



South Boston and the Nation mourn the loss of General Harold J Greene

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South Boston mourns along with all of America the recent loss of US Army Major General Harold J Greene. General Greene was killed in the line of duty to his country in an attack in Afghanistan two weeks ago. This decorated officer; a true leader of men and well respected by the troops he commanded was held in high esteem by the people of South Boston. The General honored our community by speaking at the rededication of the South Boston Vietnam War Memorial just four years ago at our Medal of Honor Park at

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EDITORIAL *“It Wasn’t Right”*

The pain and memory is still fresh yet it’s hard to realize twenty years have passed since South Boston experienced what has come to be known as the “suicide crisis”. Close to 15 of our young people took their own lives in a 2-3 year period. Why has never been understood. Hopelessness seemed to be the most accepted reasoning. Hopelessness caused perhaps by the construction and changes happening in their town changes that didn’t include them changes that left them behind.

As much as we miss them, we also say, “it wasn’t right”. It wasn’t right to leave so many behind, many of them infants or small children. It wasn’t right not to let us try and help you. It wasn’t right that many of those conditions driving your actions

existed ad still exist but every day the sun rose was another chance to change those conditions. It wasn’t right to throw those chances away.

Years later “Good Will Hunting” was filmed touching on some of those themes of hopelessness. Later, during all the awards and accolades, it was only Robin Williams who took the time to praise and thank the people of South Boston. Perhaps, because of his own pain, it gave him the insight that life is not a movie.

Life, whether in the waterside mansion he died or the simple confines of Southie, is to be lived. It wasn’t right to take away, from his family and greater family of the public, that life that brought so much joy and laughter to all.

It wasn’t right. Rest In Peace.

“A perfect summer’s day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing and the lawnmower is broke” - James Dent

Letter To The Editor

Deb Goldberg for Treasurer

I’m proud to say that Deb Goldberg will get my vote for state treasurer on Sept. 9. I’m supporting her because so many of my union brothers and sisters at IBEW Local 2222, Iron Workers Local 7, 369 Utility Workers, Laborer’s 223 and many more have endorsed her. Deb Goldberg is the clear choice for working families! - Sean Burke

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Tim 'Doc' Cook Scholarship Deadline Extended/ What are the Marines REALLY Thinking?

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John Ciccone

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We'll start this week's column with an important announcement for any South Boston family with a child who will be attending Boston College High School in the Fall: The Deadline for applying for the Tim 'Doc' Cook Scholarship fund has been extended to August 25th. Applications are available at the Mt. Washington Bank on East Broadway. This is a good opportunity for South Boston students planning to go to BC High to get some help with tuition for an excellent school. And again, it's open to all South Boston families to apply for those funds.

Lately, the invasion at America's southern border has taken a back seat in the news, buried by all the other nationwide and worldwide situations going on. Iraq is being overrun by the most brutal force since Attila the Hun ravaged Europe. The Ebola virus is causing panic in several countries and in St. Louis, there is rioting in the streets with the usual looting that often follows.

But that doesn't mean the border situation has eased at all. Hordes of illegals (there's that word again that I was warned not to use) continue to swarm over the Rio Grande. Included in the swarm are drug cartel and gang members, dealers in human trafficking, as well as many hardened criminals who had previously been deported. Loons in Washington like Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid say not to worry, the border is secure. These politicians are not misinformed; they are not making 'misleading' statements; they are flat out lying.

Real time video from the few news outlets that tell the truth is showing the constant flow coming into the

country every day. But just this week, the ultimate sting operation video was released. James O'Keefe, the well-known young Conservative activist and film maker who has exposed a number of government hoaxes perpetrated on the American people, as well as illegalities by ACORN and Planned Parenthood has just this week released his latest video exposing the "The border is secure" lie. The video is going viral. Backed by his camera crews and local Sheriffs in border counties, O'Keefe showed just how easy it is to cross what is now America's unprotected border. He crossed in a number of locations over and over again. Going back and forth continuously from the Mexican side to the American side; actually walking across and back through the shallow river, he was met with no resistance. There was not a border agent to be found anywhere. And why would there be? Thousands of them have been ordered by the feds to stay as far as 40 miles away. Their duties are changing diapers and acting as nurse maids and taxi drivers to illegals. One Sheriff on the scene with O'Keefe stated that the border agents are not being allowed to do their jobs and Obama does not care who or how many cross illegally.

How bad is the security at the border? O'Keefe himself at one point actually dressed up as Osama Bin Laden; complete with robe, a turban and a Bin Laden mask and crossed back and forth; not once but many times and not just in one location but in several places. The point made? Anyone and everyone who wants to get into our country now can do so. There is now no deterrent to terrorists who want to

come here and kill Americans.

A recent statement released by the brutal ISIS terrorist army in Iraq reads as follows: "We will raise the flag of Allah over the White House". That is their intent. ISIS is made up of butchers who are cutting children in half, beheading women and burying people alive all over northern Iraq and Syria and they are armed to the teeth. Their stated goal is to kill Americans and Israelis and to eliminate Christians and Jews worldwide. They mean to come

here and with an open border, their goal will be more easily attainable. (And some in our government want to disarm American citizens? Don't even think about trying). But don't worry, in between playing golf, eating lobster and attending fundraisers on his vacation over on Martha's Vineyard, Obama is in receipt of the occasional briefing and will call in an air strike to blow up an ISIS truck now and then. Am I saying that American presidents should not

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There has been another assault of a woman in South Boston. This time by a bicyclist, who police sources say could also be a suspect responsible for attacks on the Esplanade, as well as on Fresh Pond Parkway in Cambridge. The assault took place last Sunday, August 10th at approximately 2:25am on West 2nd St. between E and D Streets. Boston Police told South Boston Today that the woman was walking by herself, when she was approached from behind and groped. He fled on a black mountain bike after being startled by a passerby. Police from South Boston's District C-6 responded to

a call of a sexual assault.

The suspect was described as being a male of unknown ethnicity, but having a medium brown complexion. He was said to be between 5'8" and 5'10" tall with a muscular build and scruffy facial hair. He was wearing a dark colored sleeveless hooded sweatshirt with the hood up. The Boston Police Sexual Assault Unit is investigating the incident and has asked anyone with information to please contact them at 617-343-4400.

Law Enforcement urges people to avoid walking alone late at night whenever possible and try to always walk in well lighted areas if you must be out alone during the evening

hours. They also strongly recommend that you carry a whistle to be used to signal other residents if you feel you need assistance. Carrying a cell phone with you is also a good idea. They even suggest that walkers carry their keys in their hands when walking in unfamiliar areas to be used as a weapon if necessary to fend off a potential attacker.

In addition to calling 911 to report an emergency, the Boston Police Crime Stoppers Unit has provided two ways to phone in tips of possible criminal activity that you may witness or suspect could be about to take place. Their phone number is 617-800-494 TIPS or you can text them a tip at 'Tip to Crime (27463).

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M Street. Tom Lyons called South Boston Today Publisher John Ciccone personally to inform him of the tragic news as soon as the Pentagon confirmed the details.

Just as South Bostonians had a special place in their hearts for General Greene, the General shared a mutual respect for the residents of this, what he called a fine patriotic community. "I've heard a lot about the patriotism of the people of South Boston. It is my honor to be among the families who lost loved ones in Vietnam." he said in a conversation with former Mayor Ray Flynn on the day he spoke here. General Greene made it a point to be sure to also speak personally to all the families of those veterans being honored on that day four years ago. Flynn said of Greene after hearing of his death, "General Greene stood with all the heroes of our community and our nation who died for our freedom and our nation's values. And now he's among them. He could not be in better company."

US General Harold J Greene will go down in history as being one of America's true military heroes. The United States is fortunate that through our country's 238 years, it has had many such great leaders who were willing to give their lives in defense of this land that they cherished so much and swore to protect. He will be missed by his family, his friends, the thousands of soldiers who had the honor to serve under his command and the nation as a whole. May he rest in peace.



Concerns Continue Over Hubway Bike Locations

Over the past several months, City Councilor Michael Flaherty – along with City Councilor Bill Linehan, Representative Nick Collins and Senator Linda Dorcea Forry – have listened to complaints from residents and business owners regarding the placement of Hubway bikes on West Broadway. Now, after an onsite meeting with Nicole Freedman

(Director of Boston Bikes) and Boston Transportation Department, South Boston's elected officials have identified a more appropriate and safer location for the bike racks.

The bike racks are now located on the sidewalk in front of Bank of America, eliminating the previous location's public safety issues. Additionally, vital parking spaces have been restored as well as the

original cabstand. "The relocation of the Hubway bike racks improves safety for bicyclists and motorists. Furthermore, this restores necessary parking spaces back to a bustling business district for business owners, residents and patrons," said Councilor Flaherty.

The elected officials thank Bank of America and the Mayor's Office for listening to the neighborhood's concerns.





Reading Between The Lines

“Experiments & Sponges”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
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Once again, it's back into the laboratory for Southie. An “experimental” resident parking program is being instituted down the Point for the next 90 days. If found acceptable, it will be “offered” to the entire community. Although, how much “real choice” the community has remains to be seen.

At least, for a change, this is at the resident's request. Usually it's some genius who won't be affected, who suggests “let's see how this works”. The best example, forced busing, was foisted on urban centers by suburban legislators. This failed experiment was quickly compounded by forced public housing which prohibited people from obtaining public housing in the community they spent their entire lives, another epic failure.

Now the experiment seems to be - can we build a tunnel under the harbor? the tallest building in New England? New Hotels? Quadruple the liquor licenses? Overbuild and violate zoning on every postage stamp size lot? All in the same community, without anybody noticing the effect?

The answer would seem to be a deafening, NO. All other issues aside, quality of life and what our leaders are doing to preserve and enhance it may be the number one issue, as we face the future of more expansions, hotels and overhaul development

Perhaps this time around it should be us urban dwellers who make up the experiment instead of the suburban ‘sponges’, who make their living off us.

The first issue to be addressed is required parking spaces per unit.

It should be, at least, a mandated one spot per new unit. Should it be more? Should there be a space per bedroom? That's probably unrealistic. If that's unrealistic, then creating 3 units or 3 tiny bedrooms where zoning allows only 1 but a “variance” is given should be equally unrealistic.

The most controversial suggestion might be an entry tax. It is always astounding to see how many cars have one person on the highway. We have that big truck that “eats” those Jersey barriers, thereby widening or narrowing the highway and creating the multiple occupied vehicle(MOV). The MOV lane always appears to be zipping along while the other 3 lanes are wall to wall and bumper to bumper barely crawling along.

We all love our independence, privacy and space but come on. The traffic looks ridiculous because it is. Are there that many self centered people, who can't stand traveling with anybody else? Yet, we city dwellers have to pay the price for that selfishness.

Consider that highways are built with cement, re-bar and steel to standards meant to handle a massive volume and weight. The state builds and maintains them. All taxpayers of the state pay for those highways. The streets of Boston, however, are built to handle many times less volume and weight, are maintained by the city of Boston and are paid for by Boston taxpayers. So now we pay twice what everyone else pays once but our city streets are being used as “highway extensions” by the suburban ‘sponges’, being worn down quicker, costing us more and just as importantly taking up city parking.

Here in the city we're constantly being urged, (if not forced), to use bikes or public transportation. That public transportation extends north and south shore but the suburbanites spurning of it is met by shoulder shrugs, probably because those whose job it is to enforce public transportation are one of those “sponges”.

So here's a suggestion for using Southie in an “experiment”. In London a system monitors every road, street, highway, or alley leading into the city. South Boston would be much simpler. There are only about

7-10 entrances onto or into our little peninsula. A chip on the windshield of all South Boston registered vehicles would allow free entry. All other vehicles either by photos or registry issued chip would be charged a tax every time they entered. At the end of the year that motorist would get his or her bill. The money could be used to build residential garages for us or whatever - “a chicken in every pot”

Let us be the mad scientist and experiment for a change.

Take care till next week.



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Rep. Collins Reflects On End Of Session Accomplishments

State Representative Nick Collins joined his colleagues in reviewing session accomplishments as Legislature breaks for elections. “This session, the House of Representatives once again distinguished itself as a national leader,” House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo said. “Whether through gun safety legislation, education initiatives or our election law reform, we’ve set a model for other communities to follow. When combined with our strategic investments and fiscal prudence, Massachusetts is steadfastly affirming itself as the top place in the nation to live, work and do business.”

“This past session, the Legislature worked hard to pass common sense policies that create economic growth and expand economic opportunities to residents across the Commonwealth,” said Rep. Collins. “Equally as important were the measures we passed to improve public safety, particularly as it relates to substance abuse and violence against women.” The Commonwealth’s budget for fiscal year 2015 (FY15) included no new taxes, increased Chapter 70 funding for education and made a record investment in local aid. In the budget Rep. Collins worked with Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry to secure over \$1.3 million for South Boston to support youth development, family services and combat substance abuse.

This session, the Massachusetts Legislature also passed a bill approving the \$1.1 billion expansion of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC). The bill, co-sponsored by Rep. Collins and Sen. Forry, will increase the BCEC’s economic impact by 35 percent to \$716 million per year and increase revenue to \$41 million per year. In terms of job growth, the expansion will also create 4,700 construction jobs and 2,100 permanent hospitality jobs. The bill was signed into law by Governor Deval Patrick last month.

The environmental bond bill produced by the Legislature

allocated funding for the dredging of Boston Harbor. Cognizant of the potential impacts on the South Boston community, Rep. Collins worked to secure funding for mitigation, environmental impact analysis and studies on ship to shore power for the expanded operations at Conley and Black Falcon Terminals. The environmental bond bill also included funding for improvements to the Harry McDonough Sailing Center, Castle Island and South Boston’s beaches.

In the economic development bond bill, Rep. Collins worked with Rep. Paul McMurtry to secure a live-theater tax credit in order to spur job creation and economic growth in the entertainment and hospitality industries by attracting large, pre-Broadway productions to the Commonwealth.

Firefighter safety was also an important part of Rep. Collins’ legislative agenda, as he secured approximately \$2 million to fund training sessions for hazardous material releases and incidents involving weapons of mass destruction. Also, in response to questions raised by the tragic fire in the Back Bay, Rep. Collins sponsored legislation with Sen. Ken Donnelly, a former firefighter, to establish a commission that will investigate the adequacy of current regulations on cutting, welding, and other hot work processes that are capable of initiating fires or explosions in order to determine if the public is adequately protected.

In order to combat violence against women, the Legislature passed a comprehensive domestic violence bill to close existing loopholes and empower law enforcement. The bill creates a specific felony charge of strangulation and suffocation, actions that statistically indicate an abuser is more likely to commit domestic violence related homicide in the future, while also establishing a first offense domestic assault and battery charge. The bill also provides law enforcement personnel with an offender’s complete history by standardizing records and mandating that they are shared

across jurisdictions. Lastly, the bill will abolish the antiquated practice of allowing accord and satisfaction, a practice in which parties agree to a private financial settlement.

Other session accomplishments in the House of Representatives included:

- Passing a substance abuse recovery bill requiring all insurance carriers to reimburse for substance abuse treatment services delivered by a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor;

- Passing a campaign finance bill which mandates reported disclosures by corporations, labor unions and political groups.

- Addressing minimum wage and UI in tandem. The law increases the minimum wage to \$11 per hour by 2017, updates the UI rating table and institutes a multi-year rate freeze;

- Legislation that enhances the state’s ability to anticipate, repair and guard against natural gas leaks to improve public safety;

- Passing VALOR Act II which builds upon existing legislation to expand opportunities and services for military personnel, veterans and their families and provides increased property tax relief and enhances employment, educational and healthcare support services;

- Approving comprehensive autism legislation to help foster independence for autistic individuals and provide their families with financial tools for long-term planning. This law includes the ABLE program (Achieving a Better Life Experience)

- Modernizing the operations of the Commonwealth’s housing authorities, increasing transparency in their governance and improving the public housing system; and

- Allocating funds for long-term improvements to information technology in the Commonwealth.

Councilor Flaherty Seeks to Create Special Police Force

Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael F. Flaherty filed a Home Rule Petition that would allow retired Boston Police Officers to perform paid detail work as requested by private contractors throughout the city.

The home rule petition comes as a response to the overwhelming increase in detail requests from private companies coupled with the decrease, since 1954, in officers available to fill these requests. The City of Boston receives a 10 percent administrative fee from each private company hiring Boston Police Officers for detail work, which amounts to about \$3,000,000 in revenue. With the creation of the Special Police Force, the city has an opportunity to bring in a substantial amount of additional revenue.

Councilor Flaherty argues that recently retired Boston Police Officers have years of superior training, familiarity with city streets, and decades of invaluable

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Young Tommy Kelly Has A Lot Of Friends

Tommy Kelly, age 4, has been battling a tough cancer diagnosis since June. Tommy's father, Eddie Kelly, is a Boston firefighter, and president of the Professional Fire



Fighters of MA. His mother, Katy, is a labor advocate. Tommy's sister Maggie is 9 years old. Tommy loves to play sports and loves his firefighter buddies, all of whom are his band of brothers and sisters.

Heather Flynn, who owns and operates Aidan's barber shops in Adams Village and Lower Mills in Dorchester decided that

she and her staff wanted to do something extra to show support for the Kelly family. She decided to plan a "Buzz-off for TK". So many people wanted to help that they needed Florian Hall and her nine hair cutters and a few from other salons to accommodate the nearly 1000 heads that showed up to support Tommy. Among the heads shorn were scores of firefighters, neighbors from Dorchester and beyond, as well as City Councilor Frank Baker and Rep. Nick Collins.

The firefighter brotherhood were out in force along with friends and neighbors, anxious about what they might look like with a wiffle, but standing in solidarity with Tommy, their

leader Eddie Kelly and his family. They all lined up with smiles to sacrifice their hair in a "buzz-off" for a young boy who could be one of their own. They all know that Tommy is a fighter.

Rich Paris, President of Local 718 spoke for all of his members in the firefighting family saying, "Young Tommy is an inspiration to us all. We face a known danger when fighting a fire. Tommy faces an unknown danger of the disease of cancer. He is one brave kid."

"The Kellys are the stitching on the fabric of the Dorchester community and Tommy's battle is our battle. He is one tough kid", said Frank Baker.

Nick Collins said, "It was
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From the beginning, Mitchell Gold and Bob Williams set out to create a company with a different mindset--one that would take care of its employees and customers in a way no other had. As a result, they have raised the bar and set a standard in the traditional furniture industry for others to follow. The company's family-centric programs started from the outset, and continued with innovative efforts including the creation of Lulu's Childhood Enrichment Center, an award-

winning, non-profit, on-site daycare facility so employees of the company and members of their rural community had a great place to drop off their children and grandchildren in the morning (the daycare was the first on-site center in the residential furniture industry, setting the standard for others to follow).

"To say we are excited about this silver anniversary is an understatement," said Mitchell Gold, Chair-Man. "When we started, we wanted to have a small company that only did business with nice people...we never imagined our 'baby' would be so grown up like this. Here we are all these years later with over 600 employees, stores all over the country, expanded product lines--it's so much better than we ever imagined."

"At the end of the day, Mitchell and I have so much to be grateful for," said Bob Williams, President of Design. "We have incredibly

bright, hard-working and devoted employees--some of whom have been with us since the beginning--a state-of-the-art factory in rural North Carolina that is the county's largest employer, and so many great customers."

Among the exciting and innovative initiatives being conducted during 2014 include:

- events benefitting local charities at the company's Signature Stores across the country
- a new coffee table book released by prestigious Assouline including a book signing parties
- monthly consumer sweepstakes culminating in a \$25,000 shopping spree
- a collector's edition of the company's catalog
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"It's especially gratifying to know that so many great people really get what we're doing...and understand and share our desire to be about more than making a profit," says Gold. "Our success has allowed us to help people...to work for equality for all...and to build a business that better the lives of our employees and their families--whether through a daycare for their preschoolers or scholarships for their college kids or with a café that offers healthy choices and an on-site nurse to guide them in getting the right care."

Mitchell and Bob, along with the whole MG+BW family, have been thrilled by the wonderful wishes they've received from many who have watched the company "grow up." Come visit them in Boston at 142 Berkeley Street in the Back Bay and in Natick on Route 9 395 Worcester Road.



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awesome to see so many people show their support for such a great kid and great family. The Kellys have given their heart and soul to this City. I was happy to do my part to raise awareness of Tommy's challenge and help continue the fight to wipe out cancer soon."

All proceeds are going to support Tommy in his fight. A website dedicated to Tommy says he was taken to Children's Hospital on June 8 after telling his parents he was having stomachaches. To make a donation or send a message of support to Tommy and his family, go to FightLikeTK.com.



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be allowed to take vacations? Of course not. Just not when the world is on fire and our country is in rapid decline. Ronald Reagan loved to play golf. But during his presidency, he played only eight times. He knew the job he had as president was far more important than hitting the links at ritzy country clubs. If he were president today, the bad guys of the world would not dare do what they are doing. With Obama in the White House, it's open season. Predators can smell weakness and incompetence and the odor has been there since January of 2009 and getting more pungent by the day.

One radio commentator earlier this week asked a question that has many Americans pondering it. He mused about the US Marine guards who are required to snap to attention and salute this president as he exits the White House or his Marine One helicopter. Asked the commentator: "Wouldn't you just love to know what those Marines are REALLY thinking when they have to salute this guy?"



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Youth Fitness and Nutrition Program Keeps Making Positive Strides

The South Boston Leadership Initiative and Boston Centers for Youth and Families at the Curley Community Center have formed an exciting partnership, which has resulted in a free Youth Fitness and Nutrition Program for South Boston residents and students during the summer of 2014, and is located at the M Street entrance of the Curley Community Center. The program is being facilitated by longtime South Boston resident, Thomas Regan of Regan's Motivated Fitness, and goes five days per week until the end of August. Middle school and high school aged students participate in their own groups to gain the maximum amount of results while growing with their peers. High school students work out every morning from 7:30am-9:00am, while the middle school students work out from 9:00am-10:00am. Thomas leads by starting from the basics in a comfortable and non-intimidating environment so that everyone has the chance to gain the proper knowledge no matter what their fitness level is. Participants have also been able to experience unique opportunities that introduce them to new ventures on Friday mornings at Regan's Motivated Fitness, which have included yoga, cardio boxing, and agility workouts.



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experience that make them ideal candidates to fill detail assignments and increase police presence throughout the city.

"This home rule petition gives Boston the opportunity to create a much-needed special police force with no cost to taxpayers," said Councilor Flaherty. "It's a great way for our experienced police officers to continue their service to the city. It may also create an incentive for officers to retire earlier, allowing the BPD to recruit larger and more diverse classes of new officers."

Boston police unions have expressed their support for the petition. "The Boston Police Patrolmen's Association supports this legislation which allows our fully-trained, experienced officers to continue being an asset to the City of Boston. Boston police officers are forced to retire by age 65, but many are capable and eager to continue serving," said Thomas Nee, President of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association.

"It is a public safety issue when detail requests go unfilled," said

Jack Kervin, President of the Boston Police Superior Officers Federation (BPSOF). "The presence of Special Police Officers will offer added protection to the city's residents, businesses and visitors."

The home rule petition would allow retired police officers to perform details until age 68 subject to passing physical exams and other requirements outlined by the Boston Police Commissioner. The Commissioner would have the sole authority to approve each individual Special Police Officer.

Over 175 police departments throughout Massachusetts have already passed rules or laws allowing recently retired police officers to fill detail requests. Councilor Flaherty will introduce this home rule petition to the Boston City Council on July 30th. If approved by the City Council – and then signed by the Mayor – the home rule petition will be sent to the state legislature for approval.

For a copy of the home rule petition and fact sheet contact Councilor Flaherty's Office at 617-635-4205.

The program is free and open to all South Boston residents and students between the ages of 12 – 18. New applicants are always welcome even if they have not been participants from the beginning. For more information, please go to www.southbostonleadership.org.

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M STREET SOFTBALL – M STREET SOFTBALL SEMI-FINALS UNDERWAY

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
By Mark Senna



The playoffs in the M Street Softball League have quickly moved along to the semi-finals in both divisions. Well almost. As of this writing, the Feeney division had two quarter final series that would be decided right about the time the ink hits this paper. Waiting in the wings for the two winners are The Playwright and STATS Bar & Grille.

Meanwhile, the pairings are set in the Lucas division with The Warehouse taking on the Southside Tavern in one series while Lincoln Tavern squares off against the five time defending champion Shenannigans in the other. The semi-finals are a best of five series and should provide for some great entertainment that you don't want to miss. Below are the game recaps from each of the playoff games.

Preliminary Game (Feeney)

Village Pizza 8 - JW Brokerage 4.

After not winning a game all season long, the Village Pizza has pulled off three wins in a row including a "play-in" game. With their proud team owner (Clyde) looking on from the stands, the Pizza boys delivered another clutch performance. Jesse Taylor was the offensive star in this one as he doubled home two runs in the first inning and added his second double in the sixth. The Village Pizza will now take on the Cranberry Cafe in a best of three series.

Quarter Finals (Feeney) Game 1

Cranberry Cafe 15 - Village Pizza 9

The three game magical run the Pizza crew were on came to an end but not before they put a scare into the Cranberry Cafe squad. The Pizza boys jumped out to a 9-3 lead through four innings of play and were looking to make it four wins in a row. But Scott Simpson brought the Cafe within striking distance when he singled home a pair of runs in the fifth. Mark Goodman then threw a scoreless sixth inning and watched as his team batted around the order while scoring ten runs to take a 15-9



lead. Chris Flaherty (3 hits) and Chris Matacunis struck the big blows in the inning. Jeff Edelman led the Pizza crew with three hits.

Game 2

Village Pizza 14 - 10

With their backs against the wall and needing a win to keep their season alive, the Village Pizza boys played another inspired game and live to play another day. Trailing by a pair of runs, Jesse Taylor (3 hits) led a five run uprising in the bottom of the second inning which they never relinquished. Village scored runs in every inning but the third as Cranberry's pitching and defense couldn't find the answer. Eric Archambault worked out of the big innings and picked up the win on the mound. The two clubs will square off in the series final which was scheduled for Tuesday (Aug 12th) at 8:15.

Quarter Finals (Feeney) Game 1

Dragons 5 - The Underdogs 1

The Dragons showed why they will be a team to reckon with as they played flawless defense and a great pitching performance from Dan Sargent.

The Underdogs took a 1-0 lead in the fourth on Dave Hoerburger's homer to deep left then tried to hang on in the seventh. However, the Dragons didn't comply as they quickly loaded the bases for the top of the order. Jake Beers then tied the game when he drew a walk. Greg Tsinzo followed suit and suddenly the Dragons were ahead 2-1. A sacrifice fly to right by Adam Beers made it 3-1 and they would add two more runs before the Underdogs could get out of the inning. Sargent then set the order down in the home half of the seventh to secure the game one victory.

Game 2

The Underdogs 15 - Dragons 9

The Underdogs evened the best of three series tonight with an offensive showing. Kris Manilenko (3 hits), Nick Nardacci (4 hits, homerun), Zach Smith (3 hits, 2 homeruns) all came through with clutch hitting performances. Joe Kalil, who was filling in for injured pitcher PJ Serrano, did a nice job of getting through some tough moments in the game. The two squads will square off in a winner take all game on Tuesday, Aug 12 @ 630. It's anybody's guess as to what will unfold. Ned Devnew was the lone hitting star (3 hits) for the Dragons.

Quarter Finals (Lucas) Game 1

The Warehouse 9 - Islanders 3

With the scored tied 3-3 in the bottom of the sixth inning, Dave Blandino doubled home Brendan McGinn and Mike McGrath to put the Warehouse ahead to stay.

Game 2

The Warehouse 10 - Islanders 1

Joey Magee scattered six hits while yielding one run as The Warehouse completed their two game sweep over the punchless Islanders tonight. With their backs against the wall and needing a win to keep their season alive, the Islanders attack couldn't solve Magee and they went quietly into the off season.

Paul Doherty (3 hits), Magee (2 hits), and Brett Belcastro led the attack for The Warehouse.

Quarter Finals (Lucas) Game 1

Lincoln Tavern 9 - Harp & Bard 6

The scrappy Harp & Bard crew put up a good fight and even led briefly before falling to the powerful bats of the Lincoln Tavern. Max Vigliotti's line drive 3-run homerun in the fifth was the decisive blow in this one. Andy Hillier (towering homerun to deep center), Sean Gorman, and Adam Feinstein also homered in the game while Todd Marsh collected his first M Street playoff win on the mound.

Game 2

Harp & Bard 6 - Lincoln Tavern 5

With their backs against the wall, the Harp & Bard crew played their best game of the year which was just enough to slip by Lincoln Tavern in game two tonight. Harp made their statement in the very first inning when they plated three runs to take a 3-1 lead. Billy Botting and Jason Clucas struck the key blows in the inning. Marshall Chick and Brad Morrill made it a 5-1 game when they both singled home runs in the second and third innings.

Lincoln fought back in the top of the fourth when Sean Mitchell blasted his first M Street homerun, 5-3. They tied the game an inning later when Andy Hillier and Bob Carlson drove in a run a piece, 5-5. Rob Costello then worked a clean sixth inning which set the table for the hot hitting Dave Conlon. Conlon came through with a triple to right center and scored on Sean Wilshire's sacrifice fly, 6-5. Costello had a tall task in the seventh as he would face the meat of the order in Max Vigliotti, Jesse Carlton, and Andy Hillier. The composed righty calmly worked each batter and before you knew it, the series was tied.

Game 3

Lincoln Tavern plated five runs in the bottom of the fourth and then held on for the series clinching win against the Harp & Bard tonight. This game featured some clutch plays, at bats, and pitching by both squads. Jesse Carlton put Lincoln ahead in the third inning with a towering homerun to left, 3-1. Harp quickly answered with five of their own in the top of the second when Dave Conlon, Marshall Chick, Keith Savage, and Bill Botting all hit RBI singles, 6-3.

The teams traded runs in the third and the game moved to the fourth inning with Harp leading 7-4. With two outs

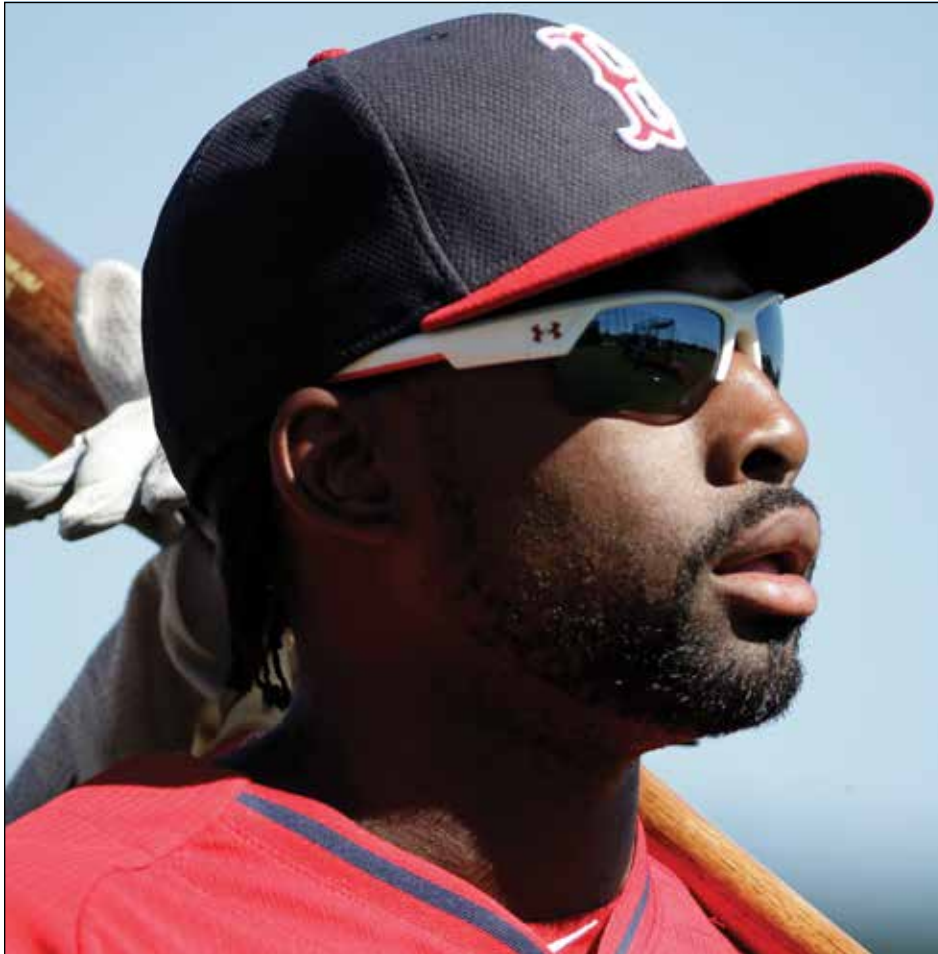
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Time's Up For Jackie Bradley Jr. in 2014

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Conor Ryan



In a season filled with disappointments, questions and countless second-guessing scenarios, one of the few highlights for Red Sox fans has been watching Jackie Bradley Jr. patrol center field. Diving, gliding and tumbling his way to seemingly every fly ball hit in his direction, Bradley has established himself as one of the premier defensive outfielders in the game.

Unfortunately, the same can't be said when the 24-year-old center fielder steps up to the plate. Bradley is mired in a putrid slump, going hitless in his last 35 at-bats entering Tuesday with 18 strikeouts and no walks. He is currently hitting .211 with a .281 on-base percentage and a .289 slugging percentage.* He has struck out in 29.2 percent of his plate appearances. The numbers speak for themselves.

While Bradley has been

astounding out on the field, his lack of production at the plate is reason enough for the Red Sox to cast aside the promising outfielder for the rest of the season. I know that for some, my opinion seems harsh, but most importantly, counterproductive. After all, the Red Sox have a 0.0 percent chance of making the playoffs, according to FanGraphs. Why remove a young player from the starting lineup when there's really nothing to play for over the final seven weeks of the season?

Simply put, we've essentially seen what Bradley can give the team on offense over a full season. In 474 career plate appearances with Boston, Bradley is hitting .206 with 138 strikeouts. That's simply not good enough. This is not saying that Bradley is doomed to forever flirt with the Mendoza line for the rest of his career, but now is the

time for the Red Sox to look at their options for 2015 and evaluate other players that could be out in center next season.

The Red Sox already have a number of candidates on the team in Brock Holt and Shane Victorino, while Boston should also make a concerted effort to give Mookie Betts – another youngster with an even higher potential at the plate – another call up to Boston to get more playing time. The Red Sox could also shore up the void out in center through the free agent market, as the Red Sox held a private workout for Cuban outfielder Rusney Castillo just over a week ago and remain as one of the top teams in the bidding to sign the talented five-tool player.

While Boston has multiple options in regards to potential center fielders next season, I'm not saying – or at least I'm not hoping – that Bradley's tenure in Boston is reaching its end. It's hard to wave the white flag on a player with as much talent as Bradley has, especially on defense. It takes a special kind of athlete to lead the league in both outfield assists (13) and double plays (8) in his rookie season, but the lack of offense is just too much to overcome.

It may take a long assignment in Pawtucket to help Bradley fine-tune his approach at the plate, but there is something promising buried beneath his current struggles. After all, the University of South Carolina product has a career average of .297 in the minors while also posting an impressive .278 line in July this season. However, at this moment and time, Bradley has not done enough to warrant a stay with Boston for the remainder of this season. It's time to cut the cord.

**All stats accurate as of 8/11*

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and a runner on first, Lincoln's offense sprung to life. Adam Feinstien worked a walk which set the tables for Joey Burke. The burly catcher came through in the clutch with a double to left center making it a 7-6 game. Lincoln wasn't done scoring in the inning as Max Vigliotti brought Burke in to tie it at 7-7. The hot hitting Carlton (3 hits) then hit his second towering drive to left center. However, Jimmy Botting and Brad Morrill gave chase with Botting nearly making a spectacular catch against the fence. Instead, the ball caromed away and cleared the bases, 9-7.

In the sixth, Sean Wilshire started the inning off with a single through the right side of the infield. Two outs later, Keith Savage also delivered in the clutch with another RBI single (3-3 with 4 RBI's), 9-8. Pitcher, Rob Costello then had to depart the game due to family commitment and handed the ball over to Jack Atton who threw two scoreless innings to keep Harp's hopes alive.

However, Todd Marsh and Lincoln put a quick end to the game in the seventh as the side was retired in order. Lincoln survived the series but Harp showed the league that they will be a serious contender in the very near future.

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

As always, supporting fans can get the updated playoff schedule and league news 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!**



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 Patriots with Comcast SportsNet's Mike Giardi:

DANNY PICARD: I opened [Monday's] podcast looking back at the Patriots' preseason opener against the Washington Redskins. And I even did this over the weekend on WEEI, I was sort of thinking out loud, and I was going to ask the question to people, "What are you more concerned about with this Patriots team after the first preseason game?" And I backed off that question because I realized that's a stupid question. Because when I think about it, being concerned about something after one preseason game I think is overreacting. And I think the Patriots are in a position right now where, it's a good problem to have their biggest problem be the backup quarterback spot. But let me ask you. You've watched this team throughout training camp. Am I wrong? Is that the Patriots' biggest problem, the backup quarterback spot, or is there something else that I'm overlooking after just one preseason game?

MIKE GIARDI: Look, I mean, I think most teams in the league, if you lose your starting quarterback, you're in trouble. And when you're talking about a guy who is top-five -- or, depending if you agree with the Pro Football Focus article, a guy who is just outside the top-five -- when you lose that guy, it's pretty much impossible to replace. It's once in a blue moon that you have a situation like you did with the Patriots when Brady comes in for Bledsoe, and he brought his magic. So, the way I look at it is, if anything happens to Brady, you're in trouble regardless. So I don't look at the backup quarterback position as the biggest concern. For me, the biggest concern would be when I look at that defensive line, and I look at, do they have a third option at defensive end? [As of one preseason game], my answer is

no. All of a sudden, your defensive tackle depth -- which was built up last year because of the injuries -- Siliga is out, Jones is out, probably for the remainder of the preseason, maybe longer than that. Easley hadn't practiced [until Monday Aug. 12]. And now all of a sudden you're looking at Tommy Kelly and Vince Wilfork sharing the plays. So that, to me, is a huge area of concern because you can't play Rob Ninkovich 98 percent of the snaps again. You can't do it. You can't do it with Chandler Jones either. You need that guy who can come in every third or fourth series and rotate through both of those guys and give them a break, so that in January when you're chasing Peyton Manning, they'll have a little bit more left in the tank than they did this past season.

DP: The second preseason game on Friday against the Philadelphia Eagles, I mean, what should we expect? Revis and Brady didn't play in the first game. How much of them are you expecting to see?

MG: I expect them to play. I think the week leading up to the first preseason game, the plan all along was, "We're going to work you like dogs on Monday and Tuesday. And then on Thursday we're going to break out all these guys, the undrafted guys." There were some guys that had to play because you're just not that deep in that position, or if you want to see something. With someone like Wilfork, you wanted to see how he's progressing from last year's injury. And I'm sure he wanted to play in that game. But I think now they're going to push through all this stuff and then they're going to play on Friday. I don't know if they'll play a ton, but I believe you're looking at at least a couple series from all those guys. I

think Week 3 of the preseason will be the biggest, in terms of playing time for the big guys. And then it wouldn't surprise me if Week 4 of the preseason we're back to everybody sitting on the sidelines while guys are making their final case for a roster spot or if Bill Belichick does someone a favor and is letting them make a case for somebody else's roster.

DP: While I mention the quarterback situation, in the preseason opener, you had Mallett and then you had Garoppolo. We're sort of looking at those two guys. We know what Brady is going to be. When I look at this Patriots team, I say, the backup QB spot is the biggest concern because, look, if Brady is healthy, if Revis is healthy, and if Belichick is on the sideline, this team is going to win. Even some of those other guys that we've mentioned, if they go down with injuries, we saw it last year, they can succeed with the next-man-up approach. They continued to plug guys in and still were able to get to the AFC Championship. That's why, and not to take anything away from Vince Wilfork, but even without him last year they got to the AFC Championship game. So my focus still isn't that much on him just yet. It is on this backup quarterback situation. How do you handle that when you do work in Brady here in the preseason. Or maybe are they going to focus more on this backup QB situation? How are they going to handle this?

MG: I think they'll play Brady [against the Eagles], but I'm thinking they probably let him go up and down the field, come back in and do it again, get a little positive vibe working well with Amendola and Edelman, get a little taste of in-game success and then get him off

to the side and turn the thing over to Mallett and Garoppolo. In the first preseason game, regardless of how Mallett's performance was panned by most media and fans alike, I think there were actually some moments that he made some plays and then they got wiped out by penalties. You wonder how much that impacts the guy. He had a little bit of momentum going and that gets busted up by the penalties and by some protection that was horrendous. But I wonder if maybe Garoppolo has now earned the opportunity for some more passes with the two's, just to see if he can make that leap. Because I think it's been proven over time that if Bill Belichick can find a roster spot by not carrying a third quarterback, Bill's going to do it. This is an interesting situation because Garoppolo is so new and the practice results for him have not been all that favorable. Maybe he took a leap. He had a real good practice [on Sunday]. Maybe there's a little bit of confidence going in this kid and he says, "Hey, it's not as crazy as I thought in the beginning, and I saw it, I adjusted to it," and then his confidence goes to a different level. That is certainly something to watch, as is Mallett's absence [earlier in the week after the Redskins game]. He slid awkwardly and he definitely did something to that knee, whether it be a bruise or whatever, I don't know. But not practicing [Sunday and Monday], if the reason was the health, then that's something we'll have to watch going forward.

DP: Yeah that was an awkward slide from Mallett in the first preseason game. It did not look good. But let's look at this QB battle as if both guys are healthy. You just said something, and I'm glad you pointed it out,



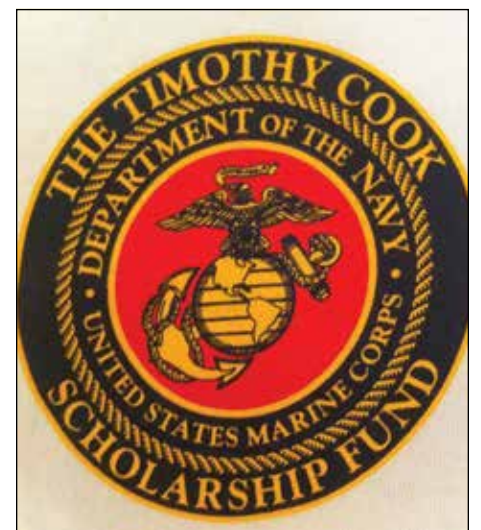
because I keep trying to point this out to. As bad as maybe the numbers looked from Mallett in the preseason opener against the Redskins, and as bad as some of the throws were, I thought he made some big throws in big spots. One specifically that I can remember was over the middle on third down to move the chains, and it was called back because of a hold. And he made some other big throws to the sideline to Kenbrell Thompkins. There was another one that he wanted Boyce to keep going deep down the middle and Boyce sort of cut back, and it looked like a bad throw, but that was on the receiver for running the wrong route. And I also thought the offensive line wasn't great for Mallett. And, the

play-calling I thought was somewhat terrible too. So I don't think Mallett was as bad as maybe some people made it out to be.

MG: Yeah, I don't think it was as bad as people were making it out to be. But again, that's the first blush. That's the knee-jerk reaction. And then you can contrast that with what Garoppolo did in that game, and it's like, that just further proves that Mallett is a square peg in a round hole. But there were some moments there for Mallett. To me, it still comes back to, I've never seen Mallett take -- if he's improved, he's improved by small percentage points every year. I've never seen him take that big step forward. And I think the other thing with Mallett is, it's the inconsistency

from throw to throw. Never mind day to day, but from throw to throw. I've never seen him -- in a 7-on-7 or 11-on-11 -- put five or six throws together. And now we're on year four. And then you watch Garoppolo in a game, and he strings together three, four, five throws in a row. And yeah, he was playing against three's and fours, guys that are going to be working at Starbucks in a week or two. But, you can only play who's in front of you, and when Mallett had that opportunity, again, he hasn't done that sort of thing. So, I don't think Mallett was nearly as bad as everyone made it out to be in the preseason opener, but to me, it was just a re-affirmation of where he is and how it's never really been that good of a fit here. It just isn't. It's not what he does well. The rumblings about Arizona and how he worked out with Larry Fitzgerald and he and Fitz were friends, Bruce Arians likes that big strong-arm, throw-down-the-field guy. And how many years does Carson Palmer have left? If that's the sort of offense that Ryan Mallett is going to have to be in to have success in this league, then that's the offense he's probably going to have to be in. Where, for Garoppolo, the moment he was drafted, was automatically, in my opinion, a better fit for this offense. Because he can do the things, or is projected to do the things that they want out of that offense. And that's where the bigger picture comes into play here, about what do you do with Ryan Mallett?

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