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## Who Knew? And Who Are They?

Boston-based Artists For Humanity recently announced plans to design a major expansion for their South Boston EpiCenter, which is projected to cost \$30 million and would nearly quadruple (i.e. 4X) the event-hosting building's existing square-footage. AFH is a not-for-profit organization focused on providing paying jobs in the arts to teens from underserved communities.

It has been reported, the massive 9 story addition would be built to achieve a level of environmental sustainability never before seen in New England. Located at 100 West 2nd Street between B and A Streets, the EpiCenter was completed in 2004, and is a 23,500-square-foot event space

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# EDITORIAL *No Sympathy Here*

**T**oo good to be true! That seems to be the response of most people aware of the so-called “hacking” incident at Sony Pictures. It seems someone has been able to record and then release, on the internet as many as five unreleased movies made by Sony.

One movie is called “The Interview” and has a plot where two American reporters allowed into North Korea to conduct interviews are urged by the American CIA to murder Korean Leader Kim Jung Un. It is believed the North Koreans are very upset and may be responsible for the hacking.

Hollywood is “Boo-hoo-ing” all over the place, but seems to forget having had the movie, “Assassination of George Bush”, made while he was still President, and dismissed any who complained about the movie by citing “freedom” as justification. Now Hollywood is looking for support and sympathy because the person, whom they made a “funny” movie about murdering, is fighting back?

This is a good start to the Christmas shopping season. Don’t waste money on Sony new movies. Just make your Christmas wish and maybe “Santa Kim” will deliver.



*“Never worry about the size of your Christmas Tree. In the eyes of children, they are all 30 feet tall” - Lawrence Wilde*

## This Week’s Poll

**Which South Boston Arts related nonprofit group do you know something about?**

*You may indicate more than one.*

- South Boston Arts Association (SBAA)**
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- Artists for Humanity**
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## Comments on Ferguson and a Few Remaining Grinches

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
John Ciccone

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Tired of hearing about Ferguson? Me too. But I feel the need to make at least a few comments and observations here. For the most part we've been content to watch the whole fiasco play out so that when it was time to opine, we'd have the facts to back these opinions up.

First, as was stated here in a previous column, no one wants to see anyone killed. But what seems to have been forgotten or become taboo to say is that Michael Brown was NOT a gentle giant, as they first tried to portray him. Bluntly put, he was a violent criminal, a thug and a bully. We learned everything we needed to know about his character when, just before being shot, he

was caught on camera walking into that convenience store grabbing whatever he wanted. He was also seen assaulting a sales clerk not even half his size when the clerk asked him to pay for the items he was stealing. Then of course, there were the Facebook photos of him happily posing sitting around a table with bags of drugs, a ton of cash and brandishing illegal handguns.

As far as the protests, no matter which side you're on, the peaceful demonstrators have every right to march all they want. But as far as the rioting, smashing of windows, burning down stores and grabbing all the flat screen TV's you can carry pretty much kills the argument that everyone was there to show support

for the victim of a police shooting. A large percentage of the protestors were there for no other reason than to loot, destroy property and create turmoil and they loved every minute of it. It's worth noting that business owners, who manned the rooftops of their stores brandishing assault weapons and shotguns to protect their property were avoided at all costs by the rioters.

The major cause of the trouble wasn't so much the police officer shooting Michael Brown. According to the trial, and witnesses who testified at the hearing, many of them African Americans themselves, Brown reached for the officer's gun and could have killed him, so it was

an act of self-defense. These were the facts, but unfortunately these facts were an inconvenience to the trouble makers – chief among them are listed below:

The news media: They got exactly what they wanted – riots. In the days leading up to the decision, the press kept saying there would be trouble; they were hoping for trouble, they were deliberately setting the tone for violent racial conflict, because they feed off it. So petty, mean and evil are some of these media people, when it became public that there were threats to kill the officer who shot Michael Brown, two New York Times reporters published the

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## A LETTER FROM REP. NICK COLLINS

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Thank you to everyone who came out to vote on November 4th. It was an exciting election year that brought out the best in Massachusetts. Thank

you too, for the continued support and vote of confidence you have given me since I was first elected to serve you in 2010, particularly this election year.

It remains my mission to work hard and advocate on your behalf to our state government and provide the voice that represents yours on policy matters that affect our quality of life here, and across the Commonwealth.

As the holiday season approaches and we take time to think about what we are thankful for, along the way I will surely reflect on how grateful and humbled I am to have the support of a community with a heart like South Boston's.

It is a privilege to serve as your State Representative. Thank you, again, for the honor to do so.

*Yours in public service,*  
**NICK COLLINS**

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home address of the cop, putting his life and the lives of his family at risk. But things can backfire and this has. Conservative news outlets in response published the names and home addresses of the 2 reporters who are outraged and very nervous now. By the way, the reporters who made the cop's address known are Julie Brosnan, who lives at 620 N. Wayne Ave, Apt 2, Chicago, Illinois, 60660 and Campbell Robertson, 1113 N. Dupre St., New Orleans, Louisiana, 30119. Maybe two wrongs don't make a right but sometimes it feels good.

Al Sharpton: Here is a man who would turn to dust and blow away if it weren't for racial incidents that he could swoop down upon and stoke the flames of. This is a professional race baiter so vile and disgusting that even some of America's other notorious race baiters want no part of him. Never one to miss an opportunity to add fuel to the fire, I venture that anyone, black or white, with half a brain doesn't doubt for a minute that he is ecstatic about the decision to acquit the police officer. He too got exactly what he wanted. He's in his glory as he gets to prance around and incite. Obama should be ashamed of himself for having this man at the White House last Monday to discuss 'solutions' to the Ferguson problem, while not inviting even one official from that city's police department.

Attorney General Eric Holder: Probably just as much a racist as Sharpton, but not quite as cartoonish, he blatantly ignores the rioters attacking police, burning and looting in the streets and making racial death threats and instead blames police for doing their job. He is prosecuting none of the anarchists for malicious destruction and violating the civil rights of innocent people. It is said that the overwhelming majority of Ferguson residents of all races would like nothing better than for all outside agitators - the press, windbag civil rights frauds like Sharpton, Eric Holder and all the looters and trouble seekers from out of town - to leave so that

Ferguson can heal itself. We hope they get their wish.

Moving on, we mentioned in a recent column some of the antics of bitter people who seem to hate Christmas. Though this type of thing has subsided in most of the rest of the country, embarrassingly, it still goes on in some parts of Massachusetts. In the Town of Belmont, MA, two parents demanded that the elementary school cancel its annual field trip to see 'The Nutcracker' play. Why? Because there is a Christmas tree on the stage. Wimpy school officials at first did cancel the trip until the rest of the parents found out about it and demanded, en masse that the students be allowed to go. The school backed down and the trip is back on, Christmas tree and all.

There is an ongoing battle in the town of Marshfield this year. Here, one parent, count it, one, objected to calling the coming school break 'Christmas Vacation' and demanded it be referred to as 'winter break'. Here again, school officials with missing back bones buckled to the disgruntled parent and changed the name. But, in response, more than 4000 Marshfield residents said "enough" and signed petitions demanding the name Christmas be put back in. At this writing, the school officials have refused. So to their credit, there is now a move among the folks there to remove those officials at the next election. Excellent.

Just last week, we got an email from a reader who informed us of a situation at his wife's place of employment. It seems an employee was upset that the theme colors of their annual 'Holiday' party were red and green and that was too symbolic of Christmas. Yes, the company changed the colors. Folks, it's amazing that in Massachusetts, we are still plagued with such ridiculous moonbats, who so hate Christmas that they feel the need to spoil it for everyone else. But even worse, is the fact that anyone still pays attention to them. What sad creatures these are. We almost feel sorry for them.

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# Reading Between The Lines

## “Honest”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Brian R. Mahoney

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“It’s time for an honest discussion on race in America”. How many times have you heard that lie? Usually from the Attorney General, if not the President himself. What they really mean is a “politically correct” discussion on race in America. What follows is the tired old whine about what a bad place America is and only white people, (Republican), can be racist.

Facts that show that the opposite is true are dismissed as “white racist lies”. For instance, the number of black people is 70% less than it was 50 years ago. In 2012, police shot 123 black people. The same year, 326 white people were shot by police. In 2013, over 5,300 black people were charged with murder. That same year over 4,300 white people were charged with murder. Black people make up 13% of the population around 43 million people. White people make up 63% a little over 200 million people.

However, the average casual reader doesn’t know if these figures are accurate or just racist fabrication.

Let’s look at what we all know to be facts. Not opinions, but facts. We know this Ferguson child was bigger than almost every member of the Patriots defense at 6’5” 290-300 pounds. We know from a store videotape that he had just committed strong arm robbery by placing a store clerk in fear of force or violence while stealing cigars.

We know Michael Brown wore a red baseball hat and yellow socks.

We know the Officer Darren Wilson was a few blocks away on a call assisting a black woman giving premature birth.

We know the original call for a robbery was dispatched while Wilson was still with the woman.

We know that after EMTs arrived Wilson returned to patrol and heard an updated broadcast describe a suspect

with red hat and yellow socks.

There was no dispute that Wilson saw two black men walking down the yellow line in the middle of the street and told them to get on the sidewalk, which they refused to do. We know that Wilson pulled his cruiser diagonally across the road and called in that he was stopping two suspects.

We know that Wilson had bruising on his head, neck and face consistent with being struck forcefully. We know that DNA and blood from Michael Brown was inside the car and on Officer Wilson’s right thigh, holster and most importantly his gun. We know residue from Michael Brown’s thumb wound had to be a result of his hand on the gun. We know that blood from Michael Brown was found at two separate locations on the sidewalk coming toward the officer. We know all the rounds struck Brown in the front. We know that the witnesses testified before the evidence was made public. We know that this tactic allowed jurors and police to compare what stories were supported or contradicted by the evidence.

We know that seven witnesses, all black, gave evidence that supported the officers version and that was confirmed by the evidence. We know that only testimony supported by physical evidence proved that Brown did grab the officer’s gun. That he did charge the officer. That he was never fired at while fleeing. That he was never shot in the back. Above all he never, ever, raised his hands. He never, ever said “don’t shoot”. Forget the white cop, that’s what the black residents said.

That’s not good enough though, is it?

All the race hustlers and progressive American haters know better. Especially that if race isn’t involved, none of the so-called ‘reverends’ can shake down “the man” for money and TV shows. So it has to be racist to

keep the gravy train rolling.

It’s racism all right, but it’s black racism. If the cop wasn’t white, this wouldn’t be happening. Instead, based on skin color, every slur, degradation and force of law that can be brought to bear is, which is just another aspect of the real racism.

Only the English have English as their natural language. Gaelic for Irish, Italian for Italy, Chinese for China but we all come together around English as a common bond. So called “black leaders” instead constantly try to

separate. If it’s not “ebonics”, white people are being told, “it’s a black thing”, you wouldn’t understand”.

Rejection of American culture and norms are embraced, resulting in 70% of black babies born out of wedlock with the inevitably resulting poverty and crime. Those trying to stay straight are derided for “acting white”.

Filthy black rappers are icons, but the President was called “a traitor to his race” for denouncing violent rioters in Missouri.

When does this “honest discussion” start? **Take care till next week.**

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## Window Into The State House

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We will excerpt 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, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

## HOME HEALTH SAYS RATES STUCK AT 2008 LEVELS

About a week after hearing their goal of higher Medicaid reimbursement rates would be achieved, home health workers learned that plan had been scrapped as part of Gov. Deval Patrick's recent spending cuts, according to a home health lobbyist. On his way to deliver a letter to Patrick asking him to reconsider, Home Health Care Alliance Director of Legislative and Public Affairs James Fuccione told the News Service the backtracking on the rate increase felt like a "punch in the stomach." In a letter to Patrick,

HCA Executive Director Patricia Kelleher said, "Agencies are being reimbursed by MassHealth well below their cost of providing care and a payment update was an overdue relief our industry had been working on for years. Agencies are being reimbursed in 2014 at rates set in 2007 and cut in 2008." Facing a \$329 million mid-year shortfall, Patrick has sought to bring the budget back into balance by cutting the funding to Executive Branch agencies and cutting \$45.4 million from MassHealth hospital and nursing home rates among other efforts

to reduce spending. According to the administration, a planned rate increase totaling \$8 million for fee-for-service payments to home health providers will not go into effect in the current fiscal year. "Due to recent revenue shortfalls, agencies across state government were required to make difficult choices in order to maintain a balanced budget. We took a thoughtful approach to ensure that our most critical programs that help children, families, veterans and our most vulnerable populations are protected," said Health and Human Services spokesman Alec Loftus in a statement to the News Service. - Andy Metzger/SHNS

**MASS. BIZ CONFIDENCE NEARS POST-RECESSION HIGH**

Business confidence in Massachusetts is on the verge of reaching its post-recession high. Associated Industries of Massachusetts reported its monthly confidence index rose 1.9 points in November to reach 56.8, up 6.6 points on the year and well above the 50-point "neutral" mark. "We continue to see a trend of modest, fairly steady gain in business confidence," Raymond Torto, chair of AIM's Board of Economic Advisors, said in a statement. A year ago, business confidence was being influenced by the federal government shutdown, which followed tax increases and high stakes "fiscal cliff" talks. While analysts have a dim view of the likelihood of policymaking progress between President Barack Obama and a Republican-controlled Congress in 2015, AIM officials do not

appear to hold a similar view of prospects in Massachusetts, where Republican Charlie Baker is set to take the governor's office in January and work with a Democrat-controlled Legislature. AIM officials say employers are increasingly confident in their own operations, which should lead to job growth next year. "Survey respondents look forward to better conditions by next spring, in line with most economic forecasts," Fred Breimyer, regional economist at the FDIC and a BEA member, said in a statement. "It is surprising that problems in the global economy, recession or near-recession in Europe and Japan, and slowing growth in China, are not enough to put a damper on these expectations." - Michael Norton/SHNS

**RENEWED SMOKING CESSATION EFFORT PLANNED**

With 1 of out of 10 women smoking during pregnancy in the United States, the March of Dimes plans to launch a smoking cessation campaign next year, and is looking for lawmakers' support. Approximately 5 to 8 percent of all pre-term births are related to smoking, and 13 to 19 percent of low birth weight babies can be contributed to cigarette usage during pregnancy, according to Dr. Joseph Mitchell, a board member at the March of Dimes, who spoke to newly elected lawmakers at the State House about the organization's priorities. Smoking during pregnancy "continues to be an epidemic," - Colleen Quinn/SHNS

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- Labouré Center Christmas Décor pop-up shop and pictures with Santa at the Cranberry Café
- Tarot Card readings at Indulge Day Spa
- Bring your pet in for pictures with Santa at Dewberry Dogs

Be sure to pick up a guide that provides a map and information about all the special offers and events at participating businesses.

### East Broadway Christmas Tree Lighting

Celebrate the start of the Holiday Season at the South Boston Branch Library beginning at 4 pm, with Santa's arrival for the East Broadway Christmas Tree Lighting.

- A visit from Santa (arriving on an antique Fire Truck)
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A Supplemental Information Package will be available starting December 4, 2014 on the Capital Bid Opportunities webpage of Massport [http://www.massport.com/doing-business/\\_layouts/CapitalPrograms/default.aspx](http://www.massport.com/doing-business/_layouts/CapitalPrograms/default.aspx) as an attachment to the original Legal Notice, on COMMBUYS ([www.commbuys.com](http://www.commbuys.com)) in the listings for this project or by contacting Michelle Arnold at Capital Programs [marnold@massport.com](mailto:marnold@massport.com).

The contract will be work order based, and Consultant's fee for each work order shall be negotiated; however, the total fee for the contract shall not exceed \$ 2,000,000.

In recognition of the unique nature of the project and the services required to support it, the Authority has scheduled a Consultant Briefing to be held at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at the Capital Programs Department, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128. At this session, an overview of the project will be provided, the services requested by the Authority will be described, and questions will be answered.

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](http://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 also provide an (1) original and fourteen (14) 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.

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## Salvation Army Bell Ringers Helping the Less Fortunate Each Christmas

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There are several ways to tell that Christmas is fast approaching. Christmas Carols are being sung at Church, Christmas music is on the radio and once again it is even returning to

the public square after a few years of almost being banned. Those old familiar and beloved Yuletide movie classics on TV along with some brand new ones are being shown round the clock on some channels. Light displays, Christmas Trees and a sort of magic in the air as the date draws closer also lets us know that it's that special time of year again. Ah, but let's not forget that other telltale sign of the season: The Salvation Army bell ringers on street corners, at the entrance to our favorite stores and pretty much everywhere that shoppers flock.

In addition to serving more people worldwide than any other agency The Salvation Army is a church. It was established in 1865 by William Booth and has been going and growing ever since. The "Army" grew out of Booth's desire to step out from behind a pulpit and take the message of the Christian Church directly to the people. Today, it numbers 1.5 million members and nearly 30 million Americans received help last year. One of the Army's primary goals is to help relieve poverty for any and all people, no matter where they are; a noble goal by any standard.

The Army's activities, as most know are not limited to raising money for the poor during the Christmas Season. Where ever and whenever there is a need, they rush to the scene of that need and swing right into action. Whether it is an earthquake, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes and any number of other natural disasters, The Army is always one of the first to respond bringing with it whatever is required to assist. Their volunteers and staff have in every case proven to be competent, professional and above

all compassionate with the will, the energy and the ability to help ease the pain and trauma of the victims. But even more than that, they help lay the foundation for long term and permanent recovery so that the victims can get their lives back together and get back on their feet as soon as possible.

One of the most impressive aspects of the Salvation Army is the fact that much like every religious organization and church, a much larger percentage of funds raised goes directly to those people who need it. Unlike many other charities which have CEO's and directors that draw huge salaries and pay out much to staffing and plush office accommodations etc., The Salvation Army by comparison has very low administrative costs allowing it to give just about all the funds and donations it collects directly to those requiring it. To say the work its members do is a labor of love would seem to describe the work they do accurately. Over the years they have often been referred to as Angels.

So the next time you walk into a market or store on E. Broadway or West Broadway, into a Walmart or your favorite shop at the mall and hear those bells ringing and see the volunteers shivering in the cold air wishing all a Merry Christmas, it's important to remember that the work these dedicated volunteers are doing comes from the heart and the money you might choose to drop into their festive red kettles is sure to go right to someone who truly needs it this Christmas Season. And if you think of it, why not take a little time to thank the manager of the business or store for allowing the Salvation Army to set up at their location. It will mean a lot to everyone involved and help allow a wonderful tradition to continue forever or for as long as it is needed. If you want more information about the Salvation Army or how to make a donation, their website is very helpful: [www.salvationarmyma.org](http://www.salvationarmyma.org).

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## Breakfast With Santa – Sunday December 7

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December 7th, St. Peter Academy just might have the perfect activity to get everyone in the spirit. It's called 'Breakfast with Santa' and runs from 10am till 2pm and is sure to please the kids as well as the parents AND, it's open to the public. All are invited. The location will be the Lithuanian Club at 368 West Broadway in South Boston and admission for a family of 4 is just \$20. Military families have free admission as a way to thank them for their service.

Where else can the whole family go to have a big dose of great holiday fun for such a minimal cost? And what a deal it is. The price of admission includes breakfast for all; thanks to the generosity of Muls Diner/Amrhein's Restaurant and Olga's Kafe and a photo with Santa himself, who will be there from 10:30 till 12:30.

But once Santa leaves, the fun continues and the 'Jingle Ball Dance Party' for the kids will kick into full swing. But wait, there's much more. Craft tables will be set up with everything provided so the kids can make cards to send to our service men and women who are stationed overseas. If there are more than 4 members in the family who want to attend, not a problem. Each

additional family member gets to join the fun for just \$5 dollars and additional photos can be purchased as well. South Boston Today spoke with a very enthusiastic Carrie Coughlin who is co-president of the Home and School Association at St. Peter Academy and she filled us in on some of the details of the event, the history and the purpose.

This is the second year for Breakfast with Santa. Last year, being the first time it was held, was such a success and so much fun for kids and parents alike that it seems it will become an annual happening. Said Carrie Coughlin, "St Peter is now in its 10th year as an Independent School in the community and they are happy to celebrate that fact and do all that they can to give back to the neighborhood that has been so good and supportive. The theme of the event is of course family fun for all during the Christmas Season but also to help honor our men and women in uniform who protect and serve our country."

Remember, it all happens this Sunday, December 7th from 10am – 2pm at the Lithuanian Club and you do not have to have children enrolled at St. Peter Academy to join in. Breakfast with Santa is open to everyone. For more information you can contact St. Peter Academy by calling 617-268-0750.

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for hosting anything from "intimate dinners for 50 to cocktail receptions for 450". The 63,500 square foot expansion is projected to be complete by late 2016.

At the risk of seeming to be a parochial vox populi, local activists and non-profit supporters that we have spoken to have no idea this organization had amassed such physical capacity, nor were they aware of any expansion plans underway. Some commented that, AFH, as a non-profit with a sizeable venue, has rarely made the facility available for local non-profits, unless you were prepared to pay a hefty rental fee. Others have rarely if ever seen representatives of the organization involved in any local events or activities. Taken a step further, it is fair to ask, since no one we spoke with seemed to know, just how many of South Boston's youth benefit from their programming and what targeted outreach has been conducted by AFH staff or administrators directly to local youth or the longstanding organizations that serve them daily?

As background and known apparently to very few, in July 2013, Procter & Gamble donated a 9,000-square-foot parking lot from its Gillette manufacturing complex to AFH. The sizable gift would allow AFH to increase the EpiCenter's size by roughly 370 percent, from 23,500 to 87,000 square feet. Planned additions include a new public art maker's studio, galleries and more venue space, which would allow the AFH to double its current high school-aged staff to upwards of 500 annually, and work toward developing tech-based arts and trades vocational programs.

Public and private support for the EpiCenter expansion project has been offered by the Lewis Family Foundation, Amos and Barbara Hostetter, P&G Gillette, State Street, the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund and the Boston Redevelopment Authority Community Benefits Fund.

It stands to reason that, apart from the unannounced generous donation by P&G Gillette, like every other developer in South Boston, the community, elected leaders and others in the immediate vicinity be fully informed of these grand plans.





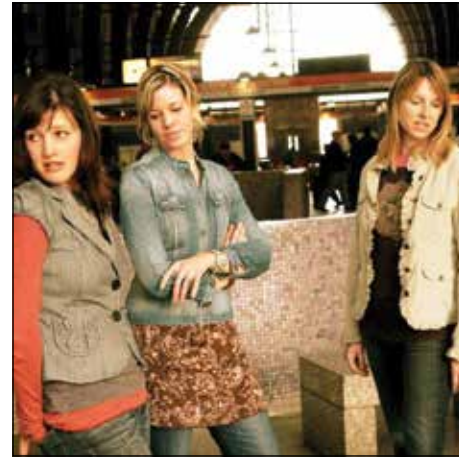
## Curley Community Center Cares

The BCYF Curley Community Center staff, members and teens joined with Mayor Martin Walsh to pitch in and make the 28th annual Boston CANshare project a great success. This drive will provide food and raise funds to support programs that enable low-income people in the city to have access to healthy food.

CANshare began in 1986 as a can drive to restock food pantries after the Thanksgiving rush and now also encompasses a fundraiser for Boston Bounty Bucks. This campaign helps to fight hunger and increase access to healthy food in Boston, so every Boston resident can live a healthy lifestyle.

## 'Maeve' Christmas Concert Dec 5th

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
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There are so many signs that the Christmas Season and the spirit that comes with it has arrived in South Boston it would be difficult to list them all. The beautifully decorated homes with lights sparkling bright, the preparation for the annual lighting of the Christmas Trees along East and West Broadway, Toys for Tot's collections in cooperation with the United States Marines and the increasing hustle and bustle that has been clearly noticeable since Thanksgiving are just a few.

Christmas Tradition is important and looked forward to in our neighborhood and what has become a new tradition will, to the delight of residents once again take place. We speak of course of the return of 'Maeve'; that incredibly talented trio of singers who performed their annual Christmas concert last year to the thrill of hundreds of residents. They will be performing this

coming Friday evening, December 5th at 7:00pm this year at the St. Augustine Chapel. The concert will be sponsored by the New Covenant Church of South Boston and the public is invited.

Those who attended the Maeve Christmas concert in past years can attest to what a wonderful event it is. It truly puts everyone in the Christmas spirit as well as putting smiles on the faces of all. At the end of the show, the crowd can't help but leave their seats and give a rousing standing ovation.

Maeve, which is an all-female trio consisting of Courtney Reid, Rollyn Zoubec and Rachel Taylor has its own distinct and beautiful sound. They play and sing a mixture of cover favorites, traditional Christmas Carols and their own creations to produce a sound like no other. Their instrumentals and their singing have been called 'Angelic' by the many, who have heard them perform. They mix in festive and upbeat songs along with some slow ballads, which easily change the mood in the audience from song to song.

If you haven't yet been part of a Maeve concert experience you won't want to miss the opportunity to join all of those who have already had that pleasure and attend one of the most beautiful Christmas concerts of all time.

Again, it's this Friday evening, December 5th at the St. Augustine Chapel at 7pm, 181 Dorchester Street in South Boston. Admission is \$10. For more information you can call 617-855-9673 or log onto the Maeve website at [www.maevemusic.com](http://www.maevemusic.com)



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# The 16th Annual Fort Point Arts Community Holiday Sale

December 5, 6, and 7

Friday: 4-8pm, Saturday and

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The Fort Point Arts Community (FPAC)'s 16th Annual Holiday Sale takes place Friday-Sunday December 5, 6, and 7, 2014. Visitors can buy handcrafted gifts and works of art directly from their makers: fourteen local artists will be set up over the three-day event, with jewelry, paintings, prints, pottery, photography, handcrafted clothing and accessories, holiday ornaments, cards, and more.

This year artists will gather in the sparkling new lobby area of 315 on A, complete with a fireplace. FPAC will be hosting drop-in holiday art and craft activities on site throughout the weekend and offering complimentary refreshments. Get creative with your sweet tooth: decorate a holiday cookie that can be nibbled or cherished with artist and chef Elissa Dunlap.

**Made in Fort Point**, the Fort Point Arts Community's store, will also be open featuring works of art, craft and design by over seventy-five fort point artists, and FPAC's Small Works show. The annual Small Works exhibition is on display through January 24th, 2015.

On Friday December 5th, FPAC's Holiday Sale takes place in conjunction with **Fort Point's Holiday Stroll**, organized by the Friends of Fort Point Channel. Businesses throughout Fort Point will be offering complimentary holiday treats, samples, and special offers. More on the Stroll at <http://www.friendsoffortpointchannel.org/fort-point-holiday-stroll>

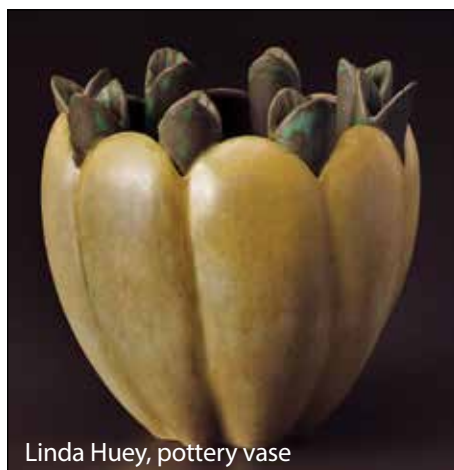
FPAC's Holiday Sale is free to the public, with free validated parking thanks to Gillette/P&G and Central Parking, at the Central Parking Lot on A Street and Binford.

Participating artists include: **Wendy Bergman**: handmade jewelry-pearls/semi-precious gems, Knit For You Cards, feather ornaments

- Carol Bugarin**: art glass jewelry
- Jennifer Chin**: silver and gold jewelry
- Dawna Davis**: elegant wire jewelry, sculpture; decorative holiday gifts, ornaments, suncatchers,
- Liliana Folta**: sculptural ceramics and objects to wear-Black & White series
- Julian De La Garza and Briana Harrison**: ocean inspired elegant Jewelry
- Julia Groos**: contemporary jewelry
- Linda Huey**: pottery and small gift items made of clay
- Lisa Knox**: paintings, holiday cards and ornaments
- Hilary Law**: wool skirts, cashmere accessories; cowls, hats, shawls, wristlets.
- Ana Crowley Noordzij**: ancient and modern ceramic serving ware and gifts
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- Maria Socorro Jimenez**: Custom Jewelry
- Gabrielle Schaffner**: handmade pottery and holiday ornaments



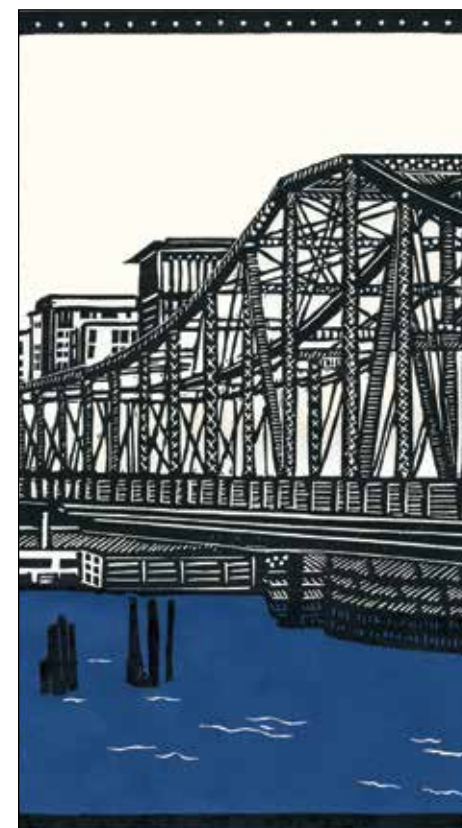
Ana Noordzij, ceramics



Linda Huey, pottery vase



Lisa Knox, painting



Jennifer Chin, silver jewelry



Gabrielle Schaffner, small bowls





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 Bruins with ESPN Boston's Joe McDonald:

**DANNY PICARD:** So Zdeno Chara and David Krejci, neither of them are going to go on the Bruins' four-game West Coast trip. While some might look at this and say, "Uh oh," this is news that, I mean, you want these guys to stay home and rehab, right? There's really no need for them to make the trip.

**JOE MCDONALD:** Exactly, I don't think there is, at this point. The one thing, when it comes to David Krejci, the one thing that we know about this guy is that, when he's at 100 percent and he's in the lineup and he's productive, the Bruins are at the top of their game as well. And [as of Monday] in the standings, I know we're only 24 games into the season, but the Bruins are currently in a playoff position. They've survived a lot of adversity so far this year. And if they can continue to do what they've done, then give Krejci some time to get healthy. Because you want him when it really counts. You want him down the stretch, and you need him obviously in the playoffs. So the Bruins are doing the right thing here I believe, which is just making sure that that injury is 100 percent healed before he comes back, so that he doesn't suffer any more setbacks. The same thing can be said for Zdeno Chara. When he first suffered that

torn ligament in his left knee, he said it was going to be six-to-eight weeks. So he's on schedule right now. He's been skating, which is good. He looks good when you see him walking around in the locker room. So, if he continues to progress, there may be a possibility that when this team comes back from the road, I would say it is a possibility that maybe Chara could return at that point. I don't know that for a fact, I'm just pointing out where he is at in the rehab.

**DP:** I'm actually surprised that we're seeing Chara skate right now. Because there was one point in this where we didn't even know and they didn't even know about potential surgery. I thought this would be a Chara injury that we would be looking at that would be longer than everybody expected. But it's certainly not looking like that right now. But with Krejci, I know that, publicly, nobody in that Bruins dressing room is going to come out and give any sort of inside information on an injury. And really in any sport on any team, I don't expect anyone to do that. But do you get any sense, talking to guys, that maybe this is a more concerning injury than anybody is letting it on to be?

**JM:** No, I don't think so. I think we all know that Krejci has hip

issues. He's had hip surgery in the past, and the Bruins have made it quite clear that this current injury is not his hip. But the one thing that I learned a couple years ago when I did a story on Tyler Seguin and the hip condition that he had, I talked to numerous doctors and one of the best hip surgeons in the country who has worked on everybody who's had a hip injury in Boston, Dr. Bryan Kelly, and he had said that, when you're dealing with the hip, sometimes you overcompensate, and it turns into a groin injury, and then it turns into a quad injury, or a hamstring injury. It's all connected. So they're probably right when they say that it's not about his hip, but it could be one of those others that he's just trying to get right, so that he doesn't suffer any setbacks. But his teammates, they realize how important he is to that lineup. And the last thing they want to see is him come back prematurely and keep dealing with this type of injury. The only way that's really going to heal, is if you have rest for a long time, and that's only going to happen in the offseason. And the Bruins want to make sure that their offseason this summer is a short one, because they want to go deep into the playoffs. The way that they do that, is having David Krejci as their top-line center, especially in the playoffs. We all know what type of playoff player David Krejci is.

**DP:** I know that you have to get into the playoffs first. But I think that what you should do with Chara and Krejci is, right now, there's no need to rush this with either of these guys, because you do have one of the best goaltenders in the league in Tuukka Rask. We can look at the Bruins' record without Chara, but I don't think they're a better team without Chara and I don't think they'll win a playoff series without Chara this year. But

if there's anything or anyone that's giving them a shot without Chara and Krejci, it's got to be Tuukka Rask.

**JM:** And we saw that against the Winnipeg Jets. The Bruins came out and they did not play well at all in the first period. They were awful. And Tuukka came out with some big-time saves. He made 12 saves, I think, in the second period. And then in the third, again, he was sharp, he was seeing the puck in traffic and was making the timely saves. He stopped two huge breakaways. So you're right. The thing is, with Tuukka, he's going to tell you, "I just go out there, it doesn't matter who the opponent is, it doesn't matter who's in the lineup, I'm going to go out there and stop the puck." Obviously that's a very good mentality to have for a goaltender. But the other thing is, look, he's a smart guy and he realizes that when you have two of the best players on your team out for a long period of time, yeah, he does have to step up. And that's why they gave him the contract that they gave him prior to last season, and that's why they pay him as much money as they are. Your job is to stop the puck, now do it. And he has been. And that's going to be key for this team's survival until this entire roster gets healthy.

**DP:** I'm really liking this kid David Pastrnak. The question is, is Claude Julien going to like his defense enough to let him stay with this team and then not just stay with this team, but when Krejci gets back, to me it's a no-brainer, you put Pastrnak on a line with Krejci. What do we think is going to happen here with this kid?

**JM:** I'm telling ya Danny, obviously we all know that Claude Julien is a defense-first type of guy. But you can overlook some defensive deficiencies from an 18-year-old rookie when he's putting seven shots on net a game,







especially when a team is struggling to score as the Bruins have this year. So you know what, and Claude Julien even said it [last weekend] after practice, which I was quite surprised that he said this, but he said, "Pastnak was probably one of our best forwards against the Jets." And he was right. When you look at this kid, he's so much fun to watch. Now the trick is

to put him in situations to succeed. And that's why you put him on a line with Patrice Bergeron. Think of all the linemates that Bergeron has had the last couple of years. From Tyler Seguin to Brad Marchand to Reilly Smith. All these young guys coming up, you want to put them in position to succeed, and Bergeron is the guy to help Pastnak along with that. [Pastnak]

has a genuine love for the game. He's always smiling. The on-ice ability for this kid, his hands are really good, he's got a good hockey sense. He's got to work on that a little bit, he needs some work on that two-way game. But offensively, this kid is dynamite. Given his ability, and once he continues to hone his skills, I think the Bruins are going to have a special player in the

future. And I like that idea of putting Pastnak with Krejci. Two guys from the Czech Republic, and Pastnak had the poster of Krejci on his wall as a kid and all that stuff. So I think that would be a lot of fun to watch.

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