



Mayor Walsh sues gaming panel over Wynn license

On Monday, Boston Mayor Martin Walsh filed suit against the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, suggesting the city was coming up short in its bid to extract more mitigation money from Wynn Resorts for its proposed casino in neighboring Everett. Also on Monday, Wynn paid \$35 million for the 33-acre parcel it needs for its proposed Everett casino, but the Las Vegas company is waiting on the MBTA to sell it additional land needed for the preferred entrance to the facility. In its lawsuit, the city of Boston says Wynn's failure to purchase the MBTA land by Monday essentially voids the

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SBT Staff Report

Is it the water? Is it the air? The way the town is surrounded by water? What is it? Perhaps a combination of sorts, but more likely, it's the caliber of the people. It could have happened anywhere, but it didn't. It happened here.

We are constantly told of change but it seems the one constant to change is the people. Somehow, that same sense of community seems to affect all who come here. Founded on military necessity, that sense of sticking together, of standing up for each other and helping out when we can has spanned the centuries and continues to this day.

The tradition of a "Time" is part

of this town's fabric. An event where all you have to know is that a neighbor needs help and support. Such a "Time" was held Friday night, December 26, outside Station Six on West Broadway. It was a "Time" to support and honor the sacrifice of NYPD Officers Liu and Ramos. It was a "Time" to thank all those men and women in uniform. It was a "Time" to let them know we're here to help. If we don't help them who will help us?

Over the years people's faces may change but the people and the town's spirit is always renewed.

As always, South Boston, thank you for stepping forward when a friend is needed. Don't ever change.



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Issues and Action to Reflect on: Some Dumb, Some Brilliant

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
John Ciccone

Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at jciccone@southbostontoday.com

Ok, we're back. We hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year's season. I'm not that big on those 'highlights of the previous year' types of columns, but a few things do stand out worthy of mention. 2014 ended on a confrontational note as we all know between some members of the public and police departments around the country. There's nothing wrong with legitimate protest. This is America, a free country, even though the Bay State's departing governor Deval Patrick once said he sometimes wishes America was NOT a free country. Protest is a healthy thing. But not so much when taken over by vile snake oil salesmen and agitators like Al Sharpton. This swaggering, corrupt, racist punk won't pay his taxes, is said to squeeze money from corporations and is notorious for

stirring up racial conflict whenever the opportunity presents itself, some say for personal, financial gain.

How did Sharpton get away with his antics in 2014? Well, it seems he falls under the protection of Barack Obama, who has hosted Sharpton at the White House nearly 80 times and of course that other notorious racist, Attorney General Eric Holder. It was not missed by a majority of Americans how Holder personally flew to Ferguson, Missouri to intercede when the deceased thug Michael Brown was killed by a white police officer. But, he has not said a word regarding the assassination of the two New York cops. The colors of the victims, the assailants and the officers involved in these incidents is apparently what decides which ones Holder gets involved in. But now Holder is on

the defensive. In a TV interview in December, he whined that he was not being treated with respect. But respect is earned and Holder has earned contempt. It's hard to respect an Attorney General who publicly proclaims that America is a nation of cowards, as he clearly practices discrimination on the basis of skin color while doing his job. He's gone soon. Prison would be a fitting destination.

Another one who complains about not being respected is of course New York Mayor William DeBlasio. He based his career on turning people against police then feels picked on when his police turn their backs on him. Most Americans appreciate the job the police do. I'm speaking about real cops. Not the bullies in federal agencies like the Bureau of Land Management ,who

attempt to intimidate old ranchers for simply trying to graze their cattle. The real law enforcement professionals like we have on the Boston and State police, the NYPD - and all the other agencies made up of men and women whose passion it is to protect and serve the public in our cities, small towns and neighborhoods all over the country - are the ones who have earned respect and gratitude.

The rally held in South Boston the day after Christmas was a welcome expression of appreciation to our police. Mark Rooney did a good and positive thing organizing the gathering. He should be commended for his efforts and so too, all the residents who came out in support.

Also a noteworthy statement came

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Off-Duty Officer Arraigned on Assault, Civil Rights Charges



An off-duty Boston Police officer, Michael Doherty of South Boston was arraigned in South Boston Municipal Court on two counts each of assault and battery and violating his victims' civil rights and a single count each of assault and use of a motor vehicle without authority. At the request of Assistant District Attorney William Champlin, Judge Michael Bolden set Doherty's bail at \$500 and ordered Doherty to stay away and have no contact with the victims, not use Uber, submit to alcohol and drug evaluations, and undergo any treatment deemed necessary. Also at Champlin's request, Bolden granted a protective order to keep the victim's identifying information confidential.

Champlin told the court that the victim, an adult male Uber driver, had driven Doherty from Charlestown to an address on East 2nd Street at approximately 2:30 a.m. Sunday. However, when they arrived at the location, Doherty allegedly told the driver they were in the wrong location and called him a racial epithet, prosecutors said. Doherty allegedly began hitting the victim, who exited the vehicle in the area of East 2nd and M streets to escape the assault; Doherty then exited and chased the man around the vehicle.

As the victim flagged down a passing motorist for help, Doherty entered the victim's 2005 Toyota Prius and drove away, prosecutors said. The victim entered the other motorist's vehicle and the two men followed the Doherty until he stopped and exited the vehicle at East 1st Street and Farragut Road. There, Doherty allegedly approached both men and used another racial epithet against the second man. He knocked the Uber driver the ground and began hitting him; after the

second victim came to the man's aid, the three men became involved in a physical struggle that ended when Doherty observed the lights of an approaching police vehicle and walked away. MassPort Police who initially arrived on scene searched the area were unable to locate Doherty. Doherty, who was identified through his credit card information on file with Uber, surrendered himself to Boston Police yesterday. Doherty is represented by Kenneth Anderson. He will return to court March 2.

All defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

VIET-Aid Exec. Director Joins Gov. Baker Administration



The incoming Baker administration has tapped a Fields Corner community development director and a former member of the Romney administration for posts within the Office of Housing and Community Development. The assistant secretary for business development will be Nam Pham, who is the executive director of VietAID, which is the first Vietnamese-American community development corporation.

Mr. Pham will serve under Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash, who said in a statement "his experience in economic development and consumer protection will be crucial to helping the administration better serve the commonwealth." Baker spokesman Tim Buckley said Pham will take a more "proactive" approach to the Massachusetts Office of Business Development.

Pham was commissioner of the Office of Refugees and Immigrants in the Weld and Cellucci administrations and Baker made frequent reference to Pham's success in the Dorchester neighborhood while on the campaign trail.

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casino license Wynn obtained from the Gaming Commission. The Gaming Commission had no immediate comment on the city's lawsuit and Wynn officials declined comment.

Walsh has sent confusing signals about casino gambling on Boston's borders ever since he was elected. He voted for casino gambling as a state legislator, but his actions as mayor of Boston have raised doubts about whether he still believes a Greater Boston casino will be good economically for the city and the region.

There were originally two casino proposals for the lone Greater Boston license, one in Revere just beyond the city's border with Boston that runs through Suffolk Downs and the other in Everett just outside of Sullivan Square in Charlestown.

Walsh signed a lucrative surrounding community agreement with Mohegan Sun in connection with its casino proposal for Revere, but couldn't come to terms with Wynn. Instead, Walsh insisted Wynn's proposed Everett casino was partly located in Boston, meaning the city should be designated a host community to the casino and Charlestown residents should be given the opportunity to vote up or down on the gambling facility.

But the Gaming Commission ruled against Walsh, saying the proposed Wynn casino was entirely in Everett and Boston was only a surrounding community to the facility. Walsh, after that ruling, largely withdrew from the licensing process and left it up to the Gaming Commission to determine how much mitigation money Wynn should pay the city.

After the Gaming Commission awarded the casino license to Wynn and set the mitigation terms, Boston and Wynn officials began negotiating again in private to resolve traffic issues related to the casino.

But in filing the lawsuit, Walsh signaled that he would fight the proposed Everett casino rather than work with Wynn to resolve traffic and other concerns. "It has always been our belief that Boston is a host community," Walsh said in a statement.

The lawsuit accuses the Gaming Commission of manipulating the outcome of the hearing at which Boston was determined to be a surrounding and not a host community to the proposed Everett

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Reading Between The Lines

“The Parade, Again”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Brian R. Mahoney

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

Before starting out on the New Year there is one issue from last year to be addressed. That, of course, is our parade. As always it’s best to begin at the beginning.

In the 70’s and 80’s, in particular (but even in the 50’s), groups sending a message in conflict with the dual Parade themes of honoring all veterans beginning with the Revolution, as well as St. Patrick and the Irish, were banned. Irish Northern Aid, Pro-Life, Anti-busing groups, all of which enjoyed majority community support, were nonetheless banned, because they were promoting a political or social message that the Allied Council and most residents felt did not belong in a family-oriented, celebratory, fun event.

The Council was simply running a parade and not a protest. Civil libertarians throughout the state remained strangely silent when these groups were being banned. However, a few weeks before the 1992 parade a group demanded entry carrying a banner stating “Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Irish”, under a much larger acronym “G.L.I.B.”. The Council declined their application. GLIB went to court and alleged the denial was because the group was gay. Speaking as Commander and for the Allied Council “Wacko” Hurley denied that charge and stated in court “We have always had gay marchers in our units” and the refusal was based on the Council’s longstanding and consistent policy of banning political or social messages. Under court order and police escort, GLIB was inserted into the parade.

The years long court battles that followed caused the Council to

ultimately cancel the 1994 parade rather than submit to judicial and government coercion. Not a single Mass. Court gave the veterans a victory and only Mass. Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Nolan had the courage, sense and integrity to correctly cite the law. He was outvoted 4-1.

The veterans, however, had an advantage. They were a group headed by Wacko Hurley, who refused to quit. Wacko was able to enlist the esteemed constitutional lawyer Chester Darling. Aided by Jim Kelly, Paul Walkowski and Bill Connolly, Chester was finally given a chance for a fair hearing before the U S Supreme Court. Ginsberg, Breyer, Souter, Kennedy, liberal, conservative, middle, it made no difference. Lopsided, as a description, doesn’t do their decision justice. The veterans were upheld unanimously! Nine to zero.

The Supreme Court in 1995 ruled the Council was not banning gay marchers, but following a long established policy of banning political or social messages. So when the media, up to this day, refers to the parade “ban on gays” they are misrepresenting (in other words, lying about) the court decision, which ruled there was no such ban. It was strictly a free speech issue. But, why let the facts get in the way of a good story; or a chance to bash Southie?

Ironically, the 1995 Boston Pride Parade included a group of gay Pro-Life marchers who had to be rescued and removed by a cordon of fifty Boston police when the crowd began throwing objects at them.

An even greater irony is that the 9-0 court decision was first used and

cited as precedent by Pride Parade organizers in Florida to bana Christian group seeking to march with a sign to “pray the gay away”. Using the very right that the South Boston veterans had won at the Supreme Court, the Florida organizers won and excluded the Christian group.

Armed with this hard fought protection the Southie parade resumed being a fun, celebratory, event. Although occasional attempts to re-ignite controversy have been made over the years.

For example, in 2014 three parade

units were the subject of media interest. One group, comprised of the Organization of South Boston Non-Profits, applied to march in the parade to bring awareness to all of the various services that they bring to fellow South Bostonians and their families and individuals. Their unit carried different colored flags and signs stating, “community, friendship” and other similar slogans.

Another group, mostly comprised of members of the St. Vincent Lower End Neighborhood Association

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Council President Linehan Offers Update on Resident Parking

At the request of City Council President Bill Linehan, the Boston Transportation Department implemented a new Resident Parking Program in September of this year. City Point was selected as the pilot area for this new program, which expands the effective hours of the neighborhood's Resident Parking Program to provide more parking availability for South Boston residents.

The updated program is the result of resident complaints about vehicles from outside the city coming in and parking for the entire weekend, severely limiting the ability of many residents, especially seniors, to go anywhere on weekends. Council President Linehan pushed for changes to address the issue.

Prior to the new program's implementation, resident only parking existed overnight from Monday to Thursday. The new program provides resident only overnight parking all seven nights of the week.

Council President Linehan continues

to receive feedback from residents about the program, and it is overwhelmingly positive. Residents are pleased the President has strongly advocated expanding the Resident Parking Program pilot area. City Point residents are enjoying the benefits of resident parking and President Linehan would like more South Boston residents to feel the same.

Boston Transportation Department statistics prove that visitors were taking up a significant number of resident spaces on weekends before the program began. BTM cited 2,022 vehicles for resident parking violations in the program's first 11 weekends. This is an average of nearly 100 vehicles parking in resident spaces each weekend evening. Council President Linehan commented, "We implemented this to address community concerns about a lack of available parking on weekends. I continue to work with BTM to improve visitor parking opportunities, and to create more parking, in South Boston."

Given the amount of positive feedback and data, Council President

Linehan said, "I have discussed the results in the pilot area with BTM and I plan to schedule a meeting to discuss the expansion of the seven day Resident Parking Program throughout South Boston. In the interim, I will continue to work with BTM to identify new resident parking areas in the community and to explore other parking options that may ease the parking problem for South Boston residents."



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casino. The lawsuit alleges the Gaming Commission withheld documents from the city and predetermined the outcome of the hearing in violation of the state's Open Meeting Law.

-reprint of article by Bruce Mohl in Commonwealth Magazine-

The lawsuit also alleges that the Gaming Commission improperly awarded a casino license to Wynn even though some of the owners of the proposed casino property were convicted felons who had attempted to conceal their involvement.

The city's lawsuit alleges Wynn needed to acquire all of the property for its proposed casino within 60 days of receiving its casino license. Wynn acquired the main parcel for the casino and hotel, but it is still waiting for the MBTA to approve its \$6 million purchase of several adjacent parcels needed for the preferred entrance to the facility in Everett. It appears that all of the city's allegations have been rejected by the Gaming Commission, which is why Walsh is now taking his case to Suffolk Superior Court.

South Boston Construction Reliability Project

Community Meeting Notice

NSTAR Electric will be hosting a community meeting to provide information about the construction of two new underground transmission lines to maintain reliability to our customers.

Date: Monday, January 12, 2015

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Joseph Tynan Elementary School,
650 East Fourth Street, South Boston

Project Description: NSTAR Electric will be constructing, operating and maintaining two new transmission lines between our substation located at K Street and East First Street and a connection point located within the median of Columbia Road near its intersection with G Street.

The purpose of the project is to maintain reliability and address the capacity needs of customers served by NSTAR. The project route is K Street to East Second Street to H Street to Columbia Road.

For more information about this Community Meeting, please contact NSTAR's Community Relations Representative, John Hoey, at 617- 541-7634.





**FP3 Gallery presents:
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A free concert by Carrie Erving
**Closing Reception for Lisa
Knox: Making Waves**

*Sunday, January 11, 2015 Songs
of the Sea: 1:00-1:30pm Reception:
1:30 – 3:30 Free and open to the
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Carrie Erving will perform an afternoon program of songs that draw on her experience as a contemporary singer/songwriter as well as her unique training in the traditional Irish Sean-nós singing style. Carrie has a deep interest in the musical traditions that originated in response to the human interactions with the sea and the myths that are represented in songs and stories. She will share a collection of the sea-themed songs she has gathered throughout her travels.

Making Waves is an exhibition of all-new works by local artist Lisa Knox

on view through January 17th, 2015. This series of paintings and drawings is inspired by the mesmeric quality of wave-forms. Gestural line, pattern and broad planes of color emerge and dissolve, mirroring the ever-changing beauty of waves as they perform their timeless dance upon the sea in Knox's drawings and paintings.

"In this series, I have chosen to render wave-forms in varying conditions, searching out their hypnotic rhythms and surface patterns. Gestural lines and broad planes of color break the surface only to be swallowed by the final layers of paint. My work embodies the ever-changing beauty of wave-forms as they perform their reckless and compelling dance upon the surface before sublimating themselves to the ocean's mighty will. Like the amusement park roller coaster, waves have the capacity to simultaneously exhilarate and terrify as they crash, churn, roll, dip, tilt and

plunge, forever changing and in constant motion." –Lisa Knox

About the artists:

Lisa Knox lives and works in Boston's Fort Point neighborhood. She is the founder and principle instructor of Fort Point Studio School. Her work has been exhibited throughout America and internationally. Knox has shown in numerous art fairs, with the ISE Cultural Center in New York and the Wills Gallery in London. Her work can be found in American and international private collections. More at <http://www.lisaknox.com>

Carrie Erving is a performing singer, composer, and arts educator. She holds a Master's Degree in Irish Traditional Song from the University of Limerick, Ireland. Carrie's love of travel and music has led her to live in Germany, Ireland, New Mexico and New York. She currently lives in Brooklyn, where she performs with her band Ponyhof, and has worked with artists such as Yo-Yo Ma and Will Butler of Arcade Fire. More

at www.ponyhofmusic.com

About the Gallery:

FP3. Gallery is housed on the first floor of FP3 Residences, a renovated 19th century warehouse building. Berkeley Investments redeveloped the Congress Street building in 2009 with design by noted architect David Hacin of Hacin & Associates. FP3 Gallery focuses on solo exhibitions of outstanding Boston-area artists and is located in Fort Point, a thriving center of arts, culture, and culinary creativity.

Hours: Monday- Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-2 Performance and Closing Reception: Sunday, January 11, 2015 Songs of the Sea: 1:00-1:30. Free Tickets via Eventbrite: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/songs-of-the-sea-concert-making-waves-closing-reception-tickets-14939602754> Limit 49 tickets. Reception: 1:30 – 3:30. Free and open to the public.

Location: FP3 Gallery 346 Congress Street, Fort Point, Boston 02210

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from Barack Obama in the final days of 2014. In an interview on the left leaning NPR Network, Obama actually said the world is a much safer place and that race relations have improved since he's been president. This prompted retired US Army Colonel Ralph Peters to respond that this president is either delusional or living in an alternate universe. The American people by more than a 2-1 margin, including a majority of African Americans, don't agree with Obama's statement. Colonel Peters went on to say that Obama has mastered the art of

praising himself for his policy failures. Being a self-centered egotist will often do that.

2014 also brought a welcomed relief from higher gas prices. No thanks to most of the Democrats in Congress. Many of them are doing all in their power to wipe out fossil fuel production in America and oppose projects like the Keystone Pipeline as they suck up to the radical environmentalists. But some states, on their own, sanctioned the drilling and fracking on private or non-federally owned land and it brought prices down

and now has OPEC on the ropes. For years, these liberal Democrats said increased drilling would not lower fuel prices. People like Sara Palin said that it certainly would. Her famous words on the subject were "Drill Baby Drill and watch gas prices tumble". Her critics said she was wrong. Well, in 2014, America listened to Palin and not the Democrats. We did in fact "Drill Baby Drill" and prices at the pump went from nearly \$4.00 a gallon to now being closer to \$2.00. It was they who were wrong, not Palin.

And finally, 2014 was a year that

brought a big ray of hope for the future of our nation as American voters decided to revive that old expression and "threw the bums out". And they did just that in the midterm elections in nearly every state at all levels of government. It's often been said that the American people will tolerate corruption and incompetence for only so long. It seems in 2014, the limit was reached and the necessary action was taken. May common sense, the revival of patriotism and the willingness to right existing wrongs continue in 2015 and beyond.

Banner Year Expected for Convention Business in Boston

MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

At the MCCA, we are celebrating another successful year and rolling into 2015 with a full slate of major meetings and conventions booked for Boston. The BCEC and the Hynes continue to produce incredible results for Massachusetts, and in 2015 we will welcome some of the world's most important events to Boston – many of them repeat customers. Their desire to come to our convention centers and our city is a testament to our world class facilities, our top notch sales and customer service teams, and Boston's standing as a premier convention destination.

In 2015, meetings and conventions will bring more than 900,000 attendees to Boston - attendees who will generate 615,000 hotel room nights and \$610 million in economic impact for the Commonwealth. This will be our third best year for room nights overall, but the BCEC is expected to break a 2010 record of 403,000 hotel room nights by generating more than 431,000 in 2015.

Early in 2015, the MCCA will welcome back a number of our successful annual events. From January 29-31, we will host the 40th Anniversary event for Yankee Dental Congress and welcome their 26,700 attendees to Boston. 2015 will mark the 30th year that Yankee Dental has been held at an MCCA facility – they first held their event at the Hynes in 1985, and moved to the BCEC in 2008. We will also host New England Grows from February 4-6 at the BCEC, with 16,000 attendees.

Also in 2015, BCEC will again host popular public events including the New England

International Auto Show (January 15-19), the Boston RV & Camping Expo (January 17-19), and the New England Boat Show (February 14-22).

Boston continues to be a leading destination for international events, and in 2015, we will host nine events with more than 25 percent international attendance including the Heart Rhythm Society with 15,000 attendees, the Seafood Expo North America with 18,000 attendees, NAFSA: Association of International Educators Annual Conference & International Education Expo with 7,000 attendees and the American Diabetes Association Annual Meeting with nearly 15,000 attendees. This will be the first BCEC meeting for the American Diabetes Association – they last held their meeting at the Hynes in 1995. The ADA Annual Meeting is a five-day, science-heavy conference that brings participants from more than 124 countries together to discuss the most timely and significant advances in basic science and the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diabetes.

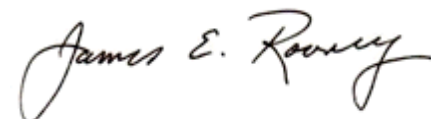
Other events of note in 2015 include the New England Region Volleyball Association's Pre-Qualifier at the February event, which will transform the BCEC's exhibit halls into nearly 20 regulation-sized volleyball courts, and the return of PAX Expo East in March, the largest video gaming conference in New England.

2014 was a fantastic year for the MCCA, with 241 events held at the BCEC and Hynes bringing 845,000 attendees to Boston, and generating an estimated

630,000 hotel room nights and \$590 million in economic impact. On top of these numbers, in June, we posted our best sales month in MCCA history, booking 38 future events for Boston that will generate 472,787 future hotel room nights in Boston. And in August, the MCCA debuted its new experimental outdoor space at the BCEC, the Lawn on D, to great review. Over a period of just three months, we hosted more than 30,000 community members at concerts, kids events, football Sundays and other publicly programmed events on the Lawn on D.

After a fantastic 2014, the MCCA has another busy year with much hard work ahead of us. In 2015, we will be focused on executing exceptional events for our customers, and working simultaneously on our expansion and hotel development efforts in the South Boston Waterfront. It's an exciting time for the MCCA, and we look forward to sharing more successes throughout the next year and for many years to come.

Sincerely,



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And another famous South Boston tradition continues. New Year's Day 2015 was cold and that's just how the ever growing number of swimmers who take part in the L Street Brownie's Annual New Year's Swim hosted by the great staff at the Boston Centers for Youth and families Curley Recreation Center (aka 'The L') like it. The sun was shining, but the air was in the 20's and the wind was whipping around pretty good. In fact, the colder the wind got the louder the crowd of a thousand hearty souls became.

8:00am - the smiling hoards started to gather on Day Blvd and began to

assemble at the L Street Tavern for the march to the sea. With (almost) military precision, the Bagpipers and drums led the procession in the 2-block trek, parade style, to merge with the massive crowd. This year, it included many dressed in Scottish kilts; and painted blue faces, waving wooden swords in a play on Mel Gibson's movie 'Braveheart'. In fact, there was such a cast of characters wearing so many different hats and costumes, it more resembled Halloween than New Year's Day. But all of it just added to the enthusiastic festive atmosphere.

South Boston's own, the famous Tommy McAuliffe, got the crowd even more fired up in preparation for the plunge by blasting cavalry charges on his cornet style trumpet. Curley Rec Center Director Fred Ahern, along with long time Brownie organizer Jack Dever, were pulling off the near impossible task of keeping the swimmers lined up at

the starting line to wait for the signal to sprint to the water. And then, with the blast of the air horn, the stampede was on.

People of all ages, from small children to seniors, and men and women raced into the icy water. The crowd may have been noisy before they jumped in, but when they actually felt the brain freezing surf the volume jumped tenfold due to the shocked shrieks of the swimmers. Some bolted out as fast as they could; others stayed in and swam around, ignoring the frigid water. Numbness can be a good thing at times. And then it was out of the water and a race to warm up. Another successful L Street Brownie's swim will go down into the history books.

A visibly pleased Fred Ahern said this could be the largest crowd ever for the event, which has been going on for over 100 years. "It was a beautiful day, everyone was

having fun, there were no problems and a great tradition continues" said Ahern. He also went on to thank the police for providing logistic support and safety assets, including the use of one of their boats. He was also grateful to his staff and of course to everyone who turned out to make this a great day.

This event is not only a unique and rousing way to ring in the New Year, but it is also a forum for many good causes to promote themselves and raise money for charity. Prominently noted among the worthy causes was of course the Cure for Scleroderma. Billed as a 'Freezin for a Reason' event, South Bostonian and famous bagpiper Kevin Conroy and crew was, as always, instrumental in highlighting the importance of finding a cure for Scleroderma and made it one of the focal points of Thursday's swim. For more information on how you can do your part to help in the search for a cure



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The New Year's Day swim is a tradition that has endured for more than a century and from the enthusiasm and dedication of the hardcore participants and the many spectators who cheer them on, it's a good bet that a hundred years from now it will still be going strong. And why not? It's all good.



NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CORP. AWARDED TENTATIVE DESIGNATION

South Boston NDC is thrilled to announce that the Public Facilities Commission has designated SBNDP, along with our partner, Caritas Communities, to develop the vacant lot at 206 West Broadway. This innovative development will include new construction of 16 units of workforce housing: affordable apartments for one- or two-person households, as well as a new café to be opened by the owners of East Broadway favorite, Cranberry Cafe.

206 West will be affordable to

people with incomes ranging from \$20,000 to \$54,000 and will offer a mix of one-bedroom and studio apartments. Boston's population is growing, and according to the Housing Boston 2020 report, the greatest population growth will occur among 20-34 year olds, empty-nesters and seniors, and downtown families. 206 West will serve the growing preference for smaller housing units in dense urban neighborhoods. SBNDP anticipates a construction start in late 2015.

According to Donna Brown,

SBNDP Executive Director, "We look forward to being a part of the amazing transformation of West Broadway, while offering housing that is affordable to working people, who have been such an important part of the South Boston community, and are now being priced out of our neighborhood. SBNDP is grateful for the support our proposal received from neighborhood residents, elected officials, and the City's Department of Neighborhood Development."

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Youth Ambassador Spring Semester Meetings Begin!

The South Boston Community Health Center- Institute for a Healthier Community is pleased to announce that the first Youth Ambassador meeting of the spring semester will be held Tuesday January 13, 2015 from 5:30 to 7:00p.m. The location of the meeting is the South Boston Community Health Center, 409 West Broadway 3rd Floor. Youth ages 12 – 17 are encouraged to join the Youth Ambassador group to become involved with service projects, health related trainings and art based activities that engage youth in the life of the South Boston community.

The Youth Ambassador meetings will be held every Tuesday. January – June, 2015. This year Youth Ambassadors will be involved in a wide variety of activities and trainings to promote a healthier and more fulfilling life.

Applications to become a Youth Ambassador will be accepted for two weeks, at the January 13th and 20th meetings.

If you would like more information about the Youth Ambassador program please contact Mayra Rodriguez-Howard (617) 464-7423 or Linda Doran (617) 464-7463, at the South Boston Community Health Center.

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Giving Back to the Community

In addition to providing camaraderie and support for runners of all paces and distances, the L Street Running Club gives back to the community through donations and volunteer work. We use proceeds from the annual Jim Kane road race, held each July, as well as club member donations and club funds, to provide support to area families and organizations.

At its December annual meeting, the L Street Running Club presented donations to a number of local organizations and activities. The club presented donations to local charities, including the South Boston Neighborhood House, Curley Recreation Center, and Christmas in the City, Father Bill's Place, St. Francis House, Cushing Manor, and Children's Hospital.

The LSRC presents annual college grants to promising Boston high school students who are active members of their high school track or cross-country teams and who plan to attend college. This year's recipient is Joseph West, from Dorchester. Joseph ran track for and graduated from Snowden International High School. Joseph just completed his first semester at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Congratulations Joseph on your accomplishments!

In addition, club members gather together in December to distribute holiday baskets, including the ingredients for a holiday dinner and gifts and gloves for children. This year, we met December 20 and distributed baskets to 52 area families, including gifts for 144 children.

Giving back to the community is an important part of the L Street Running Club. The other important part is running! In addition to Tuesday and Thursday fun runs, we organize marathon-training runs on Sunday mornings. Distances build from 10 to 22 miles; spring training runs are timed to prepare runners for the Boston marathon. Last

year 224 runners trained with LSRC, to run Boston and other spring marathons. Runs begin at 8 am at the M Street entrance of the Curley Community Center (we will be providing a free shuttle from the skating rink at Farragut Circle). Marathon training begins January 11th. More information about LSRC, including how to join and run details, can be found at lstreet.org.



L Street members assemble food/gift baskets for area families, December 20, 2014. Photo courtesy Tom and Mary McManus.

Gate of Heaven CYO Basketball League Standings

Boys Cadet League	Won	Loss
P.S. Deli	7	1
Jack McDonough Club	4	4
Metro Energy	3	5
Nick Collins Club	2	6

Boys Midget League	Won	Loss
Bill Linehan Club	4	0
Blasi's Café	2	1
Mt. Washington Bank	1	2
Ryan Club	1	2
Joe Evans Club	0	3

Girls Cadet League	Won	Loss
Olson/Caputo Club	3	1
Hoop Dee Doo	2	2
Kelly Collins Club	2	2
Seaport Realty	1	3

Travel Teams	Won	Loss
Boys		
3rd & 4th Grade – Sister Pat Club	0	4
5th Grade – Massport	0	4
6th Grade	1	5
7th& 8th Grade	4	3
9th Grade–O'Brien's Funeral Home	3	5
10th Grade-Boston Home Inspectors	6	0
9th & 10th Grade	5	3
11th & 12th Grade	5	2
18 & Under – Iron Wokers Local #7	4	1

Girls	Won	Loss
5th & 6th Grade	1	5
7th & 8th Grade	4	1
High School	2	3



Red Sox Legend Pedro Martinez Elected to Hall of Fame

For the first time in 60 years, the Baseball Writers Assn. of America has voted four players into the Hall of Fame.

Pedro Martinez, Randy Johnson, John Smoltz and Craig Biggio were elected to the Hall of Fame on Tuesday, two years after the BBWAA elected no one and triggered a national debate about how voters should account for baseball's steroid era.

Johnson got 97.3% of the vote, more than any pitcher except Tom Seaver and Nolan Ryan. Martinez got 91.1% of the vote, Smoltz 82.9% and Biggio 82.7%.

Candidates required 75% for election. Mike Piazza, arguably the greatest hitting catcher in MLB history, got 69.9%, his high in three years on the ballot and appears poised for election next year.

Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens, whose candidacies have become a referendum on the steroid era, again failed to gain traction in the voting.

Bonds, who holds the MLB all-time home-run record and a record seven most valuable player awards, got 36.8% of the vote, after getting 36.2% in 2013 – his first year on the ballot – and 34.7% last year. Clemens, winner of a record seven Cy Young awards, drew 37.5% of the vote, after getting

37.6% in 2013 and 35.4% last year.

Johnson, whose 4,875 strikeouts rank as the most of any left-hander in MLB history, won five Cy Young awards – including four in a row from 2001-04 -- and finished second three times. He won 303 games and led the Arizona Diamondbacks to the 2001 World Series championship.

Martinez's name still evokes a shudder for Dodgers fans. The Dodgers traded Martinez, then a 21-year-old middle reliever perceived as fragile, to the Montreal Expos for star second baseman Delino DeShields. DeShields was injured and ineffective in Los Angeles, while Martinez blossomed into an elite starter for the Expos and Boston Red Sox. Martinez, pitching at the height of the steroid era, twice posted an earned-run average under 2.00 while winning the Cy Young award three times, finishing in the top four three other times, and sparking the Red Sox to the 2004 World Series title – their first since 1918.

Smoltz follows his Atlanta Braves rotation mates – Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine, each inducted last year – into the Hall of Fame. As the Braves won a record 14 consecutive division championships, Smoltz prospered as a starter and closer, with 210 wins

and 154 saves. He is the only major leaguer with at least 200 wins and 150 saves.

Biggio, primarily a second baseman for the Houston Astros, collected 3,060 hits and holds the MLB record for doubles by a right-handed hitter. Of the 11 players with 3,000 hits and 1,800 runs, the only two not elected are not yet eligible: Derek Jeter and Pete Rose

The four-person BBWAA class is the largest since 1955, when Joe DiMaggio was the marquee electee. The only larger class was the first, in 1936, which featured Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Walter Johnson, Christy Mathewson and Honus Wagner.

Dodgers batting coach Mark McGwire, who unlike Bonds and Clemens has publicly admitted using steroids, got 10% of the vote, his low in nine chances. McGwire has one year left on the ballot.

Dodgers Manager Don Mattingly, in his 15th and final year on the ballot, got 9.1%. He received 28.2% of the vote in 2001, his first year on the ballot, and never got even 21% thereafter. Mattingly becomes eligible for consideration by a veterans' committee that next meets in 2016.

Ken Griffey Jr. and Trevor Hoffman are the most notable players that become eligible for election next year.



CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU14P2790EA

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Estate of:

Peter M Valtierra

Also known as: Pedro Valtierra

Date of Death: 03/19/2014

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street

Boston, MA 02114

(617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Edward M Mack of Bourne MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that:

Edward M Mack of Bourne MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 02/19/2015.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong
First Justice of this Court

December 16, 2014

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Register of Probate

January 8, 2015

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU14P2963EA
Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
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Probate and Family Court
Estate of:

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 01/15/2015.

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(SVLENA), applied to enter a float seeking community support to create a park at B&2nd Streets to honor those heroes killed at B&3rd during the 1776 battle for Boston. This unit created a float depicting cannons firing cannon balls with rainbow streamers over departing British ships. Both groups were well received and were not a problem. Both groups composed almost entirely of South Boston residents, many life-long, included in their application the information that their units were inclusive and had gay as well as straight members. The Allied Council discussed and accepted them into the parade.

A third group being pushed by Mass Equality, a admitted gay political action organization, claimed that a “group” of gay veterans were being denied entry into the parade. At the time, the Allied Council, anxious to honor all veterans, met with this “group” in an attempt to negotiate a solution. At the meeting when asked if they could provide a color guard, the “group” as a whole was puzzled. When it was explained that a color guard could be made up of 8, 6, or 4 members the one person present, (of about 20 in attendance), who identified himself as a veteran stated he might be able to “get another one”. It was at this point that it became clear to the Allied Council that there was no “group” of veterans who felt slighted. It was instead a group of activist, liberal, progressives who found one veteran to use as a front to ‘sleaze’ their way into the parade. This group will never get in.

This past November a newly

formed veterans group marched in the Boston Veterans Day Parade. They marched in khaki pants, blue windbreakers and ball caps and received compliments on their military precision, which they should because their founder is twenty-year Air Force veteran Brian Bishop. Mr. Bishop is also chief of staff to the City of Boston Veterans Commissioner and submitted an application to march his unit called Outvets of Boston in the 2015 Parade. His application also stated that the veteran unit had members both LGBT and straight members. His application also states the unit has no “political or social agenda, nor will it ever have”. His application also states that this unit desires to march to join in honoring all veterans as our parade does.

As Allied Commander, I met with Mr. Bishop and asked him to attend and answer questions at our next Council meeting on Dec. 15. At that meeting, held in the same manner as all of our meetings over the last ten years, the application was discussed for approximately one half hour. Mr. Bishop was brought in and was asked a number of direct, hard, questions for about another half hour. He left and the Council discussed for an additional half hour before voting. The vote, held in the same manner as all of our meetings over the last ten years, was simply to accept a real “group” of veterans.

We, the Allied Council, made this and all decisions as is our right. We have not surrendered that right and indeed decide, on a case-by-case basis, what units best fit our historic requirements for a great parade.

There are many in the ‘lame’ stream

media tripping over themselves to put their own spin on a simple parade. “Southie has changed”, they intone, as if they’ve made a great discovery. Well, everything changes. For instance, soon the malevolent presence of the Boston Globe perched like a vulture on Morrissey Blvd. will be gone; Sunlight and goodness will return and that will be a great change. They will be gone, but South Boston will still be here, as will our parade. That won’t change and neither will our honor for all veterans that march in our parade.

Take care till next week. Brian R. Mahoney

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