



Over 1000 South Boston Residents On Record Opposing Edison Proposal

Opposition to the Hilco/Redgate proposal to redevelop the former Edison Plant is mounting with the recent submission of over 1000 signatures garnered by South Boston residents, indicating widespread opposition to the proposal. The effort was led community activists, Joseph Capuccio, a member of City Point Neighborhood Association and South Boston Committee on Open Space as well as Bernie O'Donnell of the South Boston

Citizens Association and also a member of the South Boston Committee on Open Space. This latest submission was on top of the already hundreds of letters and emails in opposition from local residents submitted to the City over the course of public meeting process to date.

Organized labor, led by the MBTA Carmen's Union Local 589 and the International Longshoremen's Union, has opposed the proposal on the basis of its impact on transportation and job loss. Environment advocates are calling on the developers to release the specifics of the environmental impact studies that were conducted, which they have yet to do despite persistent requests. Elected officials have consistently opposed the size, scope and mix of uses on the site. "Bring the message to the people. That's the best way to get the word out.", said activist Bernie O'Donnell, who was solicited


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EDITORIAL

Christmas Is A Very Special Time of Year

There is no other time of the year that even comes close to being similar. To children, the Christmas season is magical. It's a time in their lives when memories are made that will live forever. Even when we become adults, those Christmas memories, especially if they are caught in photos or video will bring smiles to our faces. It's one of the good things in life; happy times to

cherish forever and pass on to new family members as they grow. The brilliantly lit Christmas trees and neighborhood homes, the gifts, the pageants, the music, the movies we look forward to year after year, the time spent with family and good friends and the image of Santa everywhere you turn adds to the tradition that so many people hold so near and dear to their hearts.

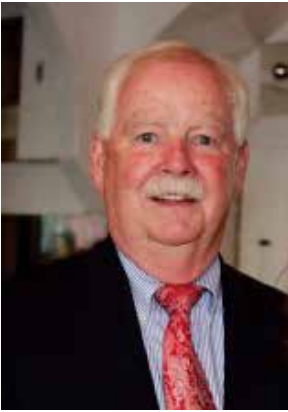
That it was all started with the birth of the Baby Jesus more than 2000 years ago is the reason for the season and makes this time of year not only festive, but also sacred to more than 2 billion people around the world and certainly to the people of South Boston. From all of us here at South Boston Today to our friends and neighbors, have a Merry Christmas. May this year bring good tidings to one and all.




“And know that I am with you always, yes, until the end of time” – Jesus Christ

Merry Christmas
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR


May the joy of the Christmas Season always be in your heart!



Michael J. Donovan
Clerk Magistrate
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Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for a Wonderful New Year!



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Christmas Candy Canes Banned? Who Knew?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
John Ciccone

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

A column mentioned that the anti-Christmas types were at it again this year, but with new tactics in their efforts to spoil the season for everyone else. As was stated last week, since their efforts to ban Christmas trees and Nativity Scenes are for the most part no longer successful, they have gone on the attack against Christmas SONGS; usually the long time classics and favorites like Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Baby It's Cold Outside and even the Charlie Brown Christmas TV Special, which they claim are sexist, racist and all the other 'ists and 'isms that they label everything else they don't like with.

When this silliness first started over a dozen years ago, the reaction by the public was at first outrage. Why, most people wanted to know, can't these grinchers just leave Christmas alone? Don't like Christmas, don't celebrate it- pretty simple. But as the years went by and the anti-Christmas Crusaders were losing in court and their actions were often thwarted when people stood up to them, the anger directed at those waging the 'War on Christmas' in the form of backlash turned to amusement, as the public realized that these people were crackpots and desperately seeking attention. They became laughingstocks and the targets of ridicule, because what they were doing was so ridiculous. But now, even the laughter is subsiding and the anger that turned to amusement now seems to be turning to pity.

The efforts of the Christmas haters have become so absurd that many people are starting to actually feel sorry for them. They are obvi-

ously so consumed and obsessed with hatred and disdain for what to most Americans - Christians and non-Christians alike - look forward to and consider special, that, it is believed, there is clearly something wrong with these people. And this is highlighted by the latest bit of lunacy that just came out of a school in Nebraska.

As the news reported over the weekend, a school principal there decided she would ban candy canes from in-school celebrations. Yes folks, now they are even melting down over candy canes, because the principal says that if you hold a candy cane upside down it looks like the letter 'J' and of course, she believes the J stands for Jesus. Yes, this is how crazy they have become. But in addition to banning candy canes, she even added reindeer to the prohibited symbols of the season, but she did agree to allow hot chocolate, snow 'people', gingerbread 'people' oh, and penguins to be part of the 'winter season' decorations.

The good news is that this took place in the State of Nebraska and the parents and state officials there are not the type of folks that look kindly on or put up with Christmas Grinchers or anyone else that attacks long standing and cherished traditions. The principal has been put on administrative leave for her actions. But had this taken place in Southern California or say Cambridge, Massachusetts, I just can't help but believe that this principal would be put on a pedestal and praised as an enlightened progressive hero. A reminder to those who demand that Christmas decorations must by law be banned from public

buildings and grounds: Christmas is a federal holiday as officially designated by the government of the United States of America back in 1870 and remains so to this day.

So this year, rather than waste time letting those waging a War on Christmas get to us, why not show them a bit of compassion for they know not what they do. Anyone who is so miserable that they would put so much time and effort into trying to ruin something so beautiful for everyone else must

have serious problems and short comings. Oh, don't get me wrong, we can't let them get away with it or allow them to ever succeed in their goals, but they apparently have issues and are in need of a 'Time Out' and perhaps Safe Spaces of their own.

And as we humor or ignore those whose lives are so shallow that they devote their efforts to spoiling Christmas for others, let us all enjoy this beautiful season has to offer. Merry Christmas to all.

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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.

Mickey Roache, RIP

Francis ‘Mickey’ Roache, 82, the former Boston police commissioner, city councilor and Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, has passed away, reports Universal Hub. The Herald’s Marie Szanizlo has more on the death of Roache, who served as commissioner from 1985 to 1993.

UMass chairman: ‘Many, many, many’ colleges could close in coming years

Sounding the alarm about declining college enrollment and graduation rates across the country, UMass board of trustees’ chairman Robert Manning is warning that tough financial times lie ahead for the nation’s colleges, particularly if a recession hits. “There are many, many, many higher education institutions both private and public that are going to go out of business in this country in the next five years,” he said, as reported by SHNS’s Nicole DeFeudis at the Salem News. Considering the recent demise of Wheelock and Mount Ida colleges and the soon-to-close Newbury College, it doesn’t sound like he’s exaggerating. Btw, from the Globe: “Before announcing shutdown, Newbury College recruited students from defunct Mount Ida.”

Union to Senate: What’s up with the National Grid bill? What’s going on?

From SHNS’s Michael Norton (pay wall): “Locked-out National Grid gas workers, in a new letter to Senate President Karen Spilka, are claiming that the Senate’s ‘uncertain position’ is strengthening the utility company’s position as contract talks extend closer to Christmas.” Union members want the Senate to pass a House bill calling for the state to set up benefits for any utility employee locked out in a labor dispute, a move that would put financial pressure on National Grid to settle. Btw: The Globe’s Kevin Convey writes that union members are keeping the faith in general, despite the coming holidays with no contract settlement in sight.

Pollack: Time to replace Sagamore and Bourne bridges

State Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack has finally stated what many have assumed for a long time: It’s time to replace the narrow and outdated Sagamore and Bourne bridges over the Cape Cod Canal with wider and more modern structures. Bruce Mohl at Commonwealth magazine and SHNS’s Colin Young (pay wall) have all the details, including how the condition of the bridges are on Pollack’s “keep-me-up-at-night list.”

If this ever happens, it’s going

to be the Cape’s version of the Big Dig. Fyi: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which owns and maintains the bridges, is currently studying whether to overhaul or simply replace the structures.

The Progressive Caucus yesterday announced that progressive lawmakers will make up a majority in the Massachusetts Senate. Now comes the hard part: Reality. From SHNS’s Matt Murphy: “Asked what the caucus’s agenda would be in the next session with its new majority, (Sen. Jamie) Eldridge said, ‘That’s the discussion. Can we agree on some core issues?’”

It’s over: Suffolk DA drops prosecution of Sean Ellis, citing lack of evidence and police corruption

The Suffolk County district attorney office has finally closed the book on the long and controversial saga of Sean Ellis, convicted in the 1993 murder of a Boston police detective, blaming old and unreliable evidence and corruption charges against detectives in the original case. Lisa Creamer at WBUR has more on the protracted and contentious legal fight that spanned more than two decades.

Sanofi signs record mega-lease for space in Cambridge

From Catherine Carlock at the BBJ: “French drug giant Sanofi has confirmed long-rumored plans to lease 900,000 square feet across two

buildings at Cambridge Crossing, further cementing the East Cambridge development site as a biotech hub and marking the largest single lease deal in the city’s history.”

Fyi: The development site was previously known as North Point.

Fyi, II: Across the street, the owner of the CambridgeSide Galleria wants to convert a portion of the third floor of the retail/restaurant mecca into office space, yet the latest example of the beating bricks-and-mortar retail venues are taking in this e-commerce era, the BBJ also reports (pay wall).

Fyi, III: The Globe’s Jon Chesto has an update on preliminary development plans for the Charlestown Navy Yard. And, yes, as Univesal Hub notes, it includes something that every world-class-city must now have in order to be a true world class city: A Ferris wheel. How original.

Healey and other AGs challenge judge’s ruling on Affordable Care Act

From Jackson Cote at the Globe: “Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey and her counterparts in 17 other states filed a motion Monday challenging a Texas federal judge’s ruling last week that struck down the Affordable Care Act.” Meanwhile, U.S. Sen. Ed Markey yesterday said the ruling is based on “a fallacious assumption” and may well be overturned, reports SHNS’s Katie Lannan (pay wall). At the Globe, Priyanka Dayal McCluskey reports that the Texas-based judge’s decision, if upheld, could wreak havoc with the state’s health care system.

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ing signatures along with dozens of others over several days.

The signature drive was undertaken to raise awareness in the neighborhood beyond the obligatory public meetings that are not convenient for some and are too uncomfortable for others to comment openly during what is often a contentious civic climate. Many residents believe that there is an insignificant benefit to the greater South Boston neighborhood as a whole. It will be a “tourist attraction”, as one City Point resident

stated at one of the public meetings.

Social Services agencies such as the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (SBNDP), the Gavin Foundation and Julie’s Learning Center also weighed in expressing opposition to the proposal due to concerns about the project’s impact on housing affordability, income equality and other concerns. The South Boston Arts Association has been pushing for dedicated artist space as well.

It is clear from a review of the

comments submitted during the public meeting and comment periods that the proponents have attempted to produce token support from vested interests, associates and new property owners through form letters and scripted emails.

Heading into the third year of this process, the BPDA is formulating their third scoping report, which is due in January. The developers will then have the opportunity to address the many questions, concerns and requests from the neighborhood residents and groups. If

their record of responsiveness to date is an indicator, the concerns and likely opposition, will remain. The message that has become clearer by the moment is that the developer needs to come back to the community with a bona fide project alternative that addresses the impacts that South Boston will be living with long after they have exited the project.

On behalf of a weary community, Joseph Cappuccio stated, “This is a battle for our health, safety and quality of life.”

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Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn

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Christmas in South Boston 2018

Well, there's no doubt now, Christmas is nearly upon us and as is the case every season at this time, it brings with it a feeling different than any other. To most people, it holds a mix of sensations. It's hectic yet there is a feeling of peace in the air. The rush of shopping, perhaps one or more special events and gatherings that tradition dictates we must attend. Yet in the middle of it all, if we're lucky, we are able to bring the rapid pace to a welcome slow down, even if just for a short time to savor the good feelings as we walk by a Nativity Scene or catch a children's choir singing carols at a school or church pageant which

gives us a chance to catch our breath and bask in the warmth and the true meaning of what Christmas is all about.

For over 2000 years since the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, much of the world has considered Christmastime to be very special. Yes, there is also Santa Claus, reindeer and elves to entertain and fascinate the kids. Huge displays of bright and colorful lights bring smiles to the faces of most and all of it; the religious and non-religious combine to make it wonderful.

Here in South Boston, like most places, tradition continues especially at Christmas. Homes are lit up and decorated, our schools are festive, and churches are hubs of activity with caroling, Masses and Services featuring beautifully decorated altars. It may be cold outside but there's always a warm glow and welcoming atmosphere inside of our Churches.

Like most, we here at South Boston Today cannot help but

be impressed with all the special happenings that go on in our wonderful community at Christmas-time. From the Christmas concerts at the St. Augustine's Chapel, to the Christmas caroling at Marian Manor and this year at the brand new 'Our Lady of Good Voyage Shrine' with a concert as well, to the children singing like Angels with all their hearts and Souls during their plays and pageants heralding the birth of Jesus. This year, the St. Paul's Choir will perform at Gate of Heaven Church on December 23rd. This will be truly a special event.

There is not just one 'Toys for Tots' event where people are happy to drop off brand new toys for kids and families who otherwise might not have any, but many drop off points hosted by several groups in cooperation with the US Marines. We have Christmas tree lightings in our public squares. The lamp posts along East and West Broadway display the wreaths that have



been hung with great care on them to add even more spirit to the season. And who can forget the annual Christmas Day Dinner held each year at St. Monica/St. Augustine Church, where hundreds gather for a delicious home cooked meal served by dozens of dedicated neighborhood volunteers happy to donate their time to bring pleasure and great food to make sure that no one need spend Christmas alone?

South Boston at Christmas-time is such a special place that not only are long time traditions passed on from generation to generation, but we even add new ones



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Francis "Mickey" Roache Boston is a better place because of you

By Charles P. Burke

As we approach Christmas week and we look forward to spending time with our families, please keep the family of Francis "Mickey" Roache in your prayers.

"Mickey", as he is known to Bostonians, passed away on Monday. He was a son of South Boston who had a profound impact on the City of Boston. Roache graduated South Boston High School in 1954 and served in the Marines.

He joined the Boston Police Department in 1968. In 1978, he was served as the head of the newly formed Community Disorders Unit. He was named an acting lieutenant in 1983, and appointed

Boston Police Commissioner by Mayor Raymond L. Flynn in 1985. Roache served in the role until 1993 when he made an unsuccessful run for Mayor. The people of Boston showed their appreciation for Roache's service by electing him to the Boston City Council two years later, as he garnered more votes than all others seeking the council. He repeated that feat several times before being elected as the Suffolk County Registrar of Deeds, where he served until 2015.

I had the honor of working with Mickey. First, at the Boston Police Department serving as the Deputy Director of Administrative Services, and later serving as his Chief of Staff at the Boston City Council. Mickey and I were close for a few years. He once told me he considered himself "a late bloomer." I will always appreciate his work ethic and his smile. Mickey was not someone who wanted the spotlight, attention or even the credit. He just wanted to serve. As Police Commissioner, he served our city during some difficult years. He told me, "I never imagined being Police Commissioner or running for office, but



I was honored to have done both." Being the Police Commissioner is a difficult job. Only those who have actually sat in their chair and been in that position can truly understand the toll it takes on them and their families. Running for citywide public office is grueling in its own right, but Mickey did it with ease because he knew the city and its people so well.

I admired Roache as he was a visible and approachable public figure. He had a great heart and was a good listener. When tragedy struck, and news had to be delivered to someone that their child would not be coming home, he was a compassionate messenger who seemed to have lost a piece of himself as well - due to the death of a young one happening on his watch. As time moves on, we sometimes

overlook our true history. The 1970's were a tough period for the City of Boston, and the images that portrayed us around the world created scars for Boston that still exist today. Mickey Roache and Mayor Ray Flynn dedicated themselves to help heal those wounds throughout the 1980's. They were approachable and extended helping hands to all who needed it. They changed the direction of the City of Boston by bringing government to the people through the inception of community policing.

While the 1980's were not all that long ago, the work of devoted public servants like Commissioner Roache, Mayor Flynn and so many others are often unknown or forgotten by many Bostonians. They played a significant role in improving race relations in the City of Boston and we still feel the impacts of their work today. When Roache sought elected office on the Boston City Council, his theme song was from the TV show Friends, "I'll be there for you." Well, Mickey, you were there for us. A leader, a listener and a friend. You made Boston a better place and we thank you.

Mickey Ran The Race

When Francis M. "Mickey" Roache was a kid growing up in South Boston, he was kind, quiet and a shy boy, but he had a left hook as fast as Sugar Ray Robinson's. You made a serious mistake if you took his soft voice lightly. He didn't hit you very hard, but he could hit you with a rapid combination before you could even get ready to throw a punch. South Boston had a lot of boxers in those days and you were smart if you knew who they were. Shortly after Mickey Roache joined the United States Marine Corps, he became a serious contender for Marine Corps Boxing Champion. His brother Buddy and I played on the EMass Tech Tourney Championship team, defeat-

ing Belmont High School with West Point grad and Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Bob Foley. Several years later, Mickey started a boxing program with Eddie Kelly and Mike Larkin up the Walsh PAL Gym, while I started the South Boston Youth Basketball and the Softball League. We got to see a lot of each other and I got to know Mickey Roache very well.

Mickey and I had the same objective in those days, keep the kids active in sports and you'll keep them out of trouble. A philosophy that attracted a lot of committed coaches and volunteers. In those days, we didn't spend much time talking about politics or attending political meetings. However, as time went

by, we started getting more involved in involved in community and civic events. Mickey Roache was appointed Head of the Community Disorders by Mayor Kevin White and I ran for State Representative. For the next several years, we saw a lot of each other. The Federal District Court school busing decision tore Boston apart, but a lot of good people from throughout the City refused to give up.

Mickey kept attending neighborhood meetings from Roxbury, Charlestown, South Boston and Mattapan.

Yes, he sometime got attacked by people on both sides of the conflict. But when Mayor White retired, and I ran for Mayor of Boston against some outstanding candidates like Mel King, David Finnigan, Dennis Kearney, Larry DiCara and Fred Langone. I believed that everybody felt it was

time to bring the City of Boston together.

When I was elected Mayor, I knew that I had the perfect man to unite the police with the divided neighborhoods of Boston. We had been working with dedicated black and white clergy leaders like Fr. Michael Haynes, Fr. Bill Francis, Fr. Dan Mahoney, Rev Bruce Wall and Police Superintendent Billy Celester. New Boston Police Commissioner Mickey Roache was the right person to step in and provide new police leadership, which was welcome in the city.

As Mickey Roache once told Police Union President Donny Murray and me just before the start of the Boston Marathon, "God Bless and I will be waiting for you at the end of the Marathon."

Ray Flynn is the former Mayor of Boston and U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican.

The Wine Guy



All I Want For Christmas

Remember that rush you got on Christmas morning, as you saw what was under the tree? Well, the gifts over the years may have changed, but that “rush” still remains the same, when we get something nice AND unexpected. With that goal in mind, I’d like to make some suggestions about items that are as much fun to

drink as they are to get.

Duckhorn Vineyards of California has a number of gift-sets available and one of their best-sellers is their White Christmas package which contains a bottle of 2017 Duckhorn Napa Sauvignon Blanc and a bottle of their 2016 Migration Sonoma County Chardonnay, both 750 ml. Bottles, gift-boxed. (<https://www.duckhornwineshop.com>)

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We really couldn’t finish without mentioning two things - Champagne and the country that originally produced it, France. When the monk Dom Perignon exclaimed, “Come and see, brothers! I’ve made stars!”, his accidental double fermentation became a global game-changer. You can give a great sparkling sampler from Personal Wines that includes three of France’s best.

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Our Christmas Tree Ritual

By Kevin Devlin

I always knew when it was time to go out and buy our family Christmas tree, the one that would play a special part in our lives over the holiday season, when I saw the red and green tree holder lying on the parlor floor. My father, along with my brothers and I, would walk up to Dorchester Avenue to purchase that perfect tree.

In the sixties and seventies, up and down the avenue, there were always empty lots that were seemingly transformed, in seconds, into temporary open-air Christmas tree outlets. My father would take his time and proudly choose what he considered, a flawless, symmetrically shaped, wholesome holiday tree.

My father would let my brothers and I help him decorate the tree, but he made sure we all clearly understood that this was his project, and we would follow his lead and instructions throughout the entire operation.

The lights and ornaments were stored away down the cellar, and would be cautiously brought up into the living room, and placed carefully on the couch. The ornaments, preciously maintained for years, were all individually and carefully wrapped

in old newspaper and tissue, to safeguard them against being broken.

The lights would be the first to be strung up on the tree. Six, eight and sometimes as many as ten sets of lights would be put on the tree. He would start from the bottom, and go up and around the branches of the tree to the top. My father would then check each individual light and make sure every light was tightly in the socket, and in good working order. He would then replace whatever bulbs necessary.

Blue, red, green, white, yellow, and orange lights were now in place, and would eventually light up the tree like fireworks on the Fourth of July.

The ornaments came next. Beautiful, bright and shiny ornaments depicting the glory, excitement, and enthusiasm of the Christmas celebration. Each ornament was carefully selected and hung in its designated area. Each ornament complemented the other, like the musical sounds of instruments in a symphony orchestra; and would magnify the tree light effect through their brilliant and distinct reflections.

The garland, along with the glittering, silver tinsel, would then be placed on the branches of the tree.



This was my favorite part of the entire undertaking. Shining brightly, the stringy tinsel would hang down from the branches like chilling icicles, visibly and strikingly pointing downward from the rooftops on a frigid, wintry day.

The final phase, the piece de resistance, was to place the beautiful, snow-white angel on top of the tree. An Angel of God overlooking the safety and security of the family during this season of peace, love and giving.

After spending the better part of the day slowly and painstakingly piecing together (with our limited assistance) his masterpiece, our Dad would

sternly warn us not to touch or go too close to the tree, lest we cause a disturbance that would alter the delicate balance of the finished product.

So, with his tree complete and his message conveyed, we would have our own tree lighting ceremony.

And without failure, throughout those (now) cherished years, we would all simultaneously nod in silent, happy recognition, that Dad had indeed again captured the essence of the holiday, and produced yet another glorious and stunning Christmas tree.

(This Christmas Tree Story first appeared in SBOL in December 1998)

TurfMutt's Winter-Wise Weather Tips for Pets

Manage outdoor activities. The safest, most comfortable place for your pets is where you are. When temperatures dip below freezing or during severe weather, it's imperative you keep pets indoors with you and make trips outside shorter.

Offer a warm place for your pet to rest inside. A pet bed works perfectly, just make sure it stays clean and dry.

Don't cut your dog's fur in the winter-time. Your pet's winter coat is a natural

barrier from the harsh, cold elements.

Consider a canine coat. Dogs with lots of fur probably don't need an extra layer to go on walks in the winter. But smaller dogs and those with shorter coats may be more comfortable in a dog sweater or jacket.

Check for frostbite. After bathroom breaks and walks, check your pet's ears, paws and tail for any sign of frostbite or ice and snow build up in the paw pads.

Wipe down after walks. Keep a dry,



clean towel handy to wipe down your pet's legs, belly and paws after each outdoor excursion. Ice-melt chemicals can irritate their skin and cause serious illness if ingested.

Be careful with chemicals. Anti-freeze smells and tastes sweet to pets, but it's toxic to them. Quickly clean up any spills, and consider using a brand made from non-toxic propylene glycol instead.

Keep your pet hydrated. Ensure your pet has plenty of fresh, clean water to drink. Winter air is dry!

Clear a path. Use a snowthrower to make quick work of snow removal and create a path to your pet's bathroom area. Always keep kids and pets away from the equipment.

Don't leave your pet in a cold car. It's just as dangerous to leave a pet in a cold car during winter months as it is to leave them in a hot car in the summertime.

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such as the St. Peter Academy Breakfast with Santa.

The happenings listed above are just some of the ways South Bosto-

nians celebrate the Christmas Season together. Where everyone, no matter what our faith, is invited to enjoy. When you add to all of this, intimate gatherings all across our commu-

nity of family and good friends to enjoy the closeness of one another's company at parties and dinner it really does explain why most people look forward to this time of year.

As we said, Christmas is a very special season of the year in nearly every part of the world and that can certainly be said for Christmas in South Boston 2018.

St. Peter Academy Breakfast with Santa

On December 9th the St. Peter Academy community celebrated the Holiday Season with Breakfast, our Christmas Show and the big man himself SANTA! Our music teacher Ms. Taylor Hale and the students put on a fantastic show.

Everyone at the Lithuanian Club was feeling the Holiday festivities! Thank you to all that attended and donated to make this event a success. Extra gratitude goes out to Mrs. Emily Condon for the delicious breakfast foods she prepared, Ms. Catherine Foscaldo

(Shea Balaconis' aunt) for donating your expertise and time taking pictures with Santa, our Principal Mrs. Lisa Gilbert, and her good sport of a husband Rick Gilbert of which Santa has on his nice list. Thank you to our amazing teachers/staff for always go-

ing above and beyond for our children! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from St. Peter Academy! For more information about St. Peter Academy please contact the business office at spa@stpeteracademy.com or 617-268-0750



Who were the Shepherds at that first Christmas?

Who were the shepherds that were present at the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem has long been a story that has fascinated the masses over the centuries. Even today, in 2018, it remains a topic of discussion with theologians and historians.

Over 2000 years ago, some of the most notable people present after the Baby Jesus was born were the humble shepherds tending to their flocks. These shepherds of the time were considered to be of little importance; almost lowly as far as most people living then were con-

cerned. The shepherds were wandering nomads thought to not even have dwellings to live in but rather actually lived out in the fields with their flocks. This was a lifestyle that existed long before the birth of Christ and still to this day, in parts of the Middle East, nomadic shepherds can be found living pretty much the way they did at the time of the birth of Jesus.

These shepherds have traditionally been without means or influence, yet God chose them over lawyers and scribes and wealthy landowners and other people of great wealth to send a group of Angels to announce that the Son of God had been born in a manger in the town of David.

As the story of the first Christmas goes, an Angel appeared to the shepherds who were at first terrified at the sight of the Angel. The Angel then said to the shepherds "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will

be for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths lying in a manger". Then other Angels appeared and helped reassure the shepherds. When the Angels had left them, the shepherds decided to go to Bethlehem to see for themselves this event that had happened. And they did and found it to be true. They then went in all directions; far and wide to spread the story of the birth of the Baby Jesus, the Son of God.

It has long been debated why it was shepherds that were chosen by God to be the first to receive the announcement of the birth by the Angels. But most believe that it is because God values all people, no matter what their status in life and chose the most humble and unassuming to be blessed with the good news first.



Robert B Heafey of San Francisco formally of South Boston passed away on Dec 10, 2018 at VA San Francisco Hospital after lengthy illness. Bob leaves his 4 siblings, Virigina Williams, Cathy Cogliano and Larry Heafey all of South Boston and Mary Miller of Jacksonville FL. Bob served in the Army during the Vietnam War. A private memorial mass was said at Our Lady of Good Voyage on December 17, 2018.

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Docket No. SU18D1886DR
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Miata Vandi
vs.
Umaru Swaray

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
 24 New Chardon Street
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To the Defendant:
 The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for **IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN**

The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

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South Boston, MA 02127-0003
 your answer, if any, on or before **02/07/2019**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,
First Justice of this Court
 Date: December 19, 2018
 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
December 21, 2018



2018 Christmas Services

Christmas SERVICE TIMES

Mass and Service Times for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Christmas Eve (Monday, December 24th)

4:00pm: St. Augustine Chapel

4:00pm: Gate of Heaven Church

4:00pm: St. Brigid Church

4:00pm: St. Peter Lithuanian Church/St. Vincent DePaul Church
(Bi-Lingual)

4:00pm: St. Monica/St. Augustine Church (English)

5:00pm: Our Lady of Good Voyage Shrine at the Seaport

7:00pm: Fourth Presbyterian Church

7:00pm: Our Lady of Good Voyage Shrine at the Seaport

7:00pm: St. George Albanian Orthodox Cathedral -
Christmas Eve Vigil

8:00pm: St. Monica/St. Augustine Church (Spanish)

10:00pm: Gate of Heaven Church

Midnight Mass: Our Lady of Good Voyage Shrine at the Seaport

Christmas Day (Tuesday, December 25th)

8:00am: St. Brigid Church

8:00am: Our Lady of Good Voyage Shrine at the Seaport

9:00am: Gate of Heaven Church

9:00am: St. Peter Church/St. Vincent DePaul
Church (English)

10:00am: St. George Cathedral Albanian Orthodox

10:00am: Holy Trinity Albanian Orthodox Church

10:00am: Our Lady of Good Voyage Shrine at the Seaport

10:30am: St. Monica/St. Augustine Church (English)

10:30am: St. Brigid Church

11:00am: St. Peter Church/St. Vincent DePaul Church
(Lithuanian)

Note: Hub Church will hold their regular Service on Sunday,
December 23rd at 10:30am at A- Loft Hotel at D Street.



WINTER ART CLASSES

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Gatey CYO Hoop Notes

By Kevin Devlin and Sean Monahan

Plenty of Gate of Heaven CYO hoop action again last weekend at the McDonough gym located within the Walsh Community Center. Here are highlights of several games.

On Saturday, December 8, the Gatey 3rd/4th grade girls' travel team battled it out with their hoops peers from Saint Ann's of Cambridge, and the home team won the battle, 22-10. For Gatey, Alana McNamara was the star of the game as she netted 16 points to lead her team to victory. The Gatey 3rd/4th grade boys' travel team defeated Saint Ann's of Dorchester, 27-15. For Gatey, Sean Costello played a tremendous game, scoring 12 points (including two three-pointers) and Aiden Cleary contributed 9.

The 16 and under Gatey boys' travel squad (one of two teams in that age bracket) coached by Sean Monahan and Mike Alessandro, de-

feated Saint Agatha of Milton, 55-32. Despite poor shooting (35%) Gatey's swarming defense stymied Saint Agatha's offense, generating eighteen steals, four blocked shots, and overall, hauling down twenty-nine rebounds to control the boards. Gatey committed only four turnovers, had success pounding the ball inside to their big men, and made seven out of ten free throws. Conor Strickland scored 14 points. Eddie Murray had ten points and nine rebounds, while Marc Iannaco and Lydon McGarrell had seven and six points respectively.

Jake Harrison (seven points/five rebounds) ended his long Gatey career after this game, moving on to play varsity for Boston Latin. Jake attempted a thunderous dunk off of a fast break that fell short but he'll be remembered for his successes over the years while improving his skills with hard work and determination.

On Sunday, December 9 in Gatey cadet house league action,

the Metro Energy Club defeated the P.S. Deli Club, 50-45. Early in the first half, the P.S. Deli Club went on a 7-1 run to take an 18-12 lead. The Metro Energy responded with a 10-0 run, realizing a 22-18 advantage at the break. In the second half, the Metro Energy Club continued to dominate the game and had a 46-30 lead with 3:36 left on the game clock. Coach Jimmy Geisel's squad didn't pack it in as they went on a late surge (a 15-4 run) but ran out of time. For the Metro Energy Club, Jake (The Distributor) Harrison netted 20 points. Owen Donovan tuned in another solid performance, scoring 13 points. Aldo Noury-Ello and Terry Markos contributed five points apiece in their victory. For the Metro Energy Club, James (the Beast) Buzzell scored 15 points, while Wellington Arias and Ryan MacDonald had 14 and 12 points respectively.

In the second cadet house league tilt, the Jack McDonough defeated the Boston Home In-

spector Club, 56-26. The McDonough Club, utilizing their height advantage effectively, led at the half, 26-17. In the second half, the Boston Home Inspector Club trailed by nine, 35-26, but their opponent went on a blistering 20-0 run to put the game away. For the McDonough Club, Edward Murray had a great game netting 21 points. Tommy White and Robert Wisniewski had 11 points apiece while Evan Markos finished with 8. For the Boston Home Inspector Club, Conor Strickland scored 22 points, including three treys.



Gatey's 3rd/4th grade girls' travel team coached by Freddy Haddad. Also pictured (far left) is Kevin Lally. The players are; Tatum Donovan, Zoey Ruzicka, Ryan Ruzicka, Phoebe Rollins-Delpina, Alana McNamara, Hailey Alexander, Sara Doyle, and Noelle Haddad.



Jacqueline Beggan (left) and Allison Baker keepers of the time clock and scoreboard.



Gatey's 3rd/4th grade boys' travel team coached by John and James Costello. The players are; Sean Costello, Jake Rae, Aiden Cleary, Liam Colton, John Brooks, Max Donovan, Kieren McGarry, and Vincent Liang.



Gatey's 9th/10th grade boys' travel team coached by Mike Alessandro (far left) and Sean Monahan (far right). The players are; Aldo Noury-Ello, Edward Murray, Max Mercer, Dan Mahoney, Jake Harrison, Conor Strickland, James Buzzell, Lydon McGarrell, Sean Loftus, Owen Donovan, Marc Iannaco, and Tommy White.



(L-R) Sonny McColgan, Wellington Arias, and Ryan MacDonald, who play on the P.S. Deli Club in the Gatey cadet house league, coached by James Geisel.



(L-R) Terry Markos, Jake Harrison, and Sam Heller, who play on the Metro Energy Club in the Gatey cadet house league, coached by Chis DiMaggio.



(L-R) Lydon McGarrell, Jareth Frith, and Nolan Callow, who play on the Jack McDonough Club in the Gatey cadet house league, coached by Bobby McGarrell.



(L-R) Chris Hosea, Mario Blasi, and James Broome, who play on the Boston Home Inspector Club in the Gatey cadet house league, coached by Scott Bell.



This week, Danny gives "Pic's Picks" for Week 16 in the NFL:

There are only two weeks left in the regular season.

I went 2-3 last week, so my record on the year is 47-28. In Week 16, most of picks are driven by clinching scenarios, and more specifically, by teams who have to win in order to attain either a better seed or a playoff berth.

Here are my picks for Week 16:

DALLAS COWBOYS over Tampa Bay Buccaneers

-The 8-6 Cowboys are a 7-point favorite at home against the 5-9 Buccaneers, Sunday at 1 p.m. Dallas was shut out last Sunday in Indianapolis, 23-0, but has a golden opportunity to make it right by beating Tampa Bay and winning the NFC East. That's all it's going to take for the Cowboys to win the division, just beat a Buccaneers team that's lost two straight and has already been eliminated from playoff contention. Dallas is 6-1 at home this season, while Tampa Bay is 1-6 on the road. Taking the Cowboys here is a no-brainer.

CLEVELAND BROWNS over Cincinnati Bengals

-It's a long shot, but the 6-7-1 Browns are still mathematically alive in the AFC playoff picture. They need to win out and get help. I don't think the Browns

are actually going to make the playoffs, but something needs to be said for the fact that they are still alive and it's almost Christmas. Usually, Cleveland's season is over by early October. Now, in Week 16, the Browns are an 8-point favorite at home against a 6-8 Bengals team that's been eliminated from playoff contention. The Browns have already beaten Cincy once this year. And I think they'll do it again. Give me Cleveland to win their third straight, Sunday at 1.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS over Detroit Lions

-The 7-6-1 Vikings picked up a much-needed win last Sunday at home over the Miami Dolphins, snapping a two-game losing skid. Minnesota now travels to Detroit Sunday at 1 to take on a 5-9 Lions team that has nothing left to play for. The Vikings have everything to play for, as a win combined with a Washington loss and a Philadelphia loss will clinch Minnesota a Wild Card berth. The Vikings are currently the No. 6 seed in the NFC, and I'm projecting that's where they'll remain through Week 16. I'll take Minnesota — a 5.5-point favorite — to win their eighth game of the season.

LOS ANGELES RAMS over Arizona Cardinals

-What's up with the Rams? They're now 11-3 after losing two straight to the Chicago Bears and the Philadelphia Eagles. If the playoffs began today, they'd still get a first-round bye as the No. 2 seed, but they now have Chicago breathing down their neck at 10-4. LA can clinch that first-round bye with a win over the 3-11 Cardinals and a Chicago loss in San Francisco. I'd say there's no way that the Bears lose to the 49ers, but it after San Fran's win over Seattle last week, it seems that they enjoy playing the role of spoiler. Both games are at 4:05, but if you're the Rams, as a 13.5-point favorite, you just have to take care of your own business. And that is something I think they'll do easily on Sunday in Arizona.

LOCK OF THE WEEK: NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS over Buffalo Bills

-OK, let's try this again. The "AFC East champion" hats and T-shirts will be in the building on Sunday once again. This will be the third straight week that the Patriots will have a chance to clinch the division. This time, they won't need Miami to also lose. New England

can clinch its 10th straight division title by simply beating the 5-9 Bills, Sunday at 1 at Gillette Stadium. The 9-5 Patriots have lost two straight to Miami and Pittsburgh, and they are currently the No. 3 seed in the AFC behind the 10-4 Houston Texans and the 11-3 Kansas City Chiefs. As bad as it might seem here in New England, the Pats still have a realistic shot at a first-round bye. They hold the head-to-head tiebreaker over the Texans, so if Houston loses in Philadelphia on Sunday and the Patriots beat the Bills, then the Patriots will slide right back up into that No. 2 seed, and before you know it, the Patriots will have a home game in the Divisional Round and will probably end up back in the AFC Championship Game for the eighth straight year. So don't give up on the Pats just yet. They're a 13-point favorite on Sunday, and there's no way they don't win this game at home, where they're 6-0 this season. Give me New England to snap a two-game losing skid and celebrate another AFC East crown. **Listen to the show at PodcastOne. Also available on iTunes, Spotify, and dannypicard.com. Subscribe to Danny's YouTube channel at youtube.com/dannypicard.**



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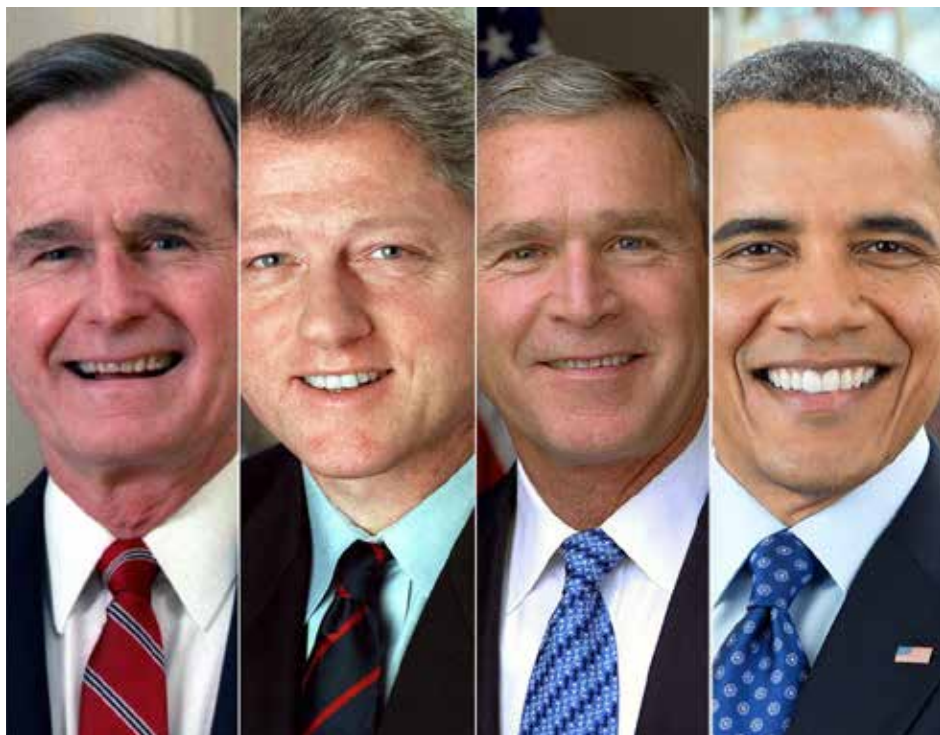


Kenny Morrell
on the keyboards



A Comparison of Presidents

Guest op-ed By Lawrence Mackin Sr.



As a Houston Police Officer I once had the honor of shaking hands with then Vice President of The United States, George H.W. Bush. As we clasped hands, I remember thinking to myself, there is something special about this man.

These same thoughts came back to me as I watched his funeral ceremonies on television recently. Mr. Bush's life was an open book and was dedicated to serving his country and trying to make the world a better and safer place. His resume is too well-known and too lengthy to review here but suffice it to say that he was one of the most qualified men to ever serve as our President. Well, I will point out that Mr. Bush was a member of the greatest generation, a generation that courageously stood up to defend our country against the attack of totalitarian socialist dictators, a man who served our country as a combat pilot in the Pacific during WW2, when he was shot down during a bombing mission against the Japanese.

As I watched the ceremony, I noticed former Presidents Obama and Clinton sitting in the church with smirks on their faces. All this while Mr. Bush was being eu-

logized as a man of courage, honesty, a patriot, a devoted husband and father, a man of conscience and conviction, being compared to President Lincoln and, well you get the picture.

Then I thought I wonder what Obama or Clinton would have said about them at their own funerals.

Well in Clinton's case, let's see, for starters he was considered by many Americans to be a rapist. His most memorable moment in office was a sexual scandal with White House intern Monica Lewinsky; and his biggest achievement is that he avoided impeachment and prosecution for lying to the American people under oath regarding this scandal. He was a man whose consistent extra-marital affairs became known as "bimbo eruptions".

A man who sold our most advanced military computer systems to China. A Commander in Chief who depleted the U.S. Military and who was known for launching missile attacks against aspirin factories in Africa to deflect attention from his "bimbo eruptions". A man who sealed all of his personal life records including his educational records. Wonder what he was hiding?

He was a disbarred attorney.

A man who as President stated that "oral sex is not sex", what a great message for the youth of America! Or that depends on what the definition of "is", "is". He had a pipe smoking attorney general who refused to investigate his many scandals let alone prosecute him. Oh he did burn down the Branch Davidian compound in Waco TX killing many children. But yet, the leftist socialist media loved him!

Now we come to Barack Obama. Like Clinton he has sealed all of his personal records going back to his birth. Maybe some leftist admirer will state that he came very close to destroying the United States of America. He tripled our national debt. He never really accomplished anything legislatively, but rather by executive order.

He brought race relations in the United States back to their worst point since the civil rights movement. He made a martyr out of street thug Trayvon Martin while demonizing police officers; rhetoric which escalated anti police violence and perhaps culminated in the murder of 5 Dallas police officers at a Black Lives Matter rally.

He, like Clinton, waged a war on the U.S. military and encouraged terrorist groups such as the Black Panthers and the communist group Antifa to intimidate, attack and harass conservatives, especially White conservatives all across our country. While rolling out the full welfare welcome mat for illegal aliens, he mocked conservative Americans and how they "cling to their guns and religion."

He like Clinton was a disbarred attorney. He had the IRS harass conservatives and the NSA illegally monitor individual conservatives and conservative groups. A man of the poor who spent \$600 million dollars in taxpayer money on private vacations. A man who could not understand the respect that the U.S. military and millions of Americans have

for the American flag. A man who, similar to Clinton had an attorney general to protect him from investigations and prosecutions. A President who allowed countless people listed on terrorists watch lists into the White House. And let's not forget about Obama's real collusion with Russia. You remember, between his first and second terms, when he was unaware that he was both filmed and audio recorded while speaking to the Russian Prime Minister, Dmitry Medvedev. In response to Medvedev asking him to remove U.S. missiles from Europe, Obama stated, "just give me some space, I will have more flexibility after the election". Medvedev then enthusiastically wished Obama good luck and stated that he would tell "Vlad", meaning Vladimir Putin, The President of Russia and former KGB officer.

Yes, Mr. Bush our country will miss you and all that you symbolized. Hopefully the American people will realize all that you and decent men and women like you have done for our country, you and all of our many veterans have preserved our very freedoms for us. Hopefully the American people will awaken to the fact and very real danger that the left, led by the likes of socialist billionaire George Soros, allied with the traitors in the socialist media are in fact waging a war against our Constitution, with the same end goal that Hitler and Tojo had, that is to destroy America.

I know in my heart that patriots like President Bush are still the majority in America. My question is when, when will WE stand up to defend our country and constitution from the socialist attack that IS being waged, right now, by domestic enemies of the constitution against us! Patrick Henry once said, "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death"! What about you?