Democrat Martha Coakley and Republican Charlie Baker captured their parties’ gubernatorial nominations, setting up a classic duel to claim not only the Corner Office, but also redemption from their past shocking losses. Coakley will be joined by Steve Kerrigan and Baker by Karyn Polito and their running mates. But, political observers are suggesting that the success that women had in capturing 4 of the 6 constitutional offices – Deb Goldberg, Treasurer, Maura Healey, Attorney General, Suzanne Bump, Auditor – may make the Coakley/Kerrigan ticket vulnerable.

Will Martha Coakley Be Victimized By The Women Power Surge?

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EDITORIAL

The Situation in 2014 Holds Even More Potential Danger

It’s hard to believe that in 2014, the potential for the United States to be hit by Islamic terrorism is even greater than it was back in 2001. You would think that America’s leaders would have learned a lesson for the ages after the brutal 9/11 attack and increase preparedness and security. But, the situation in the world over these last 6 years suggests that they have not. Back in 2001, when the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were attacked, we never saw it coming.

Now, however, our enemies blatantly and without fear, boast that they will hit us again, harder and often. They even let us know they are coming on social media. They can sense weakness and lack of real resolve on the part of Washington and have no intention of wasting such an opportunity. They see the collapse of border security as a gift from ‘Allah’; an unhindered route which will make it easier to bring their ‘Jihad’ directly to us. The deliberate shrinking of our military also encourages these savages. They have gathered billions of dollars in American weaponry from the battlefields, where we left it and where so many Americans gave all to liberate and plan to use it against us and our allies.

This is a dangerous era in our country’s history. We can no longer depend on our government alone to protect us. This is a time, when all Americans must be vigilant and be prepared to do what we must to stop and yes, destroy this enemy that lives only for our destruction. The battle cry after that first 9/11 attack was “Never Forget”. That call now should also include ‘Be ready’.

“I succeeded by saying what everyone else is thinking” – Joan Rivers

Letter To The Editor “No One Is Their Brother’s Keeper”

As a lifelong South Boston resident, working in the human service field for over 30 years, I am speaking out in favor of Councilor Bill Linehan’s initiative to dedicate and rename our library after William M. Bulger.

“William M. Bulger Public Library”, South Boston Branch. The key word is Public. Senate President, Bill Bulger spent his entire political career as an advocate for his constituents and worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life in so many ways for so many people. He was a dedicated, resourceful, and caring gentleman who thrived on serving the general Public (even if you were not from Southie). In fact, I know Bill Bulger was instrumental in keeping branch libraries open in many communities. Not to mention instrumental with the state in keeping the L Street Bath House open during budget woes, so that the entire Public could enjoy this local treasure for years to come.

Almost everyone has an opinion about Whitey Bulger, even those from Brockton. Yet, he was someone’s son, as well as a brother. Bill was the strength and the love that his mother needed to ease her broken heart and help her face each new day. I’m sure over the last couple of decades he has talked to his brother James on occasion…..but, aid & abet…..I think not.

Southie is a proud neighborhood; we have the Joe Moakley Courthouse, Jim Kelly Bridge, Mayor Menino Pavilion, memorials and streets for our fallen heroes. The list continues on and on, and Senate President William M. Bulger, Public Library deserves to become a reality, acknowledging his many years of outstanding service to the PUBLIC!

Helen Allix,
South Boston

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We’ll start this week’s column with a correction.

A recent SBT Staff report that covered the annual L Street Night/End of Summer Beach Party at the Curley Recreation Center mistakenly stated that famous South Bostonian and world renowned chef George LoCascio prepared the delicious clam chowder that was served that night. We were mistaken. The chowder was actually made and donated by Amrhein’s Restaurant. Amrhein’s generously provides the chowder for the event every year and does a great job as anyone who has tasted it can attest. Knowing Chef LoCascio’s legendary expertise in the culinary arts, he developed his extensive talents and skills both in America and on his trips to Italy, our staff writer automatically assumed that George was the creator of said tasty chowder. While he was in fact responsible for grilling the sumptuous burgers and hot dogs that he served up that evening, alas, the credit for the chowder belongs to another. But we have no doubt, that if he had made the chowder as well, it too would have been a gourmet taste treat sure to please all.

And now I want to take this opportunity to set another record straight.

It’s election time in Massachusetts and as always, the viewing public is mercilessly bombarded by media ads for various candidates for public office. Some of these primary election spots sent accurate messages, while some can give viewers the wrong idea, to say it nicely. Among the political ads that I take issue with were a couple run by Warren Tolman, defeated candidate for Massachusetts Attorney General. In the spots in question, he attacked the National Rifle Association. The results are in. It didn’t play well. In most of America, the NRA is held in high regard. In fact, in many places, candidates for office work hard to get the organization’s endorsement. Poll after poll confirms that a majority of Americans have a positive opinion of the group. Obama, Reid and Pelosi should be so lucky. Here in Massachusetts, with its notorious kook fringe of activists that have taken over the Democratic Party leadership, that’s certainly not the case as most of our readers know. Mr. Tolman’s ads were designed to portray the NRA in a negative light; almost evil and sinister. He underestimated the number of people who don’t agree with that train of thought. I believe he did this to appeal to the high percentage of leftwing voters that turn out to vote in every low turnout primary. I’m not saying that was the only reason that Mr. Tolman lost Tuesday’s primary, but it clearly didn’t help him. Today, I write to give a different take on the NRA with a little history and several facts to go with it.

The NRA was established and incorporated in 1871 and not for the purpose you might think. It was started by Black Conservatives to train and arm for their own protection, i.e. the freed slaves who were being killed by the Ku Klux Klan. Don’t believe it? Look it up. Over the years, it has become the nation’s premier defender of the US Constitution, particularly the Second Amendment, which guarantees American citizens the right to keep and bear arms for hunting, other sports and certainly for self-defense. But, I’ll get to the self-defense part in a minute. Today, the NRA has more than 5 million members and tens of millions more, who support their goals, and it continues to grow each year. Membership includes people from all walks of life, from every demographic and age group and over the past 3 years, more than 40% of all new members joining are women. Also, among its card carrying ranks are literally tens of thousands of members of law enforcement, including police chiefs and sheriffs. Current and former US Senators and Congressmen are members and let’s not forget that former presidents Teddy Roosevelt, John F Kennedy and Ronald Reagan all were life time NRA members.

In many school districts across the country, the NRA’s Eddie Eagle gun safety program is offered and is sanctioned by local police organizations and by the school districts themselves. After the

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WGBH News Launches Yearlong Series – How Busing and Desegregation Shaped Boston Over 40 Years

Exclusive essays and interviews from former students kick off multimedia news partnership with the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism, with research contributed by the Boston Busing and Desegregation Project

WGBH News launched a yearlong multimedia news series that chronicles the impact of busing and desegregation in Boston over the last 40 years. The project will be produced in partnership with the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism at Brandeis University, with research assistance from the Boston Busing and Desegregation Project. It will include firsthand accounts from Bostonians, never-before-seen historical documents and new reporting across radio, TV and digital.

“WGBH News is excited to kick off this yearlong reporting series and present new perspectives about how this chapter in Boston’s history shaped the city today. We are excited to work together again with the Schuster Institute and bring in unique research from the Boston Busing and Desegregation Project,” said Phil Redo, general manager for WGBH Radio. “This type of comprehensive reporting is what we strive to bring local audiences in Massachusetts every day in order to help us better understand and reflect on our past and our future.”

It was 1975 when students at the Oliver W. Holmes Middle School in Dorchester sat down and wrote essays about their experience attending an integrated school in the first phase of desegregation. Brandeis professor David Cunningham discovered these essays in former Mayor Kevin White’s archives and 40 years later, WGBH senior investigative reporter Phillip Martin tracked down many of those same students to capture their thoughts on desegregating Boston’s schools and its impact on the city. Martin’s report, the first in the series from multiple reporters, aired this morning on WGBH Radio’s Morning Edition with Bob Seay. It will also air later today on All Things Considered and on WGBH 2’s Greater Boston beginning at 7pm. The essays and interviews will be available online for audiences to see and hear at WGBHNews.org and Schuster Institute Investigations.

“When Boston exploded with riots over busing, much of the national news media portrayed the city as deeply racist, a reputation that still clings to it 40 years later,” said Florence Graves, founding director of the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism. “But archival research and individual memories reveal that, even at the time, busing was never quite so simple. The Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism is pleased to partner with WGBH to offer a more nuanced and complicated account.”

WGBH News is among the fastest growing local news providers in greater Boston and draws on the talent of a multi-platform newsroom that includes 89.7 WGBH Radio, Boston’s Local NPR®, television and digital reporting. The WGBH newsroom continues to invest in substantive local coverage and has established dedicated desks for innovation, higher education and politics as well as unique partnerships to expand on that commitment, including the Schuster Institute, Boston University’s New England Center for Investigative Reporting (NECIR) and the GroundTruth Project.

About WGBH

WGBH Boston is America’s preeminent public broadcaster and the largest producer of PBS content for TV and the Web. Television channels include WGBH 2, WGBX 44, and the digital channels World and Create. WGBH Radio serves listeners across New England with 89.7 WGBH, Boston’s Local NPR®; 99.5 WCRB; and WCAI, the Cape and Islands NPR® Station. Find more information at wgbh.org.

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You don’t know how it will turn out, when you give your love to a child. A parent, relative and even sometimes a close friend are all determined to give the child every opportunity or benefit.

You don’t know if the child has any athletic ability, but you enroll them in t-ball, soccer, football, hockey and little league. All those trips to practice or games, when the morning sky is still dark, or a hot Saturday, when you really just want to lie around after the work week.

You don’t know if she might be a dancer. So, it’s endless Irish step classes and recitals.

You don’t know if the child’s fearless climbing ability points to a high steel iron worker career, or your kid is just a nut, but you encourage them with a lump in your throat, while ready to dash forward to catch them if they fall.

You don’t know if that strangely appealing blend of colors is a sign of artistic genius, or a pleasant mess your child has created, but you encourage them and hang it on the refrigerator.

You don’t know if the constant writing means a budding author or reporter. You don’t know when the film is exhausted from a throw away camera, but the child keeps pressing the flash, if the child is just amused or there might be some real photographic talent there. So you buy another camera, just in case.

You don’t know any of these things, but you know someone will do them and why not your child? As we approach the 9-11 anniversary, the T.V. channels are filled with specials about that horrible day. One special in particular resonated.

In it, as the narrator spoke, images of the towers’ destruction were in the background. Superimposed on those images was a slowly scrolling list of all those murdered in the 9-11 attack. Not only was the name Mahoney there, but last names of virtually everyone I’ve ever met in Southie or anywhere else - all of our relatives if not related by blood then by our shared Americanism.

You don’t know if it will be your child as a reporter, or a soldier, or someone simply going to work. Perhaps it is their first job with that college degree both they and you worked so hard to achieve.

You don’t know when, but, you do know that if you forget this date and those victims, it will happen again. You do know that if they’re not stopped, eventually, it will be you or your loved one. That is something we all know.

Take care till next week.
South Boston City Pointing Resident Parking 7 Day Pilot Program

EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

At the request of South Boston’s elected officials, the Boston Transportation Department will be implementing a 90 day pilot program in the City Point section of South Boston effective Friday, September 12, 2014. In accordance with the new program, the parking restrictions that are associated with the area’s Resident Parking Program will be increased from four nights a week to seven. The pilot program is intended to increase on-street parking availability for neighborhood residents.

District Two City Councilor Bill Linehan who has proposed the new regulations said, “This is a concrete step to address one of the biggest issues impacting my constituents, a lack of parking for residents. In addition to the Resident Parking Program expansion, I am continuing to work with the Boston Transportation Department on other measures. We are exploring the possibility of angled parking and 50 new resident parking spaces were just recently identified in South Boston.”

The Resident Parking Program is in effect on residential streets throughout the South Boston neighborhood. On the vast majority of these streets, the Resident Parking Only restrictions are currently in effect from 6 PM to 10 AM, beginning on Mondays at 6 PM and ending on Fridays at 10 AM. In accordance with the pilot program, these restrictions will change to 6 PM to 10 AM every night in the area bordered as follows:

- Farragut Road, both sides, between East First and Columbia Road
- East First Street, both sides, between L Street and Farragut Road
- L Street, both sides, between East First and Columbia Road
- Columbia Road, both sides, between L Street and Farragut Road.

Vehicles without a South Boston Resident Parking Permit will be allowed to park in spaces designated for Visitor Parking for a maximum of two hours from 6 PM to 10 AM daily. Currently, there are over 18,200 active South Boston Resident Parking Permits. These permits are required for vehicles to be parked in on-street parking spaces designated for South Boston Resident Parking Only. To receive a South Boston Resident Parking Permit the vehicle must be registered and principally garaged in South Boston. The vehicle registration and a current utility bill, major credit card bill, or other proof of residency, bearing the same name and address as on the registration, must be presented at the Office of the Parking Clerk, Room 224 in Boston City Hall when applying for the permit. All overdue City of Boston parking tickets must be paid before a permit will be issued. For complete program information, please visit www.cityofboston.gov/Parking/residentparking/students.asp.

Monahan Selected For International Leadership Role

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 103 Business Manager Michael P. Monahan announced today he is leaving his post at the 7,500-member union to become an International Representative with the IBEW’s 2nd District. Monahan, a Dorchester resident and Boston Redevelopment Authority board member, became Local 103’s chief executive in 2003 after serving as a business agent for eight years. He earned his electrical license in 1986 and is credited with making Local 103 one of the region’s most respected labor organizations. At Local 103, Monahan is a principal negotiator for 50-plus collective bargaining agreements and helps oversee over $1 billion in member benefit funds.

“Michael is a fierce advocate for responsible construction who meets every challenge with vigor,” said IBEW International President Edwin D. Hill. “For many years, he has been one of the IBEW’s most highly-regarded visionaries, always on the cusp of innovation as it relates to the electrical industry. I am excited a person of his caliber accepted this promotion to implement his trailblazing initiatives regionally.”

One of the most recognizable personalities in Greater Boston’s business community, Monahan was the driving force behind rebranding Local 103 as the region’s premier source for electrical and telecommunications construction. Despite shrinking organized labor growth nationwide and a brutal economic recession, he grew Local 103’s membership roster, market share and campus footprint to record levels. Monahan also gained respect and credibility from general contractors, developers and lawmakers throughout Massachusetts with his sophistication and tenacious business development efforts.

“I leave Local 103 with enormous pride for what my team has and will continue to accomplish,” said Monahan, the Labor Guild’s 2007 Cushing-Gavin Award recipient. “As a fourth-generation IBEW member, I have an unwavering commitment to serve my union when called upon. My new job will enable me to facilitate advancement on a larger scale so future tradespeople can attain rewarding careers.”

Monahan’s final day at Local 103 will be September 22. The 2nd District, led by International Vice President Frank Carroll, covers 40,000-plus IBEW members and over 50 local unions across New England.

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About the Schuster Institute

The Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism at Brandeis University is an independent reporting center dedicated to high-quality, in-depth investigative reporting that educates and informs policymakers and the public. Its central focus is on finding and exposing systemic violations of social justice and human rights locally, nationally, and internationally.

About the Boston Busing and Desegregation Project

The Boston Busing and Desegregation Project (BBDP) is a project of the Union of Minority Neighborhoods (UMN), which developed out of a need to revisit the period of busing and desegregation in Boston. By gathering knowledge from written history, individuals and communities, BBDP’s goal is to move past old misunderstandings, build on successes and shared values, and acknowledge the many forms of truth about this history and its impact. The project includes the staff of UMN, a steering committee, a learning network, a local and national advisory group and partnering organizations committed to research, analysis and dialogue to understand our history of busing and desegregation and its impact on our public education system and city today.
Brett Sworn In As Member Of President’s Committee

ew England Council President & CEO James T. Brett was sworn in as a member of the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID) during a ceremony at the U.S. Department of Health in Human Services in Washington, DC. In July 2014, President Barack Obama has announced Mr. Brett’s reappointment to the committee. Mr. Brett served a two-year term as the Committee’s Chairman from 2011 to 2013, and previously served on PCPID from 2002 to 2006, under President George W. Bush.

“I am honored and humbled to have been selected by President Obama to once again serve on the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities,” Mr. Brett said. “Advocacy for people with intellectual disabilities is a cause that is near and dear to my heart, and I look forward to the opportunity to work with other members of the committee to offer guidance and advice to the President how we can continue to create opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities.”

Mr. Brett, a Dorchester resident, has served as the President & CEO of the New England Council, a non-partisan business organization representing businesses throughout the six New England states, since 1996. Prior to joining the Council, he served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for over 15 years. Throughout his career, Mr. Brett has been an outspoken and tireless advocate for people with intellectual disabilities. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Massachusetts Governor’s Commission on Intellectual Disability, and President of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health. Mr. Brett is a member of the Board of Directors of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, the Rodman Ride for Kids. Mr. Brett serves as a member of the Home Base Program’s Leadership Council, and Bay Cove Human Services, Inc.’s Board of Advocates.

Mr. Brett’s humanitarian work has been recognized by a number of organizations, including Easter Seals, the Disability Law Center, The Price Center, Bridgewell, Action for Boston Community Development, Massachusetts Special Olympics, and Community Resources for Justice. In 1996, Bay Cove Human Services of Boston named a new community home for disabled adults “Brett House” in named his honor. In 2009 and 2011, the Boston Red Sox invited him to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at Fenway Park in recognition of his national contributions in support of people with intellectual disabilities. Last year, the University of Massachusetts Boston established the James T. Brett Chair in Disability and Workforce Development, the nation’s only endowed chair in disability and workforce development.

The mission of the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities is to provide advice and assistance to the President of the United States and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on a broad range of topics that impact people with intellectual disabilities and the field of Intellectual Disabilities. The Committee’s goal is to improve the quality of life that is experienced by people with intellectual disabilities, by upholding their full citizenship rights, independence, self-determination, and life-long participation in their respective communities.

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to the decision making process of the ‘independent’ voter, even though the women vote is strong.

Coakley, the Democratic front-runner, held off a surging state Treasurer Steve Grossman and former Obama health official Don Berwick, after polling ahead for months, sometimes by as many as 30 points. Still haunted by her 2010 U.S. Senate loss to Scott Brown, Coakley has been dogged by doubts about whether she could finally unite a party still wary of her ability to keep the governor’s office in the Democrats’ hands. Now, she will vie to become the state’s first elected female governor atop a woman-dominated ticket that includes fellow Democratic nominees Maura Healey for attorney general, Deb Goldberg for treasurer and incumbent State Auditor Suzanne Bump.

“We are united as a party,” Coakley told a cheering crowd at her election night party, where she was introduced by Gov. Deval Patrick. “You have sent a powerful message that the insiders ... the super PACs, they are not going to decide this election. ... The election will be decided by hard-working men and women and families that just want a fair shot, who want to build an economy on our terms.”

For his part, Baker has projected a kinder, gentler image following his own loss four years ago, when he earned a reputation of an “angry” candidate in his defeat to Governor Patrick.

Pundits seem to agree that he’s succeeded thus far, but it will be tested over the next several weeks. His large margin victory over Tea Party candidate Mark Fisher was expected. However, it was overshadowed by a feisty Democratic primary that made headlines. Nonetheless, it allowed Baker to build an impressive $1.2 million war chest which, when combined with running mate Karyn Polito, gives him a substantial financial edge, super PACs notwithstanding.

With so much at stake, it is assumed that both sides with find that super PAC money will target weaknesses and flood television and other media with negative advertising. Politics will join the Patriots, the World Series and the start of the Bruins and Celtics season and round out our sports spectrum through the next seven weeks. Let the games begin!

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Guest Speaker
Brigadier General Francis M. McGinn, USA
Assistant Adjutant Mass National Guard
South Boston Vietnam Memorial 33rd Anniversary

The South Boston Vietnam Memorial Committee extends an invitation to the South Boston Community and friends to attend the Thirty-Third Anniversary of the South Boston Vietnam Memorial on Sunday, September 14, 2014. We dedicate this year’s ceremony in memory of Major General Harold Greene our 2010 Guest of Honor, who was killed in Afghanistan, August 5, 2015.

33 years ago, the promise we made to the 25 of our fallen friends and to the community as a whole, were realized. The people of South Boston were among the very first to recognize the sacrifice the Vietnam Veterans made in the name of freedom. We will forever be proud of this.

The people of South Boston built that monument. Building it, however, was only half of the pledge we made to ourselves. The other half is inscribed across the face of the memorial: If you forget my death, then I died in vain.

The days’ activities will begin with a Memorial Mass at St. Brigid’s Church at 10:30 am followed by the rededication ceremony at Medal of Honor Park at 11:30 am. Our guest speaker will be Brigadier General Francis M. McGinn, USA Assistant Adjutant Massachusetts National Guard.

Please join us on this special day of remembrance.

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Please join us for a project update and to hear agency heads from the sponsoring organizations discuss their priorities and listen to your ideas.

**September 18, 2014 at 6:00 PM**
**District Hall, 75 Northern Avenue, Boston**

Visit our website, [www.SBwaterfrontmobility.org](http://www.SBwaterfrontmobility.org), to learn more about the project. Sign up for emails and tell us what’s important to you.

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Need more information? Call the Community Services Dept. at 617-989-7000.
Massport Awards Annual Butler, Richards and Rauseo Memorial Scholarships
South Boston Graduate Receives $5,000 Award

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) announced the recipient of the annual scholarships honoring the memories of Tommy Butler, the long-time Massport Director of Government and Community Affairs and son of South Boston; Lowell Richards, Massport’s strategic and master planning activities, including the airports and the seaport, as well as the agency’s private commercial and residential real estate development in South Boston, East Boston, and Charlestown; Donna Rauseo of East Boston and was for more than 20 years the executive assistant to former CEO Thomas J. Kinton, Jr.

The $5,000 Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship was awarded to South Boston resident Stephen Powers and is awarded annually to a student, who resides in South Boston, is graduating from high school and has been accepted to an accredited college or university. Powers is a graduate of the Boston Latin School, volunteers his time with South Boston Pop Warner as an Assistant Coach and is currently employed at the South Boston Boys & Girls Club. He will be attending UMass Amherst and is interested in political science. In his essay, Powers said he sees “political science heavily tying into community work and service because if you believe in something that you want to fight for on a political scale, you need to completely understand it, and immerse yourself in the situations of others.”

“He is a worthy recipient of this special scholarship that honors our dear friend and community leader Tommy Butler. I congratulate Stephen on this exciting achievement.”

“We are very pleased to award Stephen with the Thomas J. Butler Scholarship. He has shown a commitment to following in Tommy’s footsteps with his community service and we wish him the best of luck. His commitment to his community as a volunteer coach and a mentor epitomizes what we were looking for when we established the scholarship in memory of our friend and colleague Tommy Butler,” said Massport CEO Thomas P. Glynn.

The 2014 Lowell Richards III Memorial Scholarship was awarded to South Boston resident Vivian Morris. Morris is a graduate of the Boston Collegiate Charter School where she held 4.42 GPA. Morris will be attending Smith College and she is interested in studying Government. As a member of the Mayor’s Youth Council, Vivian coordinated several Youth Fitness Challenges to get young people excited about fitness opportunities and healthy lifestyles. She also spearheaded a project called Youth Lead the Change: Participatory Budgeting in Boston, the first youth focused democratic process of its kind in the nation. Vivian worked hard to get young people in the community to buy in, submit ideas, and eventually vote on how $1million of the city’s capital budget would be spent to make Boston even better for youth and residents.

To be considered for these scholarships in 2015 please visit: www.massport.com/scholarships for eligibility requirements.

Community Service Opportunity - Curley “Homework Help” Club

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How is your strengths! Looking for responsible, motivated and qualified High School seniors and juniors who would like to fulfill their school’s Community Service requirements in a fun, fast-paced, educational setting comprised of 3rd to 6th graders at the BCYF Curley Community Center, 1663 Columbia Road, South Boston.

High school volunteers are needed on Mondays through Thursdays from 2:30PM-5:30PM with a start date of mid-late September to assist with homework, offer tutoring, and work individually with students using the BrainPOP and BrainPOP Espanol educational software in the computer lab.

On Fridays, volunteers can also gain hours by participating with student members in various indoor/outdoor fitness and athletic beach events. Please contact Youth Worker Barbara Kelly at Barbara.Kelly@boston.gov or call the Curley Community Center at (617)635-5105 to set up an appointment.
Youth Ambassador Fall Semester Meetings Begin!

The South Boston Community Health Center is pleased to announce that the first Youth Ambassador meeting of the fall semester will be held Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. The location of the meeting is the South Boston Community Health Center, 409 West Broadway 3rd Floor. Youth ages 12 – 16 are encouraged to attend the meetings to learn more about participating in community service projects, health related trainings and art based activities that engage youth in the life of the South Boston community.

Youth Ambassadors are a group of teens that make a difference in South Boston by engaging in community service work, public art projects and peer health education. The Youth Ambassador meetings will be held every Tuesday, September – December, 2014. This year Youth Ambassadors will be involved in a wide variety of activities and trainings that will promote living a healthier life. In addition, this semester the Youth Ambassadors will be planning our 10th Annual Community Day scheduled for November 2014.

Applications to become a Youth Ambassador will be accepted for two weeks, at the September 16 and 23th meetings. If you would like more information about the Youth Ambassador program please contact Mayra Rodriguez-Howard (617) 464-7423 or Linda Doran (617) 464-7463, at the South Boston Community Health Center.

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Newtown, Connecticut shootings, the only organization with the courage to come up with a reality based workable plan was the NRA. They advocated arming of security guards in schools. The idea was scoffed at and condemned by critics, until schools around the nation followed NRA’s advice. The schools that did have not been targets – not even a one of them. And contrary to what the opposition tries to mislead with, NRA is a staunch advocate for keeping guns out of the hands of criminals. They have an impressive and successful record on this and that record is public.

And now to the self-defense part. All Americans are now aware that Obama has thrown open the Southern border and tens of thousands are swarming into our country illegally. National security experts, the border patrol and members of our military brass, both retired and active, have stated that along with armed drug cartels and gang members, terrorists can and are coming in, of whom they believe include members of ISIS.

We all know what they are coming here for. They’re coming for us. And now, millions more Americans than ever see the importance of our Second Amendment and the NRA’s unwavering stand of preserving our right to keep and bear arms for the protection of our lives, our families and our homeland. This is backed up by recent surveys. So when politicians attempt to vilify the NRA for the purpose of pandering to their ‘progressive’ base, again I remind them, what might have worked but didn’t this time in a primary to a relatively small number of voters will be less effective in the finals, even in this state, when many more clear thinking people go to the polls.

I’ve met with Warren Tolman. I had coffee with him at Mul’s Restaurant and asked him many questions. He seems a good and decent man. Some of his ideas I agree with, many I do not. We all have the right to our own views. But in good conscience, I cannot and won’t sit quietly by, when he or any other candidate or politician, and I mean ANY of them, attacks an American organization made up of millions of patriotic and loyal countrymen and women.
In my position as league commissioner, I took the time to set up a schedule for the finals that would have had both series playing on the same nights during the week. Regardless of the series length, both would have been over in five dates. Avoiding Labor Day, both were set to begin on Tuesday, September 2nd and continue through Thursday of that same week and then if necessary, complete the series the following Monday and Tuesday.

Following that schedule, the Feeney division finals between STATS and The Playwright kept with the script and will complete their series by Tuesday. On the other hand, the Lucas division games play on both teams (Shenannigans and Outpost) scheduled to work on rescheduling the games. However, when trying to so both coaches made it nearly impossible with each stating that a given night didn’t work for their club. After going back and forth through text messages and some “heated” phone calls, a five game schedule was finally agreed upon. Let’s just hope the long layoff doesn’t take away the intensity and pressure that these games should be played under.

Feeney Finals - STATS vs. The Playwright

Game 1: STATS 12 - The Playwright 3

Mark Preziosi and Bill Davis supplied the power as STATS jolted Playwright 12-3, to take a 1-0 series lead in the first ever Bucky Feeney (“B”) division championship in the M Street Softball League. Pitcher Jack Atton (7 hits, 3 earned runs, in his 7 innings of work) got all the run support he would need for the night in the first inning. Mike Blanchard was aboard on a leadoff single when second batter, player/coach Bill Davis, stepped into one and sent it deep to right center. Both men scored, giving STATS a 2-0 lead. Preziosi followed with a double, and when Pat Donovan flew to right, he tagged up and went to third. The throw eluded the third baseman and Preziosi went home, 3-0. Matt Clifford then singled to left, the ball got by, and he ended up on third, scoring on Eric MacDonald’s grounder, to give STATS the four runs they needed to win the game.

Playwright came back in the bottom of the inning, scoring twice. With two outs, Scott Tarentino and Mike Comtois drew walks then Mike Broderick doubled them home. That was all they’d put on the board until the sixth inning, when Jack Rogers (3 for 3) scored on a Joe Broderick single. Between Playwright’s scores, it was time for the popular “Mark Preziosi show”.

With two more runs already in, Preziosi stepped to the plate in the second inning with a man on and proceeded to belt one high into the trees in left center, making it 8-2. Then, in his next at-bat in the fourth inning, once again with one on, he put one where no trees would impede the ball’s flight, cranking it over the fence in straightaway left. That made it 10-2 and pretty much salted the game away. STATS added two more runs in the fifth and Atton allowed only two hits over the final three innings to close it.

Game 2: The Playwright 11 - STATS 6

Playwright evened up their championship series with STATS at one apiece with a convincing 11-6 victory. Despite the six runs scored by STATS, Peter Drummey earned the win with a five-hit effort.
Knowles had been running hard two outs in the inning, an alert and it fell cleanly for a hit. With couldn’t decide who would take it and third baseman Pat Donovan popped up for what should have never expect. Scott Tarentino fly. Shane Knowles doubled then Comtois drove them home and then the best of five series.

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Game 3: Playwright II - STATS 7

Playwright scored a bunch early, held serve late, and took a 2-1 lead in the best of five series.

In the bottom of the first, after the first two runners reached base, Mike Comtois drove them home and then scored on Sean Morgan’s sacrifice fly. Shane Knowles doubled then came one of those plays that you never expect. Scott Tarentino popped up for what should have been the third out, but pitcher Jay Atton, shortstop Mark Preziosi and third baseman Pat Donovan couldn’t decide who would take it and it fell cleanly for a hit. With two outs in the inning, an alert Knowles had been running hard around the bases and scored on the play making it 4-0 Playwright.

After STATS got one of those runs back in the top of the second, Playwright plated three more in the bottom of the inning. A bases loaded walk to Knowles scored the first one, a grounder to first scored number two, and then Tarentino singled to drive in another, 7-1 Playwright.

Mark Preziosi continued his power show, stroking one into the trees in deep center in the fourth. It was his third home run of this series, but only reduced the Playwright lead to 10-4 in the sixth, and then 11-6 in the seventh but it wasn’t be as The Playwright is just a win away from capturing the championship.

Lucas Finals - Shenannigans vs. Southside Tavern

Game 1 – Monday, September 08 @ 845
Game 2 – Tuesday, September 09 @ 845
Game 3 – Thursday, September 11 @ 845
Game 4 – Tuesday, September 16 @ 630
Game 5 – Tuesday, September 16 @ 830

As always, supporting fans can get more league news through our website (www.sbsports.com), on Facebook (M Street Softball), 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!
DANNY PICARD: Tom Brady shaved his beard after the Patriots’ Week 1 loss in Miami. I was watching that second half against the Dolphins, and I was saying the same thing, “Listen, Tom, go home, shave the beard, get rid of that thing, and let’s start anew.” Because it’s going to have to be a whole lot better than what we saw -- in that second half at least -- against Miami.

JERRY THORNTON: It looked amazing, by the way. But, clearly, if it brought him luck, then yeah you keep it. It reminded me when I was a kid, the Sox had a slugger that they got from the Houston Astros named Bob Watson who used to have a rabbit’s foot on his belt when he batted. I went to the plate in Little league, had a rabbit’s foot on my belt, struck out on three pitches, pulled it off and never did it again. So yeah, I hope Brady goes by Gisele’s wishes and keeps that thing gone for good. But yeah, as they said in Full Metal Jacket, that game was ugly enough to be a modern art masterpiece. And it was just frustrating on every level, because they just got out-physically, they got out-played, they were out-schemed. There’s no one that you can really point to and say, “At least this guy stepped up.” The least of all, Brady -- who missed open guys, wasn’t sensing pressure, never made adjustments. It was butt-ugly.

DP: I think it’s important to talk about the pressure put on Brady, because there was a whole lot of pressure on him. And you know what people are going to point to. They’re going to point to the Logan Mankins trade. And while there were a couple times where some guys got in on that left side, past the left guard -- and I think a couple times it was Cannon that got burnt in that spot -- but for the most part, Cameron Wake was causing chaos back there, but he was coming from the other side. He was coming from Brady’s front side. So how do you look at that pressure, and do you look at the offensive line situation and say that was the biggest issue? And do you think that can be fixed moving forward.

JT: Yeah, it began with them, and it certainly didn’t end with them. And it certainly didn’t begin and end with Logan Mankins not being there. As I wrote on Barstool, Mankins could have been there wearing the ring of power and carrying the ark of the covenant in his arms, and they still weren’t going to win that game. It was a weird thing that I just never remember them doing, it’s really rare in any level of football, where, they rotated guys in and out of the offensive line constantly. They do that in some areas of the field, but that’s with defensive linemen and receivers, obviously. But offensive lines require a certain amount of continuity. That’s why you tend to see those guys lead the league in snaps every year because they’re out there on every single down, the same five guys, everybody knowing what their assignment is. And as much as Cameron Wake and guys all around that line were creating havoc, they did it against everybody. Wake quick-twitched Michael Hoomanawanui and blew right past him. He really anticipated the snap count. In the middle of the game, they were switching between Wendell and Connolly at center, and at one point, both of those guys were out there, and the Dolphins ran a twist on them and sent a guy in untouched. Nate Solder got blown by. There was nobody who was the hero in all this. And I found it really curious that they just kept mixing and matching. Jordan Devey was playing right guard one snap, and then he was playing right tackle the next. I don’t know what the thinking was, whether that’s because guys were ineffective, or because they were trying to deal with the heat, or what. But I mean, you might not see that again ever, and frankly I hope that you don’t. When you’re putting that many guys out there, that tells me that you don’t have five guys you can count on.

DP: When I look at this second half against the Dolphins, it kind of scared me a little bit to the point where, it brought me flashbacks of the first half of last year’s AFC Championship in Denver, where Brady was overthrowing some open guys, and you saw that in Miami especially late, and the frustration was kicking in. They couldn’t get anywhere near Tannehill, sort of like how we looked back at the AFC Championship and said that Peyton Manning didn’t even have to wash his jersey going into the Super Bowl. And there was also something else that reminded me of the last Dolphins game against the Patriots, last year, I think it was Week 15 in Miami, in which the Dolphins won that game. I can remember breaking that down and saying that there were plays, defensively, that the Patriots could have made. There were tackles they could have made. And it was frustrating [on Sunday], especially with Moreno. And I want to give him credit, because we know how good of a running back Moreno is. But there were a lot of times where the Patriots had the opportunity to make that initial tackle on him, and for whatever reason they couldn’t do it. Now you go to the Moreno touchdown with three-and-a-half minutes left in the game. And keep in mind, the Dolphins...
That's a huge difference from it being game with three-and-a-half minutes left.

JT: I know exactly what you’re talking about. Wilfork penetrated. It was one of those few battles he won up front on the day. You’re right, they had the play stuffed, and then Moreno got to the goal line, and I want to say it was Mayo and Jamie Collins and McCourt were all there, and he just blasted through. He saves his best football for the Patriots, there’s no question. He is the monster under their bed, without a doubt. But this is no excuse. You finally are there to make a play and you don’t tackle. As much as we all like to scheme football, and I love it complicated, and I like looking at what coaches do. But ultimately it’s blocking and tackling. No matter what else you do, if you’re not blocking and you’re not tackling, it doesn’t matter what you drew up on the white board the day before, you’re going to get your junk kicked in the dirt. And that’s exactly what happened. And against, by the way, an offensive line in Miami that has five new starters.

DP: Now that you’ve had [Sunday night] to sleep on this game, a 33-20 loss in Miami, when you look at all the factors combined, what’s the one thing that you look at the most and say, this needs to change more than anything else for the Patriots to bounce back and bounce back strong against Minnesota in Week 2? JT: The O-line, I think it all kind of begins and ends with that. They just looked slow, they were missing reads. For crying out loud, on the blocked punt, Miami only sent six guys and the Patriots were blocking with eight. So, we’ve seen it before, where, an offensive line can make up for a lot of shortcomings that a team can have. But if you don’t have one, you have no chance, zero chance of being good. And again, that doesn’t mean that I didn’t support the Mankins trade. I kind of laughed at the outrage about it, because what ever happened to, “Brady needs more weapons, he needs playmakers”? Well, they traded an aging left guard for a 24-year-old guy with tremendous upside. I supported that trade. But, if they don’t settle down and settle down fast, then this team is just not going to go anywhere.

DP: I supported the Mankins trade too. And I think there might have been a couple different situations in which maybe Mankins would have made a little bit of a difference against the Dolphins. But, look, even though I supported the Mankins trade, I never expected the offensive line to come out in Week 1 and be a better offensive line. But I think long-term, I expect that to improve. Because I just think that that can be improved upon. What you’re asking those guys to do is execute a blocking scheme. And they’ll tell you, that’s a unit up front. So, you have to get those guys together, they have to get reps, and they have to get in-game reps in the regular season. I expect the offensive line to improve. And I look at that as maybe being the glaring issue in Week 1, outside of, defensively I thought they missed some easy tackles that ended up turning into big running plays for the Dolphins. But before I let you go, Jerry, just to bring up Tom Brady again. He missed some targets in Miami. And as much as there was a ton of pressure on him, how much of the blame are we putting on him? And did you see anything in his struggles that might have been related to the calf injury that everybody talked about going into the game?

JT: He definitely deserves some of the blame. When guys are open, you’ve got to hit them. There was one play in particular, where it was a corner route, and Edelman was behind his guy, and Brady threw it like he expected him to go deep, and Edelman took kind of a more shallow-flat angle. I’m not just going to say that’s on Edelman, because Brady has to read the same thing he is. It might have just been an off-target throw, to which there was a lot. But it looked like he just couldn’t step up into the pocket because it was collapsing on him. And he didn’t adapt. They were killing them early on with just quick outs and bubbles and flats and curls, because they were getting soft coverage. And once Miami’s defensive line started getting the upper hand, the Patriots went completely away from the quick plays that were working. I’ll take the standard Patriots line that everybody’s in this together, and that they’re all to blame equally, but clearly Brady needs to step up his game. You can’t miss open guys upstairs and expect to win.

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