



Mayor Walsh Announces Development Growth Initiative Affecting South Boston

Mayor Martin J. Walsh yesterday presented his first speech at the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce's annual Government Affairs Forum. During the speech, he highlighted more than \$2 billion of new investment approved by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) since the start of the year, and announced several new economic development and business innovation

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EDITORIAL *“L is for Lying”*

If you happened to have time in a busy life and were able to watch any of the Congressional Hearings you may have found it unnerving. At the witness table, the famous Jonathan Gruber of MIT was flanked by the two most senior planners of the Obama-Care. Last week our confidence was shaken when the brilliant Gruber admitted that, being unable to articulate his plan, he was forced to lie.

Now, when asked by Congress, he and his cohorts are to recall figures and numbers used to create the health care in the first place. It’s starting to look like the Southie High math club might get better results than our MIT brains. Gruber did find the time to call anyone who questioned his actions, “haters”. Rely on Liberals to resort to name calling when they can’t answer a question.

Example; why are demonstrators shouting, “hands up, don’t shoot”, when physical evidence and black eyewitnesses prove that never, ever happened? The answer is; “you’re a racist for asking”.



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The Race Baiting and Cop Bashing Continues

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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The opinion that race relations have gone downhill in America since Barack Obama has been president is now the predominant feeling of whites and minorities alike, according to a series of recent polls and surveys. Who would have thought? After Obama was first elected it was believed by many that the worst days were over as far as racial conflict. But with race baiters like Al Sharpton, Eric Holder and others continuing to agitate, since their very livelihoods depend on this type of turmoil, things seem to be getting dragged in the opposite direction. This pointed question was asked this week by a radio talk show host: "Now that it's been confirmed that Obama has been meeting with Al Sharpton and considers Sharpton to be one of his top advisors on race relations, how is this any different than if former president George W Bush, or any past president for that matter, were to seek counselling from a Ku Klux Klan leader?" Anyone?

But it's not just Sharpton and his ilk that are pouring gasoline on the fire of racial strife. There are certain white liberals in positions of power just as much to blame as black agitators. Chief among them are members of the news media. Because of the sensationalized coverage and deliberate anti-police rhetoric being spewed by many in the press since the Ferguson and New York incidents, this will take quite a while to settle down.

As many know, Charles Barkley is a respected African American athlete, a great NBA basketball star while he was playing as a professional, and a role model for young people. He has now become

the target of black militants and white journalists. Why? He dared to criticize the criminal actions of rioters in Ferguson, who were burning and looting in the aftermath of the Grand Jury decision. He also stated how if not for police, things in inner city neighborhoods would be a lot worse. Because he expressed his opinion, Barkley has become the victim of threats and insults by those who feel that African Americans are not allowed to have a different opinion than the so-called black leadership and white liberal establishment.

But to illustrate just how off the wall and crazy some of the radical race baiters are becoming, one only needs to see what happened in New York City last week. It was the night of the New York City Christmas tree lighting. This is a huge event. One of the entertainers given the honor of performing at this Christmas season tradition was Darrius Rucker who is African American himself. Many know the famous Mr. Rucker as the lead singer of the 90's rock group called 'Hootie and the Blowfish'. Several years ago he switched to Country Music and has become an even bigger success, winning many awards and selling millions of country albums. The guy is talented and also very generous to charities and good causes.

At last week's Christmas tree lighting Darrius Rucker sang the holiday favorite 'White Christmas'. Boom! This set off a firestorm of attacks against Rucker on social media and beyond. He is now being called racist, Uncle Tom, traitor and names so vile they cannot be printed here all because of the title of the song he

chose to sing. He has also received death threats. This is how insane these radicals are. Some actually admit to thinking the song White Christmas is about white people and not snow. To some others, they didn't care what it means. This black performer should not be singing positively about any topic containing the word 'white' as far as they're concerned. There are actually journalists who have stated that the choice of that song by Rucker was in bad taste and insensitive. With mindless dolts like this, it's easy to see

why racial healing in America has a slim chance.

Back to what Charles Barkley said and his defense of police. Think about it. What if officials acquiesced to the demands of the likes of Sharpton, the New Black Panthers, the spoiled college students at Berkley, who are being egged on by their America hating professors and other loons who are demanding that police, especially white police officers, be removed from minority neighborhoods or

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Asian Stocks Slide Amid Global Equity Retreat on China, Greece:

On Monday, Asian stocks fell for a second day as global equities investors pulled back funding after stocks tumbled in China, then a drop in Greek shares spread to the rest of Europe. The yen jumped as investors sought a haven.

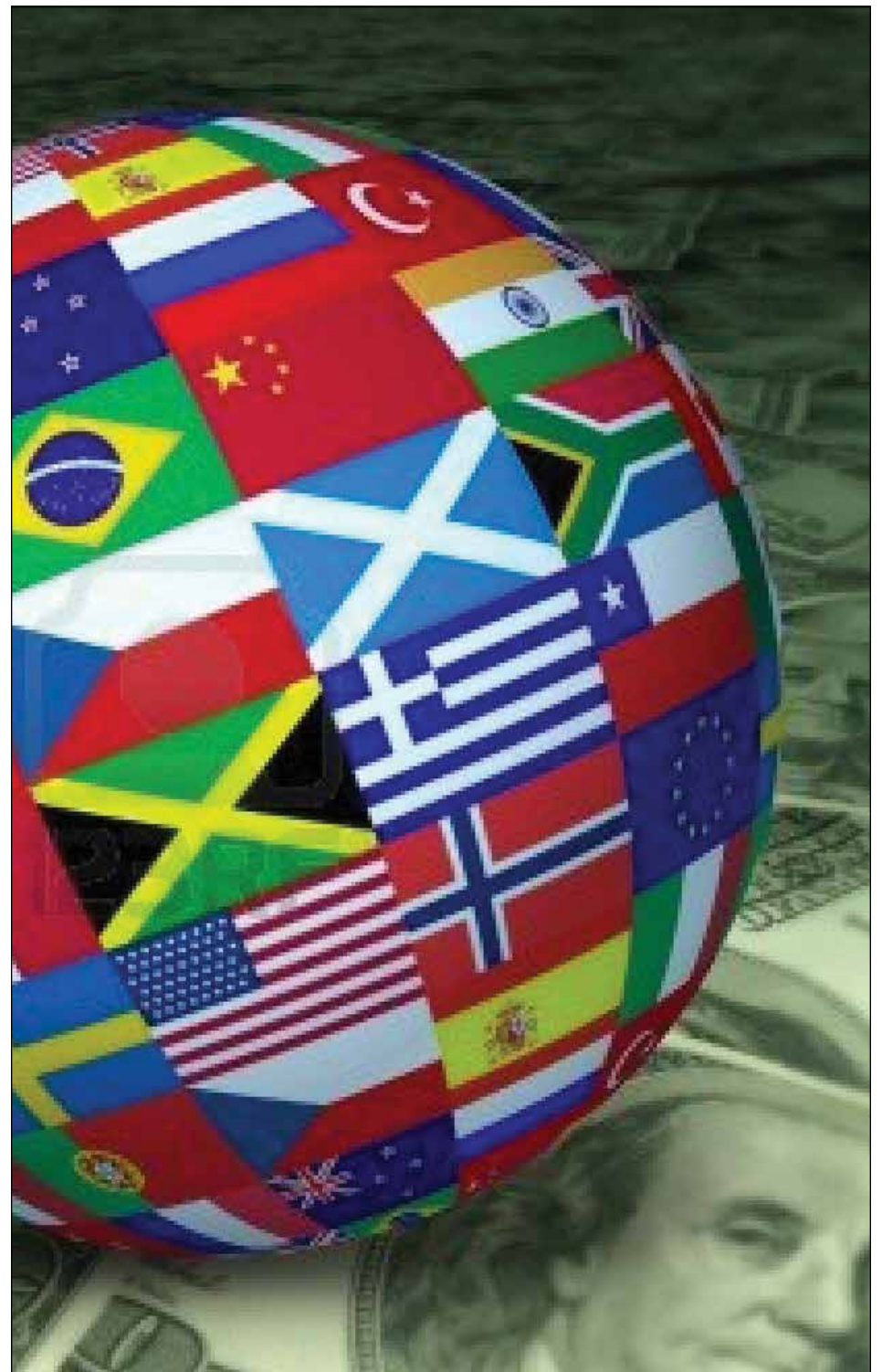
The MSCI Asia Pacific Index (MXAP) dropped 0.6 percent to 138.87 as of 9:00 a.m. in **Tokyo** after losing 0.3 percent the previous day. China shares tumbled the most since 2009 yesterday after government acted to tighten lending requirements. This sparked speculation over an economic slowdown. The Stoxx Europe 600 Index sank 2.3 percent as a noticeable measure of Greek shares posted its biggest drop in 27 years. The yen gained as much as 2.2 percent against the dollar before settling down.

Gold Jumps to Six-Week High as Equity Losses Spur Haven Buying

Gold futures jumped to a six-week high as declines in equity markets revived demand for the metal as a haven. Silver surged more than 5 percent.

More than \$100 billion was wiped from the value of world equity markets Monday, and global shares continued to fall on Tuesday. Gold extended gains as the dollar headed for the biggest drop in a month against a basket of 10 currencies.

Since Nov. 7, gold has climbed 9 percent from a four-year low. Signs that central banks in Europe and Asia will increase money supply reignited gold's appeal as a store of value. Swings in oil prices are increasing bullion's volatility, as traders judge the outlook for inflation. "There are equity market concerns and an increase in the flight away from risky assets to quality," James Steel, an analyst at HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. in New York, said in a telephone interview. "Gold seems



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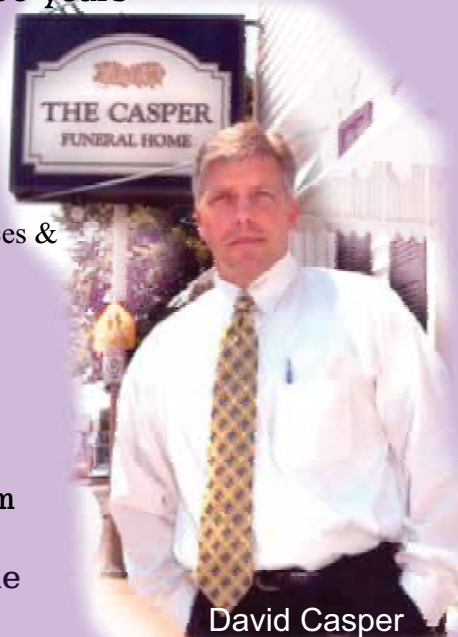
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WTI Crude Declines as Iran Sees Further Slump on OPEC Division

West Texas Intermediate (WTI is a grade of crude oil used as a benchmark in oil pricing) resumed its fall as Iran predicted a further slump in prices if solidarity falters among the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Futures slid as much as 1.2 percent in New York after rising the first time in four days yesterday. Prices may decline to as low as \$40 a barrel amid a price war or if divisions emerge in OPEC, said Mohammad Sadegh Memarian, Iran's oil ministry head of petroleum market analysis. The 12-member group may need to call

an extraordinary meeting in the first quarter if crude continues to drop, according to Energy Aspects Ltd.

Oil is trading in a bear market as Saudi Arabia, which led OPEC's decision to maintain rather than cut output at a meeting last month, offers discounts on its crude as it defends market share against U.S. producers pumping at the fastest rate in more than three decades. The Energy Information Administration cut its price forecasts for 2015 amid the slump.

SBT will test run a column gleaning key geo-political and financial news, reported by Bloomberg, from earlier in the week that could have an effect on the economy of our region.



Reading Between The Lines

'The Pause That Refreshes'

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Brian R. Mahoney

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Holidays are like having a big family or a lot of friends. Each one is special and you love them all... but each one is different too.

I don't dwell on it but certainly on Thanksgiving and Christmas I remember family times. On Memorial, Bunker Hill and St. Patrick's Day at some point I try to imagine how it was for the soldiers on those days or what my Irish ancestors had to go through to reach their day of celebration. Naturally on July 4, it's the Constitution and America and what they mean and represent. The rest of the year we're all busy trying to make our way through this life, but on Holidays we should pause, just for a second, and remember what the day is for.

True, it's not the season or Holiday, but the subject of the Constitution and its power has become a recent topic.

Simply put, the Constitution is the fairest set of rules any society or culture has ever lived by. The beauty of it is that knowing there is no such thing as perfection, there are mechanisms in it allowing changes. The main rule is equality. No person or organization can have unchecked, absolute authority over another. The Constitution is the rule and America is the country where the rule is absolute. Bear that concept in mind as this debate unfolds.

All religions believe their "Good Book" is the word of God, so I fear no blasphemy by asserting our Constitution as the greatest written words of human civilization. The person elected as our President refers to our Constitution as "a charter of negative liberties", a pretty bleak description. Perhaps he means because it says things you can't do.

For example, a person can't be put in jail for speaking their mind, or cops can't search or arrest a person for no reason. There's a lot more but they all seem to codify rules, not to hurt people. What's wrong with that? One of the features of our system is State Rights and Federal Rights. They both have sovereignty, but there is a conflict the Supreme Court decides.

Arizona, frustrated with the lack of Federal Immigration Enforcement and suffering personal and property destruction, as well as 2.6 billion a year on various illegal alien issues, wrote a law directing their police to enforce certain immigration actions. The outlaw administration - oops I mean the Obama administration - went to Court to oppose it.

What happened is the Arizona Law had 4 provisions. Three of those functions were already part of Federal Law. The Court said only the Feds could enforce Federal Law. The fourth provision, however, was the most important. That said that when the police detain someone on suspicion or commission of a crime, and investigation reveals illegal status, the local authorities can bring them to the Feds for deportation action. That's what Obama went to Court for...and he lost. The Court said that was Constitutional.

About two centuries ago President Andrew Jackson lost a Supreme Court decision. In a fit of rage, he stated "the Court has made their ruling, now let them enforce it". Obama has adopted the same attitude.

You see, all states have a 287 G agreement for the Feds to take away illegals that the state has in custody. With hours of the Court's ruling, he revoked the 287 G agreement with Arizona. The only state it was revoked

in and the Feds now refuse to answer any Arizona calls for assistance.

In case the Supremes missed who's in charge, Obama then ordered Homeland Security to announce that a special "hot line" has been set up for anyone who is stopped under the law and feels it was wrong. This is the law the Supreme Court just ruled Constitutional. Countless times since last 2010, Obama has said a variation of the following quote, "people think I can just change it. Just issue an executive order. I can't. That's not how our system works. We have 3

branches of Government. Congress makes the law. I don't". Of course, you know he did exactly what he said was illegal. He tried to fluff it up by saying that he was using "prosecutorial discretion". Except, by law, it can only be used use on a case-by-case basis, not a blanket pardon.

Nevertheless, here we stand. Another lie heaped on to the ever-expanding list. With his willing accomplice, the lame stream media, creating more out cry over a Republican staffer than the Obama-

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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 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.

BAKER: BIZ TAX AMNESTY “NOT A BAD IDEA”

With House leaders exploring the idea of a corporate tax amnesty program to generate cash for state spending needs, Governor-elect Charlie Baker said it's not an ideal situation, but one he might support. “It's obviously something that's only going to work on a short time basis. I think the best solution, of course, would be not to have to ever do this stuff, but over time things happen and using this as a vehicle to sort of clean up another backlog is not a bad idea,” Baker said.

Lawmakers in the fiscal 2015 budget sanctioned a two-month tax amnesty program for individual filers that ran through the end of October and pulled in roughly \$57 million in tax collections from 49,000 residents who took advantage of the window to pay overdue taxes without penalties. Based on Department of Revenue figures, estimates the corporate amnesty program could yield \$15 million to \$20 million for the fiscal 2015 budget, which was running a \$329 million deficit before Gov. Deval Patrick unilaterally cut \$198 million across state government.

“I think in some respects the opportunity there to clean up an outstanding debt is a good one. If you're asking me if I think the last one was successful, and if in fact it generated over \$50 million in tax revenue and cleaned up a lot of books for a lot of people, I think that's a good thing,” Baker said. - Matt Murphy/SHNS

HOSPITAL BED LICENSING BILL ON THE MOVE

A bill updating an “archaic” hospital bed count rule is moving through the Legislature this week as time runs out on the

2013-2014 session. The bill (H 2050) revises a rule established 30 years ago about how the state licenses hospital beds based on annual census counts. The rule fails to take into account seasonal and population fluctuations that affect whether a hospital fills the number of beds it has licensed. For example, hospitals located in the Berkshires are very busy in the summer tourism season. But in the winter, the number of patients drops, which leaves hospitals open to having beds “de-licensed” by the Department of Public Health. - Colleen Quinn/SHNS

PATRICK TARGETS HOMELESSNESS:

Gov. Deval Patrick announced a late-term effort to tackle chronic homelessness with 500 new units of supportive housing paid for through a relatively new model of government contracting that leverages private investment and is dependent on the success of the program. At an event in Framingham, Patrick detailed the new “pay-for-success” program to create housing for 800 of the state's 1,500 chronically homeless individuals over the next six years. According to the administration, the project relies on \$1 million in philanthropic funding and \$2.5 million in private capital from Santander Bank, the Corporation for Supportive Housing and United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley. If the program is successful, the state has agreed to make up to \$6 million available to repay investors and cover the cost of independently evaluating the success of the program. - Matt Murphy/SHNS

COMMISSIONER: BPD DOES NOT ENCOURAGE USE OF

CHOKEHOLDS

Boston Police recently rewrote department policies governing the use of chokehold techniques while apprehending suspects. Boston Police Commissioner William Evans said in a TV interview that officers had used chokeholds in cases involving suspects who put drugs in their mouths while being apprehended.

“A lot of people are troubled by what they've seen on the camera,” Evans said. “It's several officers taking that suspect down. All I can say is I'm sure the officers didn't intend to kill that poor man.” Boston police make many arrests that are “not on TV” and use “quite a bit of restraint,” he said. He called the Garner video “very disturbing,” saying “without a doubt” there may be a disciplinary case, noting New York Police Commissioner William Bratton is looking into it. Boston Mayor Martin Walsh and Evans are examining the feasibility of outfitting officers with body cameras, but Evans fears that move may erode the trust and respect that officers have built with city residents. Cameras, he said, may hinder people from cooperating with police and providing information that could help take guns or drugs off the streets and make life safer for everyone. “I know the protest is all about ‘black lives matter,’” Evans said. “Every life matters to the Boston Police Department. We're out there every night trying to make the city safe.” - Michael Norton/SHNS

U.S. ADDED 321,000 JOBS IN NOVEMBER

While there was little change in the number of long-term unemployed residents, U.S.

employers added 321,000 jobs in November, the federal government reported Friday. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics said the U.S. jobless rate held at 5.8 percent in November despite “widespread” job gains, including added jobs in business services, retail trade, health care and manufacturing. The U.S. unemployment rate is down 1.2 percent over the past year. - Michael Norton/SHNS

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care expert calling Americans “stupid” and admitting the Health Care Law was a lie, the people's outrage is muted once again.

Consider that in the midst of daily demonstrations, stoked by the President and Attorney General, Congressional hearings on health care featuring Gruber, at the same hour, Sen. Feinstein releases a report describing “torture” by Americans, a report, whose specifics are already publicly known, but which is sure to re-ignite violence and death toward Americans.

All of this intended to distract everyone from any specific issue. It's harmful to the country and its citizens but it's great for these sleazy “leaders” re-elections.

Something is coming and the hope is that it's “better days”.

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Mass Bay Credit Union Opens New Quincy Branch

Mass Bay Credit Union has opened a new branch at 1250 Hancock Street in Quincy. A very visible and welcoming spot, the new full service location offers an expansive teller window, state-of-the-art ATM, and easy access including free validated parking. "We are delighted to offer our Quincy and greater South Shore members a vibrant new branch in the heart of this fast growing city," says Mass Bay President & CEO John Thomas. "This central location combined with its ease-of-access is just another step toward our ongoing mission: to provide the best and latest in financial services to those we serve." Originally located inside the Quincy Center T Station, the new location offers a more spacious, convenient and efficient banking experience.

Mass Bay Credit Union, which is headquartered in South Boston with another branch in Everett, acquired a field of membership expansion back in 2012 to include anyone who lives or works within Norfolk County, Suffolk County, Abington, Everett, Hanover, Hingham, Lynn, Malden, Marshfield, Medford, Melrose, Norwell, Peabody, Rockland, Saugus, Scituate, Somerville, Stoneham and Whitman. Mass Bay also serves employees and retirees at the MBTA and MassDOT. Eligible members can join and take advantage of all banking benefits by simply opening a savings account with as little as a \$5 opening deposit.

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Brian Golden Named Permanent BRA Director

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh has named Brian Golden, the interim director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, as the department's permanent head. Golden has served in the position since Walsh took office in January.

"Brian has shown a deep understanding of the issues affecting growth in Boston," Walsh said in an address to the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce

Wednesday morning. "He has given me confidence that we can move ahead with deep reforms in the BRA, while still driving development forward."

Golden replaced former BRA director Peter Meade, who resigned from his post prior to Mayor Walsh being sworn into office. Before his nearly year-long tenure as interim director, Golden, a former representative of Allston-Brighton, served as executive director and

secretary of the BRA. He was named to that position in 2009.

A former Army lawyer, Golden brought with him to the BRA a wealth of political experience, having been tapped in 2005 Massachusetts Energy Commissioner by then-Governor Mitt Romney. Later, President George W. Bush appointed him to the role of New England Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



Reunion Demonstrates Southie Is Still United.

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
By Ray Flynn

Parents, coaches, friends and neighbors turned out Saturday night in large numbers to pay tribute to one of its best-known and well-liked citizens, Jackie O'Brien of the O'Brien and Son's Funeral Home. Several hundred people came to say thank you to Jack, as well as to support the South Boston Youth Hockey League, which has played such a big part in the lives of so many young boys and girls the past 53 years in South Boston.

Going back over the years dedicated coaches like Mocha Mahoney, Eddie Sheehy, John Cunniff, and Bill Reid immediately come to mind. Jack O'Brien and his family were honored Saturday night at the Teachers Union Hall as being one of the town's most loyal and generous sponsors of youth sports programs, the Shriners Hospital football game and events for children with special needs.

But the reunion committee made up of concerned South Boston citizens did something else on this special night. The South Boston Youth Hockey League and Reunion Committee brought together many longtime South Boston residents for an old fashioned reunion. Teddy Cunniff, Tommy McGrath, Kathy Lafferty, Joe

Hamilton, Tara O'Brien, Brendan Flynn, Maureen Dahill, and so many others, including many of the town's new comers made the event a big success. Many young parents were on hand for the big event. They can often be seen at the Murphy Skating Rink with their kids, picking them up at St Peter Academy, South Boston Catholic Academy, shopping on Broadway and we love greeting them in Church on a Sunday.

As I said Saturday night, "No matter how difficult the challenges in the town have been over the years, courageous and loyal South Boston families have stood tall, emerged strong and remained committed to our neighborhood and each other."

I have to admit that reunions are not exactly my thing, because I have a tendency to think about all those old friends who are no longer with us. Kids from the Boys and Girls Club we played ball with, went to school with. Yes, we talked about the never-ending sandlot football and baseball games at Columbus and M Street Park and the early morning hockey games at the skating rink. But many of us were there that night to support the future of the town, the present generation of South Boston kids. We see our old friends in them and the reason for more fun stories. The stories were about the good days like winning championships, weddings and grandchildren. But they were also sadly about the heroic kids we lost in the military or through sickness and death. Some were stories about our rich and famous

friends, while others were about good and decent citizens. And Fr. Joe White of St. Vincent's, always combines hope and fun every time we talk to him.

Respected hockey legends like the Aherns, Noonans, Coughlins, Fowkes, Rooneys, O'Dwyers and Wilsons were brought up. And a lot more good families like the Sullivans, Woods, Gannons and Collins were mentioned in the proudest of ways. It was great to see friends like Franny Coughlin, Bob Donovan, Davy Connolly, Freddy Rooney, Ed Foley, Brian Connolly, Nick Collins, Joannie Mahoney, Dodo Nee, Nancy Cherry, Bobo Connolly, Bill Linehan, Chris Connolly, Mike Flaherty, Bobby Talent, Donna Casper, Eddie Maher and certainly Mrs. Frannie Sweeney from Grimes Street.

I had the honor of introducing Jack O'Brien to the big crowd and to tell a couple of stories about what he has meant to South Boston over the years, but I also reminded everybody about the special bond of loyalty that we will always have for each other, whether we still live in Southie or not. I said South Boston is not just a place we will always call our hometown, but where we learned about sportsmanship, respect, pride and loyalty to one other. It was also about the diverse ethnic traditions, and people and families we grew up with. And it was also about continuing those great traditions, and supporting programs for all the young girls and boys, who wear a jersey with South Boston on it. Some of the names of the youngsters may be a little different today, but the values and traditions of South Boston are still very much theirs, from City Point, to Andrew Square, from St. Brigid to St. Peter's, we're Southie, and proud of it.

Southie never let us down, and neither has Jackie O'Brien. His modesty is only surpassed by his generosity. And the reunion demonstrated once again that Southie is still united.

Ray Flynn, is the former U.S. Ambassador and Mayor of Boston.

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initiatives for his administration moving forward.

One of the initiatives is the creation and promotion of 'growth zones' along the transit corridors in two communities, South Boston and Jamaica Plain. Walsh said his administration will look to promote housing and commercial development in South Boston and Jamaica Plain that takes advantage of the subway lines running through those neighborhoods.

The corridor in South Boston runs between Andrew Square and Broadway Stations. This corridor has attracted a lot of attention as a developable mixed-use corridor with an existing use by the MBTA, and interest from a range of developers, not the least of which is the suggested soccer stadium and its potential for being integrated into the 2024 Summer Olympics bid.

Civic Associations such as Andrew Square and West Broadway, as well as owners and residents along this stretch of land, have investments that will be affected. The public participation and outreach process will keep the South Boston community busy for several years. Details will emerge soon and SBT will report on this initiative and others as it unfolds.

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any neighborhoods for that matter. Neighborhoods without police would make the Wild West seem like a Sunday school class.

It's unfortunate and unfair that the only time police get any sort of recognition is when a negative event takes place. The countless acts of heroism and kindness that so many members of law enforcement perform each day are ignored. The many lives they save and people they keep safe from predators seldom get a mention and the fact that these cops put their own lives in danger to protect the public (even buffoons like Sharpton) are almost never mentioned. And few doubt that if the police ever were to be pulled out of a neighborhood, when all hell breaking loose followed, these same agitators would be howling and demanding to know where the police were.

There is no pleasing the race baiters. It's a waste of time even to make an attempt.

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
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535 East First St UNIT 7 Condo	\$785,000	10/24/14	4	2.5	1640
141 Dorchester St UNIT 204 Condo	\$760,000	10/17/14	3	2	1188
771 East Broadway UNIT A Condo	\$759,000	10/24/14	7	2	2100
687 East Second St UNIT 1 Condo	\$700,000	10/17/14	6	2	1430
687 East Second St UNIT 4 Condo	\$700,000	10/17/14	6	2	1430
745 East Broadway UNIT 2 Condo	\$647,000	10/21/14	4	2	1305
150 Dorchester Ave UNIT 104 Condo	\$569,500	10/21/14	4	1	1021
846 East Fifth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$555,000	10/23/14	5	2	1124
108 F Street Single Family	\$510,000	10/22/14	5	2	1150
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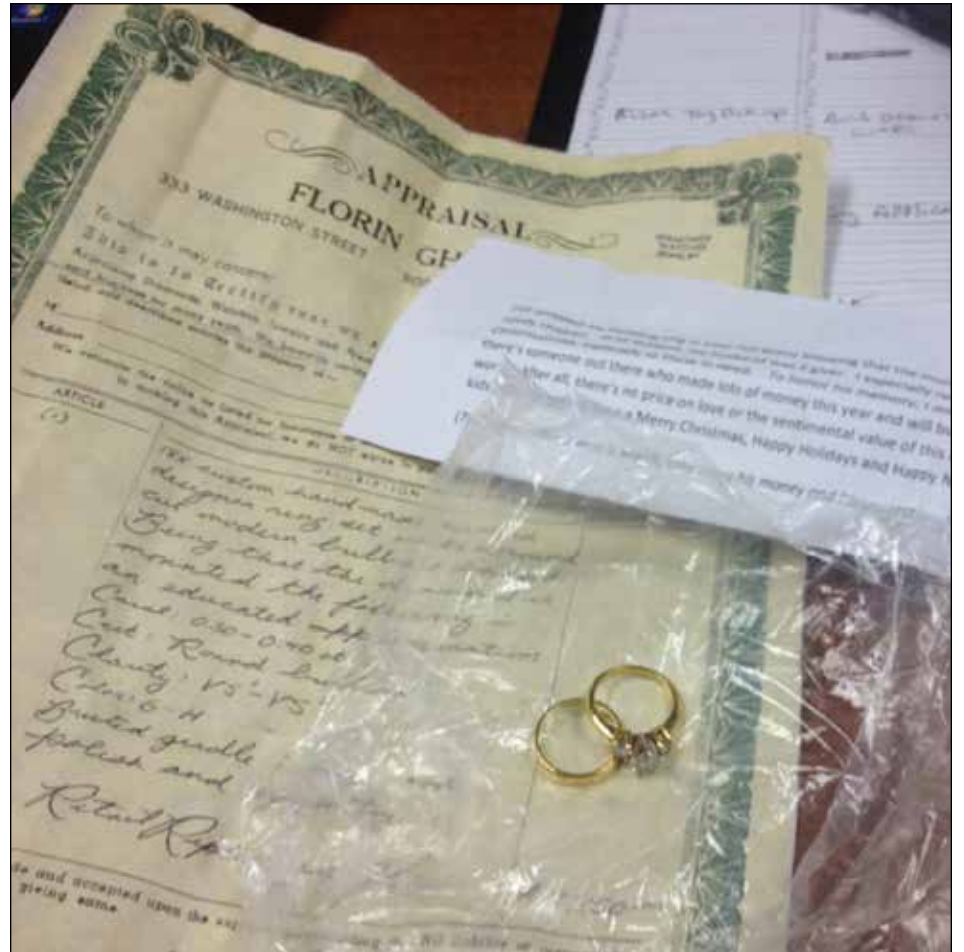


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SALVATION ARMY Found A Surprise In Their Kettle This Christmas

An anonymous benefactor celebrated her late husband's memory by dropping her wedding ring and her diamond engagement ring into a Red Kettle outside North Station.

The donation, made on Wednesday, was accompanied by a note:

"I've dropped my wedding ring in your Red Kettle knowing that the money from its sale will buy toys for needy children. In

all seasons, my husband was a giver. I especially remember his joy in giving at Christmastime, especially to those in need. To honor his memory, I donate this ring. I'm hoping there's someone out there who made lots of money this year and will buy the ring for ten times its worth. After all, there's no price on love or the sentimental value of this ring. But money will help the kids. May everyone have a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!"

An appraisal included with the donation values the diamond ring at \$1,850 – an incredible gift that will help the Salvation

Army in its mission to provide vital programming and services for hundreds of thousands of children, families and seniors across Massachusetts each year. This includes meals, toys and other holiday support for those in need, along with funding for food pantries, soup kitchens, social services, and education programs throughout the year.

"We're so moved and incredibly grateful to the generous individual who made such a loving and kind donation," said Major David B. Davis, Divisional Commander of the Massachusetts Salvation Army. "This heartwarming gift boosts all of our staff, bell-ringers, and volunteers who are working tirelessly during the Red Kettle Campaign to encourage donations that help those in need."

The Salvation Army has set a statewide Red Kettle campaign goal of \$3.36 million this year to support individuals and families throughout the Commonwealth.

The Red Kettle tradition began in 1891 when Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee wanted to help feed needy citizens in San Francisco. McFee remembered the ferry landings in Liverpool England, where people would sit

with small kettles that travelers would toss spare change into to help the less fortunate. Placing his own kettle on Market Street in Oakland California, McFee was able to help individuals on Christmas. The idea traveled to Boston in 1897 and the Red Kettle Campaign has been a tradition ever since.

Whether it is shelter for a displaced family or a warm cup of coffee for our brave first responders – hope and healing is the message of The Salvation Army. Since 1865, The Salvation Army has been providing social and spiritual services to communities throughout the world. People given purpose, hearts given hope and souls finding redemption – this has been our mission for more than a century.

With heart to God and hand to man, The Salvation Army – an international movement – is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

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All Aboard The Mayor' Walsh Christmas Trolley Tour

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Mayor Marty Walsh and a large contingent of happy folks were definitely spreading around a bit of that Christmas spirit last Friday evening, December 5th as they made the rounds in South Boston on the Christmas Trolley Tour. The singing of Christmas Carols was a treat. The Mayor and City Council President Bill Linehan, who is also a professional singer and musician, did some pretty decent harmonizing. Then of course there was the lighting of the Christmas tree at Medal of Honor Park at M Street. And a lot of other activities made this night a festive event to kick off the season in a fun and enjoyable way.

Santa, who has been known to make numerous appearances in South Boston leading up to his big day, was flanked by his hard working elves to bring smiles to the faces of the kids on hand. And yes, as always, he was taking requests from his young admirers and promised to do his best to please everyone this year.

Mayor Walsh was very much caught up in the spirit, as he seemed to be enjoying himself as much as the throngs of children and their parents. The Christmas season is truly a magical time of year for all. It is a time that has the ability to bring everyone closer and add that extra joy to people's everyday lives. With these events, in cooperation with Boston City Hall and South Boston's neighborhood associations, it makes it all the more special. Boston is indeed fortunate to have so much to offer its citizens 12 months a year, but especially during the Christmas season.

But the Christmas Trolley Tour was but one of several more festive happenings that will be delighting South Bostonians of all ages as Christmas day itself approaches. It is accurate to say that there will be plenty more coming. South Boston Today will be keeping all updated with a schedule of upcoming events.



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Paul M. O'Donnell: Best 'Irish Comedian' and Son of Southie

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The world of comedy recently lost one of its all-time greats. Paul M. O'Donnell was known to millions of Americans as one of the best 'Irish Comedians' ever. Sharp wit, quick with the comebacks and comedic routines that had folks laughing so hard, some were known to be rolling in the aisles. He would have crowds from Las Vegas to Florida in hysterics at his performances.

Though Paul O'Donnell was known all over the country, he occupied a special place in the hearts of many South Bostonians. He was born and raised right here in this neighborhood and would often make special guest appearances for neighborhood events. O'Donnell was for years a regular at the St. Patrick's Day festivities, particularly at the South Boston Citizen's Association banquet. In fact, he was one of the main attractions that pretty much guaranteed a sellout crowd year after year. He was always happy to return to the old neighborhood for these events and would brag about his South Boston Roots.

But there was much more to Paul M. O'Donnell than being a famous, in high demand comic. He was a proud veteran of the United States Army, where he served in the Signal Corp while deployed to Japan. He was also a communications major and a Boston University graduate. O'Donnell had many interests, some of which were playing cribbage, being active at his church and spending that cherished time with his family. He often told friends that being a family man was his greatest pleasure. He was a great husband to his beautiful wife Anne and a wonderful dad to his two daughters; Mary Beth and Kathleen. He also had 7 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Paul M. O'Donnell will be missed by his loving family, and by his many friends, his legions of fans and by the South Boston Community, who will always remember him as a great guy. He made people laugh and see the less serious side of life through his humor. Paul O'Donnell was 85. May he Rest in Peace.



Notre Dame Education Center (NDEC) Community Council Kickoff Event

Notre Dame Education Center (NDEC) recently held its Community Council Kickoff event at the Lincoln Tavern & Restaurant. The event was a networking and information session for community members who wish to learn more about becoming members of the Council and to hear more about the mission of NDEC.

NDEC is non-profit organization, providing programs such as Adult Basic Education, High School Diploma, HiSET, Literacy, Distance Learning, as well as a Citizenship program which helps prepare students for the citizenship test.

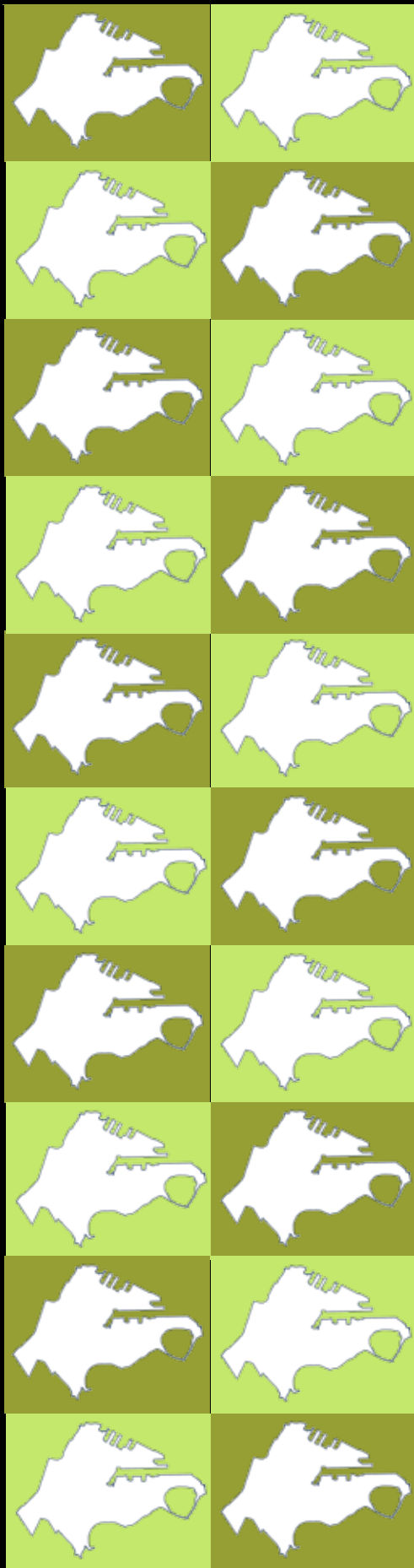
The newly formed NDEC Boston Community Council will be a group of community members who wish to spread the message of NDEC and create awareness in the Boston area of the need for adult education to create prosperity and stability for all residents and their families.

Two NDEC students were in attendance as well as Director of Development, Gregory Hastings and Council Co-chair, Katherine Mazza who spoke about why NDEC is important to her.

"As people fortunate enough to have a college education, it is our civic responsibility to ensure everyone has access to an education since there are many who do not have the opportunities we have had."

Next steps for the Council will be recruiting members, as well as filling leadership positions within the Council. Leadership roles include, NDEC Alumni Advisor, Development Strategy Lead, Local Business Outreach Lead, and Marketing & Communications Lead.

If interested in membership or leadership roles within the Council, please contact Katherine Beltre, kbeltre@ndecboston.org



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Celtic Christmas Concert in St. Augustine's Chapel

We are excited to announce the 4th annual Celtic Christmas Concert to be held in St.

Augustine's Chapel, to benefit the South Boston Community Health Center's Youth Ambassadors and 'Young art Arts' programs, on Sunday December 21 at 5:00 p.m.

The historic 192-year-old gothic revival styled St. Augustine Chapel is located in South Boston, on Dorchester Street between West Sixth and Tudor streets is the perfect venue for this unique Celtic Christmas Concert. Bring the kids and get in the spirit of the season!

The ever upbeat and fun-loving Katie McD and her dynamic Irish Cross-County Band has a very unique and lively Irish-flavored variety show planned. This includes a passionate blending of traditional Celtic, Christmas and original music. Enjoy a journey through Ireland with ballads from the lilting vocals of Katie McD, poems and 'stories from home' told by the ever-witty, good looking bodhrán player, Martin Butler, joined by the lovely Danielle Kleeman, Vermont native on flute, piano and backing vocals. The Christmas concert also features Matt Glover, Newfoundland native, virtuoso mandolin player and Berklee grad. Matt's wizardry on the mandolin has to be seen to be believed. He has played on almost 50 albums. This year's special guest is Amy Basse, Celtic and bluegrass fiddler extraordinaire. Amy has performed with Aoife Clancy, Robbie O'Connell, Lori McKenna and Tom Rush. A truly passionate performer – Amy's influences infuse a fiery and energetic feel to our concert that is not to be missed. The highlight of the evening is the always the World championship dancers from The Woods School of Dance.

A native of Galway city, Katie McD is steeped in the tradition of

sean nós singing (old style Irish singing). Her mother won the All-Ireland championship for piano and Katie learned piano with her great Aunt Mary, a renowned poet and avid choral singer. She later picked up the guitar and started writing self-penned songs. She moved to Boston after obtaining a scholarship to study voice at the Berklee College of Music and later attained a B.A in Sociology at Tufts University. Katie has performed with the orchestras such as the Cross Border Orchestra and was a featured soloist at the United Nations Gala Ball.

This unique Irish and beloved annual Christmas concert is a presentation by the South Boston Youth Ambassadors. The proceeds from this concert will help fund their community service program that annually sends a team of working youth/ Youth Ambassadors to volunteer during their school vacation break in an area of America devastated by a natural disaster. The group is also noted for its paintings and street exhibits of the 'Lighthouses on Broadway', the 'Painted Adirondack Chairs' and 'Street Cleanup and Tree Plantings' on West Broadway in South Boston.

The Young at Arts program, co-sponsored by the South Boston Community Health Center and the South Boston Arts Association, provides free painting classes to children ages 5 and older.

Tickets for the concert are \$10.00 in advance for adults. There is also a special family rate available - \$30.00 for two adults and up to three children. Limited seating at the Chapel suggests advance purchases and early arrival at the chapel.

Celtic Christmas in the Chapel will be held at 5:00 p.m. December 21, 2014 at the St. Augustine's Chapel, 181 Dorchester Street, South Boston.

Tickets may be reserved by calling: Mayra Rodriguez-Howard at 617 484-7423, Linda Doran at 617 464-7463 or Dan McCole at 617-464-4237.

Gingerbread House Contest Was A Success

The South Boston Arts Association held its second Annual Gingerbread House Contest fundraiser for Toys for Tots on December 4th at the South Boston Public Library. The event collected 2 large boxes of toys and an additional 2 boxes thanks to the generosity of the families at South Boston Catholic Academy.

The houses were absolutely amazing this year and we are aware of all the hard work that went into them. Our judges Billy McClain, Bobby McClain and Glenn Quirion had some difficult choices to make! The Paramount's house was outstanding and Ku de Ta's brought smiles from everyone. Rooney Real Estate's creation hit the mark with plenty of parking included. The South Boston Youth Ambassadors group of houses reminded us that it truly takes a village and the children from the South Boston Catholic Academy's After School Program immortalized their school in gingerbread.

This year's repeat winner the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corp brought the holiday spirit with their Nutcracker Suite. Our individual/family entrants were not to be outdone with entries from Luis Garcia, Gina Provenzano, William Mullens and Stacy Exarches. Artist Harold Cunniff surprised everyone with a gingerbread house carved into a pumpkin! Lucas Monahan built a gingerbread house Hancock Tower and Boston Public Library, showing off his culinary skills. Eric and Cristina Prentis created a wonderful baked version of Sully's and Brooke Spaulding sent us up north with her meticulous "A" frame house in the snow, complete with a little man chopping down his own Christmas tree! Wow.

This year's winners:

Non-profit/business:

First Place Trophy (and bragging rights) South Boston Neighborhood Development Corp – The Nutcracker Suite (sweet) (for the second year in a row!)

Individual/family:

First Place – Brooke Spaulding – "A"-Frame Winter Retreat (drew raves from Glenn)

Second Place – Eric and Cristina



Prentis – Sullies! (Amazing detail down to the trash cans and seagulls) Third Place- Lucas Monahan-Hancock Tower and the BPL (Lucas is a student at Johnson and Wales studying the culinary arts!)

Honorable mention ribbons went to our younger participants:

Gina, William and Luis

Fan Favorite Ribbon (voted by the visitors)

South Boston Catholic Academy Extended Day: A group of Afterschool students created a representation of the school along with gingerbread men of themselves! (I think there was a lot of self-promotion by some of the attending students, since they were seen explaining their creation to all the visitors). Way to go kids!

A big thank you to everyone participated and to all our wonderful and tireless volunteers who put the event together. Also, thank you to the Library for their continued support!



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 and Red Sox with Comcast SportsNet's Mike Giardi:

DANNY PICARD: A hard-fought win in San Diego on Sunday, but Mike, where did you stand with this Patriots team after their loss in Green Bay, because a lot of people are looking at that game as a potential Super Bowl matchup? If you looked back at that game, did you come out of that loss thinking there were some real concerns, or did you look at it like me and say, hey, there were some things they could have done differently, but overall you've got to tip your cap to Aaron Rodgers, you're still the top team in the AFC, and this isn't an end-of-the-world scenario?

MIKE GIARDI: Yeah, I didn't think it was an end-of-the-world scenario. Rodgers played an outstanding football game, and that's kind of what you expected going in. He's the best quarterback in the league, and he proved that to you up-close and personal. That said, for all your issues — you were too conservative offensively early on, you shied away from the running game. And I know Belichick said, "Well, we didn't get to run a lot of snaps." That had a little bit to do with the fact that you failed on some third-down situations. And then on the final drive, when you're down five and you realize you're in four-down territory so you go for it and you get the first down, then you get inside the 30 and take the shot to Gronk on second down, it's one of those things that at times they've reverted to this year, it's not a high-percentage play. I get that you've got Gronk 1-on-1 on the outside, but it hadn't really worked in the game leading up to that moment. And if you're looking at a situation where it's 2nd-and-8 or 2nd-and-9, how about you just take Gronk — as they did earlier in the game — with a little five-yard in-cut from when he was lined up outside the numbers, and then

you force the guy to make a tackle on him. At worst, you're in a 3rd-and-3, and maybe with his strength he busts a tackle and you've got a first down and a new set of downs. That wasn't Josh's best game. And I don't think, in many respects, that was Patricia's and Belichick's best defensive game plan either. So I guess I look at some of the coaching decisions were the head-scratchers, more so than how they played. And I guess if there was one thing that I would be concerned about from that game, would be the problems protecting Brady. And look, you can point to all these different things, but if you can protect Brady as they had for the previous seven weeks, you're going to get good production from the quarterback and from the offense. You're going to get more than 21 points. That, to me, is the only thing that would even remotely kind of bother me about what happened in Green Bay, was that we saw some of the things that we saw in the first month of the season pop up again in Green Bay. That's where they'd get derailed, in my opinion, going forward. If teams can get pressure on Brady while rushing four, the Patriots are going to have a hard time.

DP: Continuing with this potential Super Bowl re-match against the Packers, not for nothing, if you had told me the Patriots would go into Lambeau and allow only 26 points — given the fact that Aaron Rodgers had been putting up 50 points a game at Lambeau and they had been unstoppable offensively at home — if you had told me the Patriots would only allow 26 points, I'd tell you they'd win that game.

MG: I would have thought so too. When I looked at the game, maybe I didn't give Green Bay enough credit. Even after having watched them in person, I'm still not sure they're

representing the NFC, come the Super Bowl. I'm still not sold on that Green Bay defense. And I think that's part of the issue there. The Patriots had their own issues on third down, and that was critical for Green Bay holding the ball for 37 minutes. All of the things that you want to do against Brady, Green Bay was able to do. Put pressure on him with four guys, get him to speed up his tempo, and keep the ball for 37 minutes and tire out the Patriots defense. You've got too many playmakers on Green Bay to be playing defense against them for that long over the course of the game. But again, 21 points for the Patriots in 23 minutes of possession, you do a better job of getting off the field on third down and then maybe converting some of your own third downs, even out the time of possession a little bit there, and I think the Patriots walk out with a victory.

DP: I'm with you on not being sure if Green Bay is going to represent the NFC in the Super Bowl. Some are just saying, well, they beat the Patriots at Lambeau, so now they're going to be in the big game. But I mean, don't rule out Detroit, only for this reason. Detroit has a schedule that they'll be able to take care of, then they finish the season at Green Bay. And I'm not saying they are going to go into Lambeau and win, but if Detroit could somehow pull off a win in that game, Detroit will be representing the NFC, and you'll have to go through Detroit. And that's the matchup I think Patriots fans should be rooting for, because we saw what happened in that game a couple weeks ago. But I'm right there with you. I'm not convinced that Green Bay is the team, only because, NFC teams might not have to go through Lambeau in the playoffs. We'll have to see what happens in the rest of the NFC.

MG: I'm actually eyeballing Seattle again. I think all of a sudden their defense has found that swagger back, and they're laying the smack down on people. Maybe their offense continues to lack that outside playmaker. They're really heavily reliant on Wilson's legs and Marshawn Lynch as well. But it was a formula that worked out for them pretty well last year, and I think they've sort of rediscovered that formula this year, especially with the way the defense is getting after it. Because that defense, playing the way they are, that defense can beat anybody and shut down anybody. So, that would be the thing that scares me. I mean, they've still got work to do to make the playoffs, but if they get in, they're dangerous.

DP: Before I let you go, I have to get to a few Red Sox offseason stories. And I've been fired up lately because Andrew Miller has signed with the New York Yankees for four years, \$36 million, and I'm a big Andrew Miller guy. I'm a big pitching guy. I didn't want to see the Red Sox trade Andrew Miller last year, and upset with the fact that now he's with the Yankees, and it's just another pitcher that the Red Sox have to try and replace. What's your take on Miller and the contract that he got with the Yankees? And do you go back in time like me and say they should have never traded this kid? Where do you stand with Miller and that set-up role, in general, now, with this Red Sox team?

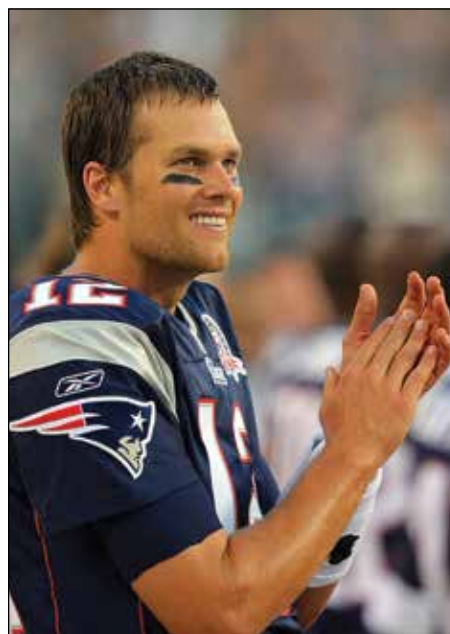
MG: I go back to last offseason. I go back to how they bungled the Lester thing originally. They could have been proactive with Miller and they didn't. And look, the contract that Miller got is gross, especially because when you consider relievers and how they run hot and cold. Most guys don't have four-year runs as a set-up man and potential closer where their ERA



is 2.50 and their strikeout-to-walk ratio is off the charts like Miller's has been. But if the Red Sox had gone and approached him before the trade and had talked about making him part of that bullpen for the future, then maybe they could have had him for four years at \$27 million last year. But they aimed low, and once he got out to the open market they say, "Well, he really likes it here, he's going to give it a chance." Well, no. At the end of the day, it's about money. Money talks. I always go back to the Johnny Damon story. When you consider how the financial landscape of baseball has changed, and you look at the \$52 million that Damon got from the Yankees for four years, and the \$40 million which is what Damon got offered by the Red Sox, if you consider that now? That's \$100 million, probably more, the way baseball has inflated the numbers. People say, well why'd you go to the Yankees? And he says, "Well they offered me \$12 million more." And

people say, "Well if you really wanted to stay in Boston, that's not that much." He says, "You know what \$12 million does for me? It pays for my house in Orlando. I write the check for my 6,000-square foot house that has two pools with an ocean view. I write out that check and all I have to do is pay property taxes on that thing. I don't pay a mortgage. Done. Free and clear." So you say, "Isn't that greedy?" No. He earned the right to make that money. His skills got him that paycheck. Don't tell me that the money doesn't matter. Because it does matter, across the board. No one's taking \$20 million less. If he does, God bless him, and you hold a parade for the guy.

DP: I think Lester's situation was a little different than Miller's, because I don't recall the story where Miller wasn't going to negotiate with the Red Sox. And I think that's where I went back to last trade deadline. I was upset back then because I didn't want



them to trade him. I wanted them to try and keep Miller around. And when people come to me and say, "Oh \$9 million is too much." You mentioned, you said it's a gross contract. But I just think Major League Baseball is full of gross contracts, and Miller was going to get that money somewhere. So when I look at the market value, some people wake up and say, "Andrew Miller, what's he worth? Ummm, \$4.5 mil!" Well, you just came up with that number randomly. When I look at what top relievers are going to get paid the next couple years, it's going to be a lot more than \$9 million. That's just the way this thing is. Then I come back to, I don't think Miller is as replaceable as people think. And I think that setup role is even more important with this Red Sox team, because Koji Uehara is a guy whose splitter looked awfully flat last year at the end of the season. He's 40 years old and they're paying him \$10 million. So, I think Miller has closer

potential, and if he becomes the closer for the Yankees, I think \$9 million is actually a discount, based on the actual market.

MG: There's definitely no arguing that. And you're right, the numbers are going to keep spiraling out of control. Which is again why, when you look at all this stuff, that's why you need to be proactive and not reactive, because you could have got Miller at a better price. And then when you see how the market explodes again in the offseason, you can say, well, fans mocked us for 4-years at \$30 mil, or whatever it was that we gave Miller last offseason, but now when you look at what people are getting in the open market next year, we actually saved ourselves \$6-8 million over the course of the contract. And on top of that, and this comes down to any team in a major market, the Red Sox charge the highest ticket prices. It costs an arm and a leg to go there. They have a network that makes them a boatload of dollars. They can't really cry "poor." And I know Larry Lucchino wants to try and be bullish on some of this stuff. But you have the money to do whatever the hell you want. Because you're right, not you're not just looking for frontline starters, now you're looking for a set-up guy as filthy as Miller who could maybe step into the closer's role, which you think you might need in the next year or two.

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