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George H. W. Bush War Hero, President, Humanitarian

The passing of former President Bush '41' is sad for many reasons. He was a man that attained the highest office in the land in large part because of the way he not only lived his life, but also because of the well-known fact that he put his life on the line in defense of America's freedom. Part of that 'Greatest Generation', he entered the military during WW II at an age younger than was officially allowed, because he knew the world needed him and others like him in the effort to stop the tyrannical

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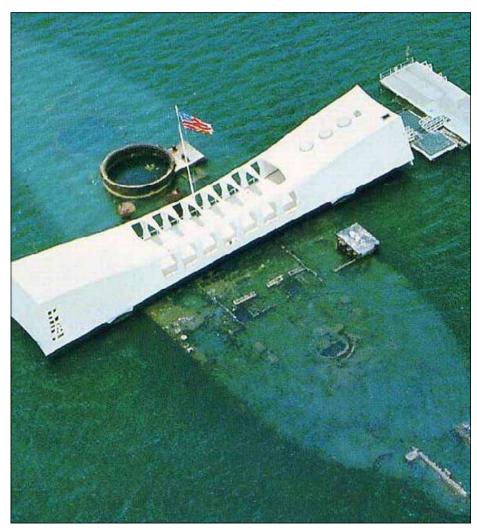
December 7th, 1941 to December 7th, 2018 Do We Remember the Lesson of Pearl Harbor?

t was December 7th, 1941 Obama Administration as he once that the air attack on the US Navy Base in Pearl Harbor on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii brought the United States into a war that history tells us our country was really not prepared to fight. The nation's military defenses were at a low point and the destruction of much of the Pacific Fleet that was based at Pearl Harbor made an already bad situation much worse. It was only because of America's grit, determination and amazing ability to out industrialize our enemies that the country was able to overcome the massive blow that was suffered. The battle cry 'Remember Pearl Harbor' that echoed loudly for many years after the end of WW II and even to this day was in part meant to always remind the nation to never again let itself be unprepared militarily. Sadly, that sentiment seemed to be lost on the

again allowed the nation's military might to be depleted during his 8 years in office. Thankfully the current White House occupant has made it a priority to rectify this situation.

More than 2000 members of America's finest perished in the Pearl Harbor Attack; members of the 'Greatest Generation, because we were not ready. America owes it to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in what has been called the 'Day of Infamy' as well as to those who survived and are still with us today to never again allow our men and women in uniform to be in such a vulnerable position.

This week, December 7th, 2018, Pearl Harbor Day, marks the 77th anniversary of the attack. Hopefully the lesson learned on that day will serve to make sure nothing like that ever happens again and that a nation that the world knows is always prepared will be a deterrent to those who would do us harm.



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John Ciccone

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rdinarily I couldn't care less about what goes on in France or any other part of Europe for that matter. Much of that continent still bows down to royalty and refers to them as 'majesty' and 'highness'. America was smart enough to give monarchies the boot 200 years ago. But the rioting and turmoil that is taking place prompting pundits to proclaim, 'Paris is on Fire' relates to what could have been happening here if President Trump didn't pull America out of the so called 'Paris Climate Accord'.

The media would have Americans believe that all the fuss over there is that people are just upset

about rising prices. It goes way beyond just being upset. France's Socialist president announced a dramatic price hike in fuel. Tripling and quadrupling the price for gasoline, diesel and other fossil fuels that the average Frenchman, like the average American, depends on to power their vehicles, heat their homes and any number of other uses vital to living in the modern world all in the name of Climate Change. It will cause major hardship and sacrifice that the public there cannot endure and will not stand for. And they are taking to the streets.

President Trump took a lot of heat when he took our country out of that agreement, because he knew that it would cause major hardship for Americans and would all but cripple this country's French peconomy. And the way the agreement was written, America would suffer the biggest burden of all and it would pretty much tax the eyes out of our citizens.

Elites, who fly around in their gas guzzling private jets, want the rest of us to pay exorbitant prices for fuel, so that they can feel good about themselves and claim they are doing their part to stop Global Warming. But the burden never falls on the elites themselves, it always hurts the average citizens who can barely make ends meet. The sacrifice always falls on those who can least af-

ford it. It's how Socialism always winds up.

French president Emmanuel Macron will most likely learn that his actions will put an end to his political career, because of what he has done, and it will send a strong warning to all the other nations who fell in line like so many sheep, when they signed on to the Paris Climate Accord. President Trump had the foresight to not make such a mistake.

Joy Behar, one of the ladies of the TV show called 'The View', gets yet another mention in this week's column. She is feuding with singer 'Kid Rock', because he used the 'B' word to describe continued on page 7

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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 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.

Report: Deval Patrick to announce he's not running for president

He said he would make a decision after the midterm elections and that's what he's doing, apparently. From Stephanie Saul at the New York Times: "Deval Patrick, the former two-term Democratic governor of Massachusetts, plans to announce shortly that he will not run for president in 2020, according to a person close to Patrick. Patrick had been discussing a possible run with associates and had been traveling around the country to support Democratic candidates in the midterm elections. But he had also expressed some reluctance about a possible presidential run, telling David Axelrod, a former adviser to President Barack Obama, that he wasn't sure there was a place for him. "Gee, we can't imagine who

that "person close to Patrick" might be. Perhaps the first person named in the story after Patrick, the same person who was a consultant to Patrick's first gubernatorial campaign in 2006? Just guessing. In any event, we're disappointed by the decision. Patrick would have contributed a more optimistic, positive tone to a presidential campaign that's already shaping up to be about as shrill as you can get. Btw: Beto O'Rourke, who's pondering a 2020 presidential bid, recently met with former President Obama, reports the Washington Post.

Of course, early polls might have played a role in Patrick's decision. Will they for Warren?

Recent polls have shown that Deval Patrick barely registered as a potential candidate for president. The same can, almost, be said for U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who continues to lag far behind other potential Democratic candidates for president in surveys. Shannon Young at MassLive has the latest poll numbers, this time from Harvard's Center for American Political Studies and The Harris Poll. Only four percent? Yikes.

Bennett stepping down as Baker's public safety director

Amid ongoing scandals at State Police, Daniel Bennett, Gov. Charlie Baker's public safety secretary, is stepping down and will be replaced by Thomas Turco, the state's commissioner of the Department of Correction, reports Gintautas Dumcius at MassLive and Matt Stout and Danny McDonald at the Globe. The departure of Bennett, a veteran prosecutor, marks the first major change in Baker's cabinet since Baker won re-election last month, as the Globe notes. But it also comes amid nearly non-stop State Police scandals that became an issue in the recent gubernatorial race. So make of the move what you will.

National Grid gets pounded on Beacon Hill as DeLeo blasts 'unconscionable' treatment of workers

It wasn't a good day on Beacon Hill yesterday for National Grid, as the utility took a pounding from Dem lawmakers upset by its continued lock out of more than 1,200 workers and as legislators moved on several fronts to make the utility literally pay for its actions against union members. Bruce Mohl at CommonWealth magazine has the details. But what caught our attention was House Speaker Robert DeLeo's particularly harsh words, as reported by SHNS's Katie Lannan, about large companies' "reckless" and "unconscionable" behavior towards workers in general. DeLeo's real target, obviously, was National Grid, leaving one to wonder if the utility now thinks

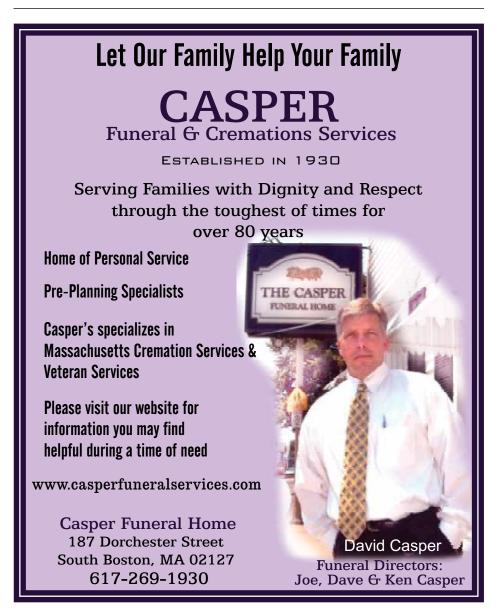
its actions are worth the political price it's paying.

Is it right to judge a judge accused of helping an immigrant escape ICE?

We've quickly reached the debate-it-into-the-ground stage of FleeGate, i.e. the controversy over the murky actions of a Newton judge who sure looks like she played some sort of role in allowing an immigrant defendant to escape an ICE agent sitting in her courtroom. In an editorial, the Globe argues Judge Shelley A. Joseph shouldn't sit on criminal cases as a grand jury investigates her alleged actions. But in a Globe opinion piece, Nancy Gernter, a former federal judge and Harvard Law professor, says the judge and others had good cause to be concerned about the imminent deportation of the undocumented immigrant. The Globe's Adrian Walker writes that Gov. Charlie Baker and others are wrong to conclude, without all the evidence in, that Joseph is guilty of obstructing justice. The Herald's Howie Carr is using the incident, it appears, as an opportunity to blast all judges. Finally, Gintautas Dumcius at MassLive reports the courts have not changed Joseph's assignment, despite Baker's call that she be suspended.

As Herald editor expands his authority, Globe plans DC hires to counter Washington Post poaching

Two stories this morning impacting our two-newspaper town, both via UH: 1.) Herald editor Joe Sciacca is now editorial head honcho of all of Digital First Media's newspapers in New England and upstate New York, reports the Lowell Sun. 2.) The Boston Globe is looking to hire a new bureau chief and two to three reporters in Washington, after repeated poaching of Globe talent by the Washington Post, reports Politico. "The Globe's search signals that the paper remains committed to the Washington bureau," according to Politico. OK, here's a third item: Joe Sciacca's announcement on the Herald's new website redesign, which, after a rough first morning, actually looks pretty sharp.



Edwards-Flynn Ordinance Passed By City CouncilService

Helps Low-Income Elders Repay Back Taxes

he Boston City Council recently voted unanimously to support a tax repayment ordinance filed by Lydia Edwards (District 1) and Ed Flynn (District 2). The ordinance helps elders who have fallen behind on property taxes by extending the length of time for repayment from one year to five years and by forgiving up to 50% interest. The city will consider expansion of the program to other resident taxpayers in the coming years.

"As a city, it's critical we take every step possible to keep our elders housed and support Bostonians in building and retaining wealth over generations," said Councilor Edwards. "This ordinance is a win-win, helping economically vulnerable taxpayers keep their homes while meeting tax obligations to the city."

Councilor Edwards originally called a hearing in April on tax repayment based on her experience at the Office of Housing Stability and her former colleagues at Greater Boston Legal Services testimony about working to prevent seniors from losing their homes. During the hearing process, it became clear that the city could and must do more to offer flexibility in repayment of back taxes and to ensure all residents, regardless of what language they speak, are aware of their tax obligations, exemptions and other programs.

Subsequently, Councilors Edwards and Flynn filed an ordinance to create a tax repayment plan. Cities like New Bedford, Springfield and Pittsfield have opted into similar tax repayment initiatives. Bos-





ton's tax arrears repayment program will begin with a limited pool of residents, elder property owners, and the city will evaluate program expansion in 2020 and 2021.

"It is great to work with the Walsh Administration to provide more tools for our elderly residents and increase accessibility for non-English speaking Bostonians." said co-sponsor Ed Flynn, District 2 City Councilor, "Tax bills can be intimidating and this ordinance will make things easier for the taxpayers of Boston. I look forward to having this ordinance signed into law."

Tom Lyons Honored for 50 Years of Public Service



om Lyons, a native of South Boston was recently honored for 50 years of public service beginning as a U.S. Marine in Vietnam and culminating with his retirement from MassHousing as the Agency's Vice President of External Affairs. Among those speaking to Lyons' lifetime of commitment to serving veterans and creating housing opportunities for the residents of Massachusetts were Governor Charlie Baker, Marine Corps General Joseph Dunford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch, former Ambassador to the Vatican and Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn, and Medal of Honor Recipient Thomas Kelley.

Lyons retired from MassHousing after 16 years at the Agency. Prior to his becoming Vice President of External Affairs, Lyons served as Director of Community Services and as Acting Executive Director in late 2017 and early 2018.

Lyons is a founding member of the committee that created the South Boston Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the founder and president of the Boston Semper Fidelis Society, which every November hosts the nation's largest annual Marine Corps Birthday luncheon from which proceeds benefit veterans and their families through various programs and scholarships.

In April of 2018, Lyons was honored by the U.S. Marine Corps for his combat service in Vietnam and for his extensive efforts in support of veterans by being the guest of honor and Parade Reviewing Officer for a recruit gradation parade at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, South Carolina. For Lyons, the event was his first visit to Parris Island since he graduated from Marine Corps training in 1967.

In 2014, he was honored by the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation for his many years of work on behalf of veterans and their families. The Tommy Lyons Scholarship was created in his name for the child of a Marine Corps or Navy Corpsmen veteran. Prior to joining MassHousing, Lyons spent seven years as Executive Director of the New England Center for Veterans and before that he spent 10 years as Boston's Deputy Commissioner for Veterans. Lyons was chairman of the committees for the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's annual conventions in Boston in 2001, 2006 and 2015. He has also served on many state and national boards and committees related to veterans.

Beware of Grinches Stealing Christmas Packages from Doors Steps

SBT Staff Report



is the season of peace, love and good will toward all, as far as most people are concerned.

But police remind us to be aware that even though most people would never think of doing so, like most years, there still could be those who prowl the streets looking for delivered packages to steal. Yes, even in South Boston and especially during the Christmas season when there are considerably more delivered items left on door steps by FEDEX, UPS, the US Postal Service and other delivery services.

Losing those special gifts that often cost quite a bit of money can put a damper of anyone's Christmas spirit. And it's not just the monetary worth that makes delivered gifts so valuable. Most often a lot of thought and love goes into selecting just the right gift for the special people in our lives, which makes it even worse if they are stolen. But there are precautions we can all take to cut down the odds that we will be victims of these thefts.

Police sources have suggested a type of neighborhood watch agreement between neighbors that can foil even the most determined thieves from success. One plan is to select one or more neighbors to work with each other. Whenever someone sees a package on the door steps of a nearby neighbor, they take it into their own homes and either bring it by when the neighbor returns home or at least notify them that they have the delivered package, which can be picked up at their convenience. If each neighbor involved in the agreement does the same for one another it will greatly lower the chance that the item will be stolen.

Cameras: Security cameras are coming down in price at a rapid rate. You can go high tech and spend a lot of money on a state-of-the-art security/video system. As most know, there are security systems like 'Ring' that will shoot live video footage to your phones whenever there is movement outside your home and you can even communicate by audio to anyone on the premises.

But you don't have to spend a lot to get good results. Stores like Walmart, Bass Pro-Shops and Cabelas sell 'Game Cameras' used by hunters that cost as little as \$25 and take excellent still pictures, as well as video. Positioned at the proper angles they can catch on the SD cards, the image of the thieves themselves and even the license plate numbers, if the thieves are using vehicles for their getaway.

But the neighborhood watch method is probably the way to go and, if all are in agreement, it won't cost a dime; just neighbors helping neighbors to keep the community safe and crime free. As law enforcement sources will tell you, word spreads quickly among criminals. If they know that there are people watching out for one another in a certain area, they will go elsewhere to commit their crimes. And South Boston people have always been famous for watching out for one another.

So we hope this word of caution will remind all to keep your eyes open for the package thieves this year. If we all work together it will ensure that this Christmas season will be Merry.

Sheriff Tompkins, Mayor Walsh, DA-Elect Rachel Rollins Open P.E.A.C.E. Unit

uffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department were joined by a group of partners and supporters for the official unveiling of the Department's newest endeavor designed to reduce recidivism and promote public safety – the P.E.A.C.E. Unit.

Along with Sheriff Tompkins, Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh, newly-elected Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins, Columbia Justice Lab Co-Founder Vincent Schiraldi, members of the Department and participants of the program, the event was attended by Boston Police Commissioner William Gross, State Representative Russell Holmes, former State Senator Linda Dorcena Forry, the City of Boston's Director of the Office of Public Safety Dan Mulhern and Director of the Office of Returning Citizens Kevin Sibley, as well as several other representatives of organizations spanning the county.

With an acronym "P.E.A.C.E." that spells out to: "Positive Energy Always Creates Elevation," this specialized housing unit brings together young men between the ages of 18 and 25 who have been remanded to Department custody and provides them with training and programming that has been intentionally calibrated to the mindset of their age group.

"Our P.E.A.C.E. Unit has been geared specifically to be a developmentally appropriate response to young offenders," said Sheriff Tompkins. "As many people working in and around the criminal justice system are already well aware, emerging adults need specialized guidance and strong social networks to support them both behind the walls and in their communities – programming and services that differ from that of older, more mature offenders."

As revealed by numerous reports about emerging adults by such organizations as the Harvard Kennedy School Program in Criminal Justice, MassINC, Roca, the Council of State Governments (CSG) and others, this age cohort typically possesses a lower level of maturity in judgment and less emotional regulation than older adults. Their reasoning skills and impulse control is still developing, and, so, the goal is to help these young men to learn how to begin making better and more mature decisions. The ultimate purpose of this program is to break the cycle of incarceration by focusing on education, job training and developing skillsets, individual/group counseling, attitudinal changes and conflict resolution.

Speaking about the program before directly addressing its participants, Mayor Walsh offered encouragement and shared his personal story of addiction and recovery.

"I want you to know that Sheriff Tompkins cares about you," said Mayor Walsh. "He cares about all of the people who walk through that door. The highest mission of what corrections should be is to rehabilitate, to heal and to provide second chances. You made a mistake. You're here. You're doing your time. And, at some point, when you get released, that opportunity for second chances needs to be there, and so, I'm proud to be here in partner-ship with the Department for this program."



Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins (far right) was joined by Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh (2nd from left), newly-elected Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins (far left), Columbia Justice Lab Co-Founder Vincent Schiraldi (2nd from right), Suffolk County Superintendent-In-Chief and Special Sheriff Michael Harris (center), speaker Terry Carter (4th from right) and two members of the Department's new P.E.A.C.E. Unit, Keith Merriman and Carl Clinton.

Echoing Mayor Walsh's sentiment, incoming District Attorney Rollins spoke about the potential of providing that second chance in the form of sentencing.

"I want to talk about the P.E.A.C.E. Unit as a possible sentencing tool," said Rollins. I want to discuss using it in revising and revoking. Sheriff Tompkins is working to not have people [incarcerated] here. Ninety-five percent of the people incarcerated here are coming back to the community. We want them to come back healthy and employable. We don't want them branded with a felony that won't permit them to get housing or a job."

Though operational since the first half of the year, this event marked the official public viewing of P.E.A.C.E. Unit.

Councilor Michelle Wu Reports on Youth Transportation Challenges

Responses from nearly 300
Boston students highlight
transportation barriers
affecting youth access to
education, opportunity

Boston City Councilor At-Large Michelle Wu announced the results of a grassroots research initiative conducted by her office this past summer to survey hundreds of Boston students about their transportation needs and preferences. The Boston Youth Transportation Project research was led by a policy fellow in Councilor Wu's



office, Lily Ko of Tufts University's Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning program. The project analyzed how transportation options are affecting Boston high school students and assessed youth attitudes regarding various modes of transportation in light of the City of Boston's climate change goals.

"We often talk about transportation challenges from the perspective of employees and the economy, but it's important to highlight just how significantly transportation challenges are shaping the lives of Boston youth," said Councilor Wu. "Transportation costs, unreliability, and safety concerns are

major barriers for our students as they seek educational, social and economic opportunities across the city. We must take policy action, because the health and prosperity of our society and economy depend on this next generation of leaders having opportunities to thrive."

The research explored factors related to youth transportation experiences, such as the Boston Public School policy for students to be eligible for a subsidized transit pass, called an "M7 pass," MBTA fares and service reliability, Transportation Network Company services like Uber and Lyft, preferences between various transportation modes and links to opportunities for jobs, household income, education and social interactions.

"The findings revealed that there are young people who cannot access opportunities available to them, and worse, that their transportation experiences put them at risk for discipline with educational and transit authorities, limit their learning and earning potential, produce social apprehension, affect relationships with their parents, and reduce their ability

to meet basic needs," the report concludes. "These issues were not only exacerbated by the city's M7 walk-zone policy, but also by the lack of reliable public transit service."

Transportation accounts for between 25-33% of the City of Boston's green-house gas emissions. Boston's climate plans include a goal to reduce emissions from transportation by 50% from 2005 levels by 2030.

"Their strong preference for car use and increasing familiarity with TNCs indicate that much work still has to be done before future generations will shift away from the "car is king" mindset," said author Lily Ko. "This suggests that progress on improving this biking environment should be made more aggressively than in the 15 year plan proposed by Go Boston 2030. Otherwise, there is indication from our youth that Boston's congestion issues will become exponentially worse. At the same time, public transit must become a more competitive option."

The full report is available at: http://bit.ly/BostonYouthTransportation2018.

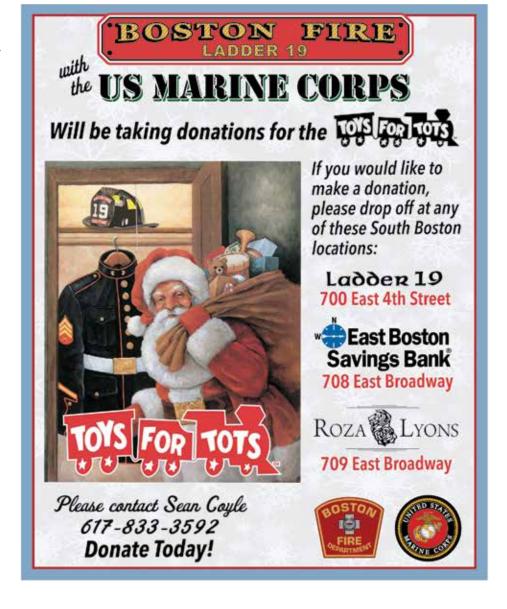
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her. Well, MS Behar is very upset with Kid Rock. She feels highly insulted and those on the left side of the political divide are attacking Kid Rock, nonstop. But he doesn't care and is not backing down. And he has counter attacked by reminding all how Behar is known for spewing her anti-Christian hate speech on her show, making fun of Vice President Pence for his faith, calling Sarah Palin's daughter a hooker, and routinely and viciously attacks everyone and anyone who doesn't agree with her warped sense of values and politics. And it's turning out that millions of Americans are siding with Kid Rock and feel that his opinion of MS Behar is dead on. I will add the new Kid Rock CD to my Christmas wish list this year

The Christmas Season is now in full swing. And though this is among 'the most wonderful times of the year', filled with good cheer, spirituality, and beautiful festivity, it also brings out the grinches as well. Not able to

ban Christmas Trees and Nativity Scenes as easily as they once could, some of the Christmas haters have switched tactics and are now attacking certain seasonal songs. Some are demanding that the song 'Baby it's cold outside' a classic song since the 1940's be banned from radio play, because they say it's really about disrespecting women. 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer' should be banned because it is really about bullying and bigotry. And of course, we're told that the 'Charlie Brown Christmas Story' is racist. But strangely enough, some of these same 'progressive' voices demanding an end to these Christmas time classics have no complaints, as they listen to certain rap songs that glorify murder, rape, adultery, shooting cops and so many other types of debauchery.

Boston Herald columnist Jessica Heslam said it perfectly when she said some of these liberals who are so worked up about the Christmas classics are in desperate need of a nap.





Gentlemen (and Ladies), Pass The Port

here is one category of wine that I haven't mentioned nearly as much as I should, particularly at this time of year, when the colder weather enhances its enjoyment even more. Port, or fortified red wine, was originally produced in the area of Porto, in the country of Portugal.

For hundreds of years, it was made in Portugal and consumed almost exclusively in England; today, consumption is global and while British ownership is still predominant, growth and production in other regions of the world is changing that, too. So, let's look at five samples-three from the Old World and two from newer production areas.

Quinta do Sagrado 2010 L.B.V. Late Bottled Vintage (Port), (\$28.99), This vineyard has been making Port for centuries and this particular vintage shows that experience can provide great quality at a real value. Aged in large, old wood barrels for six months has softened and opened up the fruit of this wine. It has a dry core as well as ripe prune and stewed-plum flavors. With the spice of the added brandy giving the wine its extra richness, this is a fine, almost mature LBV. It could age further, so drink now or until 2023.

Dow's 20-Year-Old Tawny Port, Porto, (\$45.99), "20 Years" indicates an average age - this Aged Tawny Port is a blend of older wines, which offer complexity and younger wines, which bring fresh fruit flavors and vibrancy. During their long maturing period in oak casks, Aged Tawnies undergo subtle color changes: the deep red hue which characterizes Port's youth gradually gives way to a paler golden amber color. Dow's is known for its characteristically drier house style. This 20 Year has a full, nutty bouquet, concentrated, citrus, almond and caramel notes on the palate and a lingering finish. Many consider the 20 Year to be the perfect blend of complexity and vibrant fruit when it comes to Aged Tawny.

Sandeman's Founder's Ruby Red Port, NV, (\$29.99), Where basic



"Ruby port" is aged no more than three years, a Reserve Ruby like this one gets a couple more years in the barrel or steel vat (this one gets five) meaning you'll get the classic powerful fruit and berry flavors of a Ruby port tempered by just a touch of age. A good step up, and only a few dollars more, if you're looking to add a little edge to the fruit, heat, and sweetness of a classic ruby. Try this one with soft cheeses and fruit, especially cherries and in warmer months you can have it chilled-an instant dessert in a glass!

KWV Classic Collection Cape Tawny, NV, (\$24.99), KWV is one of the leading wine and spirit producers in South Africa and is the only South African brand to be voted onto Drinks International's Most Admired Wine Brands! To top this special accolade, the Classic Collection Cape Tawny was awarded the world regional trophy port-style wines at the 2015 Decanter competition in London. Made by Anne du Plessis from Tinta Barocca, Cinsaut and Souzao grapes, the wine spends up to 10 years maturing peacefully in large oak barrels in the cool, dark cellars of the KWV. The result is an amber coloured liquid that reminds me of Christmas, with spicy marmalade, roasted nuts and creme brulee flavours. Just the number to ward off the cold! Serve slightly chilled with some roasted nuts and salty olives before dinner.

Let's conclude by going to California, which has made big strides over the last few decades. Prager Winery & Port Works, in the Napa Valley's St. Helena, has been the perfect prescription for Port lovers since 1979. Family owned and operated winery in the heart of the Napa Valley, Prager Winery & Port Works currently offers Vintage Port, Tawny Port, White Port, as well as Petite Sirah and Late Harvest Riesling table wines. Their Prager Port, 2010. Napa Valley, (\$55.00), is a deep, full bodied California Port. This blend of Petite Sirah and 3 traditional Portuguese varieties has aromas of sweet cherry, cola, and chocolate. The flavors of dried cherry, vanilla and chocolate coat the palate, finishing with soft tannins. This one can be enjoyed with a wide variety of dessert items, especially anything with dark chocolate in it.

We've got the cold, now get the Port!

George H. W. Bush Continued from from page

brutality of Hitler and the other AXIS powers.

When his plane was shot down in battle, an event that would have caused many others to count their blessings that they survived and call it quits, he went right back into battle to continue taking the fight to the enemy. But in addition to his well-documented heroic acts during war time and his political battles, successes and failures on his path to the Presidency, he was an allaround decent man. Good to his family and ever loyal to his wife Barbara, always respectful of everyone he met no matter what their status in life, he was held in high esteem by those who knew him personally. He was admired by the average American, who had no doubt that he had the best interest of every American in his heart.

After his Presidency, he teamed up with former President Bill Clinton to co-chair the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund and raised \$90mm in grants. They also headed a private fundraising effort to aid those devastated by the Indian Ocean tsunami in 2005 that supplemented US aid of \$350mm in government funding. Their philanthropic activity has become legendary.

Tributes have poured in from around the nation and the world. President Clinton and Madame Secretary Hilary Clinton, Michelle and former President Barack Obama, Melania and President Donald Trump, former Vice President Al Gore, leaders of the United Nations. NATO, the country of Kuwait, Prime Minister Theresa May, sports figures, talk show hosts and entertainers, corporate heads such as Tim Cook of Apple and other leaders, both Democrats and Republican are both nostalgic and anx-

ious that his passing marks not the end of a generation of political decency, but perhaps the official beginning of the resurgence of the politics that George H.W. Bush stood for, even with all of the natural flaws that arise from necessity of compromise. His service dog Sully, pictured here, symbolizes the essence of loyalty marked his career.

The Herald's Joe Fitzgerald poignantly wrote, "When Bush wished for "a kinder, gentler nation" it was more than campaign rhetoric. It was a clarion call for us to wash our hands of the meanness now permeating public life, knowing we can be better than this. In mocking him, his critics reaffirmed how very right he was."

The emotion that the Bush Family has always so unabashedly displayed publicly around and toward each other at key personal and historic moments has and will continue to be on display until his interment and probably beyond. As Fitzgerald further wrote, "Like his kids, we've all lost a giant." May God bless President George H.W. Bush and may he rest in peace. A good man has left us for the afterlife he so richly deserves as he is once again united with his wife and best friend Barbara.



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45 West Third St UNIT 510	\$1,220,000	7/18/18	5	2	1250
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45 West Third St UNIT 419	\$1,200,000	7/18/18	7	2	1206
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45 West Third St UNIT 415	\$1,185,000	7/18/18	6	2	1246
Condo					
823 East Broadway UNIT 4	\$1,179,000	7/18/18	4	2	1415
Condo					
45 West Third St UNIT 508	\$1,175,000	7/18/18	5	2	1210
Condo					
45 West Third St UNIT 320	\$1,175,000	7/18/18	6	2	1206
Condo					
45 West Third St UNIT 213	\$1,150,000	7/18/18	5	2	1245
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45 West Third St UNIT 316	\$1,150,000	7/18/18	5	2	1246
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During The Cold Months Use Caution When Using A Grill

SBT Staff Report

sually when one hears about an accident, fire or even an explosion caused by a barbecue grill it's during the warm months of spring and summer or even into the autumn. But there are many people who enjoy using their grill year-round, weather permitting, because as most know, grilling gives food that special taste that usually cannot come from a regular stove or oven. But, with grilling, regardless of time of year, there is always a degree of danger that causes people to be a bit more careful.

Last Monday, fire fighters received a call and responded to what was said to be a grill fire in South Boston. As always, they arrived promptly, and all was taken care of. It could have been a problem, but these are professional and very competent first responders, so they had the situation under control in a very short time. But it could have been a serious situation. In addition to taking care of the problem, traffic was disrupted. The firefighters on scene suggested that neighbors get another reminder on the proper ways to use a grill, as well as the legal restrictions involved when grilling in the city.

No one here at SBT is trying to tell you where or how to use your grill. That's not for us to decide, but here are the restrictions you should be aware of. And the reason for concern is that there have been incidents of grills causing fires over the years here in the neighborhood. We live in the city and the houses are close together. An out of control grill fire could cause not only a tragedy to the people using the grills but to surrounding homes as well.

(The following does not apply to the use and storage of Natural Gas grills permitted through ISD and installed by a licensed installer in accordance with proper codes and standards but does apply to the standard type charcoal and LP(propane) grills



commonly used.)

Charcoal Grills: These are not allowed to be used on top of or within a building or a structure per order of the Boston Fire Dept.

LP (propane) Grills: City of Boston regulations prohibits the use and storage of the propane tanks or containers inside or on balconies above the first floor of any building or structure used for habitation. Also on first floor porches, decks or balconies enclosed by a roof/ceiling or other confining material and never on fire escapes or fire escape balconies.

Boston Fire Department officials urge all to keep grills clean for safety reasons.

Well readers, these are the rules put forth by the city that some of you have been asking about. Do with this information what you wish but please, by all means, this spring and summer when using your grills; do so carefully for your own personal safety, the safety of your family and guests and for your surrounding neighbors as well.

(To view, in detail the rules and regulations and for safety tips to consider when barbecuing, you can log onto the Boston Fire Department web page at www.cityofboston/fire and go to the link titled 'Barbecue Safety Info'.)

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. SU18C0579CA
Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
In the matter of:
Nicole Lynn Ciullo

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

A Petition to Change Name of

Adult has been filed by
Nicole Lynn Ciullo of Boston MA
requesting that the court enter a
Decree
changing their name to:

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Nicole Heifner Ciullo

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00a.m. on the return day of 12/20/2018

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

November 30, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate **December 6, 2018**



CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

Docket No. SU17P2485EA
Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Estate of: Kathyanne Rose Kaufman
Date Of Death: 10/05/2017

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Pamela H Kaufman of South Weymouth MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account on the First and Final Account and other such relief a may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/24/2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

November 26, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate **December 6, 2018**

MADD Launches 2018 'Tie One On for Safety' Red Ribbon Campaign



others Against Drunk
Driving® (MADD) Massachusetts along with local sponsor Skedaddle, are ready to kick off a safe 2018 holiday season.
Drivers can show their commitment to designating a non-drinking and non-drug-using driver and support of law enforcement's efforts to protect the roads by displaying a MADD Tie One On for Safety red ribbon or decal on their vehicles available at the local MADD offices.

"The greatest gift all of us could give or receive is safe roads, free of impaired driving, so that everyone can be home for the holidays," said Mary Kate DePamphilis, MADD Massachusetts. "Everyone can help keep our holiday season joyous by always planning ahead to designate a non-drinking and non-drug-using driver. I don't want to receive those tragic calls after Thanksgiving from family members who have lost a loved one in an impaired driving crash — it's heartbreaking."

This year, the message of driving sober is more important than ever. With recreational marijuana "pot shops" granted licenses last month and shops to open any day now — we need to get the message out about impaired driving. If you're using marijuana — you are impaired and should not drive. The same messaging regarding alcohol and driving applies to marijuana and driving. Please use responsibly and designate a non-using driver.

The holidays are one of the most dangerous times on our nation's roadways, with more people traveling, an increased number of festivities where alcohol is served, and a surge in drunk driving. Between 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve through New

Year's Eve in 2017, there were 1,143 drunk driving fatalities across the country, accounting for 29 percent of all traffic fatalities, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Over the past five years, drunk driving fatalities have increased by 35 percent nationwide.

Last year, 120 people died in Massachusetts due to drunk driving crashes.

In 1986, MADD began promoting the designated driver and its longest-running annual public awareness red ribbon campaign, Tie One On for Safety. With so many options today such as Uber, taxis, public transportation and alcohol-free and drug-free friends or family members, there is no excuse to drink and drive. MADD thanks all law enforcement personnel who will be working harder than ever this holiday season to protect the public from drunk driving through the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement efforts.

To get your Tie One On for Safety red ribbons for yourself, your community businesses or events, please call 781-328-0002 x.2552. For safe party tips, visit madd.org/toofs.

MADD's local Tie One On for Safety sponsor, Skedaddle provides safe bus

rides for groups of people going to different events and recreational destinations throughout the state. For more info log on to www.letsskedaddle.com.

About Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Founded in 1980 by a mother whose daughter was killed by a drunk driver, Mothers Against Drunk Driving® (MADD) is the nation's largest nonprofit working to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes and prevent underage drinking. MADD has helped to save nearly 380,000 lives, reduce drunk driving deaths by more than 50 percent and promote designating a non-drinking driver. MADD's Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving® calls for law enforcement support, ignition interlocks for all offenders and advanced vehicle technology. MADD has provided supportive services to nearly one million drunk and drugged driving victims and survivors at no charge through local victim advocates and the 24-Hour Victim Help Line 1-877-MADD-HELP. Visit www.madd.org or call 1-877-ASK-MADD.

First Night Boston Announces New Charity Partner Program Women's-wellness-related programs added in first-ever campaign.

FIRST NIGHT®

¶irst Night Boston, New England's biggest New Year's Eve celebration, announced the addition of a philanthropic program for its 2019 event. In addition to hours of free entertainment, light shows, ice sculptures, and other family-friendly programming, 2019 event-goers will be introduced to three non-profit organizations that are improving our communities and the lives of the people who live within them. In its first year, and under the rallying cry of "Now's the Time", this Charity Partner Program will be comprised of charities which help and empower girls and women both locally and regionally.

The selected charities for this inaugural program include Boston-based

Project Hope, which serves low-income women with education, work-force training, job placement, housing assistance, and an emergency family shelter, the Center for Women and Enterprise, which is dedicated to helping New England women start and grow their businesses, and #HereForTheMusic, a campaign created by non-profit organization Calling all Crows that works to prevent sexual violence in the live music industry through training, policy consulting, and education.

"First Night Boston is a celebration that unites residents and visitors of all ages. It's an annual tradition that showcases the best of who we are as a city," said Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "This year, we'll also unite around our shared priority of supporting and empowering the women and girls in our communities. We look forward to welcoming these organizations to First Night Boston and making 2019 anoth-

er great year for the City of Boston."

The free and family-friendly event begins at Boston's Copley Square at 12:00 p.m. on December 31. In addition to the music, ice sculptures, and sponsor engagements, these organizations will be set in Copley Square to spread awareness about the good work that they do, and collect donations through the day. In partnership with NBC10 Boston, necn, and Telemundo Boston, these organizations will receive pre-event television coverage of their work. The public are encouraged to visit www.firstnightboston.org to learn more.

More than 200,000 guests are expected to visit Copley Square on New Year's Eve, and the event's full musical line-up and its headlining performance will be revealed in the near future. The event showcases Boston's beauty in a night of light, music, and ice, and is funded entirely by contributions from the surrounding community. Dona-

tions can be made to help support the event at the event website, www.first-nightboston.org.

About First Night Boston

First Night Boston is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization that funds the annual New Year's Eve celebration in the city of Boston. The city-wide celebration features family-friendly traditions such as a parade down Boylston Street; hand-crafted ice sculptures; performances from local musicians and artists, and of course, the highly anticipated "Copley Countdown" to the New Year, that kicks off the much anticipated spectacular midnight pyrotechnic show. Boston Public Library will also offer family friendly entertainment options. All First Night Boston activities are free and open to the public. For more information and a list of events, visit www. firstnightboston.org.

First Night is produced by Conventures, Inc., one of New England's premier special events agency focused on integrated event management, public relations and marketing and is based in Boston.

'South Bostonian Mark Conde Takes His First Steps After Paralysis'

t was a snowy afternoon in January 2017 and lifelong Southie resident Mark Conde headed upstairs for a quick nap. After a couple of hours, Mark awoke to find that he had lost all function in his legs. He physically could not move.

After weeks of confusion and anxiety, doctors told Mark that he had Neurosarcoidosis – a rare autoimmune disease that affects the nerves in the brain and along the spinal cord. Its cause is unknown, and it is a very difficult disease to spot. There were no answers to his "why?" and no immediate resolution. Nevertheless, he remained positive and focused on finding the absolute best treatment he could find to ensure that he would overcome his diagnosis.

That's when Mark came to Journey Forward. Journey Forward is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is dedicated to bettering the lives of those who have suffered a spinal cord injury or other paralysis through an intense exercise program designed to assist them with

achieving some of the most basic lifelong functions and benefits. Located in Canton, MA, Journey Forward was founded by Dan Cummings - a man who suffered a spinal cord injury at 19 and had to fly across the country to find a facility that would teach him how to walk again, and not how to live in a wheelchair.

From the time he's been at Journey Forward, Marc has lost 21 pounds, gained immense core strength and mental clarity and increased mobility. He has another support group and a team of trainers pushing him towards his goal. In the spirit of some friendly competition, Mark and his wife made a bet that if Mark could walk on his own by the end of the summer, she'd owe him \$100. He worked rigorously in every session and remained laser focused on his goals.

This September, Mark won the bet. He took his first steps in overcoming paralysis. In a game of inches, Mark continues to make progress with the help of his amazing support system and team of trainers.



6th Annual Hat and Glove Drive

et's help those less fortunate stay warm this winter. Please join Letter Carrier Jill Mc-Donough and The South Boston Post Office set a new personal collection record, providing this much needed Winter apparel for The South Boston Neighborhood House aka The Ollie!

Your donation of any new hats, gloves or mittens will help our youth to get through the cold weather season a little easier. Look for the box located in the lobby at the South Boston Post Office, 444 East Third Street. If you are unable to drop at the Post Office, Jill is willing to pick up your donation directly from you. The collection will end on December 20th. To contact Jill please call 617-590-5239.



Ursuline Academy's Hope Alto Signs Letter of Intent

Hope Alto has signed a National Letter of Intent to play lacrosse at St. Michael's College in Vermont. Coach Marisol Henderson joined Hope and her family for the signing at the school earlier this month. Hope is the daughter of South Boston residents Peter and Carrie Alto.

Ursuline Academy is an allgirls Catholic school guided by the teachings of St. Angela Merici, the founder of the Ursuline Order. The Academy has 400-plus students in grades 7-12 and is located on twenty-eight acres in Dedham. With a commitment to the highest academic standards—100% of Ursuline graduates go on to a four-year college—Ursuline Academy instills a lifelong devotion to achievement and giving back to others.

Families who may be interested in applying for admission are invited to attend an applicants' night event this coming Tuesday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the school's new athletic and convocation center on campus. For more information, email admissions@ursulineacademy.net



Hope Alto signs letter of intent to play lacrosse at St. Michael's College in Vermont, accompanied by her family.

Gatey CYO Hoop Season In Full Swing



By Kevin Devlin

he 2018-2019 Gate of Heaven CYO basketball season is in full swing. House and travel league home games are played at the Martin F. McDonough Gym

located within the James "Stretch" Walsh Community Center.

Mike Donovan and Sean Monahan oversee the boys' instructional league for first and second graders held on Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Marie Laundry and Allison Baker are in charge of the girls' instructional and house leagues and also play on Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The boys' cadet house league games are played on Sundays at 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. The boys' midget house league games are played at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. In addition to running the instructional league with Mike Donovan, Sean Monahan oversees the boys' midget house league and also coaches a boys' travel squad. Yours truly oversees the boys' cadet house league.

"We are back and it's time to begin another basketball season," said Kevin Lally, Gate of Heaven's CYO Athletic Director. "It's going to be another gratifying season. We have around three hundred players signed up. We have instructional leagues for the younger girls and boys, and house leagues for both girls and boys. This

season we have twelve travel teams, including two high school-age girl's teams, making us the only parish in the state to afford this opportunity to the older girls.

"We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of coaches, league commissioners, and other volunteers (mentors) who'll help the players," Lally added. "The great part is the players will learn to play the game in a productive manner...have fun...and develop new friendships that will last a lifetime."

Game Notes

On Saturday, December 1, the 7th/8th grade boys' travel team, coached by Jimmy Geisel, defeated Saint Peter's of Cambridge, 48-34. Trailing by a deuce at the half, 21-19, Gatey opened up the second half with a 12-0 run to take a 31-19 lead. And then they cruised to victory. For Gatey, Ryan MacDonald was sensational, netting 27 points. Robert Wisniewski played a solid game, as usual, and scored 11 points. Brendan Errico was a monster off the glass hauling down a handful of rebounds on both ends of the court and contributing six points.

In the second game of the day, the 3rd/4th grade boys' travel team,

coached by the Costello brothers, John and James, handily defeated Saint Peter's of Cambridge, 38-22. For Gatey, Aiden Cleary netted 14 points. Max Donovan and Sean Costello scored eight points apiece, while Jakoby Tatum finished with four points.

On Sunday, December 2, in cadet house league action, the P.S. Deli Club defeated the Boston Home Inspector Club, 73-69. For P.S. Deli Club, Wellington Arias netted 21 points, including 5 three-pointers. James Buzzell was also in the zone, scoring 20 points, while Ryan MacDonald contributed 14. For the Boston Home Inspector Club, Conor Strickland was unstoppable scoring 39 points, including 6 treys from downtown. Tristen Pecevich and Dermot Murray scored seven and six points respectively.

In the second cadet house league game, the Jack McDonough Club defeated the Metro Energy Club, 42-26. For the McDonough Club, Tommy White scored 12 points, Robert Wisniewski had 9 points and Ed Murray had 7. For the Metro Energy Club, Owen Donovan scored eleven points and Alex Polena had six points, hitting two three-pointers from the corner.



Pictured at the Walsh Center gym are (from left) Eddie Tiribassi, Alex Polena, and Henry Gailunas, who play on the 7th/8th grade travel team, coached by Jimmy Geisel.



Pictured at the Walsh Center is the sixteen and under high school boys' travel team coached (far left) by Matt Hogan. The players are; Jack Matthews, Kevin Cully, Ryan Hogan, Mike Brooks, James Arlauskas, Braeden Kennedy, Chris Fitzgerald, and Jack McGinn. Also pictured (far right) is Kevin Lally, Gate of Heaven's CYO athletic director.



Pictured at the Walsh Center gym, before the game with their Gatey counterparts, is the Saint Ann's of Dorchester sixteen and under boys' travel league squad, coached by Sean McDonough.



Pictured at the Walsh Center gym is (from left) Chase Bell, Tristen Pecevich, Dermot Murray, and Jerry O'Neil, who play on the Boston Home Inspector Club in the cadet house league. They are coached by Scott Bell.



Pictured at the Walsh Center gym is (from left) James Buzzell, Dillon Picard, and Aidan Young, who play on the P.S. Deli Club in the cadet house league. They are coached by Jimmy Geisel.



Pictured at the Walsh Center gym is (from left) Robert Wisniewski, Tommy White, and Stephen Flynn, who play on the Jack McDonough Club in the cadet house league. They are coached by Bobby McGarrell.



Pictured at the Walsh Center gym is (from left) Aldo Noury-Ello, Alex Polena, and Owen Donovan, who play on the Metro Energy Club in the cadet house league. They are coached by Chris DiMaggio.

SOUTH BOSTON CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS

n December 1, 2018, we held our Annual South Boston Catholic Academy's Jingle Bell 5K Run which was a huge success due to the endless efforts of all involved. A huge Thank You goes to Mrs. Katie Marshman and Mr. Jeff Tassie, along with many other unsung heroes. We are appreciative and grateful for all you do to help and support South Boston Catholic Academy! It was so nice to see

the many people young and old that came. Some even brought their lovable family pets to join in the race. Thank you to all who took part in this the event!

It was great to see the students in grades 2 through 6 from South Boston Catholic Academy's Run Club, who also, participated in South Boston Catholic Academy's Jingle Bell Run! Twenty student members of the South Boston Catholic Academy

emy Run Club trained for the past 8 weeks for this 3.1-mile run. Their dedication to training, determination and excitement for the sport of running got them across the finish line this past Saturday! A special thanks to South Boston Catholic Academy Teachers and Run Club Leaders, Ms. Molly Maguire, Ms. Michaela Johnson and Mrs. Terry Evans!

Thank you again, to all our sponsors, runners, students, families and friends who worked hard to make this event possible. We hope ev-

eryone had an enjoyable time at this year's South Boston Catholic Academy's Annual Jingle Bell 5K Run and Youth Races!

We are now accepting applications online for the 2019-2020 School Year. To learn more about what makes South Boston Catholic Academy so special join us for a tour on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9am. For more information, please email Mr. Jamie Brown, Assistant Principal at j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org or phone 617-268-2326.













Cradles to Crayons Launches Gear Up for Winter Initiative

Donations will help children in need stay warm this winter

Cradles to Crayons

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 chil-

dren 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 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 likenew 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 low-income 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/.



This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for Week 14 in the NFL:

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS over Miami Dolphins

-It's a "Hat and T-shirt Game" for the 9-3 Patriots on Sunday at 1 p.m. in Miami. If the Pats can beat the 6-6 Dolphins, then they'll clinch the AFC East for the 10th consecutive season. Look, you can knock the rest of the division all you want, but finishing in first place for 10 straight years? That's pretty incredible. Even if I get this game wrong, there's no doubt that the Patriots will eventually end up clinching the AFC East in coming weeks. That said, I do believe that — even though they're a 7.5-point favorite on the road — this will be the toughest game left on the Patriots' regularseason schedule. And yes, I do see the game in Pittsburgh the following week, in Week 15. There's just something about this one that kind of scares me, but not to the point where I think the Patriots will lose. They'll win, and they'll clinch, and I'll keep reminding you that it's still very possible the Pats end up as the No. 1 seed in the AFC. Kansas City will have to lose one more, and the Patriots will have to win out. But I think

both of those things are likely to happen. One game at a time though, I suppose. Give me New England in this one.

DENVER BRONCOS over San Francisco 49ers

-Don't look now, but the 6-6 Broncos are in a great position to make a push for the No. 6 seed in the AFC. Denver has won three straight, against the Chargers, the Steelers, and the Bengals. And the rest of the Broncos' schedule is one of the easiest I've seen in the league. They play in San Fran on Sunday at 4:05, then they play Cleveland at home, in Oakland, and back home against the Chargers. And perhaps, at that point, the Chargers have already secured their spot in the tournament. Before the season began, I picked Denver to advance to the playoffs as a Wild Card team. And seeing how the Broncos have been playing, and what their remaining schedule looks like, I'm not yet ready to back off of that prediction. But they have to take care of business against a 2-10 49ers team that has been eliminated from playoff contention. Denver is a 5.5-point favorite on the road,

but I'm just taking the money line. Make it four straight wins for the Broncos.

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS over Cincinnati Bengals

-The 9-3 Chargers are a 14-point favorite at home against the 5-7 Bengals, Sunday at 4:05. Cincinnati has lost four straight, and Andy Dalton is out for the season. I'm not going to lie, I had to Google who the Bengals' quarterback will be in this game. His name is Jeff Driskel, a sixthround pick out of Louisiana Tech in 2016. Chargers by 20.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS over Oakland Raiders

-If you ask me, the 7-4-1 Steelers got screwed by the refs last Sunday night against the Los Angeles Chargers. Maybe I'm a little biased because I had picked Pittsburgh to win the game, but I'll gladly be biased again, because I'm taking the Steelers to snap a two-game losing skid Sunday at 4:25 in Oakland against a 2-10 Raiders team that's lost two straight and is one of just two teams that have been mathematically eliminated from playoff contention. if the season ended today, the Raiders would get the No. 1 overall pick in the 2019

NFL Draft, and as I've been telling you for weeks, that's exactly what they want. Even without injured running back James Connor on Sunday, I don't expect Pittsburgh to lose in Oakland. If the Steelers still want a shot at a first-round bye in the playoffs, then this is a must-win game for them. They won't disappoint. I'll take Pittsburgh as a 10.5-point favorite to win their eighth game of the season.

LOCK OF THE WEEK: NEW ORLEANS SAINTS over Tampa Bay Buccaneers

-The 10-2 Saints will be out for revenge on Sunday at 1 in Tampa Bay. Up until last Thursday night when the Dallas Cowboys beat the Saints, the Buccaneers had been the only team to beat New Orleans, back in Week 1, by a score of 48-40. Both teams have gone opposite directions since then. Tampa Bay is 5-7, and even though they've won two straight, I'm not sure how the Buccaneers would be able to pull this one off in Week 14. The Saints are an 8-point favorite, and coming off a loss, I don't think this New Orleans team will be snoozing in Tampa. With the No. 1 seed in the NFC still up for grabs, give me the Saints here all day.

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