

## Mayor Walsh Must Be In Tears As He Peels Back The Onion



Seven months into Mayor Marty Walsh's term, what his team has learned about the policies that underlined the 20 year Menino agenda and have put the reputations of longstanding and decent public servants in jeopardy must be bringing them to tears. Some observers have asserted that the pursuit of a legacy that was manifested by the voracious

development of some of the most prime property in Boston actually contaminated the due public process that both ordinary citizens and zealous progressives agree is fundamental to the role of government.

It is not unfair to point out that Menino's well documented, ironfisted control over the Boston Redevelopment Authority and the Zoning Board of Appeals was able to turn postage stamp sized properties into multi-unit windfalls for contractors and swaths of industrial land on the waterfront into high rise luxury residences for developers.

On the other hand, some neighborhoods remain in decline. Since the prime property has just about been plundered, in order to keep construction booming, the Walsh administration is left with making things happen in outlying neighborhoods like Allston Brighton, as well as making nice with Menino nemesis Don Chiofaro, who was able to survive long enough to possibly

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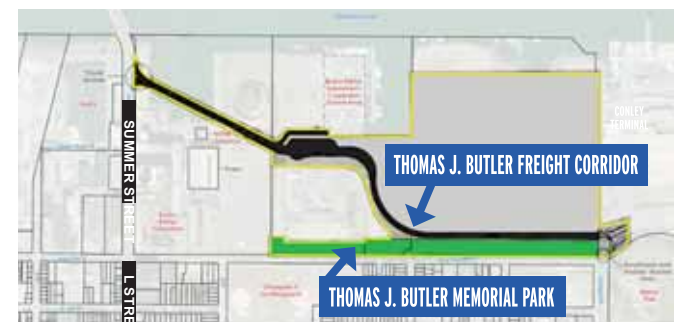
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### THOMAS J. BUTLER FREIGHT CORRIDOR & MEMORIAL PARK

### massport COMMUNITY UPDATE

The Massachusetts Port Authority has broken ground on the \$75 million **Thomas J. Butler Freight Corridor and Memorial Park**. This long-awaited project will take approximately 2 years to complete. Through a successful collaboration with the South Boston Community, local elected officials, and several city and state agencies the project will include:

- **2/3-mile dedicated freight corridor** (Thomas J. Butler Freight Corridor) that will allow Massport to remove all container truck traffic from East First Street and a portion of Summer Street
- **94 residential parking spaces** (13 parallel and 81 angled)
- **4.2 acres of community open space** (Thomas J. Butler Memorial Park) that will be fenced and maintained by Massport. The park will be primarily passive in nature and will include:
  - An end-to-end multi-use path
  - Seating and bike racks
  - A 6-foot high decorative perimeter fence
  - Varied and extensive native plantings
  - 8 interpretive panels
  - Historic Lighting
  - A 16-foot high concrete sound attenuation wall to separate the park from the freight corridor. The wall will extend westerly 1,400LF along the back edge of the park from Farragut Road to the MBTA Power Plant
  - A Memorial to honor South Boston native Tommy Butler for his dedicated service to the South Boston Community



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# EDITORIAL

In the midst of all the turmoil that sometimes seems to surround us from all corners of the globe it might be important to keep a couple of things in mind. While events throughout the world obviously have an effect on us, we live here in South Boston. This is our home.

Another thing to remember is our time is short. It's important to work hard to make the world a better place to live but equally important to enjoy that life. Be good to yourselves.

Well for the rest of the summer you can do it all.



Every Wednesday night from 4:00 to 10:00 Mike Dowling and Medicine Wheel Productions will sponsor dancing up at "No-Man's Land", located in the area between South Boston High and the Dorchester Heights. Just get yourself up to Thomas Park and follow the sound of music.

Things might be tough in other parts of the world but let's enjoy our world.

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cash in on his slice of heaven on the harbor. The largest amount of undeveloped land and properties left in Boston are in Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan, especially along the commuter and T rails. Those opportunities have been a long time coming.

Neighborhoods like South Boston, Charlestown, North End and East Boston – all representative of historically ethnic immigrant families – are being inundated by small time developers and their 'consultants', who are trying desperately to get one more bite sized morsel out of a dwindling trough and by any means they can get away with. Trinkets will no longer cut it.

The story of Gate of Heaven School has been playing out in the local press and in the dailies. For many, it is a rallying point for sending the message loud and clear that this neighborhood

including its critical institutions, such as schools, libraries, churches and recreational facilities is worth fighting for. With the unanimous opposition to luxury condos indicated in public hearings, the time has come to give the residents the voice that had been taken away for 20 years. For years, and out of fear, many residents were forced to simply accept the dictatorship of the Menino operatives, lest they feel the wrath through some punitive action that in some cases bordered on outright bullying and intimidation.

The good news is that with Mayor Walsh, the city has a new day. If he listens, the neighborhoods will have peace of mind and development will have its fair place. As the Inspector General's investigation and third party audits play out, hopefully the truth will be uncovered and ultimately the policies and schemes of the past will finally end.

*"The Summer night is like a perfection of thought" - Wallace Stevens*

## This Week's Poll

What should the parking requirement be for cars per unit when the South Boston gets re-zoned?

- a) 1 car per unit
- b) 1.5 cars per unit
- c) 1.75 cars per unit
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## America, We Have a Problem

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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Please indulge me as I share with you a joke sent in by our good friend Billy O'Neill. Question: 'What do you call a collision between a car and one of the Duck Tour Boats? Answer: A Quack Up'. Sorry about that. I just couldn't resist. Thank you Bill O'Neill!

Moving on to other jokes, ahem!, US Attorney General Eric Holder comes quickly to mind. People, who still watch CNN and there are some out there, report that in an interview several days ago, Holder was once again playing the race card, as he so often does. He insisted that opposition to his policies and those of Barack Obama's are caused by, now hold on for this shocker, their skin color. That's right, Holder as always maintains that if you disagree with him and Obama you must be a racist. It's tiresome, but it's all he has left to fall back on, as he could never bring himself to admit that he is an incompetent failure as Atty. General; and the administration/regime is a sinking ship.

But Holder was hard pressed to explain all of the videos being released from Chicago by many of that city's African American leaders and residents stating - and I'm quoting here - that "Obama and Holder should resign" and that "Obama is the worst president ever elected." Eric Holder had no comment on this. In fact, he appears to be speechless, as these videos keep coming out and opposition to this administration's policies by a growing number of Black Chicago residents, Obama's own hometown, continues to grow. Said one spokeswoman for this group: "Why is Obama treating the illegal immigrants he's allowing to pour over the border better than American citizens in the minority

communities in desperate need of help?" It would be difficult for Eric Holder to call the growing opposition of African Americans racism, but I'm betting he's trying to figure out some way to do it. With Holder, Pelosi, Reid and others of their ilk, if you disagree with them on what the best flavor of ice cream is, well, there must be racism in your motives.

Down on the border, the disarray continues as our country continues to be flooded with crossing illegals. (No, I will not moderate the wording and call them 'undocumented'. In this column, I call it like it is. Cowardly political correctness will never pollute these pages). Do we feel for those children? Of course. They are cruelly being used by those on this side of the border whose goal is to transform this country for their political gain, as well as by the cartels who are hell bent on making their profits by inundating America with drugs and their criminal enterprise. Throw into the mix, known terrorists who are also using this situation to gain easy access and America, we have a problem.

Texas Governor Rick Perry is on that border every day, showing leadership and presenting any number of workable solutions, while this President feels he can take care of any business from his golf cart. Add the growing infiltration of our borders through a disastrous foreign policy and leaders from both sides of the aisles are admitting that the world situation has not been this bad since the Cold War. An editorial cartoon in a major news outlet showed a hypothetical meeting where Obama was meeting with top advisors. As they went around the table, the advisors desperately brought up these pressing issues. Iran is making Nukes,

Iraq is being overrun, and terrorists are making plans by the day to hit us here in this country. 'What shall we do Mr. President' was the question being asked by his advisors. Obama's answer: Let's shrink the military. And he's doing just that. This country's finest Generals and Admirals are being purged and our soldiers are actually getting pink slips and tossed out of the Army while on the battlefield in Afghanistan because of budget cuts, but sending 4 billion dollars to the border to house those crossing and fly them to locations around the country - no problem. Money is no object. Dig

deeper taxpayers.

Ok, now that mention was made of some major problems facing our great country, it's also good to remember to get out and enjoy the beautiful summer weather. The season doesn't last that long in our part of the country and life can't just be filled with the serious. We hope all of our readers are getting plenty of R&R and taking advantage of this laid back time of year. If you haven't yet gotten a good dose of summer fun, kicked off your shoes and tossed a few back, there is still plenty of time.

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## Rep. Collins Secures HazMat Training Funds For BFD

A budget amendment to increase essential funding for the Boston Fire Department (BFD) was included in the final version of the budget produced by the Massachusetts Legislature last week. The amendment secures approximately \$2 million for BFD to fund training sessions dealing with hazardous material releases and incidents involving weapons of mass destruction. The allocation will also help fund the BFD Training Academy.

Representative Nick Collins, who has fought to secure this funding in each of the past three budgets, filed the amendment in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

During the budget conference committee's deliberations, Rep. Collins coordinated efforts among

the senators and representatives representing Boston to secure the BFD funding. The BFD funding item was included in the final version budget for the fourth year in a row behind Rep. Collins' leadership.

"I was happy to work with my colleagues in the Boston delegation in advocating the conference committee to fund such an important public safety matter," said Rep. Collins. "Through our efforts, we were able to obtain the necessary funding that ensures Boston's firefighters are the best equipped and trained firefighters in the nation when it comes to handling emergencies of any kind." The funding for BFD Hazmat Training and the BFD Training Academy was signed into law by the Governor earlier this week.

## Mayor Walsh & Mohegan Sun Reach An Agreement

Mayor Martin J. Walsh signed a Surrounding Community Agreement with Mohegan Sun Massachusetts. The deal provides for an estimated \$300M in investments in Boston over a 15-year period.

"This was a difficult decision, but I have a responsibility as the Mayor of Boston to protect the best interests of our City, and of those in the neighborhood most impacted by this proposal," said Mayor Walsh. "Mohegan Sun has engaged fully with our team and with this City, with a clear intent to be a good neighbor to our community. I appreciate their willingness to come to the table and work together on a deal that supports and strengthens Boston's infrastructure and economy."

With this agreement, Mohegan Sun Massachusetts will invest \$45M in transportation improvements to the City of Boston and the area surrounding the casino site. The City of Boston will receive \$30M over 10 years for local capital projects in East Boston, and will receive a minimum of \$18M annually to mitigate the community impact of the casino development. This community impact annual payment will increase based on gross gaming revenue calculated in a given year.

In addition, Mohegan has pledged to use local vendors for goods and services for their facilities, which will inject upwards of \$50M into the Boston economy. Mohegan has also pledged to give preference to East Boston residents when hiring to fill positions in the construction phase of the plan, and in the jobs that become available with the casino and its affiliates upon opening.

If there is an attempt to introduce a gaming- or casino-related facility in any part of property located in East Boston, Mohegan agrees to address Boston as a host community as they engage in the plans. This will immediately trigger a vote for community members, and a discussion of new, revised mitigation as a host community.

As part and parcel of today's transaction, the City of Boston also signed an agreement with Suffolk Downs which will preserve hundreds of jobs and secure revenue through continued property and real estate taxes. Suffolk Downs has agreed that they will keep their track open for the duration of the casino license for Region A. In addition, if Suffolk Downs begins any reconstruction or revitalization of their property, the City of Boston will serve in a master planning and oversight role.

## Senator Forry Delivers for South Boston

On Thursday, July 10, 2014, the Massachusetts Senate unanimously passed the Environmental Bond Bill, a five year plan for investing in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' environmental assets. "I am proud to have supported the Senate version of the Environmental Bond Bill and to secure funding for projects that enhance the quality of life for residents of the First Suffolk District," said Senator Linda Dorcea Forry.

Senator Forry was successful championing the passage of an amendment that obtains funding for South Boston projects in the five year capital investment plan. "Whether coming to Pleasure Bay to cool off in the summer, enjoying a snap dog from Sullivan's or touring Fort Independence, visitors flock to Castle Island which is enjoyed by thousands of locals and tourists alike. I am happy to announce the allocation of \$500,000 for the renovation of the bathroom facilities at Castle Island which are in dire need of repair," said

Senator Forry. "Additionally, I am proud to have secured \$1,500,000 for the Harry McDonough Sailing Center located at Pleasure Bay. The McDonough Sailing Center serves hundreds of children each summer teaching them critical life skills such as literacy, fitness, and environmental awareness in addition to sailing," concluded Forry.

"Our state's recreational amenities are worth protecting," said Representative Nick Collins. "With that in mind, Sen. Forry made South Boston a priority by supporting a significant level of increased funding for Castle Island and the McDonough Sailing Center in the Senate. I look forward to working together with Sen. Forry to make sure we get as much as possible for South Boston in the bill's final version."

The Senate and House will now produce a compromise bill for final passage and consideration of the Governor.

## Sheriff Tompkins About Hernandez Arrival



Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins speaks in front of the Nashua Street Jail during a press conference about the arrival of Aaron Hernandez as members of the command staff look on. From left to right are: Yolanda Smith, Superintendent of the Suffolk County House of Correction; General Counsel Allen Forbes; and Nashua Street Jail Superintendent and Special Sheriff Gene Sumpter look on.

Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins recently addressed a media assembly about the transfer to the Nashua Street Jail of former NFL (National Football League) New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez. Hernandez, who is currently awaiting trial on murder charges

stemming from two separate incidents, had been held in Dartmouth at the Bristol County Sheriff's Department House of Correction before Judge Susan Garsh issued an order for his transfer to a facility closer to his defense

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# Reading Between The Lines

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
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The recent attempt by some of this community's most esteemed leaders to meet with and convince the movie makers not to sensationalize painful historical events should be applauded and supported. Frankly, there are enough true horror stories so as not to have to make them up. Logic would ask what school business has to do with a criminal, who corrupted the FBI, maybe all the way to the director himself. The heart, however, would know that sensationalizing will win out over fact, in Hollywood, every time.

So far the turned up leather, white t shirt and dungaree look by Johnny Dep seems more like a cross between "Rebel Without a Cause" and Pirates of the Caribbean, than an update of "Good Fellas". For what it's worth and those who might be interested in the facts, a little history.

In 1967, in a classic case of "Limousine Liberalism", a bill was proposed for a "study" on race and education. As is usually the case a group of, perhaps, well intended people looked around and didn't like what they saw. Not because of anything they did, oh no. It was usually those "big city ruffians" who created society's problems.

After two years of study, a bill was put forward that would identify school districts that were over or under-represented by minorities in any particular school. "Education Parks" would be established, where partnerships with colleges and those underperforming schools were formed. However, the bill discussed in public was not the one voted on. The fix was in.

to "Obamacare", everybody it had to be passed before anyone actually learned what was in it. To hide their actions it was passed on "voice vote".

What it commanded was "remedial action" for school districts of a certain size – (translation), only Springfield, Worcester and Boston. The suburbs weren't included. How convenient. Then it was a simple matter to find "plaintiffs" to bring suit and arrange to have it heard by Kennedy appointee Judge Garrity. He decided 'force' as in forced busing, was the "remedial action".

It should be noted that parents fighting for better education for their children deserved the highest praise. That praise extends both ways. It extends to those parents who fought for the right to choose where to send their children. That right does not belong to the government. It should also be noted the resistance was not about who is coming in but was about sending their children out!

Supposedly, the scene on busing in the movie is the first day. If that is true, I personally witnessed the event. There were no racist signs, or clubs, or rocks, or bottles. In fact, there were few signs at all. The crowd was large, at least a thousand, but not violent. When the buses pulled up, there were some shouts. Again, not racist, but more like "we should block the buses", or "we should block the school doors", but just talk at that point. Then one leather lung began yelling the cops were "selling us out".

Police training today might yield a different result, but an officer, identified as from South Boston, didn't like the yelling

and waded into the crowd and grabbed the individual. This was the first interaction between the police and citizens during busing. The old Boston Phoenix captured the moment on its front page. The revealing fact is the cop is wearing a regular soft cap or hat. After the first day, it was riot helmets only and you didn't see a soft hat for years.

The last sight I remember was Commissioner Jordan heave a trash can down "G" toward 7th Street at some citizens. For my money, the first day was a police riot. As stated earlier there were many times after that when it was the residents rioting, so why make things up? Obviously Hollywood is not going to portray how black and racist the hearts of the pointy headed liberal phonies really are. If minority schools were inferior, why not send the funds needed to upgrade? After all we spend about \$40 million a year now on busing.

It was the liberals who felt minorities could only learn if seated next to white people, a pretty racist idea when you get down to it. Why should that really

surprise anyone? It's always the same. When buses from Roxbury had to skirt Brookline to reach Southie, a prominent resident of that town was Gov. Mike Dukakis. You can be sure Brookline was one of the strongest supporters of forced busing, as long as it didn't affect them.

The biggest Liberal supporters always live in the whitest areas. The most liberal state in America, Vermont, is the 3rd whitest. They have a socialist U. S. Senator. You would think they'd be clamoring for their share of the criminals swarming our borders. You would be wrong. You can be sure though an "open border" policy has no bigger supporters than Vermont.

The ironic twist to this whole mess is that black inner city youth are going to be the first victims as these youth cartel members and MS-13 takeover the drug trade by force. Liberals will then scream about the police neglecting inner city violence, as they scurry back to their safe, expensive, exclusive, white towns to talk about us.

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Overall in Fiscal Year 2014, the MCCA booked 98 future events at the BCEC and the Hynes Convention Center, including 61

city-wide conventions with more than 1,000 room nights each. These events will take place as soon as this year and as far out as 2032, and are expected to generate more than 798,000 hotel room nights for Boston.

Included in our FY 2014 bookings is the Penny Arcade Expo (PAX East), the largest video gaming event in the Northeast. PAX extended their existing contract by five years to keep the show in Boston through 2028, which means at least 14 more years of full restaurants, taxi cabs and hotels when these gamers take over Boston.

Nine of the future events booked are international events and will draw substantial attendance from around the world. International events drive increased economic impact when they come to our city – international attendees are more likely to stay longer and spend at least three times as much as domestic visitors. One of these international events is the Harley-Davidson Summer Dealer Meeting scheduled for August 2016, expected to generate more than 11,000 hotel room nights and attract dealers and distributors from around the world with a 40% international attendance.

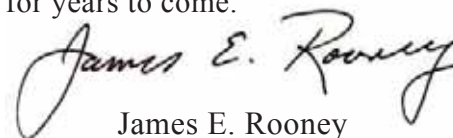
The meetings industry is a word-of-mouth industry, and our reputation for exceptional and knowledgeable customer service has put Boston in high demand among the world's top meeting planners. In addition, the talk of our BCEC expansion and our work to add more hotel rooms in the South Boston Waterfront has created a

Boston buzz in the industry.

The 98 events we signed in Fiscal Year 2014 do not include those events that have said they want to come to Boston, but can only come if we expand the BCEC and/or add an additional headquarters hotel in the Waterfront. These planners have signed "contingency contracts" that would account for an additional 328,737 future hotel room nights throughout Boston.

Boston's popularity among planners is a tribute to its presence in today's international knowledge-based economy. When we recruit events, we tout Boston's well-known history and unique neighborhoods full of culture. But we also showcase the new Boston, renowned for innovation and technology, for its leading academic and financial institutions and for setting the standard when it comes to medical care and research in life sciences. This reputation makes it easy for us to sell Boston as the place for thought leaders from around the world – and right here in our backyard – to connect, network and bring new ideas to life.

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## South Boston Resident Jeffrey Siracuse Joins BUSM and BMC



South Boston resident Jeffrey J. Siracuse, MD, is joining Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM) and Boston Medical Center (BMC). He was named assistant professor of surgery and assistant professor of radiology at BUSM and an attending surgeon in the division of vascular and endovascular surgery at BMC.

Siracuse, board certified by the American Board of Surgery, received his medical degree from New York Medical College and completed his residency in general surgery at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Siracuse completed a research fellowship in the Harvard-Longwood Vascular Research Training Program and a clinical fellowship in vascular and endovascular surgery at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and Weill Cornell Medical College.

His research and clinical interests include minimally invasive and open treatment of aortic aneurysms, critical limb ischemia, cerebrovascular disease, dialysis access, thoracic outlet syndrome and venous disease.

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# When Will All This Construction End?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
by Staff



**W**ill this EVER end? That's a question being asked by an increasing number of South Boston residents; both long time and new arrivals, regarding what seems like the never

ending construction projects going on. Streets closed, cars being towed, heavy equipment parked all over town. 'No Parking/Tow Zone' signs posted everywhere you turn. The noise, the dust, the inconvenience is anything but conducive to a peaceful residential community. Said one newcomer to our neighborhood: "When I bought my condo here 16 months ago, I never dreamed it would be like this. I'll be out of here, as soon as I can get an acceptable offer."

Unfortunately, those are the sentiments of a growing number of people. As we said, before it was just the longtime residents. Now the frustration permeates South

Boston's population no matter how long they've lived here.

As we know, quite a bit of the construction around the neighborhood is from private development which many consider to be 'over development'. But, even more of it is from city planning. SBT spoke with officials from the Boston Water and Sewer Dept., as well as to private consultants to the various projects.

Much of the digging is due to the Reserved Channel Sewer Separation Project, an apparently much needed effort to install new storm drains and water mains etc. with the goal of diminishing the amount of sewage that flows

into the harbor. This is certainly a worthy endeavor, but still a major inconvenience to most. Boston Water and Sewer has a big job to get done. But again, the question being asked most urgently is: By When? How much longer must we endure?

The answer, by all those in the know seems to be at least another month and probably longer to the end of summer - at least for the public works jobs taking place. Not the answer most people wanted to hear.

South Boston Today will do our best to keep our readers informed of the progress.

## Q&A with Attorney General Candidate Warren Tolman



SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Staff Report

*(In an effort to familiarize our readers with the candidates, South Boston Today will be running occasional profiles on candidates for political office for the upcoming September primary races, as well as the final election in November. In the interest of fairness, Democratic, Republican and Independent candidates and their positions on the issues will be highlighted in this series.)*

It's summertime and the weather is beautiful. So, in some cases, the fact that there are major primary elections a mere two months away may not be on the top of the list to pay attention to. But with statewide races for Governor, Lt. Governor, Treasurer and Attorney General looming, looking into some of these

contests in advance is a worthwhile endeavor.

South Boston Today had the opportunity to meet with Warren Tolman last week. He is on the ballot as a Democrat for Attorney General in the upcoming September primary. We got a chance to ask Mr. Tolman questions that we believe are on the minds of many of South Boston's residents. He was happy to oblige and answer to let our readers know where he stands and what his goals are, should he become this state's 'AG'.

First, on a personal note, growing up in Watertown with his seven brothers and sisters, Warren feels a great loyalty to Massachusetts communities; including those in Boston and the surrounding area. He married his high school

sweetheart and together they have 3 children; 2 daughters and a son. He is a devoted husband and father. Warren Tolman boasts many friends in South Boston. As a legislator, both representative and senator over eight years on Beacon Hill, he has had the opportunity to work closely with several of South Boston's elected officials on issues affecting our community and looks forward to doing so in the future as Attorney General. Over the years he has attended many South Boston functions, helped neighborhood charities and is proud to call many local residents good friends.

While on Beacon Hill, among the issues he helped lead on were Campaign Finance Reform,

Environmental Protections, Early Childhood Education and ending the reign of Big Tobacco. His efforts on the tobacco issue led to first in the nation legislation requiring tobacco companies to disclose the ingredients in their dangerous products.

If elected as Attorney General, one of his priorities that he is particularly passionate about is the crisis of 'Opiate Abuse'. Tolman is well aware of the scourge of drug addiction plaguing this neighborhood, as well as so many others around the state. When asked for specifics he said the following: "I will fight to ensure that citizens have access to substance abuse

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**In Loving Memory**  
**Emma "Pat" McNulty**  
On Her 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
July 16

Your laughter was your song  
 Your kindness was your book  
 Your generosity was felt  
 Like the firmness of your grip  
 Always making others feel their presence was important  
 And though your gone, the memories still remain  
 As pure and cooling as the frequent Irish rain.

**Sadly missed by her family**



## ABCD SummerWorks 50th Year *1,500 young people involved*

**Y**oung people from Boston's inner-city neighborhoods fanned out across the city this week to report to jobs at 188 local worksites at non-profit organizations where they will work, earn and learn in the ABCD SummerWorks Program.

This year between the SummerWorks and Youth Engaged in Action (YEA!) programs, over 1,500 young people will earn money from summer employment, get involved in their community and learn about personal financial management and planning for their future.

"For fifty years now ABCD has sponsored a summer jobs program that has produced thousands of alumni who are now working, raising families and enjoying a good

life in Boston," said John J. Drew, President/CEO of ABCD. "Today SummerWorks and programs sponsored by the City of Boston are more important than ever for young people due to the lack of summer employment opportunities."

Drew noted that Mayor Martin J. Walsh's support and leadership has helped increase the government support and private funding to put more youth to work this summer.

"ABCD understands this is more than jobs for young people," said Mayor Walsh, Mayor of Boston. "These experiences will last them a lifetime and equip them with meaningful lessons. I appreciate ABCD's hard work to provide summer jobs for 50 years, allowing young people to reach their full potential in our City."

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counsel in Boston. Ultimately, the decision was made to transport Hernandez to the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department's Nashua Street Jail, prompting a flurry of inquiries by local and national media outlets.

Holding a press conference to address these inquiries together in one place, Sheriff Tompkins gave a brief statement before answering questions related to the transfer of detainee Hernandez into

Department custody.

Taking on several recurring topics, Sheriff Tompkins spoke most emphatically about the public perception of Mr. Hernandez as a "celebrity detainee."

"I would like to address the often asked question about Mr. Hernandez as a celebrity detainee," said Sheriff Tompkins. "We have had many high profile detainees come through our doors and I can assure you that he will be treated no differently than the other 9,000

ABCD also thanks the corporate citizens like State Street Bank, the Boston Red Sox, Capital One 360, Bank of America, the Eaton Vance U.S. Charitable Trust and other generous donors for their support of the 2014 SummerWorks and YEA! programs. "We are so grateful for every funding commitment, every donation," said Drew.

ABCD's summer worksites include more than 188 hospitals, health centers, museums, day camps, government agencies, child care centers. In addition to holding a job and taking home a paycheck, teens participate in work-readiness and career-oriented workshops and receive mentoring and tutoring. Many participate in special programs including "green" jobs, a "Police Academy" program in Mattapan and Hyde Park, health careers and building trades.

The "YEA!" Program was created for middle-school aged youngsters too old for camp but too young to work. Over a three-week period, 13-year-olds from low-income families will participate in a civic engagement/financial literacy program where they learn how their communities and government work as well as what it takes to manage their money and save for the future. YEA! participants also receive \$100 gift cards at the end of the program donated by Capital One 360 and the Eaton Vance U.S. Charitable Gift Trust. Bank of America also made a cash donation in support of the YEA!

Teens in both programs take required workshops in financial education.

"A summer job for a young person from a low-income family is

an investment with a huge return," Drew said. "Research shows that teens who work during high school, especially young men, are less likely to drop out," he said. "They get on a career path. They learn positive work habits and are exposed to the work culture."

He pointed out that, "along with the satisfaction of receiving a paycheck and having a little money in their pockets, SummerWorks teens often help out their struggling families."

For information on how you can donate or provide a worksite for young people this summer, please call 617.348.6210 or visit [www.bostonabcd.org/give](http://www.bostonabcd.org/give).

### *About ABCD:*

*ABCD serves more than 100,000 low-income Boston-area residents through its central offices and a decentralized network of Neighborhood Service Centers (NSCs), Head Start centers, Family Planning sites and Foster Grandparent sites. Programs and affiliations include Fuel Assistance; Head Start; Child Care Services; Child Care Choices of Boston; Education; Career Development; Housing and Homelessness Services; Health Services; Family Planning; Urban College of Boston; University High – an Alternative High School; Ostiguy High School for high school students in recovery; Weatherization; Foster Grandparents; Elder Services; Intergenerational Programs; management of the Combined Federal Campaign, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and City of Boston employee giving campaigns; advocacy and consumer services.*

detainees that come to this jail every year. Let me say again – Mr. Hernandez will receive no more and no less than any of our other detainees."

Offering examples of other high-profile detainees who have been held by the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department – including Phillip Markoff, also known as the "Craigslist Killer" and Christian Karl Gerhartsreiter, A.K.A. "Clark Rockefeller" – Sheriff Tompkins emphasized the professionalism

and training of Department staff.

"Our mission is the care, custody and control of inmates and detainees who are remanded to our custody, and we take that mission very seriously," Sheriff Tompkins continued. "We have a professionally trained custody and non-custody staff who are well-prepared to carry out their duties with respect to the daily operations of this facility, and there will be no


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# Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	BR	Baths	Sq Ft
762 East Broadway	\$375,000	07/14/14	2	1	806
122 West 9th Street, #3	\$305,000	07/11/14	1	1	622
63 Baxter Street	\$501,500	07/02/14	3	2.5	1,000
401 West 1st Street	\$685,000	07/01/14	3	2	1,874
595 East 3rd Street, #1	\$560,000	06/27/14	3	2	1,550
111 West 8th Street, #H	\$407,000	06/27/14	2	1	773
587 East 4th Street, #3	\$555,000	06/26/14	2	2	857
102 H Street	\$459,000	06/23/14	4	2	1,596
346 E Street, #2	\$268,000	06/20/14	2	1	537
188 Tudor Street	\$482,000	06/19/14	3	3	1,250
285 Bowen Street, #3	\$456,000	06/19/14	2	2	703
307 Bolton Street	\$365,000	06/17/14	3	1.5	1,224
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*Jamie Ryan presents a photo to Congressman Stephen Lynch on the steps of the US Capitol for playing in Mass Iraq And Afghanistan Fallen Heroes softball game.*

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deviation from our protocols and procedures.”

Responding to a question about where Mr. Hernandez would be held within the facility, Sheriff Tompkins explained that the Department’s thorough intake and classification process would help to determine that outcome once he arrived for booking.

During the conference, Sheriff Tompkins also spoke about the limitations that exist with respect to the sharing of information about inmates and detainees.

“I know that many of you would like to hear about personal details and in-depth information from us about Mr. Hernandez and his time at the Jail once he arrives,” said Sheriff Tompkins, “but, in accordance with Department policy and the Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR), we will not be able to provide you with all of the information that you may desire.”

Before closing the press conference, Sheriff Tompkins reiterated the Department’s stance about its newest detainee.

“Mr. Hernandez will be another inmate among the 9,000 that we’ll have coming through our jail,” said Sheriff Tompkins. “He will be treated no differently than anyone else.”

Hernandez arrived at the Nashua Street Jail at approximately 4:37 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9th.

**Q&A with Attorney General Candidate Warren Tolman**  
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treatment when they need it and will take on the pharmaceutical companies to ensure that opiates are sold in tamper resistant form and hold doctors accountable for the painkillers they prescribe.”

Protecting women from sexual assaults is also an issue that he plans to go right to work to deal with should he win the office. He brought up the spree of assaults on local women last year at this time in South Boston and cited a statistic about the dangerous behavior on many college campuses. Data shows that 1 in 4 female college students will become victims of sexual assaults. He says he plans to take a comprehensive approach to change the culture of these campuses because letting one more assault occur is unacceptable.

Fraud is another issue Warren feels strongly about, especially when such practices are directed at senior citizens. How many times have we heard about people targeting our seniors in an effort to fleece them of their life savings and other assets? There have been instances where a company will promise work to be done, then take a large down payment for those services, and never be heard from again. He says he plans to set up special offices with direct lines, where people who feel they have been victimized by fraudulent companies or individuals can immediately call and get action. As Tolman says, “I want citizens to know that my office will be there

for them, whenever they fear they are being victimized.” He will also work hard to combat the gun violence and will do all he can to take illegal guns out of the hands of criminals.

Warren Tolman is certainly a well-liked and a well-respected man, not only among his political peers but also among countless citizens in so many of the cities, towns and neighborhoods of Massachusetts. Already, this far out from the election, he is lining up an impressive array of endorsements from organizations including labor unions and a variety of civics organizations. He has even received the endorsements from the four previous state Attorneys General including Frank Bellotti.

By all accounts, Warren Tolman comes into the race as a well-known and experienced public figure, who says he’s ready to get down to the task of working hard on behalf of the people of Massachusetts.

Mr. Tolman says it would be his honor to serve if given the opportunity by the voters of this state.

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# THINKING OUT LOUD

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY**

Guest Columnist Sal Giarratani  
(written from Texas while on vacation)

**WHAT IS HAPPENING TO AMERICA'S BORDER TODAY?**

“The border is secure. The fact is, the children are handing themselves over to the border patrol...and that under existing law we must put the children’s interests first, which is what President Obama is doing.” - US Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D- Illinois

“(S)hame on those who would use this tragedy to instill fear, intolerance and hate for all immigrants.” - State Senator Wendy Davis, D-Texas and gubernatorial candidate.

By now all of America knows about our southern border which is like a leaking dam. The floodgates have opened and thousands upon thousands are flooding into south Texas and all that the federal government is doing is the processing of all these undocumented human beings and

mostly children seeking entrance into the United States of America. However, the impact is being felt all across America as ICE working with Homeland Security are sending these young kids to relatives and family friends from the East Coast to West Coast. We have already seen reports in Greater Boston newspapers talking about the expected influx in to local public school systems such as locally, Everett, Chelsea and Revere, Massachusetts.

Governor Rick Perry has been lobbying the Obama White House to call out the National Guard to secure our borders as the daily invasion continues. The governor is right on target. The US Border Patrol has become overwhelmed with the huge numbers crossing over into the U.S. and the federal government needs to secure our southern border. We can’t fix the problem without first stopping the bleeding.

Here America recently celebrated our Independence Day, and our borders have collapsed and we

have a president and Democrats in the US Congress unwilling or unable to see the crisis for what it is.

No nation can survive without defined and guarded borders. Our integrity as a nation is at stake. I recently watched the HBO mini-series on John Adams and the founding of our nation. We have clearly forgotten what the Revolution was fought over, the principles upon which our rule of law was created. Ours was an experiment in self-rule. It was based upon self-evident natural rights. We the people are and were supposed to be always the government. As Ben Franklin warned, “We have a Republic if we can keep it”

When the former Speaker of the House announces she is going down to our border to greet and welcome masses of people crossing that border illegally, you know that something is fundamentally wrong. Howie Carr often jokes about not wanting to be treated special, “just treat me like any illegal.” It isn’t really a joke anymore. We have founding documents like our Declaration of Independence and US Constitution that are being thrown by the wayside in order to allow in more and more folks who are getting here by hook and by crook.

The issue at our border and the seemingly inability of the Obama White House to act upon it makes one think that Perry might be right that President Obama doesn’t care much one way or the other about the collapsing of our national border with Mexico. President Obama had a chance to see the border mess for himself and decided not to. The President missed a chance to view Kelly Field and Lackland AFB too. Even Texas Democrats couldn’t understand his decision for skipping through Texas quickly.

Our Founding Fathers must be rolling over in their graves listening to the likes of US Reps Luis Gutierrez and Shelia Jackson-Lee of Texas who think our borders are secure and there’s nothing to see in south Texas.

Soon I will return home from my vacation in Texas or America as I often call it. However, I will not be leaving the border crisis behind. It follows me home to Boston where

the American Revolution all began when Paul Revere took off on horse-back and road into history. Fighting to secure our borders is not about fear or intolerance or hatred, it is about saving our constitutional -based democratic republic and our ability to “keep it” as Ben Franklin warned 238 years ago.

(We will provide space to interesting columnists on topical subjects occasionally)

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Docket No. SU14P1607EA  
**Commonwealth Of Massachusetts**

**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**

**Estate of:**  
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**Date of Death: 01/03/2014**  
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# Time For MLB To Take High Stakes Out Of All-Star Game

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Conor Ryan

All-Star games are like visiting the in-laws during the holidays: It's a horrible experience, but you just have to grit your teeth and get it over with every year. Whether it be watching NBA conference supersquads put up 150+ points in February or viewing a collection of NFL players in search of a free Hawaii vacation play in the Pro Bowl, sports fans have become accustomed to the pedestrian tradition of All-Star games.

While most of these events do little to excite most fans, at least the NFL, NBA and NHL have recognized that these games are little more than exhibitions – a chance to highlight some of their top players in a mostly meaningless scrimmage. Yes, it tends to not be the most riveting portion of the sports calendar, but at least it's mostly harmless.

The same can't be said for the MLB All-Star Game, which has been marred by a flawed clause that plays an unnecessary role in the league's postseason every year.

Starting in 2003, the league that wins the All-Star Game receives home-field advantage in the World Series – a move that serves as a far cry to leagues such as the NBA and NHL, who determinate home-court/ice advantage based on which team had the better regular-season record.

It's a troubling and rather dumb move for baseball as a crucial factor for many team's potential championship runs revolves around a game that most players aren't even invested in. For most teams and players, participating in an All-Star game is more of a luxury than anything – some pitchers chosen for the game are automatically held out if their last start of the season was too close to the date of the All-Star game. And yet, this game is the deciding factor on which team gets home-field advantage in the World Series. Home teams in the World Series have a record of 64-44 over the last 20 years, but have been given this advantage based on a single game that was played by a majority of players that likely aren't

even in the World Series.

I understand MLB's reasoning for the clause - it's one of the only ways to get people to watch sometimes. There's no question that fewer and fewer people are watching the MLB All-Star Game. In 1985, 28.2 million viewers tuned in to watch the exhibition. Last season, only 11.0 million watched. Sports Business Daily reported that of those 11 million viewers, the average age was 53 years old – a troubling mean that is over the 18-49 demographic that most leagues strive to receive year in and year out.

I get it, baseball, like any other professional sport, is a business. It's not an ideal situation by any means, but MLB needs to just bite the bullet and do away with the home-field advantage angle.

Now, don't get me wrong, the MLB All-Star Game has had its fair share of great moments over the years. A frail 80-year-old Ted Williams tipping his cap to the Fenway Faithful in 1999 and Mariano Rivera receiving a

standing ovation at Citi Field and an All-Star Game MVP in 2013 serve as just a few memories that should stand the test of time in the long and colorful history of baseball. But these moments serve as what the MLB All-Star Game should be about: It should be a showcase of the league's top talent and a celebration of a fantastic game and its players, not a game that has a crucial bearing on the postseason almost three months later.

There will be a fair share of tweaks over the years, but the formula for the MLB All-Star Game is mostly set at this point. MLB may not be able to change how the game is played, but it does have the opportunity to change what it should stand for. If MLB knows what's good for the game, it will see that removing the home-field advantage clause is a necessary move to both secure a fairer World Series in respect to the two teams, as well as refocus the event on what should really matter: The celebration of a truly wonderful game.





## M Street Softball

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
By Mark Senna



With only a handful of games remaining for each team, the battle for the top spot in the Lucas and Feeney divisions remain tightly contested. Southside (8-2) was clinging to a one game lead in the Lucas while Cranberry and the Playwright (8-4) had identical records to lead the Feeney.

The week began on Monday with Shenanigans laying down the lumber (16-2) to the Islanders in a game that pretty much got away in the very first inning. It was the third win in a row for Shenanigans who have certainly found their hitting stroke.

The Warehouse then followed suit and pounded the suddenly slipping Underdogs, 13-3. The win brought the Warehouse to even ground and the loss pretty much knocked the Underdogs out of contention for the top spot in the division.

On Tuesday, the Dragons showed why they will be a force to reckon with in the very near future as they matched stride for stride against the Cranberry Café before falling 5-4. Mark Goodman was very impressive on the mound for Cranberry as he scattered six hits while yielding just two earned runs.

It was expected that Tuesday's nightcap would be a closely played affair but that wasn't the case as Lincoln came out swinging and there was nothing Harp & Bard could do to stop them. At one point, they even tried tying a tight rope around Max Vigliotti's arms but the burly left fielder still managed to get a hit (4 hits, double homerun, and 6 RBI).

Wednesday's action saw JW Brokerage notch their third win of the season as they sent the suddenly reeling Underdogs for a downward spin, 15-9. It was JW's second win in three games as it appears they have figured it out and are playing much improved softball since the start of the season. Tim O'Brien picked up his first win for the Brokerage boys as he pitched seven decent innings.

Wednesday's late game saw the

Southside Tavern hand the Harp & Bard another defeat, 11-4. It has been a tough road for Harp lately but the team hasn't given up and they are working on finding their late season groove. Jim McNiff scattered six hits and four runs to pick up his fourth win of the season for Southside.

We had a full slate of games on Thursday night starting with the Playwright's dismantling (18-2) of the very inexperienced Village Pizza squad. Usually teams show that they have improved over the course of the season but the Pizza boys didn't show it in this one as they couldn't make the routine play and made countless errors that cost them any chance at staying competitive in this one. However, coach Eric Archambault understood there would be some growing pains during their first season and will work his boys hard over the next few weeks to improve his clubs chances in the playoffs.

Thursday's middle game saw the Cranberry Café take on their only Lucas opponent of the season in the Southside Tavern. The Cranberry boys were looking forward to this game for some time as they knew it would be a tall task to take down the Lucas front runner. In the early going, Cranberry proved they were ready for the challenge as they kept the score close and were making plays behind Goodman, who was making his second start. But Southside's offense sprung to life in the fifth and put the game out of reach, 12-6. Seth Smith recorded his second win of the season but will need to pick up some starts down the stretch here to meet the playoff eligibility requirements.

The week closed with the Dragons squaring off against Lincoln Tavern. Many league observers were quick to state that this was a mismatch and that the Dragons had no chance. However, that wasn't the case at all as they made all of the plays in the field and didn't give an inch away. In the end, Lincoln proved to be the better club (7-4) but to a man they all agreed that the

Dragons will be a team to contend with in the very near future.

In closing, I traveled to North Haven Connecticut last weekend to participate in a four day long hockey goaltender's camp. The camp is put on by the Washington Capitals goalie coach, Mitch Korn, and the experience is something worth sharing with all of you. I will have this story for you in the coming week(s).

M Street Softball games are played weeknights, Monday through Thursday at M Street Park. The Lucas (A) division plays on Monday's (6:30 & 8:15) and Thursday's (6, 730, & 9pm) while the Feeney (B) teams battle it out on Tuesday's (6:30 & 8:15) and Wednesday's (6, 730, & 9pm).

Looking ahead, Thursday, July 17th features a great slate of games

at M Street. At 6pm, first place in the Lucas division is up for grabs as the Southside Tavern will try to hold off the hard charging Shenanigans squad. At 730, the Warehouse locks horns with Lincoln Tavern, followed by the Islanders matching talents against the Harp & Bard. Then on Wednesday, July 23rd, the Feeney division could be settled on this night as the Cranberry Café will try to fend off Mark Prezios and the STATS crew.

As always, supporting fans can follow the league through our website ([www.sbsports.com](http://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!

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

**DANNY PICARD:** So now we know, LeBron James is going home. He's going back to Cleveland. What was your reaction to this? Were you surprised at this? Because I don't think this should be much of a surprise that he went back to Cleveland, but were you surprised and did you think he was automatically staying in Miami? What did you think was going to happen with LeBron?

**A. SHERROD BLAKELY:** Well, at first, it did come as a bit of a surprise, when you think back to how bad things ended when he left Cleveland. I mean, you talk about burning bridges, I don't know if you could have scorched a bridge any more so than Dan Gilbert did when LeBron decided to take his talents to South Beach. But the closer we got towards his ultimate decision, the clearer it became that Cleveland wasn't just in the picture because that's his hometown, he was having some serious thoughts about coming back to Cleveland and shaping his title chasing narrative again. Going back to Miami, I still think they would have been a good team, but I don't think LeBron felt that they would be head and shoulders above the rest of the East. And frankly, Cleveland's roster, in terms of upside, you've got to like Cleveland's chances of being one of the final teams standing when all is said and done in the Eastern Conference. And LeBron James, for him, that would only enhance his legacy, if he can put the Cavaliers back into being a title contender.

**DP:** LeBron James signed a two-year contract though, and that has raised some eyebrows. You're thinking, "Hey, he's going back home to Cleveland, so he's going to sign long-term." But the two-year contract, that doesn't mean he's not staying long-term, right? That's just him having his eye on

the salary cap the next couple seasons, and they can essentially rip up this contract after next season and then sign a long-term deal. I mean, you don't expect him to do just two years in Cleveland and then bounce somewhere else, right?

**ASB:** I think with LeBron, anything is possible. It goes back to what I was saying earlier. I think LeBron is really locked in to trying to win as many championships as possible. And in this upcoming season, if things just go completely wrong and the young guys aren't listening to him or if the rookie head coach, David Blatt, and him aren't really jiving, LeBron may very well take his talents elsewhere. Whether it's to the Lakers or to Oklahoma City, or whatever team he feels is more championship ready. LeBron says that he's prepared for the growing pains that he'll certainly have to endure with this young, very talented Cleveland team. But to say you're okay with that and then to actually go through with it are two completely different matters. It would not shock me the least bit if LeBron James is with another team in an-

other year or two. I think he understands that his window of winning a championship is shrinking by the day, and he has to position himself -- if in fact that's what's driving him -- and it very well may be him leaving Cleveland once again.

**DP:** I feel like LeBron also went back home to Cleveland because he cares about his image back home. There are some PR reasons he made this move. His image would be completely ruined if he only does two years back in Cleveland and then leaves.

**ASB:** Well LeBron has proven that time is the healer of all wounds, whether they be physical or image-wise. Remember, when he went to Miami, he was public enemy number one, throughout the country. And now, fast-forward four years, and LeBron is one of the more beloved players in the league. The hater-ade that LeBron was drenched with isn't nearly as plentiful now as it was two, three, four years ago. And if he were to leave Cleveland again, I think there certainly would be some animosity, but remember, I think that animos-

ity would come more from Cleveland, than it would from the rest of the country. Frankly, Cleveland isn't exactly a hot spot destination. When you tell someone that you're in Cleveland and then looking to get out of Cleveland, they're not looking at you like you're crazy. They're looking at you like, "Well, that makes sense, because you're in Cleveland." So, it would not shock me if LeBron James decided to take his talents elsewhere. And I think Cleveland has to prepare themselves for that possibility.

**DP:** Cleveland, they have to make some moves to keep LeBron James happy. And there are a couple of moves that pop right into my head. David Blatt. LeBron can basically pick whoever he wants to coach the Cavaliers after next season, right? David Blatt, for all we know, this guy is there for one year and LeBron gets rid of him. Does LeBron control that as well?

**ASB:** On the surface, I would say no. But really, if things aren't working for the Cavaliers and LeBron isn't happy, David Blatt is going to get the blame. They'll blame it



on the fact that he's a rookie coach. He's never been a coach in the NBA. He's never been a player in the NBA. And that experience, they're going to trump that up as the reason why things don't work, if the Cavaliers struggle. I feel for Blatt though. It's a blessing and a burden. The blessing is that you're going to get to coach LeBron James. But the downside is that you're going to somehow try to coach LeBron James. As Erik Spoelstra found out early in his tenure in Miami, that's a lot easier said than done.

**DP:** All while you're trying to teach Andrew Wiggins the NBA Game, too. We saw Wiggins' talent level in that summer league game [Monday] night, where he spins baseline and dunked from close to the three-point line.

**ASB:** That was pretty sick.

**DP:** His athleticism is off the charts. Now, the other move with the Cavs that pops into my head, if you're saying, "Hey, we've got to keep LeBron happy," is trading for Kevin Love. We've heard that Love would be intrigued by going to Cleveland, that maybe he would sign their long-term to play with LeBron. But if I'm the Minnesota Timberwolves, I'm not settling for anything less than Andrew Wiggins. Do you think the Cavaliers would be willing to part ways with Wiggins in order to get Love, or do you think LeBron would want that move to be made?

**ASB:** That's the million dollar question. I'll tell you what though, if the Cavaliers are serious about wanting Kevin Love to be on that roster, it's going to cost them Andrew Wiggins. There is no way I can conceivably see Minnesota accepting a deal from Cleveland, involving Kevin Love, that does now wind up having Andrew Wiggins in a Minnesota Timberwolves uniform. It just doesn't make sense for Minnesota to make any kind of deal that doesn't involve a player like that. Because remember, giving up Kevin Love, you're giving up one of the top young studs in the NBA. We're talking about a three-time All-Star who is only 25 years old. Andrew Wiggins hasn't done anything in the NBA yet, obviously, but when you look at his potential, it is without question that he has superstar potential. And if you're the Minnesota Timberwolves, that is the type of young asset that you would want in return for a Kevin Love.

**DP:** Is Cleveland the only option for Kevin Love at this point? We've heard Golden State, Denver, and even the Celtics after seeing the Love/Rondo handshake. And Sherrod, I'm still obsessed with the fact that, I was hoping the Love/Rondo handshake at Fenway meant more than Marcus Smart at No. 6. I just wanted that handshake to mean more than that. As we sit here and talk about Love potentially to the Cavaliers now that LeBron is there, does that basically rule out the Celtics at this point, for a trade for Love, or are they still involved in that?

**ASB:** What it does, more than anything else, is it puts another contender in the race to get Kevin Love. Before that, Cleveland was not really an option. Now, all of a sudden, not only is Cleveland an option, but they are certainly on the short list of favorites to make a deal for Kevin Love. Simply because, we all know that Cleveland has something that Minnesota would certainly want to have on their roster, and that is Andrew Wiggins. Just like with Golden State, they have Klay Thompson, who is someone that Minnesota would truly like. But when you talk about the Celtics, obviously, there's not a whole lot that the Celtics have that you immediately say, "Yup, Minnesota is going to want that." So, I think more than anything else, it's just created more competition for Kevin Love. But the Celtics, they know that the longer we get into this, the closer we get to the season and then into the season, the better their chances are of getting Kevin Love, because at that point, it's going to be a lot tougher for teams to part with great players for Kevin Love, not knowing if he's going to be there more than just the remainder of this season. Where, the Celtics will be more inclined to roll the dice on a Kevin Love and the potential of not being able to re-sign him, because they've got a lot more assets that they can dispose of, and not be devastated long-term. Right now, let's face it; the Celtics are still in a rebuilding mode. If they can put together some pieces and convince Minnesota that that's the best deal for them at that particular time, then that rebuilding process speeds up dramatically.

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