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The emerging transformation of South Boston from a middle class, family-based, take care of our own ‘neighborhood’ to a gentrified, not in a hurry to get married, take care of myself collection of ‘districts’ may need to be confronted, if the culture of this urban oasis is to be preserved and improved upon...and not abandoned.

In trying to understand whether the South Boston phenomenon – that of being the hip place to live - is being played out in neighborhoods adjacent to other major cities, you have to look no further than Brooklyn New York.

In excerpts from a recent article written by Camille Lawhead about her own experiences and that of community activist, Imani Henry, the

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EDITORIAL *What's Up Doc?*

Just wondering, but does the organization, “Doctors Without Borders” have a separate division called “Doctors Without Brains”? How else to explain the stupidity of returning Doctor Craig Spencer, who came back from West Africa to New York City with “just a little fever”. He then went bowling, to dinner and rode the subway, all before wondering if he had EBOLA, which he does.

Arrogance is the word for the nurse returning from Sierra Leone, who wants to sue if America places her in isolation. Needless to

say she’s accusing the U. S. of racism for any isolation they require of West Africa travelers. What is it with these people that they can’t find any wretchedly poor people to help here in America? Of course, then it would be helping Americans and we can’t have that.

Yet, when it’s time for safety, they make quick tracks back to old, evil America. This must be the crew giving the 3,000 U. S. troops the whole four hour training period on how to prevent EBOLA infection once they arrive in West Africa. After all, the screening worked so well in Texas.



“Few things are as satisfying to a child as that final candy haul on Halloween Night” - Steve Almond

Letter To The Editor

To Editor:

In a tough economy with Massachusetts families still struggling to make ends meet, voters ought to take a careful look at the state treasurer’s race. When they do, they’ll see that only Deb Goldberg has the vision, values, and experience we need to manage the state’s finances, rebuild our schools, and oversee more than 800 public employees working across a wide range of state agencies.

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This is why Deb Goldberg is the right choice for Treasurer.

Sean Burke, South Boston



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A 'Yes' Vote on Question # 1 Will Stop the Endless Gas Tax Hikes

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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Since this is the last issue before next Tuesday's election, just a reminder that in addition to the candidates for statewide offices, US Senator and US Congressman and our local State Representative and Senator, there are ballot questions to consider as well. There are varying opinions and cases to be made on all of them. Casinos, the expanded Bottle Bill and other issues have been debated long and hard leading up to this coming election. But one question is, I believe, deliberately not being brought up as much by its opponents in the hope that people will blindly vote for what Massachusetts politicians so badly want they can taste it: The gas tax question or 'Question One'. The state legislature has, as many of you know, passed a law that will automatically raise the tax

on every gallon of gasoline each year forever; growing with inflation and these politicians will never again have to go on record to vote for an increase because it will be automatic.

Question one is on the ballot next Tuesday because thousands of Bay State residents who have had enough of the out of control spending and tax hikes that go on unchecked have decided to resist and send a clear message and have signed petitions to repeal this insane tax. A yes vote on question one will be the citizens' chance to repeal this thing and put greedy tax and spend elected officials on notice that the people are tired of their tricks and their disregard for working families.

Right now the price of gas is falling. But we've all seen this before. It will go up again, most likely soon after the

election and continue to climb. Putting an additional huge and never ending tax hike on top of this will cause hardship to business, the economy and individuals alike. We all know that when the price of gas goes up, other necessities must follow. Food, clothing, construction and building costs and pretty much anything that has to be moved over the roads and highways will rise. The producer's cost rise so they make it up by passing their higher costs on to consumers. The tax hike frenzy in this state has been out of control for years and shows no sign of letting up – ever, unless the voters step forward and say enough. If the politicians are allowed to get away with this one, they will believe that they can raise any tax, any time and the voters will take it like a flock of passive sheep. The choice is pretty clear: If you want

to give Beacon Hill the green light to hike taxes any time they choose without any regard to you, the voters, and if you want the tax on gasoline to go up each and every year automatically, you'll vote no and do their bidding. If you want to put the brakes on this runaway train wreck of ever increasing taxes and fees, you'll vote YES to repeal it. You have one chance and its next Tuesday.

Moving on to the recent attack at the Canadian Parliament building in Ottawa: Canada has a new national hero. Kevin Vickers is being hailed as the one who saved many lives when an 'alleged' Islamic terrorist burst into Parliament and began shooting. It was Kevin Vickers whose quick thinking helped prevent a massacre when Vickers pulled his own gun and shot the terrorist dead

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Lynch, Organized Labor Endorse Collins for Re-Election

This week the campaign to re-elect Nick Collins announced the endorsements by sitting U.S. Congressman Stephen F. Lynch and long list of Labor unions. In endorsing Rep. Collins, Congressman Lynch had this to say: "Nick Collins has become a forceful and respected leader at the State House while he has remained a loyal and constant champion here in our neighborhood. I am proud to call him my friend and happy to endorse his reelection."

Along with the endorsement by Lynch, the Collins campaign has also released a list of two dozen labor unions from the ranks of the building trades, nurses, utility and telecom workers, hospitality workers, transportation and public employees. They include:

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N.E. Laborer's District Council, Ironworkers Local 7, Sprinklerfitters Local 550, Sheetmetal Workers Union Local 17, Pipefitters Local 537, Bricklayers Local 1, Asbestos Workers Local 6, Plumbers Local 12, Carpenters Local 33, Roofers Local 33, IBEW Local 103, IBEW Local 2222, UWUA 369, Teamsters Union No. 25, NAGE/SEIU, SEIU 1199, Boston Carmen's Union Local 589, MBTA Inspector's Union Local 600, AFSCME Local 419, Boston Taxi Driver's Association (BTDA)/ USW District 4, Mass. Nurses Association (MNA), Mass. Corrections Officers Federated Union (MCOFU), IATSE Local 11, and Unite Here Local 26.

Over the past several weeks, Collins has compiled a long list of endorsements including City Councilors At-Large Michael Flaherty, Michelle Wu, District 3

City Councilor Frank Baker and City Council President Bill Linehan.

Collins commented on the endorsements stating that, "the endorsements and support I have received from Congressman Lynch, Organized Labor and my colleagues on the Boston City Council have been overwhelming. When I set out on an agenda this last legislative session, it was an agenda to support working families, to grow opportunities, and to protect our most vulnerable citizens. These are the values of Congressman Lynch, they are the values of Organized Labor and they are Boston's values. They are also my values. I am honored to have the support I have received this year for re-election and I am looking forward to taking the fight to preserve those values back to Beacon Hill next legislative session."

Flaherty, Donovan, and Collins Endorse Deb Goldberg for Treasurer

Today, City Councilor Michael Flaherty, Suffolk County Clerk of Court for Civil Business Michael Donovan, and State Representative Nick Collins announced their endorsement of Deb Goldberg for Treasurer.

In his announcement, City Councilor Flaherty stated, "Deb will be an excellent Treasurer because she will strongly advocate for issues that matter to the people of Boston: good public schools, local economic development, and financial literacy programs. We need a Treasurer who will invest in people, and Deb will do just that, which is why I am supporting her."

Clerk of Court Donovan added, "I am supporting Deb because she is the most qualified out of all of the candidates for Treasurer. Deb will bring the necessary mix of business experience, public service, and financial expertise to the Treasurer's office. She is best suited to meet the needs of the Commonwealth, and I am proud to support her."

In his endorsement, State Representative Collins said, "Once a union member herself, Deb's strong support for working families makes her the best candidate to be our next Treasurer. She will work hard to provide the residents of our state with the skills and opportunities they need to get ahead in today's tough economy. Deb's business experience will allow her to bring great value to the Treasurer's office."

With less than a week before the General Election on Tuesday November 4th, Goldberg has received the support of numerous elected officials, labor groups, and organizations across the Commonwealth.

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in his tracks, proving NRA spokesman Wayne LaPierre right once again. It was LaPierre who said the following in response to school shootings in the United States: "The only thing that will stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun". The grateful people of Ottawa, Canada now understand and have heard the loud ring of truth to those words and the reality that makes what Mr. LaPierre said and what Mr. Vickers did so often necessary. Thousands of Canadian citizens lined the streets to cheer Kevin Vickers. It was a fitting tribute to a good man.

Wasting no time and not first consulting with his advisors, pollsters or a teleprompter, Canadian Prime Minister Michael Harper was quick to call this exactly what it was – 'A terrorist attack'. Of course, in response to the shootings, Barack Obama still could not bring himself to utter those words that he refuses to say: an act of Islamic extremist terrorism. One again, Obama urged all not to jump to conclusions. Remember, the man still has his administration referring to the Fort Hood shooting of over 30 US soldiers as 'work place violence and says the Benghazi attack where four brave Americans lost their lives was not a planned terrorist attack, it was prompted by - a video that some guy in California made.

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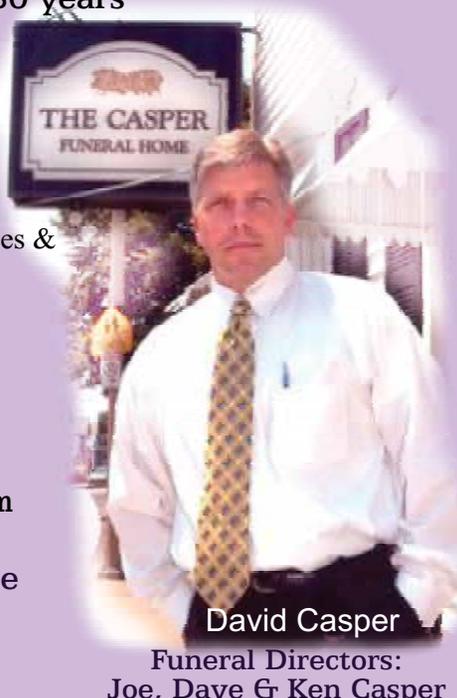
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Reading Between The Lines

Game Changing Time

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Brian R. Mahoney

Note: talk back to Brian by email at bmahoney@southbostontoday.com

As the election that determines the country's survival nears, Massachusetts finds itself a bystander. If this guy in office continues unchecked until 2016, there may not be much of a country left. If Republicans gain Senate control, hopefully they'll be able to marginalize him and override his veto power. Just in case we do have a future, we have to chart that future with a new governor and answer the ballot questions.

Do you remember little Jeremy whose remains were found by a highway, and what action the AG Martha Coakley took? There was nothing done. Now the AG claims Charlie Baker will hurt children's welfare.

Have you been following the "sweetheart deal" Peter Meade and the BRA gave the Red Sox, allowing the team to buy City of Boston streets? The State Inspector General is investigating at the same time the State Attorney General did nothing. Now the AG runs ads saying "she won't be helping the Old Boy's Club, she'll be looking out for you". It comes down to their plans. Baker, a businessman, wants to create a friendly and welcoming business climate and most importantly, jobs. The AG, a political party insider, wants to create whatever the party dictates to her in order to maintain the stagnant status quo.

Almost 40 years ago, a bill taxing gas was passed with the revenue going to fix up roads and bridges. What happened was that a lot of sisters and brothers in law got an "assistant, acting, deputy supervisor in charge of paper clips" job. Now, in order to avoid questions from angry constituents, lawmakers want the gas tax tied to the cost of living index and every living increase would trigger a tax increase. Then, if a voter complains, the official

can weasel out by saying "it's out of my hands and nothing I can do about it". Question 1 wants to stop this. By the way, I assume that you've seen the commercial where the AG is asked what the present gas tax is. "I don't know - 10 cents," is the AG response and then a voice-over in tones, "the correct answer is 24 cents".

Question 2, the bottle bill, is the same scam. Forty years ago, to combat litter a deposit was instituted to provide an incentive to recycle cans and bottles rather than just discard them. Any uncollected deposit funds would go toward clean-up efforts. With curbside recycling, it's no longer needed yet lawmakers want to increase coverage to include milk cartons. Why, because this also creates basically a "slush fund" with little oversight.

Question 3 will create 3000 construction jobs and 500 permanent jobs, at the cost of the drugs, drinking, prostitution and the lives it destroys. That may be an "old fashioned" mind set or concern but old fashioned doesn't change the facts and reality that will happen. It bears repeating that 5,000 of Atlantic City's 8000 casino workers have been laid off. The unemployment is more than twice the national average. Six casinos including one that is only a year and a half old have closed this summer. Not to mention Atlantic City is a real nice beach. Let's not kid ourselves that the revenue from this, (just like questions 1 and 2) will be used for something like "The Casino Inspectors Department".

Finally, question 4 is very confusing and for that reason alone probably shouldn't be changed until it can be clearly explained. So for this columnist, it's Baker and yes, no, yes, no. Good Luck America Take care till next week.

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Raymond L. Flynn Commission Convenes

Council President Linehan convened the first meeting of the Raymond L. Flynn Commission at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15. The Commission was established in July by a 13-0 vote of the Boston City Council. Mayor Flynn is a native of South Boston, and represented South Boston in the Massachusetts State Legislature before being elected to the Boston City Council. In 1983 he was elected Mayor of Boston, and served until 1993, when he was appointed Ambassador to the Vatican.

The Commission is composed of a diverse group of people, all of whom shared experiences with Mayor Flynn at different times and in different capacities. Frank Doyle and Rosemarie Sansone were appointed co-chairs of the Commission. Both worked for Ray Flynn during his tenure as Mayor. Other Commissioners include Jovita Fontanez, Juan Lopez, Gregory Ashe, Bill Chin, Jack Hart, Patrick Walsh, Ted Landsmark, Kevin

Phelan, Thomas McIntyre, Michael McCormack, Bob Consalvo, Marcus DeFlormonte, Bill Doherty, Judy Evers, Ed Flynn, Don Gillis, and John Nucci.

The Commissioners all came with ideas for how to best commemorate the legacy of Mayor Flynn. The brainstorming session produced ideas such as renaming the Massachusetts Convention Center which connects the neighborhood of South Boston with the waterfront and downtown, a mantra of Flynn's tenure, and reshaping the Government Center entrance to City Hall, making it more accessible and welcoming as a symbol of Flynn's work to build bridges and include people others overlooked, especially the disabled. Mayor Flynn's legacy of helping the forgotten in our society was a common thread in the discussion, and one Commissioner suggested commemorating Flynn's legacy with a basketball tournament or league for disabled kids.

The mission of the Flynn Commission

is to present recommendations to the City Council and Mayor within 120 days. Co-chair Frank Doyle said after the meeting: "Having been blessed with the opportunity to serve our city and our country alongside our former Mayor and U.S. Ambassador Ray Flynn, I am deeply honored to now work with folks from across the city to find an appropriate, substantial and meaningful tribute to his lifelong public service." Co-Chair Rosemarie Sansone said: "I am honored to serve on this Commission, and look forward to working with many others as we develop a plan that reflects the extraordinary contributions that Ray Flynn has made in public service on a local and international level".

Councilor Linehan said after the Commission met: "I'm excited and moved by the commitment of the talented group we've assembled. I'm confident that the co-chairs and the commission will recommend something very special for Boston and Mayor Flynn."

successful treatment of addiction and chronic illness. As Attorney General, I look forward to partnering with community health centers across Massachusetts to strengthen our communities and treat those in need," continued Healey upon her visit to the Community Health Center.

"Listening to her speak to the persons and families impacted by the substance abuse crisis, and knowing of her support for the healthcare professionals and mental health counselors who are on the front lines, it is clear Maura Healey gets it. She cares about hard working families and will use the power of the attorney general's office to help deliver the necessary services to those in need. Her visit to South Boston is significant and I look forward to working with her as the next Attorney General to address the health care and public safety concerns of our District." Rep. Nick Collins said.

"When Maura Healey, Rep. Collins and I visited the Cushing House for Girls, I was so moved by the young women with their remarkable stories of recovery. Stories like theirs truly inform us about the depth of work that still needs to be done surrounding drug treatment and prevention," said Senator Forry. "I watched as Maura Healey listened to what these ladies had to say, and I could tell that she will be a compassionate leader and a powerful voice for those suffering from substance abuse."

Healey, a resident of Charlestown, was a basketball standout at Harvard University and played professionally in Europe. Most recently, she was an Assistant Attorney General and is the current Democratic nominee. She faces off against Republican John Miller on November 4th for the General Election.



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AG Candidate Maura Healey Visits South Boston

Candidate for Attorney General Maura Healey visited South Boston last week. Joined by Rep. Nick Collins and Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry, Healey stopped at the Cushing House to speak with leaders at the Gavin Foundation and adolescents in recovery about the opiate crisis. "It was inspiring to meet the dedicated professionals battling the opiate crisis in South Boston and successfully addressing the full range of community health needs, including food distribution," said Healey. "Community health centers like the one in South Boston are central to

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What's in the best interest of the Gate of Heaven Parish?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Sean Monahan

The Archdiocese of Boston has attempted three times, along with three different developers, to change the zoning of the Gate of Heaven School to residential. The local civic group, local elected officials and neighbors have emphatically rejected all those requests. After developing 15 new units where the rectory stood and another 24 at the old Hall, the neighbors have had enough and they want that building to remain a school. That building could have been a vibrant school and the Gate of Heaven Parish could have been receiving substantial rent the past three years, so what is the church thinking? Perhaps more importantly, what do the Gate of Heaven Parishioners think?

It's hard to tell what the church is thinking about the school. Over the last three years, the Gate of Heaven Civic Association has met with the Chancellor about the school building along with our elected officials, sent a letter and a petition from its neighbors without response. There have been four public meetings where the church has requested a change in zoning, including one in the school itself, and the church didn't send a representative to speak at any of them. The only real response was from the Chancellor who told us the church doesn't lease to charter school because they compete with the Catholic schools. We soon found out that was not true. The church does lease to charter schools. Many of these charter schools start a middle or high school and since the church doesn't have a middle or high school in the area, that is a moot point.

I called the Archdiocese and asked if they were going to respond to our meeting, letter and petition. The Secretary apologized, saying it was complicated and promised to respond. He did respond by sending a letter acknowledging that they received our letter. That's it-I guess an acknowledgement that we exist, but we don't warrant a response to our questions even though they are asking us to support their zoning request.

It's also hard to tell what the Gate of Heaven Parishioners are thinking

either as the Parish Council hasn't met for years. That's about to change as the pastor is looking to revive the Parish Council as it prepares for reconfiguration and the possible announcement of a new pastor in a few months. It's also hard to tell what the new parish council knows about their parish or their finances. The information in the bulletin and website has been vague and lately nonexistent. You would think that the outcome of the parish's last remaining asset beside the Church would warrant more attention and disclosure. It seems the Cardinal's call for transparency hasn't yet reached the Gate of Heaven parish.

The Council ought to be told that by selling the building outright, the church would net only \$5 million for the building and most of the land surrounding it. They should also be told that, if it is true what has been reported, \$2 million would go to pay off the church debt (which means the latest rehab of the church building cost close to \$8 million). \$1.5 million would go to South Boston Catholic Academy, leaving the Gate of Heaven Parish with only \$1.5 million. Keep in mind that there are no more buildings to sell and there is no way another capital campaign would be as successful as the last one-not even close. We have lost many of those faithful parishioners who were so generous in the last campaign. That \$1.5 million wouldn't go far.

It wouldn't be long before there would be insufficient funds to fix the roof, the steeple, point the bricks, fix the plumbing and heating or paint the walls. Since the recent rehab total is close to \$8 million, the \$1.5 million wouldn't go too far. That majestic building would fall into disrepair, sold and probably demolished. That would be a shame on us. Over 100 years ago, immigrants with barely enough to feed and clothe themselves donated whatever they could to build that church. All our generation has to do is maintain it.

We can maintain it, but only if the school building is not sold outright. As a school, the church would net more than \$5 million over a 10 year

lease even after paying for necessary improvements prior to leasing. By leasing to a school, the church would have an infinite stream of income that could maintain that building and operate the parish for generations to come. The church could also rent all the parking spots at night and still have use of those spots for Sunday mass, funerals and weddings.

Let's hope that the Archdiocese fully informs the Parish Council about its finances and all the options that are available for this property. Let's further hope that the Archdiocese actually allows Gate of Heaven Parishioners have to say on what happens to its property. The current pastor said he wants to be a good neighbor and he wants the parish to be in a position to celebrate the 200th birthday of this church in 2112. He can achieve both by allowing the current purchase and sale to expire and negotiate a lease with one of the interested charter schools. Let's have faith that the new Parish Council will help direct the Archdiocese to do what's right for its neighbors and the Gate of Heaven Parish.

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insights are eerily similar, while not exactly the same. Not so incidentally, Dorchester, Mattapan, Jamaica Plain and Roxbury appear next in line to be affected, if the middle class housing dilemma is not dealt with.

Lawhead reports, "It is no secret that Brooklyn is the sleek poster child of gentrification, and there are a lot of people fighting to make sure that growing coolness doesn't detract attention from the huge loss of affordable housing that has accompanied it." Imani Henry launched the Equality for Flatbush campaign showing through photos taken from around the world that Henry says "highlights the fact that gentrification and the lack of affordable housing isn't a Brooklyn-based crisis."

It's hard not to like some of the stuff that has come with gentrification, like flower shop bars and video store bars and skee ball bars. But it seems "young people are particularly at risk of letting the neat stuff that's popped

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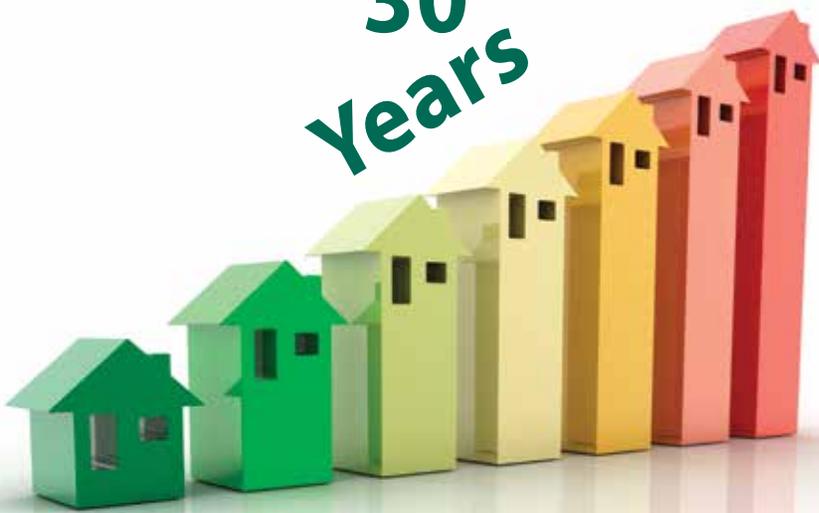
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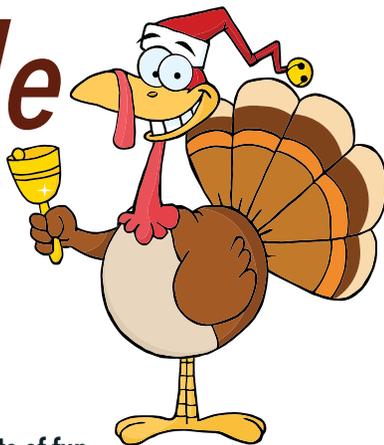
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On Friday, October 17th, St Peter Academy Students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 went to Fort Independence Castle Island to see the USS Constitution do her last turn around before going into dry dock for a three year restoration project.

They joined hundreds of other spectators on a clear autumn day. Cannons blared, flags waved and patriotic music filled the air. The students had a perfect vantage point, right next to the fish pier. It was a first for many of the students. They were all very impressed with the

grand affair!

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.



Joe Quinn, Bob Turner Remembered. Annual Tourney Nov 1st

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South Bostonians, current and former, are fortunate that they are part of a community with deep and lasting roots; where good friends are like family, to be loved and cherished forever. It's so often been said that when you make friends here, no matter how many miles may come to separate you or how many years since buddies have seen each other, those friendships always endure. That includes friends who have left this world due to an illness, accident or natural causes. A statement that has rung true over generations is 'In South Boston, Once a friend always a friend'.

One group of locals, who as kids, developed those tight bonds of friendship and loyalty while 'hanging out' at the corner of P & East Fifth Streets and later at Canavan's at Perkins Square, are typical of the close ties that keep people here connected and long after they grow into adulthood. Two of their number passed on due to their battles with cancer at very young ages and for 23 years, the P&5th crew have been holding an annual event to keep the memories of those friends alive and it's a beautiful thing.

On Saturday, November 1st, the 23rd Annual Joe Quinn/Bob Turner Tournament will be held with just as much enthusiasm as the very first one in 1991. Originally a street hockey tournament, it was changed to bowling several years ago, so that even more people could participate.

South Boston Today contacted Paul Lyons, one of the original and current participants regarding the upcoming tournament to get more details and some history. Paul was quick to point out that this is a 'team effort' and that the whole crew works to put this together each year. The incentive for making this an annual event is multifold: To keep alive the memory of Joe Quinn and Bob Turner; to remember them in a very positive way; to reunite old friends no matter where they may be living now; and just to have a good time doing it. This is something that Joe and Bob would have wanted. Paul also went into some detail of all the great things the group did together, while Joe Quinn and Bob Turner were still with them and continued to do after they had passed away. Among

the adventures remembered were the numerous street hockey tournaments they would participate in together, some of them in a number of different states. Some of the fondest memories were made during those trips.

The tournament itself is well organized and structured, but light hearted and fun. It will begin at the 22 alleys at 'Broadway Bowl' on East Broadway with more than 20, three person teams vying for the top 4 positions and scores after 3 strings bowled. From there, the entire crowd will move to the lanes located at the South Boston Yacht Club to watch and cheer on the remaining 4 squads battle it out for the bragging rights of being the 2014 champs. Then, everyone kicks back, has something to eat, the liquid refreshments of their choice and it turns into the annual party and down to earth social event that so many people, spectators and competitors alike look forward to. Every participant gets a T-Shirt, lunch and refreshments for the price of the entry fee. They seek no sponsors, because it's something that the crew wants to do on its own. Then, the remaining money raised from the entry fees is given to a worthy cause or charity.

Some of the causes that received these funds over the years have been the South Boston Boys and Girls Club, The South Boston Special Kids and Adults, St. Brigid Church, The South Boston Neighborhood House, the Jimmy Fund, Dana Farber for Cancer Research, local fire victims and a host of other deserving charities. How's that for community spirit and striving to help others?

When the tournament and socializing comes to an end this year on November 1st, just as it does each and every year at this fantastic event, the participants and spectators alike can take comfort in knowing that they've once again helped keep that special bond between so many good friends alive and strong. They have been instrumental in honorably keeping alive the memory of Joe Quinn and Bobby Turner, who by all accounts were two very special people and who to this day are still missed by a super bunch of friends whose loyalty has never faded and never will. 'OISB': Only in South Boston.



GET FIT WITH MILITARY VETS IN CITY PARKS

Mayor Martin J. Walsh joined Boston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook, Boston Veterans Services Commissioner Francisco Urena, and representatives of The Coca-Cola Company and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) on October 11 to unveil Troops for Fitness, a new program to help bolster the city's health and fitness initiatives by utilizing the expertise of local veterans.

As part of the Coca-Cola Troops for Fitness program, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department is offering free workshops and classes instructed by military veterans at parks and community centers citywide. The veterans will lead exercise programs including boot camps, golf clinics, cardio and strength training classes, running groups, family yoga, therapeutic yoga, and hiking workouts, just to name a few.

Mayor Walsh is committed to making physical activity programs and nutrition education in Boston's neighborhoods a high priority for his office.

"This initiative allows us to offer free access to health and wellness resources for all neighborhoods in Boston while empowering local military veterans, thanks to the support from Coca-Cola and the NRPA," said Mayor Walsh. "Troops for Fitness benefits

all participants, from attendees enjoying the free workshops to the veterans who will be using their well-honed skills to get Bostonians healthy and active."

The three-year Coca-Cola Foundation grant to the NRPA will be used by the Parks Department to help the city provide more fitness resources for neighborhoods and offer additional recreation opportunities in city parks.

The fitness programs include running groups where U.S. military veterans will lead participants through parks such as Franklin Park in Dorchester and Jamaica Pond in Jamaica Plain; boot camp style exercise classes taught at Christopher Columbus Park in the North End and Hunt Almont Park in Mattapan; yoga classes taught at Jamaica Pond; and Zumba at Savin Hill Park in Dorchester. During the colder months, the Troops for Fitness program will host snowshoeing and other outdoor winter activities and many exercise classes will move indoors thanks to the Boston Centers for Youth & Families.

Vets for Fitness Instructor Justin G will be at Moakley Park every Friday morning at 6:30 am through November teaching Core and Strength Conditioning.

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Thousands Visited the Magical Halloween Castle

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The 32nd Annual Magical Halloween Castle lived up to all expectations last weekend as thousands flocked to Fort Independence at Castle Island to delight in this unique Halloween display. One young Mom, Deb Macgregor, with her 3 kids in tow and here for the first time couldn't believe what she was seeing. Thoroughly impressed, she said "This is spectacular!" She was politely corrected by a young resident ghost who told her the word for the day was actually "Spooktacular". And it certainly was.

The many rooms in the Fort were transformed by the incredible creativity and expertise of the Castle Island Association (CIA) volunteers into a Halloween wonderland. These volunteers do this each year as a labor of love. Hours of preparation go into this event to make everything look just right for the massive crowds of visitors, who if they weren't in the holiday spirit when they arrived, definitely are when they leave. There was everything from goblins to witches, to pirates and all sorts and shapes of monsters, all of which had the same goal, to bring smiles to each and every child and adult who entered. This is perhaps one of the largest family events anywhere, as at least 5000 people showed up on Saturday and thousands more came on Sunday as well. Bill Spain, the President of the CIA said it was among the biggest turnouts for this event.

There was entertainment for all both inside the Fort and out in the courtyard. Laughter and excited voices permeated the air and judging by the happy expressions on so many faces, everyone was enjoying themselves and fun was the order of the weekend. Well done once again to the Castle Island Association and its many wonderful and dedicated volunteers who each year give unselfishly of their time and talents to make the Magical Halloween Castle celebration at Fort Independence an attraction to remember and something to look forward to every year.

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46 YEAR OLD HOCKEY GOALTENDER GOES TO CAMP PART 5



By Mark Senna

This is part five of a series of articles appearing only here in South Boston Today. For those of you who haven't been following, I will summarize what was shared. I had been a fairly successful (played in college, won individual awards, championships, etc...) goalie in the past but was now struggling to make saves on a very young and competitive team (Bar Down playing in the NESHL). Folks, I had simply lost my way in the net but desperately wanted to help my team win hockey games. Although I might be a bit too old to learn new save techniques, I figured I had nothing to lose by attending Mitch Korn's goaltender camp. This series details my camp and post camp hockey experience.

Armed with newly sharpened skates and Youtube instructional videos playing in my head, I was anxious and looking forward to getting on the ice and trying the power push. But first we had the morning classroom session where Coach Mitch Korn instructed us on what we would be working on during day three of the camp.

Today's focus would be "Scrambles and Breakaway" saves. I smiled and was fairly confident that this was going to be a great day at camp for me. Ever since Coach Tom Apprille, at South Boston High, instructed me on how to play the breakaway, it was always one of my strong points of my game. Coach

Apprille's philosophy was to have the goalie come out of the net far enough to take the shot away from the shooter and force them to go to a deke move. He said once they go to their deke then you counter with your move and make the save. It worked for me so I stuck with it over the years.

However, today's shooters are much more savvy, have quicker releases (carbon sticks), and some of the really good one's have deke moves that will leave you moving for a puck that is no longer there. As the goalies have improved their overall play (new save techniques, larger equipment, etc...), so have the shooters so we constantly need to adjust our game to stay a step ahead of them.

Mitch told us when facing a breakaway it requires the goalie to compete, battle, and never give up on a puck. Even when down and out, goalies need to track the puck to give you that chance to make an incredible save. He added that when we are facing a 2-0 breakaway, we should use the "power push" to quickly go from one side of the net to the other as needed, and always, always seal the ice. You don't want to arrive in position to make the save but allow the puck to sneak under your pads and into the net.

Like Coach Apprille before him, Korn instructed us to come out of the net and back up with the flow of play. He then added that the first move by today's shooters is usually a fake and to not fall for it. He added that if they carry the puck on the side of their stick blade, then they are likely to shoot. Otherwise, if they have the puck on their backhand, then you can expect a finishing deke move. These were new pieces of information that I would try to include in my game.

Korn then demonstrated the various save techniques we had available to us to make a breakaway save. The knee walk (made popular by Roberto Luongo), flipper save, butterfly pad reach, Y dive (Tim Thomas), the two pad stack, and my favorite, the "whatever it takes save." He followed the lecture by showing us

another great video of NHL goalies making awesome, game changing, breakaway saves. Again, the video quickly lifted the energy in the room and we were all ready to bust out of the doors and onto the ice to perform them ourselves.

Before getting into the drills on the ice we had fifteen minutes to stretch and get ourselves ready for the day's activities. After stretching for a few minutes, I was eager to try the power push. I dropped down into the butterfly save and quickly and correctly pushed off. As I was coming to a stop I reversed the direction and slid back to where I started. I kept doing this...back and forth, back and forth. It wasn't coming natural as I had to think about each muscle group but I was performing the move correctly. At some point, Korn skated over to me and said "that's it, you got it!"

The whistle blew and we gathered around our master for the day's on ice instruction. He introduced us to a group of local high school hockey players who would be our shooters for today's drills. I spotted one of them who was tall and had a great shot. I introduced myself and requested, when possible, that he take the shots against me. The future Colgate star (Ryan) was more than up for the challenge.

We broke away from the circle and into our groups of four goalies for the first drill, and for our group it was the full on breakaway – the challenge I was most looking forward to. I jumped it the net and faced my first shooter. I think I surprised him with just how far out of the net I was as he never really got into his move. I easily made the save and was ready for the next shooter. This time it was Ryan. He smiled then yelled something to remind me that he was "gunning" for me. Ryan skated in quickly, put the brakes on at the top of the circle, and fired a heat seeking missile over my shoulder and into the net. Wow! I remember Coach Apprille saying that sometimes no matter what we do as goalies, there are pucks that are going to beat us and that we just have to tip our cap to the shooter. This was certainly

one of those cases. I gathered myself and stopped the next three shooters but couldn't get the one that beat me out of my head.

We worked through the rotation until it was my turn again. Ryan was the shooter again and this time I stopped him when he faked a shot, dragged the puck to his backhand, and then pulled it back to his forehand and let his shot go. This was a move that I haven't seen before so not falling for that first deke was instantly paying dividends. The drill continued and I kept stopping the shooters. Eventually, they figured out that I wasn't falling for their first move so they adjusted and started shooting from the top of the circle. But again, because I was on top of my crease and taking their view of the net away, they couldn't get one by me.

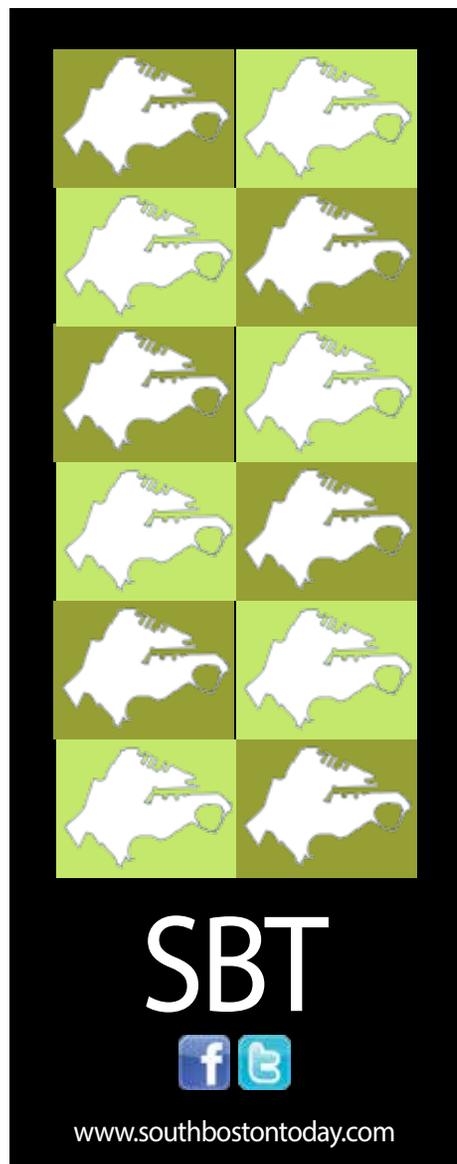
The rest of the day was spent on the other six drills. Coach Korn had a great system worked out where we would spend an equal amount of time at each station before he would blow the whistle. We would then hustle to the next station and begin the drill. We saw lots of rubber on this third day. White pucks, mini pucks, and regular pucks were flying at us from every angle. I was excelling, competing, and giving everything I had to keep the puck out of the net. However, I was struggling to stay down and power push to move laterally in the net. Instead, my natural instincts and compete level was winning the battle of "doing the drill correctly vs. keeping the puck out of the net at all costs". I was dropping down and then getting back up on my skates to move left or right. As the day was winding down, Coach Korn was standing nearby our last station watching us perform the drill. He skated over to me and said, "You sure are quick, I'll give you that."

This series will continue here in South Boston Today next week with the final day of camp, where we competed in "Goalie Olympics". I really hope you stay with us for the ride as it was a good one. Until next week, please stay healthy and keep those pucks out of the net.

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Troops for Fitness schedule and information on how to take part, please go to www.cityofboston.gov/parks, follow us on Facebook.com/BostonParksDepartment and @BostonParksDept, or call (617)635-4505.

The first class of Troops for Fitness instructors are welcomed by (back row, left to right) Boston Veteran's Services Commissioner Francisco Urena, Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Jimmy O'Conner of the National Recreation and Park Association, Dana M. Johnson of The Coca-Cola Company, and Boston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook for the launch of a new free citywide program offering workshops and classes instructed by military veterans at City of Boston parks and community centers. For the full Troops for Fitness schedule and information, please go to www.cityofboston.gov/parks, follow on Facebook.com/BostonParksDepartment and @BostonParksDept, or call (617) 635-4505.



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up in Brooklyn over the last decade distract them from the ways Henry says they “are being taken advantage of and don’t know it.” When discussing gentrification, Henry focuses primarily on the need to save affordable housing and describes the issue as a battle between ruthless corporations, developers, and landlords, and the people being displaced in favor of eventual luxury housing.”

Sound familiar?

Lawhead herself goes on to state, “I obviously benefit from some of the neat stuff that’s popped up in Northwest Brooklyn over the last decade, but I also don’t want a Starbucks and a Chase Bank on every corner. I like pumpkin beer and kale smoothies, but when I think of what’s been lost, these changes don’t feel natural and exciting.” There’s a restoration narrative that dominates many defenses of gentrification, that some sort of classic Brooklyn is reemerging, one flipped brownstone at a time. But, the residents back then were the heart of those middle class and working class communities. Today, in many cases, city governments, corporations, and real estate developers are luring rich people back to the cities with the hope and promise that the existing communities, will be driven out. Henry vehemently rejects the idea that the loss of affordable housing is just a byproduct of the recession.

Enough about the Brooklyn saga! Get the picture?

So, if this rings true here in Boston, what should or can be done? Henry, modified to address Boston, has this advice for the newcomers, and one may want to listen to and consider taking it.

First, if you’re going to live in South Boston (or Dorchester, Mattapan, Jamaica Plain, Roxbury), be a part of it. Learn about the community, its history and its landmarks. Neighborhoods and their boundaries are dynamic, but those changing their names are doing so to make real estate more alluring and lucrative. New developments in the Waterfront are vetting non-traditional and exotic names for their new high rise residences.

Learning about and getting involved with local civic associations

is one important way to support the community dynamic. Bridging rifts between new arrivals and older residents is an important way to build consensus and strengthen influence over developments. Beginning with having respect for those who have been on the front lines for years is an important starting point. Then asking the question: What can I do to help? If you have or can make time in your day, help with disseminating information. If you have special skills such as website design or graphics expertise, the groups may be able to use those skills.

Another way to help out is to support an existing grassroots project fighting for middle class and affordable housing. Informally, the Gate of Heaven neighborhood has stepped up, but should there be a community wide effort, since everyone’s future is at stake? Who will step up? And, if you do, who will join you? When you do, will you be embraced or questioned?

What will the “New Boston” be or look like? If you get involved, you will have a say in it.

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Every week, we run part of a segment from Danny Picard's daily iTunes podcast, "I'm Just Sayin." He can also be heard weekends on WEEI 93.7 FM and seen on Comcast SportsNet New England.

This week, Danny talked with Ken Casey of Dropkick Murphys:

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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To all persons interested in the estate of Thomas S. Lydon late of Boston, in said County, deceased testate. A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell – at public auction – private sale – private – certain real estate of deceased – and that the petitioner may become the purchaser of said real estate. If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 20th day of November, 2014, the return day of this citation. Witness, JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 20th day of October, 2014. Ann Marie Passanisi, Register.

It is ordered that notice of said proceeding be given by delivering or mailing by registered or certified mail a copy of the foregoing citation to all persons interested fourteen days at least before said return day, and, if service be made by registered or certified mail, unless it shall appear that all persons interested have received actual notice, by publishing a copy thereof once in the South Boston Today a newspaper published in Boston, the last publication to be one day at least before said return day.

Witness, JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 20th day of October, 2014. Ann Marie Passanisi, Register.

SCHEDULE A

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in that part of said Boston called South Boston now numbered 429 in the street numbering of Fourth Street, bounded and described as follows to wit:

SOUTHEASTERLY fifteen (15) feet eleven (11) inches to the Northwesterly corner of a stone post; thence turning

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Also the right of way between said premises and Gold Street by means of a three-foot passageway in common with the other owners of lands Adjoining thereto as now laid out over other land conveyed by Charles H. Parker et als by their deed Aug. 1, 1867, recorded Suffolk Deeds, Libro 906 Folio 43 and under the buildings thereon.

The three-cornered portion of the granted premises measuring about 2 1/2 square feet which is now included in said passageway being subject to a like right of way for the benefit of the adjoining estate.

DANNY PICARD: So you've got the Monster Brawl on Thursday night [Oct. 30], I guess my first question for you is, how did you get into the boxing promotion? Tell me how you got into all of this?

KEN CASEY: I still don't know. It's like it just came out of nowhere. Basically, I've always been a huge fight fan. I've always been a promoter at heart, whether it was music in my early days, promoting other bands. But really, the friendship with Danny O'Connor. Danny was volunteering for the [Dropkick Murphys] charity foundation, The Claddagh Fund. And really we just got to talking and became friends, and I was just blown away by kind of the similarities of boxing and music. When you're a young band, you've got to be out on the road working, just like a fighter is away at camp. But at the same time, you're trying to promote yourself. And he had a new baby at home and I just said, "I'm going to help this kid out." And by that, I thought I meant by going on social media and saying, "Check out Danny O'Connor." And now, four years later, I'm a boxing promoter and full-on into it. When you meet special people like that, you want

to help out. And one person will lead you to another. It's been a great way to try to revive boxing in the area, but also, most of the events that we do for boxing benefit the band's foundation, The Claddagh Fund. So it's doing a good cause at the same time. I love the fights. It's nice to bring nationally-televised boxing back to Boston and showcase the talent we have here.

DP: And look, you picked a couple good fighters. For Danny O'Connor, this is sort of a comeback fight for him, right?

KC: Yeah, he hurt his elbow two times in a row in camp. He had one surgery, and that can kind of get disheartening for a fighter, but he's back now. He's been training at home, which he loves, because he has a family and he doesn't have to be in Houston, where he was training before. He's back and better than ever and in better spirits than ever. I'm excited to watch him back injury-free for the first time in a while. And to come back and have his first fight back be a nationally-televised main event is going to be awesome.

DP: And it's on Fox Sports 1, I believe?

KC: Yeah, the TV portion will be

An advertisement for "THE SPOT CLOTHING PRINTING & EMBROIDERY". It features several hoodies and t-shirts with various designs and logos. One hoodie is white with a circular logo, another is black with a green and white logo. Below the hoodies, there are three t-shirts in blue, red, and grey. The text "TAILGATE HOODIE WITH BUILT IN COOZIE & BOTTLE OPENER" is visible. At the bottom, it says "SOUTHIESHIRTS.COM FALL COLLECTION" and "617-752-4771 457 WEST BROADWAY | SOUTH BOSTON".

from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Danny is in the main even against Andrew Farmer, a tough kid who's 18-2. And then in the co-feature you've got Sharif Bogere, who's a former champion at 25-1. Then you've got Jason Quigley, who's probably one of the best prospects to come out of Ireland in 20 years. People here are excited to see him fight here in Boston. And then, of course, Mark DeLuca, a great talent and local kid, 11-0, former U.S. Marine Combat Vet. people love Mark around here, and it's nice to have Mark be able to get his shot on national TV, so that people outside of the area can see him for the first time.

DP: You mention Mark DeLuca. Now, I'm not somebody that watches boxing all the time, but I will watch the big names, and I will watch the exciting fights. I will go out of my way to watch those fighters. And I can tell you this, with regards to Mark DeLuca, this is somebody that I look at and say, "I want to watch this kid." Because I've seen him fight before, and this is a special talent. Again, I don't watch every fight. I don't go out of my way to watch boxing too much. And with all due respect to everybody on this card, Mark DeLuca, to me, is somebody that pretty soon is going to be a must-see fighter.

KC: Too much of the boxing world has become the type of people who just watch those big fights. You're not the only guy, and a lot of that has to do with what's been

presented to the boxing world. On a local level, this card is stacked. Mark's got power, left-handed, nice kid. Everyone's rooting for him. I think you watch him in the ring, and it's hard not to get behind him. There's a lot of guys like that on this card. I think the events that we do, with the fight cards that we do, we try to make an event that makes you feel -- even if it's in Plymouth, Mass. -- we make it feel like it's Las Vegas, and its a big night. People come away from it saying it's a good event, more than anything. But the card is stacked. The opening fights, the Golden Boy guys who are all former national amateur champs that are 6-0, 7-0. When you walk into a local normal fight card, the first two fights are usually not anything to write home about, but on these shows, you come in and see guys who are world-class talent, even in he opening fights.

DP: While I have you here, I've got to get your take on a couple of the hot topics in Boston sports. And as you heard me say in the open, as Jeff Howe of The Boston Herald reports, Chandler Jones is going to be out six weeks and could be done for the season. I think Jones is an impact player, but I think the Patriots can win without him though, as long as Revis stays healthy. How have you seen this Patriots season so far, and how do you think they'll do moving forward, without Chandler Jones?

KC: Well, in the past, they've

always found a way. Like you said, the big difference is, we haven't had a guy like Revis for a long time. So they have him filling that void on the defense. But then you've got to say, well, how do we look so good against a Bengals team and then the defense looks so poor against the Jets? There's a lot more parity in the league, but you've got to believe in Bill [Belichick]. And I guess, more than anything, you've got to start to expect a lot more out of the offense. It's nice to see Edelman not having to carry all the weight. You're starting to see some other people step up. You'd like to see Vereen catching some more balls out of the backfield, shades of Kevin Faulk back in the day, and see the offense put up a few more points to offset the defensive injuries.

DP: And I know you're a big hockey guy, a big Bruins fan, so this has to be a tough loss for you to see Zdeno Chara out 4-6 weeks.

KC: I've got to tell ya, I was at the [Islanders] game the other night, and I had those awesome bench seats, right in between the benches. And that Chara hit, it was like, where did that injury come from? The irony of sitting there with Chara out hurt, and then Johnny Boychuk playing for the Islanders. He's still got his Boston Bruins mouthguard on, by the way. He looked down and gave me a big smile with the "B" still on there. I know it's salary-cap stuff and you've

got to make moves, but it hurt extra hard seeing Chara go down. They've got a lot of young talent, but it's hard. It's hard to watch as a season-ticket holder, as a big fan, it's hard to go and watch a team that let Boychuk go and didn't replace Iginla. It's tough. So I guess you've got to hope the youth steps up. I'd love to see Spooner in the lineup, a little more speed. I don't know. I kept telling everyone, "We're going to be alright, we're going to be alright." Now, with Chara hurt, I don't know that I can actually say that anymore.

DP: Ken, can you believe it's already been a year since you guys were performing at the World Series at Fenway Park? Can you believe it's already been one year since that moment?

KC: It seems like yesterday. Worst-to-first-to-worst-to-first, now that would be the real story. I guess what happened this year almost magnifies just how special last year was. And maybe the team -- after what the city had gone through -- maybe the players stepped up and played a little harder for that magic to happen. It just kind of makes that whole looking back on '13 -- for me anyway -- that much more special. That maybe, man, that was a miracle, ya know?

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