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Many hosts of short-term rentals in Massachusetts like Airbnb will have to pay the same 5.7 percent state tax as hotels and will have to register with the state under regulations set to take effect July 1, 2019. Governor Charlie Baker signed the regulations into law on December 28. The move capped months of back and forth between the governor and lawmakers regarding the regulations.

The biggest sticking point hinged on whether those who rent their homes occasionally every year should be subject

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EDITORIAL

Pray for the Safety of our First Responders

Worcester, MA firefighter Christopher Roy lost his life in the line of duty several weeks back and though he wasn't from our community, his death nevertheless touched the hearts of most South Bostonians. More recently, California police Officer Ronil Singh joined the ranks of police officers murdered while trying to do their jobs. Another was Officer Joe Shinner, a policeman in Utah, also killed senselessly recently in the line of duty. Many of our neighbors currently have and have had over the years, close friends and family members who have been fire fighters, police officers and other first responders who rush to the scenes of trouble and accidents, many of them dangerous, when the well being of others is in jeopardy. Most Bostonians have personally known first responders, who have also lost their lives as they bravely and without hesitation step up to save



the lives of others. It's what they do. They are dedicated to public safety.

The Death of Mr. Roy reminded us that, when these first responders put their uniforms on at the beginning of their shifts, there is never a guarantee that they will return home at the end of that shift. The nature of their duties makes it impossible to predict what will happen, while they are on the job.

Here in South Boston we are fortunate to be blessed with some of the finest squads of first responders any town could hope for. As we pass by our local fire stations on K Street and D Street and the C-6 Police Station as well as the State Police Barracks on Day Blvd., we are often greeted by the familiar smiles of these brave and highly professional protectors of the public's safety; many of them on a

first name basis with local residents. What would we ever do without them? Life in the city would be very dangerous if not for their unwavering commitment to our well being. We pray that all of our first responders will remain safe while performing their duties on our behalf. And we are grateful that there are so many men and women willing to put THEIR lives on the line to protect ours.

"One good thing about January in Boston is you don't have to rush home from the market to keep the ice cream from melting" – Jay Leno

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The above question is being put to the more naïve among the US population by a growing number of Americans, who are demanding more security on our southern border and are pretty sure they know the reason for the resistance to it by liberal Democrat politicians. The suspected reason for the resistance of course isn't compassion for downtrodden refugees, as the likes of Pelosi, Elizabeth Warren and Chuck Schumer claim. The reason is that the goal of the open borders crowd is to flood the country with as many illegal immigrants as possible, get them on the voter rolls and win elections. It's been said many times by many people that if Pelosi thought for a second that the flood of illegals sneaking in would vote Republican, she'd be on the border with a trowel and mortar building the wall herself.

The recent murder of yet another police officer; this one in the Sanctuary State of California, by a criminal illegal is just one instance of a growing problem. Officer Ronil Singh, a young cop with a wife and young child, and an immigrant himself, who came to our country the right way - he applied and waited in line - was allegedly killed by a criminal illegal with a violent record, who had been deported several times, but was able to sneak back into the country because it's so easy to do. Because of California's Sanctuary State laws, ICE was hindered from catching him each time he did come back. When Pelosi was asked to comment on the incident, she had no comment. And why would she? What could she say? It was because of the policies that she and other politicians of her political stripe push that officer Singh's alleged killer was able to do what he did. The

blood of that police officer is on her hands and the hands of Schumer, Warren and the whole 'Socialist wing' of the Democrat party, as well as RINO Republicans too timid to oppose those policies. The time to build a wall is now, not later.

Iraq war veteran and amputee Brian Kolfage, who lost his limbs in battle has, as most know started a Go-fundme campaign to raise the money to build the border wall. He now has nearly 200,000 supporters and has raised nearly 20 million dollars and climbing to pay for the wall. He stated, "I'm in favor of legal immigration as most Americans are but people must come here the right way and respect our laws". "And if Congress won't fund the wall, I and the American people will". But Brian Kolfage shouldn't have to be out doing what Congress should have done. And that is providing the money needed to secure our border and by doing so, strengthen national security.

But here's a way to do that makes perfect sense and wouldn't cost tax payers a dime. A proposal by Texas Senator Ted Cruz and being pushed by actor Chuck Norris (it's nice to know that not every actor from Hollywood is a leftist) would take the cash confiscated from captured Mexican Drug Cartel kingpin 'El Chapo' and use it to pay for the wall. It's estimated that more than 14 billion dollars has been taken from El Chapo's stash. President Trump has asked for only \$5.6 Billion. The rest could go to help homeless veterans or any number of other good causes. Of course, Pelosi and her flying monkeys oppose this plan too, which speaks volumes about their agenda.

Did you watch the Golden Globe Awards on TV last Sunday? If you

answered no, you are among the vast majority of Americans who did not and are turned off by all the preening and preaching at these award shows. An MSN online poll asking Americans if they intended to watch the show brought staggering numbers that were not to the liking of the show biz performers. Before they took the polling down, the response by those who answered the poll showed that 87% of those respondents said they had 'NO' intention of and no interest in tuning

in. And yet, showing how much they are out of touch with the American public, the so called 'Entertainment Writers' in the media fawned over, who wore what gown and who was deserving of which award but had not a clue that few people care the slightest anymore. It's what happens when these celebrities scold the viewing audience about how bad they are and how terrible our country is. The audience just keeps shrinking and shrinking and shrinking.

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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.

National Grid workers ratify contract, ending six-month lockout

It looks like both sides got some face-saving concessions in order for this to happen, though National Grid perhaps got a little more than it gave. From Bruce Mohl at Commonwealth magazine: "The six-month at National Grid ended on Monday when employees approved a new contract that appears to give the utility what it wanted in two key areas while offering members of the steelworkers union a number of improved benefits, including what amounts to a 22 percent salary increase over 5 ½ years." SHNS's Katie Lannan has more at WGBH.

To combat congestion, Walsh wants higher fees on Uber and Lyft

This conceivably could get

rolled into some sort of congestion-pricing bill on Beacon Hill. We'll see. From Adam Vaccaro at the Globe: "Mayor Martin J. Walsh has a new idea to beat the traffic on Boston's streets: boost the fees on all those Uber and Lyft trips. The Walsh administration plans to lobby state lawmakers to adjust the fees that are charged on each trip in the new legislative session that began last week."

There's no set target fee. But the administration is looking at a number of options, including possibly charging more for passengers who ride alone in Uber or Lyft cars. The Herald's Brooks Sutherland has more on Walsh's transportation and environmental agenda at the State House.

As Trump prepares to address na-

tion, Trahan, Neal and Kennedy have their say on shutdown

President Trump, locked in a battle with Dems over the government shutdown and Mexican border wall, plans to address the nation tonight on the "Humanitarian and National Security crisis on our Southern Border," reports NBC News.

Here's one small surprise: U.S. Rep. Lori Trahan says the shutdown needs to end – and so Dems might have to deal with Trump on the border wall, reports Hillary Chabot at the Herald. Meanwhile, U.S. Rep. Richard Neal is warning the shutdown could impact taxpayer filings later this year, reports Shannon Young at MassLive. And U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy is simply frustrated with the entire affair, saying Trump's wavering on issues makes a shutdown solution "next to impossible," reports SHNS's Colin Young.

David Biele sworn-in as State Representative for 4th Suffolk District

*Inauguration for 191st Legislature
Held at State House*

State Representative David Biele (D-Boston) officially joined the Massachusetts House of Representatives during the inauguration for the 191st General Court. Rep. Biele, was sworn-in as the State Representative of the 4th Suffolk District on the floor of the House of Representatives. The oath of office was administered by Governor Charlie Baker.

"I am humbled and honored to take the oath of office and serve the 4th Suffolk," said Rep. Biele. "Thank you to the voters of the 4th Suffolk District for entrusting me with this responsibility. I will work hard every day in support of neighborhoods and communities, and I look forward to working on quality of life issues that impact residents across the district."

Rep. Biele, a local attorney and longtime State House staffer, was elected last fall to fill the seat vacated by the election of Senator Nick Collins to the Massachusetts State Senate. Following the inauguration, Rep. Biele began working on his legislative agenda for the upcoming session, ahead of the bill filing deadline on Friday, January 18.

Those looking to contact the Representative can call his office at 617-722-2425 or via email at david.biele@mahouse.gov.



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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,
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January 03, 2019

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
January 10, 2019

SENATOR COLLINS NOMINATES MICHAEL HURLEY FOR SENATE CLERK

*South Boston Native
Sworn-In as Senate's Chief
Parliamentarian*

As the 191st General Court was officially sworn in for the 2019-2020 session on Beacon Hill last week, State Senator Nick Collins (D- Boston) stood to recognize the achievements of a neighbor and colleague, Michael Hurley, and to nominate him for the post of Clerk of the Senate.

"I rise today with pride to nominate Michael Hurley of South Boston as the Clerk of the Massachusetts Senate," said Senator Nick Collins. "I am honored to nominate my neighbor,

my constituent, friend, and colleague, and I am confident that he will serve this chamber with unrivaled professionalism and expertise."

Michael Hurley, a son of South Boston, attended Boston Public Schools, the John Boyle O'Reilly and the Governor James A. Andrew Elementary School before graduating from St. Brigid's School and Boston College High School. Michael then worked to put himself through college at UMass Boston, working both as a laborer and in the proofing department at the Bank of Boston before an opportunity to work in the Senate Clerk's Office led him to commit the next 25 years working in almost every job in the Clerk's Office, from the front office all the way to Assistant Clerk, and finally, Clerk of the Senate.

Michael has been a leader on technological advancements in his time in the Senate Clerk's office, moving the Senate's bills to digital online text, leading the upper Chamber to be the first one to do so, putting the Mass General Laws online, introducing display boards, progressively leading the business of the Senate into the modern era, providing a more efficient, user friendly experience for members and staff while



opening the Senate up to the public, making its business more transparent.

"There is nobody more capable of taking the Clerk's office and the Senate into an even more advanced digital space than Michael Hurley," said

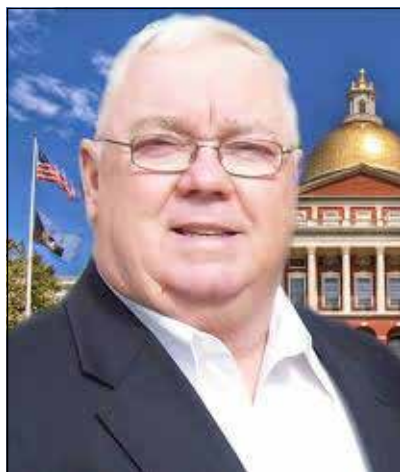
former Senate Clerk William Welch. "And, quite frankly, you couldn't ask for a better person."

Michael was confirmed with a unanimous vote and began his duties as Clerk immediately.



Pictured from left to right: James Hurley, Mike Hurley, Elizabeth Hurley, Paul Carter, Jean Carter (sister), Paul Carter and Mary Hurley.

“There are places I remember, some have gone, but some remain.”



For those of you who don't know those lyrics, they are from one of my favorite Beagle songs, which I think about a lot when reminiscing about things in my past. One of those memories is West Broadway or Big Broadway of my youth. It certainly was a much different time back when we shopped West Broadway with our parents or by ourselves.

I remember sitting on the stool at the lunch counter in Woolworth's and ordering a hot dog from an old rotary cooking machine and a coke from the waitress. Even though I was eight or nine years old, I thought I was pretty grown up, and I enjoyed feeling that way even if it was just for a few minutes. I remember accompanying my mother into Kennedy's Butter & Egg Store and running to the ice cream cooler as my mother ordered our eggs, cheese, butter and milk and then into the Manhattan Market where we got our meat for the week. We would get our fruit next door at the outdoor fruit stand, and directly across the street my mother would do

her banking at the South Boston Savings Bank and then into the Supreme Market next door to get the rest of our weekly order. I remember my mother paying her gas, electric and phone bills on West Broadway.

When I needed shoes, I got them at Sullivan's Shoes, Petchell's or Thom McCann's next to Sands. A new shirt brought me into Gorin's next to Liggett's Drug Store. There was also a Grant's and Stukas' Photography studio next to Dr. Levitan's, which was next to Sands. We sometimes got our fruit at Mignosa's or from the fruit man truck. He would sing what he had to sell that day. "Watermelon half a quarter watermelon, peaches." We would go next door into Taylor's Market (Where Your Grandmother Shopped) the sign said. Taylor's Market was located on the corner of E and Broadway.

A weekend was never complete without a trip to the Broadway Show (AKA the Bug House) and some popcorn and a vanilla tubby from Mrs. Gagin. We mailed our letters at the Post Office next to the Broadway Show, where ABCD is now located. We got our gas at Charlie & Chris gas station, which is now the West Broadway parking lot. I will never forget the bowling alley on the second floor next to the gas station. There was a donut shop and a Brigham's on that block of West Broadway as well. Johnny Cunniff, Al Shaughnessy, Billy Baker and Mike Larkin all at one time or another ran the sporting goods store next to the fruit market on Broadway.

Pober's was the only place for first

communion outfits, and the Bay View Men's shop was always the place my father got his new hats. Carey's furniture store was at the corner of F & Broadway across from Mary Anne's. Broadway Tile and Linoleum was a few doors down the street, and Mike's Lunch was directly across the street, where the Community Health Center is now located, as was Ellis Furniture. Joe's Spa, Cantor's and Cabot's Drugstore were all located at Dorchester and Broadway across from the Bay View Pub. There was also another small butcher shop on that corner where we got our skirt steak, tenderized of course. My father was known to join some of his WWII friends at the Car Stop, The Heights Tavern, The Bright Star or The Casino. The Colonial Room was above The Elite Restaurant. There weren't a lot of realty businesses back then on Broadway.

World Famous Blinstrub's anchored the corner at D & Broadway across from Rosengarten Drug Store. Fini's Drug Store was on the other side of D & Broadway near the First Tavern, next to Sonny and Whitey's, just up the street from the old Station 6. Also, just up from D & Broadway was the Penn Tavern. The Italian Villa, the Carmen's Post and the International were all next to the Penn Tavern at one time or another. The McDonough Post moved down Broadway after a tragic fire at its old location where Charlie and Chris moved in to, and it was above Irving tailor shop where my aunt Jeannie Geary worked. And I always wondered how that little Eliot typewriter re-

pair shop stayed in business all those many years. Same with that little religious bookstore just up from E and Broadway. I never saw anyone go into that typewriter store or that religious bookstore my entire life. There was a barber shop, another cobbler shop and a Lithuanian market where Shenanigan's is now located.

Legendary Matty Landy's, which got most of its business after hours, was on the corner of B and Broadway and that went through a series of name changes like Barney Grogan's, Street Lights and Patchessi's before settling on Sturgis Cleaners. Frank's Barber Shop was next door. The South Boston Supply company was between E and F on Broadway near Ketvirtis Jewelers, and Billy Long had a florist shop at E and Broadway, while Theresa Mullen's florist shop was located where Station 6 is now located. The Royal Café, The Transit and The Tunnel were on Broadway near Broadway Station across the street from PJ Cronin's.

What do all of those places have in common? They were all a major part of West Broadway once, and most are now gone. A few, however, still remain. I haven't even touched the bars, which were as plentiful as the churches at one time. With all the changes South Boston has been through, I thought a stroll down memory lane might be in order. They can replace the businesses and the churches, but they will never be able to replace our memories.

"These are places I remember; some have gone, but some remain."

Celebrate the New Year With 10 Free Flowering Trees or 5 Free Crapemyrtles from the Arbor Day Foundation

Local residents can ring in the New Year with 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2019.

By becoming a part of the non-profit Arbor Day Foundation, new members will receive 10 free flowering trees or five crapemyrtles. The flowering trees include: two Sargent crabapples, three American redbuds, two Washington hawthorns and three white flowering dogwoods.

"These stunning trees will beautify your home with lovely flowers of pink, yellow and white colors," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These trees are perfect for large and small spaces."

The free trees are part of the Foun-

dation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between February 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members will also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

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Local residents can also join online at arborday.org/January



Councilor Flynn Releases Annual Report

Focused on Basic City & Constituent Service

District 2 Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn released an annual report to update constituents on priorities his office focused on during his first year at the Council. Flynn called attention to his work on housing and development issues, public safety, mental & behavioral health, social & economic justice for working families, constituent service for residents, and securing funding in the city budget. Moreover, he conveyed that it has been a top priority to bring city services to each of our neighborhoods, hold monthly office hours in the district, and meeting regularly with neighborhood associations.

Flynn said, "Thank you for the trust you have placed in me to represent your interests as District 2



City Councilor. Along with marrying my wife, Kristen, the birth of my children, Caroline and Stephen, and serving in the United States Navy for nearly 25 years - serving as your City Councilor is truly one of the great honors of my life. I will continue to work hard on your behalf in the year ahead."

Housing & Development

- Passed tax repayment ordinance on housing stability for our low-income seniors
- Strongly advocated and voted in favor of Airbnb regulations
- Chaired hearing on Vacant Property and Shell Corporations

- Called for hearing on IPOD & neighborhood-wide zoning
- Announced opposition to 776 Summer St (Edison Project)
- Opposed projects unfavorable to abutters and neighborhood associations
- Brought Inspectional Services to meet with concerned neighbors
- Relayed community concerns at Frontage Road hearing
- Public Safety
- Held Community Meeting at Faragut Road & Broadway
- Recommended 12 Point Safe Streets Plan to Transportation Dept.
- Held hearing on 20 MPH speed limit, 20 mph zones and traffic-calming
- Crosswalk repairs & Boston Police public safety walks in Chinatown, Leather District throughout District 2
- Walk-Audit with Walk Boston and Livable Streets
- Held hearing on gas infrastructure and National Grid
- Held hearing on Stray Voltage
- Held hearing on South Boston Waterfront & Seaport Strategic Plan & Vision Zero
- Called for Domestic Violence Hearing
- Advocated for Landwave Sculpture removal in the South End

Mental & Behavioral Health

- Supported proposal to re-open Long Island Treatment Facility
- Regularly attended Healthy Andrew Square Task Force & South End Working Group on Addiction
- Called for hearing on mental, behavioral health & sexual exploitation

Social & Economic Justice

- Passed resolution in support of United Steelworkers
- Passed resolution in support of Unite Here Local 26
- Called for hearing on disability access and equity in the City of Boston

Other Actions

- Held hearing on the Freedom Rally on the Boston Common
- Held hearing on Beth Israel/Lahey Health merger
- Hosted Josiah Quincy Elementary School Orchestra Program
- Honored Boston Fire Dept following June 26th fire on Mercer St
- Honored Holocaust Survivor & Humanitarian Steve Ross
- Advocated for budget priorities & community preservation funds

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 or ed.flynn@boston.gov.

ABCD Calls For End To Shutdown

Advocates for the poor cite life-threatening risks to America's most vulnerable low-income children, seniors, veterans as key federal agencies remain closed



As the government shutdown enters its third week, millions of Americans face life-threatening hunger and hardship, with funding running out for food stamps, tax refunds/credits, WIC, school lunches, and Section 8 and other subsidized housing programs. Many are already losing the benefit that allows them to purchase food. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, known as SNAP or food stamps, will run out of funds by February. More than 19 million American households - or 39 million people - depend on food stamps to survive.

But right now many grocery

stores across the nation are reporting that "EBT" cards issued to SNAP recipients are not being accepted in their online systems - it seems the government has already shut them down. The shutdown also means that no tax refunds will be made. Hard-working low-income tax-payers who benefit from the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Care Tax Credit and who depend on early filing to receive their refunds and credits have nowhere to turn.

"We join with our representatives in Congress - in the Senate and the House - who call for total restoration of government funding while differences are discussed separately," said ABCD President/CEO John J. Drew. "If this shutdown continues, hunger in America will be back big-time. You will have millions of people unable to buy the food they

need to survive. They also won't have access to the hard-earned tax credits they count on to pay for rent, medicine, food and heat at this time of year. Landlords who can't collect rent subsidies may evict them for market-rate renters."

The average benefit for the 19 million households receiving SNAP is \$245 per month. More than 68 percent of SNAP funds go to families with children; 44 percent go to working families. The SNAP program is used in 1.4 million households where veterans live. Without this benefit, children, seniors and the veterans who have selflessly protected our nation will go hungry. With millions of people losing their consumer power without the benefits that enable them to buy food, the shutdown will have a major impact on groceries and small businesses that serve poor communities where shoppers rely on their SNAP benefits.

The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) are not receiving

any federal funds during the shutdown. Massachusetts has received funding through January for school lunches through the Child Nutrition Programs funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. After that there is no funding for school lunches.

The Department of Housing & Urban Development is basically unstaffed, with the vast majority of employees forced to stay home without pay. Dire situations involving low-income housing issues have been reported - with no help available. Low-income families make up 72 percent of HUD-assisted households - and more than half of those receiving vouchers are elderly or persons with disabilities. Funds for basic housing operations and housing vouchers are available through January - after that it is unclear what will happen. Low-income families and their landlords face loss of Section 8 housing subsidies, causing families to lose their housing and landlords to possibly evict them to get paying tenants to prevent falling into foreclosure.

The Wine Guy

Secure The Bordeaux!

Though the current offering of Bordeaux wines is not what it once was in this country, before the Chinese Communist Party became the Bordeaux/Burgundy Party, there are still values to be had. That's right, the proletariat has become very discerning over the last 20-30 years and the U.S., once the largest export market for this region is now down to #7 according to the French government's numbers. Maybe it's just the fact that they're red wines. In any event, I'm going to focus on

a segment in the region that are called "Petite Chateaux". These are peripheral properties that abut the Classified Growths; their total hectares under cultivation are a small fraction of their more famous and expensive neighbors, so they don't have the notoriety (nor the price), but they do have the same "terroir" or soil profile and therein lies their value.

The 2016 Chateau Carignan, Cadillac, Cotes De Bordeaux, (\$19.99), is a great example of what I'm talking about. Lots of ripe fruit on the center palate of this red, with ripe tannins, bright acidity and a mineral aftertaste. This is really value for the money. Very balanced, solid fruit with a rich, long finish. Great with roasts and game.

Château Joinin 2016, Bordeaux, (\$12.99), is in the same category and the price is not a mistake! In this rich wine, powerful, spicy tannins and a solid structure pair well with the black fruits. It shows the density of the vintage as well as



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South Boston Catholic Academy News

December Highlights

Happy New Year to all! – Thank you to State Street and all of our partners at Junior Achievement who came to teach our students on Friday December 14. JA

is a volunteer-delivered, kindergarten-12th grade program that fosters work-readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills, and uses experiential learning to inspire students to dream big and reach their potential. Junior Achievement (JA) of Northern

New England appreciates their continued partnership with State Street and South Boston Catholic Academy to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. JA invests in youth today to empower them to strengthen our communities

tomorrow. Through hands-on learning experiences delivered by State Street volunteers they are exposing students to different career paths and businesses, money management and how to start a business. Students are also taught critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration skills that they'll carry **continued on page 11**



TYNAN HAPPENINGS

GYM NOTES: BATTLE FOR THE CUP YOUTH HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

During School Vacation Week, the BCYF Tynan collaborated with other BCYF sites and hosted a Battle of the Cup Hockey Tournament, for youth ages 7-12. The Leahy Holloran (Dorchester), Roche Center (West Roxbury), Tynan and Charlestown Community Center squared off in all day Round Robin Tournament. Many of the games were very close

with some fine talent being displayed by all teams.

The BCYF Tynan went undefeated in all their games and faced the Leahy Holloran in a thriller Championship game. It was a hard-fought game with back and forth action by both teams. The Tynan took the victory by the score of 3-1. Mario Blasi played outstanding in net. His team mates played great defense against a strong Leahy team, holding them to 1 goal. Liam Long, one of the youngest players, scored some big goals to help his team to victory. The kids had a great time and had the Tynan gym "Rocking like the Garden".



BCYF Tynan Community Center Champions



BCYF Leahy Holloran Community Center



BCYF Roache Community Center



BCYF Charlestown Community Center

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with them to middle and high school and beyond. JA and State Street have been bringing this program to South Boston Catholic Academy for 11 consecutive years. They also had a few volunteers from Salesforce in the classroom, two of whom currently reside South Boston, and were excited make an impact in their community.

The students at South Boston Catholic Academy enjoyed a week of Christmas festivities ahead of the Christmas vacation. Students in the

preschool dressed in pajamas and watched The Polar Express. The Student Council held their Annual Christmas Party for all of the students. This was a fundraiser in honor of the "Bed for Every Child" initiative by the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless. The students also had a chance to wear red for the day.

On Friday, December 21, 2018, we all gathered in the gym to light the 4th and final candle on our Advent Wreath as Father Olson, Our Parochial Vicar, said a special Ad-

vent prayer. The members of the 6th Grade class put together a Nativity Play, as well as, recited 'Twas the Night Before Christmas and before we left to start our Christmas vacation with our families and friends, Father Casey, Our Pastor and Father Olson lead the students, faculty and staff in a Christmas Sing A Long that ended with all of us singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" followed by a Christmas Blessing given by Father Casey. As we said good bye to 2018,

we say welcome to 2019 and to the continuation of another wonderful school year at South Boston Catholic Academy. A Blessed and Happy New Year to all!

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.

Three Teams Won 2018 CYO State Championships



By Kevin Devlin

On Sunday evening, January 6, in the McDonough gym at the James "Stretch" Walsh Community Center, banners

were raised to acknowledge the three Gate of Heaven CYO basketball teams that won CYO state championships in 2018. The 5th/6th grade boys' team, the high school girls' squad, and the junior boys' team, all brought home the coveted trophies which are on display at the Walsh Center. Over 300 youngsters participate in the Gate of Heaven CYO hoop program (last season and again this season) which is comprised of instructional leagues, house leagues and travel league teams.

Gate of Heaven CYO Athletic Director, Kevin Lally, was ecstatic that the players had fun and competed at the highest level bringing home three CYO state titles last season.

"It's the first time in CYO basketball history that one parish won three state titles in the same season," Lally said. "That's impressive and without doubt we're proud of that accomplishment."

Clerk of Suffolk Superior Court, Mike Donovan, co-commissioner of the boys' instructional league, was thrilled to speak at this event and proud of the all those who make this a successful endeavor.

"I like to thank the parents and grandparents who make sure their kids get to the gym to compete," he said. "I also would like to thank their neighbors and friends who support them at the games. These kids worked hard all season. And working hard builds character and self-esteem. We're proud of them for achieving their goals."

Sean Monahan, Gate of Heaven's CYO instructional and midget house league commissioner, in charge of logistics for the event (securing the pizzas and much more) was happy to be part of this banner raising.

"Gatey CYO has a long history of success in the state tournament," said Monahan. "So much so, that

the Walsh Center Director, Ron "Cheech" Maciejewski, had difficulty finding space for three new banners in the rafters with all the others already up there.

"Kevin Lally addressed the players, parents and friends," Monahan added. "He thanked the Gavin Foundation, sponsors, and elected officials for their support throughout the years. This support has enabled Gatey to offer these programs at a fraction of the costs of other CYO programs. He also thanked the commissioners and coaches who share responsibility for the success of these teams.

"The players from the three championship teams represented themselves and the program very well, both on and off the court, with great sportsmanship and demeanor," Monahan concluded. "It was a night these players won't forget. Congratulations to them and all those involved in the program."



The players on the girls' high school championship travel team coached by Allison Baker and Brianna Esposito are; Allison McGough, Julia Casper, Lauren Woods, Grace Tinlin, Jacqueline Beggan, Rebecca Donovan, Jackie Czar, Catherine Woods, and Emily Harris. Also pictured is Representative David Biele.



The players for the Gate of Heaven boys' junior championship travel team coached by Kevin Cox and Billy Crowley, are; Logan Crowley, Linden Cox, Joey Brink, Xavier Nunez, Maturi Mwangi, Eric Pance, Zack Mitchell, Danny Potember, and Bobby Delaney.



The players on the 5th/6th grade championship travel team coached by Bobby McGarrell and Greg Lally are: Mullen Byrne, Ryan McDonald, Aiden Kineavy, Tristin Pecevich, Robert Wisniewski, Aidan Coltan, Jonathan McCarthy, and Ryan McGarrell.



Pictured at the Walsh Center (from left) are Kevin Lally, Representative David Biele, Clerk of Suffolk Superior Court Michael Donovan, Sean Monahan, and Marie Laundry.



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CYO Hoop at the Walsh Center



Pictured recently is the Gatey CYO intermediate boys' team coached by Greg Lally (left) and Billy Crowley. The players are: Paul McGinnis, Logan Crowley, Jonathan Walsh, Harry Cully, Joey Maiullari, and Zack Mitchell.



Pictured recently is the Saint Vincent's CYO intermediate boys' team coached by Billy "Awesome" Allen. The players are: Emanuel Garag, Jarrad Williams, Fraismel Suazo, Marquise Miller, Mike Nunez, Keimani Bell, Manny Disla, Johendry Gonzalez, Carlos Baez, Qalid Hassan, and Edilson Banter.



Pictured recently (from left) is Gatey CYO coach, Jack Hynes beside his son, Jack, and Coach Danny Manning beside his son, Ronan.



Pictured recently is the Saint Ann's of Dorchester CYO 5th/6th grade boys' travel team coached by Southie legends, Chris Neff and Anthony LaMonica.



Pictured recently is Gatey's 5th/6th grade boy's travel team coached by Greg Lally.



Pictured recently is Metro Energy Club cadet house league coach, Chris DiMaggio, with his player, Luc.



Pictured recently is Gatey CYO house and travel league coach, Jimmy Geisel, with his daughter Toni, an ex-Gatey hoop star, who now plays on the varsity squad at Thayer Academy.



Pictured recently is Kayla Duffley (left) and Mary Kate Hart doing the timing and score-keeping respectively for the Gatey games.

SPORTS



Patriots Offensive Coordinator Josh McDaniels

MCDANIELS NOT GOING TO GREEN BAY

SBT Staff Report

New England Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels told the media on Tuesday that he is staying in Foxboro.

McDaniels interviewed with the Green Bay Packers for their head coaching position last Friday. The Packers have since announced the hiring of Tennessee Titans offensive coordinator Matt LaFleur as their new head coach.

The Cincinnati Bengals also wanted to interview McDaniels for their head coaching vacancy, but McDaniels

— who's currently preparing for the Patriots' Divisional playoff game against the Los Angeles Chargers on Sunday — reportedly declined.

Last year, McDaniels verbally agreed to be the new head coach of the Indianapolis Colts, only to back out at the last minute to remain in New England as offensive coordinator. With other head coaching jobs still available, it's not a guarantee that McDaniels returns to the Patriots next season, even though he implied this week that he's not going anywhere.

NFL DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

SATURDAY, JAN. 12

Indianapolis at Kansas City (-5.5)

4:35 P.M. NBC

Dallas at LA Rams (-7) 8:15 P.M. FOX

SUNDAY, JAN. 13

LA Chargers at New England (-4)

1:05 P.M. CBS

Philadelphia at New Orleans (-8)

4:40 P.M. FOX

NHL

SATURDAY, JAN. 12

Boston at Toronto 7 P.M. NESN

MONDAY, JAN. 14

Montreal at Boston 7:30 P.M. NBCS

NBA

SATURDAY, JAN. 12

Boston at Orlando 7 P.M. CSN

MONDAY, JAN. 14

Boston at Brooklyn 7:30 P.M. CSN

CLEMSON EARLY 2020 FAVORITE

SBT Staff Report

After steamrolling Alabama in Monday night's College Football National Championship, the Clemson Tigers became the favorite to win the National Championship once again in 2020, at +200.

Alabama has the second-best odds at +250. After that, it's Ohio State (12-1), Georgia (12-1), Michigan (14-1), and Oklahoma (15-1).

Clemson defeated Alabama, 44-16, thanks to three touchdown passes by freshman quarterback Trevor Lawrence, who finished the game 20-of-32 passing for 347 yards. The win marked Clemson's second National Championship in the last three years.

With the Tigers as the favorite next year, all eyes will be on Lawrence, whose name came up in a

report this week that said the XFL — which begins play in 2020 — might be willing to take players before they're eligible to play in the NFL. The 19-year-old Lawrence is true freshman, and isn't eligible for the NFL Draft until 2021 because league rules don't allow a player to become pro until they're three years out of high school.

After his sophomore year at Clemson, Lawrence could decide to get paid to play in Vince McMahon's re-created XFL, which has reportedly said it will pay its top players in the \$250,000-\$300,000 range over a five-month contract.

In December, the XFL announced eight league-owned franchises in Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, Seattle, St. Louis, Tampa Bay, and Washington D.C.

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This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for the Divisional Round of the NFL Playoffs:

Throughout the regular season, my NFL picks were part of the PodcastOne "Sportsnet Challenge." Under their rules, we picked winners with the money line. I finished the regular season with a 57-28 record.

Now that the "Sportsnet Challenge" is over, I'm back to making my picks against the spread. In the Wild Card round, I went 2-1-1. My only loss was Houston (-1.5) over Indianapolis. We all know how that ended. The Colts went into Houston and embarrassed the Texans. I still came out of the weekend on top, but I'm looking to be better in the Divisional round.

We only have eight teams left in the NFL Playoffs. Let's get to it:

**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (-5.5)
over Indianapolis Colts**

The Divisional round will open with a No. 6 seed vs a No. 1 seed on Saturday at 4:35 p.m. If you're just looking at the seeding though, that will be deceiving. Sure, the Colts are the No. 6 seed, and the odds are stacked against them having to go into Kansas City to play the No. 1 team in the AFC. But if you've watched Indy over the last month, then you'll know they have just as good a chance as

anyone in the NFL to pull off this upset. The Colts are coming off a Wild Card win over the No. 3 seed Texans in Houston, which was their fifth straight win. The Chiefs are coming off the first-round bye and lost two of their last three regular-season games. Given my pick here — Kansas City — I obviously don't think that an upset will happen, but I hope I'm wrong. This will be one of those rare instances where I root against my bet. I want the Colts to win, because if that happens and then the Patriots — if they beat the Chargers — would get home field advantage in the AFC Championship. And for the Pats, that would be a whole lot better than having to go into Kansas City. But you should never bet with your heart. So my brain is telling me that the Chiefs will take care of business at home and beat Indianapolis by at least a touchdown. So I'll take Kansas City, while rooting for the Colts to prove me wrong.

**DALLAS COWBOYS (+7) over
Los Angeles Rams**

It's too bad that the No. 4 seed Cowboys have to go on the road, because they are such a dangerous defensive team in Dallas, where

they beat the No. 5 seed Seattle Seahawks in the Wild Card round. No, they go to LA on Saturday night to take on the No. 2 seed Rams who are coming off the first-round bye. I don't think the Cowboys have what it takes to knock off the Rams in Los Angeles, but I think Dallas' defense is good enough to at least make it a ball game and keep it close throughout. I'm picking the Rams to win, but I'm willing to bet the Cowboys can at least cover the spread. I'll take the points here.

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (-4)
over Los Angeles Chargers**

The No. 2 seed Patriots will have their work cut out for them against the No. 5 seed Chargers Sunday at 1 at Gillette Stadium. The Chargers were one regular-season win away from being the No. 1 seed in the AFC but had to fall to a Wild Card spot with a 12-4 record because the Chiefs won their division. Also, the Chargers are 8-1 on the road this year, which includes a Wild Card win in Baltimore last weekend. But the Patriots are 8-0 at home and are coming off the first-round bye. I expect the Patriots to pull this one out with a few

late scores, but make no mistake, I would feel differently if this game were not in Foxboro. It's all about home field for these Patriots, and they'll prove that on Sunday with a nine-point win.

**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (-8)
over Philadelphia Eagles**

This is the only Divisional round game that's a rematch of the regular season. And back in mid-November, the Saints smashed the Eagles, 48-7, in New Orleans. Carson Wentz threw three interceptions, while Drew Brees threw four touchdowns. Nick Foles is now the quarterback for Philly, but I don't see how the No. 6 seed Eagles can escape New Orleans with a win against the No. 1 seed Saints. Philly is coming off an impressive win in Chicago in the Wild Card round, but the Saints — coming off the bye — are on a different planet, offensively, than the Bears. New Orleans is going to be rocking, and I expect the Saints to roll on the Eagles once again.

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MAYOR TO FILE LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING A BFD CADET PROGRAM



Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced he will seek to establish a Cadet Program for the Boston Fire Department (BFD) to recruit and train more women to serve as active firefighters with the Department. Mayor Walsh will formally file his proposal with the Massachusetts Legislature in the coming weeks as part of his overall legislative package.

The effort underscores the need to curb a national trend of underrepresentation of women in fire suppression services, demonstrated by the fact that only approximately four percent of firefighters nationally are women, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Among the top cities nationally, for fire departments which do not have a dual role of being a fire-based EMS operation, such as Boston, the percent of female firefighters hovers at one percent. The City of Boston currently has 16 female firefighters, of a fire-fighting force of approximately 1,500.

BFD's newest recruit class of 54 individuals were sworn in last week, marking the most diverse class since

2003. "It's incredibly important that our workplaces in the City of Boston are inclusive and diverse, and are safe and welcoming to all," said Mayor Walsh. "I thank Attorney Kay Hodge and her team for their diligence in conducting this review that will serve as an opportunity for us to double down on our efforts to recruit those who we have not reached before, make changes where they are needed, and provide every opportunity we can to involve women and men in good, lifelong careers with the Boston Fire Department."

The report states, "the lack of a critical mass of female firefighters results in a male dominated department," and "several [women] noted that they did not always feel as welcomed when detailed to houses that did not have a woman regularly assigned." The City of Boston's first female firefighter joined the Department in 1984, alongside Commissioner Finn of the Boston Fire Department. While nationwide trends indicate low numbers of women in the fire suppression services, Mayor Walsh and Commissioner Finn have prioritized diversifying the Department, recruiting more women and offering workplaces that are fitted to accommodate both genders.

Under Mayor Walsh and Commissioner Finn, many operational changes have been made in the Department's firehouses over the last several years to improve workplace conditions for female firefighters. According to the report, "most of the women stated

that they loved their jobs and none expressed regret about deciding to become a firefighter." Cognizant that civil service rules statutorily dictates the Department's hiring process by law, the Department proactively hired a diversity recruitment officer in an effort to expand recruitment and outreach to female candidates to become firefighters.

"As the female liaison for the Boston Fire Department, it is my responsibility to make sure that the voices of our female population are heard and represented, and that they feel supported at work," said Firefighter Margaret Connolly, the Department's female liaison, and a U.S. Coast Guard veteran. "We've already made improvements within the past 6 months to several issues of concern to our female firefighters..., she added.

Mayor Walsh and Commissioner Finn are committed to improving the workplace to ensure a culture of inclusion for all firefighters. As such, Mayor Walsh is committed to implementing all recommendations of the report to supplement the work underway. Key points include:

- Develop a strategy for changing the culture and implementing a welcoming and respectful work environment in all firehouses which will gain the trust of women and men in the Department, and developing a reporting and evaluation system to ensure compliance;
- Seek passage of special legislation for a Fire Department Cadet Program;
- Formally implement support sys-

tems already ongoing on a department-wide basis to provide support and guidance for firefighters interested in becoming officers, with a particular focus on encouraging women and minority firefighters;

- Review and revise the City and Boston Fire Department policies and procedures are consistent with the commitment of the Mayor and Commissioner to achieve a safe, welcoming, diverse and inclusive workplace;
- Continue to implement the Department's comprehensive training for officers to include firefighters on all protected categories, discrimination, anti-harassment, respectful workplace, implicit bias, and non-retaliation;
- Provide additional support, services, mentors and programs to support female firefighters

Since taking office in 2014, Mayor Walsh has prioritized outfitting the Boston Fire Department for the 21st century and has committed \$100 million to the department for infrastructure improvements. The Boston Fire Department will soon rebuild two fire stations, and has received 40 new fire trucks, replacing 50 percent of its entire fleet in the past four years alone. In addition to infrastructure investments, BFD leadership have undergone extensive workplace training every year, including 30,000 hours total in training which includes anti-harassment, discrimination and respectful workplace training in the last year alone, an over 300% increase in training hours compared to four years ago.

Air BNB Continued from from page

to the tax and to other oversight. The compromise legislation that Baker signed exempts properties rented for no more than 14 nights a year from the hotel tax and from the registry. And the registry will only list the community and the street name of the short-term rental rather than specific addresses—though cities and towns can choose to publish those. The regulations also allow cities and towns to levy their own taxes of up to 6 percent—and in Boston of up to 6.5 percent—on properties renting for more than 14 nights annually. And properties renting for more than 14 nights annually will have to carry insurance.

"Our administration has long supported leveling the playing field for short-term rental operators who use their properties as de facto hotels," Baker said in a statement, "and I appreciate the legislature's work to reach a compromise on this bill that adopts our proposal to avoid placing undue burdens on occasional renters."

Paul Sacco, president of the Massachusetts Lodging Association, which supports the regulations, released this statement after Baker's signing: We are pleased and gratified that the governor and legislative leaders came together in a bipartisan way to advance this critical measure into law. This is a tremendous victory for municipal leaders and the

people of Massachusetts who have been waiting for years while Airbnb rentals have exploded, resulting in skyrocketing housing costs and disruptions in local neighborhoods. By adopting a more level playing field between short-term rentals and traditional lodgers, lawmakers made great strides toward a more fair and sensible system.

As for Airbnb, as reported in Curbed Boston, it had urged Baker to veto the legislation, stating that the bill raises serious concerns for the thousands of Bay Staters who share their home to make a little extra income. In addition to undermining the governor's effort to shield hosts' personal information, the bill would impose significant

burdens on individual hosts, many of whom rent their homes for just a few weeks a year.

Airbnb released this statement after Baker's signature: "We're proud of the community we've built in Massachusetts, with over 1.2 million travelers using Airbnb to visit the commonwealth and nearly two million Bay Staters using Airbnb to travel at home and abroad in 2018 alone. While we are deeply disappointed in the flawed bill that emerged from Beacon Hill during the lame duck session, we will continue the fight to protect our community and the economic engine of short-term rentals for hosts, guests, and local small businesses".