



With The Election Over, What's Next For Democrats

harlie Baker is still the Governor. Interestingly, he and Karyn Polito won by a 2-1 margin, state-wide, over the Democratic nominee Jay Gonzalez and, surprisingly, finished dead even in Boston. In light of this, what does this say about the future direction of the Democratic Party in Massachusetts.

Democrats Maura Healey, Bill Galvin, Suzanne Bump, Deb Goldberg, Nick Collins, Michael Donovan, Maura Doyle, Stephen Murphy, Maura Hennigan, all retained their respective State and Suffolk County posts and Democratic nominees were re-elected by and large among Boston's legislative delegation. Newcomers include District Attorney-Elect Rachel Rollins and State Representative-Elect David Biele.

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EDITORIAL God Bless Our Veterans on Veterans Day and Every Day

rmy, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, it doesn't matter in which branch of the United States Armed Forces our veterans served, those men and women put their private lives on hold for the purpose of defending our very way of life. To serve one's country; often putting themselves in harm's way to do their part to protect their fellow country men and women is something each and every American should be grateful for.

Since our nation was founded more than 200 years ago, the United States Military has been the life line that has allowed America to continue to exist and to prosper. If not for our veterans throughout our history, there would be no America today. It's just that simple. Our military has also been a force for good that has literally saved the world from falling victim to brutal and cruel forces of corrupt monarchies early in our history, and in modern times, from the evil that is Communism and Fascism.

Today, the new challenge is terrorism which they are meeting head on. But it's not just during war time that US troops save the day. During times of peace, when and where there are natural disasters anywhere in the world, the American military rushes to the rescue. Our veterans can take pride in who they are and what they've accomplished. They have earned the respect, the love and the pride Americans in turn, feel for them. Our Veterans deserve very special praise, not just on Veteran's Day but every day. To every veteran we say God Bless You and Thank You for your service.

"Our veterans accepted the responsibility to defend America and uphold our values when duty called" – Bill Shuster

Graffiti At The Tynan Becomes A Media Scene

ast week, the media likely broke traffic laws speeding to the Tynan Community School in South Boston to capture the graffiti scrawled illegibly on the school façade and get comments from anyone who may be available and willing to speak. It was certainly an incident that deserved attention. But, while it became an opportunity for South Bostonians to condemn it and the City to investigate, it also became a platform

for some to contextualize it against the busing era of some four plus decades ago, as though it had any similarities. It does not.

There seems to be an effort, by some, to continue to leverage a racist motive in every aspect of daily life, as if it is the main focus of folks as they wake up to trudge through another day of work or seeking work or seeking an education. What the young minds of the Tynan, and others of elementary school age, need to understand is the reality and context that exists today - in their world. Carrying the burden of the lingering prejudices of others does them a disservice and perpetuates a narrative that all of the good people of South Boston have proven time and time again is in



the past.

Residents of South Boston hope the authorities find the misguided culprit(s) and deal with the situation in today's context, for the sake of the children. Hate need not persist in nor be grafted onto this generation. And it will not, if incidences like this are handled wisely. Parents

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How Many Will Alec Baldwin Take In?

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

attention by the Mexican govern- is, of course, none. ment. They refused. Therefore, by definition, they are NOT refugees." These are the sentiments not only of ficult to fake live video from the some Mexican government officials, scene. It's estimated that nearly who are tired of watching hordes young men of military age. This can of illegal aliens rushing our borders clearly be seen by watching the live and demanding entry and all the footage and it's being confirmed by benefits of US Citizenship. They are Mexican, as well as Honduran offialso tired of having their tax dollars foot the bill to support them. Cruel? the illegals in. How many from the the approaching migrants. caravans will Barbara Streisand,

were offered asylum, phen King take into their homes? We jobs and even medical all know the answer to that question Mexican police and ripping down low our laws wait in line, like all of

> pretty easily but it's a lot more difcials. Yet, the news cameras tend to interview the relatively small num-

he people in the caravan Alec Baldwin, Nancy Pelosi and Ste- ing how the males in the caravans pour into our country uninvited and were hurling rocks and bottles at unvetted, while others who do folborder fences. They hide reports of our ancestors had to do. Pictures can be photo-shopped MS-13 and members of other crimiheading north.

> many liberals, including many liberal Democrat politicians, want to see happen to the United States? Early on, the news stopped show- through our border security and of crickets is getting louder.

So, the question still remains, and nal gangs being among the throngs those advocates of open borders just won't answer when asked: How Ronald Reagan once said, "A many illegals will you take into your but also of millions of Americans 80% of those in the caravan are nation without borders will soon homes? How many will you house, cease to be a nation". Is there still feed, clothe, educate and provide any doubt that this is exactly what medical care for. It's a fair question to ask of these celebrities and so called progressive private citizens, who chastise working American families America is a nation of immigrants for being cold hearted, because they Heartless? The advocates who so bers of mothers with small children we are so often told, and that's true. have had enough of watching their vocally use those terms to describe in a deliberate attempt to pull at the But there is a stark distinction be- hard-earned tax dollars being used to Americans who feel this way never heart strings of the American public tween immigrants, who come here do all of the above, while their own step up themselves and offer to take to gain sympathy and acceptance of legally by following the law, and family members often go without. those who feel they can just crash Still waiting for answers. The sound





Window Into The State House

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

National elections: So, what does Dem control of U.S. House mean for Massachusetts?

Since yesterday was effectively a national referendum on Donald Trump, let's get the national stuff out of the way first. As the Washington Post reports, Democrats did indeed win back control of the U.S. House yesterday – and WGBH's Andy Metzger asks: 'What does this mean for Massachusetts.' Spoiler: It means Massachusetts Dems will now chair two very powerful House committees. ... From the Herald's Joe Battenfeld: 'The House gets swathed in a deep shade of blue.'

But Republicans did retain, and even expanded, their control of the U.S. Senate, prompting The Hill to pronounce: 'The blue wave ran into Trump's red wall.' ... From the Globe's Scot Lehigh: 'Not a blue wave, but an important splash.' ... In other election news from around the country, from the NYT: 'Ted Cruz Defeats Beto O'Rourke for Senate in Texas.' ... From the NYT: 'Democrats Oust Walker in Wisconsin and Kobach in Kansas but Fall Short in Florida and Ohio.' ... From the Atlanta J-C in Georgia: 'Kemp confident of victory, Abrams predicts runoff.' ... Now on to the local races. ...

Baker rolls to victory in governor's race: Now what?

As expected, Republican Gov. Charlie Baker easily won re-election for a second term, hauling in 67 percent of the vote over Dem challenger Jay Gonzalez, as the Globe's Joshua Miller and Matt Stout report. The Herald's Mary Markos reports Baker won with a lot of Democratic support.

The question now: What does Baker do now? In an editorial, the Globe is urging the governor to expend some of his political capital on the issues of education, housing and transportation. ... The Globe's Joan Vennochi wonders if Baker is dreaming about 2020 yet. It's unlikely. But you never know. ... The Herald's Howie Carr wants Baker officially outed as a Democrat. ... The Herald's Hillary Chabot says Baker will face an "unsettled" legislature in his second term. ... SHNS's Colin Young says Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito is mum about her own future political ambitions. And, finally, Antonio Caban at WGBH reports that Baker's victory, combined with U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren's victory, means Massachusetts now has a sort of purplish tint.

U.S. Senate: Warren easily wins – and it's now onto 2020

In pre-election polls, it looked like U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren's support might be slipping a bit. Not so. She scored a solid victory last night, nabbing about 60 percent of the vote, putting her in a good position to do what she really wants to do: Run for president. The Globe's Victoria McGrane and Laura Krantz and the Herald's Sean Phillip Cotter have the details. How eager is Warren to get started on her next race? She's off to Rhode Island today, reports the Providence Journal.

But Republican candidate Geoff Diehl may have won, sort of, by boosting his profile for future runs, reports the Herald's Sean Philip Cotter. But Rachelle Cohen wasn't too impressed with his campaign, saying "Mr. Cellophane left Warren perfectly free to campaign whenever and wherever she pleased."

Ballot Questions: No on Q1 (overwhelmingly so), Yes on Q3 (overwhelmingly so) The controversial nurse-staffing Question 1 was overwhelmingly rejected yesterday. We're talking crushed beyond recognition. Martha Bebinger at WBUR and Priyanka Dayal McCluskey and Andy Rosen at the Globe have the lopsided-vote details. Backers of Question 1 are vowing the long-term battle over nursestaffing-ratios isn't over, reports Nik DeCosta-Klipa at Boston.com.

On Question 3, voters overwhelmingly voted to keep the state's new transgender rights law, reports Stephanie Ebbert at the Globe. In pre-election polls, voters consistently signaled their desire to keep the law – and they didn't waver yesterday.

Other statewide election results: 'GOP futility continues'

None of the races for AG, secretary of state, treasurer and auditor were even close. From Michael Norton at SHNS: "Voters granted new four-year terms, beginning in January, to Secretary of State William Galvin, Attorney General Maura Healey, Treasurer Deborah Goldberg and Auditor Suzanne Bump. With nearly 40 percent of the vote counted, the Democrats were rolling to re-election - Galvin had more than 70 percent of the votes cast in his race, Healey 69 percent, Goldberg 67 percent and Bump 61 percent."

Legislative races: Lyons and Ross lose in upsets, O'Connell wins and more

Generally, Democrats did well yesterday in State House races, though not in all races. Here's a sampling of some of last night's results: From the Eagle-Tribune: 'In upset, Democrat Nguyen takes Lyons' seat.' ... From Henry Shwan at Wicked Local: 'Democrat Becca Raush upset winner over Republican state Sen. Richard Ross.' ... From Charles Winokoor at the Enterprise: 'O'Connell defeats challengers Farrer to keep Taunton state rep seat.' ... From Mark Sullivan at the Telegram: 'LeBoeuf reclaims open seat for Dems.' ... From Kristen Young at the Cape Cod Times: 'Crocker defeats challenger Cusack in 2nd Barnstable.' ... From Geoff Spillane at the Cape Cod Times: 'Cyr wins re-election to Cape and Islands Senate seat.' ... From Mary Whitfill at Wicked Local: 'Democrat Kearney defeats two challengers in 4th Plymouth.' ... From the Enterprise: 'Rep. Susan Willams Gifford re-elected.'

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Councilors Flynn, Baker To Hold 20 MPH Speed Limit Hearing Nov. 13th

oston City Councilors Ed Flynn and Frank Baker will hold a hearing next week on Tuesday, November 13th at 10am with the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation to examine the merits of lowering the speed limit in the City of Boston to 20 MPH, unless otherwise posted. They will also look to discuss other traffic calming measures to improve road safety for all. The speed limit in the city was most recently lowered from 30 MPH to 25 MPH on January 9, 2017 as part of the city's Vision Zero initiative, no serious



or fatal crashes in Boston by 2030. "In the final analysis, Councilor Baker and I look to have this conversation to ensure we are doing all we can to try to save lives and realize Vision Zero. We believe that infrastructure changes, like speed humps and raised crosswalks, are necessary for traffic



calming; however, a combination of these physical changes to our built environment and a lower speed limit will improve public safety for all," said Flynn. "Data from the city's website and the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety indicated that the chances of a serious or fatal crash at 30 MPH is 50%, while at 20 MPH the chances significantly drop to 18%. We thank Mayor Walsh and his staff for their strong leadership on Vision Zero and efforts to make Boston safer for all."

Councilor Baker said, "We were already successful in lowering the speed limit to 25 miles per hour on public ways subject to the control of the city. One of my top constituent complaints is the need for lower speed limits, more enforcement, and various traffic calming measures, like raised crosswalks, speed humps, narrowing traffic lanes, and bump-outs. As elected officials in the City of Boston, we need to help eliminate traffic fatalities on our city's streets. Further lowering of the street speed limit is an important step in the right direction."

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 & Ed.Flynn@ Boston.Gov, or Councilor Baker at 617-635-3455 & Frank.Baker@ Boston.Gov.

Local Allstate Agency Collecting For Toys for Tots

The Jill Hanley Allstate agency is one of hundreds across the Northeast partnering with Toys for Tots, earning the Toys for Tots Foundation a \$30,000 Allstate Foundation Helping Hands Grant

A llstate agency owner Jill Hanley is teaming up with the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation to spread holiday cheer. From now until Friday, December 7, community members are encouraged to stop by her agency to donate new, unwrapped toys for local children in need. Jill joins hundreds of Allstate agency owners throughout the Northeast in serving as donation drop-off sites this year, including 12 in Massachusetts. Thanks to the volunteerism of participating agencies, Toys for Tots



will receive a \$30,000 Allstate Foundation Helping Hands Grant to help even more children this holiday season.

"As a small business owner in South Boston, I see firsthand the opportunities and challenges facing our area," said Jill Hanley. "I'm proud to join my fellow Allstate agency owners in supporting the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, and encourage community members to stop by to donate to this great organization."

Over the last two months, Allstate and Toys for Tots have worked closely to organize this multi-state donation drive. Together, they have rallied communities across the Northeast to give back to families in need. To view a list of participating agencies in Massachusetts.

"We are very pleased to welcome The Allstate Foundation and local Allstate agencies back this year as a major National Corporate Sponsor of the Marine Toys for Tots Program," said retired Marine Colonel Ted Silvester, vice president of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. "With their generous support, we will be able to fulfill the Christmas holiday dreams of thousands of less fortunate children, who otherwise might have been forgotten."

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is one of thousands of organizations this year that will receive Allstate Foundation Helping Hands in the Community grants secured by agency owners and financial specialists on behalf of the nonprofit where they volunteer. The grants support organizations addressing youth empowerment, domestic violence, disaster preparedness, hunger and other causes.

The Hanley Allstate Agency is located at 135 Emerson Street, South Boston, MA 02127. Contact Jill and her team to schedule a donation drop-off at 617-500-4350 or THEHANLEYA-GENCY@allstate.com.



MBTA Transit and BPD "No-Shave November" Campaign

Funds raised will support Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Program



his November, don't be surprised if your local police officers look like they haven't shaved in weeks. For the privilege of sporting facial hair, officers from the MBTA Transit and Boston Police Departments are participating in No-Shave November in support of Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Program. Traditionally, police department grooming policies require officers to remain clean-shaven. However, for the month of November, officers from across the region will be permitted to grow beards and goatees when they donate or fundraise \$100 for Home Base and support its mission to help veterans and military families heal from invisible wounds of war- such as post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury – regardless of their financial means or discharge status.

The No-Shave November movement is spearheaded by MBTA Transit officer, Army veteran and Purple Heart recipient Kurt Power who sought care at Home Base. "The only wish I have is that we give the gift of hope to all the veterans who don't believe reintegration is possible. Hope to the approximately 20 veterans a day that may give up tomorrow," said Power. "If I can convince just one person who needs help to listen to me and put their trust in the treatment at Home Base, this will all be worth it."

Power and his fellow first responders at the MBTA Transit and Boston Police Departments will go beyond the badge to not only help raise money for Home Base, a program that is widely recognized for changing the lives of veterans and their families, but to spark conversation, raise awareness and break the stigma associated with mental health care.

"We are happy to participate in this year's No-Shave November to support Home Base, veterans and their families," said Boston Police Commissioner William Gross. "Home Base is providing outstanding services and I encourage community members to join us in supporting their work."

MBTA Transit Police Superintendent Richard Sullivan added, "I am proud of our officers for supporting this incredible cause. Home Base provides essential services to veterans and we are honored to continue to help fulfill its mission." nce 2015, the first responder No-Shave November campaign has raised over \$200,000 for Home Base. The MBTA Transit and Boston Police Departments are asking community members, business owners, family and friends to join the cause and donate.

To support MBTA Transit Police Department's No-Shave November fundraising efforts, visit https://because.massgeneral.org/ MBTATransitPD.

To support Boston Police Department's No-Shave November fundraising efforts, visit https://because.massgeneral.org/BostonPD. *For more information about Home Base and No-Shave November, visit http://homebase.org/no-shave-november/.*

About Home Base: Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Program, is dedicated to healing the invisible wounds for Veterans, Service Members and their Families through worldclass clinical care, wellness, education and research. As a National Center of Excellence, Home Base operates the largest private-sector clinic in the nation devoted to healing invisible wounds such as post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, anxiety, depression, co-occurring substance use disorder, military sexual trauma and family relationship challenges. Since its inception, Home Base has served more than 15,000 Veterans and Family Members with care and support, trained more than 55,000 clinicians, educators and community members nationally and remains at the forefront of discovering new treatments -- ensuring a brighter future for the 21st century Warrior and Military Family.

Cradles to Crayons Launches Gear Up for Winter Initiative

Donations will help children in need stay warm this winter

R all has arrived and Cradles to Crayons® is preparing for dropping temperatures and harsh weather that are fast approaching. The nonprofit organization has launched its annual Gear Up for Winter initiative to provide children in need with the clothing necessary to stay safe and warm in cold weather.

For the thousands of local children living in poverty, staying warm in winter months is a struggle, both indoors and outside. Cradles to Crayons (C2C[®]) intends to provide 40,000 children in need with winter coats, hats, gloves, shoes, and warm clothing for the coming winter season. C2C's individually tailored "Winter KidPacks" equip children with outerwear and clothing for a week so that they can safely step outside into the cold.

Low-income families often cannot afford to purchase winter clothing for their children or themselves and many must choose between paying for heat and adequate clothing. Without suitable protection, snow and freezing temperatures put children at risk for illness and injury. Not only is their health at risk, but according to the Communities in Schools National Impact Report, lack of appropriate clothing is one of the leading reasons why children miss school.

"Winters can be fierce

Cradles to Crayons

here in Massachusetts, and we want to help prepare kids before it becomes an emergency. No child should have to face the bitterly cold season without proper clothing," said Lynn Margherio, Founder and CEO of Cradles to Crayons. "Donations of new or like-new coats and winter clothing will assist thousands of children, and, once again, we are looking to our community for help."

C2C is proud to partner with retailers this season including Old Navy and Amazon to support the Gear Up For Winter campaign. The organization will also host its Annual Un-Gala as part of its winter program.

About Cradles to Crayons Cradles to Crayons launched in Boston in 2002 and has operations in Boston, Philadelphia, and Chicago. The nonprofit provides children from birth through age 12 living in homeless or lowincome situations with the essential items they need to thrive-at home, at school, and at play. C2C supplies these items free of charge by connecting communities and mobilizing them to collect and donate new and gently used high-quality children's items. The organization engages thousands of youth and adults each year in tangible service activities that benefit local children in need. For more information, please visit www.cradlestocrayons. org/boston/.

Mayor's Corner



Thanking Veterans Today, and Every Day

• very year on November 11th, we remember the armistice, signed on November 11th, 1918, that ended the First World War. One hundred years later, it can be easy to forget why we celebrate this day of all days, as the living memory of that war fades. The fact is, thousands of young men from Boston's neighborhoods, and from all across our country, put their lives on the line to defend our allies in the Great War. Today, the legacy of that courage and sacrifice is alive all around us -- in the men and women in our neighborhoods who continue to serve our country; the families who continue to sacrifice; and veterans who continue to make Boston the great city that it is. It is essential, this year and every year, that we acknowledge and thank these honored members of our community.

More than 22,000 veterans call Boston home. They embody a commitment to service that doesn't disappear when they hang up their uniforms. When they come home, veterans continue to serve their community as leaders, parents, teachers, mentors, first responders, and more. Their valuable contributions make Boston a better place, and we should be thanking them each and every day for that.

It's also important for us to remember that veterans and their families often face unique challenges. Many deal with deep wounds, both visible and invisible. Since I was elected Mayor, I have worked hard to make Boston a city where veterans truly thrive, personally and professionally, throughout their lives. I believe that we need to show our veterans that we are grateful every single day. And one of the most important ways we do this is by showing vets that they can ask for help, and that they will receive it. It's what we owe them in return for all they have given us.

These are the values behind some of our most ambitious work in the City of Boston: from ending chronic veterans homelessness to improving access to supportive housing, healthcare, recovery services, employment programs for vets with and without PTSD, and much more. A question I hear all the time from residents is, "How can I help?" One of the simplest, and most powerful ways that every member of the Boston community can help support our veterans is simply saying "thank you." And that's exactly what we do through Operation Thank a Vet.

Over the last few months, our goal has been to personally reach out to all 22,000 veterans in our city. We wanted to make sure each of them knows about all the resources that our city has made available to them. We've connected with thousands of vets so far, but we have thousands more to go. That's where you come in. On Saturday, November 10th, we will go door to door delivering thank you packages and information about opportunities available to veterans. By joining us as a volunteer, you can help us reach our goal. And most importantly, you will make a meaningful difference in people's lives--- connecting those who have served their country with a community who is ready to serve them and their families.

A century ago, the events of November 11th gave people hope for a more peaceful and prosperous future. This week, we'll recognize those among us who have continued that mission and put their lives on the line in the name of those same values. In Boston, we never forget the sacrifices people made for the good of our community. We know that our strength comes from our willingness to lift our neighbors up in good times and hard times. And we will always be grateful to our veterans, not just



on November 11th, but every day. If you are a veteran who would like to be connected to services in Boston, please reach out to Boston's Veterans Services, https://www.boston.gov/departments/veterans-services, email veterans@boston.gov, or call 617-241-VETS (8387).

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

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The Wine Guy Over 90, Under 20

T is hard to believe, but the Holidays are looming; with a million things to do, one thing you don't want to do is guess whether the wines you're buying are real values. The following have all scored 90 points or better and are also all under \$20.00 a bottle.

Vista Hills Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, 2016, (\$19.99), scores a 91 from Wine Spectator and it's



no wonder. It has a pleasing structure and silky smoothness that pairs really well with Holiday Turkey, pre-dinner cheeses and Apple Cobbler, to name a few. The cherry, mocha and light vanilla flavors unfold on the nose and in the mouth, all with a pleasing finish.

Raeburn Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, Sonoma, California, 2016, (\$17.99), has it all-aromas of pear, vanilla cream, green apple and a touch of baking spice. Tasting the wine reveals it to be soft, smooth and almost luxurious in the mouth. Chocked full of slightly sweet apple and pineapple flavors toasted with hints of nuts, caramel and vanilla, this wine is really easy to drink and very satisfying. The wine ends with lingering pineapple and oak on the satisfying finish and you're going to need several bottles if you're entertaining Chardonnay lovers.90 pints from the Wine Enthusiast.

Scharffenberger Brut, NV, California, (\$17.99), is made by the méthode traditionelle process, whereby the wines are individually bottle-fermented before being riddled and disgorged. Scharffenberger Brut Excellence is made from its own 120-acre vineyards in the Anderson Valley. In addition, Scharffenberger Cellars has long-term contracts with select vineyards in the greater Mendocino County. The wine is approximately 60% Chardonnay and 40% Pinot Noir. The full malolactic style adds a vanilla cream character producing a round and full-bodied wine. After approximately two years on the lees, there are notes of freshly baked bread and pastry that enhances the more fruitforward style of the wine. Great for a holiday toast or after dinner with dessert. Wine Enthusiast, 91 points.

If your taste runs to a drier white, try a bottle of Substance Sauvignon Blanc, Columbia Valley, Washington, 2016, (\$19.99). Hailing from Sunset Vineyard in the Ancient Lakes appellation, this wine starts out aromatically quiet, with notes of green apple, toasted Grape-Nuts and herb. The palate is sleek and lightly creamy, lingering on the finish. I think it's very similar to a betterquality white Bordeaux, but not so flinty dry that it won't enhance a deep-fried turkey. This one packs a lot of quality for the price. Wine Enthusiast, 93 points.

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Election continued from front page

Senator Elizabeth Warren and US Representative Stephen Lynch cruised to their victories, with Ayanna Pressley and Lori Trahan becoming the newest Members of Congress. In Congress, with a newly flipped Democratic majority, as a result of these mid-term elections, Lynch is poised to become the chairman of an important committee, depending on who is elected Speaker of the House. Minority Leader, Nancy Pelosi has been a target of the Republican Party over the last two years and her prospects to become the Speaker again is uncertain.

As for the Commonwealth, the first question looms as to who, among them, or among others across the Commonwealth, will emerge as the party leader of the next generation of Democrats. The second question remains as to what the Democrat's message is or will be. Neither question has an immediate or easy answer, it appears.

The media is reveling in having had an effect on Congressional races and some State races across the country and are promoting the notion that this election was a referendum on and repudiation of President Donald Trump and his republican agenda. However, the amount of money spent to 'hammer away' on Trump on a daily basis, was not enough to turn the Senate. Moreover, there still lingers the public skepticism that the media is not 'on the level'.

Many believe that the goal of the corporate media, with, in a number of cases, biased reporting as collaborators, is not so much to resuscitate its reputation as the Fourth Estate, referring to the press and news media both in its capacity of advocacy and ability to frame political issues, but rather to report on and even create controversy to grow 'eyeballs', 'clicks', and revenue. The value of the U.S. entertainment and media market from 2011 to 2017 grew from just under \$500 billion to \$655 billion. In 2020, the entertainment and media market in the U.S. is expected to be worth over \$720 billion. On a global scale, the entertainment and media market was worth \$1.72 trillion in 2015 and is set to rise to \$2.14 trillion by 2020.

Back to the future. Led by female suburban voters put off by his tone and younger voters who opposed his short-sighted priorities, this demographic was saying that this election is about you, Donald Trump, and we won't give you a vote of confidence. This, according to pundits assessing the data. They turned out in huge numbers and helped flip enough House seats to elevate the Democrats to control of the House of Representatives.

In the coming days, Democrats will need to figure out how to use their new

House majority, and whether they can find a way to push through the issues that they have been pushing throughout the mid-terms, such as reforming immigration, preserving Obamacare, and passing more gun control.

The continual challenge of course is that these issues are the more polarizing issues that ensure that the road will not be an easy one. Republicans are still in control of the Senate and the White House. If the Democrats decide that they will spend the next two years trying to take down Trump and not do the people's business, they might find they will be on the losing side come 2020.

Here in Massachusetts, the drubbing of Geoff Diehl by Warren, and the success of Baker in Boston, has set the parameters. Governor Charlie Baker may be the key to re-directing the Massachusetts Democratic Party agenda. How the Democrats in power work with Baker to achieve practical and sensible progress on key issues, such as health care, transportation, housing and education will underpin the message that the Democrats 'get it'. Trump has and will continue to 'hammer away' the notion that Democrats are "extreme, radical liberals". To date, it appears that the Party has not shown its willing to walk back from that label. Therein lies the test come 2020.

Harvest Book Sale South Boston Branch Library 646 East Broadway South Boston MA 02127 Saturday, November 17, 2018,

10AM – 3PM

Enjoy a cornucopia of savings at a Book Sale presented by the Friends of the South Boston Branch Library. Come and browse our wide selection of hardcovers, paperbacks, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks for adults and children, available at low, low prices. All book sale proceeds benefit the South Boston Branch Library.

Note the change in schedule See below:

Veterans Day Sunday, November 11, 2018 Closed All Day

Monday, November 12, 2018 Closed All Day

Wednesday, November 21, 2018 Changed Hours Open: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Thanksgiving Thursday, November 22, 2018 Closed All Day



og is often celebrated, like London's, which has an iconic rain coat named after it. Tony Bennett sang about the morning fog in San Francisco, and fog is both title and subject of Carl Sandburg's most well-known poem ("The fog comes in on little cat feet...").

But "fog" is something else altogether when we're referring to the acronym that stands for Fats, Oil and Grease: that FOG. Unlike Sandburg's fog, FOG generated by cooking and poured down the drain does not eventually move on. Instead, FOG hardens in sewer pipes and can trigger serious health and environmental problems, most notably plumbing backups and sanitary sewer overflows. Here's a sampling of FOG facts (see www.bwsc.org for additional FOG info):

• Once down a drain, cooling liquid FOG congeals into a solid mass, decreasing pipe capacity and restricting flow. • Meat, other greasy food scraps and dairy products ground up in the garbage disposal also become FOG and accumulate in pipes.

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reported to Congress that FOG is responsible for 47% of all reported sewer blockages in the country.
There are over 30 types of water-borne diseases that the public can be exposed to coming into contact with sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs).

• SSOs in public places often flow into storm drains, polluting our waterways.

• FOG can be costly for Boston homeowners, since owners are responsible for maintenance and repair of the sewer (sewer lateral) running from the basement to the BWSC's sewer main in the street.

• Boston residents can order grease lids from BWSC any time of the year, by calling 617-989-7599, or by going online to www.bwsc.org.

All Are Welcome to the Gate of Heaven Parish Coffee and Conversation

Please join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month for the Gate of Heaven Parish Coffee and Conversation Hour following the 9AM Mass at Gate of Heaven Church on East 4th Street, downstairs in the Lower Hall. We look forward to seeing old and new friends for some coffee, tea, light refreshments and conversation this Sunday, November 11, 2018.



South Boston High School Reunion: Class of 67, 68, 69

Saturday, November 17th, Florian Hall, 55 Hallet Street, Dorchester, MA

> Cocktails begin at 6:30pm Tickets - \$50. Includes Buffet

Reminder, the big Southie High reunion is coming up fast. It promises to big and a whole lot of fun. Members of the 3 classes have combined to make this a reunion to remember always. Catch up with high school friends for a night of good music, good food and great friends. This will be one for the record books- a time you don't want to miss.

For Ticket Info Contact the following people:

Susan Connolly: 617-894-5885 Edso Foley: 617-295-7542 Susan Nee: 617-448-1792 Bob Sances: 617-512-4062 Cathy Stewart: 617-372-6616 Pat Pachard: 617-565-0892 Marcella Tanona: 617-429-4516 Bill Doherty: 617-859-6842 Ann Catazone: 781-535-9085



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Southie High Reunion ('67-'68-'69) Nov. 17th at Florian

hy is it that the four years or three years or six years for some of my friends, that we attended High School, color the rest of our life. Everything we did during our high school years has been magnified beyond belief and stays with us until we die, which is happening in greater numbers lately. I used to see pictures of Southie High's 50th reunions and say, "boy are they old." Well, now we are them. How did that happen? What is so magical about high school, or what is so mystifying about high school? Is it the fact we are discovering the secrets of algebra at the same

time we are discovering the secrets of our hormones? When that happens, algebra takes a back seat very quickly. The girl who was yuck to us the year before at St. Augustine's is now anything but. We find ourselves stumbling over words and turning red in the face whenever we address the object of our new-found affection.

And speaking of St. Augustine's, the nuns could be tough but nothing like I experienced my very first home room on my very first day. I walked very slowly up Linden Street that day. I was totally unsure if I was going to walk down Linden Street later that day. I was scared and I am not afraid to admit it. I was about five feet nothing with huge glasses and I was leaving the relative sanctity of eight years of Catholic school for what? I had heard all the horror stories, especially from my brother. I didn't know if I was walking into a high school or Walpole Prison. I would very soon find out.

It took me awhile to find my locker and my homeroom, amidst a bunch of insults. "Hey kid this isn't Grammar School." "There is no way you are in high school." "How old are you?" "You gotta be kidding me," was another remark aimed at

me. I wasn't Wilt Chamberlain, but I wasn't Mickey Rooney either, well maybe closer to Mickey Rooney. I never had a locker before and it showed. Pat Flaherty, who I knew from the Boys Club, helped me open my locker, but he couldn't help me with my first class.

My homeroom teacher was a nice guy named Mr. Pieri who was a look-alike for Barney Fife of Mayberry. He did everything fast, wrote his name on the blackboard fast, walked fast, talked fast, called the roll fast. He called the name Sullivan and nobody responded. He called it two more times and still no response. Somebody pointed to this big guy, and I mean guy, who was snoring up a storm in the back row. Mr. Pieri stormed to where the hulking giant was sleeping and he shook him. "Are you Mr. Sullivan?" Pieri managed in his most masculine voice. Sullivan got up and he kept on getting up and getting up. He had to be 6"6' and 220 pounds. "You ever touch me again and I will kill you," he yelled down at Pieri. "You ever threaten me again and I will call your Probation Officer," Peiri countered. Sullivan pulled out a knife with such dexterity I didn't see it coming." You ever mention my Probation Officer again and it will be the last person you mention," Sullivan growled. Pieri did what any red-bloodedteacher would do. He ran out of the room like one of those

characters in a fast motion cartoon. Sullivan went back to sleep. I knew I wasn't in Kansas anymore. Boy, did I miss the nuns at that moment where a ruler was the only weapon you faced.

Pieri was in homeroom the next day, Sullivan never returned, thank God. From that point on, high school was a breeze. I loved everything about it, meeting tons of new friends, some pretty nicelooking girls, saw some great athletic events, especially at White Stadium. I even grew four inches. I met teachers like Doc Reid, Charlie Ray, Major Mudd, Rocky Stone, Mr. Vicarri, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Poor, Miss Dazzi, who became my friends as well as teachers. It was by far the best time of my life, which is why I will be at Florian Hall on November 17th to meet old friends, share fond memories, tell a few lies, the statute of limitation has run out. But sadly, it will probably be the last time I will ever see most of my classmates on this side of the grass. Mortality, which in high school, was in a far off place and a strange, strange land, is not so far away now. A lot of our classmates have gone and we will raise a toast to them. Please don't miss this reunion. You may never have another opportunity again. Tell people how much they meant to you. Hugging is permitted and encouraged. I wonder what happened to Sullivan?

Flag Retirement Ceremony – Veterans Day, November 11, 2018



The annual Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held on Veterans Day at Fort Independence, Castle Island at 11:00AM. Participating in the Ceremony will be the Paul J. Saunders Post AL, the Thomas Fitzgerald Post VFW, DCR Staff, the Castle Island Association (CIA) and The Scottish American Military Society. A table will be set up outside of Sully's for donations to support our troops, hosted by the CIA.

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Everyone Loves a Parade

By Lisa Gilbert, St. Peter Academy

There was a parade along the streets of South Boston on October 31st. To be clear, I'm not talking about the Red Sox Parade, that parade which gained national attention to celebrate the fourth World Series win in fourteen years. Don't get me wrong, I'm as big a fan as any of our beloved Sox. I'm proud of our home team and I'm proud to be a Bostonian whenever our teams win high stakes championships.

A native of Boston, I lived in California for many years. In California, there is very little in the way of hometown pride because so few people are actually true native-born Californians. Sure, the transplanted Mid-Westerners, Southerners, and, yes, even New Englanders, root for their new "home team", but I dare say there is no fan the world over like a Boston fan. I respect the importance of homespun recognition and I applaud the Red Sox for their big win. I would have loved to see their homecoming parade, had I not been a participant in another parade across town on the very same day, at the very same hour.

The students of St. Peter Academy, all eighty of them, from toddlers to fifth graders, took to the streets on Halloween morning. With two of our older students leading the way, signaling our arrival with the ringing of a hand-held school bell, children big and small marched in costume. Harry Potter, Annie Oakley, Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, and other famous characters were represented. Even our teachers donned costumes-Charlie Chaplin and an oversized Pepsi can, to name a few. The youngest of our flock toddled along, too, mostly in farm animal costumes; not fully understanding what all the fuss was about. Those parents who could get away from work joined us for the jaunt. People on the sidewalk paused to let us pass, and I noticed drivers slowing down to catch a glimpse of the sweet sight on Broadway. Ev-



eryone loves a parade, especially one featuring children.

Speaking of fans, I'm not even going to try to disguise my partiality. I am a really big fan of St. Peter Academy students. Whether they are fifteen months old or ten years old, I love them all. I'm a fan of their enthusiasm, their innocence, their goodness. I'm a fan of who they are today and of who they will become. I see their potential and I am looking forward to all the good things that these young people will do for our world someday. Today, they parade around in costumes on the streets of South Boston, but in the not-so-distant future they will be adults. Like us, as adults they will be preoccupied with the problems of the day. But for now, let them be children. Let them pretend and try on different roles. After all, it's in role play that they learn about themselves and their world.

Those of us who work with children are hope-holders. We come to work each day carrying hope for the future. We don't often see the immediate fruits of our labor, yet we hope and believe that one day these children will become productive adults. But for now, there are parades to march in and there are costumes to wear. Let the bell harken their coming, and when we hear it, let us pause, for the children walk among us.

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South Boston Catholic Academy News

Il of students, family, faculty and staff at South Boston Catholic Academy had a wonderful time at our Halloween Dances in the school gym

the weekend before Halloween and on Halloween day in our classroom parties and at our Annual Halloween Parade down East Broadway. This was a fun way for the students to show off their costumes to family, friends and neighbors.

There are still limited spots available for the 2018-2019 school year. Please check our website at www. sbcatholicacademy.org. You can also find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, or contact Mrs. Jamie Brown, Assistant Principal, at j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org or phone 617-268-2326 for more info or to schedule a tour of the school.







SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER

ur 2018 Season has come to a close. We will have our banquet on November 18th at the South Boston Boys & Girls Club. So remember to save the date. **REMINDERS & THANK YOUS: PARENTS:**

Thank your for coming out week in and week out. The kids really appreciate it and you did a terrific job on the sidelines cheering them on.

COACHES:

You did a great job every week. I am sure the children are grateful for all your time you put in with them weekly. **SPONSORS:**

We would be unable to continue the league without the sponsorships you provide year in and year out. Again thank you so much.

Now on to a recap of the games: UNDER 4 DIVISION: SULLIVAN'S LIGHTNINGS

Sullivan's at Castle Island played a terrific game. Hunter Young was the goal scorer for his team. Maeve Walsh had a great season. Sloane McGrath saved the day with her great hustle. Molly Dwyer played excellent both on offense and as goalie.

HOT DOGS SOUTHIE SHAMROCKS

The Hot Dogs sponsored by The South Boston Today, played an excellent game. Outstanding players were: John Patrick Walsh, Samantha Cole, Corbin Parker and Thomas DiGaetamp III. It was a great last game with only four players the Hot Dogs played awesome. Great team work on and off the field. The coaches would like to send out a big thank you to all the players.

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by The Matt Coyne Club, Massport, East Boston Saving Bank, J. F. O'Brien & Sons, Congressman Stephen Lynch, Councilor Michael Flaherty, Councilor Ed Flynn, Boston Home Inspectors, Lovey's League, and Boston Police Athletic League **UNDER 6 DIVISION:**

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Trick or Treat on Broadway

t was a glorious Halloween evening last Wednesday as thousands of Ghosts and Goblins appeared on East and West Broadway for the Annual "Trick or Treat on Broadway" festivities. This year's costumes were truly amazing and often creative.

Now a traditional event that fami-

lies look forward to, because of the safe environment that provides great fun-filled trick or treating, the laughter and smiles could be heard and seen throughout the 2- hour haunt.

Sponsored and organized by the South Boston Chamber of Commerce and with the cooperation and generosity of Broadway business owners who provide a wide variety of tasty treats to the kids, this year was another spooktacular time.

Helping keep traffic in check were members of the Boston Police department, which this year even brought in new cadets to control passing motor vehicles. Under the direction of Captain Joseph Boyle, the

BPD did an excellent and very professional job. The weather held out for the most part, though a bit chilly. But even the chill couldn't dampen the good time that everyone of every age seemed to be having. This is what can be called real Halloween excitement. Kudos to all involved in the planning and organizing and to all the scary characters that came out to make the 2018 Trick or Treat on Broadway another big success.



Tim 'Doc' Cook Tournament Skate for the 22 Tournament at Murphy Rink

hat a tournament and what a way to spend a Saturday. Last weekend, the Murphy Rink was packed with spectators and supporters for the 'Skate for the 22 Bean Pot' Ice Hockey Tournament. This great event was organized to raise money for the 'Tim 'Doc' Cook'

Scholarship Fund and to continue to raise awareness for the condition of PTSD that afflicts so many of our nation's veterans.

The competition was fast, furious and oh so much fun and fun was, in fact, the theme of the day. The hockey talent on display was impressive, as the teams battled for a good cause. And prior to the first puck being dropped, a beautiful rendition of our National Anthem was superbly sung by Leanne Burke that had the huge crowd stand in respectful silence, until the last note.

Joe Cook, father of the late Tim 'Doc' Cook who was a hero to so

many of his fellow service members he served with, stated that he was overwhelmed not only by the size of the turnout for the event, but also by the level of support and the spirit for this fantastic event. By any standard, this day was an enormous success and all for a great cause.



Pictured left to right Sean Pierce DCR, SBYH legend Teddy Cunniff ,Bobby Ferrara DCR and community activists for local youth groups ,City Councilman Michael Flaherty, Joe Cook Sr., Coleman Nee former Mass. Secretary of Veterans Affairs ,City Councilman Ed Flynn and Joe Cook Jr.



1st round game with skate for 22 and Boston Fire /volunteer ref. on the right Marty Mc-Donough with Soprano Leeann Burke and Tim's older brother Joe Cook Sr. on the right end.



Finalists Friends of Doc Cook (winners) on the left and BFD team on the right - also in the photo Joe Cook Sr. - Tim's Dad in the middle and Joe Cook Jr. on the left - Thank you to everyone who sponsored and supported this amazing event . It was a great day with an amazing turnout of spectators . The day reminded me of how the rink was when Tim was younger filled with parents and kids from the neighborhood. Leann Burke brought the house down with her amazing voice singing the National Anthem without a microphone it was very touching and moving - Ya Dude!



L-R; Refs Bobby Ryan, Aldo Binda, Linesmen



Tim's Fellow Corpsman Chris Matchum and Tim's gunner Rich Goody Goode and Joe Cook Sr.



Pictured L-R; Joe Cook Sr., Rick Goody Goode USMC gunner and Weymouth fireman, Joe Cook Jr.



an you believe it's already Week 10? Before you know it, we'll be talking about the NFL Playoffs.

But for now, we're talking about keeping my hot streak alive. I went 4-1 with my picks last week, in Week 9. I'm 17-3 in the last four weeks, and 31-14 on the season.

Let's not waste any more time. Here are my picks for Week 10: *WASHINGTON REDSKINS over Tampa Bay Buccaneers*

-Even after losing to the Atlanta Falcons at home on Sunday, the 5-3 Redskins are in sole possession of first place in the NFC East. Now, Washington heads to Tampa Bay Sunday at 1 p.m. to take on a 3-5 Buccaneers team that's lost two straight to the Cincinnati Bengals and most recently the Carolina Panthers. Tampa Bay's defense is horrible, allowing 34 points per game, which ranks dead last in the NFL. They've allowed 40 points on three separate occasions this season, including 42 points to the Panthers last week. Offensively, the Buccaneers are sticking with Ryan Fitzpatrick at quarterback, after going back and forth between him and Jameis Winston. Washington has a top-10 defense, and its offense should be good enough to rally

around being a first-place team that's a 3-point underdog to a team that's two games under .500. Kind of a crazy spread, if you ask me. Washington is a solid team. They should win this game in Tampa. *GREEN BAY PACKERS over Miami Dolphins*

-If the playoffs began today, the 3-4-1 Packers would be on the outside looking in. Unless there are some major collapses in the NFC, Green Bay will probably have to win the NFC North in order to get into the tournament. That won't be an impossible task. The Packers are in third place behind the second place Minnesota Vikings and the first place Chicago Bears, who both have 5 wins. Green Bay still plays both Minnesota and Chicago and has yet to lose to either. Coming off two straight losses on the road to two of the best teams in the league in the Rams and Patriots, the Packers should be motivated enough to return home and beat a 5-4 Dolphins team that's coming off a 13-6 win over the lowly New York Jets. Both the Green Bay defense and the Dolphins defense allow 25 points per game, but there's a reason the Packers are a 10-point favorite in this one, and that's Aaron Rodgers. He's not in

This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for Week 10 in the NFL:

the conversation for "Greatest QB of All Time" like NBC tried to put him in last Sunday night, but he is certainly good enough to lead Green Bay to a win over Miami on Sunday at 4:25. Give me the Packers all day.

LOS ANGELES RAMS over Seattle Seahawks

-The 8-1 Rams lost their first game of the season last Sunday, when they lost to the Saints in New Orleans. Los Angeles was the last undefeated team remaining in the NFL. One loss won't throw throw these Rams off track, and they should be able to bounce back nicely against a 4-4 Seahawks team that they've already beat this season. The Rams defeated the Seahawks back in Week 5. scoring 33 points in Seattle. Now, they'll have the rematch in LA Sunday at 4:25, and the Rams are a 10-point favorite. I believe in the Rams too much to pick against them here. I have to think LA returns home and takes care of business against an average Seahawks team at best. The Rams will win their ninth game of the season.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES over Dallas Cowboys

-Sunday Night Football will quite possibly be the scene of the Dallas Cowboys' season coming to an

end. The 3-5 Cowboys have lost two straight and are coming off a loss to the Tennessee Titans at home on Monday night. So it will be a short week for Dallas, while the 4-4 Eagles are coming off the bye. Philadelphia just traded for wide receiver Golden Tate, and is a 6.5-point favorite at home on Sunday night. The Eagles' last game was a Week-8 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars. Philly is going to be loud for this one. No way I'm betting against the Eagles, who I expect to win two straight games for the first time this season. LOCK OF THE WEEK: KANSAS

CITY CHIEFS over Arizona Cardinals -Do I really need to even explain this one? For word-count purposes only (have to keep the editors happy), here you go. The 8-1 Chiefs have won three straight since losing to the Patriots in Week 6. Now, Kansas City is a 16.5-point favorite at home against a 2-6 Cardinals team that's only beaten the 2-7 San Francisco 49ers twice. Arizona is well rested, coming off the bye, but the only hope the Cardinals have is if the Chiefs are already looking ahead to their showdown with the Rams the following week in Mexico City. But that's not going to happen. Like the Rams, the Chiefs will also win their ninth game of the season.

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