There Is Nothing More Patriotic Than Protest

An event and story, reported by the Associated Press, has highlighted the discourse over what we at this newspaper consider a fundamental democratic principle – the right to challenge the status quo openly and without fear of reprisal. According to an AP report, the following protest occurred on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 in Arvada, Colorado. The message being expressed, regardless of one’s own personal belief, is a refreshing affirmation of the ‘revolutionary’ spirit upon which this nation was founded and the principles upon which the Constitution was not only enacted, but which has endured the tests of time. Here is the report with minor edits.

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SBT Staff Report

This past week Lieutenant General Robert Donohue and U. S. Army veteran Frank Kelley were laid to rest.

Beginning as an enlisted man the 1950’s Bobby left Southie and carved out a career that elevated him to the highest ranking Army officer in South Boston history. He also surrounded himself with a loving family that produced Generals and business executives. He looked upon his selection as guest speaker at the South Boston Viet Nam Memorial as a career highlight and honor.

Frank Kelley returned from his service to raise his family. He immediately became involved in veterans affairs and last was a member of the Paul J. Saunders Post. Frank is probably best known and remembered as the man who saw to the cooking of all these turkeys for the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners at St. Augustine’s and later St. Monica’s.

The General has been laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery surrounded by family and comrades and back home in Southie we gather to say Goodbye to Frank.

If an editorial is to make you think, please think and remember two men who truly left the world a better place than they found it.

“A people who’s primary aims are driving, shopping, TV [and social media] are subject to terrorism at anytime” - Stephen Deitz
Before liberal college professors and some grade school administrators started rewriting our nation’s past, our American History lessons taught most of us that one of the main reasons American Patriots gave the British the boot during our (1st) Revolutionary War was something called ‘Taxation without Representation’. Remember that? Well, some Massachusetts state politicians might not be wearing red uniforms or carrying muskets but old King George had nothing on many of those who consider the state house their own royal palace.

The November election is just a few weeks away and Question #1 on the ballot will give voters a chance to help put a stop to some of the antics of our fee hiking dictators who look upon the taxpayers of this state as their personal ATM machines - machines that they believe should have no limit to how often withdrawals can be made or the amount to be taken. Most of us are aware that they passed an increase on the gas tax not too long ago, but this hike is like no other so far. This hike is an automatic increase, each and every year, linked to inflation. If this thing isn’t repealed this coming election; by voting YES (for repeal) on Question 1, the tax on every gallon of gasoline will go up year after year and the politicians will not even have to vote to raise it anymore. It eliminates the voter’s input completely i.e.: Taxation without Representation: How convenient, how clever, how slick…

Right now, the tax on every gallon of gas comes with a state tax of 26.5 cents in addition to the federal tax per gallon of 18.4 cents tacked on to the high price of the fuel itself. If Question 1 is defeated, there will be virtually no limit as to how much it will increase. As was mentioned here last week, they are constantly trying to raise taxes; often by threatening that a gas tax hike will be necessary, if they are not given the increases on all the other taxes that they want. But they consistently get those hikes and now are raising the gas tax anyway. Do they lie to the voters? Yes, there’s no nice way to put it and I see no need to sugar coat it.

Some at the state house, the governor chief among them, think/ hope that voters are idiots. Like snake oil salesmen of the old west, they can give us a phony sales pitch and we’ll buy it. We can’t really blame them, since it so often works. They come at us with a barrage of misleading TV, radio and online ads that attempt to scare the heck out of people; pretty much threatening that civilization as we know it will end, if we don’t vote to keep the tax hike. This year will be no different. They are about to launch a $1 Million media blitz to do just that. They are as predictable as they believe we are dumb. They’ll tell us that, if they don’t get to keep their automatic gas tax hike, our roads and bridges will fall apart and our families will be put in peril. The only thing missing from the consequences they’ll warn of will be Godzilla rising out of Boston Harbor. But, you might ask, where has all the money from the existing gas tax and tolls meant to keep the infrastructure in good repair gone? Where indeed?

In the last year alone, tolls have been reinstated, the Registry of Motor Vehicles has raised fees by 20% and they’ve raised a variety of other taxes. But they STILL want more. The last time the gas tax was raised, much of those funds that were raised from the increase, which were designated for road repair, were diverted from those repairs. Are we that naïve as to believe it won’t happen again? Unfortunately, some voters are and that’s exactly what those at the state house are again hoping for this time.

Folks, many of our Massachusetts pols have a tax problem. Like television vampires craving blood, they are never satisfied and need to keep coming back for more. Most of us know this. But this automatic hike is the epitome of arrogance. This time, without ever again having to go on record as having raised this tax, it goes up by itself through linkage with no end. If the voters of this state allow this to happen, it will be open season. There will be no end to the tax hiking frenzy that Massachusetts is notorious for. No one can tell anyone how they must vote.

In America, we have a choice. But to break it down in a few words, if you want to allow them to just keep raising the tax on gasoline automatically every year, with voters having no say, which will have the domino effect of causing everything else, including groceries and other necessities to rise, you will do their bidding and vote NO to keep it this way. If you want to have some control over how high this tax will go and how your money is spent, you vote YES on Question #1 to repeal this thing. It’s that simple.
Jacqueline McDonough and Eric Merner exchanged their wedding vows on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Gate of Heaven Church with the reception following at the Hyatt Boston Harbor Hotel. Best wishes to the newlyweds!

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As reported, hundreds of students walked out of classrooms around suburban Denver in protest over a school board proposal to focus history education on topics that promote citizenship, patriotism and respect for authority, in a show of civil disobedience that the new standards would aim to downplay. The youth protest, in the state’s second-largest school district, follows a sick-out from teachers that shut down two high schools in the politically and economically diverse area that has become a key political battleground.

Student participants said their demonstration was organized by word of mouth and social media. Many waved American flags and carried signs, including messages that read “There is nothing more patriotic than protest.” “I don’t think my education should be censored. We should be able to know what happened in our past,” said Tori Leu, a 17-year-old student who protested at Ralston Valley High School in Arvada.

The school board proposal that triggered the walkouts in Jefferson County references the use of instructional materials that present positive aspects of the nation and its heritage. It would establish a committee to regularly review texts and course plans, starting with Advanced Placement history, to make sure materials “promote citizenship, patriotism, essentials and benefits of the free-market system, respect for authority and respect for individual rights” and don’t “encourage or condone civil disorder, social strike or disregard of the law.”

The proposal from Julie Williams, part of the board’s conservative majority, has met with some of the students who took office in November. The other two board members were elected in 2011 and oppose the new plan, which was drafted in response to a national framework for teaching history that supports say encourages discussion and critical thinking. Detractors, however, say it puts an outsize emphasis on the nation’s problems.

Superintendent Dan McMinimee has met with some of the students and renewed his offer to continue discussions on the issue. “I respect the right of our students to express their opinions in a peaceful manner,” he said. “I do, however, prefer that our students stay in class.”

While it is a practice of the editor and publisher of South Boston Today to oftentimes present a conservative point of view, the underlying principle guiding both the opinions and range of news reporting being published here is that of respecting the Constitution and welcoming cogent dissenting opinions.

We are reminded by the Colorado high school students, no less, of both the power and liberty that the Constitution imparts. It is up to us to exercise each prudently and justly.

Message from Deb Goldberg
-Candidate for Treasurer

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for putting your trust in me to be the Democratic nominee for Treasurer of Massachusetts. The tremendous support I received in South Boston helped us win by an overwhelming margin across the city and the state. We stood together to give every woman, man, and family a fair shot to get ahead in a tough economy.

With your help, in the next couple of weeks we will continue to spread our message of creating economic stability and economic security for every Massachusetts family.

Thank you for believing in me. We have more work ahead, and I look forward to seeing you out on the campaign trail soon! Best wishes, Deb
O n the few occasions this column delves into the sports world complaints from readers, who are focused on world or local events, invariably follow. Considering that with Dan Picard, Conor Ryan, David Pollard and Mark Senna, this paper already boasts four of the top sports analysts in any locale, that angle is already well covered. However, the events of the last two weeks in the NFL and the sports world have obviously spilled over into the dialogue of our everyday society.

The day after the Baltimore Ravens’ Ray Rice affair, while all the media was still occupied with it, little notice was given to the announcement that the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) had reduced the four year ban on bowl games against Penn State. You might remember, SMU did not qualify for a bowl game for the next 25 years. Their great teams and bowl games went on to produce great defenses, which means big T.V. money and the effect on the betting line is already well covered.

Penn State, you might remember, had the defensive coach caught taking a shower with a minor male child at campus athletic facilities. After his arrest and during his trial, it was revealed that several incidents over the years had been “quietly resolved”. In fact, it turned out that the coach was openly and constantly in the company of young minor boys. Nobody ever noticed or at least no one ever said anything. After all this, the coach produced great defenses, which means great teams and bowl games. All of which translates to money. Child abuse might be terrible, but as far as the NCAA and Penn State were and are concerned, it has nothing to do with the football program.

Consider Southern Methodist University (SMU) “Mustangs” football program. They were found guilty of academic and payout violations that allowed them to put great teams on the field. The NCAA verdict was called “the death penalty”. Four years with no bowl games means the “Blue-Chip” high school players go elsewhere. The great teams and bowl games go with them. SMU did not qualify for a bowl game for the next 25 years. Their crime was the greatest of all because it threatened the confidence of the gamblers. Again, money.

Now we have this convoluted or conflicted contradictory Roger Goodell. He has increased his original two game suspension of Ray Rice to indefinite suspension, after the release of a second video tape showing Rice punch his fiancé knocking her out. The first video, back in March, showed Rice callously dragging the unconscious woman from the elevator. Based on that, Commissioner Goodell held a hearing, took testimony and suspended Rice. However the outrage caused by the second video led to the indefinite Rice suspension, an action that raised more questions. The NFL and Goodell claim never to have seen the second tape.

The police meanwhile not only sent the NFL a copy of the tape in April, but have a voice recording acknowledging receipt of the tape by an NFL employee. Furthermore, Rice claims he admitted to Goodell at the hearing that he punched his wife, which undermines Goodell’s claim that he never knew of a punch until viewing the second tape.

Even without the second tape, or even the Rice testimony, what did Goodell think happened to the unconscious woman? That she fainted? She was drunk? She tripped and struck her head? That Ray Rice was administering aid by rolling her limp body over with his feet? Or more likely, was Goodell weighing the obvious, but unseen punches against the effect on the betting line with a prolonged absence of Ray Rice? Money, as always, may have been the real motivation.

Is it Roger Sandusky or Jerry Rice? Adrian Rice or Ray Peterson? The NFL should create a program so we can tell which weasel is which and who is guilty of which crime?

Note: talk back to Brian by email at bmahoney@southbostontoday.com
Archdiocese’s New Collaborative Plan For South Boston

There are many questions being asked about the Boston Archdiocese new Collaborative Plan and how it will impact South Boston’s Roman Catholic Parishes. South Boston Today spoke with Sister Pat Boyle, CSF who is the Assistant Director for the Office of Pastoral Planning for the Archdiocese of Boston, and is authorized to speak for Cardinal O’Malley on such matters. Sister Pat was kind enough to answer all questions regarding the upcoming Phase 3 of the plan.

First, Sister Pat wanted to calm any concerns about rumors that may be circulating about closing of neighborhood Churches. “No church will be closed; all will stay open.” What will happen is that all of South Boston’s Roman Catholic Churches will be divided into two ‘collaborates’. One will remain the way it is now. Saint Bridgid and Gate of Heaven will stay together as one collaborative while Saint Vincent, Saint Monica/Saint Augustine and Saint Peter will be combined to make the other. And again, Sister Pat Boyle stressed that no churches will be closing.

In regard to the status of local pastors, as this process dictates, all current pastors will be asked to resign the posts they hold now and will be allowed to reapply to stay in South Boston if they choose to do so. The number of pastors will be cut from the three here now to only two; one for each of the two collaborates. The final say as to where the pastors go; whether relocated to other areas or remain in South Boston will ultimately be decided by Cardinal O’Malley but consideration will be given to the pastors themselves if/when they request to stay local. If new pastors are selected for the South Boston Collaborates, they will arrive in January and the current pastors will stay on until June to help their replacements with the transition. This new pastoral plan allows for all pastors to be assigned to a location for a six year term after which time they will be relocated to another parish or collaborative but will also be given the option to reapply to stay at their current assignment for another six year term.

South Boston Today asked Sister Pat Boyle the reason behind the structure change. She said the goal of the change was ‘evangelization’, so that parishes could better grow, expand and attract people who may have been born and raised Roman Catholic and may have drifted away from the Church over time as well as make the Church more attractive for new or first time members. The Archdiocese believes this new plan will greatly assist in this process. The intent of the church will be to increase outreach efforts and to welcome more people; of every age group and background so that the as many as possible are served.

The conversation ended with an understanding that there will be a direct line of open communication between Archdiocese spokespeople and South Boston Today, as well as the community as a whole for the purpose of keeping the neighborhood informed and up to date on the progress of the new plan.

James T. Brett
Inducted Into Special Olympics Massachusetts Hall of Fame

On September 24th James Brett, President and CEO of The New England Council, and former Massachusetts state representative, will be recognized for his induction into the Special Olympics Massachusetts Hall of Fame, at a reception from 5:30pm - 7:30pm at the Seaport Hotel in Boston. Brett is the recipient of the inaugural John “Jack” Brett Champion’s Award, named in honor of Brett’s brother Jack, who inspired friends and family to advocate for communities of acceptance and inclusion.

“In a career spanning more than four decades, Jim Brett has ceaselessly advocated for individuals with intellectual disabilities,” said Mary Beth McMahon, President and CEO of Special Olympics Massachusetts. “His has been a life and career truly in the service of others, and it’s an honor on behalf of Special Olympics Massachusetts to name our Champion’s Award after his brother Jack, someone who’s given great inspiration to him and his family.”

Brett was recently reappointed by President Barack Obama to serve on the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID). 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. Brett is currently Chairman of the Governor’s Commission on Intellectual Disability. His efforts have been recognized by a number of organizations, including Easter Seals, the Disability Law Center, The Price Center, Bridgewell, Action for Boston Community Development, 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 ceremonials 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. Every two years, Special Olympics Massachusetts recognizes athletes, coaches, families, volunteers, law enforcement personnel, and funders who have been leaders in building the Special Olympics movement. This year, 15 individuals and groups will be inducted into the Special Olympics Massachusetts Hall of Fame on the evening of October 2nd at The Yawkey Sports Training Center in Marlborough, MA.
Vietaid Gala Honors Ray Flynn

Over 600 guests packed the Local 103 IBEW Hall for the 3rd Annual My Gala hosted by Vietaid, the Vietnamese-American Initiative for Development, a popular and highly regarded community development corporation based in Fields Corner Dorchester. Celebrating its 20th year, Vietaid honored Ambassador and former Mayor Ray Flynn of South Boston, its two founders, Quynh Dang and Long Nguyen, as well as Harvard University’s Boston Refugee Youth Enrichment Program.

The honorary chairman was Mayor Marty Walsh, who was joined by his vice chairpersons Superintendent in Chief William Gross and Boys and Girls Club president Josh Kraft. The co-chairs of the Gala committee were Attorney Kim Thai of Roslindale and Jim Collins of South Boston. The Emcee for the evening was MCAD commissioner Charlotte Golar Richie.

Ambassador Flynn was recognized for his leadership, throughout his long and distinguished career, in community building and breaking down the racial barriers that existed during his tenure. This included hiring the first Vietnamese police officer and community liaison.

The program was a display of diversity of cultures and attendees with an Irish American duet, Korean American dancers, Vietnamese American musicians and vocalists, as well as African American entertainers and an American opera singer, who studied in Vietnam. The food was provided by Van Shabu and Ba Le and was directed by Karen Diep. Auction items ranged from breakfast with Mayor Marty Walsh to a Seaport Hotel package for two, to a trip to Mexico, to a Tom Brady autographed jersey, to restaurant gift certificates, to jewelry.
The Best Fall Foliage: Where and When to Go

The passing of summer sometimes brings a bit of sadness to people who really enjoy spending their free time outdoors. We tend to get used to the easy living and all those activities that the warm months encourage. The good thing is, to many, that sadness doesn’t last all that long because once late September hits and especially when we roll into October, New England explodes into a kaleidoscope of magnificent colors as the leaves turn into one of nature’s wonders and we still have a good dose of nice weather. That’s right, it’s fall foliage time and ‘leaf peepers’ are in their glory.

The Northeastern part of the United States is among the most picturesque area in the world this time of year. When peak foliage hits, and it comes in waves; depending on what part of the area, enjoying one of the season’s best features is anywhere from a 20 minute drive to the edge of the Blue Hills just outside of Boston to a weekend getaway to the Maine Wilderness; whatever makes you happy. While some have their favorite spots to view autumn’s splendor, others are always looking for suggestions as to where they can see the best colors and really get into the spirit. For those of you who DO want some suggestions, South Boston Today might be able to help. The following locations are said to be some of the best places to see the brightest colors of the season.

Baxter State Forest, Maine: If you like long drives into some of north east’s true wilderness, and it’s soon you want to make the trip, Baxter State Forest in the state of Maine is one of the finest locales around for early leaf watching. It’s a long drive; between 5 and 7 hours; not something you’d want to try on a day trip. This requires at least two days; preferably a full weekend or more. There are many package deals and bus trips that will make it a great vacation destination. This is also a good place to view wildlife as the area is teeming with moose, deer and black bears. It’s a great place to watch birds as the eagle and hawk populations there are thriving. And the scenery is breathtaking. Thick forests, rivers and lakes fill thousands of square miles of beauty. And the colors; in early October are incredible. The area peaks early. Now is the time to go.

White Mountains, New Hampshire: As the calendar pushes deeper into October, New Hampshire’s White Mountains come alive with brilliant red, orange and yellow trees looking almost like a sunburst. Many believe this area is by far the best in the entire United States for viewing foliage. This is a trip that can be made in just 3 hours to get the best effect. The ride up along Rt. 93 will show some great color once you get into the higher elevations. But if you want to see the White Mountain’s color at its absolute best, take some of the smaller country roads and really be impressed. The small towns along the way will often have Fall Festivals to add to the experience and this is an area too where the odds of seeing deer and other wildlife are very good. The best time for foliage viewing in the White Mountain’s area is usually around the Columbus Day weekend.

Woodstock, Vermont: Peak viewing for the Woodstock, Vermont area is probably also right around the Columbus Day weekend. Here the Billings Farm and Museum gives an added attraction. You not only get to see the autumn leaves in all their glory but you get a taste of the Revolutionary War era culture that still holds on here. Old farm houses and country stores make you feel like you’re visiting a bygone time. A drive through the forest lined roads leading to and from Woodstock can put you in awe of nature and make you forget the fast pace of the city while you’re there. And yes, here too, wildlife is abundantly but you also get to see horse and dairy farms as well.

Berkshire Mountains, Western Massachusetts: You don’t have to travel north to see the sights of the season. A trip west, here in the Bay State will bring all the colors and festive autumn feel as the northern states do. The drive or bus trip a few hours along Route 2 heading west in mid to late October is absolutely beautiful. The farther west you go the higher the elevation becomes until you are in the Berkshire Mountains with all its scenic views. If you travel far enough you’ll come to the Mohawk Trail area known worldwide as a destination to many tourists looking for that special fall atmosphere with all its history even before the American Revolution. This is an area rich in farmland and dotted with lakes and ponds. The apple picking is excellent here. Orchards are everywhere and the sweet aroma from those apples will make you want to bite into one.

Blue Hills, Canton/Milton, MA: And finally, if you want to get to see the fall foliage but really don’t want to spend too much time getting to where the peak sights are, as we mentioned early on, there is always the Blue Hills, just a 20 minute trip from Boston. The colors in the Blue Hills peak late in the season, so when other more distant areas have become past peak and faded, the Blue Hills, especially along Chicatawbut Rd. are still bright and fresh. In fact, some years you can still see great foliage in the Blue Hills as late as Halloween and beyond.

Well, there you have it folks. South Boston Today’s picks for fall foliage viewing in 2014 for those who love being outdoors and seeing Mother Nature at its best this time of year. We hope these tips are helpful and that if you go, you have a great time. Oh, and be sure to bring a camera.

CONTINUED ON page 7 and many more items. Major sponsors included Tufts Medical Center, Bank of America, Carney Hospital, the Patriots Charitable Foundation and Dunkin Donuts.

Testimony to the growing importance and active participation of the Vietnamese residents and business owners in the life of the Fields Corner section of Dorchester, elected officials from the state, county and city level were in attendance including Councilors Frank Baker, Charles Yancey and Janet Wu; Representatives Nick Collins, Dan Hunt, Tacky Chan and Clerk Michael J. Donovan. Bill Christopher, the commissioner of Inspectional Services and a longtime supporter of Vietaid brought the greetings of Mayor Walsh, who arrived early in the evening but had to leave to attend to a full evening schedule.

Viet-AID’s mission is to build a strong Vietnamese community and a vibrant Fields Corner through promoting civic engagement and community building; developing affordable housing and commercial space; providing small business technical assistance and micro-enterprise development; and offering high quality child care services.

The Gala has come very close to reaching its goal of $100,000 and is accepting additional support in the hope of ultimately achieving that very important financial milestone in order to continue its good work with children, families and seniors of all races and creeds.

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Southie Trees and South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation to Launch Free Tree Planting Program

Southie Trees and the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation are happy to announce the return of the Plant-A-Tree Program, a neighborhood wellness and beautification initiative to get more trees planted in South Boston. Through the program, Southie Trees will provide interested and qualified residents (on a first come first serve basis) with a tree, planting supplies, and the know-how to ensure long-term health and growth (up to a $200 value!).

The application deadline for Fall 2014 is October 10th, 2014. Selected applicants will be notified no later than October 13th, 2014 if they have been chosen to receive a tree.

There will be a mandatory training session/planting day on October 19th, 2014. We will be planting one or two trees and also use this as an opportunity to teach proper planting methods and tree care. Tree recipients will be able to pick up their trees and supplies after the planting at the SBNDC office at 365 West Broadway.

Who Can Apply?
Any resident living in South Boston can apply to the Plant-A-Tree Program. Residents must be able to plant the tree on their property, in a yard or adjacent green space, or in a container.

How to Apply
It’s easy! Just fill out the one page application found at SouthieTrees.org, or on our facebook page at www.facebook.com/southietrees, and email to southietrees1@gmail.com or hand-deliver to SBNDC at 365 West Broadway by October 10th, 2014.

What are Eligible Projects?
Trees must be planted on the applicant’s property or in a container by the applicant, who must attend our mandatory training session. There are many types of eligible trees that can be planted in South Boston and we encourage you to choose the type that works best for your yard!

In addition to a free tree, Plant-A-Tree will provide you with all the supplies needed for planting.
Contact: Rudy Samaya-Galvis Program Coordinator Southie Trees southietrees1@gmail.com 617-268-9610

Patriots Women’s Association

Announcing the upcoming visit from the Patriots Women’s Association on Wednesday 10/1 at 1030am at Julie’s Family Learning Program, 133 Dorchester Street, South Boston, MA 02127.

Julie’s co-founder, Sister Louise Kearns, was a guest speaker at their annual luncheon which starts off their yearly community service calendar. The Patriots Women’s Association supports their husbands and partners on the field while at the same time honoring the late Myra Kraft’s commitment to charitable giving. Julie’s has received support from the Kraft family and the Patriots Charitable Foundation and we are excited to have the Patriots Women’s Association join us next week.

The women will bring “Let’s Go Patriots!” children’s books and participate in a football themed craft with the children as part of Julie’s ongoing “Family Lit” program, where the primary goal is to develop a love for learning and to stimulate mother and child to continue to discover new ways to learn together. Classes encourage reading to and with children in the home. Families receive a book a month, provided by donations or grant funding.

We are all looking forward to their visit! Please let us know if you plan on attending as we would like to plan accordingly.

Our Mission: “Julie’s is a community based family support and education program that is committed to the development of strong, stable, healthy family functioning. Julie’s provides services that enable poor, at-risk mothers and their children to transform their lives and become healthy, successful and economically self-sufficient members of their communities.
The Pre-Kindergarten Teachers at St Peter Academy expanded on their S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) curriculum this week when they guided students through making their own apple sauce. The apples were picked by the students at the school’s annual apple picking field trip to Tougas Family Farm. Prior to the field trip, students learned about how plant life grows. While having fun at the apple orchid, students learned how technology helps to get nutritious food to the local super market.

Mixing a little engineering and mathematics into the cooking class with lots of fun learning opportunities, students took part in the sectioning of the apples, measuring recipe ingredients and cooking of the apples down to a sauce. The BEST PART – eating the FRUITS of their labor with huge smiles and lots of self-satisfaction!

St Peter Academy, an independent private school, is celebrating 10 years of service to the community. It is South Boston’s only Pre-K through Grade 8 School. Class size is limited to 20 students which is ideal for creating a nurturing environment filled with interactive learning opportunities. They are located at 371 West Fourth Street – To learn more about their programs or to schedule a private tour, please contact Ms. Doreen Brown at 617-268-0750.
The M Street Softball league concluded play last week with two championship series coming to a close. The Feeney division (B) final between STATS and the Playwright lived up to expectations and went the full length with the STATS crew pulling out the series clinching win in game five. In the Lucas division (A) final, Shenannigans swept away the Southside Tavern in three uncompetitive games. Mark Preziosi and Jack Atton were named MVP’s for the STATS while Nick French took home the honors for Shenannigans.

Feeney “B” Finals - STATS vs. the Playwright

Game 4: STATS 8 - Playwright 5

Facing a must win situation, Jack Atton allowed just three hits through the first six innings, then held on against a furious Playwright rally in the seventh, to give STATS an 8-5 victory, to force a winner-take-all game five.

After two quick outs in the top of the first, Playwright opened the scoring. Mike Comtois walked, Sean Morgan singled, Shane Knowles walked, and then Mike Broderick drove in his 7th run of the series with his bases-loaded walk. Atton left them loading when he got Scott Tarentino to fly to right. That lone run wouldn’t be near enough as STATS scored 5 times in the third inning. Bill Davis singled to lead off, Mark Preziosi doubled (he would end with two on the evening, bringing his series total thus far to a brutal seven extra-base hits), and Pat Donovan tripled to score Davis and Preziosi. A Matt Clifford single scored Donovan. After Playwright got the first out of the inning on a pop up, Mark Campbell doubles to put runners on second and third. Dave Nutter then hit one about as far as possible to left field without the ball leaving the park, driving in Clifford on the sacrifice fly. John Pels singled, bringing home Campbell. When the dust had cleared, STATS had batted around and taken the 5-1 lead.

Playwright recovered one of those runs in the 5th when Jack Rogers (OB% .615 for the series thus far) walked and scored three batters later on a fielder’s choice. Again, STATS answered with more runs. Nutter, Pels and Blanchard scored via RBI singles by Blanchard and Davis to give STATS what looked like a very comfortable 8-2 lead after five complete. And, with Jack Atton working a 1-2-3 sixth, it appeared even more comfortable. But then Playwright woke up.

A rare error by Preziosi at short gave Playwright a runner. Mark Hindman singled and (yes) Rogers walked to load the bases with nobody out. After getting the first out on a pop to Preziosi, Atton surrendered a two-run single to Joe Broderick, making it 8-4. A long fly out to right moved Rogers to third and he scored on Mark Comtois’s single to bring it to 8-5 (Comtois is sporting a hefty .688 OB% himself.) Sean Morgan then walked to load the bases and bring the go-ahead run to the plate in the person of Shane Knowles. Atton, however, reached down for his final good pitch and induced a fly from Knowles to end it.

Game 5: STATS 12 - Playwright 5

In a winner take all situation, Matt Clifford picked one hell of a dramatic time to hit his first home run of the year. With the bases loaded in the first inning, the right fielder parked one over the fence, igniting his bench and giving STATS a 4-0 lead in game five.

After that, STATS pitcher and MVP winner, Jack Atton (3 victories in the series), never relinquished the lead given him. He allowed eight hits and only two earned runs the rest of the way.

Playwright scored unearned runs in each of the first two innings. Mike Comtois (a possible MVP candidate, had Playwright gotten the victory) tripled with two out in the bottom of the first, subsequently scoring on an error. In the second, Modono tripled and scored on a throwing error. That shrank the lead to 4-2, but it was as close as Playwright would get in this one.

STATS exploded for five more runs in the third, with the big blow being struck by catcher Dave Nutter, a bases-loaded three-run double. After that, it was a matter of Atton holding the lead, which he did by working his way out of danger in the 4th and 5th, allowing runs in each but stranding five runners in those two frames. STATS added three more runs in the sixth for the final tally of 12-5, as Playwright did not score in their final two turns at the plate. The game ended, and the celebration began, when Atton got the final batter on a called third strike.

With Mrs. Preziosi in the stands to watch, her shortstop son, Mark, took MVP honors. His series was outstanding - five doubles, three home runs, seven RBI, nine runs scored, a team-leading .688 OB% himself.) Joe Broderick, making it 8-4. A long fly out to right moved Rogers to third, which forced Southside manager Brian Pacheco to intentionally walk Dan Brown. However, that was the last runner they got as far as second base - and the last hit - until the sixth inning. They had chances to do some damage, with the leadoff man reaching via walk in the 2nd, 3rd and 5th, but Hoadley didn’t allow anything else in those innings.

Meanwhile, Shenannigans slowly built a lead. In the bottom of the first, Nick French singled. Hoadley followed with a single of his own. After a 6-3 putout, the runners moved up to second and third, which forced Southside manager Brian Pacheco to intentionally walk Dan Brown. However, pitcher Jim McNiff was not pleased with the strategy and let his feelings be known. After things quieted down, McNiff walked Greg Trudell, giving Shenannigans a 1-0 lead. He then got the next two batters to end the inning.

In the second, Marty O’Malley drew a one-out walk. The late-arriving Steve Stalcup was sent in as a pinch runner for O’Malley. Nick French singled, some bad throws moved the runners further which allowed Hoadley to hit a sacrifice fly to make it 3-0.

The score stayed that way until the fifth when Dan Brown delivered a two-out run-scoring double to raise the lead to 4-0. Then Southside had its best chance of the evening in the top of the sixth. With one out, Rob Rogers lofted a high pop to short center field. Stalcup and second baseman Luis Colon converged on the ball with neither giving ground.

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SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER UPDATE

NO SMOKING/NO DOGS ON SIDELINES OR FIELD/SMOKE OUTSIDE STADIUM

COACHES: Remember it is important to turn in score sheets by Monday morning at the latest.

PARENTS: All parents should be on one side of the field and the players on the opposite side. Please remember that all players (no matter what age) and coaches must turn in a concussion certificate. In order to receive your certificate you can logon to: http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/training/headsup concussion.html.

For children ages 3 to 10 years old you can access another site: http://brain101.ornasceu/5000/.com. It is mandatory for any youth who are involved in activities on City of Boston properties to take the class. So please make sure you go to this website.

SNACK BAR: Please patronize the snack bar.

Last Week’s RE-CAP:

UNDER 6 DIVISION:

MINIONS

The Money Makers sponsored by Mt. Washington Bank beat out their opponents with Robert Cabral scoring a pair of goals and single goals by Brayden Buckley, Nicholas Miahli and Tom Quinlan. Mairin Condon, Erin Tracy and Spencer Escandon were the MVP’s for their team. The Minions sponsored by the Boston Firefighters Credit Union did not score but played a terrific game.

SHAMROCKS

The Shamrocks sponsored by Councilor Michael Flaherty got lucky again today at Moakley Park. Danny Lee had a great drive to the net and kicked one in. Albin Valdez scored a pair of goals. Trace McFarland also kicked in a single goal. Jack Kelly turned the ball around on defense. Isis Redd had some big plays on offense with a great assist. Thanks to our outstanding goaltenders: Nora Banks, Gavin O’Brien, Tiara Home, Ian Balla and Brigid Fitzgerald. Great playing also by Kevin Pagan, Quinn Beem, Dylan Kelly, Jacob Baldwin and Ian Rosher. Congrats Shamrocks!!! Also one again we had Regan Lee cheering her team on from the sidelines. The team sponsored by the McDonough Post Women’s Auxiliary scored a goal. All the players turned in a great performance.

UNDER 8 DIVISION:

SECRET AGENTS • PANTHERS

The Secret Agents sponsored by Donahue & Associates played a great game for the win. All the players did a great job. The Panthers sponsored by Joe Pace & Sons kicked one in off the foot of Sofia Dowd. Great teamwork by all players. At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Sullivan’s Castle Island, John Hancock Insurance, Councilor Bill Linehan, Massport, P.A.L., Jim Cahill Club and South Boston Today.

UNDER 6 DIVISION:

GREEN FLASH • BLUE DRAGONS

The Green Flash sponsored by J. F. O’Brien & Sons shut out their opponent with two goals by Estelle Corbett and single goals by Zion Sequera and Drew Dirstine. Zayla Burrows, Cain Stevens, Joaquim Murillo, Jack Kane and Andrew Gregorio played an outstanding game. The Blue Dragons sponsored by Metro Energy did not score but it was not from lack of trying. All the players did a great job.

MONEY MAKERS

MINIONS

The Money Makers sponsored by Iron Workers Local #7, Massport, Councilor Bill Linehan, Massport, Abacus Builders did not have score sheets available for the teams sponsored by Salsa’s and Boston Home Inspectors. The Eagles sponsored by South Boston Dental Associates did not score but Brianna Bulkley had an amazing game. The players on the Eagles need to start showing up to the games.

UNDER 12 DIVISION:

BLACK SHARKS 7

EAGLES 0

The Black Sharks sponsored by Massport shut out their opponent with seven goals scored. The team played a terrific game. The Eagles sponsored by South Boston Dental Associates did not score but Brianna Bulkley had an amazing game. The players on the Eagles need to start showing up to the games. The teams sponsored by Salsa’s and Abacus Builders did not have score sheets turned in at the time of print.

UNDER 18 DIVISION:

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Iron Workers Local #7, Massport, Yankee Bus Line and Deco Leasing.

South Boston Youth Hockey News

The SBYHL kicked off its season over the past two weekends. The teams are once again in the Valley Hockey League and the competition is steep! The current games are part of the “parity” round which will determine which divisions our teams will compete in come November.

Here is a recap of some of this past weekend’s games:

MITE A TEAM

Led by coach Dave Ivaska, the Mite A team won their season opener in a 25-10 win over Newton Mite’s. With Michael “the Brickwall” Pittman between the pipes, it was a stellar performance. Maeve Murray was awarded the team “C” for the season opener and netted 2 goals. Ben Dearden scored 8, Harry Minucci had 5. Gregory Matthews, Nolan Young, and Ryan Alexander each had 2 goals and Mario Blasi, Jack Hynes, James Mcfarland, Jack Reidy and Bobby Banks each scored 1.

SQUIRT B TEAM

Led by coaches Joe Burke, Bobby Picard and Scott Simpson, the Squirt B team battled their way to a 5-5 tie vs. Malden. Malden lit the lamp first, but that goal was quickly answered by Jerry O’Neill. In an impressive two way game, Southie Squirt B’s had the remainder of their 4 goals scored by Dylan Picard, Toby Halloran, Eddie Tirabassi and Stella MacLelland. Terry Markos had a solid performance in goal.

Space is still available for some teams and an additional try-out session has been added for September 26, 2014 at 4 pm. This is held at the Devine Rink in Dorchester. If you know of any child that wants to be part of a great organization, please bring them to the rink!

For the latest game schedules, visit www.sbyhl.org or www.valleyhockeyleague.com
because they're getting penalties on those third-down issues are failures into on first and second downs. A lot to pop up. A lot of it has to do with the third down, those issues are continuing zone, it's a much different game. And situations. If they even put one of one yard on six plays in goal-to-go the biggest issue on Sunday, gaining in the red zone. The red zone was still having major problems. I thought those were masked by a really good overall team effort in Minnesota, but they’re still not opening up any run holes, and they’re not protecting Tom Brady. He clearly doesn’t trust them, nor should he. And that’s really a detriment to the entire offense. Brady isn’t able to stand in the pocket long enough to let his outside receivers go through their route trees. He can’t go through his progressions to get to this third or fourth read with any confidence. And again, it’s a detriment to the entire offense. They’re not going to be able to become the passing team that they want to become, if that offensive line doesn’t play any better. The other issues, really, third down in the red zone. The red zone was the biggest issue on Sunday, gaining one yard on six plays in goal-to-go situations. If they even put one of those two possessions into the end zone, it’s a much different game. And third down, those issues are continuing to pop up. A lot of it has to do with the holes that they’re digging themselves into on first and second downs. A lot of those third-down issues are failures because they’re getting penalties on first and second down. Their failed third downs so far this season have been with nearly 10 yards-to-go on third down, whereas, the conversions are coming at less than five yards-to-go. So, those are the biggest issues. Darrelle Revis didn’t have a great day, but if that’s your biggest concern with the defense after giving up only nine points, I don’t think that’s too much of a concern at all.

DP: I was surprised the way Oakland attacked Revis the way they did, even in big spots when they did need a big play to move the chains. Derek Carr, he wasn’t afraid to go after Revis. But I’ll get back to the defense in a minute. Sticking with this offense and the issues with the Patriots’ offense, going into this game I said that this would be the one, home opener, against the Raiders, the offense would really open up. But if we’re all admitting that the Patriots’ biggest problem [after Week 3] is the offensive line, and the protection that Brady is getting, is that fixable to you? The things that you see going wrong, and the offensive line, is this a fixable issue, in your opinion?

JH: I think so, to a degree. Nate Solder is having a really weirdly bad year so far. It just hasn’t been good. He didn’t give up any sacks against the Raiders. He gave up two against the Dolphins and hasn’t given up another one since, but he also missed blocks that resulted in the two hardest hits that Brady took against the Raiders. So, sacks or not, he’s allowing his quarterback to get bent in positions he shouldn’t get bent in. It’s just odd, because it’s his footwork. And this is a guy who has really good footwork. And he shouldn’t be allowing guys to get around him to the wide side as easily as he has. Sebastian Vollmer has played better, so that’s good. Dan Connolly has played well throughout, aside from the bad snap that he had in that goal-to-go situation against the Raiders. His protection has been good, I think there are some personnel things that they can look at. Ryan Wendell has been out with a knee injury. He played well in spurts in that limited action in the opener. He could be an answer there. Bryan Stork, I think, has to be looked at because Jordan Devey has been bad so far through three games, really all season long. I didn’t really understand what they saw in him to begin with. Marcus Cannon has been terrible, too. And I wonder if he could be better if they put him at right guard, instead of left guard. I was kind of surprised that they put him in that spot to begin with. But, either way, Marcus Cannon at left guard isn’t working right now. They can’t take anything off the table. They have to look at potential personnel overhauls, whether it’s just Stork in for Devey, and then putting Stork in at center and moving Connolly to left or right guard, and then putting in Kline or Wendell, or whatever. There are guys that they can put in, and I think this should really be an open tryout this week. Whoever is the best five guys at practice deserves to be out there against the Chiefs. And you can’t convince me that it should be Jordan Devey for a fourth straight week.

DP: As long as we talk about these offensive line struggles and these issues, some people might point to the fact that they just traded a Pro Bowl offensive lineman to get a draft pick and a young tight end. Do you ever think back to the Mankins trade? How
did you feel then when the Patriots made that move, and how do you feel now with it?

**JH:** I didn’t like it then, and I still don’t like it now. I mean, if Logan Mankins is out there, he adds to the toughness element, he helps Nate Solder a whole lot, and it also means Jordan Devey isn’t on the field, or Marcus Cannon. Either one, pick one. Those are the two worst offensive linemen so far this season. So, one of those guys is off the field if they had Mankins, who I’d have to believe would be better. So, it’s not a good trade. It wasn’t a personnel decision. It wasn’t for the betterment of the team. It was for the betterment of the salary cap. We’ll see if, whatever strategy they had in mind, pays off -- by re-signing Darrelle Revis, or whatever it happens to be -- somewhere down the road. But in terms of making the offensive line better, there’s no way in justifying trading Logan Mankins.

**DP:** When you look at the Patriots’ defense against the Raiders, they only allowed nine points. How long can that Patriots defense do that? How long can they hold their own? How long can they play with defense? This Patriots defense is doing it now. They’re Blitzing well this early in his career. But regardless of what happened, you’ve got good players in the front seven. Darrelle Revis, again, he was beaten five times, which is shocking. I thought this was going to be the game that Revis pitched a shutout. But nine points allowed, Revis was the only gaffe, so I think that’s a good situation for them to be in.

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