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752 Kids Make A Very Big Splash

n Friday, August 8th, 752 youth and teens from 10 youth groups from Boston's neighborhoods and surrounding communities took part in Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's 4th Annual Kids Beach Bash and Splash at the BCYF Curley Recreation Center at M Street Beach in South Boston.

Among the groups participating in the event were the BCYF Curley Community Center – South Boston, South Boston Neighborhood House – South Boston, Braintree After School Enrichment – Braintree, Castle Square Youth Education Program – South End, Curtis Hall Community Center – Jamaica Plain, East Boston YMCA – East Boston, Greenwood Shalom -Dorchester, Home for Little Wanderers – Boston, Jackson Mann Summer CONTINUED ON page 7 South Boston Today

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EDITORIAL

"Throwing rocks at the police and carrying guns only adds to the chaos". Mr. President. How about adding to those words that "those are criminal acts".

Just like the alleged criminal act being leveled at the Ferguson City police officer. Instead 50 FBI agents are dispatched to canvas a small city block of potential witnesses. While, at the same time, Veterans have died in hospitals for neglect and we can get no answers. In fact insert any one of a dozen incidents this administration has taken questionable positions on. At the same time, neither the President nor his Attorney General misses an opportunity to remind us of America's racial history. We know it Mr. President. Do you?

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William M Bulger Library: It Sounds Good To Me

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY John Ciccone

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he Boston News media has once again found an issue to get them unhinged about. From the sound of it, some of the so called 'pundits' are frothing as they write about the proposal to name the South Boston Branch Public Library on E. Broadway for William Bulger. I'm guessing that as they sit at their computers wild eyed and furiously writing their attack pieces, their keyboards were getting covered with froth from the sheer pleasure they get from trying to out-distort their competitors when it comes to Bill Bulger.

Bear in mind that most of these pundits don't even live in this city, let alone in South Boston, and never would if given the chance. Yet, it has consistently been the case that they actually believe that their opinion about anything that goes on in this town actually matters.

According to some news reports, there is a small group of local residents who have taken a stand against this proposal. To them I say you are certainly within your rights and entitled to your opinion. But never think that yours is the only view or that because it is your view, it is necessarily the correct one. You will find that among South Bostonians, the number in favor is many times yours. I place myself in this group, make no apologies for it and would lend a hand in support to help make it happen, if asked.

Some of the opposition is because Bill Bulger is the brother of James 'Whitey' Bulger. But make no mistake, much of the vitriol from some in Boston's daily press is because when the former Senate President and UMass President was holding public office, he never, ever cow-towed to the media. They couldn't control him the way they controlled so many other public figures and they resented him for it. That resentment runs deep among some of them to this day.

As far as whom he's related to, the saying "I'm not my brother's keeper" fits here. William Bulger has never, ever been convicted of a crime. Therefore there is no reason to deny him this honor, one by the way he never sought out. A statement he once made regarding the crimes his brother was accused of is one that many people here can relate to. "Though I do not condone the activities my brother is accused of, I will not be part of the posse either."

William Bulger is someone who has done more to support, improve and expand the Boston Public Library system than probably anyone else in its history. He has spent 25 years as a Boston Public Library Trustee where he worked hard to ensure that the system had the resources that it needed to serve this city's population, especially Boston's young people. Knowledge and education and the ability to have those needed resources to acquire those things are among the causes Bulger has dedicated his life to.

This is not a man who just gives lip service to helping others. Bulger is a man who has always worked tirelessly and focused on doing what he believes in. In fact, there was not a charity or a good cause in this neighborhood that William Bulger did not contribute to. He did it quietly, with no fanfare. He did it simply for the purpose of helping neighbors in need. And that is certainly something most of his detractors can't say about themselves.

As senate president, he always made the needs of his constituent's a priority. It was what he was elected to do and he did it well. As University of Massachusetts president, he brought that institution to its peak of prestige and through his fundraising abilities, brought in millions of dollars in improvements. The education that students received while Bulger was president was top of the line. Even some of his detractors in the press had to admit that under his presidency, UMass became a better school. But in addition to all his professional accomplishments, William Bulger is and always has been a good, caring and loving husband, father and

grandfather to his family. This alone speaks volumes about his character. Everything else is secondary in the grand scheme of life.

City Council president Bill Linehan, who along with support from City Councilor Steve Murphy, pushed for this proposal said that he stands by his decision to advocate for William Bulger's name to be on our neighborhood library. I say "good for Linehan". It's refreshing to see elected officials stand their ground in the face of news media tantrums and rants.

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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.

EPA CHIEF PLEASED WITH REGULATORY PROCESS ON POLLUTANTS

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy said she has not heard any initial, major concerns with the proposed greenhouse gas regulations released in June, but she envisions some changes will be made. "We're in the comment period, so it's not done. We want to hear from people, but I am extremely excited that when we rolled out this rule we didn't hear any big concerns being raised out of the gate," McCarthy told reporters at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, Tuesday. She said, "We read those comments and we make the changes that are appropriate. We're going to do that with this rule." The Clean Power Plan would aim to for the first time require existing power plants to reduce their pollution output, and the EPA is developing a proposal around ozone. The EPA plan would seek to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from power plants by 30 percent from 2005 levels over the next 15 years. The federal regulations would give states the ability to craft their own plans to meet the goals, including regional cap and trade programs the Regional Greenhouse like Gas Initiative (RGGI) which Massachusetts participates in and has put the state ahead of the federal goal, according to state officials. The regulatory steps have been met with criticism from some quarters. On Tuesday, The Heritage Foundation, a conservative organization, called on Congress to "rein in" the EPA through the "power of the purse." McCarthy said, "The environment has not been a partisan issue or a political issue," and said she wants to talk to the agricultural community. federal officials and conservationists about a separate water regulation. EPA plans to issue an ozone proposal in December. "We know ozone is one

of the most difficult and ubiquitous pollutants that we have to deal with. Ozone is ground-level smog. Remember it was really around very heavily in the 60s and the 70s in L.A. and other places?" McCarthy said. "Well, it's still a problem and as the weather gets hotter, more and more ozone forms." - A. Metzger, M. Murphy/SHNS

PAWS ACT, RETAIL THEFT BILLS SENT TO GOV. PATRICK

Gov. Deval Patrick has largely cleared his desk of the major bills sent his way during the flurry of legislating that coincided with the end of formal session for the year on July 31. But the state Legislature, meeting with skeleton crews as most lawmakers are in their districts campaigning, keeps churning out bills. With only two senators on hand Thursday, the Senate finished work in three significant bills, sending them on to the governor. The Senate enacted the so-called PAWS Act instituting new measure to prevent animal abuse (H 4388), as well as bills establishing uniform wage compliance and record keeping (S 858) and laying out criminal laws to deal with organized retail theft rings (H 1474). According to Rep. Bruce Ayers (D-Quincy), the PAWS Act raises maximum penalties for animal cruelty convictions from five to seven years and increases the maximum fine from \$2,500 to \$5,000. The bill also allows a penalty of up to 10 years and/or a fine of \$10,000 for repeat convictions, and requires veterinarians to report suspected animal abuse. "Today is a great day on Beacon Hill. The fact of the matter was that the laws in Massachusetts were not strong enough to prevent animal abuse,' Avers said in a statement, crediting Sen. Bruce Tarr of Gloucester and Rep. Lou Kafka of Sharon for helping to push the bill through. "It is my hope that the passage of this bill will send a clear message that animal abuse will not be tolerated and that violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law." Gov. Deval Patrick's amendment to legislation aimed at clearing titles in foreclosure cases was referred to the Senate Bills in Third Reading Committee, which is chaired by Sen. Ben Downing of Pittsfield. - M. Norton/SHNS

TRAMADOL A SCHEDULE IV DRUG STARTING MONDAY

Massachusetts pharmacists were informed this week that the US. Drug Enforcement Agency has published a final ruling placing Tramadol into schedule 4 of the Controlled Substances Act. The change will take effect on Monday, according to a memo from Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy David Sencabaugh. Tramadol goes by the trade names Ultram and Ultracet. According to the DEA, it was approved for marketing in the U.S. in 1995 and soon after its approval there were reports of diversion and abuse, which led to revisions to product labeling and the addition of warnings. An opioid analgesic, it is approved to treat moderate to moderately severe pain in adults and it is most commonly abused by narcotic addicts, chronic pain patients and health professionals, according to the DEA. According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 3.2 million people in the U.S. aged 12 or older used tramadol for non-medical purposes in their lifetime. - M. Norton/SHNS **PRO-CASINO GROUP FORMALLY** LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN

The ballot committee opposing a campaign to repeal the state casino law is ramping up its efforts. The group, named the Committee to Protect Massachusetts Jobs, on Monday announced its official launch, saying it plans to argue that the casino industry will bring 10,000 jobs to Massachusetts and will stop tax dollars from flowing to Connecticut,

Rhode Island and Maine. Proponents of the November ballot question, which would repeal the 2011 law allowing casino and slot parlor gaming in Massachusetts, say casinos will lead to increased crime, substance abuse and gambling addiction issues in surrounding areas. The Committee to Protect Massachusetts Jobs has set up a website that includes a list of supporters, including businesses, state lawmakers and unions. Nineteen Beacon Hill lawmakers are listed, including Sens. Stephen Brewer (D-Barre) and Jennifer Flanagan (D-Leominster), and Reps. Mark Cusack (D-Braintree), Benjamin Swan (D-Springfield), Marcos Devers (D-Lawrence), and George Peterson (R-Grafton). The Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, headed by former Sen. Steve Tolman, are also on the list of endorsers. The committee retained Wooten has Johnson, who managed Juliette Kayyem's unsuccessful bid for governor, as its campaign manager and Rasky Baerlein for public relations purposes. - G. Dumcius/SHNS







ReadingBetween TheLines

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Brian R. Mahoney

veryone likes to be liked. Here at South Boston Today we are no different. So when we received a letter complimenting the entire staff it was shared with everyone and it became the subject of conversation that day.

Specifically the letter was referring to a recent column titled "Enola Gay". In general, though, the letter writer was complimentary on the newspapers style of bringing forth little known facts or items in our nation's history.

In that regard the "Enola Gay" column neglected to point out the South Boston connection. It seems the atom bombs, Little Boy and Fat Man, needed a particular piece to function. A piece that, in the entire world, was only made at A and Third Street. Commercial Filter at 42 W. Third St. was a key contributor to making the A-bomb and saving countless American and Japanese lives.

To the larger point of the letter on reporting or writing about America and its history we do so because there are two America's today. One that seeks to build and constantly improve on the model our ancestors gave us. The other America seeks to denigrate and destroy that America claiming it is stolen land with laws written by "dead old white guys".

Ignoring the fact that America's greatness lies in the very fact of our ability to incorporate all ethnicities, religions and beliefs into our system.

A German immigrant taught our army and saved our Revolution at Valley Forge. A black southern doctor, son of former slaves, invented or discovered the life-saving blood substitute, plasma. Elizabeth Blackwell from England became

the first female doctor in America, founded the first infirmary for women and children and was a pioneer in women's suffrage or the right to vote. Alexander Graham Bell was Scottish born. Even at the beginning we cite the often told story of the Indian, Squanto, and his kindness and willingness to help strangers different from him. All these tales and people are the threads we use to make the fabric of America.

"E PLURIBUS UNUM". Out of many one. That's what America is and has been and what and how and why we cover and write the way we do.

Many feel the illegal immigration is the greatest danger facing America. The illegality is something every resource should be used to halt. Immigration, however, is our life blood and strength.... The purpose though is to become Americans. This country has welcomed immigrants from every part of the globe along with their culture. Everyone has a hyphen. French-American, Swahili-American, Yemen-American. It has always been that in their neighborhoods people retain or remember or celebrate the language and customs of their culture. Always then, as now, with the goal of being American.

Today, Americanization is a dirty word. And it is American liberals and progressives who are the enemy and greatest danger. In today's PC culture, Americanism is chauvinistic. They would never acknowledge the fact America is great without first apologizing for "stealing" the land, then apologize for slavery and making women wait to vote.

This is the history they want to

"American History"

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teach. In turn, they, and by default, we are fearful in articulating an American future, because "we don't want to offend anyone". Now we want to offer signs and language in every tongue on earth. After all why learn the language and customs of an evil place like America? Come and take all you want though, because we "stole" it anyway. Your country and language are probably better .

The reality is that the problem with Greece, France and Ireland and every country on earth is that they have too many Greek,

French and Irish people in their country. In America, we get the best of those countries' people without the whole country. We make Americans. Progressives are trying to diminish and destroy Americanism and replace it with some temporary feel-good multiculturalism, which end result is the balkanization of America.

So Brendan, thanks for the letter and the kind words. Our mission is to prevent America's destruction. Keep reading and we will all win. Take care till next week.



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The Enduring Libel: Watching Lies Work Their Evil **Reprinted with Permission of Matt Connolly Author** brother Whitey. It is a libel born out

ichael Burggren, 53, a 20-year resident of South Boston is said to be handing out a flier that reads: "No to Bulger Library! ... No! Bill Bulger used his office to protect a mass murderer." He is an example of

how the people of Boston have been bamboozled. I have no idea who Burggren is or where he was prior to his last 20 years in South Boston. I do know he knows not of what he speaks. It is libelous to suggest Bill Bulger used his office to protect his

of ignorance by people who have been deliberately misinformed by the media and others.

That Burggren and those that associate with him in this dastardly cause have no personal knowledge of what they speak

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does not make it less of a libel. It is just an example of how ignorant people injure others based on rumors and innuendos. I'd like to ask Burggren and those who believe like he does, upon what basis do they make that lying assertion. Give me one, just one, example of Billy Bulger using his office to protect Whitey Bulger, his brother. If you cannot, you ought to bow your heads in shame.

Had Billy Bulger used his office in such a way he would have to have been able to influence others to not do the jobs they took an oath to perform. Those others would have to be people in law enforcement. For the only way that Whitey Bulger could have been protected was to keep him from being pursued by law enforcement authorities.

I can say categorically that "Billy Bulger never used his office to protect his brother" because during the years Billy had the power to do such a thing and during such time as Whitey Bulger was actively **CONTINUED ON page 13**



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Program – Brighton, South Boston Boys and Girls Club – South Boston, Tynan Fun in the Sun – South Boston.

It was a perfect day for a beach party. Temperatures in the 80s, clear skies, clean water, 1200 hot dogs, 1000 bottles of water, and 752 Boston area youth and teens added up to a beautiful day of fun in the sun for everyone.

"It's great to see so many kids from across the city on the beach and in the water," said Save the Harbor's Director of Strategy, Communications and Programs. "What a great way to celebrate the success of the Boston Harbor Clean-up, which has made these beaches among the cleanest urban beaches in America and among the most popular beaches in the region."

Over the course of the day youth and teens engaged in healthy outdoor activities, including swimming, fishing, Frisbee and sports, listened to great music from MIX104.1 and enjoyed learning about crabs and lobsters caught and released at the beach. Save the Harbor's summer artist in residence, Sam Schreiber, helped them create some spectacular murals and art on the shore.

Save the Harbor's high school and college youth program staff hosted the celebration, and also gathered several hundred signatures in support of their efforts to get better and more affordable access to the region's public beaches and the Boston Harbor Islands National Park.

"Kids don't have cars to get to the beach and many can't afford to visit the Boston Harbor Islands" said Maxwell Kennedy-Reid, a rising sophomore at Stonehill College, who is helping to organize the petition drive. "A free beach shuttle and discounted fares to the islands would make a big difference to them and to their families."

So far this year Save the Harbor / Save the Bay's free All Access Boston Harbor program has brought more than 6,000 youth and teens from area community organizations and youth groups on free day trips to the Boston Harbor Islands. The group also serves thousands more youth and teens at 8 program sites around the harbor,



and free beach events from Nahant to Nantasket. By summer's end, these free environmental education programs will have connected 100,000 young people to the Boston Harbor and Boston Harbor Islands since they began in 2002.

"We are proud of these free programs, which have made us the Boston Harbor Connection for young people and their families," said Save the Harbor's President Patricia Foley. We are also proud to have earned the support of so many of the region's foundations, businesses and individual donors."

These free youth environmental education programs are made possible with Leadership Grants from Bay State Cruise Company, Distrigas/GDF SUEZ, The Coca-Cola Foundation, Ludcke Foundation, and the Yawkey Foundation II.

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Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is a non-profit, public interest, environmental advocacy organization working to restore and protect Boston Harbor and Massachusetts Bay. Each year Save the Harbor/Save the Bay runs free youth environmental education programs that combine recreation and hands-on education to bring the Harbor alive for thousands of Boston area young people.

To find out more about their free All Access Boston Harbor trips and other free events activities for youth, teens and families, visit their website at http://www.savetheharbor.org, their youth blog "Sea, Sand and Sky" at http://www.blog.savetheharbor.org and their Facebook page at www. facebook.com/savetheharbor.



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The 3rd annual Mỹ Gala - "Illuminating Past Successes & Embracing Future Opportunities," will be held on September 13th, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the IBEW Hall, Freeport St. Dorchester MA. The Honorary Co-Chairs are Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Josh Kraft and Deputy Superintendent William Gross. Viet-AID is also celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. More than 600 people attended last year's highly successful event.

Mỹ Gala celebrates how refugees and immigrants have found their American Dream, and then helped others along the way. It is a story of new and long-time residents of a community coming together to improve their neighborhood. In Vietnamese, America is called "Mỹ," or beautiful country; thus we call this celebration Mỹ Gala to celebrate this wonderful American story.

This year's Mỹ Gala will honor Ambassador Ray Flynn, former Mayor of Boston, who hired the first Vietnamese police officer in Boston's history; Harvard's Boston Refugee Youth Enrichment Program; and Ms. Quynh Dang, VietAID's founding Chairperson, the founding Board, and Long Nguyen, the first ED. Charlotte Golar Richie is the event's Mistress of Ceremony.

Since 1994, Viet-AID has been serving the Dorchester community, home to almost 20,000 Vietnamese. The organization has developed affordable housing, created family and youth programs, and initiated cultural and social initiatives. Its work over the past two decades has served 100,000 and helped turn Fields Corner into a more vibrant community. Proceeds of the Mỹ Gala will fund our family and youth initiatives, including our after school program, summer camp, early education, and parental support services.

For more details, you may call (617)-822-3717 or email gala14@vietaid.org. The website is vietaid.org.

Nam Pham, Executive Director New England Business Partners Jim Collins, Event Co-Chair

Irish Singer Robin Mark Returns in Concert This Sunday, 7pm, 80 L St.

Robin Mark, the world renowned Irish singer, song writer and musician will return to South Boston this coming Sunday, August 24th. He will be performing in concert at the South Baptist Church location at 80 L Street (corner of L & E. Fourth Streets) and it will begin at 7pm. The concert is being sponsored by the New Covenant Church of South Boston, which is also located at 80 L Street in the same Church building and all proceeds will go for a much needed new heating system for the church itself.

Robin Mark has performed in South Boston before and looks forward to coming back, especially for a good cause such as this. He has stated in the past that he likes performing in this neighborhood and looks forward to his return.

Robin Mark is an Irish Christian performer who has sold millions of albums worldwide. He is highly acclaimed in The United Kingdom, Canada, in all corners of Europe and even as far away as Australia. And his popularity has been soaring high in the United States with the success of songs such as 'Days of Elijah, Revival, All for Jesus, The Wonder of the Cross, Not by Might and many others. He is the recipient of the

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15th Annual Street Festival September 13

he South Boston Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the **15th Annual South Boston Street Festival** will take place on Saturday, September 13, 2014. Over the past fourteen years, the festival has grown significantly into one of South Boston's highly anticipated events, which attracts over 10,000 residents and visitors alike with merchants and establishments that compromise the South Boston business community.

This year's festival will once again feature "The Best of South Boston". Which will include over 100 merchants, restaurants, vendors, artists and community organizations, that will fill East Broadway from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. 'live' musical acts and performances will take place on two stages providing festival goers with entertainment throughout the day.

You can enjoy a great selection of food options from South Boston's favorite food establishments. Outdoor seating will be available at The Cranberry Café, Café Porto Bello, Moko Japanese Restaurant, The Playwright, Boston Beer Garden, and more. Take away options will be available from: The Sausage Guy, Sal's Pizzeria, The Paramount, and Lucky's Lounge, and others.



Shop 'til-you-drop with outstanding savings from local retailers including; Bringing Up Baby, Covet Habit, Ku De Ta, Pretty Reckless, The Spot, The Closet Connection, just to name a few.

FREE Children's activities include face painters, balloon twisters, caricature artists, street performers, Toe Jam puppet show, and several other surprises. Keep an eye out for a band of Pirates that will be roaming the festival site throughout the day.

This year's entertainment highlights include:

Thomas Park. Lead by front man Paul Eastman, who is a South Boston owner, drummer Joe Tobias and the rest of the band will performing a wide range of music that includes rock, dance, R&B, and top 40.

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There will also be performances by: Peggy Wood's School of Irish Step Dance, Miss Linda's Dancers, Ultimate Self Defense and more.

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M STREET SOFTBALL *M STREET SOFTBALL SEMI-FINALS CONTINUE*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY By Mark Senna



he top four teams from each division are battling it out on the diamond at M Street this week as the semi finals are well underway. In the Feeney division, The Playwright is matched with the Local 149 Underdogs while the Cranberry Café is paired up against STATS Bar & Grille. In the Lucas division we have the Lincoln Tavern taking on the five time defending champion Shenannigans while The Warehouse takes on the Southside Tavern. As of this writing, it appears that a winner won't advance until the early part of next week. Before we look ahead let's take a look at the games that were completed.

After the rains washed away the schedule on Wednesday, the league used both the M and N Street fields on Thursday to get back on track. With a week off from playing softball, The Playwright took to the N Street field and didn't show any rust as they batted around their order in the first inning while scoring five runs in game one of their series against the Local 149 Underdogs. Sean Morgan struck the big blow in the inning with a bases clearing double. From there on it was all Playwright as they pounded out thirteen hits and twelve rounds on their way to an easy 12-1 victory. Peter Drummey picked up the win as he was very effective throwing seven innings, giving up seven hits, while allowing just

one run. Drummey also helped himself by collecting three hits. The two clubs were scheduled to continue the series on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and if necessary, games four and five would be played next Tuesday (Aug 26) and Wednesday (Aug 27).

Thursday's N Street nightcap was a beauty as the Cranberry Café squared off against STATS. Following Playwright's lead, Cranberry quickly jumped out to an early lead as they sent eight men to the plate while scoring three runs. In the uprising, Scott Simpson blasted a two run homerun to deep center. Cranberry then added a pair of runs in the fourth on John Silva's double and another pair in the top of the sixth to make it 7-0. Cranberry and pitcher Mark Goodman were cruising at this point but trouble was just over the horizon.

In the bottom of the seventh, STATS began the inning with three straight singles and a run which put a lot of pressure on Goodman and Cranberry's defense. A walk loaded the bases but then Goodman forced a pop out for the first out of the inning. Although ahead by six runs one got the feeling that this was a lot closer than the scoreboard indicated. With one swing of the bat that all changed too. John Pels laced a double to the outfield which plated two more runs making it 7-3. An infield error then loaded them again for the hot hitting Bill Davis. Like Pels before him, Davis



came through in the clutch and lined a two-run single to right center, 7-5. This was slipping away as the Cranberry defenders were tight and it was showing. Another infield error followed by a single by Pat Donovan made it 7-6. Mercy! With the bases loaded and only one out, STATS were about to complete an amazing comeback. But again, with one swing of the bat things quickly changed. Matt Clifford hit a very low line drive up the middle of the infield that certainly would have been the game winning hit. But Goodman snagged the liner and then fired home to double off the sliding runner who thought the ball had hit the ground. Game over! If the rest of the games in this series are anything like the first one then we are all in for a treat. Games two and three were scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and if necessary, games four and five would be played next Tuesday (Aug 26) and Wednesday (Aug 27).

While the action was hot on the N Street field, the M Street side sat silent. Shennanigan's notified the league that they were unable to field a team of nine and had to forfeit game one of their best of five series against the Lincoln Tavern. That's unfortunate but the playoff schedule was made weeks in advance so this was just one of those unavoidable situations that happen from time to time.

Thursday's action closed with the Southside taking the field against the Warehouse in game one of their best of five series. Following suit with the other games of the evening, Southside rallied in the very first inning when Marc Montesano cleared the bases with a double to deep left, 2-0. The lead didn't last long as the Warehouse answered in the second with three runs of their own. Jeff White (two hits), Dave Blandino (two hits) and Kevin Snow struck the big blows in the inning.

Southside answered in the bottom of the third when they batted around the order to take a 5-3 lead. Steven

Couturier (3 hits), Garrett Hauck (two hits), and Montesano all connected with RBI hits in the inning.

The Warehouse drew closer in the fifth when they took advantage of some infielder miscues, 5-4. But again, the Southside's offense came to life when they had to as they pushed across another pair of runs in the sixth on Pat Wilson's two run double. Jim Innocent then took over on the mound for Jim McNiff and closed the door to earn the save.

Game two of the series was played on Monday with the Warehouse looking to even things up. Pitcher Joey Magee was rested and ready in this one as he limited the deep hitting attack of the Southside lineup. Magee scattered eight hits over seven strong innings while his teammates provided him with some very timely hits.

With two outs and one man on in the fourth, Andrew Christopher and Kevin Snow both reached base to load them for Dave Blandino. The tall right fielder quickly cleared the bases with a double to deep left center making it 4-3 Warehouse. They added a pair of runs in the fifth to close out the scoring and Magee and the Warehouse took game two of the best of five series. The series was scheduled to continue on Thursday (Aug 21), Monday (Aug 25), and if necessary, Thursday (Aug 28).

Monday's nightcap saw a somewhat "peeved" Shennanigan's team take on the Lincoln Tavern in game two of their best of five semi-final series. As we mentioned above, Shenannigans took a forfeit loss in game one so they came to the field with a bit of an "I'll show them" attitude. Things quickly fell into their favor as the first three batters singled and then the Lincoln defense uncharacteristically fell apart. Three unearned runs crossed the plate in the first inning and the rout was on, or so we thought.

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Soccer Parade September 4th, 6pm at Moakley Park

n Thursday, September 4th at 6:00 p.m. the South Boston Youth Soccer League will be holding its 30th annual "Parade of Champions" at Moakley Park in the Paul Saunders Stadium.

This is the official kickoff for the fall season in which over 800 of Southie's finest; the kids, will participate in a fun filled opening night parade. Brian Wallace will once again be the Master of Ceremonies and as usual he will provide all of us with a fun filled night of merriment with his wit. The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be providing the marching music for the kids once again. The Boston Police Honor Guard will lead the slowest parade in Town, as they lead the kids on their route around the track. Some of the officers have been involved with this parade for over 30 years and say that this is the one event that they look forward to every year; where they get to be right up close with all the kids.

All players should be at the stadium by 5:30pm and line up with their team for the start of the parade. Look for the age group and team number on the signs on the fence outside the stadium. Any player who registered but has not been contacted by a coach and does not know their team should go to the clubhouse at 4:30pm where an information table has been set up.

If there any parents who may have forgotten to register their child for this season, there will be a waiting list registration with no guarantee that there will be a place for the child on a team. This waiting list registration will be held on Saturday, September 6th from 9:00am to 10:00am at the clubhouse at Saunders Stadium in Moakley Park.

Please do not come on the night of the parade to register your child as we will not be taking any applications at all for any reason. Coaches should be at the clubhouse at 5:00 pm to pick up their jerseys and line up with their teams and have their team sign all set and hopefully have great costumes on the kids.

So if you want to have some fun and cheer on the kids then make it a point to be at the stadium Thursday September 4th at 6:00 pm for the "PARADE OF CHAMPIONS "

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Hoadley, who was just back from competing in a national tournament. Hoadley cruised through the first three innings of the game and then ran into trouble in the fourth. With runners on first and second, Andy Hiller hit a bullet grounder to third baseman Dennis Hajjar. Hajjar fielded it cleanly stepped on third and fired a strike to second baseman Steve Stalcup. Stalcup stepped on second and fired to first to complete the TRIPLE play! If the wind wasn't out of Lincoln's sails yet, it sure seemed to be after that play.

Lincoln's Todd Marsh was doing his best to keep his team in the game but without the offensive help, the order was quickly becoming a tall task. Shennanigan's offense finally broke through in the sixth when they took advantage of some fielding miscues coupled with some timely hitting. Nick French (three hits) drove in two runs with a single to left center and three others would score behind him making it 9-0. Shennanigan's added a pair of runs in the seventh and French came on in relief to close it out as they evened the series at a game a piece. The series was scheduled to continue on Thursday (Aug 21), Monday (Aug 25), and if necessary, Thursday (Aug 28).

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!

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involved in his criminal activities, I was actively involved in organized crime investigations overseeing and participating in more wiretaps and bugging operations of organized crime people than any other prosecutor in Massachusetts. I was there and can speak from personal knowledge; none of those who suggest Billy interfered have such knowledge.

I worked very closely with those in law enforcement at the state, city and town level who did this work. These men skilled in the ways of organized crime met with me on an almost daily basis. We discussed and planned investigations of Whitey Bulger.

Whitey lived in my county in the City of Quincy. He operated his criminal enterprise out of South Boston, a short drive over the Southeast Expressway and down Morrissey Boulevard from Quincy. The Town of Brookline which was part of Norfolk County penetrated Boston separating its sections of Jamaica Plain from Brighton. Where Whitey operated I worked with law enforcement officers. I also worked closely with the state police's organize crime unit, the Special Services Unit, that had state-wide jurisdiction.

Never in any of my many investigations did the relationship between Billy and Whitey affect anything. Never was it a consideration in any decision I or the others made. In my thousands upon thousands of conversations with men skilled in investigating, organized crime did I ever hear the connection even mentioned although we often discussed Whitey. The Quincy police detectives, who were relentless in their pursuit of Whitey, were in continual contact with me and never suggested anything relating to Billy and Whitey.

The suggestion that somehow we backed off of investigating Whitey because of Billy is insulting. It besmirches the reputation of those hard working dedicated detectives. It is a libel of not only Billy, but of all the law enforcement officers in the state at all levels, who I worked



with for more than 20 years and who attempted to gather evidence for us to prosecute Whitey.

And from where do these libels emanate? They came from people in the media and enemies of Billy seeking personal revenge on him, such as Professor Dershowitz. These people have no knowledge of our investigations. They cannot point to anyone who can honestly say that, because of Billy, he or she backed off from getting Whitey.

Had Billy any power to affect law enforcement, it was at the state level. He had direct control over the budgets of the DAs and state police, and indirect over the cities and towns. Examine the records of the time. The Massachusetts State Police were zealous in their pursuit of Whitey. They almost got him in 1980, when he operated out of Lancaster Street; after that they continued after him without let up. Where's Billy's protection for his brother there? The DAs likewise followed the evidence that they had. My office turned over to the FBI a person who was extorted by Whitey Bulger. Whitey's handler reported that he hated my office, saying we had a vendetta against him.

The organize crime investigators in this state and I, always considered Whitey a target. We never had a second thought about going after him. We never for a moment thought of Billy during those investigations. It's time to listen to people who were there and know what went on and not those who live on libel and pass on scurrilous lies

Attorney Matt Connolly has been a member of the Massachusetts Bar since 1966. A former prosecutor and deputy district attorney, his specialty was organized crime investigations using electronic surveillance.



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.

DANNY PICARD: And while Red Sox games are meaningless in the standings right now, so are preseason football games. And the Patriots defeated the Philadelphia Eagles in their second preseason game. Which is why I bring in Patriots Insider Chris Price, right now. Christopher, what's going on?

CHRIS PRICE: Not much, Danny. Hey, the important thing to remember, when you're talking about preseason football, it's never as good as you think it is and it's never as bad as you think it is. It's always in the middle. I think people tend to make too much of the good stuff and too much of the bad stuff. It seems to meet somewhere in the middle. There is the temptation -because it's the first game action we've seen in months -- to kind of overblow everything and look for things that aren't necessarily there. Ultimately, in the end, you just have to dial it back a little bit and just understand that this is all part of the evaluation process.

DP: But specifically with this New England Patriots team, under Belichick and Brady, and another year with an elite cornerback, and possibly now with the most elite corner in the league in Revis. With this Patriots team, it's like, "Alright, we know how good they're going to be." As long as Brady stays healthy. As long as Belichick is still the coach. And as long as they have that dominant guy in the secondary. We know how good this team is going to be if those guys are around.

CP: Yeah. You're looking at a roster that really points to, let's say, a 12-4 team, when you consider the rest of the AFC East. You know what you're getting with probably 90 percent of these guys. I think the biggest question right now, when you're talking about the veterans, obviously you want to now about Gronkowski, you want to be able to see him in action and kind

of see him get knocked around a little bit and take some hits and dish out some. You want to see Wilfork and Mayo and those guys get back into it. But really, when you're talking about the Patriots, the preseason is a great chance to evaluate the youngsters. The young guys, the rookies, and second year guys, to see how they're getting acclimated into the system.

DP: So what did you think of the second preseason game, against the Eagles? What were your major impressions coming out of that. Is there something that you walked away from this game and said, "Wow, this is great" or "Wow, this is terrible." What was the biggest thing you took away from that game?

CP: I thought they were able to get a good push up front on both sides of the ball. I think that was a really positive thing to take out of this game if you're a Patriots fan. They were able to run the ball. And I think that's important for a couple of reasons, not the least in which, they showed a lot of different options up front, when it came to the offensive line. They had guys moving around. And with all those different combinations, they were still able to move the ball effectively against a pretty good deefense and were able to still put up some pretty good numbers all the way through. Not just the starters, but also the backups. And then the other thing for me, nobody got hurt. And that's really the most important thing when you're talking about a veteran team here. We've seen an awful lot of injuries in the NFL preseason to this point, and the Patriots didn't have any injuries in this one. They came out of it completely healthy. They got a lot of veterans a lot of snaps. They had a chance to evaluate a lot of the younger guys. And I think, ultimately, that's the biggest thing you take out of this one.

DP: All of that shuffling on the

offensive line [in the game against the Eagles], what does that tell you though? How should we react to that? What does that tell you when you see all of that shuffling on the O-line?

CP: Well I think they want to do a couple things. First of all, I think that they want to get a look at Marcus Cannon, to see if he can be that backup swing tackle at both right tackle and left tackle. I think it's important to also remember that they did some of that moving becausr they didn't have more than one tight end in that game. You had Nate Solder, who had some tight end experience and who worked out as a tackle-eligible guy on some occasions. So you need to take that into account. But I think that they want to find a couple of combinations on that interior that works for them. The most intriguing position really, for me, when you're talking about the offensive line, is center. It seems, right now, that Dan Connolly is getting a lot of work in the preseason at the center position. He played right guard last year, and they're trying some guys at right guard while Connolly plays center. The moving some guys around, they're doing some things along that interior that make me think Ryan Wendell might not be a lock to make this team as the starting center. He can do a couple other different things, but you're looking at a position that might be a little bit fluid. I haven't even talked about Bryan Stork, a guy who I think has a chance to make a real impact, if he can get healthy on that offensive line. This is a guy who won the award for best center in college football last year, part of a National Championship team at Florida State. I think he's going to factor into that mix as well. So, that center position, that right guard position, as well as that backup swing tackle spot, I think those are the three most intriguing spots. They want to get a good look at a bunch of guys **CITATION ON PETITION FOR** FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU14P1934EA **Commonwealth Of Massachusetts** The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Estate of: John T Coakley Date of Death: 12/21/1955 Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St, Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: **Christine M Coakley Of South Boston MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that: Christine M Coakley Of South Boston MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 09/18/2014.

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

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there before they go into the regular season, knowing what kind of rotation they have.

DP: They guy behind that offensive line is obviously the quarterback. Let's not talk so much about Brady, because we know what Brady is. But with all eyes still on the backup quarterback spot on this team in the preseason, and since you've been down at training camp every day, did you expect Jimmy Garoppolo to get the call before Mallett? **CP:** Yes I did. For a couple of reasons, not the least of which Mallett missed two practices the week leading up to the game. And that's pretty much par for the course when you're talking about the preseason. Garoppolo got a lot of snaps, and if you're going to get a lot of snaps during practice as a matter of course over the week, you're going to see time in the game earlier in the game. I think Garoppolo started well, then it dropped off a little bit toward the end. I think that they wanted to see him succeed when it came to situational football. Toward the end of the first half, he had a two-minute situation

and they weren't able to get anything going. But all in all, I think that when you're talking about Garoppolo's performance in that second preseason game, I think he gets a thumbs up. I think Ryan Mallett had a good night too. I think a lot of it goes back to what we were talking about before. They were able to get a good performance out of the running game. And I think they were able to play good complimentary football. They were able to establish a good balance between the run and the pass because they were able to move the ball on the ground consistently. And I think the overall offensive numbers, when it came to the passing game also, reflected that. So I give both backup quarterbacks a thumbs up in their performances against the Eagles. But again, let's not get too crazy when you're talking about Garoppolo. He was playing against second and third teamers, as opposed to third and fourth teamers in the first game. That being said, he took advantage of the opportunities that were presented to him, and I think he did well with those. **DP:** Do you think the Patriots know what they're going to do with the backup quarterback? Because to me, it seems like, regardless of what Garoppolo does, I mean, you're not getting rid of him, you just took him in the second round. So to me, it's inevitable that Mallett will be moved, right? Unless Garoppolo gets hurt? How do you feel about where their QB depth chart is going to go by the time we get to the regular season? Do you believe that Mallett gets moved, and that right now we're just sort of looking at his trade value? How do you feel like this backup position will play out?

CP: I think as it sits right now, they're going to carry three backup quarterbacks into the regular season. I think Ryan Mallett is going to be the No. 2 guarterback. I think Garoppolo has done very well over the course of the first two games, but I think at the same time, he remains a work in progress. I think these are the early, early stages of his pro football career, and I think it might be expecting a little bit too much of him to move into that No. 2 job so early on. That's not to say that he might not take it over eventually, but I think as it sits right now, they're comfortable with Ryan mallett as their No. 2 guy. I honestly feel that they're going to go into the regular season with three quarterbacks, and it's going to be Brady, Mallett, and Garoppolo in that order.

DP: There was no Gronkowski again, against the Eagles. Do you expect him to play in a preseason game, or do you think this is going to be one of those deals where you think he's just thrown out there in Week 1?

CP: Boy, that's a terrific question. I think you want to get him as many snaps as possible over the course of the preseason. You want him to have

contact. I think before the regular season, you want to see him get knocked around a little bit and kind of dish out a few hits. But with the idea that the third preseason game is the exclusive domain -- pretty much the first three quarters anyway -- for the starters, I think that game is the best opportunity for that. I always go back -- and I understand they're different guys with different rehabs in different situations -- but Welker in 2010, coming back after that knee injury, he sat out the preseason opener, played six snaps in the second preseason game, ramped it up a little bit in the third preseason game, and took the fourth preseason game off, and pretty much went wire to wire in the regular-season opener that year. So you don't need a lot of snaps, is basically what I'm saying. But you need to have a few. And I think the work he was getting off to the side, it's been very beneficial for him. Both Revis and Gronkowski have talked about the fact that they get to work on a 1-on-1 or a 2-on-1 basis over the course of practice with each other. Gronkowski is running routes and Revis is offering resistance. But I do think you need to get him that contact and get him knocked around a little bit, just to kind of get him up to speed in the system as fast as possible. Look, you don't need a whole lot of time with him, but you want to be able to see him on the field. Bill has talked about it, you can't just run around the track and be in football shape. You need to get out there to kind of pile up snaps and getting used to the process.

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