Communities are developed as diverse individuals come together in solidarity to share a common goal. The community of Boston Latin School (BLS) shares the ambition of excellence in educational opportunity. Recently this goal has become partially obstructed by allegations of continued ignorance and lack of action taken by the school administration regarding...

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“Nothing New”

“Nothing new here”, was the talking head’s response to the release of the Benghazi report. Really? Nothing New? It was only after being forced to release e-mails, we found out Sec. Hillary Clinton told daughter Chelsea and the Egyptian Ambassador that Benghazi was a terrorist attack, before telling victims’ families the lie that their loved one’s deaths had been caused by a video. We learned that not one single American asset was dispatched to save our Ambassador and Sec. Clinton never, at any time, suggested sending aid.

Finally, we learned that prior to 7:00pm., both the President and Secretary of Defense Panetta ordered assistance be sent. Now we’ve learned that between 7:30-9:30pm, at a meeting run by Sec. Clinton, the order to send assistance was countermanded. Who gave the order at the meeting not to assist? That answer would really be “something new”. But we probably already know that answer.
Would anyone like to buy a bridge? We can sell Fort Independence to you if you’re gullible enough to believe it’s for sale. There are some people who will believe anything that is told to them. But, only someone with a brain made of granite would believe that Hillary Clinton is innocent.

It was entertaining and actually educational watching Hillary’s supporter’s reactions to the announcement by FBI Director Comey that she would not be indicted although most people expected that very decision. Her supporters were grinning ear to ear at the verdict; many of them even admitting that they knew she is as guilty as hell but oh so proud that she got away with it. Their Twitter accounts were alive with the same type of reaction. You see, to so many liberal Democrats, criminal activity, lying and especially jeopardizing this country’s national security; something the FBI even admitted was the result of her actions are all badges of honor. They consider things like this by one of their own to be resume enhancers. The more sleazy and traitorous, the more money they can raise from their equally corrupt base of voters.

Director Comey listed several activities that he said Clinton was guilty of that would have gotten anyone else arrested, jailed and heavily fined. Add to what has been confirmed she did, the fact that just days prior to the decision being handed down, her husband had a private meeting on a government jet with Attorney General Loretta Lynch that if not for an alert reporter would have remained a secret and we’d be hard pressed to find anyone in the country who is now not convinced that this whole political system is rigged to benefit those in power. And then, the frosting on the cake was when she and Obama flew off together on Air Force One to campaign.

But the advice that’s being put forth by so many patriotic Americans now is don’t just get mad, get even as well. To paraphrase and old song ‘We shall overcome – this November’ when it will be time to toss all of these people currently in power out on their tails and trounce their allies seeking public office at the poll when it will be time to yes - ‘Make America great Again’. Time now to comment on someone who will also most likely be voting to keep the corrupt in power, one Gersh Kuntsman. Mr. Kuntsman is a writer for the liberal rag known as the New York Daily News. It seems he has a problem with the song ‘God Bless America’ being played during Major League Baseball Games. His recent quote reads as follows: “It’s time for God to stop blessing America during the 7th Inning Stretch at stadiums all over the country”. Kuntsman believes that everyone is offended by this song. Why? Because it offends HIM. Just like the Christian haters demand religious themed celebrations be ended during the Christmas season, we always seem to get an America bashing article like the one Kuntsman wrote each year just ahead of Independence Day. Religion and

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The 4th of July celebration of 2016 was punctuated by a spectacular display of the music of the Boston Pops and the fireworks along the Charles River to a gorgeous backdrop of a bright sunset and clear sky. The day began with the powerful recitation of the Declaration of Independence by Brigadier General Robert Welch of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company to a crowd of over 1000 attendees outside of the Old State House at Congress and State Streets marking the 240th anniversary.

This event was followed by the time honored oration of a notable figure representing the community of Boston. This year’s orator was Ambassador and former mayor of Boston Raymond Flynn. He delivered the oration 30 years prior in 1986 when he was then Mayor. He joins the likes of John Quincy Adams, Joh F. Kennedy, Horace Mann, Keith Lockhart and Julia Child. He was introduced by Mayor Martin Walsh who commended Flynn’s career as a leader in the fight for civil rights and racial harmony. Flynn’s oration focused on the impact of the immigrants who have come to Boston and their contributions to the history and greatness of Boston and the Nation. His remarks were well received and were interrupted several times by applause from the several hundred folks in attendance. Flynn also took the occasion to promote the need for the government funding of deep research on the many undiagnosed neurological diseases such as the one afflicting his grandson Braeden, who was in attendance along with Kathy Flynn, Edward and other of Ray Flynn’s family. When doing so, Flynn became noticeably emotional both because of his love for his grandson and his passion for the cause. The audience was likewise moved by the plea.

Flynn was quoted upon his invitation to speak, “This 4th of July, I am proud to recognize all the dedicated and loyal Ameri-
“Who is the Racist?”

Reading Between The Lines

Brian R. Mahoney

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

He’s a racist bully and a money grubbing little man”. So says Sen. Elizabeth Warren about Presidential candidate Donald Trump. First though, what is “Money grubbying”? Personally, I’ve swept streets, been a dishwasher, and a garbage collector, just to name a few jobs performed to make money when none was available. Except for criminal or activities that would hurt people there isn’t too much I haven’t or wouldn’t do to make money. The reader will have to decide if that is, “Money grubbying”.

Donald Trump was fortunate enough to have successful parents who loaned him a million dollars to begin his business career. By just about any measure he has been wildly successful. It is probable that Trump has been able to pick and choose his business opportunities. Safe to say, four star hotels and glittering gambling casinos don’t come under the “Money Grubbing”, description.

As far as racism goes, all that is known is that Trump, a Protestant, has a Jewish son in law, Jewish daughter in law and Jewish grandchildren. The author of the Trump remarks is a white woman from Oklahoma. At least she was for most of her life and now is again. Confused yet? It seems that Sen. Warren, who grew up in a state with large Indian reservations, never knew they were “her people”. When she began her academic career, there is no mention of any ancestry other than white. Nor when she began “flipping houses”, making hundreds of thousands of dollars re-selling foreclosed properties was she anything but white.

In fact, it wasn’t until teaching college in Pennsylvania she realized she was Indian. That was shortly after she got a summer “guest lecturer” position at Harvard for minority teachers. In an unprecedented appointment given to no other summer minority lecturer, Warren was given tenure at Harvard. A few years later, Warren dropped the minority status and became white again. College tuition costs were not aided by Warren receiving between 3 and 4 hundred thousand dollars a year for teaching one course at Harvard. Readers will have to decide if profiting off misery of foreclosure or receiving obscene pay for minimal work is “Money grubbing”.

Politics came calling and once again the white woman became a native Indian to run for U. S. Senate. Curiously, a group of native tribespeople came all the way from Oklahoma to Massachusetts during the election in hopes of meeting their “clan woman”, to discuss family ties. Despite showing up at her office and numerous public appearances, this group was never permitted to meet with Sen. Warren to answer their questions.

There are more than one, but perhaps the darkest chapter of American history is the treatment of the Native American Indians. It is a chapter filled with crimes of murder and thievery. General George Custer and his fate are the result of white America believing gold was in the Black Hills, which was Indian land, and we wanted it and took it.

Conscience and maturity have made us, as a nation, endeavor to take steps to at least try and make some type of atonement. Obviously, though, not everyone has put their racist past behind them. What else do you call it, but racism, when you pretend to be a different race in order to steal benefits not belonging to you? Whether its land, gold or even the people.

It is, however, a page right out of the progressive playbook. Accuse your opponent of the very tactics being used by your side and seize control when attention is diverted. Here, in Looney Tune Massachusetts, the hypocrisy of Princess Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter may be kept a secret by the “lame stream media”, but the best thing for Trump would be for this fraud to be examined nationally as a Vice-Presidential candidate. It will not take “many moons” to expose her.

Take care till next week.
Sheriff Tompkins Receives Correction Officers Local 419 Endorsement

For the second time in as many years, Sheriff Steve Tompkins has earned the endorsement of AFSCME Local 419, the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department’s largest correction officers’ union.

Building upon the history that he achieved during his first campaign for the office in 2014 when he became the county’s only sitting sheriff to have ever been endorsed by the union, Sheriff Tompkins was once again humbled by the honor.

“I truly am grateful for this tremendous vote of confidence,” said Sheriff Tompkins. “To have the support of the women and men of Local 419 means a great deal to me, and it also reinforces my belief that we are continuing to make strides together as we work to make our exceptional organization even better.”

Citing Sheriff Tompkins’ support of the Department’s officers and organized labor as a whole, along with an increased emphasis on providing more support services for employees, members of Local 419’s leadership spoke about their endorsement.

“It is with great pleasure that we offer you our endorsement in the upcoming election for Sheriff of Suffolk County,” said Local 419 President Robert DeBole. “Your interest in improving the resources that our members need in dealing with such a high stress profession and your support of the entire labor movement are just two of the things that led to our decision.”

“The working relationship has greatly improved between the Local and your office since your appointment [in 2013],” added Local 419 Political Director Michael Simpson. “We look forward to continuing this working relationship after your election to a full term. With your help, we can make the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department the model for sheriff’s departments and correctional facilities across this great nation.”

Appointed to the position in 2013, Sheriff Tompkins won election in 2014 as a first-time candidate with over 83% of the vote. As the Sheriff of Suffolk County, Tompkins manages all operations at the Suffolk County House of Correction, the Nashua Street Jail and the Civil Process Division. In addition to providing care, custody and rehabilitative support for inmates and pre-trial detainees, Tompkins also oversees a management, security and administrative staff of over 1,000. Sheriff Tompkins holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Communications from Boston College and a Master’s Degree in Public Affairs from the University of Massachusetts.
Rest in Peace Lu O’Brien

So many people wrote and called in asking what ever happened to Lu O’Brien’s senior column that was a regular feature in South Boston Today. Lu had quite a following and the information that she provided to the neighborhood’s senior citizens was a big help to many, much anticipated and looked forward to.

Lu O’Brien passed away on June 23rd at much too young an age and it brings a great deal of sadness to her readers and her many friends and especially to her colleagues.

Public Schools (BPS) administration. The logical question therefore is, ‘given the current global social and political environment, why is there no vetted protocol in place to address racism and xenophobia at BLS or system wide?’

To put this venerable and storied institution in perspective, “The” Boston Latin School, as it is often referred to by its alumni, although selective as an exam institution, is not inherently elitist or discriminatory. Upward mobility is not a rare or explicitly elitist notion; it is a natural aspiration. Students and alumni are from working class families from across the city and attend BLS for the potential opportunities the school can provide. Examples of success include former students Wade McCree (1937), the first African American appointed to the US District Court in Michigan by President John F. Kennedy, and Benjamin Franklin, a printer by trade and one of 17 children who, although he ultimately never graduated from BLS, became one of the Founding Fathers of this country.

Given the failure of the busing experiment of the 1970s in Boston, which did not achieve its desired desegregation mandate, it is understandable that the political advocates, civil rights activists, and institutional leaders continue to direct members of marginalized cultures toward paths leading to upward mobility. Quality educational institutions such as Boston Latin School, Boston Latin Academy and the John D. O’Bryant High School, the latter named for the first elected black member of the Boston School Committee, are conduits for this advancement.

The headline ‘Facing History, Facing Ourselves’ is not referenced arbitrarily. It is the name of one of the most popular, effective, dynamic, and stimulating educational programs at BLS. The principal mission of the program is “to engage students of diverse backgrounds in an examination of racism, prejudice, and antisemitism, in order to promote the development of a more humane and informed citizenry.” The institution looks to provide an open dialogue for students to discuss discrimination and its effect on the current global political and social scene. However, this conversation falls short of being able to properly educate and inform the ignorant.

Boston has been struggling to find the formula for universal success in its school system for decades. Most mayors have fallen short of their promises when it comes to education reform. In 2016, Mayor Marty Walsh has the unenviable burden of adequately funding an educational agenda that focuses on early childhood programs, and maintains quality education through middle school that prepares students for success in high school. His concern over impulsive changes to the exam school model, in order to correct a problem that should be addressed in early education, recognizes the pitfalls of such a misguided policy consideration. His caution is being unfairly politicized by critics with narrow agendas. In the end, all parents have the same goal – a better life for their children. They know that education is paramount in achieving that.

The Mayor, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tommy Chang, the elected City Council, the appointed school committee, the parents and especially the students are all stakeholders in an end game that has far reaching implications. No single agenda is worthy of priority, nor how loud the voices speak or how sharp the sound bites cut. In the end, the mainstream media owes it to the children to put their for-profit news selling agendas on the back burner.

As this debate unfolds, there is a commonality among all students in the ultimate goal – better educational opportunity at all levels. If the Boston Latin School controversy has done one thing worthwhile, it is to draw public scrutiny to the need for a public educational policy that can actually achieve the common objective – a Boston Public Schools System that elevates the prospects for success for as many of its citizens as possible.
MASSPORT REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

A PORT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

As Boston’s 6th largest employer and an essential component of the Massachusetts economy, the historic Port of Boston has been and continues to be one of our greatest and most treasured assets. From the shoes we wear, to the food we eat, to the toys our children play with, the Port of Boston is part of the rich fabric of the community.

Every year, the Port of Boston contributes $4.6 billion to the region’s economy, generating more than $300 million in Federal, state and local tax revenue, and some 50,000 total jobs. Last year, Massport’s Conley Container Terminal processed a record 221,014 containers and business is on pace to set another record this year. This month, the Journal of Commerce (JOC) ranked Conley Terminal #1 in North America for improved efficiency.

BUT THE PORT OF BOSTON IS AT A CRITICAL TURNING POINT. As a result of the Panama Canal expansion, Boston and other east coast ports must accommodate larger container ships that are the new standard in the industry. These “big ships” carry 8,000 – 13,000 containers; right now, Boston handles ships half that size.

Container business and jobs at Conley will be in jeopardy if Boston is not routinely able to handle the bigger ships. Work in the Port of Boston will be lost to other port cities which are already making their ports “big ship” ready.

Massport, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and state government are investing in modernizing the Port of Boston in order to compete in the 21st Century by:

- Dredging the Harbor, including constructing a CAD (Confined Aquatic Disposal) Cell to dispose of soil from the harbor bottom;
- Planning and permitting the construction of one new berth to accommodate “big ships” and revitalizing two other berths at Conley Terminal;
- Making plans to add new cranes to load and unload the bigger and wider container ships;
- Building a secure, dedicated freight corridor to take 400-500 trucks off of East First Street.

In collaboration with the South Boston community, we are creating much-needed green space -- a 4.5 acre buffer park and sound barrier complete with lighted paths for walkers and runners, bike racks, a new dog park, and 95 on-street parking spaces.

Massport is committed to working with the South Boston community, elected officials and other stakeholders to balance our roles as an economic engine – and a good neighbor.

For more information on Massport’s commitment to our neighboring communities, visit www.massport.com
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### Boston Redevelopment Authority Public Meeting

**55 West Fifth Street**

**Monday, July 11**

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**147 West 4th Street**

Mass Bay Credit Union

2nd Floor Union Hall

South Boston, MA 02127

**Project Proponent:**

Boston Real Estate Capital

**Project Description:**

This is a project update meeting where the Proponent will be presenting the most up to date design plans and program. The Proponent seeks to redevelop an approx. 10,000 square foot parcel located at 55 West Fifth Street. The Proposed Project consisted of the demolition of the existing structure on the site and the construction of an approx. 36,320 gross square foot mixed-use building with approx. 2,045 square feet of retail space, 36 residential units, and 36 off-street parking spaces.

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MassDOT Launches Two Improved Live Traffic Websites

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) today announced the relaunch of two improved live traffic websites to provide motorists with better access to real-time traffic information, including access to more than 350 live streaming traffic cameras across the Commonwealth. The enhancements are part of MassDOT’s effort to provide drivers with information to make informed traveling choices before they depart on a trip.

As part of the effort, Mass511.com has been upgraded through a renewed contract with MassDOT’s 511 provider, IBI Group. The new website features expanded live traffic data coverage on a map that integrates more than 350 live traffic cameras. The map also displays real-time traffic incident and construction information. The company has made significant enhancements to the Interactive Voice Response system (IVR) that will give 511 callers current roadway conditions on various routes.

The new Mass511 service will allow users to:
• Manage and update a personalized profile with custom routes and alerts
• Sign up for free e-mails and texts alerting users about incidents or construction on their personalized routes
• Register a personal phone number so that users can receive customized travel info when you dial 511
• Allow users to view traffic cameras on preferred routes each time they log on to the website.

MassDOT also has upgraded its traveler information website: (www.massdot.state.ma.us/highway/TrafficTravelResources/TrafficInformationMap.aspx) to include a more user-friendly interface which allows users to toggle on and off different features including: real-time incident information, planned construction events, live traffic cameras, and real time traffic information from MassDOT’s Go-Time system. As more Go-Time displays are launched across the Commonwealth, this information will appear on the new website.

Through the website, users now have access to more than 350 live traffic cameras at a refresh rate of 1 frame every 2-4 seconds. The new system more than triples the amount of cameras the public can access and also significantly improves video quality.

“These two initiatives demonstrate MassDOT’s commitment to constantly improving the quality of information it provides to drivers about roadway conditions and congestion so drivers can make informed decisions about the best routes to use to get to their destination,” said MassDOT Highway Administrator Thomas J. Tinlin.
Good Humor Ice Cream Brings Summer Joyhood Tour To Boston

This summer, Good Humor is bringing joy up and down the East Coast with its “Welcome to Joyhood” tour. After launching in New York City earlier this month, the iconic brand travelled to Faneuil Hall to kick off the Boston leg of the tour with a fun-filled event for those who live, work and play in the city. As part of the event, Good Humor® transformed Boston into a capital of joy by partnering with Boston Celtics point guard and NBA All-Star, Isaiah Thomas, as an Honorary Good Humor® Man.

“I have had such great support since joining the team last year, it has been unbelievable to play in front of the legendary Boston crowd,” said Isaiah Thomas. “Today I’m excited to team up with Good Humor as the Honorary Good Humor® Man to share joy and free ice cream with the great fans of Boston.”

The Good Humor® Joy Squad and the Good Humor® Truck will surprise and delight Bostonians in neighborhoods throughout the city from June 30 to July 24. After Boston, the Good Humor® Joy Squad will travel to Washington, D.C. beginning July 28 and Miami beginning August 25.

“Good Humor® has been bringing joy to fans for more than 90 years, said Nick Soukas, director of ice cream at Unilever. “We’re looking forward to bringing ‘Joyhood’ and celebrating ice cream season to Boston for the third year in a row”

Fans can follow Good Humor® all summer long on Foursquare for real-time updates on the Good Humor® Truck’s location, or by tweeting us@GoodHumor to find out when The Good Humor® Truck will be visiting your neighborhood.

About Good Humor® Products
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About Unilever North America
Unilever is one of the world’s leading suppliers of Food, Home and Personal Care products with sales in more than 190 countries and reaching 2 billion consumers a day.
Perseverance and hard work was the theme as the Notre Dame Education Center graduated one of its largest classes ever on Thursday, June 16 at the Ironworkers Local 7 Hall in South Boston. Fifty-one students graduated from the Center’s Adult Basic Education/HiSET, High School Diploma, and ESOL programs. (HiSET is the high school equivalency test that Massachusetts uses instead of the GED.)

The cheers and applause of friends, family members, and fellow graduates rang out repeatedly throughout the ceremony, as students were lauded for overcoming obstacles on their way to their goals. The graduation speakers emphasized that learning never ends.

In his opening remarks, John Danahy, chairman of NDEC’s Board of Directors, said “You are on a lifelong learning journey, and this [graduation] is just the first milestone.”

Referring to students as “part of the NDEC family,” Executive Director and CEO Mary Rose Durante reminded them, “Education is something you can’t lose. No one can take it away from you.” ESOL Program Manager Manny Reynoso said that students came from 37 different countries, as symbolized by the red push-pins on a world map in the ESOL office. “This map reminds us that the work we do is a world-unifying one,” he said. “By learning the English language, our students are able to communicate with more people from different parts of the world in one language. …We encourage you to continue sharing yourself through your skills and talents.”

Paulina Vasquez, the ESOL student speaker, agreed. “I want to tell my fellow students to continue setting goals. Don’t be afraid to dream and work to reach them. My personal plan is to become a social worker, and I believe that thanks to today, I am one step closer to my goal.” Other speakers also stressed the value of dedication on the part of both students and staff.

Anna Fernandez-Buehrens, manager of the ABE/HiSET program thanked...
South Boston Students Win BC High Awards

William Higgins and Xavier Minnifield of South Boston, 2016 graduates of Boston College High School, won special awards at a Senior Assembly, a time set aside by the school to celebrate and reward its seniors.

Higgins won a Campus Ministry Hearts on Fire Award – 4 or More Jr./Sr. Retreats, a Kairos Leader award, an Eagle award, a Model UN – Deputy Secretary General award, a Renaissance Yearbook award, a Young Americans award, a Marci Kearney Senior English award, and the William Francis Whalen Social Studies award. He will attend the University of St. Andrews in the fall.

Minnifield won the Kevin O’Neil ‘90 Memorial award. He will attend Northeastern University in the fall.

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Richard Mallard – Mentor And Friend

“Red Bull up!” This is not a phrase you would ordinarily hear spoken to excite a group of 11 year old softball players, but Richie Mallard was anything but ordinary. A dedicated coach and volunteer for the South Boston Girls’ Softball League (SBGSL), a loving father, and a dear friend, Richie touched the lives of each and every player he coached throughout his career. His story is one of passion and devotion.

Richie Mallard was a South Boston native known for his skills in the boxing ring and his incredible mentorship to young members of South Boston and the neighboring communities. A New England Diamond Belt and Junior Olympic Boxing Champion, Richie was no stranger to achievement. He believed that fun and commitment were the building blocks of success - in whatever ways success was defined.

Richie embodied these sentiments and inspired these ideas in his time with the SBGSL. “He had so much passion and dedication in Southie softball and truly put in every second of free time he had to work with his team. He took pride in all of his players” says Rose Carey who played for Richie for several years. Richie always found way to make learning exciting and interesting for players when teaching the fundamentals of softball. Natalie Markarian explains, “he taught us how to slide with laminated posters and he always had games set up in practice when he became our coach. He always joked around with the team and he was super fun to be around all the time.” A fair man, Richie made sure to include everyone in the fun of the game including players new and old. “[He] always made sure to get the ‘non star players’ involved and loved the game of softball. He was my coach for 5 years…[he] always brought a smile” says Emma Carney, another of Richie’s former players.

Carney points out that softball combined two of the things Richie loved most in his life, coaching the game and his daughter, Kayla. “They were literally best friends,” Carney explains, showing some of her old team photos that included Richie and Kayla together. Richie was an involved parent from the get-go. Markarian describes the development of Richie’s volunteer career with the SBGSL. “I have been playing softball since I was eight years old and right from the start Richie Mallard was there as a supporter. Richie was at all of the games that we played. Although he was not a coach [at the time] he acted like one - always correcting the girls and helping them become better softball players.” This commitment garnered respect from parents and players alike, and Richie soon became one of the most beloved members of the SBGSL family.

His guiding principles were more than just words of wisdom; they resulted in the tangible accomplishments of his players and mentees. Mayor’s Cup awards and SBGSL championships were representations of his success as a coach and a mentor. At the presentation of the 14U Richie Mallard Memorial Trophy to the division champions on Friday June 24th, Richie’s daughter Kayla told of how accomplished her dad’s coaching career had been, citing that she can’t recall that he’d ever lost a championship. For his players, the knowledge, love, and commitment Richie demonstrated are the real trophies. Carey says that “[Richie] was just an all-around amazing person and coach.” And Markarian exclaims, “you truly are extraordinary.”

On an afternoon in early spring of 2015, Richie Mallard left a voicemail for then SBGSL President and Maverick Corporation CEO Mike McNally asking if he could be late to his first day of work because he intended to coach winter clinics at the PAL gym. “This was his commitment to the girls of South Boston” says McNally. He explains, “Richie epitomized the spirit of the South Boston Girls’ Softball League. His unselfish commitment and energy to teaching the young women of South Boston…was admired by all.” Hours later Richie was involved in an accident that resulted in a debilitating brain injury.

On June 17, 2016, Richie passed away. His legacy continues. Carney states that “Richie was just such a fighter and an amazing guy who just wanted to help girls love the game of softball and he will NEVER be forgotten. He will forever be one of the best coaches...” And this opinion is quite obviously shared by many. “Thank you so much Richie for all that you have given to me” Markarian exclaims, “you truly are extraordinary.”
The 2016 MLB All-Star Game rosters were announced earlier this week, and believe it or not, the Boston Red Sox will have six players — possibly seven — representing the American League.

David Ortiz, Mookie Betts, and Jackie Bradley Jr. were all voted into the AL starting lineup. Steven Wright and Craig Kimbrel are also on the roster.

Dustin Pedroia is a candidate for the final vote, along with Detroit’s Ian Kinsler, Tampa Bay’s Evan Longoria, Toronto’s Michael Saunders, and Houston’s George Springer.

It’s an interesting storyline, to say the least, considering how bad the month of June was for the Red Sox. But the fact that they have four starters — none of whom are pitchers — somewhat tells the story of the 2016 Red Sox season: this thing has been all about offense.

Through the first three-plus months, the Sox have scored more runs than any other team in Major League Baseball. So while they’ve fallen out of first place in the AL East, the All-Star selections for Ortiz, Bogaerts, Betts, and Bradley Jr. are well deserved.

Ortiz is hitting .377 with an OPS of 1.100. He has 19 home runs and 66 RBI and Bradley Jr. are well deserved.

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He’ll clean it out and put it in the seats. That’s why he’s an All-Star.

And how could you forget about Bradley Jr. Last year at this time, there weren’t many people in Boston who remained hopeful that the 26-year-old could fulfill the role of “center fielder of the future” at the Major League level. But yet, here he is. And now, not only has he claimed his territory in center field at Fenway, but he’s also captured a spot in the same All-Star outfield as Betts and Mike Trout. Not bad company.

Nobody has ever questioned Bradley Jr’s ability in the outfield. He’s as elite as they come, defensively, because has it all, speed and an absolute rocket for an arm. It’s his offensive ability that was always in question. Until now, the story of Bradley Jr’s offense was one of infield ground balls. This season, he’s hitting .293 and has an OPS of .929 in 79 games. And oh yeah, he’s got some pop. Bradley Jr. also has 14 home runs and 54 RBI. Add that to his team-leading six triples, and you’ve got an offensive presence that not many people could have envisioned, given the sample sizes we had seen from him in the past.

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The scouting report on Betts should read, “Nothing inside.” Easier said than done, of course. But it’s pretty clear, by now, that you aren’t going to bust an inside fastball past Betts. His hands are too quick. His power too much.

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The fact that Wright is the only Red Sox starting pitcher in the All-Star game speaks volumes about the team’s 2016 season. No disrespect to the knuckleballer — who absolutely deserves to be there because of his impressive 2.42 ERA through 16 starts — but president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski and general manager Mike Hazen didn’t draw it up this way. If so, they would have given Wright $30 million per season, instead of David Price. And they also would have had Wright in the rotation to begin spring training, instead of using him as a fill-in for the injured Eduardo Rodriguez.

Kimbrel has had his hiccups, especially in non-save situations. But he has still proven to be one of the filthiest closers in all of baseball with his 17 saves.

The Red Sox’ presence at the All-Star game will be felt primarily on the offensive side. And while that’s not a bad thing by any means, it’s certainly a sign that Dombrowski needs to add some pitching after the All-Star break, if he doesn’t want to waste his relentless offensive attack.

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