



Stabbings in South Boston Shatter Summertime Calm

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The relative summer calm in South Boston has been shattered over the past 2 weeks as two stabbing incidents have been reported; at least one of them fatal. This past Sunday, August 3rd, Police report that 3 people were stabbed with varying degrees of injury while in the area of 395 Dorchester Avenue in South Boston in close proximity to the D Street Housing Project. The assault took place between 8:30 and 9pm. As of this writing, details are not known about what may have caused the attack or what conditions the victims are in. The victims were taken to Boston

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EDITORIAL

No imagined words of wisdom or items to expose potential wrong doing in this week's editorial, just some bitter tasting food for angry thoughts. How much sleazier can government get?

Imagine the bank president at the institution you've invested your life savings in, standing there tall, well pressed, brimming with confidence, smiling at you as you make your weekly Friday deposit.

Now imagine early Monday morning on your way to work and there on Broadway, leaning against a storefront for support, is the bank

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president, unshaven, shirt tail stained and hanging out of the same pressed suit he had on Friday only now it looks like it's been slept in for the last 3 days. To top it off he's asking for change.

It might be time to check your investment.

From top to bottom at all levels American government resembles that bank president and it's disgraceful.

John Kerry plays the role perfectly with his contemptuous treatment of Israel. If the day has come America turns its back on Israel that's the day America is gone. Chew on that.



"Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability" - Sam Keene

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Treating Out of State Friends to a Tour of South Boston

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This week's column will take a break from the usual political and current event commentary. Since we're deep into what's turning out to be a beautiful summer as far as weather goes, I thought I'd take this opportunity to kick back a little, keep it positive and upbeat and share with our readers a recent experience. I had the pleasure of giving some good friends from out of state a tour of South Boston. This is a young family who live deep in the White Mountains area of New Hampshire and rarely, if ever travel to Boston or any large city. They don't really have the need; their lives are and always have been 'Country Style' I guess you could say. That's where they are happy. Mom and Dad are just 23 years old. Their 2 boys are 4 and 2. They packed their vehicle and headed to a southern state to visit with relatives and on their journey back north, I invited them to be my guests here in Southie for a visit and tour. It was a chance for me to repay the hospitality they have always shown to me and my family when we are up there.

From the beginning, it started off with a huge surprise. I found them a parking space. After settling in and visiting with my family for a while we all got in my truck and started the tour. They wanted to see everything. Tired from their long trip, but eager to get started we made a quick stop at PS Gourmet Coffee for a caffeine fix; they were especially impressed with the famous and delicious PS Gourmet 'Bucket' ice coffee. The boys of course had chocolate milk, too young for java. From there we headed to Moakley Park where they were surprised to see such a large green open space in a city. We stopped for a while to catch an inning of a softball game going on. A disputed call by the umpire caused some colorful language to fly which amused

all – even the boys. And then it was off to show them Carson Beach. The temperature was hovering around 80 and the sun was sparkling off the water. It was beautiful. It's funny, when you get used to something all your life you kind of lose track of just how nice your surroundings sometimes are. It takes someone seeing it for the first time to remind you what you have right in your own back yard. Seeing the water and people in swimming, the boys asked if they could get to go in the water. It was back to my house, grabbed some towels, sun block and the next stop was Pleasure Bay for a dip in the cool water at the 'Lagoon'. They noticed something else new. The 4 year old accidentally got a gulp of water and was shocked – "Hey! Why does this water taste salty?" They are used to lakes. They commented about how much beachfront we have in just our one town. 3 miles certainly is a long shoreline for a city. The Lagoon was filled with sailboats from the McDonough Sailing Center which also made for a pretty sight. After the swim, the kids enjoyed the playground across the street at Marine Park.

Next stop: Broadway. We parked in the Rite Aid lot and walked along East Broadway where I introduced them to friends and neighbors that we passed. They liked the way people were friendly; seemed to know one another and went out of their way to welcome them. It reminded them a lot of the folks in their own small town up north. Something else caught the eye of Mom and Dad. They didn't miss the fact that there were so many beautiful memorials to our neighborhood's veterans. In the rural towns of northern New Hampshire, patriotism and honoring veterans is as important as it is here in South Boston. Practically every family there as is the

case here have people who served our country with honor.

They were puzzled in a sense that people in cities are ok with being crowded into such a relatively small area. Houses touching other houses and being, as the dad said, piled on top of other houses (he was referring to our triple deckers and condos) is something he wasn't sure he would want to get used to but found it fascinating just the same. Mom got a kick out of how, depending on the time of day and day of the week, driving less than a mile could

sometimes take twenty minutes or more.

After the meet and greet and walk along Broadway it was back down to the ocean again. With the swimming, the playground and walking, it was time to satisfy some appetites. My cooking isn't the best so I figured a tour of South Boston would not be complete without a stop at Sullivan's where we all indulged in the famous Sully's hotdogs, fries and ice-cream; a real treat for all. Then, a walk around Castle Island, where we again ran into some welcoming

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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.

PATRICK TO SIGN SUBSTANCE ABUSE BILL WEDNESDAY

Gov. Deval Patrick will sign legislation on Wednesday that aims to increase access to long-term treatment for substance addiction in a ceremony in his office, according to an invitation shared with the News Service. Health and Human Services Secretary John Polanowicz and Department of Public Health Commissioner Cheryl Bartlett are among those expected to attend. Patrick has been lobbied in recent days by Bay State health insurers hoping the governor would return the bill to the Legislature with amendments removing sections that would require coverage of up to 14 days at an inpatient facility and limit

insurers' ability to deny coverage of clinical services. An insurer would be unable to review a patient's treatment plan for continuing coverage until seven days after the start of inpatient care, under the bill. A spokeswoman for the governor could not immediately say whether the governor planned to sign the bill (S 2142) in its entirety, or return sections with amendments. The bill-signing ceremony will take place at 3:15 p.m. in the governor newly renovated office on the third floor of the State House. On Wednesday morning, U.S. Sen. Edward Markey plans to hold press conference at Boston Medical Center with National Drug Control Policy Office Acting Director Michael Botticelli

and others to discuss a strategy to address opioid addiction and prevent overdoses. - M. Murphy/SHNS NEW SUNDAY HOURS WILL TAKE EFFECT OCT. 26

Sunday, Oct. 26, will be the first Sunday when state package stores will be allowed to open two hours earlier after Gov. Deval Patrick signed a bill into law in July. Seekonk Rep. Steven Howitt, who sponsored the bill, said he had been hoping for the change in time for the beach season, and noted it would take effect in time for football season. "I'm very pleased," Howitt told the News Service about the bill's passage into law. The law moves the earliest hour liquor stores can open from 12 p.m. to 10 a.m., which Howitt said would be an economic boon for border communities. - A. Metzger/SHNS
WITH ELECTRONIC TOLLING, MASSDOT SEES UPTICK IN EZ PASS INTEREST

All electronic tolling on the Tobin Bridge appears to have "prompted renewed interest among the public" for EZ Pass transponders, according to MassDOT spokeswoman Cyndi Roy Gonzalez. She said 25,000 transponders have been distributed within the last two weeks, a jump up from the weekly average of 3,857 transponders. For those who have transponders, the toll is automatically deducted when they travel over the Tobin. Under the new system transportation officials hope to spread statewide, drivers without the devices will be identified by their license plate and be sent a bill in the mail. On Tuesday, Gonzalez said the state has issued 12,000 "Pay by Plate" invoices since the system went live in mid-July, and several hundred of those have been paid. - A. Metzger/SHNS
CONG. CAPUANO: TRANSPONDER BILL "KICKED THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD"

Congressman Michael Capuano said recent federal legislation that extended funding for transportation

projects merely "kicked the can down the road," putting off the argument over revenues until next May. "We're going to go through this again and again and again until we get revenue. It's kind of simple. Or until we decide we don't want to fix anything, and obviously that's not the position I have," Capuano, a member of the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, told reporters Tuesday. He said, "If we don't do something on a national basis, every project is in jeopardy." Capuano said the notion that the federal government should leave transportation funding completely to the states – an idea he termed "devolution" and which he said is in circulation in Washington – would turn President Dwight Eisenhower "over in his grave." He said, "It's short-sighted and wrong, and bad for America, and bad for our business community." The Somerville Democrat also opposes the effort to repeal a 2013 law linking the gas tax to inflation. "If they repeal it, there will be less construction work, less infrastructure improvement, less people working. I think like anything else, no one likes to pay higher taxes – neither do I – but especially when it comes to the gas tax, that money is dedicated toward infrastructure. I want a good infrastructure," Capuano said. He said talks are ongoing about a longer-term solution for transportation funding. - A. Metzger/SHNS
FORMER LESLEY PRESIDENT TO CHAIR MASS. BOARD OF EDUCATION

With just under five months left on his term, Gov. Deval Patrick on Tuesday named three new state Board of Education members, including former Lesley University President Margaret McKenna as the new chairperson. Patrick also appointed former Massachusetts House Ways and Means Committee budget director and policy advisor

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Reading Between The Lines

“Enola Gay”

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With Apologies to Longfellow; Listen my children and gather near, for the truth social progressives don't want to hear. It was in mid-August 1945, and now none of that crew is still alive. Who witnessed that earth shaking life saving day of the atomic flight of the “Enola Gay”.

Teddy Van Kirk left us on July 31. He was 93 and the navigator for and last survivor of the crew of the Enola Gay and its mission of August 6, 1945 bombing the city of Hiroshima with an atomic weapon. I guess his friends called him “Dutch” but I only knew him from filmed interviews and documentaries when he was more grandfatherly looking. To me he looked like “Teddy”. While his spirit still lingers, its proper to remember the truth of what he, his cronies and thousands upon thousands of others sacrificed to bring us victory and perhaps, more importantly, safety.

In 1937 Japan began its atomic bomb program. In completely unrelated research, escaping scientists in 1939 warned that Germany was close to splitting the atom and in 1940 Einstein and a group of like minded scientists wrote President Roosevelt of the need to begin an American program. FDR delayed action until late 1941. Japan, meantime, had slowed research because of their early military success. By 1943, however, they had resumed research and progressed to the point their Ambassador to Germany was instructed to request the weapons grade element uranium 235, a very and dangerous substance. The Germans refused, at least, Japan's requests.

This all changed with Germany's impending collapse. In a last gasp Hitler began ordering all the newest jet engine and submarine technology be sent to Japan by sub including U-235. German

sailors on “unter see boot (under sea boat) U-234 recalled chuckling when 3 Japanese officers painted U-235 on some crates. The Germans thought the Japanese were confused over the sub's correct number 234.

While at sea German surrendered and the sub's officers decided to surface and surrender. The Japanese officers decided on suicide. The U-234 sailed into Portsmouth, New Hampshire where its cargo was removed and the U-235 sent to Los Alamos, New Mexico. There it became part of the explosive for three atomic bombs. One bomb was tested in July at a site known as “Trinity”. One bomb known as “Little Boy” was dropped on Hiroshima August 6th. The third bomb known as “Fat Man” was dropped on Nagasaki August 9th.

Of course prior to all of this America and the world had witnessed unimaginable human cruelty by Japan as an occupier but a willingness or even a desire to die for the Emperor in country after country and battle after battle, an increasing bloodlust the closer America got to Japan.

In the final battle before the invasion of Japan was Okinawa. There the Japanese committed 5,000 Kamikaze attacks or at least 5,000 suicides. Somehow the Japanese convinced perhaps 20,000 Okinawans to commit suicide with tales Americans would cook them and eat them. It is estimated one million killed and wounded allied casualties would have resulted from a Japanese invasion. As many as 4 million Japanese would have been casualties. More casualties had resulted from fire bombing Tokyo in one night than either atomic bomb. Hundreds of thousands had already died when their cities were bombed and burned. Despite it all Japan had only demonstrated a willingness to annihilation before surrender.

After the August 6th bomb they did not even have a cabinet or military chiefs meeting. Russia invaded August 8th and Japan did not surrender. August 9th we dropped the second bomb and finally a meeting by Japanese political and military leaders was held on August 10th. Incredibly a heated debate between these so-called leaders failed to agree if they should even surrender, let alone what the terms might be. Ultimately around August 13th the Emperor made the decision to surrender which caused barely controlled dissension among the military, so strong and obvious that early

on August 14th the Emperor made the decision to record his surrender address to the Japanese people. America knew none of this, only that there had been no Japanese response. America continued to prosecute the war and bombing missions.

A bomber, “the Boomerang” was diverted by defensive fire and flew toward the Emperor's palace causing the entire compound to plunge into darkness. Fortunately so because at that very moment a renegade element of the military had invaded and now

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SHERIFF TOMPKINS HOSTS BOSTON POLICE FOR CENTRAL LOCKUP MEETING

Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins recently hosted a group of Boston Police Department captains at the Suffolk County House of Correction for a meeting to discuss the establishment of a central lockup for Suffolk County. The visit was part of Sheriff Tompkins' ongoing efforts to engage members of local law enforcement agencies, and other interested parties, in the discussion of siting a central lockup in Suffolk County – potentially on the grounds of the House of Correction.

A central lockup or, in layman's terms, a "city-wide jail," would allow local police officers who operate within the jurisdiction of the facility to arrest suspects and bring them in for booking and holding by the facility's staff, who would then assume responsibility for that detainee. The arresting officers, now free from having to hold detainees, would be able to return directly to their work on the streets in a much shorter amount of time. This would serve to keep the maximum number of available police officers on the streets and in the neighborhoods as

opposed to keeping them inside their stationhouses completing paperwork and supervising detainees.

Because of its extensive experience and training in the care, custody and control of detainees – as well as its ability to accommodate a greater number of detainees – having the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department staff a regional/central lockup facility offers a commonsense alternative for law enforcement officers that promotes greater public safety by allowing police officers to stay on the beat and in the community. This past April, Boston Police Superintendent of Field Services Bernard O'Rourke gave testimony to the Massachusetts Legislature's Joint Committee on the Judiciary about the need to establish a regional lockup facility in Suffolk County.

In a quote reported by the State House News Service, Supt. O'Rourke said, "We do our best work when officers are out on the street and interacting with our residents." O'Rourke also stated

that the current system, where officers take responsibility for individuals under arrest, including guarding them at hospitals during medical incidents, is "ineffective and inefficient." Sheriff Tompkins, who was previously involved in the discussion to site a central lockup in Suffolk County for the past several years during his predecessor's administration, is carrying forth the effort with support from numerous law enforcement agencies in and around Suffolk County.

"Our mandate is for the care and custody of inmates and detainees in Suffolk County, but we are also committed to improving public safety and security in whatever ways that we can," said Sheriff Tompkins. "Having a central lockup would mean more officers on the street to patrol our neighborhoods while detainees are securely held by a custody staff that is professionally trained in that role. We are very good at what we do, and a central lockup would ensure that local law enforcement agencies would be free to do what they're best at."

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Medical Center and to Tufts New England Medical Center for treatment. This incident is being investigated by MBTA Police.

And in a separate incident, police, as of this writing were still investigating the stabbing death of a man whose body was found at Moakley Park on July 22nd. South Boston Today spoke with police officer Rachael McGuire from the Boston Police Department's Media Relations Dept. who stated the body of the victim had now been identified. Dwight Price, 51 of Boston is the name of the deceased.

Compared to some other neighborhoods around the city, South Boston has been comparatively free of violent crime but with the recent stabbings that would seem to be changing quickly. Police for their part will increase patrols and surveillance and will work to stem the possibility of a trend of this nature taking hold in the neighborhood.

As always, police urge all residents to help them keep the streets of South Boston safe by reporting any suspicious incidents that you feel could be a possible crime in the making. Police emphasize that you do not have to leave your name when calling in a tip. It takes only a minute to dial 911 and report a crime in progress and by doing so, in some of the more serious situations, you may be helping to save a life or protect the property and the safety of innocent victims.

FORMER MAYOR RAYMOND L. FLYNN HONORED AT STATE HOUSE

BOSTON—Last week, the Massachusetts House of Representatives honored former Mayor Raymond L. Flynn with a resolution, thanking him for over 40 years of public service as a Boston City Councilor, State Representative, Mayor of Boston and United States Ambassador to the Vatican.

“Mayor Flynn’s commitment to social and economic justice united the city of Boston during a turbulent period in its history,” said House Speaker Robert DeLeo. “The efforts of this man have touched the lives of many.”

In the resolution, the House of Representatives recognized Mayor Flynn’s leadership in divesting municipal funds in South Africa as a protest against the apartheid regime and for his efforts to secure peace and justice in Northern Ireland.

“I was proud to represent and fight for the people of South Boston and Dorchester,” said Mayor Flynn, while

addressing the House chamber. “We enacted into law some of the most important and responsible policies in the country from helping the state’s higher education system, creating private sector jobs, building new schools and modernizing drug and gun laws.”

The House membership also recognized Mayor Flynn’s commitment to social justice and his advocacy for the homeless and handicapped. As a State Representative, Mayor Flynn led the charge to enact a law that required local communities to provide every child with an education, regardless of physical or mental disability.

“Ray Flynn has an unmatched record of concern for the handicapped, special needs people and the homeless,” said Rep. Collins, who filed the resolution on behalf of the Boston legislative delegation. “It was amazing to hear Mayor Flynn talk about the impact that the Massachusetts Legislature had on world opinion in speaking out against

racial injustice in South Africa and for peace and justice in Northern Ireland.”

“While he was talking to the entire House, you could hear a pin drop and when he finished his comments, the Legislators broke out in a sustained applause. It was truly one of the warmest welcomes that anyone has ever received at the State House.”



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neighbors and it was back to my house to relax. Our visiting friends had to be on their way home. Their vacation was over. They all said they had a great time visiting Southie and though these are people who would never want to live any other place but where they do now, all of them said they would love to come back to South Boston to visit again soon. They had a great time. The 4 year old said it was “The BEST time” It was clear they did not know what to expect but were definitely pleasantly surprised and impressed.

As our visiting friends drove off and headed home after having a great time here in our town, it reminded us again that though we do have our problems in South Boston, there are few communities anywhere which are located in a crowded city which has so much to offer. We have the ocean, great parks and other natural resources; some of the best youth sports programs around, activities for every age group and streets that compared to most other urban areas are safe and have neighbors who care about one another. It’s not too bad at all.



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Sunday, August 10, 2014 at 12:00 Noon

WHAT: On Sunday, August 10, 2014, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will close William J. Day Boulevard in South Boston to all traffic to accommodate the Boston Triathlon on William J. Day Boulevard. All four lanes on Day Blvd will be used for the race. Traffic will be detoured to adjacent roadways: Columbia Road, Farragut Road and Shore Road will serve as a route to and from Castle Island. Parking will be prohibited along Day Boulevard and Shore Road.

WHEN: Sunday, August 10, 2014

WHERE: Day Boulevard will be closed from Kosciusko Circle to the Farragut Statue at East Broadway approximately 6am until 12pm noon.

ADDITIONAL RESIDENT PARKING

Temporary overnight parking for residents with a valid City of Boston South Boston Resident Parking Sticker will be provided at the angled parking spots located between Shore Road and the Castle Island parking lot on Saturday, August 9, 2014 at 10pm. This temporary parking area will be staffed and vehicles will be checked for resident parking stickers.

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141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 709 Condo	\$850,000	07/01/14	5	2	1350
4 G Street Single Family	\$772,000	06/30/14	5	1.5	2420
559 East Second St UNIT 3 Condo	\$684,000	06/30/14	6	1.5	1279
187 Gold St UNIT 1 Condo	\$677,000	06/30/14	6	2.5	1600
521 East Fifth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$617,500	06/30/14	6	3	1375
141 Dorchester Ave UNIT LW203 Condo	\$599,000	07/01/14	2	1	945
78 F Street Single Family	\$590,000	07/02/14	9	4.5	3128
486 East Third St UNIT 14 Condo	\$550,000	07/03/14	5	2	1370
332 K St UNIT 1 Condo	\$533,000	07/02/14	4	2	1353
438 East Fifth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$530,000	07/02/14	5	2	1090
202 K St UNIT 7 Condo	\$520,000	07/03/14	4	2	1070
261 West Second St UNIT 1 Condo	\$474,000	06/30/14	4	2.5	1008
630 East Eighth St UNIT 2-PH Condo	\$458,000	07/02/14	4	1.5	900
22 Ward St UNIT 1 Condo	\$449,000	06/30/14	5	2.5	1365
340 West Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$440,000	07/01/14	4	1.5	986
18 Grimes Street Single Family	\$425,000	06/30/14	5	1.5	1608
7 Brewster St UNIT 1 Condo	\$420,000	07/01/14	5	1.5	941
504 East Eighth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$399,000	07/07/14	3	1	625
280 E St UNIT 2 Condo	\$390,000	07/01/14	3	1	867
606 Dorchester Ave UNIT 3 Condo	\$321,000	07/07/14	4	1	700
162 East Sixth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$297,000	06/30/14	4	1	600
227 West Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$260,000	06/30/14	4	2	795
269 West Second St UNIT B2 Condo	\$245,113	06/30/14	6	2	1150

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controlled the palace and were intent on kidnapping the Emperor and preventing the record announcement surrender to be played.

This then is the true picture of how committed and unrelenting and deep the evil infecting Japan had become. In all thee excitement the rebel military forgot flashlights. They stumbled throughout the palace all night. They interrogated the Emperor’s Chamberlain who actually had the record but failed to recognize him in the dark. The Emperor was spirited into hiding. When dawn

arrived loyal troops regained control and the rebels executed.

Can it be any more obvious that the failure of anyone of these steps would have led to Japan’s continued resistance and ultimately a deadly invasion.

By the way Japan is alleged, by many sources, to have conducted a successful atomic test on August 12 in North Korea where they were an occupation army at that time. Do you think Japan would bomb us?

So Teddy, rest easy and thanks again and say “HI” to the rest of the crew.

Take care till next week.

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Save the Harbor's youth program staffers present Governor Patrick with an original flounder print created with the help of their Artist in Residence Sam Schreiber.

482 Kids From Save the Harbor Play Hooky With Governor Patrick on Peddocks Island On His Birthday

On July 31, 482 young people from 10 area youth and community groups helped Governor Deval Patrick celebrate his 58th birthday on Peddocks Island as part of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's free All Access Boston Harbor program.

Governor Patrick was on the island to cut the ribbon on the restored chapel, where he had so much fun on the island that he said "It feels like I am playing hooky today."

The Governor expressed his desire to make the recreational and educational opportunities offered by the Boston Harbor Islands more accessible to the region's youth, teens and families, observing that "It takes partnerships like the one we have with Save the Harbor to make treasures like this island come to life."

The groups who took part included:

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Save the Harbor youth program staffer Chavelyn Santana takes a "selfie" with the Governor after the ribbon cutting ceremony on Peddocks Island.



482 kids from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay join government officials and VIP's to help Governor Patrick celebrate improvements on Peddocks Island on his 58th birthday.

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Mission Safe, Roxbury
South Boston TEAM
South Boston Boys and Girls Club
Super Teens from the Boston Center for Youth and Families
Washington Heights Youth Builders, Dorchester

The free trip was one of 28 excursions to Georges, Spectacle and Peddocks Island organized by Save the Harbor/Save the Bay this season. "By summer's end our free environmental education programs will have connected 100,000 young people to the Boston Harbor and Boston Harbor Islands since we began them in 2002," said Save the Harbor President Patricia Foley. "We are proud to share these spectacular urban natural resources with the next generation of Boston Harbor stewards."

Save the Harbor's free All Access Boston Harbor trips begin at the Blue Hills Bank Pavilion in the South Boston Seaport, where the kids make fish prints, murals and other art on the shore, haul lobster traps and learn

about the history of Boston Harbor and the Boston Harbor cleanup from Save the Harbor's maritime historian David Coffin. The groups then board the Provincetown II and spend the day hiking, swimming, fishing, crabbing, creating art on the shore, engaging in healthy outdoor activities on the beach and actively exploring the Boston Harbor Islands National Park.

On Georges Island youth have a chance to tour historic Fort Warren and meet the infamous "Lady in Black". On Peddocks Island they can explore the remains of historic Fort Andrew, visit a classic New England chapel and enjoy the new visitor center and the Harbor Islands' only Frisbee Golf course. On Spectacle Island they swim, hike and discover sea glass, pottery, and other historic artifacts on Treasure Beach that reveal the islands' history as a municipal landfill before it was transformed into one of the most popular destinations in the National Park.

"The Boston Harbor Islands are a laboratory for learning about Boston Harbor," said Save the Harbor's Director of Strategy, Communications and Programs Bruce Berman. "They are a great place to create art on the shore,

engage in healthy outdoor activities, and have some fun exploring the marine environment."

Last summer Save the Harbor's youth and family programs connected 15,903 young people to Boston Harbor and the Boston Harbor Islands and they expect serve even more young people this summer. "It's great to see so many smiling new faces and so many familiar ones as well" said Save the Harbor's Bruce Berman, who directs the program. "Many of the 120 youth and community organizations who take part in this program join us for more than one trip, and they return year after year. They tell us that these free trips are one of the highlights of their summer."

Save the Harbor's free youth environmental education programs are made possible with Leadership Grants from Bay State Cruise Company, Distigas/GDF SUEZ, The Coca-Cola Foundation, Ludke Foundation, and the Yawkey Foundation II.

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Running Flags

An installation of paintings by Jenny Grassl

August 2014

Opening Reception August 7th, 7pm

“I have invented countries and their flags. My new flag installation, Running Flag, is a synthesis, an experiment in universal belonging, a flag in motion. It is a symbol for that which is all encompassing, evolving, and seeking peace. Built out of painted Automatic Writing, a technique of stream of consciousness writing used by the Surrealists and mystics, the paintings in the show emerge from my passion for layers of paint and language. We live in a world of visual

verbal communications that bombard us or seep into consciousness, superimposed one over the other, becoming abstract. The letters of my words are scrambled Dan Brown style (lost and hidden texts), yet we can still ‘read’ urgency, silence, euphoria, and grief in the layering.”
Jenny Grassl

The Opening Reception will be followed by a poetry reading by Jenny Grassl, Alice Weiss, and Lisa Breger.

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Gallery 14 is the newest art space in Fort Point, featuring rotating art

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249 A Street celebrates its 30th anniversary with the opening of this new gallery space.

More about the show here: <http://www.fortpointarts.org/exhibitions/gallery-14/>

More about the history of 249 A Street here: <http://249astreet.com>

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Where To Use And Not Use Your Barbecue Grill

Everyone knows that we are now deep into the summer season and the usual summertime activities are going strong. One of the greatest pleasures in the warm months is of course the fine art of grilling or barbecuing. South Boston Today has received several inquiries by residents about what the rules are within the city limits as far as where grills are legally allowed to be used and where they are prohibited. In response, we did some

checking and with the help of some neighbors and city officials we obtained the info some of you have been curious about. No one here at SBT is trying to tell you where or how to use your grill; that's not for us to decide, but here are the restrictions you should be aware of. And the reason for concern is that there have been incidents of grills causing fires here in the neighborhood. We live in the city and the houses are close together. An out of control grill fire could cause not only a

tragedy to the people using the grills but to surrounding homes as well.

(The following does not apply to the use and storage of Natural Gas grills permitted through ISD and installed by a licensed installer in accordance with proper codes and standards but does apply to the standard type charcoal and LP (propane) grills commonly used.)

Charcoal Grills: These are not allowed to be used on top of or within a building or a structure per order of the Boston Fire Dept.

LP (propane) Grills: City of Boston regulations prohibits the use and storage of the propane tanks or containers inside or on balconies above the first floor of any building or structure used for habitation. Also on first floor porches, decks or balconies enclosed by a roof/ceiling or other confining materials and never on fire escapes or fire escape balconies.

Boston Fire Department officials urge all to keep grills clean for safety reasons.

Well readers, these are the rules put forth by the city that some of you have been asking about. Do with this information what you wish but please, by all means, this summer when using your grills; do so carefully for your own personal safety, the safety of your family and guests and for your surrounding neighbors as well.

(To view, in detail the rules and regulations and for safety tips to consider when barbecuing, you can log onto the Boston Fire Department web page at www.cityofboston/fire and go to the link titled 'Barbecue Safety Info'.)

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Katherine Craven, now chief administrative officer of Babson College, to the board, along with Mary Ann Stewart, president of the Massachusetts PTA from 2010-2012 and a member of the Lexington School Committee since 2009. According to the governor's office, enrollment at Lesley University rose from 2,000 to 10,000 during McKenna's 22 years as president. McKenna was president of the Walmart Foundation for four years after she left Lesley. She began her career as a civil rights attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice and was White House deputy counsel under President Jimmy Carter. McKenna also helped establish the U.S. Department of Education in the late 1970s while working as deputy undersecretary and was vice president of Radcliffe College until 1985 when she joined Lesley. McKenna plans to step down from the Boston School Committee before she is sworn in as Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education chair, filling the vacancy created when Maura Banta's term expired in June. Craven will fill the "business seat" on the board, taking the slot most recently held by Beverly Holmes. Ruth Kaplan's term on the board expired in June and Stewart will fill that PTA vacancy. - M. Norton/SHNS

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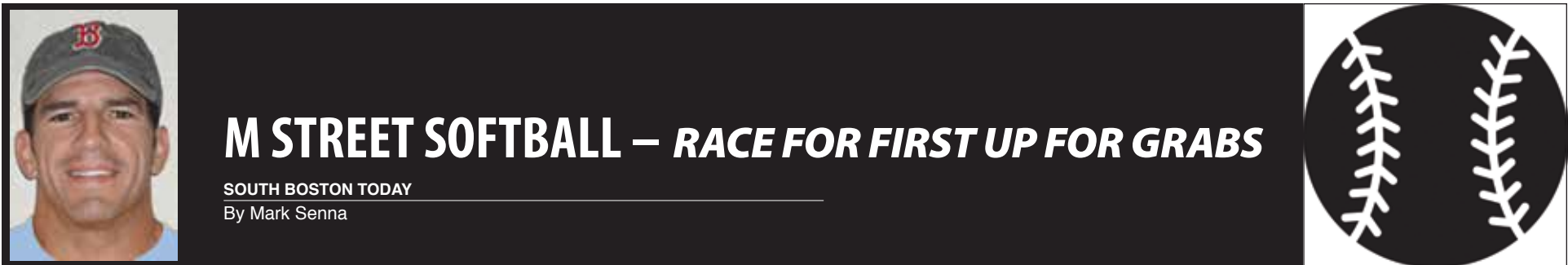
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As we move closer and closer to the start of the playoffs, it appears that first place in the Lucas division will not be decided until the last pitch of the regular season is thrown on Thursday night. That’s how tight the race is folks. Meanwhile, 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 Brakettes 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, 730, & 9pm) while the Feeney (B) teams battle it out on Tuesday’s (6:30 & 8:15) and Wednesday’s (6, 730, & 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 ESPN-Boston's Joe McDonald:

DANNY PICARD: So Henry Owens made his Triple-A debut in Pawtucket on Monday night. Six-and-two-thirds innings, no runs, two hits, nine strikeouts. You were at McCoy Stadium covering this game. What did you see? Was it everything you expected?

JOE McDONALD: This kid was impressive as all hell, Danny, I've got to tell ya. He came out, right from the first inning and he was working quick. He was able to mix in all his pitches, his fastball was topping out at 94 mph, in the 90-94 range. His curveball was nasty, his changeup was sick. He was dropping these in at 69-70 mph. Completely had hitters off balance the entire night. Nine strikeouts, two hits, he had a no-hitter going into the sixth inning and then one hit was an infield hit in between short and third. But this kid was really impressive. I saw him a little bit in spring training, but not in a game situation. So I was excited to see what this kid was all about. But I have to tell ya, for his first Triple-A start here in Pawtucket, he was really impressive.

DP: A lot of people were talking about his "Bugs Bunny changeup" after this game. And at 68 mph, it sounds more to me like a hook, like a curveball. But it's not? It's a changeup?

JM: Yeah, it's a changeup. He basically has a fastball, changeup. That's his bread and butter. But, he's been really working on the curveball a lot this season. And he even joked about it after the game, saying that he's really put a lot of time in with that pitch this season, saying, "People didn't think I had a curveball. Well, here it is. What do ya think of that?" And it was pretty impressive. He was able to drop it in at 69 mph and come

back with a 90-plus fastball, and he was really keeping these guys off-balance. The one thing that I was really impressed with was his mound presence, his poise. Even when I showed up earlier today and walked into the clubhouse, you would never have known that this was going to be his first start at Triple-A, because he was walking around the clubhouse and joking with his teammates, the coaching staff, and the manager. He was really having fun. Once he gets out there and toes that rubber, you can see that competitive edge come out. But he was really impressive. And I've got to tell ya, you can look at the numbers and everything that he did at Double-A Portland, and now he comes up here and does the same thing in his first start at Triple-A -- former Red Sox manager Terry Francona always had this great line that I loved, any time a prospect was doing well in the Red Sox organization, he would always say, "Let's not put this kid in the Hall of Fame just yet. Let's see what he can do here on a consistent basis." But that's the one thing that Owens has been able to do in his career with the Red Sox. He's been consistent. He's been very consistent this season, and he was able to translate that into his first Triple-A start, and he was outstanding.

DP: And this wasn't an average start, Joe. I mean, given the circumstances in this organization, not just the fact that it was his Triple-A debut, there must have been some pressure on this kid, right? Which makes it even more impressive. I don't care that it's against a Triple-A lineup. Because the circumstances in this organization, where they trade two of their top pitchers in Jon Lester and John Lackey, and then even seeing how bad Clay Buchholz was

[on Sunday night], Henry Owens isn't stupid. He knows what's going on. Is it even more impressive to you that he pitches like this, given the other stuff that's going on in this organization, and him knowing that the spotlight is on him even more?

JM: Yeah, I think there is some of that, but that's where I think his personality and his poise really help him succeed in these types of situations. The one thing that you have to know about [Monday night] is, Red Sox assistant GM Mike Hazen was at the game. The Sox' director of player development, Ben Crockett was here. So the eyes were on him, no doubt. And he knew that they were here watching. But every pitcher in the Red Sox organization right now -- and obviously they have a lot of young prospects that have an opportunity, and maybe even the potential to pitch at the big-league level, whether that's in Boston's rotation or in their bullpen -- all these guys know that there's an opportunity going into next year. And everybody right now should be focused on finishing out their season, whether it's at Triple-A, Double-A, A-ball, whatever it is. They know they have to finish strong because going into spring training next year -- and granted, Ben Cherington is going to go out this offseason and he's going to add veteran pitchers to that rotation up in Boston. But, given what Henry Owens did [Monday night], I think he did open some eyes, at least at the Triple-A level. Because, you can pitch well at the Double-A level, but when you move up, the hitters in Triple-A are a lot better, and Owens came out here and he was very poised, and he was consistent in everything that he was able to do, to prove that he was able to handle this level. But again, it's his first start here. He has

to keep that consistency going. I'm pumped to see what this kid can do for the remainder of this year, going into spring training, and then possibly next season. The Red Sox are in a very fortunate situation right now, with all these pitching prospects in the organization, but I like this kid. There's nothing not to like about him. He's just such a very well-polished kid at age 22, and he showed it here in Pawtucket in his debut.

DP: With all this said, can Owens do anything to make that next jump, this season?

JM: Well the one thing that we know about the Red Sox is that, they can hype their prospects, they really can, we've seen that over the years. But this kid is legit. They're not going to rush him. There's no need to rush him. Because the other thing is, they want to get a look at Workman, De La Rosa, Webster, Ranaudo, at the big-league level. Now you have a guy who's transitioning from Double-A to Triple-A, there's no need to rush him. If maybe there's an injury and they need help in September or at any point during this month, maybe we see him. Who knows what kind of decisions they're going to make in the next two months. They way he pitched [Monday night], I would love to see him at the big-league level. But again, you have to kind of just be careful with this, because they aren't going to just rush him into the big-leagues. Let him have success in Triple-A and continue that consistency. Because the last thing you want to do is throw him up to the big-league level, have him get knocked around, and then maybe he loses his confidence a little bit. Right now, this kid is a confident, confident kid. He's pitching well. Let's see what he can do here for the



rest of the year.

DP: We're making such a big deal out of Henry Owens, not just because he's one of the top prospects in this Red Sox organization, but also because this Red Sox organization just traded their two best pitchers to get offense in return. So the gameplan moving forward for Ben Cherington needs to be to add top-notch, dominant starting pitching. What did you think of the moves Cherington made on Thursday?

JM: I've said it many times over the last few days, I don't think

you can ever trade away a guy like Jon Lester, who's one of the most reliable pitchers in all of baseball. He's been on the DL one time in his entire career, with the exception of his battle with cancer early in his career. He routinely gets to 200 innings a year. He only gets stronger as the season progresses. He's a big-game pitcher, especially on the biggest stage. This guy performs. And it all comes down to pitching. And I don't think you can just give up a guy like that for a bat. And now the talk is that, well, he's going to

re-sign with the Red Sox as a free-agent during the offseason. I'd be surprised if that happens. But, I did talk to a few Red Sox players last weekend, and they are convinced that he will re-sign here in Boston, which is kind of interesting to hear, given everything that has happened over the last week.

DP: But you don't actually believe that Lester will come crawling back to Boston, do you?

JM: Honestly, I would love to see it. As a baseball fan, I would love to see Jon Lester come back to Boston,

because he's one of the best pitchers in the game. But, professionally, I don't think that happens because even if the Red Sox give him what he wants, you know a team like the New York Yankees, or somebody else who has the money, can go out and say, "Alright, this is what the Red Sox offered you? This is what we're going to give you." And a few Red Sox players told me that it doesn't matter how much more another organization will give him, he still wants to come back and pitch in Boston. I hope that's the case, for Red Sox fans, but realistically, I don't see that happening.

DP: Ben Cherington would look like a genius, But Joe, you've been covering multiple pro sports for a long time. Have you ever seen a front office working with a philosophy of, "Yeah, we love this guy and we want to try and bring him back, but we need to improve another part of our team, so we'll trade him and then try to take a run at him in free agency to bring him back"? I feel like that type of philosophy just doesn't happen in real life.

JM: I agree. If Ben pulls that off, then good for him. But, given the amount of money that Lester will get on the open market, I don't think the Red Sox are going to pay that. Unless maybe Lester has it in his head that he's going to come back and sign for what the Red Sox will be willing to pay for his services. But again, realistically, I don't see that happening.

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