and winning runs on base, pitcher Todd Marsh got the batter to ground out to first to end the game. It should be noted that second baseman Sean Gorman may have saved the game with an outstanding catch in the seventh for the second out of the inning.

Monday's second game saw the Harp & Bard take on the red hot Southside Tavern. Folks this one was pretty much decided in the bottom of the first inning when Southside's offense erupted for ten runs on seven hits. Brad Morrill (2 doubles) and Steve Couturier (2 hits) struck the big blows in the inning. The Harp tried to fight back in the second when they plated five runs but Southside answered with four more runs on a Josh Neeley homerun in the fourth

keeping Southside perfect at 6-0.

On Tuesday, the Village Pizza and the Cranberry Café would need an extra inning to find a winner. With the score tied 2-2 in the fifth inning, Village Pizza's offense sprung to life as they sent twelve batters to the plate while scoring nine runs. But Cranberry answered back with a seven run inning of their own. After a scoreless sixth and top of the seventh innings, the game moved on to Cranberry's last at bats. Trailing 11-9 with one out, John Young started things off with a single to left center and moved to second on a ground out to first. Mark Goodman then walked which set the table for his brother, Brian Goodman. On a 1-1 offering, Goodman ripped a triple to deep left center that cleared the bases and tied the game. The Pizza boys wouldn't let the game slip away easily as they got the last out of the inning.

The game then moved to extra innings where Village Pizza would load the bases in the inning but not score a run. That would prove costly as Cranberry quickly put runners on base for Jay Malley, who won the game with a sacrifice fly to left. What a game!

Tuesday's nightcap saw the Dragons and The Playwright trade blows in the first inning of their game. The Dragons jumped out to a 3-0 lead but then watched The Playwright circle the bases with six runs of their own in the home half of the inning. Peter Drummey and Peter Hourihan struck the key hits in the inning. The Dragons would make a late charge as they scored three runs in the seventh but would leave the tying run on base as The Playwright held on for the 8-6 win.

Wednesday's action saw three games take place on the M Street diamond. The Underdogs and The Playwright started the evening off with a bang as the Underdogs rallied for the win in their last at bats. Trailing 8-6 with two runners on base and one out, Kris Manilenko tripled to tie the game and later scored on Scott Hatchett's single to center. It's the second game between these two teams that has gone down to the wire. The Underdogs also won the first meeting, 12-11 on May 21st. The two teams will meet one final time at the end of the month (June 25th @ 9pm).

The middle game saw Clyde's Village Pizza boys rebound from a tough loss the night before to edge JW Brokerage 12-7. Eric Archambault (3 hits) and Eddie Blum (3 hits) were the stars in the team's first M Street league win. Congratulations boys! JW's offense was led by Michael Curran (3 hits) and Pat Eckhardt (3 hits, double).

With first place on the line, STATS rallied from behind to take a win away from the Cranberry Café, 9-6. With the team trailing by a run, Mike Blanchard, Mike Connell, and John Pels connected for the clutch hits in a four run fifth inning putting STATS ahead to stay. Pitcher Eric MacDonald then held Cranberry's offense in check as he scattered five hits while picking up his third win of the season. His only nemesis was Chris Flaherty, who smashed two homeruns (5 RBI) including a grand slam in the third inning.

Thursday's action was rained out which forced the league to rescheduled the games for the following dates: The Islanders vs. Warehouse game has been rescheduled to Wednesday, June 18th @ 6pm. Southside Tavern vs. Harp & Bard has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 25th @ 6pm. The Shenanigans vs. Lincoln Tavern has been rescheduled for Wednesday, July 9th @ 9pm. Players and coaches please make note of these changes.

Following up to last week's mention about the lack of routine

field maintenance and our parking situation. Paul McCaffrey of the Parks and Recreation Department has responded and informed me that field maintenance is reactive which means we have to call to get the crew here to perform the work. Thanks for the info Paul! As for the parking situation, the league contacted the Mayor's office which then put me in touch with John Allison from counselor Bill Linehan's office. John said his office will research the issue and respond to me with an answer or a solution.

It should be noted that Ray Flynn started this league in 1970 with the goal of giving the returning Vietnam veterans a positive and constructive place to come together and compete. Many of these Vets lived in South Boston but they also had friends from surrounding Boston communities who would drive to and park their cars at M Street to play in the league. Today these same Vets would be receiving \$40 "Non-Resident" parking tickets simply because of the over-development of South Boston. This does not sit well with this life long South Boston resident who will continue to fight this matter until we reach a reasonable solution. Stay tuned.

As always, supporting fans can follow the league through our website (www.sbsports.com), right here in the South Boston Today, or experience the league up front and personal by taking in a game or two. Have a great week everyone!



SOUTH BOSTON TODAY



Every week, we run part of a segment from Danny Picard's daily iTunes podcast, "I'm Just Sayin." He can also be heard weekends on WEEI 93.7 FM and seen on Comcast SportsNet New England. This week, Danny talked with Comcast SportsNet columnist Rich Levine:

DANNY PICARD: After missing the final four minutes of Game 1 of the NBA Finals, LeBron James responded with 35 points in a Game 2 win. What was your reaction to the way Game 1 ended, with LeBron on the sideline? While it doesn't look good with him on the sideline, I'd still like to think that if LeBron James could have played and finished that game, he would have.

RICH LEVINE: Of course. I mean, he is not perfect. He's one of these guys who, from the age of 14 and 15, everything he's done has been in the public eye. But the guy's a competitor. There has to be a real misconception among basketball people, among fans, among the world, about what a cramp actually is in your leg when it's related to dehydration. It's impossible to play. It really is. Your body essentially shuts down. One thing we heard was, "Larry Bird would have never come out of that game with cramps." I don't think that's even the question. The question is whether or not Larry Bird would have even cramped up. Because once you cramp up, once that happens, in the moment, you're done. It's not a matter of toughness. It's a matter of, you're literally not physically able to do it. So yeah, it was unfortunate. You watch the whole season, and me personally, and listening to your intro, I feel like you might be with me a little bit, like, I've just accepted LeBron as being at least one of the top five greatest players of all time at this point. It's one thing when the Celtics were in contention every year, and it was a little tougher then, but now that the Celtics are out of it for the time being, there's something special about being able to say, "I was there to watch one of the greatest basketball players of all-time at his absolute peak. And that's what he is right now. So I'm in the mindset of just kind of enjoying what he brings every night. And obviously Game 1 was unfortunate, but like you said, he brought it in Game 2.

DP: Yeah he did, and I fully expected him to respond like that. And when I look back at that Game 1, I don't criticize Lebron for not playing. I sort of criticize the team for knowing that there's been a little history with LeBron and these cramps, and with it being so hot in the arena, these professional teams have the stuff to prevent dehydration. They have better stuff than any Joe-schmo could get out in the street if they're dehydrated. And I'm talking about beyond bottled water and Gatorade. They have IV's. They have electrolyte tablets. They have all the good stuff to prevent this. I was looking more at the team and the training staff, saying, "What were you guys doing at halftime?" Wasn't this a concern on their part at all?

RL: I think that's a really good point. He's no stranger to cramps. And they say that maybe this is part of him having the body type that he does. He's built like a power forward/ linebacker with like zero percent body fat. I think that sort of leaves you in a position to be more susceptible to cramps. Right now, when you say it, it makes a lot of sense. How could you not at least put it together that the air conditioning is off, and these guys are going to be sweating more than they probably have in any game of the season, on top of the stress that comes with the NBA Finals? At the same time, I wonder how that dynamic works. Is a trainer really going to go to LeBron in the middle of that game, probably the biggest game of the year, and say, "Hey, let me give you the IV." I think it would take a strong person to sort of step up and make that statement if you're a trainer for the Heat. And I think in a perfect world, that's what you want. But I could see how it could get lost in the shuffle with all the commotion and all that. But yeah, if coming into these Finals, you said, "Who's the one person that is potentially going to miss an important period of the game because of a cramp?" You would have said, "LeBron." So yeah, that's an interesting point for sure.

DP: Let me get away from the Finals and get into this Celtics offseason. Once upon a time, Rich, I had you on this show, last February, and we had a conversation about a column that you wrote, which opened my eyes and got me thinking and had me actually had me beginning to dream of a day in which Carmelo Anthony would be playing in a Boston Celtics uniform. And I think at the time that we talked about it, before this past NBA trade deadline, neither of us actually thought it would be realistic for that type of move to actually happen, but it was a thought. Now, there's a rumor, forget about Kevin Love for a minute, there's also a rumor that the Celtics could be trying to go after Carmelo Anthony. What did you think about that rumor, and do you think it's any more realistic that Carmelo Anthony could one day -or even as soon as this offseason -become a Boston Celtic?

RL: The "one day" aspect would be, this is the offseason to do it. And I think a month or so before I wrote that, I wrote the same column saying that Kevin Love should come to Boston. It's basically, you look at where the Celtics were, and where the Celtics are right now. One thing we know for sure in the NBA is that you need superstars to win. And the fact of the matter is, because of how the Celtics are set up right now, with their draft picks and a few young assets, they're in position for -- every single time a superstar becomes available -they're going to be one of the teams in the mix. If a superstar is going to be traded, there isn't a team in the league, except for maybe Phoenix, who has the assets to blow another team out of the water. And they're lining themselves up to sign a max player as well. So I just think that, it's one of those things where, if you look ahead, until the Celtics find this next core, whether it's the one superstar to play with Rondo, or ideally after that, you take those two and bring in the third superstar, every single time that an all-star is available, the Celtics are going to be in the mix. I think it's crazy to think that they won't be. With 'Melo? The Celtics have more picks than they know what to do with, and there's no team in the NBA that needs firstround picks more than the Knicks do. I think Phil Jackson is looking for a way to maybe reset a little bit. Ideally, he would build a winner immediately like Danny Ainge did in 2007, but I think his best route is probably a way to get some draft picks and start putting together some assets. And no one has more than the Celtics. And I think Carmelo wants to play with Rondo because he was trying to recruit him to New York the last year or so. I don't think it's easy, by any means, but the Celtics have the flexibility and the firepower to do pretty much anything. And Ainge will be willing to do anything.

DP: But the Celtics could get 'Melo

without having to trade for him, right? Can't he opt out this summer? **RL:** Yeah, but I think with the way they do it, it's more likely that there would be some sort of sign-andtrade. And at that point, it's not like you're having to give them the value for Carmelo Anthony in that sort of sign-and-trade. Like, LeBron was technically traded and Chris Bosh was technically traded to Miami. The CBA is absolutely insane, so there are loopholes to the signand-trade, because you can keep certain rights or whatever. For some reason, if it does happen, I don't see if happening as far as 'Melo opting out and just hitting the open market. And again, at this point, you wouldn't be paying the amount for an all-star at his prime, but there's a little something you can do to get him before he hits the open market. **DP:** I was thinking they'll have to sign 'Melo, because I'm also thinking that they're going to have to give up a lot to get Kevin Love, who can't opt out until after this upcoming season. And I guess my mindset is, I'm already to the point where Love is in a Celtics uniform. And I know that thought might be a little unrealistic because there are other teams that are going to be able to give Minnesota maybe more than the Celtics. But it all comes down to what Kevin Love wants, right? Kevin Love controls his own destiny here.

RL: It's a player's league. And they tried like hell to sort of fix that a little bit with the last CBA. But at the end of the day, a sport like basketball, where there's so few players and the superstars mean so much. It's not like Albert Pujols, when a guy goes

from St. Louis to Anaheim and then the Cardinals thrive and Anaheim struggles. These NBA players make the difference. And they know that. So I think at the end of the day, it'll probably have a lot to do with what Love wants to do. And what we hear right now is, one of the bigger issues is that Minnesota's owner still feels horrible about the Kevin Garnett trade and how it turned out, and he doesn't want to go through that again with the Celtics. Personally, I think that's an awful reason to not do something. If the Celtics have the best offer, for Minnesota to turn it down for any reason, would be absolutely moronic. I think there's a decent chance that Love ends up here. I was thinking that this was possible a long time ago, and now that it's coming closer, I'm not sold vet. I think so much needs to happen. And there are so many different parts involved. But, I want the Celtics to get both Love and Anthony. I'm optimistic about Love ending up here, but we still have a couple more dominos to fall into place.

DP: I want them to get both players, too. But since this Carmelo Anthony rumor came up, I've been shocked to hear -- here in Boston -- how much [expletive] Carmelo Anthony is getting. I can't believe how many people don't want to see Carmelo Anthony come to the Celtics. I'm actually shocked.

RL: The people that are saying that, they don't watch the NBA. Whoever is saying it doesn't watch the NBA and they don't know anything about basketball. It's really that simple. And then it's actually probably a little deeper and weirder for the

reasons why they dislike Carmelo so much. It's idiotic, it really is. It's hard to even spend time on it. Like, I don't know anything about hockey, and if the Bruins were going to sign a free agent and I just started blurting out opinions based on preconceived notions and even less than that. Carmelo is a great player. And I know this was a while ago, but this was a guy who put a team on his back in college as a 19-year-old and won the National Championship. This is a guy who was by himself in Denver for the first couple years of his career and he played well. He's got two Gold medals. Both times, he's gone into the locker room with guys like LeBron and Kobe and has taken a step back. The last two Olympics, he said, "I'm going to rebound for this team." I don't know if he ended up leading the team in rebounds, but he transformed his game for the sake of winning. And listen, he's not perfect, either, but none of these guys are. He's made some mistakes, but he's a player, he's a scorer, he does care. He really cares. And you put him with Rajon Rondo, and that is a really good combination. And if you then add Kevin Love? Look at the Eastern Conference right now. We don't know what's going to happen with the Heat after these Finals. The Pacers have reached their apex. Brooklyn is on the verge of disappearing. The East is open, you know? The time is now to do this. And anyone who says, "We don't want Carmelo, he's a jerk," that's so stupid.

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requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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