

Start-Up Axial Biotherapeutics Looks To Treat Neurological Disorders Including Autism

Businesswire

Axial Biotherapeutics today announced the launch of the Company with a \$19.15 million Series A round of financing. The Company is leveraging the groundbreaking work of scientific founder, Professor Sarkis Mazmanian, Ph.D., which uses the gut microbiome to help treat diseases and disorders of the central nervous system (CNS). Dr.

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Getting into the Christmas Spirit:

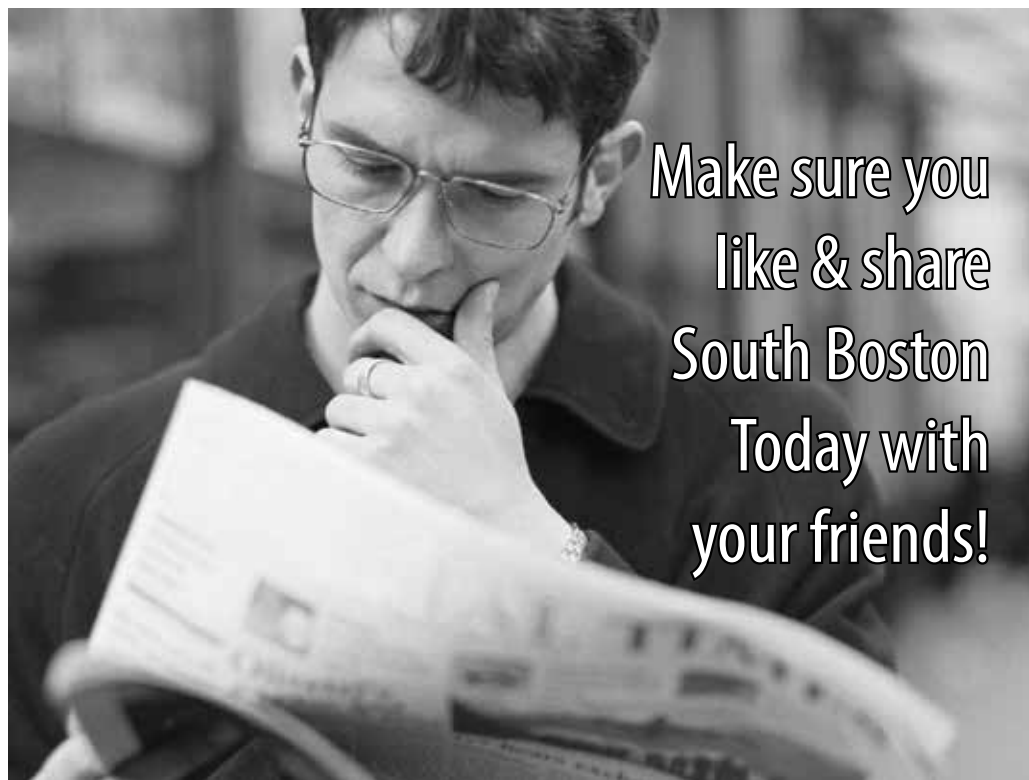
“**T**hanksgiving has passed and now it begins. The Christmas Season is that special time of year different from all others. Make of it what you will but it would be good to remember that to enjoy it is to make the best of it and also that it’s truly magical to children. Yes, it can be hustle and

bustle and the pressure of gift shopping can be daunting. But if that is part of it for you, why not also take the time to kick back, relax and take in all the sights, the sounds and the aromas that make this wonderful time of year so unique. If we can all slow down a bit and gaze at the beautiful light displays, listen to the

traditional Christmas Carols, maybe attend the lighting of a town Christmas Tree and breath in the crisp, clean air which just might contain a mixture of pine and gingerbread, sugar and spice and of course not forget the true ‘Reason for the Season’, Christmas time 2016 just might be the best one ever.



“May this Christmas Season fill your home with joy, your heart with love and your life with laughter” - Marjorie Holmes



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IN MEMORIAM

With sadness at his passing and with appreciation for all he has meant not only to the South Boston Today family but all of his beloved South Boston, we dedicate this issue to our dear friend and neighbor Brian R. Mahoney, a true son of South Boston.

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What Does it Tell Us about those who Praise Castro?

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The news of Fidel Castro's death has caused grief and mourning among the segment of the population that we've come to expect would be saddened by a brutal Communist tyrannical dictator's passing. Hollywood, the main stream news media, Jesse Jackson, Colin Kaepernick and several liberal Democrat politicians are certainly on that list. Has Cambridge and Amherst, Massachusetts and Berkley, California lowered all flags to half-mast? Oh wait, flags? In those cities? Never mind.

All these American 'progressives' praising Castro as a hero for humanity pretty much says it all. The man tortured, murdered and imprisoned Cuban citizens, who dared disagree with him. He stifled freedom of speech, confiscated private property from rich and poor alike and spread his own personal style of terrorism around the world. He drove his country into poverty by his Communist policies, while he and his elite circle lived in luxury and pretty much turned Cuba into a police state and slum. Firing squads were a common threat hanging over the heads of citizens for over 50 years and over a million Cubans risked their lives escaping from his island hell hole. But the leftists in this country, and nitwits like Canada's new prime minister still call him a great man.

Judging by all the evil Castro was responsible for during his reign of terror, if Hitler were still in power today, our home-grown leftists would be supportive of him as well. They both were equally brutal to their respective populations. It's interesting, isn't it? While CNN was wringing their collective hands in grief and trying to give him the

same status as George Washington, Cuban Americans in Miami, who suffered under Castro's brutality and whose families knew him best were dancing and celebrating in the streets rejoicing that he was finally gone.

While Barak Obama danced around all the pain and suffering Castro caused in his carefully worded, generic, politically correct statement in response to his passing, President elect Trump said the following: "Today marks the passing of a brutal dictator, who oppressed his own people for nearly six decades. Fidel Castro's legacy is one of theft, firing squads, unimaginable suffering, poverty and the denial of fundamental human rights...." Trump's statement was right on the money accurate. Obama's was total PC nonsense. And let's also tell it like it is regarding American leftists and their support for Castro. The main reason these people loved Castro is because like him, they also have disdain for America and everything it stands for. And the more Castro became a thorn in America's side, the louder his supporters in the US cheered for him.

Moving from one somewhat related subject to the next – dislike for our country and our flag, well done to the massive turnout of veterans and their supporters who showed up to protest Hampshire College in Amherst. As most know, because a relatively small group of 'snowflake' students are offended by the sight of Old Glory flying on campus, the cowardly leftist administration bowed to the snowflake's demands to remove the flag from the school grounds.

Last Sunday, hundreds of patriots, all waving American flags, some of them huge in size, peacefully demonstrated and demanded that the

school resume flying the banner.

The school administration apparently didn't want to cause the pampered little waifs to continue to be 'offended, but doesn't seem to mind it when the majority of Americans are offended by the disrespect being shown to our nation's flag. Those in charge at the school seem to dismiss what that flag means to most Americans and the sacrifices in life and limb suffered in its defense since our nation was formed. But then there is the other possibility.

Those in positions of authority

at Hampshire College and other colleges like it, which include some administrators, as well as the over representation of Marxist professors, probably agree with those students and are more than happy to ban Old Glory from the campus. Luckily, their time is coming to an end. The country has been taken back and those who hate it, whether on campus, in the media and yes, even in the current administration will be out of power and with much diminished influence. It's about time. And with any luck, they'll be on the next bus to Canada.

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Brian Mahoney Laid To Rest -*South Boston Says Goodbye-*

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There was sadness in the air last Friday and Saturday at the wake and funeral for long time neighborhood activist and lifelong South Boston resident Brian Mahoney. The steady procession at O'Brien's Funeral Home was one of prayer and expressing condolences to family members and friends for the sudden, unexpected passing of a good man.

At the wake, as many lingered to share stories of the experiences they had over the years with Brian, there was no lack of praise for all he has done on behalf of the people; his friends and neighbors that he cared so much about

and the help he was always so ready to give when needed.

Saturday morning, the Gate of Heaven Church filled up quickly as hundreds turned out to say their final goodbyes, say a prayer for him and his family and to once again console Brian's wife Kelly, his son Brian Jr. and all the other relatives still in a state of disbelief.

The Eulogy was given by young Brian. It was articulate and brilliantly done. It brought both tears and smiles to the crowd, as he spoke glowingly of his dad who was such a positive influence in his life. He could not have asked for a better dad and his dad would have been so proud of him and no doubt was while watching from above.

As the Mass ended and the crowd flowed out of the church and followed Brian Mahoney's flag draped casket, an honor guard of veterans from all of South Boston's posts lined the steps of the church. Across from the church a Boston Police honor guard also stood at attention.

Before the long line of cars departed for the cemetery, at the family's request, the procession took that final ride down to Castle Island with police escort, before carrying Brian Mahoney to his final resting place.

Brian Mahoney was considered one of a kind by those who knew him. He epitomized the true neighborhood crusader, always there to defend and assist his beloved South Boston and all those

who resided here. He was outspoken and well spoken, tough yet compassionate and would do anything for anyone who asked. His work for local veteran's causes was legendary and the people he helped over the years, from the very young to the very old are too numerous to count.

He will be missed and remembered as a neighborhood hero and a true son of South Boston in an era when there are just not enough of them to go around. But most of all, he will be remembered as a man – a good man who made a difference in the most positive of ways. Rest in Peace Brian Mahoney. And may you continue to watch over South Boston from Heaven above.



Farewell, Brian Mahoney Faith, Family, Friends

Elected Officials, Community Activists and Friends Offer Words Of Remembrance For Our Neighbor and Friend, the late Brian Mahoney

Brian Mahoney was a force of nature in South Boston. He was passionately committed to improving his neighborhood, especially St Vincent's Parish. Many of the infrastructure improvements accomplished on the West Side were achieved at his urging and his direction. He was a good citizen. He served his country in the US Army during the Vietnam era. He also started a local newspaper to give voice to the concerns of his neighbors on local and national issues. Many longtime residents of South Boston were fortunate to have him in their corner. We were blessed by his activism on our behalf and he will be missed. Our prayers are with Kellie, young Brian, and their extended family. - **Congressman Stephen F. Lynch (D-Boston).**

Brian was a true son of South Boston. He was a great husband and father who loved his son and wife deeply. A tireless fighter for everything that was good for South Boston. He was a very smart and unassuming guy that would always put the communities interest first. We lost a true neighborhood warrior and veteran. Brian will be sadly missed by all that knew him. May he rest in peace. - **Councilor Michael Flaherty**

My fondest memory of Brian was learning about the deep and important history of South Boston, along with Bob Allison and the late Michael Bare, and how our forebears helped to shape our nation's founding. As a veteran, that was particularly special for Brian. He will be missed forever, but mostly during our festivities every March. - **Rep. Nick Collins**

This is a big loss. Brian Mahoney loved his community of South Boston and was a tireless fighter for the people" said Senator Linda Dorcea Forry. "Brian had a generous heart and his passing leaves a void, but we will remember all he did to support his fellow veterans, his role as a neighborhood activist making sure his community's voice was heard and most importantly being a husband and father. - **Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry**

Brian Mahoney was always there for veterans. He was Past Commander of the Allied War Council, Commander of the Saunders Post (American Legion), President of the Veterans Express and Senior Vice Commander of the Fitzgerald Post (VFW). It was always a pleasure to be in his company; especially when I was down in the dumps. - **John Mullen, Past Commander Fitzgerald Post**

Brian Mahoney was a reader and a writer who loved to investigate and interrogate. His passion was his community. Family, friends and neighbors were who he worked and fought for. He saw it as one! His activism was a personal matter; that's why he was so good at it. The Lower End will miss him dearly. - **Councilor Bill Linehan**

Brian, I am so glad that our paths crossed in so many ways as Neighbors, both working at St. Vincent's and the love we both had for our parish. South Boston Youth Soccer. Many, many community meetings. And if anyone wanted to know what was going on in the community - you certainly were the go to man. Until we meet again - **Dianne Horn, Friend**



One Of Brian Mahoney's Proudest Moments

Brian Mahoney Honored as the 2014 Chief Marshall

Brian Mahoney, a long time South Boston neighborhood leader, was formally recognized at the South Boston Lithuanian Club as the incoming Chief Marshall of the 2014 Evacuation Day Parade in South Boston. Chief Marshall Mahoney thanked the leaders of the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council for their leadership and support in organizing this historic parade. Mahoney

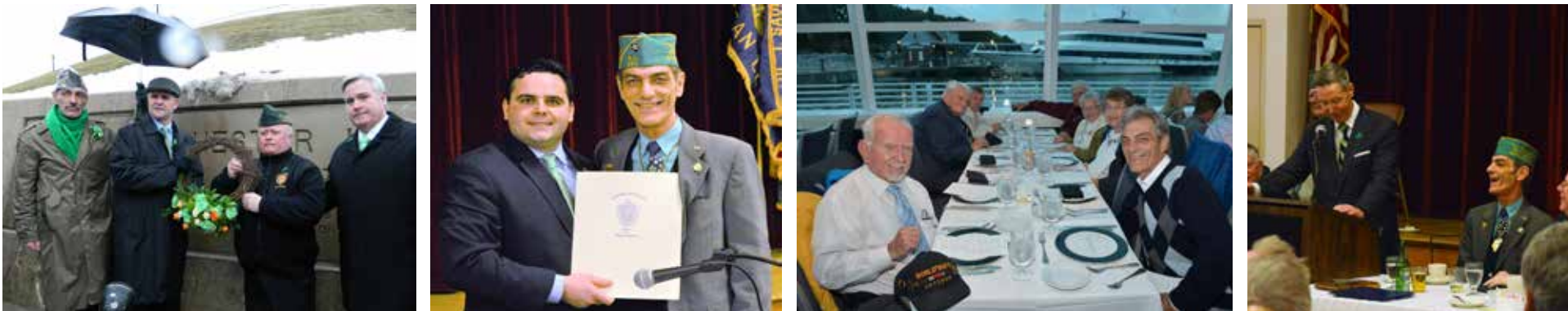
thanked and credited longtime parade organizer John "Wacko" Hurley and Phil Wuschke for their tremendous support in organizing one of America's largest St. Patrick's Day Parade. "I am proud to be selected and represent South Boston veterans and their families," said Mahoney

South Boston elected officials, including Congressman Stephen Lynch, City Council President Bill Linehan, State Representative Nick Collins, Register Francis Roache,

were on hand to support the South Boston Allied War Veterans and the parade. State Senator Linda Forry was also in attendance, as well as former Boston Mayor Ray Flynn. City Councilor Michael Flaherty also recognized the South Boston veterans and their families as well.

Mahoney credited the veterans of South Boston for helping build a better and stronger country "The residents of South Boston have always given back to the community and this country," said Mahoney. "Our veter-

ans and their families have sacrificed so much to our nation. I am proud to follow in the footsteps of so many men and women of South Boston who have served in the U.S. military. It is an honor to be from South Boston and lead this important parade." Many South Boston veterans' organizations were also in attendance, including representative from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Thomas J. Fitzgerald Post of South Boston), The Disabled American Veterans, The American Legion, AMVETS and others.



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519 East First St UNIT 3 Condo	\$925,000	10/3/16	2	1	705
120 West Seventh St UNIT 504 Condo	\$900,000	9/30/16	4	2	1076
183 L St UNIT 2 Condo	\$770,000	9/30/16	5	1	781
319 A St UNIT 204 Condo	\$759,000	9/30/16	2	1	526
813 East Fourth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$740,000	9/30/16	3	2.5	2017
58 Gates St UNIT 1 Condo	\$655,000	9/30/16	7	2	1111
551 East Sixth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$650,000	10/4/16	5	2	1205
346 Congress St UNIT 302 Condo	\$595,000	9/30/16	5	2	1214
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To the above named Defendant(s): Joao L. Depina

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If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston

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Spread Cheer, Not Invasive Hungry Pests, This Holiday Season

A Few Simple Actions Can Help Protect America's Trees & Plants

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 23, 2016 – The December holiday season is the greatest gift-giving time of the year, and can be a vulnerable time for spreading dangerous, invasive Hungry Pests. These pests can travel across borders, continents and oceans with human assistance. They hitchhike in or on plants, produce or food brought in as gifts from friends and families. Or they can hide in or on firewood brought from another location to light a holiday fire. As such, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is asking the public to help safeguard the nation's trees and plants by taking a few simple actions.

"By following a few simple steps this holiday season, consumers can help protect the food on our nation's tables and prevent billions of dollars' worth of damage to our country's crops and forests," said USDA APHIS Deputy Administrator Osama El-Lissy.

"Although it's winter, invasive pests are still at work. It doesn't take much to stop these Hungry Pests from spreading, and the benefits are enormous."

Here are some ways the public can help protect the holidays from Hungry Pests:

Ordering Online: Poinsettias and amaryllis make festive gifts, but be careful when ordering any plant online. To spread holiday cheer instead of invasive pests, only buy or order plants from reputable vendors that comply with federal quarantine restrictions. To be safe, ask the grower if they are aware of and abide by all USDA regulations for that particular plant.

Christmas Trees, Wreaths & Greens: When buying your Christmas tree, deck the halls with greens and holly, but be sure to buy them from trusted sources. Established retailers make sure their suppliers follow federal quarantine restrictions that prevent

invasive pests from hitchhiking on Christmas trees and decorations.

Moving Firewood: For a safe and cozy yuletide fire, buy firewood where you plan to burn it. If burning your own firewood, don't move it off your property or you may spread invasive tree killers like the emerald ash borer and Asian longhorned beetle. Instead, buy or responsibly gather firewood near the place you'll burn it. Or take certified, heat-treated firewood with you instead.

International Travel: Traveling abroad for the holidays? Declare all agricultural items to customs officials upon your return or you may bring back more than memories. In addition to fresh produce, declare all spices, grains and packaged foods, which could carry the destructive Khapra beetle. Visit www.DontPackaPest.com, a website sponsored by USDA and several partner agencies, to learn what is safe to bring back and other valuable travel tips.

International Gift-Giving:

International customs are fun to keep, but be careful not to send or accept greenery, seeds, trees or plants, including citrus, across borders. Citrus greening, citrus canker and other devastating diseases are spread by the movement of infected plants. This includes items made with citrus, such as floral arrangements, wreaths, potpourri or seasonings like kaffir lime leaves. Most international items can be found in the United States, so discourage family and friends from sending them and buy them here instead.

To learn more about ways to help stop the spread of invasive pests and how to report signs of them to the proper authorities, visit www.HungryPests.com or join the conversation on Facebook or Twitter. The website includes photos and descriptions of the 19 Hungry Pests, an online tracker of federal quarantines by state, and phone numbers to report signs of invasive pests.

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The weather on the day of the trip

was exceptionally beautiful, and students were able to explore all areas of the historical site to better contextualize day-to-day interactions between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag. Students put a lot of thought into truly imagining what the challenges of life must have been like in 1620, and how history influences their lives to this day.

What a nice prelude to the introduction of Thanksgiving!

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'Toys for Tots' Local Drop off Locations are Accepting Toy Donations. Ladder 19, K&4th St., Engine 39 - Ladder 18 at D St. Old Colony State Police Barracks, Day Blvd.

SBT Staff Report

One of the surest signs that it's the Christmas Season is the annual 'Toys for Tots' drive. Though there are many drop

off locations across the state, in fact, all across the country, South Boston Today was informed by our good friend and local firefighter

Sean Coyle that the Fire Station, Ladder 19 at the corner of K& E. Fourth Streets and Engine 39, Ladder 18, the station on D Street, in cooperation with the Troopers at the Massachusetts State Police, Old Colony Division will also be a drop off destination this year.

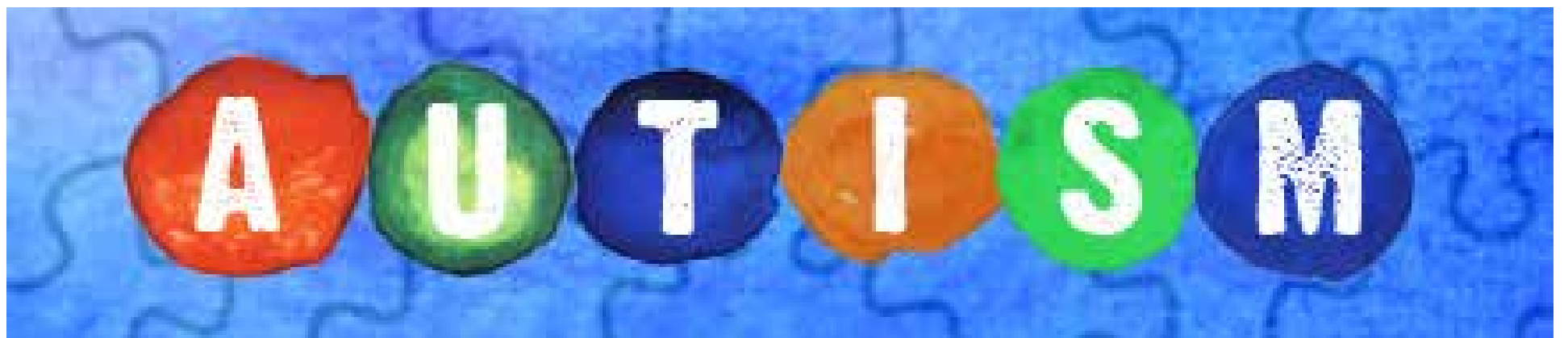
Combining efforts with the Massachusetts State Police, who are organizing local Toys for Tots collections, the firefighters at Ladder 19 and Engine 39, Ladder 18 have joined this effort and will hopefully collect enough donated new toys to help bring a Merry Christmas to even more children who otherwise may not be receiving gifts this season. The State Police Barracks on Day Blvd in South Boston, the Old Colony Division is a major drop of location. And the good thing is, it will be convenient for anyone wanting to donate as both Ladder 19 and The Old Colony Barracks are open 24 hours a day to receive the toys.

What the Toys for Tots organizers are requesting is that all toys donated

be new, unwrapped and in their original packaging. The deadline to donate the toys at both these location is December 16th. The reason for the deadline is to give the organizers time to prepare to separate and pack them and make sure all are delivered on time just before Christmas.

'Toys for Tots' is a Christmastime tradition that has made the season that much merrier for children in need; especially those who may be from disadvantaged families. Receiving a new toy at Christmas can help bring a smile to the faces of so many kids during this magical time of the year. In many parts of the country and locally too, it is sponsored by the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

A well done to the firefighters at Ladder 19 and Engine 39, Ladder 18 and to the Troopers at the Old Colony Division, Massachusetts State Police for being part of this wonderful and caring effort that makes Christmas that much merrier for so many children.



Start-Up Axial Biotherapeutics continued from front page

Mazmanian, the Louis & Nelly Soux Professor of Microbiology, Division of Biology & Biological Engineering, California Institute of Technology (Caltech), is a leader in the field of interactions between the gut microbiome and the brain as it relates to neurological disorders.

Dr. Mazmanian has published his groundbreaking research in journals that include Nature, Science and Cell. The Mazmanian Laboratory was among the first to demonstrate disease modifying effects in mouse models of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) via novel and proprietary microbiome interventions. Axial will leverage those findings to build a microbiome discovery platform targeting the gut-brain

axis which provides the opportunity to generate a diverse pipeline of new therapies for patients with neurological diseases and disorders.

The Series A financing was led by Longwood Fund and Domain Associates. Also, participating in the financing were Kairos Ventures, Heritage Medical Systems and a group of high net worth individuals based in Southern California.

In conjunction with the financing, Axial Biotherapeutics announced the appointment of David H. Donabedian, Ph.D., as Chief Executive Officer and Board Director. Additional Axial Board members include, James C. Blair, Ph.D. Partner, Domain Associates, Michelle Dipp, M.D., Ph.D., Partner, Longwood Fund, and Sarkis Mazmanian, Ph.D., Caltech.

"I look forward to developing this

world class science into treatments which have the potential to help patients where limited treatment options are available," said David H. Donabedian, Ph.D., Co-founder and CEO of Axial Biotherapeutics. "There is mounting evidence that the gut microbiome is implicated in brain development and neurological health and we believe we are at the forefront of generating new avenues for microbiome-targeted therapeutic interventions in multiple neurological diseases and disorders."

Axial has licensed exclusive, worldwide rights to intellectual property which covers a novel and proprietary class of CNS biotherapeutics from the Mazmanian Laboratory at Caltech. Axial's focus will be to translate these discoveries into a unique class of mi-

crobiome-targeted biotherapeutics that could become breakthrough therapies for a variety of neurological diseases and disorders, including ASD and Parkinson's Disease.

"By interrogating the biological link between the gut microbiome and the brain, we are discovering pathways and mechanisms that can be leveraged to develop novel treatment options for vastly underserved diseases," said Sarkis Mazmanian, Ph.D., Co-founder of Axial Biotherapeutics. "The discovery that changes in the gut microbiome may cause neurological diseases is a paradigm shift and opens entirely new possibilities for treating patients. I am looking forward to working with the team at Axial to translate our breakthrough discoveries in the laboratory to patients in need."

December, 2016 Happy Holidays South Boston Branch Library Events

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Bookaneer Children's Book Fair, December 5-10

Grandparent and Grown-up Bookaneers, December 5, 1 pm

Explore the history of piracy in and around the Boston area with Professor Stephen O'Neill of Suffolk University. Images and

discussion bring our pirate past to life. Afterwards, enjoy free coffee while shopping the book fair.

Find plenty of presents for your grandchildren and other scallywags.

Pirate Story Time, December 6, 10:30 am

Every pee-wee pirate will shout ahoy! for this story time all about pirates. Learn a pirate dance and make a simple craft to take home. Stay to shop the Bookaneer Book Fair; your crew will want to take home some loot!

Shadow Puppet Sing-Along, December 7, 10:30 am

Your children may be laughing too hard to sing along to these familiar songs accompanied by shadow puppet antics. Presented by Nappy's Pup-pets. Be sure to stay after the show and shop at our Bookaneer Book Fair.

PirArty Party, December 8, 3:30 pm

Even pirates like to show their creative sides. Join us and choose from several pirate crafts as well as art supplies to explore as you like. Stay to shop the Bookaneer Book Fair; your crew will want to take home some loot!

Bookaneer Ball, December 9, 10:30 am

Wear your favorite pirate or princess clothes and get ready to show your moves on the dance floor. Stay to shop the Bookaneer Book

Fair; your crew will want to take home some loot!

Pirate Pizza Party, December 10, 11:00 am

Stop by to feed your crew for free and for your last chance to shop the book fair.

Annual Gingerbread Contest, December 12, 6 pm

The South Boston Arts Association presents their 4th Annual Gingerbread House Competition & Exhibition to benefit Toys for Tots. Create a gingerbread house, display it with us for the evening, and then in your own home or business for the rest of the holiday season. Exhibits should be dropped off at the branch between 3 and 5:30 p.m. on December 12. The cost of registration is a (or many) new, unwrapped toy. The donation of a toy from our viewing audience is also welcome. First, second, and third prizes will be awarded for individual participants; the Business/non-profit winner will receive a trophy and bragging rights. Register by December 5 at the SBAA website or at the South Boston Branch.

Holiday Sing Along with David Polansky, December 14, 1-2 pm

Join in the spirit of the season at David Polansky's Holiday Singalong! This concert for adults and seniors is one which gets the entire audience sing-ing. David has

written award-winning songs for Christmas, Hannukah, and Kwanzaa and, as a result of being a musician for so many years, his reper-toire of standards is enormous, and includes Winter Wonderland, Jingle Bell Rock, Let It Snow, I Have a Little Dreidel, I've Got My Love to Keep me Warm, Up on a Housetop, and scores of carols and Hannukah songs.

Book Sale by Friends of South Boston Branch, December 17, 10 am - 3 pm

End of year book sale!! Get ready to relax after the holidays with some wonderful new/gently used books. We have a varied selection of books, from recent fiction, non-fiction, biographies, cookbooks, travel, coffee table books, YA classics and children's books. Get the bargain of the year!!

E - Book Drop-In, December 17 and 31, 12 noon -1 pm

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Harvest Havoc At BCYF Tynan Community Center

“Harvest Havoc” 2016 Wrestling show was a Big hit with 225 people attending this past Thanksgiving Eve! The youth from around the

neighborhood and throughout the city came in droves to see a great show put on by UFO Wrestling this Thanksgiving Eve. The wrestlers, who are very professional at what they do,

entertained the crowd throughout the night as the kids endlessly cheered on their favored wrestlers. As one Father said, “this is a great night to get the kids out of the house and enjoy

some community fun with friends and family”. We truly support our community center(s) and all the hard work Boston Centers for Youth and Families do for our children”. Stay tuned were thinking about a April school Vacation show!



Public Skating Begins at Murphy Rink

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

In South Boston, the last weekend in November means 3 things. One: Thanksgiving has come and gone. Two: Sully's at Castle Island has closed for the season and Three: Public skating begins at the Murphy Rink.

Last weekend, true to form, the DCR began its public/open skating sessions at the Murphy to the delight of quite a lot of kids and their parents and people of every age and ability who have been itching to lace up

and test their skills for another year at one of Southie's favorite patiently waiting for the South Boston Youth Hockey players; future NHL stars all, to finish their games. When the last game ended, the zamboni made its rounds and put down a perfect sheet of glassy ice, the skate guard blew the whistle and the throngs rushed out onto the freshly groomed surface and proceeded to have a blast.

There were the casual skaters who are content to cruise, the speedy skaters who can

race around the entire rink at velocities so fast they can make heads spin and even some who were working on a few tricks on their blades that could land them a job with Disney on Ice. And amazingly, no one got in anyone else's way. From beginners to the experienced, everyone seemed to be having a great time AND admission is free. Where else can you have that much fun for that price?

The Public Skating hours at the Murphy this year are as follows:
BIG RINK:

Sunday: 2-4pm, Tuesday: Noon – 2pm, Wednesday: Noon – 2pm, Thursdays: Noon – 2pm, Friday: Noon – 2pm, 6-8pm. Saturday: 7-9pm

SMALL RINK:

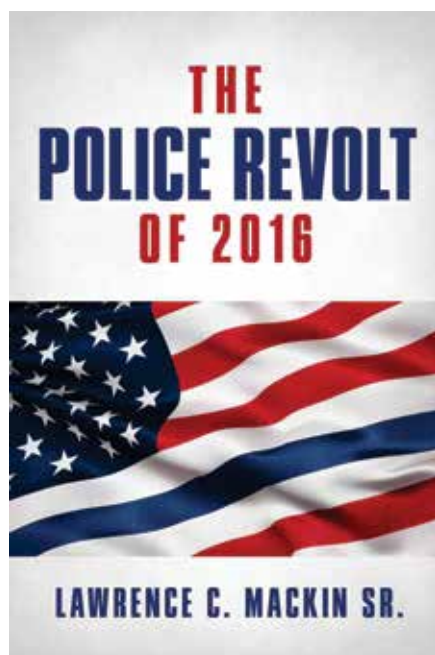
Sunday: 10am – 4pm, 5pm – 8pm, Monday: Noon – 6pm, Tuesday: Noon – 6pm, Wednesday: Noon – 6pm, Thursday: Noon – 6pm, Friday: Noon – 8pm, Saturday: 10am – 8pm.

It looks like it will be a great season judging by the enthusiasm of the crowd on opening weekend. Enjoy!

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This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for Week 13 in the NFL:

DENVER BRONCOS (-5) over Jacksonville Jaguars

-If the playoffs began after Week 12, the 7-4 Denver Broncos would be on the outside looking in, thanks to Sunday night's overtime loss to the Kansas City Chiefs in Denver. There's still hope for the Broncos, who are fighting to be the third AFC West team to advance to the playoffs. With Oakland at 9-2 and Kansas City at 8-3, and all three teams playing each other again before the end of the regular season, it's anybody's guess as to what the AFC playoff picture will look like when it's all said and done. But this much I know: just because the Broncos are in third place in that division, that doesn't mean they're done yet. I expect them to roll on the 2-9 Jaguars in Jacksonville. The Jaguars have lost six straight, and they most likely won't have much success throwing the ball, as Denver's pass defense is the best in the league, allowing just 194 yards in the air per game. I smell at least one pick-six for Denver in this one. Broncos should be able to win big.

ATLANTA FALCONS (-3.5) over Kansas City Chiefs

-Both the Atlanta Falcons and Kansas City Chiefs are coming off big wins in Week 12. Only difference is, Atlanta gets to stay home, after defeating Arizona 38-19 on Sunday.

Kansas City stays on the road after defeating the Broncos in Denver, 30-27. I'll take the home-cooking and the low spread in this one. We know how good the Falcons' offense is in their own building. And while the Chiefs are usually known for their defensive play, you can pass on them this season. The Chiefs' pass defense ranks 20th in the NFL, allowing 260 yards in the air per game. I expect the Falcons to have a big passing day and win their eighth game of the season. This one was simple for me. Atlanta by seven.

BALTIMORE RAVENS (-3.5) over Miami Dolphins

-I've been saying this for a few weeks in a row now, and I'll say it again. Don't sleep on the Baltimore Ravens. At 6-5, the Ravens would be the No. 3 seed in the AFC if the playoffs began today. And you know who they would play in the Wild Card round? The Miami Dolphins. At 7-4, Miami jumps up into the playoff picture as the No. 6 seed in the AFC, thanks to Denver's loss to Kansas City on Sunday night. And even though the Dolphins have won six straight, this game is in Baltimore, and the Ravens have one of the best defenses in football. Baltimore has won three-of-four, with the only loss during that stretch coming two weeks ago in

Dallas. And the Ravens gave the Cowboys a game. Miami has been playing some inspired football, but let's be serious, who have the Dolphins actually beat during this six-game win streak? Not one of those six wins came against a team that's currently in the playoff picture, if the season ended today. Baltimore will present a different challenge for Miami's offense. I'm not telling you to bet against a streak. I'm just telling you to take one of the league's best defenses at home with a low spread against a team that isn't as good as its record shows.

DETROIT LIONS (+5.5) over New Orleans Saints

-With an over/under of 54.5, this one is expected to be a high-scoring affair. And why wouldn't it be? It's in New Orleans. That means the Saints are going to score at home, and the Lions will most likely be able to keep up the pace against a Saints defense that ranks among the worst in the league. Detroit is 7-4 and would be the No. 3 seed in the NFL if the playoffs began today. Having won three straight, the Lions aren't going to be scared of a shootout. However, I'm not so confident that they'll be able to defeat New Orleans. If this one was in Detroit, maybe I'd feel different about the result. But I think the Saints can pull this one off and get back to

.500 at 6-6, keeping them alive in the Wild Card hunt. I'll take the points though, and I'll do that while expecting some type of late touchdown by the Lions, keeping it close. Saints win the game, but I'll take the Lions to cover.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (-7) over Carolina Panthers

-I did not expect the Seattle Seahawks to lose in Tampa Bay on Sunday. How you go into New England and beat the Patriots, and then go into Tampa Bay and lose, is beyond me. But it happened, and I expect the Seahawks to move on and bounce back by being in Cam Newton's face all night Sunday in prime time. The 7-3-1 Seahawks would be the No. 2 seed in the NFC if the playoffs began today, and the 4-7 Panthers are most likely finished after losing in Oakland last week. The story with Carolina's season has been the beating that Newton has taken. It just goes to show you how important protecting your quarterback can be, as it wasn't too long ago that Carolina was representing the NFC in Super Bowl 50. You very well could see Seattle representing the NFC in Super Bowl 51, and I expect the Seahawks to bounce back strong with a big win at home on Sunday night. Seahawks by two scores.

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