



## Mayor Wu To Clear Out Tents And Encampments at Mass and Cass January 12

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu has set a target date for the clearing of a homeless encampment in the troubled area often called “Mass and Cass.” “We cannot continue to turn a blind eye to systems that have failed,” Wu said. The location near the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Bou-

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The Tradition Continues

# EDITORIAL

## It's Christmas Shopping Time For Package Thieves Too. Stay Alert!

Though there are fewer reports of package thieves in the area this Christmas season than there were last year, at least so far, they are still around and hard at work. With more residents receiving truck to door deliveries of Christmas gifts and other items ordered, the temptation to help themselves to the property of others is just too strong for those who would rather steal things than work for what they want. And although more and more people in the neighborhood than ever before have security cameras monitoring their homes, some of the culprits couldn't care less. In the era of hoodies and Covid face masks,

its more difficult to identify people who may be up to no good. But this week's editorial isn't meant to discuss the reasons the crooks resort to robbing from the door steps of people at work or out shopping, its to suggest some precautions you might want to consider to guard against this annual crime surge.

We mentioned cameras. They aren't fool proof in stopping the package thieves but they couldn't hurt. The more eyes on the streets; be they human or electronic, the better to deter the bad guys AND girls. Security cameras are now wireless, not all of them are expensive and most can be activated, monitored and oper-

ated by a smart phone when whether you are at home or out if you have Wi-Fi. If you are on good terms with your nearby neighbors, and happily, most people are in South Boston, why not work out a system whereby you look out for their deliveries when they are away from the house and they'll do it for you. Keep in touch with police. In Southie, we have a great squad of police officers based at C-6 who are dedicated to keeping our community safe. They are responsive and they are professional and always willing to help. They always encourage residents to report any suspicious activity in the area. You won't bother



them by calling them, it's their job and they don't mind doing it.

Stealing packages from door steps isn't just happening in certain parts of South Boston; it can happen and is happening in several sections. The best policy is vigilance. That saying "if you see some-

thing, say something" applies in this situation. The biggest deterrent to the thieves are watchful neighbors. If they know a neighborhood is alert and ready for them, they will almost always go elsewhere to commit their crimes. Don't let the package thieves ruin your Christmas spirit.

**"If as the saying goes, liars pants really do catch on fire, watching the news would be a lot more fun" - Author Unknown**

## Half Price Hot Dogs On The Menu Sullivan's At Castle Island Open Until December 31st

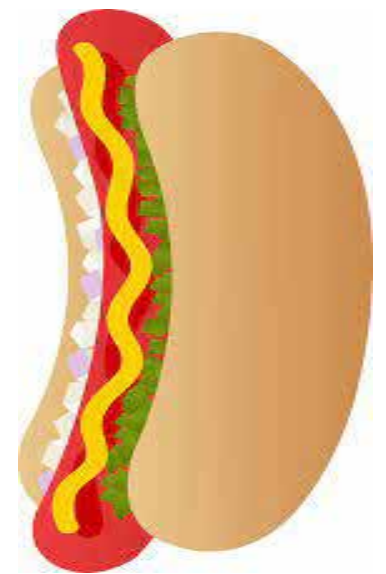
Sullivan's Restaurant (Sully's) at Castle Island, to the delight of its customers and the neighborhood, has decided to remain open until December 31st, rather than close Thanksgiving week. This is the second year with the expansion of our favorite landmark

and the idea is being well received. And as a special bonus, they are still selling their famous 'snapper dogs' at half price. People travel for many miles for a Sully hot dog as well as for the other great items on their delicious menu. Sully's also does catering for those special events.

So, if you enjoy sitting outside enjoying a tasty meal; even if the temperature drops into the frigid category, don't forget, Sullivan's is still open and will be until the last day of 2021. Don't forget those great Sully gifts for friends and family here and afar; sweatshirts,

teeshirts, baseball caps, dog collars and leashes for our furry friends and the famous Sully gift certificate. So see, there are some good things happening in 2021.

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# The Information Center

## Kentucky Tornado Damage Brought Out The Grinch

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This being Christmastime, words from a song of the season comes to mind when hearing about the response by so many liberals and leftists to the destruction caused by tornados in Kentucky. “You’re a mean one – Mr. Grinch”. Reading some of the vile, hate filled, mean and downright nasty comments coming from not only every day libs, but even leftist politicians and Hollywood celebs, would be enough to make normal people sick if this were years in the past. But its completely expected in today’s climate.

Some estimates put the death toll as high as 100, with many more injured and some people still missing. Children were among those hurt. Homes and businesses were destroyed with costs in the billions of dollars. The lives of many are in shambles. The overwhelming number of Americans who have responded offered everything from prayers and compassion to financial donations. Many people have already departed from around the country to volunteer their time and labor to help rebuild. The victims are, after all, fellow Americans. But not everyone has been supportive as I mentioned above. By Twitter and other social media methods there were leftists expressing how thrilled beyond belief they are about the tragedy. Comments like “Good! They are nothing but Southern Rednecks and Hillbillies down there”. “Just a bunch of Republican voters in the South. Too bad they didn’t all die”. “They are Trump supporters and got what they deserve”. “Climate Change deniers all of them so it serves them right”. “Who cares what happens to people in Red States?”. And these are some of the milder comments. Other remarks are so bad, I wouldn’t repeat them in a family newspaper.

The above comments should give

us all a good idea about the type of people that infect the left side of the political divide in our country. They are among the most miserable and hateful people on the planet. They used to try to fool everyone by claiming that THEY were the tolerant and compassionate ones. But their loathing of anyone who holds different views than they do is so out in the open now, they don’t even try to hide it any longer.

The suspect in the Waukesha, Wisconsin attack, where the car was deliberately crashing through the annual Christmas parade killing adults and children is an avowed, white hating leftist with a criminal record a mile long. Burning down Christmas trees seems to be a new way for leftists to express themselves as it is happening in several parts of the country. The FOX News ‘All American Christmas Tree’ in New York City was wrecked as we all saw on film. Here again, the suspect is an avowed leftist. I mean, what kind of people set Christmas trees on fire? How miserable must someone be to do this? But in the case of NYC, it was a “twofer”. Because something called ‘all American AND Christmas is probably just too much for some leftists to resist. It must be destroyed – right? Popular Conservative comedian Greg Gutfeld had the perfect response to the destroying of the Christmas tree in New York: If they burn them down, we’ll build a new one each and every time”. And to their credit, 3 days later, another 50 foot, red, white and blue, All American Christmas Tree was built right back up in the damaged one’s place, looking even better than the first one. This is what needs to happen everywhere. Can’t let them win. And no more playing defense with these people.

As what’s now being referred to as the ‘Joe Biden Crime Wave’ continues in many Democrat run cities around the country; where those who commit serious crimes are just released without bail, Its making people in Boston wonder if this city will be next. Boston is run by Democrats but so far, this major crime wave hasn’t made all that much headway here. Hopefully, those in elected office will not be making the same mistakes as those other cities are making. If officials are serious about keeping Boston and surrounding areas relatively free of the problems in other urban areas, they must

make it their policy not to allow the anti-police, ‘progressive’ radicals to intimidate them into tying the hands of law enforcement. Forget about the pressure that might be coming from the Brandon Administration. They actually nominated and fought to confirm Rachael Rollins as the US Attorney for Massachusetts. That should tell everyone all we need to know about DC’s opposition to the rule of written law, considering the disaster that Rollins was as Suffolk County’s DA. Remember, the voters have the chance to turn this all around in 2022. That must be priority.

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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.

### Fenway Park's return to the vaccination circuit

The home of the Red Sox will open for booster shots in January, Boston Globe's Travis Andersen and John R. Ellement report. This isn't the first time the state has turned to the ballpark for vaccinations -- last winter it was one of seven used for initial vaccinations. The idea here, officials in the administration said, is to increase access to boosters as cases trend upwards. State House News Service's Matt Murphy reports that Gov. Charlie Baker also asked all cities and towns to consider setting up local vaccination clinics.

A renewed call for mask mandates has swelled over the past few weeks, including from the head of the Massachusetts Medical Society. Baker said on Monday that he has no plans to reinstitute a mask mandate but maybe he will be swayed after three young adults over the age of 18 in Boston were found to have contracted

omicron. As we enter the depths of winter, all eyes will be on elected and public health officials to see how they address omicron and rising case rates, starting with a legislative oversight hearing this morning at 10 a.m.

### Case in point: Hub hospitals show disparities in health care costs

The Wall Street Journal has found the perfect case study to demonstrate how patients with the same health issues and insurance can pay wildly different prices for the same care — and it's right here in Boston. The paper reports that a single emergency room visit would cost a hypothetical patient \$946 at Mass. General Hospital and \$577 at Boston Medical Center, which is located just three miles away.

### Elugardo on why she decided to run for Senate

Why did Rep. Nika Elugardo decide to jump into the race for the Second Suffolk Senate seat?

Dorchester Reporter's Gintautas Dumcius spoke to the Jamaica Plain Democrat about her choice to run for Senate and what opportunities she is looking forward to should she win. More from Dumcius: "With her strong relationships with her Beacon Hill colleagues, and with billions of federal dollars flowing from Washington, and the Legislature shedding a reputation for handling one or two big bills per session, Elugardo sees an opportunity to widen her gaze, she told the Reporter in an interview."

### 'Senator Karen'

"Senator Karen" and "angry Mom." Those are the characterizations Elon Musk used to describe Sen. Elizabeth Warren after she said the top executive at Tesla should pay more in taxes. Boston Herald's Erin Tiernan reports that Warren took aim at Musk, saying "let's change the rigged tax code so The Person of the Year will actually pay taxes and stop freeloading off everyone else."

## SENATOR COLLINS CHAIRS HEARING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SMALL BUSINESS

Recently, State Senator Nick Collins chaired a hearing of the Committee on Community Development & Small Business. The Committee is tasked with all matters concerning small business operations, local economies, neighborhood and economic development, and community-based job creation.

This hearing featured testimony on multiple pieces of legislation to benefit economic development.

"Thank you to all that testified, I look forward to continuing the im-

portant work of this committee," said Senator Collins. "I am honored to be in this important leadership role at such a critical time. As we continue to build back from the pandemic, our communities need our support through economic development."

Written testimony can be submitted via email to Julia.Canty@mahouse.gov or Leon.David@masenate.gov.

The pieces of legislation featured in the hearing will now be reviewed by Committee on Community Development & Small Business.



### CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU14P1064EA

**Commonwealth Of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court**

**Probate and Family Court**

**Estate of: Marie Ann Hayden**

**Date of Death: 11/22/2013**

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

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

Date: December 02, 2021

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
**December 16, 2021**



# Making Ready The Sleigh!

State Representative David Biele saw a need in his district for the third consecutive year this Christmas. Children in the 4th Suffolk District are in need of toys and gifts under the Christmas

tree. This year has been an extremely difficult year for most due to Covid, inflation and other financial hardships as well as product availability. Every child deserves a gift at Christmas. Many local groups and families reached out to Rep. Biele in hopes he could provide some help. Rep. Biele organizes a toy drive called **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** and is in the process of helping Santa to bring happiness and cheer to the children of South Boston and the 4th Suffolk district. It truly takes a village and that's what South

Boston still is and has always been; a kind, giving, caring group of residents, neighbors, elected officials and businesses of which the Rep. has reached out to. Santa's Elves and Helpers for this massive undertaking are busy at work helping Rep. Biele to make sure no child goes without a gift on Christmas morning. The Massachusetts Convention Center has been transformed into Santa's workshop once more. Toys are being dropped off, Amazon packages opened, sorted by

age and delivery locations. Karen Zirkle from Rep. Biele's office is on the job! There is a current push for presents/giftcards for the older kids ranging from **ages 14-16**. It's a difficult age and they need to BELIEVE! If you are able to donate toys or giftcards, please email [neighbor-2neighbortoydrive@gmail.com](mailto:neighbor-2neighbortoydrive@gmail.com) or reach out to Representative Biele's office at 617-722-2080. This community always rises to the task and history shows it will again, with **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**.



Mark O'Leary (BCEC), Rep. Biele and newly elected City Councilor At Large Erin Murphy keeping those donations moving.



District Two City Councilor Ed Flynn and Kristen Flynn dropping off donations to help Santa deliver.



Mayor Michelle Wu and Marydith Tuitt (Toys For Tots) were greeted by Rep. Biele and Mark O'Leary (BCEC) when they stopped by with a donation of toys and to show support.



Rep. Biele with Tracy and daughters from the MOM's Group dropping off a donation of toys and books.



District Three City Councilor Frank Baker is always there to help.



Rep. Biele with staffer Karen Zirkle sorting toys.



Donations of Toys!



Toys organized by gender and age.



## Church Mass and Service Schedules Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

### St. Peter Church:

**Christmas Day – 9am English, 10:30am Lithuanian**

### St. Monica Church:

**Christmas Day - 10:30 English, 12:30 Spanish**

### Seaport Shrine of Our Lady of Good Voyage:

**Christmas Eve – 4pm, 7pm and 11pm, all in English**

**Christmas Day – 9:30am and 11:30am all in English**

### St. Brigid Church:

**Christmas Eve – 2pm, 4pm.**

**Christmas Day – 8am, 10:30am**

### Gate of Heaven Church:

**Christmas Eve – 2pm (Children's Pageant), 4pm, 9pm**

**Christmas Day – 9am**

### St. Augustine Chapel:

**Christmas Eve – 5pm (Limited Seating)**

### St. George Cathedral Albanian Orthodox:

**Christmas Eve – 6pm**

**Christmas Day – 10am**

### Fourth Presbyterian Church:

**Christmas Eve – 7pm**

### Mass & Cass continued from front page

levard is an epicenter of the city's struggle with homelessness and the opioid crisis.

Wu said Wednesday the city's goal will be to move people off the streets and into housing by Jan. 12. She said residents of the encampment will be connected with services and housing before the tents are removed. Wu temporarily halted cleanup of the sprawling camp last month on her first day in office. Earlier this month, she expressed interest in finding enough alternative housing options to clear the encampments before the worst of winter weather arrives.

Residents at the site will be offered medical services, substance abuse help and any other assistance they need, Wu said. The city will use a mix of temporary housing sites and shelters to house individuals. "With these actions, our goal is to bring residents out of the cold and into supportive housing, to change the status quo in this area and citywide," she said in a statement.

Wu had previously described deep engagement between the city, nonprofits, public health organizations and those living in the encampment. The mayor said she does not expect much pushback to helping people out of the camp.

Right now, according to the Boston Public Health Commission's latest survey, there are 77 tents in the quarter-mile area known as Mass. & Cass. Located in those tents are 143 occupants with about one-third are women. 64 percent are people of color and more than half don't have a health care provider. More than three-quarters don't have a mental health care provider and most are looking for low-threshold housing.

"The vast majority, 94%-plus of residents at Mass. Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard have said if there was a sup-

portive, low-threshold housing option available, they would be more than happy, eager to move into the situation," Wu said. The Mayor's team has identified several areas where they plan to open locations for low threshold housing for all the people in the tents, including 40 beds available right now at the EnVision Hotel in Jamaica Plain. Plans are in the works for low threshold supportive housing beds at the Roundhouse Hotel, at Shattuck Hospital Campus and at some of the city's shelters.

"If people don't leave the tents by Jan. 12th, will they be arrested?" 5 Investigates' Karen Anderson said. "We are working daily and multiple times a day to pursue and really vigorously engage in outreach with every single person who is living in a tent right now at Mass. & Cass," Wu replied.

Boston city officials in November began enforcing the first orders to remove tents from the area, where substance abuse, mental health issues and homelessness have converged to create a humanitarian crisis. People living in the encampment near the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard were given verbal and written notices that they had 48 hours to remove their tents and belongings. The notices were accompanied by information about available shelter beds and treatment options.

An executive order signed in mid-October by then-Mayor Kim Janey said, "...existing laws, coupled with the public health emergency, dictate that tents and temporary shelters will no longer be allowed on the public ways in the city of Boston." Janey's order also created a structure to manage and coordinate resources from the city, state and other stakeholders.





# SOUTH BOSTON COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER'S YOUTH AMBASSADORS GO DIGITAL IN AN EFFORT TO GET THEIR FRIENDS VACCINATED



**S**outh Boston Community Health Center's Youth Ambassadors are determined to get their friends protected from the Covid-19 virus. The teens, all fully vaccinated, spearheaded a video/social media project to encourage other teens to get vaccinated after discovering that many of their peers and classmates were still not vaccinated against the virus. Michael Indresano, of Indresano Productions donated his studio time and talent to help the teens bring their vision to reality. The campaign went live today on SBCHC's YouTube channel at

<https://youtu.be/HFxfRBrRIIE>

"We couldn't be more proud of these young people" said Bill Halpin, CEO of South Boston Community Health Center "the Youth Ambassadors have always been an important voice among their peers on critical health issues like substance abuse and anti-vaping efforts. We were really encouraged when they wanted to reach out to other teens about the vaccine".

The Youth Ambassadors brainstormed with Linda Doran, Youth Program Coordinator, to streamline their concept. Then they enlisted the participation of other

vaccinated teens from the Edgely Family South Boston Boys and Girls Club; the South Boston Neighborhood House and students from the Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers where several of the Youth Ambassadors attend. Michael Indresano invited the teens to his South Boston studio where the production team brought their ideas to life during two days of shooting. It was an empowering experience for the teens. "They felt heard and respected" Linda said, "everyone on the team was welcoming and really valued what our kids had to say".

For the past 21 months, South Boston Community Health Center (SBCHC) has been a force in

Boston's Covid-19 response. Because of early preparation and foresight, they were among the first centers in the state of Massachusetts to be awarded a direct federal Covid-19 supply and were the very first (and for some time the only) site offering the Covid-19 vaccine to the public in all of Suffolk County. The SBCHC has distributed over 30,000 vaccines and has tested over 17,000 people for the virus. Their positive impact on this public health crisis has been significant.

## Need a Thin Mint or An Adventure?

**T**he South Boston Brownies were in front of Rockland Trust East Broadway last Sunday selling the old favorite Girl Scout cookies and the new Adventure cookie. Proudly displaying their sashes and echoing "girl scout cookies", brought many people of all ages to their

table of goodies. These young ladies showed professionalism, great sales skills including up selling for the First Responder Donation Program, math, technology, inventory and restocking skills. They were friendly and polite while staying focused on their goal to sell cookies! The troops receive .90

per box sold and they also donate to a non-profit annually with the monies earned from the cookie sales.

The girls did such a good job; they sold out of most choices including the popular thin mint. We asked a few consumers of GS Cookies what it is about them that made them come

to purchase. Some of the responses we received; it reminded them of when they sold GS cookies, another response was to support the girls and get a box of great cookies at the same time, and the final answer was this is our neighborhood and this is what we do and who doesn't like GS cookies? These girls are amazing and their leaders are proud and dedicated. It was a pleasure to buy from them!



1. Greta (Troop#70042), Age 8, Upper Henderson School, Natalie (Troop#70038), Age 8, Perry School, Valentina (Troop#70038), Age 7, Perry School, Grace (Troop#70038), Age 7, Perry School.

2. Supporting Troop#70038 with a purchase of Shortbread

3. These young ladies stopped to chat, left and came back because one (R) was a Girl Scout. She didn't want any cookies but wanted to make a donation. Love Venmo! Once a GS, always a GS. Nice move ladies.

4. Lemonade and Shortbread. Another happy customer!

5. Troop#70038 with leaders Julie Ahern and Lyndsay Picciano



# The Wine Guy Beat That Chill!

**Y**ou probably heard that old line, “It was so cold out today that I saw some politicians with their hands in their own pockets!”. Well, it was so cold out the day I wrote this column that the politicians weren’t even out-like everyone else who didn’t have to be. It’s definitely time to stay in and warm up with something

hearty; here are a few ideas...

If you haven’t tried it before or you have tried it and would like a really easy recipe, **Mulled Wine** is a wintertime favorite all over the world! Here’s a great recipe from my friends at **Delish.com**:

## INGREDIENTS

1 (750-ml.) bottle red wine  
1 orange, sliced into rounds, plus more for garnish  
6 whole cloves  
3 cinnamon sticks, plus more for garnish  
3 star anise  
1/4 c. honey  
1/2 c. brandy

## DIRECTIONS

1. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine all ingredients. Bring to a simmer not a boil, then reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer gently over low heat for 10 minutes.

2. Serve warm and garnish with more citrus slices and cinnamon sticks.

**Joe Wagner** has been making great wines for over half of his 34 years. In 2006, he created the **Meiomi** brand and he’s never looked back. He has a new wine

out and it’s another winner. **2018 Quilt Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley** is a dark beauty with intense notes and flavors of black currant, berries and bitter-sweet chocolate. On the palate, it’s a meaty and velvety wine with an edge that makes you want another sip. Turn this new classic from Joe Wagner into your new steak dinner wine!

If you’re in the mood for a really satisfying blended Cab, try another new label. **2018 Unshackled Cabernet Sauvignon, California.** If you’re a fan of The Prisoner Wine Company, you’ll recognize something special in Unshackled, which blends together familiar varietals from California’s premier wine regions to create a distinct collection with a personality all its own. Bold and flavor-forward, with aromas of plum, blackberry and a hint of olive, this Cabernet is blended with small amounts of Petite Syrah, Syrah and Merlot. Its flavors of black stone fruit and dried herbs are complemented by solid tannin structure and balanced acidity.

Finally, this is definitely the time of year for a good Port and South African Ports continue to deliver great value. **De Krans Cape Vintage Reserve 2016** is the standard for quality at a real value price point. The first grapes were planted on this farm in 1936, mainly for raisins, and today they are producing Port-style wines in the old tradition as well as a wide range of others worth trying when you get round to it. This particular bottle is a serious player—great structure, great fruit aromas and a long finish. It’s intensely dark and irresistible. Get the best gorgonzola in town, cool the bottle slightly and be prepared for something really irresistible.



## 4 Foods To Avoid This Holiday Season When It Comes to Pet Safety



**B**ecause of the upward trend in COVID-19 cases, many restaurants will not be open for indoor dining this holiday season. That means small, family gatherings around the dining room table will be the celebration of choice in households across the U.S. this year.

This also means that our pets will have more opportunities to snack on foods that they really shouldn’t.

Not only can some thanksgiving foods be toxic to your pet, table scraps and extra treats can add up quickly. Just a 5 oz serving of dark meat turkey for your small dog can be the caloric equivalent of an entire 8-inch pumpkin pie for you!

In fact, data from Trupanion, a leader in medical insurance for cats & dogs, reveals that pet owners with overweight pets can spend as much as five times more in veterinary expenses

than pet owners with average-sized pets.

If you have a puppy, kitten or multi-pet household, here are some food groups to avoid with your pets during the holiday season.

Foods and ingredients that are potentially toxic for dogs and cats this holiday season...

Butter and other fats

Garlic, Chives, Onions, Scallions  
Raisins, Currents, Grapes

Candied sweet potatoes or yams

**4 foods to watch out for this** upcoming holiday season as your pet positions themselves under your dining room table

### 1) Turkey

A small amount of lean, light meat is okay but make sure to keep the skin, fat, and any dark meat far from your furry friend. Most importantly, make sure that your dog does not get a hold of any cooked bones as they can cause choking or be ingested and damage to your

pet’s digestive system.

### 2) Stuffing

Stuffing often contains onions, chives, garlic, and/or scallions. Those ingredients are toxic to pets so make sure to keep your furry friend far away from the stuffing! Plus, with the added butter, stuffing is likely a fatty treat that your pet does not need.

### 3) Mashed Potatoes




Bland mashed potatoes are okay. But as with stuffing, any mashed potatoes prepared with garlic, onions, scallions, or chives should definitely be kept away from pets as these foods are toxic to dogs and cats.

### 4) Pumpkin Pie, Apple Pie and Pecan Pie!

It’s best not to purposely feed pie to your four-legged friend. Instead consider one of the many dog-friendly versions that gives your pup a taste of pumpkin pie without all of the sugary sweetness.



# Important Information About Lead in Your Drinking Water




Boston’s drinking water is provided by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority from the Quabbin Reservoir, which is lead-free. However, lead can get into tap water through lead service lines or galvanized pipes connecting to the street and pipes in homes or businesses.

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**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**  
Docket No. SU21C0557CA  
**Commonwealth Of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**In the matter of: Martin Yenny Guerrero Diaz**

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
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**A Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by  
**Martin Yenny Guerrero Diaz of South Boston MA**  
**Requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Martin Henry Guerrero**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **SUFFOLK PROBATE and FAMILY COURT** before 10:00a.m. on the return day of 12/30/21. This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
December 10, 2021  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
**December 16, 2021**



# Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree At The Annual Condon Senior Christmas Party

On Wednesday, the staff of the Condon Community Center hosted their annual Senior Christmas party at St. Peter Lithuanian Church Hall. The Master of Ceremony was none other than the multi-talented, quick witted and quite entertaining Mark McGonagle. Seniors from all over South Boston enjoyed a delicious luncheon

complete with coffee, dessert and raffles of scratch tickets and gift-cards. The crowd of about 100 were joined by members of the South Boston delegation, Haley Dillon from ONS and Boston's Finest C-6. The music was playing, there was spirit in the air and everyone was enjoying themselves. One of the best highlights of the

event was when the Christmas music changed to dance music. As in typical South Boston fashion, the dancing began. Hello Macarena and Electric Slide! The party was filled with laughter, good food, good company and lots of laughs. When the party was over, Barbara Kelly had one final surprise for the group, she had goodie bags

filled with candy and snacks. It's the season for community, giving and sharing. Our seniors are the backbone of our community and it's heartwarming to see the staff of the Condon Community Center throw these fabulous events for them. Cheers and a big shout out to the BCYF team, another year well done!









# South Boston Catholic Academy News

On December 8, 2021 we celebrated the school Mass. It was the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception at which the 5th Graders did a wonderful job participating in as greeters, reading the Liturgy of the

Word and the Prayers of the Faithful. We also had a chance to congratulate our new Altar Servers. Our Pastor, Father Robert Casey, was the celebrant at this Mass. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Catholic feast

day and Holy Day of Obligation. At this Mass we celebrate Mary's conception without sin. Even though this feast day occurs in the liturgical season of Advent, which prepares for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Con-

ception refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Anne. New families are welcome to email Mrs. Jamie Brown at [j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org](mailto:j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org) to learn more about South Boston Catholic Academy.



Greeters



Congratulations to our new Altar Servers



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## This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for Week 15 in the NFL:

I had a perfect 5-0 week against the spread in Week 14. That brings my record to 39-31 on the season.

Seeing that there are no more byes remaining on the NFL's weekly schedule, we've officially arrived at the final stretch run of the regular season. Teams only have four more weeks to prove they're playoff worthy.

And this week, we have games on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Week 15 begins with the Los Angeles Chargers hosting the Kansas City Chiefs on Thursday night. It continues with the Cleveland Browns hosting the Las Vegas Raiders on Saturday afternoon, followed by the Indianapolis Colts hosting the New England Patriots on Saturday night.

Week 15 ends with the Chicago Bears hosting the Minnesota Vikings on Monday night. The Sunday night game of the week is the Tampa Bay Buccaneers hosting the New Orleans Saints.

The big question is, can I put together a perfect 5-0 week for the second consecutive week? Here are my picks for Week 15:

### ARIZONA CARDINALS (-13.5) over Detroit Lions

-I hate betting on a West Coast team playing a 1 p.m. ET road game, especially if that West Coast team is a double-digit favorite. But here we are. I'm taking the 10-3 Cardinals over the 1-11-1 Lions in Detroit on Sunday at 1 because, well, it's the Lions. And the Lions are horrible. I chose to bet against them last week by putting my money on the Denver Broncos, and I won that. So I plan on winning this bet as well. Arizona has to be hungry, coming off a loss to their division-rival Rams on Monday night. The Cardinals are currently in first place in the NFC West, and the No. 3 seed in the NFC, but the pressure is being put on them by those 9-4 Rams. Basically, Arizona is too good, and Detroit is too bad, for this game to be close. Give me the Cardinals by three touchdowns.

### CINCINNATI BENGALS (+2.5) over Denver Broncos

-The Bengals have lost two straight, but they're still a very good football team. This game on Sunday at 4:05 in Denver is essentially a playoff game.

Both teams are 7-6 and currently on the outside looking in on the AFC playoff picture. The final two AFC wild card spots are held by teams that are also 7-6: the Colts and Bills. The Colts and Bills are ahead of the 7-6 Browns, Bengals, and Broncos because of better conference records. But the top tie-breaker is head-to-head, and whoever wins this game on Sunday between the Bengals and Broncos will be in a much better position to sneak into the playoffs. I feel like Denver will be the pick for many, as it's in Denver. I'm not. I'll take Cincy to win a close one.

### SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (+4.5) over Los Angeles Rams

-I actually wouldn't take the Seahawks money line in this one. I don't actually think Seattle will win the game on Sunday at 4:25 in LA. They will keep it close though. The Rams are 9-4 and have won two straight. However, they're dealing with COVID more than other teams at the moment. The Seahawks are 5-8 and have won two straight as well. I think Seattle will lose the game, but I also fully expect them to put up a fight. Rams win, but I'm taking the Seahawks to cover the spread.

### NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (+10.5) over Tampa Bay Buccaneers

-This is a perfect example of me betting with my head, instead of my heart. Because my heart tells me that the 10-3 Buccaneers will win their fifth straight game on Sunday night at home. But my brain tells me that this division rivalry will be closer than it probably should. The 6-7 Saints have already beaten the Bucs this season, but that game was in New Orleans back in October. Now, in Tampa, in prime time, I expect Brady to get the win. But I also expect the Saints to keep it interesting. Maybe it's even a back-door cover. Who knows. But I expect New Orleans to cover.

### LOCK OF THE WEEK: PITTSBURGH STEELERS (+2) over Tennessee Titans

-It's a must-win game for the 6-6-1 Steelers, who are coming off a loss to the Vikings last Thursday night. Pittsburgh will have a little extra time to prepare for this game at home on Sunday at 1. The 9-4 Titans are coming off a win over Jacksonville, but before that they had lost two straight. Tennessee is feeling the effects of losing their biggest playmaker in Derrick Henry to a foot injury. And the Steelers need to win this game to stay alive in the playoff hunt. They will. Give me Pittsburgh, all day.

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# SPORTS TODAY

## PATRIOTS RETURN FROM BYE TO FACE INDY IN PRIME TIME

SBT Staff

The New England Patriots were one of the last teams in the NFL to have their bye week. They were one of four teams that enjoyed a weekend off in Week 14, which was the final week on the bye schedule.

Now, the Patriots get set for their final four games of the regular season, beginning this Saturday night against the Colts in Indianapolis.

## Tweet of the Week



Sports Illustrated @SInow

Tom Brady, SI's 2021 Sportsperson of the Year 🏆



Like New England, Indianapolis is also coming off their bye in Week 14. Unlike the Patriots though, the Colts are not on a seven-game win streak, which is the longest win streak in the league, entering Week 15.

Indianapolis is coming off a win over the Houston Texans before the bye. The 7-6 Colts have won four of their last five, and are in second place in the AFC South. If the

playoffs began after Week 14, Indy would be the No. 6 seed in the AFC and would be heading to Kansas City to play the No. 3 seed Chiefs in the Wild Card round.

The Patriots are 9-4 and are the No. 1 seed in the AFC. Their latest win came in Buffalo on Monday Night Football in Week 13. Because of horrendous wind conditions, New England chose to throw the ball

just three times, and ran the ball 46 times for a total of 222 rush yards.

After their upcoming game against the Colts, the Patriots will then play back-to-back games at home against the Bills and Jacksonville Jaguars, followed by their final game of the regular season in Week 18 against the Dolphins in Miami.

The Patriots are a 2-point underdog in Indianapolis on Saturday night.

## WHATtoWATCH

**NFL THURSDAY, DEC. 16**

Kansas City (-4) at LA Chargers  
8:20 P.M. FOX/NFLN

**SATURDAY, DEC. 18**

New England at Indianapolis (-2)  
8:15 P.M. NFLN

**SUNDAY, DEC. 19**

Green Bay (-4.5) at Baltimore  
4:25 P.M. FOX

New Orleans at Tampa Bay (-10.5)  
8:20 P.M. NBC

**MONDAY, DEC. 20**

Minnesota (-3.5) at Chicago  
8:15 P.M. ESPN

**NBA FRIDAY, DEC. 17**

Golden State at Boston  
7:30 P.M. ESPN

**NHL SATURDAY, DEC. 18**

Boston at Montreal  
7 P.M. NESN/NHLN

## AMID FAILED LABOR TALKS, MLB LOCKOUT BEGINS

SBT Staff

Major League Baseball has officially locked out its players, giving the sport its first work stoppage since a mid-season strike by the players that ended the 1994 season and continued into the beginning of the 1995 season.

Now, it's the league creating the work stoppage, as the previous collective bargaining agreement expired earlier this month.

As a result, the annual Winter Meetings have been canceled, and team officials cannot communicate with their players.

MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred released a statement to address the lockout, titled, "A letter to baseball fans."

Part of the letter read:

"Despite the league's best efforts to make a deal with the Players Association, we were unable to extend our 26 year-long history of labor peace and come to an agreement with the MLBPA before the current CBA expired. Therefore, we have been forced to commence a lockout of Major League players, effective at 12:01am ET on December 2.

"I want to explain to you how we got here and why we have to take this action today. Simply put, we believe that an offseason lockout is the best mechanism to protect the 2022 season. We hope that the lockout will jumpstart the negotiations and get us to an agreement that will allow the season to start

on time. This defensive lockout was necessary because the Players Association's vision for Major League Baseball would threaten the ability of most teams to be competitive. It's simply not a viable option. From the beginning, the MLBPA has been unwilling to move from their starting position, compromise, or collaborate on solutions."

While the league says it's using a lockout to "jumpstart" negotiations, the Players Association is calling the lockout unnecessary, and believes the league is simply just trying to strong arm the Players into an agreement.

The Major League Baseball Players Association sent out a much shorter statement that read, in full:

"This shutdown is a dramatic measure, regardless of the timing. It is not required by law or for any other reason. It was the owners' choice, plain and simple, specifically calculated to pressure Players into relinquishing rights and benefits, and abandoning good faith bargaining proposals that will benefit not just Players, but the game and industry as a whole.

"These tactics are not new. We have been here before, and Players have risen to the occasion time and again — guided by a solidarity that has been forged over generations. We will do so again here.

"We remain determined to return to the field under the terms of a negotiated collective bargaining agreement that is fair to all parties, and provides fans with the best version of the game we all love."