



## Gov. Elect Charlie Baker Says Thank You

Less than one week after his victory, it's good to know that Governor-elect Charlie Baker remembers his friends. That was the theme of his visit to the L Street Tavern this week, one of the more visible sites of his frequent visits to South Boston during his campaign for Governor. A traditional democratic stronghold, whose elected leaders have attained high positions of power over the years, South Boston has been known to cross over party lines when straight talk and common sense approaches to government are in competition with strident ideology.

Baker pulled a huge vote from  
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# EDITORIAL *“Stupid is As Stupid Does”*

Well, where is Forrest Gump when the country needs him? He needs to have a word with Jonathan Gruber, one of the architects of Obamacare. For all intent and purpose, he called the American public inherently ‘stupid’ or (euphemistically speaking) gullible. An economics professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he made the explosive comments that have now gone viral on the Internet as a panelist during a lecture at the Wharton Business School, when he said the following.

“This bill (Affordable Care Act) was written in a tortured way to make sure CBO (Congressional Budget Office) did not score the mandate as taxes. If CBO scored

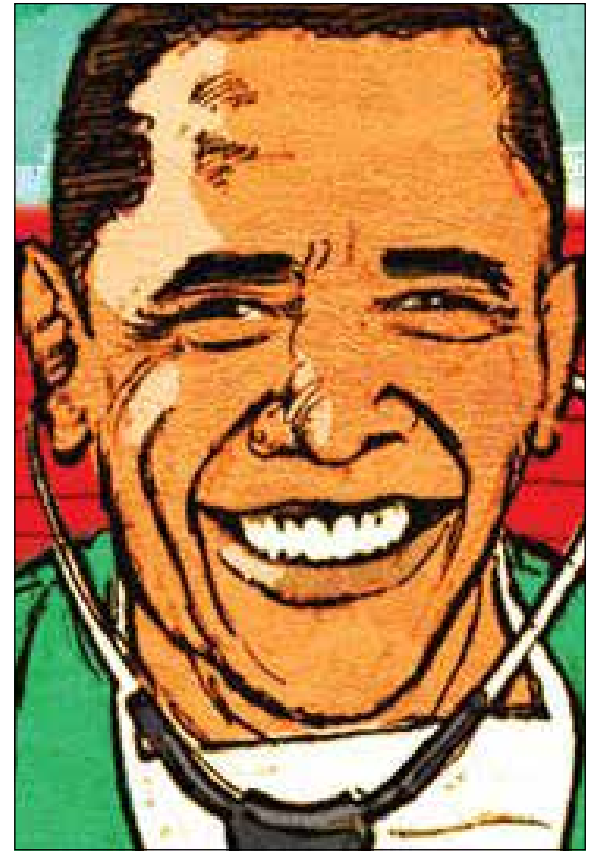
the mandate as taxes, the bill dies. ... So it’s written to do that,” Gruber said, suggesting “it would not have passed” if the law “made it explicit” that healthy people would “pay in” and the sick would get money. “Lack of transparency is a huge political advantage,” Gruber continued. “Call it the stupidity of the American voter or whatever, but basically that was really, really critical to get the thing to pass. I wish ... we could make it all transparent. But I’d rather have this law than not.”

President Obama knew, Speaker Nancy Pelosi knew, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid knew and many others in Congress knew as well, that no one really knew what was in the bill. They just knew they wanted the bill passed

in any form so that the perception of Affordable Care for All could be propagandized by the Democratic Party and carry them through to another Democratic presidency and control of the House and Senate. When you come right down to it, they lied their way to an Obamacare victory and their colleagues have paid the price for believing the lie.

Well, who is stupid now? Gruber has learned that which Obama, Reid and Pelosi surely knew from history and Abe Lincoln - but didn’t care - that ‘you can fool all of the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time but you can’t fool all of the people all of the time’.

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## Commenting On The Election Now That The Results Are Clear

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I didn't want to get too deep into commenting on the results of this year's election in last week's column. Here at South Boston Today, we'd rather wait until all the votes are officially counted and the data has been confirmed and digested so we can make educated commentary. We'd prefer leaving the pre-mature guessing to the 'professional' pundits who tend to react before they really know what they are talking about. Yes, I'm speaking about the Boston Globe, the New York Times and network news analyses and were visibly on the verge of strokes when they saw how 'RED' their election maps were turning.

Even here in Massachusetts it's a good bet that the days of the

radical progressives running the show are numbered. Charlie Baker, a Republican, took the governor's race away from liberal Democrat Martha Coakley in what six months ago looked to be an impossible task. Baker ran a good campaign and had many registered Democrats and Independents, as well as quite a legion of rank and file union members, who were fed up with the leftist direction and rut the Bay State has been in for so long and jumped on board with him. Coakley couldn't connect and made several mistakes. To mention just one: What is it about liberal Democrats in this state always feeling the need to attack law obeying gun owners? Will they never learn? In the primary, Warren

Tolman infuriated thousands of Massachusetts gun owners, when he ran ads attacking the NRA. He lost. Coakley did the same in the final. News flash to ill-advised pols, who underestimate the passion of lawful gun owners and their determination to maintain their Constitutional rights. When you attack NRA and other Second Amendment defenders, you instantly alienate thousands of people who will come out to vote against you in a hurricane. Even in Massachusetts, that can turn the tide in a close election.

Governor Elect Baker received a rousing cheer when he came back to South Boston's L St. Tavern last Sunday to thank residents for their support. He comfortably mixed and

mingled with the locals in a way that his opponents and certainly the current governor never have. It was a good sign of things to come. In another encouraging sign, the day after the election Baker said straight out, he will NOT support giving drivers licenses to illegal aliens. It would seem that pandering to activists on this issue will finally come to an end.

And in yet another indication that the 'libs' are losing their grip in this state, voters were not fooled this year by all the slick TV ads trying to convince them that raising their own taxes; this time in the case of Ballot Question #1, the yearly gas tax hike, would be good for them. Try as they

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# ELECTION TAKEAWAYS AS TRANSITION BEGINS ON BEACON HILL

## SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Michael Norton  
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Charlie Baker, Karyn Polito, Seth Moulton, Maura Healey, and Deb Goldberg rose to the head of the Massachusetts political class after Tuesday's elections, which left in their wake both obvious and subtle shifts in Beacon Hill dynamics.

As Baker and Gov. Deval Patrick begin the transition that will culminate with Baker's swearing-in in January, here's a look at some of the election takeaways:

-- Baker, the Swampscott Republican who is now Massachusetts governor-elect, studied the Republican playbook and executed it well enough to squeak out a win and take the governor's office from the Democrats, albeit with an assist from Martha Coakley who appeared to lack the charisma and/or policy crispness needed to turn back Baker's hard charge. Baker will be challenged now to move Massachusetts forward working with Democratic legislative leaders like House Speaker Robert DeLeo and incoming Senate

President Stan Rosenberg. In that trio, DeLeo is more of a centrist in contrast to his current position to the right of Gov. Patrick and Senate President Therese Murray on some issues. Perhaps importantly, DeLeo and Rosenberg are former Ways and Means chairs and Baker was administration and finance secretary during his days in state government during the 1990s. That's a lot of fiscal acumen in the new Big Three, which could be a help or a hindrance depending on whether they can work together. Former House Speaker Thomas Finneran and former Senate President Thomas Birmingham, who also both ran Ways and Means before their ascensions, were famously unable to agree on many topics.

-- As the ranking elected GOP member in Massachusetts, Baker next year will represent the clearest path for Massachusetts to the hearts and minds of Republicans in Washington, who with their Senate wins Tuesday have seized control of both branches of Congress. Baker will need to learn how to operate in an environment where

Democrats may be eager to link him to GOP Congressional decisions that don't play well with Massachusetts voters and which are not in sync with his carefully crafted plans to present himself as a Massachusetts Republican. Conversely, Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Sen. Edward Markey, who just got a full six-year term, as well as the nine Democrats in the Massachusetts House delegation will be challenged to get things done in Washington for Massachusetts while operating as minority party members of Congress.

-- While Coakley will face inevitable criticism for not being able to hold the governor's office for the Democrats, Gov. Deval Patrick's legacy took a hit Tuesday when Coakley went down. The governor played a vocal role on her campaign and now has to turn the keys of the executive branch over to Baker, his 2010 challenger. Patrick, who has frequently pitched a message of bringing people together, was particularly harsh in his criticism of Baker and viewed Coakley as best suited to advance the practices of governing for the long term and generational responsibility that he so often touted. As he moves on from Beacon Hill to the private sector and potentially some day another run for public office, Patrick will bring the sting of this loss with him. In taking the reins of the executive, Baker is now in position as well to potentially uncover information unflattering to the governor's team or to launch reviews of agencies such as the Department of Children and Families, which could lead to findings potentially damaging to Patrick. Several top former Patrick aides also were heavily involved in Coakley's campaign and are now part of the team that lost the Corner Office for the Dems in a race that was winnable.

-- While losing the governor's office will leave a mark, as they say, Massachusetts Democrats are still in the driver's seat overall. In 6th Congressional District winner Seth Moulton, attorney general-elect Maura Healey, treasurer-elect Deb Goldberg and now two-term Congressman Joseph Kennedy, the Democrats have a stable of potential rising stars in their mix to compliment veterans like Sen. Edward Markey, Auditor Suzanne Bump, and Secretary of State William Galvin, each of whom coasted to reelection Tuesday. Baker

will likely see a honeymoon in the near future but over time an anti-Baker message will likely begin to emerge and Democrats will inevitably start thinking about who will be best to deliver that.

-- Democrats still have firm control over the Massachusetts Legislature, but Republicans made gains in both branches Tuesday including a second straight election cycle of gains in the House. The GOP picked up six House seats and two in the Senate, including the seats currently held by Senate President Therese Murray of Plymouth and Senate President Pro Tempore Richard Moore. The 35-member GOP House caucus will represent a formidable bloc in the 160-seat House; a six-person Senate GOP caucus, while still small, is growing.

-- Special interest money was a big winner Tuesday. Beverage industry interests buried a ballot question designed to expand the bottle redemption law to more types of containers, and casino industry dollars fueled a TV ad campaign that helped defeat a question aimed at repealing the 2011 casino law. Outside money in the post-Citizens United era, sometimes called dark money, paid for an avalanche of ads critical of Coakley and helpful to Baker. While the big battles over campaign finance reform could occur in Washington - Sen. Edward Markey on election night named campaign finance reform as a must-tackle issue - Baker said Wednesday he hoped to work on a bipartisan bid at reform on Beacon Hill.

-- As governor-elect, Baker repeated the stock line of all new governors, that they're out to hire the best and brightest people available to join their team. If past is prologue, some of those people might be drawn from the Legislature as there will be many posts to fill and there are many members who may be interested and willing to trade their elected posts for jobs where they can both earn more money and put their institutional knowledge to work in the executive branch. The speculation about this person or that person joining the Baker administration will persist for months as Baker brings on personnel.

-- The strength of unions is always a post-election conversation piece. The thinking among some on Beacon Hill this session was that the Legislature

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# Reading Between The Lines

## “Aftermath”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Brian R. Mahoney

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Having witnessed dozens of these election night finales no one can recall a spectacle like the one we were treated to from the Martha Coakley Campaign Headquarters. It serves as a reminder of how close to disaster our state came. We cannot survive another year of the worst governor in memory, which is what Coakley would have been, if one could get worse than DevalPatrick.

The crude and callous disregard and dismissal of all her campaign volunteers without even a thank you should not surprise us. Remember her disdain when it was suggested she shake hands with fans at Fenway Park? “In the cold”? was her scornful refusal. Both this paper and community groups have asked over the years for her office to look into the legality of certain developments in South Boston. No reply has ever been received.

Joining other groups and individuals, a skeptical eye has been cast on a number of deals approved summarily by former BRA Director Peter Meade. The Inspector General has and continues to investigate exactly how City of Boston property, (its streets), were sold to a private concern (The Red Sox). Probably more disturbing is the revelation that Inspector General Greg Sullivan, highly respected by all who speak of him, brought documents and information to Attorney General Coakley alleging criminal acts by former Speaker Sal DiMasi. The Attorney General dismissed the Inspector General’s concerns. Sullivan brought the same information to U. S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz, who prosecuted DiMasi, which resulted in an 8 year

jail sentence. To compound her error when asked, she initially said Inspector Sullivan didn’t tell her the same information - a statement she has since backed off.

During her time in office, big business had a better friend and the people were left defenseless. If the same information above were known about some Irish guy from Dorchester named Mike Coakley every media and talking head would be calling for his indictment. But, this is Massachusetts. A liberal woman being corrupt? Impossible.

However take an Irish Catholic, male elected official with wife and kids, (instead of dogs), from let’s say South Boston and the A. G. becomes a regular crime fighter if even one meal or business receipt is missing.

If Martha Coakley had been elected, especially with the new casinos, every crook or hustler would have made tracks to Massachusetts. The word would have gone out, “everything is for sale” in Mass. We truly and thankfully missed the bullet.

An amusing headline after the election claimed, “Obama at war with the Republicans”. It would be accurate if it said “Obama at war with America”. Did everybody miss the election day map that was virtually all red except for the usual blue blob that is Mass? Or perhaps folks aren’t aware that about 240 members of Congress were elected Republicans, as well as 55 or more Senators.

Even the President put it out there that, “this election is all about my policies”. If that is true then 70% of the electorate believes the country is “heading in the wrong direction” and “we’re going to hell in a hand basket”. His policies and his people

are destroying the country. Many realize that truth now, but as many think it’s the result of good intentions gone astray. Still others think perhaps the administration is not up to the task. Mr. President I don’t believe anyone could be that dumb. It’s also not a case of ‘he doesn’t

know what he’s doing’.

Mr. President you are smart as a whip. You know exactly what you’re doing. That’s why most of America and most Americans are against you and your policies. The people will win this war.

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This year, in addition to offering spectacular items, the Health Center is thrilled to be honoring two phenomenal supporters - Mayor Martin Walsh and UMASS Boston's Gail Hobin. Mayor Walsh and Gail Hobin have both been long-time advocates of the Health Center's mission to care for some of South Boston's most vulnerable. We are honored to publicly thank them for their support.

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directly to programs and services of the South Boston Community Health Center. Over the past 15 years, the auction has helped us to open a new digital mammography suite and a food pantry where we serve over 400 families a month; provide life saving services to people who are battling addiction; provide translation services for patients who don't speak English and so much more.

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would not in the same session pass both a minimum wage hike and a bill designed to expand earned sick time benefits to all workers, since both ideas face pushback from businesses. So the \$11-an-hour minimum wage hike was passed via the legislative route and the sick time question went to the ballot and groups supporting low-income workers prevailed on both questions. The minimum wage hike was viewed once as a potential turnout driver that could help Democrats, such as Coakley. As it turned out, Coakley hitched her hopes to the sick time question, which Baker must now implement after opposing it, but was unable to parlay a 60-40 vote in favor of Question 4 into enough votes for her own candidacy. Union members backed Question 3 and were among those who helped retain the casino law but their success on those two ballot questions didn't translate into a Coakley win.

-- Massachusetts voters were divided Tuesday on two of House Speaker Robert DeLeo's achievements, while also settling a third issue that he has played a large role in. Voters passed Question 1, removing another plank in DeLeo's 2013 transportation financing law by repealing the law indexing the gas tax to inflation. In defeating Question 3, voters preserved DeLeo's 2011 law authorizing three resort casinos and one slot machine facility. And in Question 2, voters sided with DeLeo, who over the years has opposed an expansion of the bottle redemption law and derided it as a new tax. Question 2 supporters had long maintained their proposal, which enjoyed Senate support, would have passed the House had DeLeo allowed a vote on it. They blamed the question's defeat on heavy spending by beverage and supermarket industry interests that drowned out their own message.

-- As lieutenant governor-elect, Karyn Polito, the Shrewsbury Republican and former state representative, will in January get to preside over weekly meetings of the Governor's Council, which will vet and confirm Baker's judicial nominees. The council proceedings, which over the years have often turned heated and unruly, have served as a test of the patience of lieutenant governors over the years. Baker and Polito should have at least one ally on the council in Jennie Caissie of Oxford, the panel's only Republican.

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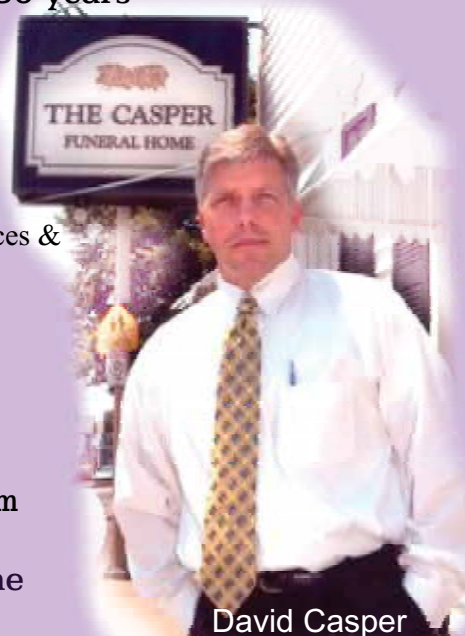
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the neighborhood, beating his main opponent, Attorney General Martha Coakley in the final election here by 20 percentage points. Governor Elect Baker credits South Bostonians for playing a major role in launching his campaign for governor and for the warm welcome he frequently received each time he came here to meet and to interact with residents.

As Charlie and his wife, Lauren, walked into the L Street Tavern a huge cheer went up from the packed house with local supporters, congratulating him and wishing him well. At one point, the chants of “Charlie! Charlie! Charlie!” shouted by the crowd drew smiles from the future governor as he was clearly at ease, pouring a draft of Guinness and declaring that “this round is on me and Lauren”.

Job creation, attacking the substance abuse epidemic and working cooperatively with the democratic legislature are three key commitments that Baker expressed to the press on hand to cover his visit. Baker then went on to the North End and Dorchester to continue his Boston Thank You Tour.

Judging by the enthusiastic and welcoming reception he received in South Boston there can be little doubt that Governor-Elect Charlie Baker is starting off on the right foot.



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Pre-K Teacher, Ms. Shannon planned the lesson, which included a photograph and biography of each soldier. The children prepared a thank you card for each soldier in anticipation of hosting US Army Specialist Mark Flaherty. Specialist Flaherty was greeted with enthusiastic applause followed by the children saying the Pledge of Allegiance and singing ‘We Love Our Flag’.

The students invited Specialist Flaherty to participate in circle time – this is when the class comes together as a community to share their questions, knowledge, thoughts and feelings.

**Specialist Mark Flaherty, US Army**, a graduate of St Peter School, is the son of Andrea and Mark Flaherty. Andrea is a former HSA President of St Peter School. He is the brother of Mari and Catherine Flaherty. Mark is a Boston Firefighter and lives in South Boston with his wife Kathleen (Duffy) Flaherty and their child.

He was honored to represent the following soldiers and veterans at the children's ceremony.

**Corporal Ryan Sullivan, USMC** – A member of the first graduating class of

St Peter Academy. He is the son of Jill and Mark Sullivan, founding parents of St Peter Academy and former board members of the Academy.

**Sergeant Daniel Conroy, USMC** – The son of Trish and Dan Conroy. Trish Conroy kept St Peter Academy students safe as a crossing guard.

**Petty Officer Maura Conroy, USCG** – The daughter of Trish and Dan Conroy

**Corporal Matthew Connolly, USMC** – A graduate of St Peter Academy and son of Maryellen and Michael Connolly. Maryellen is a founder of the Academy and currently serves on the Board as Treasurer.

**Lieutenant Alanna Devlin, US Navy** – The daughter of Mary and Kevin Devlin

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# As Always, South Boston Honors its Veterans

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SBT Staff Report

South Bostonians have a reputation of appreciating the sacrifices our veterans have made, and that appreciation is felt 365 days a year. In this neighborhood, honoring ‘vets’ is a longstanding and cherished tradition. And that’s why it came as no surprise to anyone that there was an enthusiastic turnout for South Boston’s unique and very special Veteran’s Day memorials and ceremonies this past Tuesday. This year there was an added bonus; the weather was beautiful with sunshine and mild temperatures.

The crowd started to gather around 9am on East Fourth Street near the Thomas F Fitzgerald Post for the annual muster and March. Residents of all ages and every generation; veterans and non-veterans alike were there, carrying flags and holding signs thanking these heroes for their service to our country. On one side of the street it looked like a sea of green as a large group of kids, members of the South Boston Youth Hockey League, in their uniforms, were lining up to say thank you. This year, the players participated in the parade that on command, would march up to East Broadway for a special service and Mass at St. Brigid Church.

In South Boston, it’s obvious that even the very young have a strong sense of patriotism that has been passed down to them from family members and the positive influence of a patriotic and close knit community. Many more spectators filled the intersection of L and E. Fourth to cheer the passing procession as well.

Along with the youth hockey contingent and of course South Boston’s elected officials, were members of the South Boston High School ROTC in full dress uniform as well as Bagpipers, who led off





the parade. And taking up their position of center stage of the procession were, of course, those being honored this day, South Boston's veterans.

After the gathering at the Fitzgerald Post, the march to the Church and the Mass that followed, the annual Flag Retirement Ceremony held in the courtyard of Fort Independence at Castle Island took place. Sponsored by the Castle Island Association in cooperation with the DCR, this very special event is filled with pomp and ceremony of the highest order and is very impressive. For those not familiar with a Flag Retirement Ceremony, it is the act of ceremoniously and respectfully disposing of faded and worn flags no longer in service. Anyone who had such a flag was encouraged to bring it to the event for proper disposal and dozens of people did just that. The flags are then laid in a special container designed specifically for this purpose and incinerated. The military contingent on hand, including the ROTC squads, the color guards and the crowd as well, stood in silence as Old Glory was retired according to protocol. This ceremony began with the singing of the National Anthem and a prayer of thanks for all veterans and for the great country the United States has always been.

Following the Flag Retirement, tables were set up in front of Sullivan's Restaurant at Castle Island in support of our troops. The response to the tables was fantastic as any military and veteran related event in South Boston would certainly be.

Veterans Day is a traditional national holiday and it is celebrated in every part of our country on November 11th each year. And this day certainly has a special place in the hearts of South Bostonians and veterans alike. It's encouraging to see that in 2014, the feeling is just as strong as it has ever been and most likely, will always be.

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## Jim Kelly's Memory Lives In Others Through His Friends and Family

Mayor Martin Walsh speaks with Tom Kelly, and his sister Sandra, while stopping by the Jim Kelly Blood Drive in South Boston.

In honor of Boston City Councilor Jim Kelly and the annual American Red Cross blood drive. With Mayor Martin Walsh and Braeden O'Doherty "Giving blood to save another life is a tremendous way to honor the memory of Jim Kelly and all he did for the people of South Boston." said Ed Flynn, who attended the annual blood drive.



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did to con everyone with misleading media spots, voters saw right through it and tossed the endless tax hike out.

Over the border in NH, Scott Brown came closer than most expected he would to winning the US Senate seat but came up short because as so many folks up there considered him RINO (Republican in name only) AND he was a 'carpetbagger from Massachusetts' Ouch! And while many of them would not pull the lever for Senator Shaheen because of her liberal stands on the issues, they could not bring themselves to vote for Brown either. This, in a state that saw both branches of its state legislature taken over by Republicans, Democrat Congresswoman Carol Shea Porter was ousted. Brown however, though a nice guy, it seems has burned far too many bridges and disappointed thousands of his former supporters by moderating his positions.

Nationwide it was a blowout as the majority of voters, sick of the policies of Obama, Pelosi and Reid turned out in force to oust Democrats in the US Senate, the US House of Representatives, Governorships and many more state legislatures. It was clear that the issues of a sluggish economy, a shrinking military, a weak and rudderless foreign policy, wide open borders, Obamacare, continuous scandals and overall big, bloated and intrusive government on the federal and in some cases state levels caused many Americans to say 'enough'. Nationally too, issues like gun rights played big in the vote as NRA endorsed candidates cruised to victory in dozens of states while those advocating more restrictions on the Second Amendment were badly defeated. Environmentalist groups and Hollywood activists lost big as well. They poured tens of millions of dollars into campaigns only to see their candidates badly defeated.

The 2014 Midterms will no doubt go down in history for causing one of the biggest political shakeups and realignments ever. In fact, rumors out of Washington DC told of Harry Reid seeking medical help for temporary blindness from the bright RED glare coming from his TV screen as he watched the results come in on election night.

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## Exciting Youth Soccer Season Comes To A Close

Season is over, but not officially until we have the players in the Under 10, 12 & 18 divisions have their playoff games. We hope everyone had a great season.

### BIG SHOUT OUT TO:

- Sponsors, because without them this league could not happen.
- The coaches and parents who are there week in and week out.
- The City of Boston for the use of the field and to Buddy and his workers in the snack bar.

**PARENTS:** The weather is beginning to change and it is getting chillier at the field. Please dress kids accordingly. Maybe put a sweatshirt, long sleeve jersey or sweater under their soccer shirts. I know they stay pretty warm when running around, however, when they are on the sidelines they are cold.

### NEW SOCCER BANQUET DATES

**& TIMES:** The Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 22nd at St. Vincent's Church Lower Hall corner of E & West 3rd Streets, South Boston. Parents are asked to bring desserts. See times and age groups below:

**UNDER 4: 12 noon**

**UNDER 6 & 8 1:00 p.m.**

**UNDER 10, 12 & 18: 2:00 p.m.**

### ReCap:

**UNDER 4 DIVISION:**

**CAHILL CLUB**

**SOUTHIE STARS**

The Cahill Club sponsored by Jim Cahill played a super game. Liam Long and Hunter Murphy each scored a goal for the victory. Claire Leahy played an excellent game as goaltender. Gianna Tassi and Michael Hughes were awesome on offense and Sebastian Slater did a terrific job on defense. At the time of print there were no score sheets for the teams sponsored by John Hancock, Sullivan's at Castle Island, Congressman Stephen Lynch, Councilor Bill Linehan, Massport, Boston Police Athletic League and The South Boston Today.

**UNDER 6 DIVISION:**

**GREEN FLASH**

### MIGHTY MINIONS

The Green Flash sponsored by J. F. O'Brien & Sons beat out their opponents with single goals by Joseph Wallace, Zaylan Goncalves, Zion Sequeira and Estelle Corbitt. Great teamwork by Cameron Stevens, Grant Sullivan, Tatum Donovan and super defensive plays were made by Gavin Eckman. The Mighty Minions sponsored by the Boston Firefighters Credit Union played a super game. Jack Hynes scored both goals for his team. Maeve Flaherty and Charlie Baker played a great game. Sean Costello, Isabil Sheppeck, Emma Brooks and Kyle Greeley did a great job bringing the ball down the field.

### SHAMROCKS

### BLUE DRAGONS

The Shamrocks sponsored by City Councilor Michael Flaherty wrapped up a great season with a win. Goal scorers for the team were Jack Kelly assisted by Albin Valdez, Danny Lee and Albin Valdez assisted by Trace McFarland. A tight offense was fun by Michael Greene, Tiara Horne and Nora Banks. Isis Redd kept the ball moving out of the Shamrocks zone. Sophie Angotto and Kevin Pagan played a good defensive game. Supportive plays were made by Brigid Fitzgerald, Dylan Kelly, Regan Lee, Jacob Baldwin, Angel Zenelaj and Quinn Beem. Excellent goaltending by Jack Kelly, Ian Bella and Gavin O'Brien Thank you for giving it your all Shamrocks! What a great year! The Metro Energy Blue Dragons gave it their all and turned in a superb performance. Gerard Gleason scored both goals for his team. Isabella Drummond, Anthony Frallicardi, Stella Slater and Gus Dresher were the MVPs for their team.

### MONEY MAKERS

### MCDONOUGH POST WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Mt. Washington Bank Money Makers ended their season undefeated. Goals were scored by Brayden Buckley, Thomas Quinlan and Joseph Nieman. Logan Jackson, Ryan Collins and Mairin

Condon played a fantastic game. At the time of print no score sheet was available for the team sponsored by the McDonough Post Women's Auxiliary.

### UNDER 8 DIVISION:

### KILLER BEES

### PINK PANTHERS

The Killer Bees sponsored by Billy Flaherty's Gang played a super game. Iris Gjoka scored the lone goal for her team. Jackson Ballard, Katie Kelly, Jack Reidy, Mario Blasi, Aiden Martin and Michael Bavis turned in an awesome performance. All the players had a great season! At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Joe Pace & Sons, Boston Home Inspectors and Donahue & Associates.

### UNDER 10 DIVISION:

### LEMONHEADS 4

### SHARKS 1

The Lemonheads sponsored by Stapleton Florist kept up their winning ways with Eddie Tirabassi scoring pair of goals and Nicolas Jacobs and Patrick Harnan each scoring a goal. Thomas Harnan, Jake Swartz, Deven Dunlap, Madison Anastas, Taryn Reyes, Lyllie Austin, Jarrod Williams, Sophia Long, Jerry O'Neil, Molly Keenan and Molly Walsh were outstanding all season long. At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Easter Bank, O'Connell Insurance and The Michael J. Perkins A.L. Post #67.

### UNDER 12 DIVISION:

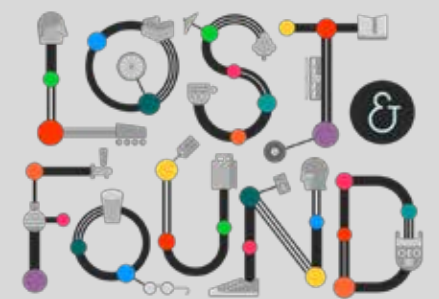
### PANTHERS 1

### EAGLES 0

The Panthers sponsored by Abacus Builders played a tough opponent but came up winners with the only goal of the game scored by Kristian Dhama. Owen, Alex, Jake, Drew, Jaqueline, Bridgett, Allison, Linda and Mary Ellen played a terrific game offensively and defensively. The Eagles sponsored by South Boston Dental kept the game within reach but just came up short. All of the Eagles played a fabulous game and never gave up until the final whistle. At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Salsa's and Massport.

### UNDER 18 DIVISION:

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



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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 Patriots with Boston.com columnist Bill Speros:



**DANNY PICARD:** As we sit here with this Week 10 bye for the Patriots at 7-2, in your mind, what's been the biggest difference in their success since that Kansas City debacle?

**BILL SPEROS:** Well, I think you've seen Rob Gronkowski unleashed. And not only has he been unleashed in terms of getting way more snaps and getting way more involved in the offense, but for some inexplicable reason, he remains unleashed in the sense of, nobody

seems to want to hit or chip him off the line. I was at the game against Chicago, and we saw on television against Denver, how he was pretty much roaming free out there. And that has led to a lot of other dominoes falling on the receiving end. And then we've seen the offensive line consistent, in terms of the actual players. And whatever they weren't doing right, they seemed to have figured that out. And like a caller in the previous hour alluded to, it was

spring training in the sense that they needed time to play together.

**DP:** You bring up a good point with Gronk. And it's something that even myself overlooks, because I've sat here and praised this offensive line for this Patriots team and it being the biggest difference in the success of this Patriots offense after that Kansas City beat down. But outside of the offensive line, and talking about the blocking for Brady, I do think Gronk needs to get some

credit. He had a couple big blocks against Denver. And even a guy like Shane Vereen stepping up and smashing somebody that's about to hit Brady.

**BS:** Yeah, there were a couple of -- I think one play action where you saw Vereen make a key block in that game against Denver. And a point about Gronk blocking, too, it's good ammunition when you want to hear people talk about how he's not as good as a Jimmy Graham, or

some of these other tight ends. Talk about blocking tight ends, I mean, and the way Gronk plays, he wants to annihilate and demolish anyone in his path anyway.

**DP:** And when we talk about Jimmy Graham though, it's as if every time we mention him, we mention his athleticism with regards to, "Oh, he used to play basketball." Well, alright, great. Good luck trying to set a pick out there. You've got to put a physical block on somebody. And I think that's where -- and not to say that Gronk's underrated, because he's not, and I think he's been getting a lot of credit here the last couple weeks -- but maybe an aspect of how this Patriots offense has changed, I think guys like Gronk and Vereen maybe deserve a little more credit for their blocking. But let's get to the defense. Going back to when you heard that Chandler Jones could possibly be done for the season, Mayo went down, how did you feel about this Patriots defense at that point?

**BS:** Well, it was a lot like what I think we experienced last year with this team. They suffered a boat load of defensive injuries last season, and they seemed to get by. The difference this year is, and you and others have mentioned it -- I go back to the last two games in particular against the Bears and the Broncos -- I mean, you can just see how ferocious Brandon Browner has been playing. He is hitting, and you happened to be there in person for one of those games, when you're watching it in

person, you can almost hear it and feel it in the stands. And that type of play is something that they've been missing in that secondary, maybe even going back to Rodney Harrison, where they had that guy who was going to make you pay, even if you don't catch the ball. No one seems to be complaining too much about the penalties. The hitting penalties, keep those up. I don't think anyone is complaining about those. And that's the type of physicality that they were certainly lacking last year. And Revis, to his credit, you didn't hear his name much in the Broncos game because he was shutting down his side of the field.

**DP:** And look, we've seen this the last couple of years, when guys go down, they use that "next-man-up" approach. And it works. Except in one position, and that's the shutdown cornerback. Because the last two seasons that Talib went down, it seemed as if the Patriots just couldn't overcome the injury at that position.

**BS:** For their sake, I guess we don't want to think about what happens when Revis gets hurt. We saw them without Browner and they did okay but not that well. Without Revis, there are certain things that we don't want to think about until they happen. And obviously a comparable loss, times 50, would be the loss of the starting quarterback as well. I think there are certain losses that they cannot absorb. Revis might be one of them, and of course, Brady is another.

**DP:** I look at this schedule moving forward after this bye week, and I think the game in Green Bay sort of scares me the most out of all of them. What we're going to do now is, we're going to look at Denver's schedule, we're going to look at the Patriots' schedule, and we're going to say, "Well the Patriots need to do this, and other teams need to do that to Denver." Because they'll tell you that the AFC Championship Game "needs to be at Gillette Stadium." That's not necessarily how I feel, because while we'd obviously like to see it at Gillette, I think what the Patriots did defensively to Peyton Manning last week, even though Peyton Manning can quiet the crowd and yell "Omaha" all he wants in Denver, I still think that there were things in last year's AFC Championship game, where, I waked away from that game and I didn't say, "Well, if this game was at Gillette, it would be a different story." I think the Patriots can beat Denver at Denver. I'd like to see it at Gillette, but I don't think it needs to be at Gillette.

**BS:** Well, they're capable of it, for sure. One thing I've written about the Patriots is, they're a team that cannot win even when they win. Because every time they win, it's always something: "It's not a good opponent. It's a good opponent, but it's at home." It's this, it's that. So they've maxed out at what they can do. They're 7-2. There's no way anyone could have realistically expected them to be 7-2 at this

point. They destroyed -- what was until last week -- the best team in the conference, if not the league. So they've done everything they can do. Can they win a big game on the road? I don't know, we'll find out [Sunday night] when they go to Indianapolis. So we won't know what they can do, in terms of substance on the road at this point of the season, because they haven't had a chance to do it yet. But it is maddening to me to hear people say, "Well, they haven't done this, they haven't done that." It's like they've done everything that's been asked of them, and probably more, given the situation where they were five weeks ago.

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