The fact that on Tuesday Massachusetts became the third state in the nation to guarantee paid sick days for workers, it finds itself juxtaposed against the result of Question 1 with voters rejecting the automatic indexing of the gas tax.

Essentially, the anti-Casino and pro-Bottle Bill initiatives became a battle of the well funded, media blitzing vested interests versus the under-funded, grass roots activists, where money won out. In contrast, the gas tax and sick leave initiatives were battles waged based on key public policy concerns. On the one
EDITORIAL Considering The Five Rings

The slate is clean. Our new governor and (pretty new) mayor have challenges from the past to deal with. More importantly they have a chance to create, at least in Boston, a vibrant cutting edge modern direction to drive the city forward while at the same time preserving a quality of life that is sustainable by families, young professionals, long-time residents and new arrivals alike.

We, in South Boston, are, as we have been, on the front lines of that direction. The possibility and viability of the 2024 Olympics dictates that city and state must join forces, is a decision that must be made in the near future. South Boston would, as usual, find itself front and center in any Olympic plans.

The Olympic motto is Citius, Altius, Fortius, a Latin expression meaning “Faster, Higher, Stronger”. The committee promoting Boston appears to be living up to this motto in both form and substance.

However, because of the impact these games have historically had on past host cities around the world and in the US, these decisions are not to be made lightly but should also not be avoided and even embraced. An opportunity to truly shape the immediate future of your town is not to be missed. The renewal of democracy, after an election, is the best time in politics. Take advantage and become involved in your future.

Finally Happy Veterans Day to all who have served and presented us this nation.

“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction” - President Ronald Reagan (Veteran)

This Week’s Poll

About the recent 4 Ballot Questions, were the instructions helpful or confusing?

• Helpful
• Confusing

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This being South Boston Today’s pre Veterans Day edition, we take great pleasure in the good news reported last weekend regarding the release of one of America’s decorated war heroes: Andrew Tahmooressi – United States Marine Corps. As our readers are well aware, he wasn’t being held by the Taliban in Afghanistan where he served with honor, 2 tours of duty in combat. He was being held in a dark and dreary Mexican prison since last March 31st, when he mistakenly made a wrong turn after reading confusing signage and drove into Mexico. The Mexican government doesn’t tolerate non-citizens entering their country illegally even if by accident, but takes offense if we try to secure our borders here. During the 214 days he was confined and where on at least 2 occasions he is said to have been beaten by guards, there was a major push being made on his behalf by patriotic Americans and some legislators AND we might add by the FOX News Channel who took up the cause of getting him released.

Many of our readers have followed with dismay the lack of response from the White House and from Barack Obama himself for the cause of freeing Sgt Tahmooressi. While Obama had no problem and was more than willing to work to swap 5 high ranking Taliban commanders from Gitmo in exchange for Sgt Bowe Bergdahl; who many of his fellow soldiers called a deserter and a traitor, he showed little interest in Tahmooressi’s case. John Kerry also couldn’t be bothered. But with the help of FOX, elected officials from both political parties, former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson and thousands of supportive American patriots, Sgt Andrew Tahmooressi’s long ordeal has come to an end. Welcome home.

More good news, this time from Florida: An employee at a hardware store, Jeff Verzi, decided to put up 6 large America flags in front of the store to honor 6 family members; veterans who served their country in the US Armed Forces. The owner of the hardware store was all for the symbolic gesture, but an anonymous complaint brought an order from local city officials to remove the flags; saying they were ‘in the way’. Well, there are some things in life worth drawing that line in the sand for and the people at ‘Family Hardware’ decided that this was one of those things. They refused to remove the flags. It was shaping up to be a confrontation between the Hardware Store and the city. But then the cavalry arrived so to speak. Hundreds of town residents came forth with an out pouring of support and literally draped the entire area in American Flags. One city official described it as a ‘Sea of Red White and Blue that covered the town – thousands of flags appeared; people were hanging huge flags everywhere”.

City officials backed down and said the flags could stay and actually congratulated residents for coming together to support one of their own in this patriotic cause. As for the anonymous complainer, well, he or she was not heard from after that. It seemed the message was received loud and clear and that was in America, we fly Old Glory anywhere and anytime we choose.

Along with Veterans Day, November brings that other uniquely American holiday tradition called Thanksgiving. In recent years, much has been said pro and con about so many stores not wanting to wait to open their doors on ‘Black Friday’ to lure shoppers and instead, open on Thanksgiving Day itself. This is a good thing for people who want to shop on Thanksgiving but a bad thing for employees of those stores who are forced to work on the holiday and cannot spend that cherished time with their families. But this year, what’s being called the ‘Thanksgiving Rebellion’ is taking shape. Buckling to public pressure, more and more stores have said they will not open on Thanksgiving this year. The list is getting longer and growing with major chains like Costco, Nordstrom, Lowes, GameStop and Home Depot joining the list of businesses that will remain closed. The word out is that other stores seeing the trend are

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MA Republicans Grab Moore, Murray Senate Seats

Two Massachusetts House members have picked off the Senate seats currently held by Senate President Therese Murray and Senate President Pro Tempore Richard Moore. Moore (D-Uxbridge) lost to Rep. Ryan Fattman (R-Webster), while former Rep. Matt Patrick (D-Falmouth) was bested by Rep. Vinny deMacedo (R-Plymouth) in a race for the seat held by Murray, who opted against seeking reelection. Sen. Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst) is expected to take over the Senate presidency in 2015. “At this point, it looks like Dick Moore and Matt Patrick are the two Senate losses we’re looking at right now,” said Sen. Thomas McGee, a Lynn Democrat and chair of the state party. McGee said Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester) won reelection over Melrose Republican Monica Medeiros, while former Rep. Barbara L’Italien (D-Andover) kept outgoing Sen. Barry Finegold’s seat in blue hands by beating out Selectman Alex Vispoli (R-Andover). Sens. Kathleen O’Connor Ives (D-Newburyport) and Jennifer Flanagan (D-Leominster) also won reelection, McGee said. Democrat Eric Lesser, a former Obama White House aide, declared victory over Republican Debra Boronski and independent Michael Franco in the race for Sen. Gale Candaras’s seat. - Gin Dumiuci SHNS

MA. Economy Grows, But More Slowly

Economic growth in Massachusetts slowed in the third quarter to a 3.2 percent annualized rate, down from 4.8 percent in the second quarter, according to date released Thursday. The U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of 3.5 percent from July through September, marking two consecutive quarters of growth, according to data released by MassBenchmarks, an economic journal published by the UMass Donahue Institute with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Both the state and national economies contracted during the first quarter of 2014. The jobless rate in Massachusetts rose from 5.5 percent in June to 6 percent in September, but the economic journal’s authors said the increase “does not signal a weakening labor market” and reflects workers entering or re-entering the labor force because they are “gaining confidence in the economy.” The size of the workforce grew by 16,900 people in the third quarter, compared to the second quarter. - M. Norton | Courts Help MA. Litigants Represent Themselves

Massachusetts court officials say there are a growing number of self-represented litigants in Massachusetts and on Thursday touted a new Boston Court Service Center to address the problem. The center, at the Edward Brooke Courthouse, is led by a manager-attorney who assists people representing themselves by helping them understand legal terms and filing requirements and by offering them access to public computers, interpreter services and connections to city and state services. The center opened in June and has helped 2,200 people so far. Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Ralph Gants, Trial Court Chief Justice Paula Carey, and Trial Court Administrator Harry Spence held an event Thursday to promote the center and its work. “As budgets for legal aid have been drastically cut in recent years, more people are representing themselves in court -- from fighting foreclosures and tenant evictions to probate matters involving divorce and child custody issues,” Gants said in a statement. A second court service center is up and running in Greenfield. There are plans to add four more centers in the coming year and to have a center in each of the state’s 15 largest courthouses in the next three years. - M. Norton/SHNS

Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education.

We will except reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, recaps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.
The options came down to everyone waiting for the election results and working late to get out the newspaper, or stay with our regular schedule. Considering that by Thursday’s edition the results would already be old news the choice was easy. By now the results have been digested, analyzed and fed back to us with someone else’s spin. It’s probably safe to say the future direction of America was determined. While that is always true to some extent, in my lifetime the country has never seemed so bitterly divided.

Many will point back to Viet-Nam and the unrest caused in America. The difference, perhaps, was that many saw the good name and intentions of America being shamed and misused by a selfish, unscrupulous leadership. There was however, a small radical movement who seized on the unrest to further a narrative that it was the idea and concept of America itself that was evil and needed to be eradicated. Even among the most die hard anti-war activists, their violent, hateful rhetoric was mostly rejected. Like some type of fungus or mold hidden in your basement, they worked their way into the foundation of our country. Some of our most important citizens, our teachers, were infiltrated. Rather than work to improve methods or equipment, their strategy was to control union leadership and dictate a curriculum that emphasizes and magnifies - or many times fantasizes - any excess committed by American’s founders and pioneers, while ignoring the overwhelming success the American idea has meant for all peoples. The vast majority of great teachers are held hostage.

This philosophy, unchecked due to political correctness, has led to much of the turmoil we see today. Like totalitarian movements in the past that crushed any dissent by declaring outspoken critics “enemies of the state”. Any who advocate a stop to illegal immigration at our borders are branded racist. In fact any opposition, whether to voter id, the pipeline or EBOLA control, is shouted down with either cat-calls of “racism” or a “war on women”, no matter the issue.

Imagine, on most college campuses, an area is designated a “free zone”. Isn’t all of America a “free speech zone”? Apparently, the American experiment as the “marketplace of ideas” has lost its luster and meaning at our institutions of higher learning and “politically incorrect” thoughts or words are to be controlled and isolated.

It cannot be denied a kind of pessimism has been persistent, at least here, over the direction the country has been headed the last decade, especially when getting a peek at some of the textbooks and what is being passed off as “American history”. This generation of so-called millenials is probably the first to be educated from preschool with this distorted version of American history. They certainly can’t be faulted for what so-called “adults” taught them.

Perhaps it’s an age thing, although my concerns are shared at least by many WWII, Korea and Viet-Nam era people that I associate with. We are of a certain age. What of the 30’s and 20’s - the young people? Well there is hope and optimism and it’s not just me. Two recent polls report that 51% of millenials who voted for President Obama will vote for the Republican or Independent candidate. What’s the old line “we have met the enemy and he is us”. The concerns facing America cross all ages and gender lines. The re-awakening national realization and attitude that “charity begins at home” and Americans and America come first is reason to look for a bright future.

Take care till next week.
Veterans Day has a Special Meaning to South Bostonians

Next Monday is Veterans Day. An official federal holiday; it is celebrated all across America with memorials, parades, religious services and family gatherings. Its purpose is of course to remember and honor all of our nation’s military personnel. In 2014, as it is so every year, Veterans Day has a deep and emotional meaning for most South Bostonians.

A brief history of the day shows us that Veterans Day, once called Armistice Day, was first celebrated in 1919. This followed the previous year, 1918 when the Armistice Treaty to end World War I was signed. Initially, it was only to honor and remember veterans who fought in that war, but later was expanded to honor all of America’s veterans from the founding of our country, up to the present day and into the future.

Here in South Boston, it has always been and still is a strong tradition to pay tribute to all of this community’s many veterans. It can be said that nowhere are veterans and military personnel held in higher esteem than in this town. We have active and thriving veterans’ organizations, posts and monuments that neighborhood people worked diligently to create and maintain. All of them are a source of great pride to residents here. Many locals will visit cemeteries where family members who served are buried and lay wreaths and flowers. Often families will gather for dinner with the many veterans of all ages who are with us today.

Since Veterans Day is one of this nation’s most cherished holidays, government buildings, schools and banks will be closed. Restaurants, stores and other business will remain open; depending on the owners. This is also considered a good day to shop as Veterans Day sales and discounts are usually pretty tempting.

But here in South Boston the shopping, sale, discounts and all the other entertainment that might come with this special day is fine, but has always takes a back seat. The real priority for South Bostonians is honoring our veterans and showing them they are appreciated because they make us all proud as they put their lives on the line to preserve America’s freedom and way of life.

From the entire South Boston Today team, Happy Veterans Day 2014 to all.
Fitzgerald Post’s 63rd Memorial Day Service Nov 10th

The Thomas F Fitzgerald Post, Number 561, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will hold its 63rd Annual Veteran’s Day Memorial Service this coming Monday, November 10th, Veterans Day. All are invited. Post Adjutant John Dave Falvey has given South Boston Today the order of events.

They are as follows:

There will be an assembly at the Post at 9:15am, which is located at 715 East Fourth Street, which is directly across the street from the Stop & Shop parking lot. From there, at 9:40am, the procession will march up to St Brigid’s Church Chapel on East Broadway where the Memorial Mass will begin at 10am.

This is a long standing tradition to honor all veterans and as always, this event will take place rain or shine. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend and to be part of the morning’s activities; whether veterans or not to show support.

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Remembering Our Veterans

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy

96 years ago, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, World War I came to an end and hundreds of thousands of citizen soldiers began the long voyage home. This year, in the months to come, many of our troops will be coming back to their loving families.

Today, we offer our heartfelt remembrance as well as our sincere reverence for all the veterans of the United States both young and old.

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President
Boston City Council
District 2
LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Authority) is soliciting consulting services for MPA CONTRACT NOS. AP1314-S3 and S4, FY15-16 LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT/ SOUTH BOSTON BRIDGE AND TUNNEL INSPECTIONS. The Authority is seeking qualified consulting firms or teams with proven experience to provide professional services related to the inspection of bridges and tunnels on an on-call, as needed basis. These services are expected to be provided at Massport-owned property in East Boston and South Boston, MA. The Consultant must be able to work closely with the Authority and other interested parties in order to provide such services in a timely and effective manner.

The consultant shall demonstrate experience in bridge and tunnel inspections and have the ability to provide traffic control, prepare bridge inspection reports, and prepare recommendations for maintenance and repair of the structures. The consultant shall also have the ability to prepare cost estimates for any recommended repairs. The work will also include an inventory and inspection of existing roadway sign structures.

The scope of work shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Review of existing bridge inspection reports and available plans for the structures to be inspected.
2. Prepare Traffic Management Plans and submit Lane Closure Requests in advance of the inspections.
3. Coordinate with State Police and Massport Operations regarding the necessary access and impacts on travelers during the inspection period.
4. Conduct the inspections and complete the Bridge or Tunnel inspection forms with appropriate sketches and photographs to accurately depict the observed field conditions. The work shall also include inspection of all overhead sign structures as assigned by the project manager.
5. Prepare and submit the S&A forms and submit to MassDOT for incorporation into their bridge management system, as appropriate.
6. Submit two hard copies and one electronic copy (PDF) of the completed inspection reports with a letter summarizing the recommended maintenance and repairs for the structures.
7. Conduct inventory and inspection of roadway sign structures.
8. Present periodic summaries of the bridge, tunnel, and sign inspection findings to the Director of Capital Programs.
9. Prepare cost estimates and repair sketches for critical areas needing repair, as requested.

The Authority expects to select two consultants. However, the Authority reserves the right to select a different number if it is deemed in its best interest to do so. Each consultant shall be issued a contract in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000). The implementation of these services will be dependent on available funding, but if fully funded, the project is likely to take place over a two year period. The services shall be authorized on a work order basis.

Each submission shall include a Statement of Qualifications that provides detailed information in response to the evaluation criteria set forth below and include Architect/Engineer & Related Services questionnaires SF 330 (www.gsa.gov/portal/forms/download/116486) with the appropriate number of Part IIs. M/WBE Certification of the prime and subconsultants shall be current at the time of submittal and the Consultant shall provide a copy of the M/WBE certification letter from the Supplier Diversity Office, formerly known as State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance (SOMWBA) within its submittal. The Consultant shall indicate the proposed percentage of M/WBE participation in its qualification package. The Consultant shall also provide an original and nine copies of litigation and legal proceedings information, signed under the pains and penalties of perjury, in a separate sealed envelope entitled “Litigation and Legal Proceedings”. See http://www.massport.com/business-with-massport/capital-improvements/resource-center for more details on litigation and legal proceedings history submittal requirements.

The Authority may reject any application if any of the required information is not provided: Cover Letter, Insurance Requirements, Litigation and Legal proceedings, and SF 330 Part IIs for the Prime and every sub-consultant. The above-mentioned information shall be highlighted in the Cover Letter.

The submission shall be evaluated on basis of:

1. current level of experience and knowledge of the team for similar projects, particularly the Project Manager,
2. geographic location and availability of the Project Manager, resident inspectors and other key personnel to be assigned to the project,
3. experience and expertise of subconsultants,
4. demonstrated ability to perform work with minimal disruption to facility operations,
5. cost management and scheduling capabilities,
6. M/WBE and affirmative action efforts,
7. current level of work with the Authority,
8. past performance for the Authority, if any, and
9. project understanding and technical approach to this project.

The selection shall involve a two-step process including the shortlisting of a minimum of three firms based on an evaluation of the Statements of Qualifications received in response to this solicitation, followed immediately by a final selection of the consultant(s) by the Authority. The Authority reserves the right to interview the firms prior to final selection, if deemed appropriate.

By responding to this solicitation, consultants agree to accept the terms and conditions of Massport’s standard work order agreement, a copy of the Authority’s standard agreement can be found on the Authority’s web page at www.massport.com. THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE STANDARD CONSULTANT AGREEMENT SHALL BE REVISED TO REQUIRE $3,000,000 IN PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY, $1,000,000 IN COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY, AND $1,000,000 IN AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY. The Consultant shall specify in its cover letter that it has the ability to obtain requisite insurance coverage.

Submissions shall be printed on both sides of the sheet (8 1/2” x 11”), no acetate covers. One (1) original and nine (9) copies of a bound document and one PDF version on a disc each limited to:

1) an SF 330 including the appropriate number of Part IIs,
2) resumes of key individuals only each limited to one (1) page under SF 330, Section E,
3) no more than ten (10) projects each limited to one (1) page under SF 330, Section F,
4) no more than 3 sheets (6 pages) of information contained under SF 330 Section H addressing the evaluation items (except for the litigation and legal proceedings history), and
5) no more than 2 sheets (4 pages) of other relevant material not including a 2 page (max.) cover letter, SDO certification letters, covers, dividers, and other required information.

This submission, including the litigation and legal proceedings history in a separate sealed envelope as required shall be addressed to Houssam H. Skimian, PE, CCM, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs and received no later than 12:00 Noon on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 2095, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2009. Any submission which is not received in a timely manner shall be rejected by the Authority as non-responsive. Any information provided to the Authority in any Proposal or other written or oral communication between the Proposer and the Authority will not be, or deemed to have been, proprietary or confidential, although the Authority will use reasonable efforts not to disclose such information to persons who are not employees or consultants retained by the Authority except as may be required by M.G.L. c.66.

The procurement process for these services will proceed according to the following anticipated schedule:

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Questions may be sent via email to CPBidQuestions@massport.com subject to the deadline for receipt stated in the timetable above. In the subject lines of your email, please reference the MPA Project Name and Number. Questions and their responses will be posted on Capital Bid Opportunities webpage of Massport http://www.massport.com/doing-business/_layouts/CapitalPrograms/default.aspx as an attachment to the original Legal Notice and on COMMBUYS (www.commbuys.com) in the listings for this project.

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SOUTH BOSTON COMMUNITY DAY 2014

Celebrate “A Decade of Memories and Accomplishments” with our South Boston Youth Ambassadors at the 10th Annual South Boston Community Day on November 15, 2014!

This free event, hosted by the South Boston Community Health Center’s Youth Ambassadors program, will be held from 10am to 2pm at the Iron Workers Hall 7, located at 195 Old Colony Avenue.

There will be children’s activities and continuous family friendly entertainment throughout the event, including interactive Disney characters, a balloon artist, a Simon Says entertainer, and a drawing workshop. The Youth Ambassadors will be showcasing their accomplishments and hard work through various informational tables and art displays. Local non-profit agencies will have tables set up to share information about their services with the community. We will be honoring South Boston community leaders for their continuous support of the Youth Ambassadors program. A complimentary light lunch will be served at the end of the event.

The South Boston Youth Ambassadors program consists of 30-40 adolescents, ages 12-18, who are committed to bettering their community through service projects and participating in trainings/workshops discussing substance abuse prevention, bullying, leadership, mental health, and many more. A few of the numerous projects the Youth Ambassadors have done over the years include street clean-ups, community service trips, Hearts of Kindness, peer leadership, and community beautification art projects. Over the last decade, this program has continually strengthened the South Boston community through positive and interactive adult-youth relationships.

Please bring your friends and family to the 10th Annual South Boston Community Day on November 15th from 10am-2pm! We hope you will be able to join us in celebrating “A Decade of Memories and Accomplishments” with our South Boston Youth Ambassadors!

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hand, spending, tax burden and government accountability considerations brought out the conservative side of the voters, but at the same time, fairness and mutual self-interest brought out the liberal side.

This should present an important lesson to elected leaders, especially those from the Democratic Party. As blue as Massachusetts has been painting itself for years, the electorate appears to be informing its elected officials that purple is the right color for the time being. Governor-elect Charlie Baker is more purple than red. This is actually good news for the democrats. His election will cause the re-evaluation of the Deval Patrick led agenda and impose a new political dynamic to all democratic state leadership of the past eight years. Furthermore, it gives the Democratic Party some time to caucuse about its strategy and tactics over the next two to four years at least.

Given the shift in power in Washington DC after the mid-term elections, if the MA Democratic Party is smart, it will more pontedly speak to the moderate, middle class, and classic liberal constituencies that seem to have gotten lost in the din of the progressive left policies that drove this election cycle.

While most citizens want to protect the environment, want to treat immigrants fairly, want civil rights protected, want global peace, want social and economic justice and energy independence, they ask the question – at what price, both to our pocketbooks and our national security? On the other hand, the Progressive agenda only considers the price after the fact. That approach has come home to roost, both here and around the country. Consequently, the agenda that suffers is the one that needs to focus on quality education, job creation, health care delivery, drug prevention and treatment, treating mental illness and affordable housing.

Finally, the economy is still growing but at a much slower pace and the U.S. trade deficit rose in September, a sign that we are starting to feel the impact of weakening global growth. The famous Clinton adviser, James Carville, quip “It’s the economy, stupid” is timeless. Any agenda needs a balanced political agenda and a healthy economy. The price of public policy must also be a fundamental factor in the ultimate decision.

No one’s agenda - populist, elitist, progressive left, neo-conservative or otherwise - is void of costs. The public insightfully and thoughtfully made its choices on these Ballot Questions and party leaders should take measure.
Local Kids Bring Halloween Smiles to Marian Manor Residents

Here have been quite a few positive events happening in the neighborhood and last Friday’s Annual South Boston Mom’s Club Kid’s Halloween Parade, in collaboration with Marian Manor was right up there with the best of them.

The Mom’s Club arrived with a great group of kids to entertain and interact with the Marian Manor residents and everything clicked perfectly. The happy kids had the effect of putting smiles on the faces of the residents as well.

The kids showed up in their finest costumes; some were scary, some were funny and all of them very creative. The Halloween stage walk included lady bugs, twin mice, princesses, owls, Batman, Minnie, a pirate, Woody, a bumble bee, a bat, Sr. Benjamin of Transylvania, a baby skeleton and last but not least, Iron Vampire Man. The costumes were so good it prompted a clearly impressed Joe Fontana to remark that “In my day, a bed sheet/ghost was the only costumes we had.”

This is something the South Boston Mom’s Club clearly enjoys doing. It’s another way to bring the neighborhood closer together. And the Marian Manor, with its outstanding activities staff is always happy to participate and help coordinate events that will bring pleasure and fun to its many appreciative residents.

One of the ‘Manor’ residents, Jackie Burkard, hand crocheted beautiful Halloween baskets which were filled with candy and gave them to the kids. They were a great surprise and a lovely gift made with patience and kindness. Residents, the Mom’s Club and the kids were treated to cookies, candy and other goodies at the party and a wonderful party it was with a mixture of generations coming together.

Bianka Kellici, the director of activities at the Marian Manor was pleased at how it all went stating “Once again we celebrated Halloween with the residents and the South Boston Mom’s Club. The kid’s cute faces brought joy and smiles to everyone.” Well done to all involved. More Photographs are available at SouthBostonToday.com
Commissioner William Evans Receives Suffolk University’s Achievement Award

Boston Police Commissioner William Evans of South Boston received the 2014 Suffolk University Achievement Award at the University’s recent Homecoming Weekend award reception. He was honored for his many professional accomplishments over the years in serving the Boston community as a member of the Boston Police Department. Evans received his Bachelor of Science degree from Suffolk University in 1982.

Suffolk University, located in historic downtown Boston, with an international campus in Madrid, is a student-centered institution distinguished by excellence in education and scholarship. Suffolk University offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs in more than 90 areas of study. Its mission is to empower graduates to be successful locally, regionally and globally.

WHAT IS THE PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY?

By Mary Fagan – South Boston Resident

Every year about this time when summer is definitely over and the chill of fall weather comes daily there is a campaign across America to do public prayers for the intentions of our nation’s survival as a free nation. Prayer intentions are made to support a culture of life, for religious freedom which is under attack in our land, and for the renewal of traditional strong families.

Recent events of violence by terrorists and by crazed shooters killing helpless people are now all too common in America. Across the ocean in Europe, Africa and Asia the brutality is far worse. Throughout history the Catholic Church has responded to such difficulties by encouraging the faithful to participate in public processions and prayers to overcome intense situations which threaten the common good. This is what the Public Square Rosary Campaign does. The prayers are started at the hour of noon, Eastern Time, Central Time, and Western Time. Many who cannot attend on the street are asked to pray in their homes at that same hour.

This year over 11 thousand Public Square Rosary groups participated across our nation. In South Boston we spread the word that we would pray on the public sidewalk at Andrew Square. As we set up our banners Saturday morning the rain poured from the sky – H2O aplenty! It poured. With a chuckle and resignation to the wetness of the situation, we determined that our Public Square Rosary would happen on this wet Saturday, October 11, 2014.

A homeless man named David came along and assisted us in raising the beautiful banners with the image of the Virgin Mary and the emblem of the Rally Sponsors, America Needs Fatima (www.ANF.org).

Praying the Rosary for America as human efforts fail to solve America’s key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking His help. Protected by our huge golf-links style umbrellas and a cheerful spirit of determination through any adversity of rain or bad weather, this staunch group of Southie Catholics took their part in this 2014 Public Square Rosary.

4th Annual Jim Kelly Memorial Blood Drive

When: Saturday, November 8th, 9:30am-2:20pm
Where: South Boston Catholic Academy (Corner of O Street and East Broadway).
This will be the 4th annual blood drive sponsored by the family of James M’Jim’ Kelly in cooperation with the American Red Cross. This event is held each year to honor the memory and legacy of one of South Boston’s greatest leaders of all time: Former Boston City Councilor and Neighborhood Champion James M’Jim’ Kelly.
Walk in to donate blood anytime between the hours of 9:30am and 2:20pm or if you’d like to make an appointment for a specific time that day call the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or go online at www.redcrossblood.org
Even if you can’t donate blood please stop in to say high to the Kelly Family. All are welcome.

BLOOD DRIVE
Can you believe this is the last weekend to the regular season? And then on to the playoffs for the Under 10, 12 & 18 Division. Just a few reminders before we continue on with the recap of the games.

**SOCCER BANQUET:** Just a reminder that the Banquet will take place on Saturday, November 22nd at St. Vincent’s Church Hall at the corner of E & West 3rd Street. Parents of all age groups are asked to bring desserts. Under 4 will begin at 12 noon, Under 6 & 8 at 1 p.m. and Under 10, 12 & 18 at 2 p.m.

**NO SMOKING ON THE SIDELINES OR ON THE FIELD.**

**PARENTS:** It is starting to get colder on the field. Please make sure the kids are dressed appropriately (sweatshirts under their jerseys, sweatpants, etc.).

**SNACK BAR:** Please patronize the snack bar. All monies that are brought in at the snack bar go right back to the local sports teams that use the park, which helps defray some of the expenses to the league.

And now on to a recap of the games:

**WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 26, 2014: UNDER 4 DIVISION:**

**SULLIVAN’S • SHARKS**

The team sponsored by Sullivan’s at Castle Island beat out their opponent. All the players did a fantastic job. The Sharks sponsored by Congressman Stephen Lynch played a great game. Mason Lane and Claire Shields each scored a goal. John Collins and Alyssa Neas were dazzling on defense. Claire McMillen was awesome in net. Patrick Cherry, Max Alexandre and the Azulay Twins were shining on offense.

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by John Hancock Insurance, Councilor Bill Linehan, Massport, Boston Police Athletic League, the Jim Cahill Club and South Boston Today.

**UNDER 6 DIVISION:**

**SHAMROCKS • GREEN FLASH**

The Shamrocks and Green Flash both came away from their soccer match-up victorious last Sunday, ending the game with a 1-1 tie. The lone goals for the Shamrocks sponsored by City Councilor Michael Flaherty were scored by Jack Kelly. Isis Redd was red HOT at this game, coming close to scoring several times. Ian Bella was outstanding in net making a game-saving stop for his team. A tight offense was played by Trace McFarland, Nora Finn, Michael Greene and Danny Lee. Albin Valdez was a superstar, running the entire field. Big supportive plays were made also by Tiara Horne, Bridg Fitzgerald and Gavin O’Brien. The Shamrocks defense was solid for their goaltenders with big blocks by Angel Zenelaj, Jakob Baldwin and Dylan Kelly. The Shamrocks again worked super well with each other on and off the field, listening well to their coaches and cooperating whenever asked. Each week this team gets better and better. The Shamrock coaches, Erin, Kerri and Beth and the player’s parents could not be more proud of these kids! We have two more weeks to go – let’s finish Shamrock Strong!

The Green Flash sponsored by J. F. O’Brien & Sons kept the game even with a goal from Tess Dirstine. Gavin Eckman, Maddie Minucci, Joe Wallace, Noël Haddad and Estelle Corbitt were terrific on the field and turned in a super performance. Great goaltending by Grant Sullivan, Cameron Stevens and Gigi Ruof.

**MONEY MAKERS • BLUE DRAGONS**

The Money Makers sponsored by Mt. Washington Bank shutout their opponent with three goals by Brayden Buckley and single goals by Christina Olmos and Ryan Collins. Calla Dean, Stella Cote and Michael Quinlan were terrific on the field. The Blue Dragons sponsored by Metro Energy did not score but it was not from lack of trying. Stella Slater, Callie Zedower, Isabella Drummond and Emily Reidy played a fantastic game. All the players did a great job on defense.

**MIGHTY MINIONS • MARTIN F. McDONOHG POST**

The Mighty Minions beat out their opponent with Jack Hynes scoring a pair of goals and Isabel Sheppeck and Andrew Missett each scoring a single goal. Kyle and Jake Greeley the dynamic duo brothers played great on the field together. Sean Costello was an awesome goaltender. Callie Barrett and Keira Woods were inseparable as they ran as fast as lightning. Maeve Flaherty and Emma Brooks are best friends that even play defense together. At the time of print no score sheet was available for the team sponsored by the Martin F. McDonough Post Women’s Auxiliary.

**UNDER 8 DIVISION:**

**KILLER BEES • SECRET AGENTS**

The Killer Bees sponsored by the Billy Flaherty Gang beat out their opponent when Mario Blasi scored a pair of goals. James and Michael did a superb job on defense. Ben was awesome in net. Jackson, Derek and Iris were fabulous on offense.

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Donahue & Associates, Boston Home Inspectors and Joe Pace & Sons.

**UNDER 10 DIVISION:**

**SHARKS 2 • STINGERS 1**

The Sharks sponsored by Eastern Bank were victorious this week, winning by a score of 2-1. The Sharks played a good team game and passed the ball well all game. The goalie rotation for the Sharks played great, Jared Frith played a great first half then Paul McGrath and Aidan Garcia took turns in the send half and all three made several great saves. Chris Yeboa played a great game and made a terrific pass to set up Nolan Young, who scored the Sharks first goal with a beautiful kick picking top corner. Aidan Garcia made a great run and a strong finish to score the Sharks second goal and game winning goal. Henry Pulake and Paul McGrath played an impressive game and provided strong offensive pressure along with Jared Frith, Pat Steele, Colleen Lombard and Stephen Flynn. Bella Thomas and Kathryn Baskiewicz both played a great game and both made several great defensive plays and some big kicks clearing the ball out of our end. Finn McCusker, Mia Brown and Nolan Baskiewicz all played a solid defensive game. The Sharks have battled strong all season and if they continue to work as a team maybe the Sharks can finish the season strong and carry the momentum into the playoffs.

The Stingies sponsored by the Michael J. Perkins A.L. Post #67 just came up short with a goal by Owen Donovan assisted by Alexandra Davis. The Stingies kept the pressure on the entire game. Owen Rogers played a terrific game at defense. Rainy Rosario, Riley Joyce, Jack Kennedy and Keane Manning were keeping the pressure on at offense.

**LEMON HEADS 4**

**O’CONNELL INSURANCE 1**

The Lemon Heads sponsored by Stapleton Florist were victorious with Ethan Long scoring two goals and single goals were kicked in by Patrick Harman and Deven Dunlap. Jake Swartz, Megan Harrison, Thomas Harman, Jarrod Williams, Nicolas Jacobs, Tyler Morrill, Molly Walsh and Taryn Reyes played a terrific offensive and defensive game.

At the time of print no score sheet was available for the team sponsored by O’Connell Insurance.

**UNDER 12 DIVISION:**

**CHIPOTLE 6 • EAGLES 3**

The Chipotles sponsored by Salsa were in the win column this week. All the players did a great job.

The Eagles sponsored by South Boston Dental Associates played a tough opponent but kept the pressure on when Ani Pulake scored a pair of goals and Patrick Gjoka scored one goal. Andrew Markarian and Rebecca Donovan played an excellent game.

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the Blue Panthers sponsored by Abacus Builders and the Sharks sponsored by Massport.

**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.
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 Celtics with Comcast SportsNet’s Kyle Draper:

DANNY PICARD: What are you telling Celtics fans after the home-opener win? Because while that looked exciting, and I’m not going to lie, there were a couple times that I was jumping out of my seat. I’m very excited to see what Evan Turner is bringing to the table here. And it looks like -- after the first game -- that Rondo is back to playing the way we’re used to seeing him play. What are you telling Celtics fans, as good as that first game looked?

KYLE DRAPER: The reality is, the Celtics played great against the Brooklyn Nets, but the Nets, defensively, played like garbage. And so, I’m not going to get too high or too low this early in the season. It’s still a work in progress for the Celtics.

DP: I think this Celtics team is going to provide a good amount of exciting moments this year. But at the same time, I’m not going to sit here and guarantee playoffs because of those exciting moments. I’m just not going to do that. So that leads me to the conversation that Danny Ainge has to be having behind the scenes, which is, what do you do this year? Do you let this thing play out and then try to bring somebody in to convince Rajon Rondo to stick around, or do you get to the point where you say there’s nobody out there that they can bring in that’s going to convince Rondo to stick around, so you trade Rondo? What do you think the conversation should be right now, behind the scenes, if you’re the Celtics front office?
And when that didn’t happen, But that guy was Kevin Love. win a championship with him.
in a Celtics uniform to try and some big-time pieces on the floor I’m one of the biggest Rondo and I’ve expressed this to you. had you on my show many times, would be to keep Rondo. I’ve diligence that you think that way. Danny Ainge, it’s only due he did against the Nets, then his trade value wasn’t that high. If he keeps playing like the back of your mind of Rondo’s trade value is done. That way, you still get something in return. Whether it’s some sort of combination of picks and players. So, I’m not giving away Rondo just to give away Rondo. I think if you’re Danny Ainge, you’re encouraged by what you saw in the opener, and you’ve got to be thinking in the back of your mind of Rondo’s trade value. This offseason, Rondo’s trade value wasn’t that high. If he keeps playing like he did against the Nets, then his trade value goes up. If you’re Danny Ainge, it’s only due diligence that you think that way.

DP: My personal preference would be to keep Rondo. I’ve had you on my show many times, and I’ve expressed this to you. I’m one of the biggest Rondo fans out there. I’d like to see this team build around Rondo and put some big-time pieces on the floor in a Celtics uniform to try and win a championship with him. But that guy was Kevin Love. And when that didn’t happen, you begin to take a step back and say, “Okay, how can you now put a championship team on the floor with Rondo? Is there anybody out there that you could bring in, whether it’s before this year’s trade deadline or this offseason as a free agent, that would convince Rondo to stick around?” Because ultimately, this will come down to what Rondo wants to do.

RD: And I think ultimately, if you’re Danny Ainge, I don’t think he’ll be able to lure a big-name free agent here. If you look at the free-agent class this upcoming offseason, you’re talking about a guy like Marc Gasol, maybe the big man out in Portland LaMarcus Aldridge.

DP: LaMarcus Aldridge is the guy on my radar.

KD: But why would he leave Portland? They’ve got a good situation going. They’ve got a younger point guard in Damian Lillard. They’ve got a better team right now. Then you’ve got DeAndre Jordan out there in LA. He’s not leaving that, is he? Greg Monroe maybe? That’s the issue the Celtics are going to have. The guys on the free-agent market, do they realistically have a shot at bringing them in? That’s why I think they’d have to make a trade. And if you want to keep Rondo here, you’re going to have to trade some of these other pieces that you have, maybe some of these other young pieces that you have. Maybe a Marcus Smart or somebody like that, or a Kelly Olynyk or a Jared Sullinger, to get that kind of player that you want. So, I don’t know what’s going to be done. But if I’m Danny Ainge, and Rajon Rondo is playing like he did in the opener against the Nets, you definitely want to build around him, you definitely want to keep him here.

DP: If there’s one guy on this Celtics team this season that I think will at least get Rajon Rondo thinking about staying here and saying, “Hey, I really like playing with this guy,” I think he’s going to have a blast playing with Evan Turner. I think Rondo is going to have a blast playing with Turner.

KD: Yeah, and I think Evan Turner was saddled with the expectations of being the No. 2 overall pick and carrying a sorry 76ers franchise. And he had good numbers in Philly, they just didn’t win too many games. I agree with you. I like Evan Turner. I like seeing him out on the floor. People want to say that Evan Turner is a ball-hog and that kind of thing, but he’s actually a pretty good distributor also. He can see those passing lanes also, and he’s a good cutter and slasher to the basket. So, you’re right. I’m excited to see those two playing together.

DP: Did you make any predictions? Do you have a goal for the Celtics this season, for where you think they’re going to end up, or where they should end up, based on the roster right now?

KD: I’ve got them at 33, 34 wins. I’m not going to get too excited about that win over the Nets in the opener. Let’s be honest, the Brooklyn Nets will be battling for the No. 7 seed probably. That’s probably their ceiling this season. So I think the Celtics will still be fighting for that eight seed. And maybe 38 wins gets you there, but I think the Celtics have 33, 34 wins.

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