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Investigation Ongoing In Southie Double Shooting

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

ast Monday evening, two teenagers were shot in the area of 264 O'Callaghan Way in the Maryellen McCormack housing development. One of the teens, a 16-year-old, was rushed to Boston Medical Center and was pronounced dead. The other victim, just 15 years old was rushed to Tufts New England Medical Center by Emergency Medical Service (EMS) ambulance with non-life-threatening wounds.

A cold night, the quiet was shattered by the sound of gunfire at 11:15pm. Police received calls from residents in the area at approximately 11:20pm with callers reporting that 2 bodies were lying on the street and that they had been shot. Boston Police responded immediately.

Police sources believe that there CONTINUED ON page 12

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EDITORIAL Southie Lights Are Appearing Already

ow that Thanksgiving has come and gone, we can expect the usual headlong rush into and through the Christmas Season. But it doesn't have to be all rush, hustle and bustle. There are other ways to enjoy the season. Our neighbors seem to be getting into the spirit right on time this year, as brilliant light displays are already showing up in the windows, on the doors and around the doorstep railings of so many homes.

We predict that within a week or so, just a stroll down any street in South Boston will be a feast for the eyes, especially after dusk, with all the Christmas lights illuminated. In addition, the annual Christmas tree lightings, with visits from Santa, begin this coming weekend to add to the festive atmosphere taking hold. Stop in to our local churches and watch them, or even volunteer to help them, prepare to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

And for an even bigger light show, why not set aside an evening with family or friends and take in the absolutely incredible Christmas light display on the Boston Common itself? Yes, there is shopping and gift wrapping and menus to plan and all the other activities that make this a busy time of year. But why not set some time aside to relax, catch your breath and enjoy all the other great things that come with the season too? We're guessing you'll be happy you did.



"God gave us memory, so that we might have roses in December" - James M. Barrie

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

We are hoping that you will consider sharing this information either in print, or online. Fourth Presbyterian Church at 340 Dorchester Street is hosting a Narcan training for the community to learn how to use the overdose reversal drug, and receive a dose they can take home with them. The date is December 4 at 6:30 pm.

Here is the information we have been sharing:

Do you have friends or family members who are addicted to opioids? Are you aware of people in your community who are? If you'd like to learn how you can help, particularly during an overdose, come



and Narcan Training Dec. 4 from 6:30-8pm. In addition to learning how to identify an overdose, you will learn what you can do in those critical moments and how to use overdose reversal drug, Narcan. Representatives from Boston Public Health Commission will be there to train you and you will go home with a dose of Narcan to use in emergencies. For more information contact 617.268.1281.

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Are College Degrees Losing Their Appeal?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY John Ciccone

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¬ litists, crybabies " ✓ and junky degrees." This is what a growing number of Americans see the nation's colleges and universities turning out year after year, over the last couple of decades and even before. This quote came from a story in the Washington Post, hardly an arm of the Conservative media, which was written by Kevin Sullivan and Mary Jordan. But a growing number of

already feel this way. The attitude many parents and students see coming from college administrators and certainly quite a few leftist professors is: we'll take your \$200,000 for tuition, room and board and in return we'll provide a useless degree and teach your kids how to hate America.

people didn't need the story to

There seems to be a panic growing among the so called 'elites' of academia that more people have started to and will continue to place less importance on a 4-year college degree, especially since so many majors are geared to fields that will earn a graduate little money and lead to dead end careers. When combined with the coddling and radicalizing of students that has been so apparent on a growing number of campuses, what used to be seen by most as a smart move for future development is increasingly thought of now as nothing but a bad, maturity-stunting experience. Further is the feeling that it will lead to a life time of disappointment and failure, leaving them totally unprepared to survive in the real world. Adding to the panic is that government

funding, as well as private donations to institutions of higher learning, appear to be declining.

Certainly, society will always need doctors and other professionals in the medical field, dentists, teachers and scientists etc. But as one parent, who put three children through college said recently at a meeting to discuss the increasing cost of tuition. "It's frightening that students can run up loan debt, easily over a hundred thousand dollars, after spending four years taking classes in basket weaving, diversity studies and the health benefits of Tibetan goat milk. They are taught that America is the cause of all the evil in the world and that 'safe spaces' will be provided to protect them from everything they don't want to hear".

What also seems to be happening is that an awakening of sorts is taking place. It's no longer taboo to say that maybe putting in 4 years to get a liberal arts degree isn't for everyone. Nor should it be drilled into the minds of young people that this is what must they must do, as soon as they leave high school.

Other options are out there and should be and are being given to people of college age. There is, and probably always will be, a big need for electricians, plumbers, carpenters and tradesmen and tradeswomen in fields, where you provide a service and create and repair things that people actually need. And of course, the tech field is only going to grow bigger and more important, as the years pass. There will always be a need for police and firefighters and career military personnel. All of these are admirable careers needed and positive ways.

Though it rarely happens, in my opinion the Washington Post story got it right. Americans are placing less importance on a 4-year college degree and that colleges and universities really do have a reason to worry about this. But much of it is the fault

of those institutions. If they that contribute to society in much cannot bring things under control and stop allowing campuses to become America-hating bastions ruled by radical, free speech-suppressing students urged on and manipulated by leftist professors, it may not be too long before, in order for these schools to survive, they'll be holding bake sales and bingos to pay the bills.

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Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education. We will except reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

It's a gusher: Heating-oil assistance flowing to state despite Trump's budget threat

President Donald Trump may have threatened to eliminate the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program in his initial budget. But like most of his legislative agenda, it never happened, so federal oil-assistance funds are still flowing – and that's good news for Massachusetts. Gary Tuoti at Wicked Local has the details

School committee, mayor want answers on IRS audit

The Boston School Committee and Mayor Marty Walsh are demanding answers about an IRS audit that found the school system was improperly paying for teachers out of a student-activity fund, reports the Globe's James Vaznis and the Herald's Dan Atkinson. The Globe, which originally broke the audit story, reports that the school department is "still keeping the full audit secret and has refused to say how many schools, how many employees, or how much money is involved."

Cha ching: Bain Capital – and Deval Patrick – cash out with investment sale

Unilever's announced purchase yesterday of Sundial Brands means a big payout for Boston's Bain Capital, an investor in the skincare-products company, and for former Gov. Deval Patrick, who joined Bain two years ago and served on Sundial's board of directors as part of Bain's stake in the firm, reports Greg Ryan at the BB

Warren calls Trump's latest 'Pocahontas' taunt a 'racial slur' It almost boggles the mind that President Trump used a ceremony honoring the legendary Navajo "code talkers" of World War II to once again take a cheap "Pocahontas" shot at U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, but he did, according to an AP report at WBUR. Warren is now accusing Trump of using a "racial slur" during what was supposed to be a solemn occasion. The Herald's Kimberly Atkinsdescribes the now familiar "Pocahontas" jab as a clear "racial epithet." But here's our question: Why did it take so long to denounce the "Pocahontas" digs, long used by Trump and others against Warren, in such terms? Not that the term isn't a racial slur or racial epithet. Instead, it's more than a little fascinating for those of us interested in political group think that this line of defense is only now being hauled out in force, not months or even years ago.

Either way, the new defense strate-

gy isn't going to work. Trump being Trump, he's never going to let go of the insult -- and any counter-attacks will only draw more attention to the Native-American controversy that's dogged Warren for years. The Herald's Howie Carr is all over the controversy -- again.

The CFPB drama: 'A decent reality TV plot'

Speaking of Warren, it was indeed a 'surreal' day in Washington yesterday, as Trump and anti-Trump surrogates battled it out over control of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Of course, it was ultimately a mere proxy fight between forces representing President Donald Trump and, distantly, U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren. The Globe's Julia Jacobs and SHNS's Katie Lannan have the details.

Brockton-led education funding suit coming by year's end

Here's one holiday-season gift the state's leadership would rather not unwrap: The city of Brockton is poised to file a lawsuit by the continued on page 5

Wards 6 and 7 Republican Committee Gathers at Coppersmith



Speaking (center-standing): Michael Pollack, Campaign Manager for Dan Shores, Republican Candidate for MA State Attorney General 2018. Standing to left, Geoff Diehl, Republican Candidate for U.S. Senate in 2018. Both men addressed members of South Boston Ward 6 and 7. Seated: some members of Ward 6 & 7. Not pictured, but present: Victor Pap, Political Director for John Kingston, Republican Candidate for U.S. Senate 2018.

he South Boston Republican Ward 6 and 7 committee held their meeting last Tuesday, November 21st at 7pm. It was located at the Coppersmith Restaurant located at 40 West 3rd Street and drew an impressive crowd. Republican candidates for office and or their representatives showed up to meet and greet committee members, activists and potential voters.

Along with Ward 6 and 7 committee members and voters, among those in attendance were Geoff Diehl, Candidate for US Senator from Massachusetts in 2018, Victor Pap, political director for the John Kingston campaign, who will also be seeking the US Senate seat from Massachusetts next year, Michael Pollack, campaign manager for Dan Shores who will be running for State Attorney General.

Also in attendance were Lori Brannigan Kelly; who is the Republican Committeewoman for the First Suffolk District and Greg Casey, the Republican Committeeman for the First Suffolk District.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an organizational opportunity for ward committee members. Diehl, Pap and Pollack each made a 10-15-minute presentation to the crowd, which was followed by a question and answer session open to all in attendance. Organizers of the meeting expressed optimism that there is tremendous potential in South Boston to grow the Republican Party and to mobilize/ energize existing voters to participate in vital local, state and national elections.

Every Real Neighborhood Has A Library



I has been stated that 'libraries have the power to educate, convene, preserve, inspire, and connect'. Even in this modern age of electronic media, google, phone apps, kindle and other means of accessing data and information, there is nothing like holding a book. And sitting in the tranquility of a library setting, doing a quick reference search or reading a chapter or two on a 30-minute break from work and the high-speed internet, among like-minded neighbors, has become a nearly lost element of urban living. The importance and value of the

physical presence of a library in the South Boston Waterfront was 'set aside' in the recent negotiations to create open space venues to accommodate theater, arts, innovation rooms and community areas during the community benefits mitigation phase of the Seaport Square city approval process.

The negotiators (Boston Planning and Development Agency BPDA staff included) didn't account for the quiet determination of Representative Nick Collins to advance, in the siting of a library, what he believes to be as important an institution to a neighborhood, as the Lady of Good Voyage Chapel is. It is the disappearance over time of institutions such as churches, libraries, schools and playgrounds that cause Collins concern.

These venues have inherent value and can easily convert to public or community spaces. In recent years, in the neighborhoods of Boston, especially during the administration of the late Mayor Tom Menino, these institutions had first been consolidated and then sold to the highest bidder for their locations and real estate value.

So, as reported the other day in the Boston Globe, the Seaport just might get a library after all. Collins complained that the burgeoning district is being built without enough of the places — like a library — that make a neighborhood feel like home. But when the BPDA approved the developer's plan on Nov. 16, it required two performing arts centers, but no library. That same week, Collins took action. He quietly introduced a \$10 million amendment to a state spending bill for the "creation and construction of a Boston Public Library branch on the South Boston Waterfront". That bill then was passed by the House.

That doesn't mean it's a done deal. The money will need ap-

proval by the Senate and the signature of Governor Charlie Baker. Senator Linda Dorcena Forry has pledged her support of Collins' initiative in the Senate.

Collins stated, "Our public facilities and open spaces are instrumental in creating community. On the South Boston Waterfront where open, public space is few and far between, it's critical that we create lasting quality public open space for generations to come, so it becomes and remains everyone's waterfront."

The public library is a critical part of the community ecosystem. Locating a library in the Seaport, among the glass and steel structures and fast-paced, bottom-line driven enterprises being conducted there, is a community-based anchor that reminds folks that it's as venerable, as it is symbolic. For Collins, it's a hoped-for affirmation of his role in preserving the institutions that formed the foundation of his own neighborhood nearby, of which the waterfront is now a part.

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end of the year challenging the state's approach to funding education, Tom Relihan of the Enterprise reports. Brockton—which stared down a \$16 million deficit in its school budget this year—has reached out to other communities to join the action and is looking to identify students to name as plaintiffs. The last time such legal action was started, of course, it led to sweeping education reforms.

Galvin now has not one but two challengers

From Christian Wade at the Salem News: "Secretary of State William Galvin, who is the longestserving official elected statewide, has drawn challengers from his own party for the first time in years. Josh Zakim, a Boston city councilor, filed paperwork Monday signaling his plan to run against Galvin in next year's Democratic primary, becoming the second contender to challenge Galvin's decades-long hold on the office. Brian Felder of Swampscott filed paperwork in July to run for the office. Zakim, a lawyer who has served on the City Council since 2014, has a background in community activism. He says Galvin hasn't been vocal enough in opposing the policies and actions of Republican President Donald Trump and the GOP-controlled Congress."

For some reason, we don't think an anti-Trump plank is going to work in a secretary of state's race. We could be wrong.

The T's rosy future – after a little more pain

CommonWealth magazine's Bruce Mohl has a good piece about how MBTA officials are becoming increasingly optimistic that riders will soon be seeing major service improvements in coming years, mostly due to the arrival of new Red and Orange line subway cars. SHNS's Andy Metzger (pay wall) reports that the T is now viewing the Blue Line as the future model for other lines, partly due to its newer cars and a maintenance system known as "reliability centered maintenance" (or RCM)



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the new Developer Portal will help

to streamline processes and create transparency and efficiency for both

Developers will be required to submit their materials through

the portal and once they do, they will receive automated emails as

their projects progress through

the Article 80 process. The new

online process will decrease data

entry for BPDA project managers,

creating a smaller margin of error

for project data. Upon developer

will review all data and approve

or reject all changes in the data-

base. All approved data changes

will be published on the proj-

ect page for the public to view, alerting the public about project

updates faster than ever before.

The Developer Portal is the

second phase of the BPDA's ef-

forts to increase the quality and

submission, a project manager

BPDA staff and developers.

BPDA Announces Tech Upgrades

he Boston Planning & Development Agency announced new project timeline pages on the agency's website, along with the launch of a new Developer Portal which will allow developers to electronically submit all project data and documents.

"Our new project page timelines tell the story of each project in a clear and concise way and help to educate the public on the Article 80 process," said BPDA Director, Brian Golden. "This web enhancement fits with Mayor Walsh's goal of an open and transparent BPDA, and the agency will continue to leverage technology as a resource for the greater public good."

Over the coming weeks BPDA development project web pages will be updated to include the

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON SITE CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES

Former DCR Site 696 Rear East First Street, South Boston MassDEP RTN 3-20661

Former Owner: Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Current Owner: Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport)

Monday, December 11, 2017

As part of the Public Involvement Process for the site at 696 Rear East First Street, Massport will host a public information meeting about the remediation and submittal of a Permanent Solution with Conditions for this site. The site is tracked by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) under Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-20661. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on site status pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP).

The meeting will be held in the Senior Lunch Room of the Curley Community Center located at 1663 Columbia Road, South Boston, on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Please use the M Street entrance.

Copies of the assessment and remediation documents are available for review at the South Boston Public Library and MassDEP, Northeast Regional Office, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01876 or on-line at http://public.dep.state.ma.us/wsc_viewer/.

Interested parties may also submit written questions or concerns to James Stolecki at Massport's Environmental Management Unit Office, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, MA 02128 or by e-mail at jstolecki@massport.com.

new project timeline feature. The revamped pages will utilize a timeline feature to display key milestone dates, documents, events, pictures, and public comment forms. The timelines will read from top to bottom, with the most recent events first. The timeline can also be sorted depending on the viewer's preferences and can be filtered by documents, milestones, events, and more. For example, a quick events filter has the ability to show constituents all the public meetings that occur within the Article 80 process for any given project. Additional data will also provide snapshots of the project as it changes throughout the community process and BPDA recommendations. Pictures of renderings and construction can also be displayed as the project is being developed.

Project timelines will also



feature a comment period milestone. When the comment period is open, this milestone will have a special link that will provide the user with a comment form link so that they can submit an opinion along with a detailed comment.

After seeing the new timelines, Marc Ebuña, Roxbury resident and co-founder of Transit Matters said, "I've been wanting to see the Article 80 project process visualized like this for years! This a major step in transparency." Example timelines can be viewed for the 1000 Boylston and 75-85 Liverpool Street projects.

In tandem with the new timelines,

transparency of the agency's data. In 2016, the BPDA's Management Information Systems (MIS) division migrated all data to Salesforce in order for the agency to produce and maintain better quality data and create automated workflows.

Both the new timeline feature and Developer Portal are the results of the BPDA's efforts to design new systems, processes, tools, and communications to address these four areas of focus, following the agency's new organizational identity: Engage Communities, Implement New Solutions, Partner for Greater Impact, and Track Progress.



ayor Marty Walsh headlined One Seaport's Ribbon Cutting on November 29 2017. One Seaport is a marquee destination within the Seaport District. Comprised of two city blocks and situated on three acres of land in the heart of the neighborhood, One Seaport is the largest mixeduse project in the City of Boston in over 30 years. It spans 1.5 million square feet in total and represents the highest concentration of retail space in the Seaport, with 250,000 square feet devoted to shopping, dining, fitness, and entertainment. 832 modern, amenity-rich apartments, dubbed The Benjamin and VIA, sit above the retail experience. One Seaport solidifies the Seaport's reputation as Boston's most transformative neighborhood.

RECENT & UPCOMING OPEN-INGS IN ONE SEAPORT

75 on Courthouse Square (Opening by End of Year): Celebrated Boston restaurateur Thomas Kershaw adds another neighborhood gem to his successful "75" restaurant collection this holiday season in mid-December.

Bank of America (Now Open): 7 Fan Pier Boulevard Boston, MA 02110

Bonobos (Now Open): Bonobos was founded to provide men with better-fitting clothes and an easier way to shop. This is the brand's second location in Massachusetts. 54 Seaport

One Seaport - Boston's Largest Mixed-Use Development In 30 Years, Located On The South Boston Waterfront

Boulevard Boston, MA 02110

Caffè Nero (Now Open): A charming European style coffee house, 55 Northern Avenue Boston, MA 02110

Equinox (Now Open): The highperformance fitness and lifestyle leader has developed a brand that represents service, value, quality, expertise, and innovation. 27 Northern Avenue Boston, MA 02110

Kings Dining & Entertainment (Now Open): This locally grown Boston business rekindles the fun and escape of bowling with a memorable entertainment experience emphasizing homemade food, cold beer, creative cocktails, and great music, 60 Seaport, Suite 225, Boulevard Boston, MA 02110

La Colombe (Opening by End of Year): This trendy coffee shop will bring its artisan roasted coffee, artisan bread and pastries, and signature draft lattes to its second Boston post. 23 Northern Avenue Boston, MA 02110

L.L.Bean (Opening Spring 2018): The iconic brand's first store in Boston proper, 56 Seaport Boulevard Boston, MA 02110

Luke's Lobster (Opening Wednesday, November 29, 2017): Luke's Lobster offers a menu of Maine-style lobster, crab, and shrimp rolls, chowder, grilled cheese, and more, 53 Northern Avenue Boston, MA 02110

lululemon (Now Open): The leader in technical athletic clothes for yoga, running, and other sweaty pursuits, 62 Seaport Boulevard Boston, MA 02110

Mr. Sid (Now Open): Mr. Sid's Seaport location marks its first Boston location and is the second store for the lifestyle brand, which is currently celebrating its 50-year anniversary at its original location in Newton Centre, Mass., 49 Northern Avenue Boston, MA 02110

Peter Millar (Opening Spring 2018): This premium lifestyle brand, known for luxury menswear and performance golf apparel, will open its first Massachusetts location, 45 Northern Avenue, Boston, MA 02110

ShowPlace ICON at Seaport (Opening Winter 2018): ShowPlace ICON at Seaport will immerse guests in a luxury movie experience with sophisticated décor, 10 auditoriums, and 855 seats, 60 Seaport Boulevard, Suite 315 Boston, MA 02110

Seaport Barbers (Now Open): A convenient neighborhood escape for busy men, Seaport Barbers delivers a space to take a breath while enjoying a quality haircut or straight razor shave, 51 Northern Avenue Boston, MA 02110

sweetgreen (Now Open): This fast casual concept prides itself in providing simple, seasonal and healthy salads and grain bowls, 47 Northern Avenue Boston, MA 02110

Scorpion Bar & The Grand (Now Open): Boston nightlife impresarios Big Night Entertainment Group (BNEG) own and operate Scorpion Bar and The Grand, 58 Seaport Boulevard Boston, MA 02110

The C.C. Filson Co. (Opening Spring 2018): The C.C. Filson Co. has selected Boston's Seaport for its first store in New England. Founded in 1897, outdoor men and women have come to rely on Filson's field-tested goods. The store's interior will pay homage to the history of the Boston's historic working seafront, 52 Seaport Boulevard Boston, MA 02110

Tuscan Kitchen (Now Open): This classic New England brand has opened a 300-seat artisan Italian restaurant concept, serving made from scratch Italian cuisine. The Seaport restaurant also sells bread, cheese, gelato, and imported Italian good, 64 Seaport Boulevard Boston, MA 02110

Warby Parker (Opening Spring 2018): Warby Parker has established itself as the industry leader in carrying vintage-inspired, designer eyewear at a revolutionary price while leading the way for socially conscious businesses. 72 Seaport Boulevard Boston, MA 02110

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The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)

Announce the Availability of a

Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Section 4(f) Determination and a

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the

SOUTH STATION EXPANSION (SSX) PROJECT

The Final EA and Section 4(f) Determination and the FONSI are available on the project website: **www.mass.gov/MassDOT/SouthStationExpansion**. FRA and MassDOT collected comments on the Draft EA and Draft Section 4(f) Determination for 30 days ending on May 27, 2017. Written responses to comments are provided in the FONSI.

The purpose of the SSX project is to expand South Station terminal capacity to meet current and anticipated future commuter rail and intercity rail service needs. To use federal funding, the SSX project underwent the federal environmental review process required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EA discloses the potential environmental impacts of expanding South Station, and FRA determined that the project would not have a significant adverse impact on the quality of the human and natural environment.

In addition to the project website, the Final EA, Section 4(f) Determination and FONSI are available for viewing at multiple libraries listed on the project website. To request a copy of the documents, please

contact Steve Woelfel, Deputy Director, MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning, at <u>Steve.Woelfel@state.ma.us</u> or at (857) 368-8889.



The Wine Guy



IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME

ell, here we are again. Gift lists, party invitations and email inboxes overflowing with deals. Even with all the stress, the costs, the scheduling and the travelling, the relatives you don't want to see and the ones that you do, it is hopefully, the most wonderful time of the year. That calls for bubbly and not just champagne; there's a sparkle for just about every part of this season and we should take a look at some of them here. Why not start locally?

Westport Rivers Vineyards, located in Westport, Mass., has been pleasantly surprising visitors for years with its Chardonnay, but especially with its Sparkling Wines. Their newest entry, Westport Rivers Mayflower Special Club, NV, (\$32.99), is described by its maker, Bill Russell, this way: "This wine begins with fresh strawberry, cranberry, and plum notes anchored by toasted wheat and graham cracker savory richness (thanks to our Champagne Method aging). Wisps of cedar and violet entice a deeper inhale. The dosage, made from our special reserve red adds a subtle grip and pull of barrel-aged dryness and persistent black cherry flavors". Oysters, shrimp and cherrystones all love this wine and you will, too.

Bisol Jeio Cuvee NV Prosecco (\$15) Bisol is an Italian winery with a mere 500 years of experience under its belt-safe to say they know what they're doing. This NV Brut is a low-key character, subtle and understated, finebeaded and creamy. Apricot and peach tones along with a sharp citrus note and a faint trace of baking spice. This one's a great value, but don't keep it too long-Jeio wasn't made to age all that gracefully. It will play a gracious sidekick to polenta and mushrooms or any number of veggie dishes, however.

From the west coast comes *J Cuvée Brut 20 NV (\$25.00)*, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier. Sleek, dry, fruit-forward. Citrus and something a bit fennel-like on the nose; creamy body with yeast, honey, pear, apple and spice notes. You could drink this every dayand I know some people who do.

Last but not least, as they say, is Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve (\$65.00). With a brilliant gold color and long-lasting bubbles, this highly vivacious stuff is aged for a long time on the yeast, so it has a very mature and voluptuous nature—it's a bit like someone managed to bottle sunshine. Ripe fruit notes (plum and apricot, a little mango) mingle with lightly nutlike traces on the nose, while the palate imparts buttery pastry, cherries and caramel and praline notes. The texture is lavish and lush. If I were going to step out on Billecart-Salmon, I'd be hooking up with Heidsieck for sure. (In other words, put this in the Awesome Gift Column.)

Hope these suggestions give you a "running start" for what all of here at South Boston Today hope will be the beginning of a Season of Joy, Hope and Peace for all.

ASK the Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com



5th Annual Hat and Glove Drive



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Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
621 East First St UNIT D1 Condo	\$1,750,000	7/28/17	4	2	2098
621 East First St UNIT D6 Condo	\$1,402,000	7/28/17	3	2	1772
350 West Broadway Condo	\$1,200,000	7/28/17	5	2.5	1746
515 East First St UNIT 8 Condo	\$1,083,000	7/28/17	4	2	1347
27 Jenkins Street Two Family	\$850,000	7/28/17	13	2	2170
617 East Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$810,000	7/28/17	7	2	1976
1790 Columbia Rd UNIT 2 Condo	\$750,000	7/28/17	6	1	934
621 East First St UNIT C7 Condo	\$739,000	7/28/17	2	1	928
39 Dorchester St UNIT 8 Condo	\$720,000	7/28/17	4	2	1280
633 East Seventh St UNIT 1 Condo	\$685,000	7/28/17	5	2	1060
81 F St UNIT 2 Condo	\$644,000	7/28/17	4	2	1199
693 East Eighth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$640,000	7/28/17	6	2	1232
59 Story St UNIT 3 Condo	\$635,000	7/28/17	4	1	779
11 Mercer St UNIT 2 Condo	\$579,000	7/28/17	4	2	808
108 I St UNIT 1 Condo	\$555,000	7/28/17	6	1	1412
121 M St UNIT 2 Condo	\$465,000	7/28/17	3	1	527
140-142 West Fourth St UNIT U3 Condo	\$435,000	7/28/17	3	2	598



Public Meeting

457-469A WEST BROADWAY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM **200 D STREET** Condon Community Center South Boston, MA 02127

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In Memory of Peg Flaherty - Thanksgiving Luncheon

Peg Flaherty Second Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon Was A Full House!

ver 150 friends and admirers of the late Peg Flaherty, matriarch of the one of the most celebrated political families of South Boston, enjoyed a scrumptious luncheon, and a rocking dance floor,

sponsored by her son City Councilor Michael Flaherty and his siblings, at Coppersmiths Restaurant.

The Second Annual Peggy Flaherty Thanksgiving Luncheon was highlighted by the "Women For Others" Award that was presented to Jane K. Boyer, Advocacy Representative, Commissioner on Affairs of the Elderly, whose career has been dedicated to the senior citizen population as well as Veterans and Individual with Disabilities Singing along to many of the hometown favorites and pop classics played by DJ Alan LaBella, seniors from all over the City of Boston were in fine spirits as each generation danced to







their era favorites from Irish, blues, ballroom to flapper to swing to jitterbug. Mayor Walsh's Elderly Commission representative Mary Beth Kelly and her staff were on hand to participate and escort the attendees.

Joining Councilor Flaherty were



his sister Clerk Magistrate, Peggy Flaherty Albertson, and his colleagues, Clerk Michael J. Donovan, retiring Councilor Bill Linehan, Rep. Nick Collins, Councilor-Elect Ed Flynn and longtime friend and South Boston icon Harry Ullman.



The Councilor's brother John Flaherty, coach and mentor at Boston College High School, acted as Emcee and was beaming as he introduced the Irish Step Dancer who regaled the audience and being none other than his daughter (and Peg's



The memory of Peg Flaherty, a staunch and valiant defender of South Boston and its family values, was fondly appreciated for her fervor and grit. South Boston knows she's keeping a watchful eye on her town.

VNA of Boston's Heroes in Health Care Gala Raises \$275,000

NA of Boston, part of VNA Care, honored industry leaders while raising \$275,000 during the 12th annual Heroes in Health Care Gala at the Mandarin Oriental, Boston. The Gala is VNA of Boston's signature fundraising event, and provides essential funding for direct patient care and support for vulnerable, underserved populations through the nonprofit's Maternal Child Health Program and Charitable Care Fund and for people with advanced illnesses through the Palliative Care Program of VNA Hospice & Palliative Care. VNA of Boston, the first organized visiting nurse association in the United States, has provided home-based health care for 131 years.

South Boston residents Amy and Joshua Boger were the Presenting Sponsors of the Gala; South Boston resident Jessica Piper participated on the Heroes in Health Care Gala's Host Committee; and South Boston resident Laura Wise, Manager of Fund Development for VNA Care, oversaw the successful event.

The event honors individuals and institutions that have made profound and sustained contributions to the health and wellbeing of the citizens in our community. VNA of Boston presented Heroes Awards to IBM Watson Health (accepted by Dusty Majumdar, PhD, chief marketing officer); Dr. Pierantonio Russo, vice president, health services, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, and lecturer, population medicine, Harvard School of Public Health; and Richard Rakowski, CEO, Medically Home Group.

The Heroes in Health Care Gala was hosted by

Dr. Mallika Marshall, WBZ-TV News medical reporter. John R. Greed, president and CEO of Mutual of America, was Fund the Mission chair, and David Brown, chief advancement officer of MAB Community Services and former longtime meteorologist for WCVB Channel 5, served as Fund the Mission ambassador.

"We are truly grateful for the unwavering support of our sponsors and friends. Their generosity is helping VNA of Boston change lives," said Laura Wise, Manager of Fund Development for VNA Care.

To learn more about leadership giving at the VNA of Boston, please contact Laura Wise, manager of fund development, at 617-886-6460. To learn more about the VNA of Boston, visit www. vnacare.org or www.facebook.com/vnacare.org.



From left: Laura Wise of South Boston and manager of fund development for VNA Care; Barbara Belony, RN, member of the Gala Host Committee, and Judy Walsh, member of the Host Committee

From left: Katherine Riley, PT, member of the Gala Host Committee, Holly Hughes, RN, and Jessica Piper, APRN, of South Boston and member of the Gala Host Committee

Double Shooting... Continued from front page

may have been witnesses in the area and are hoping to get the information they need to help with and speed up their investigation of the incident. Police officials have put out an urgent request to anyone who may have information regarding this crime to please call them right away. There are two numbers provided. One number is 617-343-4470 or calls can be made to the police Anonymous Tip Line at 800-494-TIPS (8477). As of this writing, there have been no updates and no suspects have been named or arrested in the case. Possible motives for the shooting are not clear at this time. The condition of the wounded teen seems to be stable. Boston Police Commissioner William Evans when asked by reporters about the condition of the injured victim he responded that "The 15-year-old looks like he'll be fine."

As most of our readers know, O'Callaghan Way is located within the Maryellen McCormack public housing development, which is often referred to as Old Harbor Village. It was built in 1936 and opened for occupancy in 1938 and contains more than 1000 units of family housing. There is a mixture of 3 story buildings and row houses in this tightly knit neighborhood within a neighborhood. However, plans are now in the works to tear down much of the development and renovate the area. Generations of South Bostonians have called the area home and it has usually been a good and safe place to live. The shootings that took place on Monday are certainly not the norm for the area, so the residents are upset and on edge.

Officials have informed SBT that police presence has been increased since the crime was committed and there are regular patrols. Residents have also been told by officials that all efforts will be made to insure the public safety.

South Boston Today will post any and all updates on the shooting incident on our social media sites. As soon as we receive them, we will relay the information to our readers.

South Boston Students Earn BC High School Honors



Timothy Lynch 2018





Brandon Thomas 2021 outh Boston students in several grades are excelling at Boston College High School. The quality of the education foundation received at local public schools, charter



Connor Morrow 2018



Timothy Smyth 2018



Daniel Murtagh 2019

schools, as well as St. Peter Academy and South Boston Catholic Academy has them thriving at the high school level. Kudos to the following: High Honors - For High Honors, an



Andrew Topalian 2018



upperclassman must have at least a 3.8



Nolan Callow 2021



Christopher Lowe 2021



Tyler Woolf 2020 Thomas Lowe 2021

Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men founded in 1863. The school enrolls approximately 1600 students from more than 100 communities in eastern Massachusetts.



Arbri Leka 2020

James McDonnell 2018 Honors - For Honors, upperclassmen need a 3.2 QPA and all grades C- or higher. Freshmen need a 3.16 QPA and all grades C- or higher.

> quality point average and all grades C+ or higher. Freshmen need a 3.6 QPA and all grades C+ or higher Boston College High School is a



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Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park, and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department hosted the 15th annual lighting of Christopher Columbus Park's signature trellises on November 20. Located at 110 Atlantic Avenue on Boston's historic waterfront, the park is transformed into a holiday wonderland when 260 feet of trellis are set aglow with 50,000 blue lights.

The lighting celebration was presented with support from the Marriot Long Wharf Hotel, HP Hood LLC, Joe's American Bar & Grill Waterfront, the 'Must Be The Milk' initiative of the New England Dairy Promotion Board, and Magic 106.7.

Gingerbread House Contest in South Boston



he Gingerbread House Contest is OPEN to all South Boston Businesses, Individuals and Organizations. The Entry Fee is \$25.00 or an unwrapped toy* *Win Cash Prizes:*

General Public - 1st Prize \$250, 2nd Prize \$125, 3rd Prize \$100

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Houses will be on display at Dedham Savings on 636 East Broadway and on South Boston Arts Association website/and Facebook page in December for holiday shopping/dining season. * Funds raised will be donated to: Labouré House and unwrapped Toys will be donated to Toys for Tots. Deadline to enter is Nov. 30; Deliver Entry Dec. 4; Reception and Prize Awards Dec. 18. Apply http://www.southbostonartsassoc.org/ Sponsored by South Boston Arts Association and Dedham Savings Bank South Boston Arts Association -Website - http://www.southboston-

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n this Thanksgiving week, rather than remain disappointed at some horrible picks the last few weekends, I'm grateful that I still have the opportunity to recover with some winners in Week 12. We've got 16 games on the schedule. As the tradition goes, three of them will be on Thursday. I'll stay away from those three. Which means I'll have 13 games to choose from. If anything, I'm due.

Here are my picks for Week 12: BUFFALO BILLS (+10) over Kansas City Chiefs

-The 6-4 Chiefs have looked horrible as of late, losing four of their last five, including a pathetic loss to the lowly New York Giants at MetLife on Sunday. If the playoffs began after Week 11, Kansas City would still be in, as the No. 4 seed in the AFC. They host a 5-5 Bills team that's on the outside looking in at the current playoff picture. Buffalo has lost its last three, and just got crushed by the Los Angeles Chargers in LA on Sunday, thanks to rookie quarterback Nathan Peterman's five interceptions in the first half. I'm expecting Tyrod Taylor to get his starting job back against Kansas City. I'm also expecting Taylor to be playing with a chip on

his shoulder, which should, at the very least, help the Bills cover the spread on the road against a Chiefs team that has some issues. *TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (+9.5) over Atlanta Falcons*

-If the playoffs began after Week 10, three NFC South teams would be in. The 4-6 Buccaneers are not one of those teams. But with Ryan Fitzpatrick taking over for the injured Jameis Winston, Tampa Bay has won two straight. The 6-4 Falcons have also won two straight, but they haven't been dominant at home this year, having lost to both the Bills and Dolphins in Atlanta earlier in the season. The Buccaneers just beat the Dolphins on Sunday, in Miami, and now head to Atlanta for a divisional showdown. Maybe Atlanta pulls this one out, but I feel comfortable that Tampa Bay will cover the spread. **TENNESSEE TITANS (-3.5) over**

Indianapolis Colts

-The 6-4 Titans enter Indianapolis after getting smoked by the Steelers on Thursday Night Football. They'll take on a 3-7 Colts team that's coming off the bye. Before the bye, the Colts nearly beat the Steelers in Week 10, and they showed some signs of life the week before that when they beat the Texans — without Deshaun Watson — in Houston. Both the Colts and Titans allow more than 25 points per game, but it should be noted that Tennessee has one of the top run defenses in the league. All of that said, the Titans are clearly more talented than the Colts, and they should be able to go into Indy and win by at least a touchdown. I'll take Tennessee by seven.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (+2.5) over Los Angeles Rams

-This is probably the most important game of the week, as the 7-3 Rams host the 8-2 Saints. New Orleans has won eight straight, while LA is coming off a loss to the Vikings in Minnesota. If the playoffs began after Week 11, New Orleans would be the No. 3 seed in the NFC and Los Angeles would be the No. 4 seed. And with the "head-to-head" tiebreaker being the most important tiebreaker, Sunday's game in LA has huge playoff implications when it comes to seeding. I'm taking the Saints to win their ninth straight, which means I'm obviously taking the points in a game that could very well be a playoff preview. New Orleans by three.

This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for Week 12 in the NFL:

OAKLAND RAIDERS (-5) over Denver Broncos

-Both the 4-6 Raiders and 3-7 Broncos are out of the current playoff picture, but Oakland has a chance to stay alive with a win at home over Denver on Sunday. The Raiders are coming off a loss to the New England Patriots in Mexico in Week 11. That was technically a "home" game for the Raiders, which is somewhat unfair. But they'll actually be playing in Oakland this weekend, against a Broncos team that's lost six straight. Maybe Denver has a shot against an Oakland defense that will be functioning under a new defensive coordinator after firing Ken Norton Jr. during the week. And the Broncos have already beaten the Raiders this season, by a score of 16-10. That was the game Derek Carr was injured though. Also, Denver was a much different team at that point of the season. It's a must-win game for the Raiders, who should be able to take advantage of home field against a Broncos team that may have already checked out. Give me Oakland by 10. Listen to "The Danny Picard Show" at dannypicard.com and on the PodcastOne network. Also available on iTunes and Google Play.







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