



It's Official: General Joseph Dunford to be Marine Corps Commandant

It's official. South Boston native General Joseph 'Fighting Joe' Dunford was easily confirmed to be the next Commandant of the United States Marine Corps. He was recently confirmed 'without objection' by the US Senate and will assume command this coming fall when the current commandant, General Jim Amos steps down.

General Dunford grew up in South Boston. He lived at 890 E. Broadway and attended the Nazareth School. He was an altar boy at St. Brigid Church and went on to graduate from

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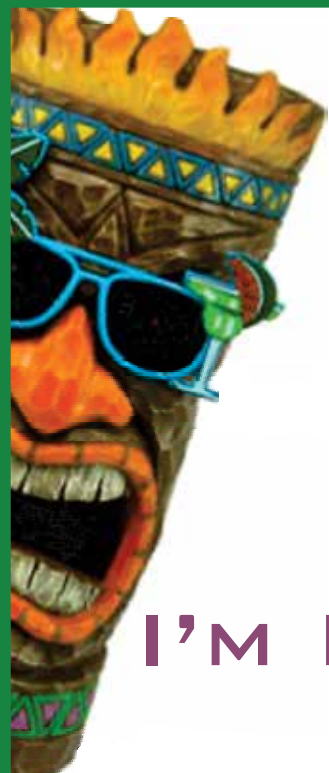
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EDITORIAL “Remembrance”

Recently the Sweeney Park and Courts at E and Fifth Street observed a re-dedication. Speaking at the event Councilor Mike Flaherty made the simple, but telling, observation that Mat Damon didn't build this park. It seems that some young people think that “Good Will Hunting” built the park for a movie prop and left it behind for the community.

Just to set the record straight, Matt, Ben, Robin and the whole Good Will Hunting franchise gave nothing to the community. A bar or two might have benefited, but the only thing the community received was the national perception that Will Hunting

was a rare, intelligent freak and everybody else in town was a dope or on dope.

There was a time when the world wasn't beating a path to our door, when we had to provide for ourselves, when if you didn't live or work in Southie you didn't come for a visit or dinner. It was different. I won't say it was better or worse than today, it was just different.

If, however, offered a chance to return to those mid-60's days, I would be gone. All my family and friends would still be together and part of everyday life, every day life because every day we would enjoy life. If something wasn't going on we would get

something going.

Back then the E Street Park was a bunch of overgrown lots, “greenies” we called them, four friends who hung out, played football, baseball, basketball together had a plan. This greenie was an overgrown eyesore with an occasional “wino” or two sleeping in the weeds.

As stated earlier there were no city agencies to give assistance, nor was there a stampede of new residents moving in. The community did have a couple of things. It had kids with a can-do attitude. It also had a politician with a will do attitude.

The four kids, Billy Fraser, Jackie Mullen, Joey Pano and Paul Lamonica wanted to turn

the park into a playground with basketball hoops and court to make the neighborhood a better place. “We can do this” they vowed and then set out to do it. They had one stop in mind and one stop was all they needed. South Boston had a new State Senator who would park an RV at different locations in the district so his constituents would have easy access to his office. The Senator's name was Joe Moakley and when the kids went to him his response was “We will do this”.

He instructed Billy, Jackie, Joey and Paul to go out and get signatures on a petition. Combining their work with Joe's influence and budding

power within the next year the park was built.

Remember acting and actors are the profession of fantasy. It's not real. A cynical person might describe actors as entertaining liars. Matt Damon didn't build our park. Our own friends and neighbors did. Joe Moakley, after a lifetime of service to the nation, left us some years back.

Paulie Lamonica, after a lifetime of service to the city, left his wife Cathy, his family and all his friends, much too early a year ago. It's important to remember who the real stars are in real life and to thank them and their memory.

Thanks Paulie

“The economic impact of illegal immigration on the taxpayers is catastrophic” - Ric Keller

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Thank You Senator James Timilty of Walpole

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When people in many other parts of the country think of Massachusetts Democratic politicians, they usually think of way out in left field progressives who are motivated by emotions and not reality and who's every move and action is dictated by sound bites that appeal to other radical leftists. In other words, it's more important to them to appear to be doing something constructive than to put forth a plan, program or bill that actually makes sense. But they are not all like that. We still have common sense pols elected from South Boston and thankfully, there is also state senator James 'Jim' Timilty, a Democrat from Walpole.

Senator Timilty recently went against some of the 'powers that be' in his party and the vocal minority of Anti-Second Amendment activist - in part, funded by former NYC mayor Michael Bloomberg - when he stood firm against penalizing this state's law abiding gun owners who have always followed the rules, but always pay the price for the actions of crazies who commit gun violence in other parts of the nation.

I personally know Jim Timilty to be someone who is level headed and knows the issues he votes on, thoroughly. Massachusetts has tough gun laws already. There is no need to take any more rights and liberties from legal firearms owners than already have been taken over the years in this state. In a feel good move designed to basically kiss up to the activists, the Speaker of the House, the media and the disciples of Michael Bloomberg, the recent anti-Second Amendment legislation proposed on Beacon Hill would

give police chiefs unprecedented authority to, at their whim, and for no legal reason, deny a law obeying citizen a Firearms Identification Card. That friends, holds potential for abuse. Senator Timilty; who sits on the Joint Committee for Public Safety and Homeland Security views this move as a possible violation of people's Constitutional rights, which it certainly is. It's wrong, it would bring law suits and Timilty courageously stood up and said so, while some others cowered from the media and the activists. A sincere Thank You goes out to Senator Timilty for showing the courage of his convictions and for standing up for the rights of lawful citizens to exercise their Constitutional Rights. May he set an example for others on Beacon Hill to do what's right and not cow tow to radical activists.

Staying at the State House, last Saturday a rally was held protesting Illegal Immigration. It was led and organized by a good man, Jeff Kuhner of WRKO Radio. The crowd was massive; some police estimates had the number of people gathered there at over 10,000. Ah, but some news media outlets were up to their old tricks. They reported the crowd to be only several hundred. A look at the photos and videos from the rally proved the media to be once again - lying. A crowd of 10,000 was not what the press wanted to see, so they simply said it was smaller. It's what they do. We're South Bostonians. We've seen this game played before.

The guilt trip and race cards are still being played. We're being told that we have an obligation as American taxpayers to take care of the thousands of illegals flowing over

the border at the invitation of Obama. No, we do not. Our obligation as Americans is to take care of our disabled veterans, who are being short changed by mismanagement at the VA and to our current military personnel who are watching so much being taken from them from budget cut that target them intentionally. We have an obligation to American children, who in so many public schools are getting a terrible education. Our senior citizens need the services they are entitled to and

those millions of American who have lost their jobs because of government waste causing a weak economy also need our help. These are the people that we, as Americans, are obligated to take care of, not people being encouraged to illegally enter our country in search of free healthcare, schooling, housing and other perks that most of our own citizens don't have access to.

It's being implied as part of the aforementioned guilt trip and race
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Would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to everybody who came out and generously supported the July 13th fundraiser.

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Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education. We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

Governor Signs Convention Center Expansion

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, which oversees the sprawling convention and exhibition center in South Boston, will be able to go ahead with a \$1 billion expansion of the center, under a bill signed by Gov. Deval Patrick on Tuesday. The proposed expansion, totaling 1.3 million square feet, would add a second ballroom as well as more meeting spaces. The expansion's supporters say the legislation will aid Boston in claiming a larger share of the convention industry, while critics argue the bill depends on rosy revenue projections and exempts the authority from some public records

requests. The bill (H 4308) funds the expansion through the existing convention center fund. The fund, which has roughly \$120 million, was created in 1997 and receives tourism and hospitality fees and taxes. James Rooney, the head of the convention center authority, said after the bill-signing that the fund took in about \$100 million last year and some of the fund was used for land acquisition and other purposes. The bill allows the authority to issue debt against future collections into the fund. The Pioneer Institute, through former Inspector General Greg Sullivan, asked Patrick to veto the bill, saying the revenue projections were "unrealistic" and could lead to statewide taxes being

used to cover the shortfall. Sullivan added that the bill exempts the authority from the public records law in "dangerous" ways. Rooney disagreed and said the bill was reviewed by the Ethics Commission, the attorney general's office and the inspector general's office. Rooney said the bill seeks to protect proprietary information of entities that the authority does business with, and the information has to meet a "very high standard" to be considered protected. "People can still FOIA my travel and my expense if they want to," he said referring to the Freedom of Information Act. "And they do regularly." The bill-signing was also attended by Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry (D-Dorchester) and Rep. Nick Collins (D-South Boston), the legislation's co-sponsors. Former Sen. Jack Hart (D-South Boston) and Reps. Peter Kocot (D-Northampton) and Russell Holmes (D-Mattapan) were also present. - G. Dumcius/SHNS

Lottery Profits Beat Estimates By \$34 MM

The Massachusetts Lottery posted record sales in the fiscal year that just ended and nearly broke its two-year-old record for profits. Lottery officials Thursday morning reported \$4.86 billion in transactions in fiscal 2014 and \$971 million in profits, about \$34 million than initially forecast for the state budget. Lottery profits are delivered to cities and towns to finance municipal government operations. In fiscal 2012, Lottery profits totaled \$983 million. According to the Lottery, an agency run by Treasurer Steven Grossman, fiscal 2014 sales were up nearly 10 percent compared to fiscal 2011 and profits over that period are up 9.5 percent, in part due to a reduction in full-time employees at the agency, accomplished through attrition, from 406 to 394. In fiscal 2014, 72.3 percent of all revenue

was returned to players in the form of winnings, the highest percentage of any Lottery in the U.S. Lottery officials credited the introduction in April of the agency's first \$30 instant ticket with boosting sales, noting gross sales of all Lottery products were up 5.6 percent over the first three weeks of the new fiscal year. - M. Norton/SHNS

Patrick Agrees To Earlier Sunday Liquor Store Openings

Gov. Deval Patrick on Wednesday signed a bill allowing retail liquor stores to start selling alcohol at 10 a.m. on Sunday instead of noon. The legislation (H 228) was approved by the House in March and passed the Senate last week. Rep. Elizabeth Poirier (R-North Attleborough), one of the bill's supporters, said in March that the earlier start time will provide an economic boost, helping game-day tailgaters and Massachusetts retailers who are near the borders of Rhode Island and New Hampshire. Liquor sales were allowed statewide on Sundays starting in November 2003. A Patrick spokeswoman said the bill did not include an emergency preamble and will therefore take effect in 90 days. - G. Dumcius/SHNS

Second Annual "Swimmable Charles"

Due to pollution recreational swimming had been prohibited in the Charles River since the 1950s, until the annual Charles River Swimming Club's One-Mile Swim Race, which began in 2007. Then last July the Charles River Conservancy held its first community swim in Boston. Conservancy officials on Saturday plan to welcome swimmers back to the river again, with an expanded swim area that includes a lap lane. The 2nd Annual Charles River Community Swim is set to run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fiedler Dock

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Reading Between The Lines

“Veto the Bill”

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It doesn't always happen, but this time around agreement and support with a recent Herald position can be found here. The position was a call for the governor to veto the BCEC expansion, although the reasons supporting that are different. The governor has signed the legislation and now the call here is for expansion of whatever community benefits do exist – some of which the community may not be aware of – to include the honoring of previous commitments to the community at large and in particular the residents directly abutting the soon to be expanded Center. Just because time has elapsed, it doesn't mean that the concerns expressed back then have changed and the promises made need not be kept. On the contrary, it is more important now that reality is here. I am sure our elected leaders know this and we are counting on them to represent our interests, even though the proverbial horse is out of the barn.

Opposition here had stemmed from the feeling that the BCEC expansion is much like “ObamaCare”. We have to pass it before we know what's in it.

First a little stroll down “memory lane”. The sloping design of the convention is for one reason and for one reason only. The community feared a monolith and demanded the largest building in New England, somehow, blend in with a residential community of primarily 3 decker homes. The architect Rafael Vinyoli was up to the challenge. His design begins at 125 ft. on Summer Street and slopes until its end at 65 feet. The concept was that, if the BCEC ever expanded, the slope would continue to Cypher Street where it would be

35 Feet high, the same height as the community it was now abutting. There was also a promise that the entrance at this end would be treated with the same respect and design as the Summer Street entrance.

This was all discussed and agreed to by the elected and appointed officials at that time and the community, as a result of meetings. Also, it was agreed at community insistence that Fargo Street would remain open. Put that in the back of your mind for now. The original proposal prohibited hotels, motels south of Summer Street or the resident's side of Summer Street.

About 3 years ago, the South Boston community was asked if they would listen to and consider proposals to remove the hotel prohibition in order to enhance the BCEC's marketability by creating rooms within walking distance of the Convention Center. (these, of course, are hotels under construction on D between First and Summer Street). The usual committees were formed and met over many months until a proposal was deemed ready for public presentation. The final public meeting for a committee vote was held at the Condon School. The community was given two options. The first called for a zone from the Fort Point Channel to D Street and from First Street to Summer Street and would allow 6 freestanding hotel/motels in that zone. The second proposal and the one supported overwhelmingly by the community would extend from the Ft. Point Channel to the Reserve Channel and from First Street to Summer Street.

The reason for the community's preference is simple and obvious. Every unsightly or unwanted use

needed to service the new hotels would be plopped down between E Street and the Reserve Channel. The one section closest to residential South Boston would become a dumping ground in order to spare out of town residents the unsightly view they propose to give us in perpetuity.

The capacity at the Farragut Road and First Street “Conley Terminal” will be increased and serviced by the new road that will parallel First Street, running behind the Edison Plant and connecting to the Summer Street Bridge. From that point it travels

down Summer until a sign bearing the legend “Bypass Road authorized vehicles only” directs traffic left onto Fargo Street. Remember Fargo Street? The community insisted Fargo Street remains open so trucking and other traffic not be diverted toward First Street and residential South Boston. Then 911 happened and the BCEC maintained they had to close Fargo Street where it passed under the BCEC. Terrorists you know. Apparently the Sumner, Callahan, Williams, Westin-Copley and Mass.

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Rick Joyce Announces Candidacy for Register of Probate

Richard “Rick” Joyce, a longtime resident of South Boston and neighborhood leader, is proud to announce his candidacy for Suffolk County Register of Probate. Joyce, a 32 year veteran employee of the Massachusetts Trial Court, began his professional career in criminal justice and public safety as a liaison at South Boston (BMC) Courthouse.

Joyce holds a Master Degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor’s degree in sociology with which he supervised, mentored and guided probationers and at risk youth, while working within the criminal justice field to ensure public safety throughout South Boston. Joyce was recognized as a leader in the field of probation, corrections and crime prevention, and served for over 18 years as a probation-officer Suffolk Superior Court. In his official capacity, Joyce worked closely with law enforcement, court

personnel and victims of crime, to supervise high impact crimes throughout Boston and Suffolk County.

Joyce was promoted and helped guide Suffolk County court personnel as a Probation Officer (In-charge) at the Office of Community Corrections. Joyce recognized the important part a probation officer plays in the reintegration of probationers, providing needed services, including substance abuse treatment and job readiness training and placement.

A neighborhood leader throughout South Boston, Joyce also helped develop our youth through various athletic programs, including the South Boston Youth Hockey Program. Joyce believes in giving back to his community and following in the proud footsteps of so many South Boston elected officials and neighborhood leaders throughout the years.

“I believe I have the background, education and experience to provide strong leadership in helping Suffolk County residents navigate an often complex criminal justice system,” said Joyce. “Our taxpayers deserve a register of probate with a strong background in criminal justice and court management.” Rick Joyce is dedicated to bringing that same hard work, professionalism and honesty as the next Suffolk County Register of Probate.

Please join and support Rick Joyce and his family and friends in his formal announcement for Suffolk County Register of Probate on Friday, August 8, 2014, from 7:00pm to 11:00pm, at the Seapoint Restaurant 367 East 8th Street, South Boston.

Council President Linehan Wants To Honor Bill Bulger

City Council President and South Boston District City Councilor Bill Linehan submitted written nomination to the Boston Public Facilities Commission for the naming of the South Boston Branch Public Library after William M. Bulger.

“Mr. President” as Bill Bulger is fondly referred to by neighbors, friends and colleagues contributed immensely to his community of South Boston and the Boston Public Library system. He served both as the President of the Massachusetts Senate and The University of Massachusetts in his illustrious career.

Senate President Bulger was a trustee of the Library for 25 years, from 1983 until 2008. He also co-founded the Boston Public Library Foundation in 1992, a non-profit dedicated to raising money for the library. The Foundation first helped to restore the McKim building in Copley Square and now helps fund virtually all library programs. President Bulger was able to convince philanthropists to support the Boston Public Library. He was also able to use his influence as Senate President to ensure libraries across the Commonwealth receive state aid.

President Bulger also recognized that since the Boston Public Library system is used by people from all over the state and the world, it is entitled to additional state support. In 1972 President Bulger helped the Boston Public Library system become the official Library of Last Recourse for the Commonwealth, entitling it to additional state funding. In 1990 President Bulger allocated \$7.1 million to restore artwork in the McKim building. President Bulger recognized all aspects of the library are important to its mission, enabling it to become the multi-faceted institution it is today.

Bill Bulger has articulated the importance of reading, a formal education and analytical thought throughout his career. He is an intellectual in the purest sense, pursuing knowledge for its own sake and sharing its importance with others. Mayor Kevin White cited Bulger’s love of learning, knowledge of Latin and Greek, and use of the Boston Public Library as reasons for naming Bulger a trustee.

“Bill Bulger’s advocacy and commitment to the Boston Public Library system is unquestionable. His commitment to service, to the people of South Boston, Boston and the Commonwealth are well documented and heralded. It’s fitting that one of the places where his education and love of learning began will now bear his name.” said Council President Bill Linehan. The Boston Public Facilities Commission meets on August 6th, 2014 to discuss the matter.

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Boston College High School and then onto St. Michael’s College. He joined the United States Marine Corps and was commissioned in 1977.

General Dunford currently commands the International Security Assistance Force over all Nato forces in Afghanistan. General Jim Amos was pleased with the news of Joe Dunford’s confirmation. Said General Amos: “Joe is one of the most talented leaders and strategic thinkers in the military today. His tenure as commander of the ISAF and US forces – Afghanistan has been extraordinary and is a testament to the full measure of the man. Our country and our Marine Corps will benefit greatly from his continued service.”

General Dunford’s service record is most impressive. Among his many assignments and duties were commanding the 5th regiment during the 2003 liberation of Iraq and served as commanding general of I Marine Expeditionary Forces in 2009. He was quickly promoted from one star general to three star because of his outstanding abilities. He later served 2 years as assistant commandant of the Marine Corps before

assuming his current post in Afghanistan. He was also selected by Fortune Magazine as one of the world’s 50 greatest contemporary leaders.

South Boston has a long history of residents who went on to serve with honor in our country’s great military. This is a community that holds all of it’s veterans in high esteem and is rightly proud of each and every one of them. The promotion of General Joseph Dunford to Commandant of the United States Marine Corps; only the 36th person to hold that prestigious honor and important position in all of America’s history, adds to that pride that South Bostonians have for those who have served in our country’s armed forces.

From the South Boston Today Team and the entire community we say congratulations General Joe Dunford. We wish you good luck, much success in your new job, thank you for your service and of course “Semper Fi” **Note: Parts of this story were written by the Staff of South Boston Today with information and details written and produced by staff writer Hope Hodge Seck of the ‘Marine Corps Times’.**

Councilor Flaherty Seeks to Create Special Police Force

In response to a front page story in our July 3 edition, the well-respected union leader and South Bostonian, Jay Hurley, New England Ironworkers Council President, took issue with the characterization of the role that the building trades should be playing in the growing costs of construction. Mr. Hurley first pointed out that the 2008-2012 recession was very hard on the trades and we take him at his word, since he dealt with it intimately and daily. His union has also invested its pension funds in housing trusts. Another point he made was that the large and small developers cannot be held harmless, and the union trades should not bear the brunt of the effects of the housing boom on construction costs. Efforts by union leaders like Hurley to strengthen the middle class, and providing a career track for many men and women, particularly from this community, have not gone unnoticed. Neither have their charitable contributions and efforts in various forms over the years, and for that they should be commended.

This newspaper has been singular in its coverage of the free hand that many developers, and

others close to the past mayor, had been given by the previous administration in driving up the prices of housing in South Boston through the manipulation of the BRA and ZBA. Rules applied to most were manipulated by others at the expense of longtime residents. In addition, very little or nothing of any consequence was done to demand affordable, workforce and middle class housing over the last 20 years, leaving Mayor Walsh with a city on the verge of being made up of haves and have-nots. .

The story was not intended to lay the burden directly on the unions. The story pivoted off of the coverage by the Boston Business Journal of the recent symposium referenced, featuring 3 major commercial developers. The intent of the SBT story was and is to report the middle market housing dilemma faced by our new Mayor, and highlight all of the parties necessary to help him solve this. Developers, owners, product suppliers, skilled and unskilled labor, banks and other lenders, all have a stake in Mayor Walsh's vision for a City that is affordable for all income levels and in all neighborhoods.

The expectations are high and he needs help if the building boom is to continue and be sustainable. Otherwise, we will remain the City of just the haves and have-nots... and that is something the people of the city of Boston won't stand for.

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card playing that if you oppose the illegal invasion taking place at the border that you hate children and Latinos. Of course, none of that is true. There is no hatred of any group causing the opposition to what's going on. The protection of our borders and this country as a whole is why so many people are angry and concerned. By the way, recent polling out this week says that 77% of Americans want those entering illegally to be sent

back. That's nearly 300 million Americans. Are they ALL racists and child haters?

Meanwhile as the border is being overrun and half the world is burning; Congress will go on its 5 week vacation and Obama will be heading off to Martha's Vineyard for his annual August break where he will rub elbows with the rich and famous. Who cares where John Kerry will be. Will there be a country left when vacation time is over?

Rep. Collins Cosponsors Legislation On Welding And Hot Works

Representative Nick Collins joined Senator Ken Donnelly in sponsoring legislation regarding the regulation of the hot works and welding trades.

The legislation establishes a special commission to investigate and study the current requirements for any licensing or permits governing cutting, welding, and other hot work processes that are capable of initiating fires or explosions to determine if the industry is adequately regulated to protect the public.

In addition, the commission will study the use of supervised details and fire watches, adequacy of fees for inspection and oversight, the deterrent effect of penalties for violations of rules and regulations, along with potential cost recovery and assessment for damages resulting from failure to comply with rules and regulations.

"The tragic fire in Boston raised a number of questions on the oversight of welding and hot works," said Sen. Donnelly. "The goal of this commission is to take a thorough and thoughtful look at the trade and the regulation surrounding it. We want to make sure that we have sufficient regulations to ensure the safety of the public, the safety of the people working in the trade and the safety of our public servants who are asked to respond when something goes wrong."

"Four months ago we lost two of Boston's bravest in

a fire sparked by welders operating without permits. This tragedy brought to light many questions regarding fire safety, specifically in connection with outdoor welding and hot works projects," said Rep. Collins. "This commission will identify, for the Legislature, regulations that need to be strengthened and new regulations that need to be implemented to further safeguard the public and firefighters across the Commonwealth, who risk their lives to keep us safe from unnecessary tragedy."

The commission will include members of the legislature, members appointed by the governor, members of the trade industry and representatives from the fire services including the State Fire Marshal.

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan also supported the proposed commission, stating that "we always try to learn from tragedies and the review this commission would help us do just that. Given that the existing regulations may not have been followed in this case, a review of whether we can strengthen or improve those regulations should increase penalties for flouting them, and whether training and certification of people involved in this trade should be required, would be extremely useful." The commission will have to complete its report by June 1, 2015 and submit any necessary legislation by that time.

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Introducing Signature Boston

Signature Boston, the new identity for the Boston meetings and conventions experience, officially launched today with the unveiling of a new website at SignatureBoston.com. This new identity marks continued collaborative effort from the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA) and the Boston Convention Marketing Center (BCMC) to showcase Boston's place as a major meetings destination, and its reputation for delivering exceptional service and technology to meeting professionals.

"Boston is competing strongly as a premier meetings and conventions destination," said James E. Rooney, executive director of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority. "Our ability to execute meetings that exceed our customers' expectations is no longer just something we strive to do: it is our Signature. Unique and personal, a signature represents what a person stands for. In Boston, our

signature is a commitment to deliver remarkable experiences, beyond our customers' expectations."

"It has been a decade since we opened the doors of the BCEC, and today we have much to celebrate," said Milt Herbert, executive director of the BCMC. "The BCEC and the Hynes are the most technologically advanced convention centers in the world, and we are known worldwide for customer service excellence. The launch of Signature Boston not only represents our commitment to make every event we host in our city as successful as it can possibly be, it also signifies that we are confident we can give our customers an experience they can't find in any other city."

The introduction of Signature Boston is part of the MCCA's 10 Year Anniversary celebration for the BCEC. Since opening the BCEC in June 2004, Boston has consistently ranked as a Top 10 U.S. meetings and conventions destination. In 2011 the BCEC and Hynes earned a rare gold standard from the International Association of Congress Centres (AIPC), making Boston only the fourth city in North America and the 12th

worldwide to have been awarded this top standard, the highest certification level a convention facility can achieve under strict AIPC guidelines.

For the past five years, the MCCA has been driving its Top 5 campaign to put Boston in the Top 5 list U.S. meetings destinations. The campaign includes an extensive BCEC expansion plan and significant hotel development in the South Boston Waterfront, including a new 1,000 room headquarters hotel. In July 2014, the Massachusetts Legislature approved and the Governor signed a \$1 Billion BCEC Expansion Bill.

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Press Release

Deb Goldberg, Democratic candidate for State Treasurer, held a campaign meeting at the Seapoint Bar & Grille last week in South Boston. Goldberg attracted a diverse crowd that reflects her campaign.

"We're here to fight for the middle class, and make sure everyone has an opportunity to get there and stay there," Goldberg told the crowd. Goldberg, who is determined to improve the economic security and stability of families throughout the state, has strong support among organized labor groups. Goldberg has been endorsed by many unions and hopes the trend continues.

"Our campaign has received great support from organized labor, as well as everyday citizens who believe in our message – that the middle

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Boston Water and Sewer Commission will begin Water Main Flushing in South Boston starting:

July 28, 2014 through August 28, 2014

The boundaries for the area being flushed are Summer Street at D Street to the north, Old Colony Avenue at Columbia Rd. to the south, Farragut Road to East 1 Street to Columbia Road to the east and Dorchester Avenue at Foundry Street to the west.

The purpose of the Water Main Flushing Program is to improve drinking water quality for residents and businesses.

Water Main flushing will take place between the hours of **10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.**

The flushing process may cause discolored water and a reduction in pressure. The discoloration of the water will be temporary and is not harmful. If the condition persists, please contact BWSC's 24 Hour Service at (617) 989-7000.

BWSC appreciates your patience as we work to improve the quality of drinking water we will provide to the residents and businesses of Boston. If you have any questions, contact BWSC's Night Operations Manager at (617) 989-7000 or visit our website at www.bwsc.org.



WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
534 East Broadway Four Family	\$1,800,000	06/25/14	8	2	4000
27 O Street Three Family	\$1,400,000	06/25/14	14	3	3052
825 East Fourth St UNIT U-1 Condo	\$869,000	06/27/14	6	3	2092
401 West First St UNIT 303 Condo	\$840,000	06/24/14	4	2	1600
525 East Seventh St UNIT 5 Condo	\$705,000	06/27/14	4	2	1311
401 West First St UNIT 101 Condo	\$685,000	06/26/14	4	2	1734
595 East Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$560,000	06/27/14	7	2	1550
707 East Fourth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$560,000	06/27/14	5	2	1300
795 East Fifth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$559,000	06/26/14	6	1	1308
587 East Fourth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$555,000	06/26/14	4	2	857
337 West Second St UNIT 10 Condo	\$530,000	06/25/14	4	2	1255
655 East Sixth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$525,000	06/27/14	4	2	1073
799 East Broadway UNIT 2 Condo	\$512,000	06/27/14	4	1	814
102 H St UNIT 1 Condo	\$459,000	06/23/14	7	1	1000
320 West Third St UNIT 305 Condo	\$430,000	06/27/14	3	1	805
656 East Eighth St UNIT 4 Condo	\$409,000	06/26/14	5	1	831
111 West Eighth St UNIT H Condo	\$407,000	06/27/14	4	1	773
609 Dorchester Avenue UNIT 2 Condo	\$324,000	06/26/14	4	1	671
458 East Third St UNIT 3 Condo	\$320,000	06/27/14	3	1	557

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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: - Kickin' It Like a Kid

I don't know about y'all, but I have been dealing with some serious summertime sadness. With one whole “official” month of summer left, I have been obsessively planning what I am going to do with the “rest of my days”. Instead of slowing down and enjoying, I have been devouring them as if I will never have anything like it again. It's the same relationship I have with eating: chocolate chip cookies and pepperoni pizza will taste just as good the next time around, and summer comes * at least * one time a year. When I stopped to recognize that I was turning into the Cookie Monster of these dog days, I thought how much worse it would be if I were a kid. Knowing that vacay ends in a mere 4 weeks would paralyze me. Sure, back to school shopping always makes it easier on the soul, but acknowledging that I have to go back to the studies

slammer and the sweet, soft and sometimes sweaty days of summah are coming to a close, would just about do-me-in. So in an effort to deflect this impending doom, check out some of these great programs and events that promote positivity and encouragement in our youth and seriously consider getting involved. Make the days count, ALL year long.

Saturday August 2, 2014
Diamond Girlz MC 6th Anniversary Party, 9pm-1am, Carson Place Function Facility
The Diamond Girlz Motorcycle Club is comprised of 8 female riders who are dedicated to their bikes, their fellow members and giving back to their community. Their annual event includes cross-city clubs as well as out of state. They lead by example and participate in many charity rides as well as put on drives for our youth and their

needs. Their mission is simple: to have fun while doing good. You may not be a rider, but you can appreciate and support their journey.

diamondgirlzmc.com
Wednesday August 6, 2014
The People's Academy Fundraiser, 6-10pm, Factory 63, 63 Melcher Street
The People's Academy is a nonprofit program that offers pre-apprenticeship protocol to those youth entering the building trades in the Boston area. The People's Academy engages local young adults in training and job opportunities, while urging those to give back to their community in return, either through their trade and/or other viable skills. There will be silent auction items available made by TPA students and refreshments will be served. **eventbrite.com/e/the-peoples-academy-fundraiser-tickets-12202360589**
peoplesacademyinc.org

South Boston T.E.A.M., 6:30-8:30pm, Lincoln Tavern & Restaurant
The Labouré Center, located at West Broadway and 'D' streets, has long been a community center where SB youth have been a priority. Among their many programs, South Boston T.E.A.M (Together Engaging Adolescents through Mentoring) has been providing our kids with structure and supportive mentors. The event is an intro to the program that requires volunteers to be over 21 and commit two hours a week to their mentee. **idealist.org/view/event/Ng977X2hPK5P/**



The Southie Scene - Stepping Out: Hot Fun, Summer in Southie

“Hot and happening” is a phrase often used to describe South Boston. I cringe at the sound of it, and though the statement can seem contrived, I have to agree. I may not use the same language, because when I do hear someone make that declaration, I want to say: “don't force it dude.” Southie has always been this way. With the beach, great restaurants, live music and so much more just a short walk away the opportunity for experience is endless. So while everyone is spending hours in Cape traffic this weekend, walk down the street or call the Southie Shuttle to take you to one of these fun and Southie-situated affairs.

Sweet Sounds in Southie
Thursday July 31, 2014
Berklee College of Music Lunch Sessions, 12-1:30pm, Atlantic Wharf
The freezing office temps and lure of

the outdoors got you in a lunchtime funk? Head down to Atlantic Wharf and catch talented Berklee Music Students performing. They will send you on a momentary trip to vacay-land. **atlanticwharfboston.com/awb/events.html**
Latimbop, 6-8:30pm, ICA Boston
Can't get out of the office until closing time? Head over to the ICA and check out on of Berklee's best acts, Latimbop, as they perform Thursday night. Grab a drink, sit back and relax. **icaboston.org/programs/performance/music/harborwalk-sounds/latimbop**
Steel Drum Thursdays, 5-7pm, InterContinental Boston
Head over to the patio bar at the InterContinental Boston, sit back and close your eyes as Pan Loco's sound takes you on an island trip without leaving the mainland.

intercontinentalboston.com
Live Music, Thursday Nights
Salvatore's, 8-11:30pm, eventbrite.com/e/live-music-thursdays-at-salvatores-seaport-boston-tickets-11487041049
Barlow's, 5-11pm (THU-SAT), barlowsrestaurant.com/about.htm
Come Sail Away with Southie
Thursday July 31, 2014
Summer Party Cruise, 7:30-10:30pm, Bay State Cruise Co.
Grab some friends and sail the seas with friends Thursday nights this summer. With three floors of entertainment, there's something for everyone. **bostoneventguide.com/summer-party-cruise**
Friday August 1, 2014, 8-10pm, Kiss 108 FM Cruise, Bay State Cruise Co.
Enjoy Top 40 hits with some of your favorite Kiss 108 DJs. Songs you know and love to get you on your

feet. **baystatecruisecompany.com/summer-cruise-tix.php**
Saturday August 2, 2014, 6-8:30pm,
Boston Harbor Wine Tasting, Boston Fun Cruises
Sip and set sail on this Saturday evening cruise while navigating the wonderful world of wine. **eventbrite.com/e/boston-harbor-wine-tasting-tickets-11830051001**





Southie Senses:

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



Touch: *Get A Kick Out of It*

Take Tuesday to a whole new level. Head on over to 315 on A and kick it up with Eliza Shirazi, on the rooftop with her Kickboxing class. An energizing way to get you that much closer to Friday. Class is an hour long and it's suggested that you arrive 15 minutes early. begritsy.com



See: *History in Action*

Whatever you call it, alcohol has a long and at times, sordid, past here in Boston. Boston by Foot Tour company invites you to come along on a time trip to the past and learn all about it. The tour meets at 290 Congress Street, Thursday 08/07, at 6pm. Stir the drink and the conversation...



Taste: *Once It Hits Your Lips...*

Drink in the tastes of summer with sips at WeWork's Sangria Social. A way for those who work in South Boston and live here to get together and discuss all things innovative in and outside of work. Elance, an online freelance collective, is the host; tickets to the event are free, but you must RSVP. Network while knocking a couple back.

eventbrite.com/e/summer-sangria-social-hosted-by-elance-boston-tickets-12390106141



Smell: *What's Cookin'?*

JToast that roast! What better way you say? Bourbon, of course. Tavern Road is hosting a lamb roast with a side of Angel's Envy Bourbon; \$100 gets you 4 AE cocktails, a meat board, lamb, sides and COOKIES. Tickets are selling fast so: HURRY UP!

eventbrite.com/e/whole-animal-dinner-with-angels-envy-bourbon-tickets-12193947425



Hear: *BINGO!*

Ok, I actually don't know what you say when you win, but trivia is exciting and I always want to shout something when I know the answer. William's Tavern is now hosting Stump Trivia on Tuesday nights, from 7-9pm. Get your drink and eat on while proving to everyone that all your "useless" knowledge finally comes in handy.

williamstavernsouthboston.com/events.html



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of the Esplanade, near the Hatch Shell. Swimmers must be 12 years old or older and youth swimmers must provide documented proof of their ability to swim, according to organizers. It's free, but registration is required and according to the conservancy, 30 swimmers will be allowed at a time in 30-minute blocks. Those interested may register at charlesriverconservancy.eventbrite.com - M. Norton/SHNS
College President Appointed to BRA Board

Dr. Theodore Landsmark, the president and CEO of Boston Architectural College, has been tapped as a member of the Boston Redevelopment Authority's board of directors. Mayor Martin Walsh's office announced the appointment,

which must still be approved by the City Council, on Tuesday morning. Landsmark has served as president for 17 years and is trustee emeritus of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. He is also widely known from a 1976 news photograph depicting a white man attempting to assault him with the American flag during protests over court-ordered busing in Boston. The other members of the board, who serve staggered five-year terms, include Timothy Burke, the chair, Paul Foster, Consuelo Gonzales-Thornell and Michael Monahan. Four of five members are appointed by the mayor, while the governor gets one appointment. The board oversees the Boston Redevelopment Authority and votes on planning study, rezoning efforts and project permitting. - G. Dumcius/SHNS

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Pike tunnels aren't terrorist targets. Only the BCEC offends "Allah".

Now, of course, the plan is to cross trucks through the middle of Summer Street which will do wonders for the traffic flow at rush hour. Residents will no longer be able to reach their home via E Street. Trucks will either travel on First or on yet another proposed "cut through" from E to B and which there has been no community notification.

Have you been notified the state repair garage is slated to move from D Street, where it sits across from a new hotel to B and First Street, where it will sit across from the homes of South Boston residents.

Have you been notified about the community benefit package we receive for the construction

of these hotels? "You haven't"? That's strange because benefits are supposed to be agreed to prior to beginning the hotel construction that started about a year ago. Making it even stranger is 13 of 17 citizen committee members - regular citizens appointed to decide benefits - voted against the first benefit offer and there's never been another, which means building without it should be a violation of law.

Whether it's the Herald's concern for the BCEC expansion's effect on the entire state or the more parochial concerns of our residents, we need answers to these questions and we need to know exactly what is in the legislation, what is committed to and what the neighborhood can expect before it's too late.

Take care till next week.

Mayor Flynn Is Honored At 75th Birthday Party

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
By Brian P. Wallace

The lyrics to a famous Irish song, "Finnegan's Wake" just might have been more appropriate for Ray Flynn's 75th Birthday Party last Sunday at the Seapoint. "Oh there were fighters and writers and Irish dynamiters. There was beer gin whiskey wine and coke. There were men of high position. There were Irish politicians." Flynn, Bulger, Linehan, Donovan, Collins, Walsh, Lynch, Dorcena Forry (our honorary Irish ambassador) Murphy. All were there, as Ray Flynn celebrated his 75th Birthday Party in style last Sunday, after a Mass at St. Augustine's Chapel in the cemetery.

To me one of the most moving speeches came from our Congressman Steve Lynch, when he said, "After we are all gone from here, there are going to be three Mayor's that will be



talked about as being great. One will be James Michael Curley. One will be Ray Flynn and the other will be Marty Walsh, when he is finished. I couldn't have agreed more. Ray doesn't get anywhere near the credit he deserves for the job he did as Mayor of Boston from 1983 -1993. He took over a city that was ready to explode at the seams. There was racial tension in all parts of Boston when Ray took over as Mayor. Kevin White had virtually ignored Boston's diverse communities for most of his 16 years as Mayor.

Ray personally went to some of the toughest kids throughout Boston and started a dialogue which has lasted all of this time. He challenged the toughest kids in the gang to shoot against him. They laughed. He won. They had never met a politician like Ray Flynn before.

He was real. His office was the street. He ran marathons. He put out fires (I was there). He tackled the snow, not from some inner sanctum in City Hall, but from the snow plow. He started a concept called linkage which, for the first time, had big developers giving money to local community agencies, instead of lining just their pocket. That had never happened before. And the places that were ignored, he highlighted. For 8 straight summers, Friday nights, Saturday afternoons and Sunday afternoons Ray brought a band of professional basketball players, professional football players, College and High School All American basketball players, including Dave Cowens, Doug Flutie, Kevin Stacom. Jimmy Walker, Scoonie Penn, and many others and played a different housing development's all -star team. After the game there was a concert with bands like the Temptations, Smokey Robinson, The Drifters, Herman's Hermits, The Platters, and many other famous groups, a local talent show and then Ray cooked hot dogs and cheeseburgers until it was dark. That went on for 8 straight years.

But, you will never read about that anywhere but here. It made a difference, certainly in the racial situation of the city. There was no beach house down the Cape for Ray. His place was on the burning hot courts of all of the city's housing developments. He held press conferences there. He met with some of his top officials there. That was his office. One little kid said to me, "Man I never thought a Mayor would cook me a cheeseburger." Those things made a lifelong impression on that kids and thousands of other kids who

played, danced, ate, and performed at the BHA Unity Days.

I was lucky to be there every step of the way with Ray. From the day he knocked on his first door until the day we all went to Logan Airport and watched him fly off to Rome. What did he get for all that service? Nothing. He was shunned by the man he had chosen to replace him. Nobody knows why. But, everyone knows it happened. Every attempt to name a particular park, building, or statue to Ray was denied by the sitting Mayor, who had Over 200 things named for him. Now, thanks to our friends Bill Linehan and Steve Murphy there is a move underway to name a suitable memorial for Ray Flynn in the city. Ray built the Curley Memorial, the Holocaust Memorial and Steve Murphy would not let his friend John Collins be forgotten either. Good for you Steve.

I filed a bill on two separate Legislative sessions to have the Convention Center named after Ray, and both times I was shot down by sitting Speakers, who pointed towards City Hall and both said, "He (meaning the Mayor) wants that named after him. I just shook my head and laughed. I said to one of the Speakers on my way out, "It's funny; I somehow thought that the state was paying for the Convention Center." I still contest that the Convention Center be named the "Raymond L. Flynn Convention and Exhibition Center." It started under him; it is in South Boston, blocks away from where his dad worked as a longshoreman. But, I will bow to the wishes of the panel that Bill Linehan and Steve Murphy are going to create to create to hear testimony on a suitable location. Happy Birthday Ray.

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M STREET SOFTBALL – RACE FOR FIRST UP FOR GRABS

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
By Mark Senna



As we move closer and closer to the start of the playoffs, it appears that first place in the Lucas division will not be decided until the last pitch of the regular season is thrown on Thursday night. That's how tight the race is folks. Meanwhile, the race for first place in the Feeney division is also up for grabs as The Playwright (10-4), Cranberry Café (8-5), and STATS (8-5) are all battling it out at the top with each having a couple of games to play.

On Monday, the Southside kept pace with the division leaders as they slapped around the Warehouse, 9-3. Southside used a nine run uprising in the first inning and then cruised the rest of the way. Jim McNiff pitched effectively to earn the win.

The second game of the evening was a much closer contest as the Islanders were looking to derail the division leading Lincoln Tavern crew. However, pitcher Todd Marsh did not make things easy for the Islanders as they couldn't adjust to the off speed pitches. Marsh carried a 3-2 lead into the sixth inning before his team supplied him with a few insurance runs. Jesse Carlton struck the big blow in the inning when he connected on a three-run homerun making it 6-2. The Islanders scratched a run across the board in the seventh but it wasn't enough, 6-3.

Tuesday's action saw the Warehouse play the role of the spoiler as they pounded the division leading Lincoln Tavern squad 10-4 in a spirited contest. Joey Magee scattered six hits to pick up the win while infielder Jeff White collected two hits and five RBI to lead the Warehouse.

A share of the Feeney division was up for grabs on Wednesday night when STATS took on the Cranberry Café. The STATS offense went to work in the first inning and never took their foot off the gas pedal as they cruised to a 13-6 victory. Mark Prezios (triple, homerun, 4 RBI) and Eric MacDonald

(4 hits, 3 RBI) paced the attack for STATS. The win moved STATS to within striking distance of division leading The Playwright. Cranberry will have to settle for second place if they take care of business this week.

Thursday's action may have been the best of the week as two underdogs pulled off semi-upset victories. First up were the Islanders who were taking on the Southside Tavern. At the time, Lincoln had more wins but Southside had the fewest losses and therefore, had an inside lane to the top of the division. However, the Islanders played inspired softball and handed the Southside a 3-1 setback. Ben Larkins (homerun, single and 2 RBI) was hitting star while yours truly earned the win on the mound.

The second upset of the night came as quite a shocker because it was the defending champion Shennanigan's who were on the receiving end of a tough, tough loss. Nate Meyl (2 hits with 4 RBI) and his teammates had built a 6-1 lead through six innings of play. With one out and a runner on first base things began to unravel for the champs. Mike McGrath hit a sharp grounder to first that the fielder handled properly but his throw to second to get the force struck the base runner in the head. A walk was then issued which loaded the bases for Andrew Christopher. A single and an error led to two runs making it 6-3. Paul Doherty then followed with a game tying double down the left field line. The Warehouse could feel it now as they were very vocal in support of batter Ryan Martin who promptly singled to put them ahead to stay, 7-6. Playing second base, Martin also made a tremendous defensive play to end the game as he gathered a "tweener" in the hole and raced to first to record the out.

Having watched the two teams chasing them in the standings lose on this night, the Lincoln Tavern squad were licking their chops as they took the field for the nightcap. After jumping out to a 3-0 lead in the first,

Lincoln had to hold on the rest of the way as the Harp & Bard played great defense and got a solid start from Rob Costello. Todd March picked up his league leading eighth win of the season for Lincoln.

With a full team on hand, Harp's catcher Jim Sullivan took the night off to rest his ailing feet. Jim, who is 57 years young, has found some new foot wear that provides comfort but not too much traction on the softball diamond. His shoe of choice? Sperry Topsiders. That's right folks; Sully ties his dream yacht to the Summer Street pier and then hauls it up to M Street for some softball in his beautiful boat shoes.

Speaking of dreaming, most amateur

athletes who play a team sport hope to some day, "get the call." Well, for Shennanigan's lefty pitcher, Nick French, his moment of glory came two weeks ago when the Bridgeport Bluefish of the Atlantic League (professional baseball) came calling. The Bluefish needed a male softball pitcher to take on the Stratford Brackettes in a "Battle of the Sexes" exhibition game played under fast-pitch rules on at The Ballpark at Harbor Yard. French finished the game with ten strikeouts in five innings of work. The Bluefish won the game when Ramon Castro (Mets, Marlins, and White Sox) tripled home the winning run in the seventh. Congratulations Nick!

By the time this article hits the newsstands there will only be a week left in the regular season. With that said there are a couple of can't miss games coming up on the schedule. On Monday, July 28th @ 8:15 Southside and the Lincoln Tavern will lock horns with first place in the Lucas division on the line. The following night, (7/29) the Cranberry Café and STATS will play for a share of the Feeney division title. The last can't miss game happens to be the final game of the season and it might be a classic as Lincoln Tavern tries to block Shennanigan's from stealing a playoff bye (top two in each division receive first round playoff byes).

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, 7:30, & 9pm) while the Feeney (B) teams battle it out on Tuesday's (6:30 & 8:15) and Wednesday's (6, 7:30, & 9pm). As of this writing, the playoffs are scheduled to start on Monday, August 4th with games starting at 6:30 and 8:15.

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!



Standings

Lucas (A) Division

Lincoln Tavern	10-4
Southside Tavern	9-4-1
Shennanigan's Islanders	8-5-1
The Warehouse	7-7
Harp & Bard	2-10-2

Feeney (B) Division

The Playwright	10-4
STATS	8-5
Cranberry Café	8-5
The Underdogs	7-6
Dragons	5-10
JW Brokerage	4-7
Village Pizza	1-12



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 Red Sox with Comcast SportsNet's Mike Giardi (on Monday, July 28):

DANNY PICARD: Sitting here, a couple days away from the July 31 MLB trade deadline, and a little over a month away from the Sept. 1 waiver trade deadline, let's say the Red Sox think they may have a realistic chance of re-signing Jon Lester, you can't trade him somewhere else and think he's going to come back. So you can't trade him to LA if you want him to come back next season. Who in their right mind would leave Boston for LA via trade, and then say, "You know what, I think I'm going to go back to Boston." I don't think that's realistic that he would actually feel like he wants to come back if he is traded.

MIKE GIARDI: And again, why do we think that they're going to be willing to pay him what he wants? Because, they haven't been, and that's why we're here in the first place. They low-balled him, they leak out that they'll go to \$100 million, and clearly that's not enough either. So really, they're not talking and they're not making any progress. So when he gets to be a free agent -- unless they were to just say, "Here's \$140 million," which they're not going to -- then he's going to want to see what's out there. And when he gets out there, someone's going to offer him an absurd amount of money, \$160 million, something crazy, because that's the way it works. Someone's going to look at his postseason track record, someone's going to look at the fact that he pitches 200 innings basically every single year, and they're going to say, "You know what, maybe he isn't that lights-out ace, but he's damn good, and he makes us a lot better. And yeah, maybe at 35, 36 or 37 he's going to suck and he's only going to be giving us 115 innings and his ERA is going

to be 5.00, but we'll take that chance for what we're going to get in years one, two, and three.

DP: Did you like the rumored deal of Jon Lester for Matt Kemp? Is that something that interests you?

MG: It makes me want to vomit. That's the kind of stuff -- again, the Red Sox love to pick flaws in their own guys. This goes all the way back to Theo. The guys that are here, that you know can play here, they find these little warts on them, and they can't let it go. But they find somebody else in somebody else's market, who they don't know for jack-diddly-squat, other than what their scouts can tell them, and their scouts aren't even in the clubhouse, and they say, "Oh, that guy would look perfect in Fenway Park." Let me remind you of Carl Crawford and Adrian Gonzalez. They were perfect for here, right? Perfect. And then they couldn't wait to get rid of him. And by the way, both of those guys suck now. I mean, Crawford is cooked, and Gonzalez is having a bad year, .260 with 15 home runs. Matt Kemp can't even get on the field for the Dodgers, and he's a guy who's had attitude issues and two shoulder surgeries, which basically was the start of the decline. How does that make any sense? Plus, he's owed a ton of money. How does that make any sense? It doesn't make any sense to me at all.

DP: That's why that wouldn't make any sense, because if the Red Sox should be wanting to focus on paying somebody \$21.5 million a season through 2019 -- which is what Matt Kemp is due -- they should be wanting to spend it on an ace pitcher who has actually proven he can succeed in this market, which we know is an even tougher thing to find than just pure talent. You've got to be talented and

be able to put it all together in this market. We have no idea that Matt Kemp could do that. Do the Red Sox need a big bat? Sure. But you point out a couple other things. The guy has had health issues, but also, he's going to be 30 years old in September. That is not a good deal to me. What they should do to get a bat, is trade some of the prospects and get that bat in the offseason, and keep Lester around. It's sort of maddening to me that we're even having this conversation. I just actually don't get it.

MG: No, I don't get it at all. And look, if you're hell-bent on trading Lester, short of trading him straight-up for Giancarlo Stanton, which we know is not going to happen, then I'm trading Lester for top prospects again. So that I can go turn around and put those prospects that the Miami Marlins like, and I'm going to package them with my own prospects and go get Stanton in the offseason that way. That's the only way that I can even stomach trading Lester. And I'd still have a hard time stomaching it because I think you probably have the prospects to get a Stanton trade done anyway, and still keep Lester. Look, I've never been one who believes that Lester is an ace, but he's damn good. And it seems like he's actually getting better. Some people have said it's a salary-drive. I don't. Jon Lester doesn't strike me as that kind of guy. He's never struck me as that kind of guy. So, look, I just think that the Red Sox butchered this thing. And I think they're at a point now where they're foolish to think that they're going to be able to re-sign him, unless they give him a blank check and say, "What's it going to take?" So therefore, to me, I think it's almost inevitable that he gets traded. And again, I put that on

Larry Lucchino and management for even letting it get to this point, because we should never be at this point right now with Jon Lester.

DP: Jon Lester shouldn't be their biggest concern. And I think that's what pisses me off, because, you look at this Red Sox team, and yeah, they're down and out of it now, the season is over, they're not going to the playoffs, but to me, if you go out and get a power bat in the offseason, and you can put some of your top prospects in a package and really overwhelm the Marlins, and let's say you get someone like Stanton and then have a rotation that has Lester and Lackey at the top of it next season, I think you have a shot to win the division next year. It's not like this has to be some crazy turnaround where this team has to rebuild for the next four or five years. They can be contenders next year. That's why I don't get why any of these Lester conversations are even happening.

MG: Well, yeah. If Ben Cherington basically said, with the Jake Peavy trade, that, "We're concentrating on 2015," well, if you're concentrating on 2015 and your owner just told the Boston Herald that you still think you're the best team in the division, but for whatever reason it hasn't come together this year, then why would you take the best pitcher on your staff and let it get to this situation and then be forced to have to overpay -- which I don't believe they're going to do -- or be forced to trade him?

DP: Felix Doubront and Mike Carp have asked to be traded. Normally, I would say, "Shut up, you guys aren't All-Star players." Doubront was moved to the bullpen, and Carp has been used as a utility guy at best. Most of the time I would tell them to be quiet



and to just keep playing. But when the GM comes out and says their focus as an organization is now April of 2015, guys who probably feel they should have more of a role on a team, I don't know that I have a problem with them asking for trades right now. How do you feel about that?

MG: I don't either. I just think, to me, last year we were kind of sold and believed and saw with our own eyes, a group of guys that bonded and embraced the city, and certainly gave us a ride that I don't think any of us expected before the year began. Part of that was -- and we heard it over and over again -- was chemistry and the like for each other, and the acceptance of roles. Now, we're seeing some swimming for the life raft. And I guess I find

that a little bit distasteful, based on the opportunities that Mike Carp got last year. And the other thing I would say to both of them, is that they dramatically underperformed. Felix Doubront basically for much of the year has been throwing in the high 80's, which he can't do. His stuff plays at 93-94, but it doesn't at 88-89. And Mike Carp is what, .209 with no home runs? What do you think they're going to get for you, dude? What's out there? Whatever though. I would absolutely trade Carp, and I wouldn't care what I got in return. And Doubront, I guess you always look at him and say, "He's a lefty and when the stuff is good, it's pretty good." But now, this is like year three or four of Felix Doubront being up and down or not in shape

and having arm problems or the freaky "I bumped my arm into the car door" story, which is probably one of the dumber excuses I've ever heard for hurting yourself. Maybe it's just time to cut bait with him as well. And because he's a left, and because there is some track record of success there, maybe you can actually get something of value for him.

DP: Outside of the trade deadline, how do you feel about this David Ortiz vs Chris Archer situation? Archer was upset with how Ortiz handled his home run, watching it and throwing the bat over to the dugout. Meanwhile, you can go back in the archives, and Archer is kissing his bicep after a big strikeout against the Red Sox. Archer now has a problem with the way Ortiz flipped the bat. What's your reaction to this whole situation? Are you just rolling your eyes at this point, like me?

MG: The Rays are whiny little you-know-whats, and they've been whining about this forever. And obviously Archer is a hypocrite. You can't go kiss your bicep, flex, or whatever, and then go whine because a guy flips his bat. Secondly, Ortiz should know that he's going to get grief for it. And I would have loved for the bat flip to come against David Price. I would have liked to have seen him do it there, but he didn't. That, to me, would have been the ultimate statement. I think some of these baseball unwritten rules are ridiculous. Guys should be able to celebrate. If I hit a ball 450 feet, or even if I hit it 375 and it just gets over the fence, I should be able to celebrate, that's a big moment. Just like you should be able to pump

your fist when you strike someone out with runners on second and third in a one-run game. I don't have any problem with either of it. It's their stupid unwritten rules. It's okay for soccer players to come up with their celebrations after a goal, it's okay for NFL receivers and running backs to dance in the end zone, but in baseball, there's something wrong with it. And they all just need to sit down and say, "You know what? This is ridiculous. If you hit a home run, you hit a home run. Celebrate." As long as you're not grabbing your crotch as you're running around the bases, then there should be no problem with it. --Listen to entire conversation by subscribing to "I'm Just Sayin" on iTunes. Also, be sure to follow Danny on *Twitter and Facebook*.

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class is worth fighting for. Our message is real and it is resonating," Goldberg said.

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