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as they grow.

The brilliantly lit Christmas trees and neighborhood homes, the gifts, the pageants, the music, the movies we look forward to year after year, the time spent with family and good friends and the image of Santa everywhere you turn, adds to the tradition that so many people hold so near and dear to their hearts. That it was all started with the birth of Jesus more than 2000 years ago is the reason for the season and makes this time of year not only fes-

sive, but also sacred to more than 2 billion people around the world - and certainly to the people of South Boston. Those less fortunate and uncertain if they will have even a moment of joy this Christmas will find their neighbors here in South Boston are most willing to help through our church community and service agencies.

From all of us here at South Boston Today to our friends and neighbors, have a Merry Christmas. May this year bring good tidings to one and all.



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Gifts for Some and Merry Christmas to All

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Before getting into the annual traditional Christmas gift list column, just a mention about the announcement out of the City of Chicago. It's regarding the investigation into that city's police department over the shooting of civilians that had taken place, as well as accusations that the department is unprofessional and out of control. Who did the White House and the Feds select to help conduct the investigation and come up with recommendations? The former governor of Massachusetts Deval Patrick of course. At first, some thought it was a joke. Who would select a leftist, cop hating, criminal coddling failed ex-governor from Massachusetts to investigate

law enforcement? None other than Barack Obama. Deval's selection would make sense. He was under investigation for suspicious illegal transactions, ignored laws he didn't agree with while governor and he's best known for his infamous quote of "America is a free country and I wish it were not". This fits right in with this White House's idea of a credible selection.

The Chicago Police Dept. is under no illusions that this will be a fair and unbiased effort on the part of Deval and crew. The department has my sympathy. And remember Chicago, Deval Patrick can do for you what he did for our state – leave it in shambles, when he's finished.

And now, as is done each year at

this time in this column, in the spirit of fun I come up with gifts I'd like to be able to give certain public figures, organizations and even a few good friends. It's not meant to offend, but, I'm proudly one of the least politically people there is, so no promises.

-To the City Of Chicago: You've already got your gift – Deval Patrick. Good luck with that.

-To the Precious Snow Flake Protesting College Students: Rattles, binkies and teddy bears to comfort you while you are in your 'Safe Zones' where nothing will ever be allowed to offend you.

-To Bernie Sanders: A magic tree on which to grow all the 'free stuff' that he's promising to his voters.

-Hillary Clinton: To embrace her new social media name: The Benghazi Moonbat.

-Elizabeth Warren: New digs. Move from your \$4 million mansion to a Teepee.

-To the Iranian leadership: They've already got their gift, John Kerry negotiating for our side.

-To ISIS: They've got their gift too: Barack Obama

-To Barack Obama: Honorary membership in the NRA. Hey, if you can't beat 'em, might as well join 'em. Everyone else seems to be.

-To the nation's gun manufacturers. They already got their gift too: Barack Obama.

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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.

Eviction crisis in East Boston subject of series

WBUR and its "Radio Boston" is running a weeklong series on the growing number of tenant evictions, seeing East Boston as its epicenter. "Many long-term tenants in Boston's neighborhoods are being issued "no fault evictions," forcing them out because of skyrocketing rents and home values." The series airs from 3-4 pm all this week.

Lawn on D no longer free?

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority board is weighing charging admission to the popular Lawn on D outdoor gathering space, the Globe's Jon Chesto reports, as it tries to reduce the more than \$2 million it cost to

subsidize in 2015. The board said it will reach out for private donations and sponsorships first, but wants to leave the door open to possible admission charges.

Another mini income tax break for MA residents

The state income tax continues its slow, steady descent to 5 percent, dropping to 5.1 percent as of January 1. The new rate will again drop by .05 percent because a series of economic conditions were met, triggering the cut. For an individual with a taxable income of \$60,000 this amounts to a \$30 per year tax cut. Small change for us, big bucks for the Commonwealth, which has budgeted for a \$74 million loss in revenue for the current

fiscal year in anticipation of the income tax rollback.

Baker riding wave of MA's strong economy

Gov. Baker owes much of his popularity to the economic successes of his predecessor, writes Alec Loftus, a former spokesman for the Patrick administration. "As any pollster will tell you, approval ratings are strongly tied to economic climate... As the keys to the corner office were passed to Baker, Bay State residents were left with more jobs, higher wages, and less poverty than residents in other states," writes Loftus.

T conductor likely to be fired

The operator involved in the runaway Red Line train incident is on the brink of being fired, according to several reports. The firing of the operator, who has been identified as David Vasquez, a 21-year MBTA veteran, "would make him the seventh operator -- from a pool of more than 700 full-time and part-time MBTA subway and trolley drivers who make 915,000 trips a year -- to be terminated since 2010 for a safety offense, according to the T's labor relations department, and the first in modern T history faulted for a runaway train," reports the Globe's Eric Moskowitz.

Bridj to almost double fleet

While public transportation is struggling, the bus startup Bridj is thriving. It plans to almost double its fleet by mid-January, writes the Globe's Jon Chesto, and must suspend its monthly pass program because buses were sold-out during peak travel periods.

With First Night funding in place, columnist targets July 4

Globe columnist Shirley Leung has used the power of the pen to help raise enough money for the city's First Night celebration, and now she's calling attention to the need for corporate sponsors to

step up for the city's annual July 4 celebration. "It's hard to hear, let alone write down and commit for the record, that no company is eager to pay for a Fourth of July celebration in Boston," Leung writes.

Senate Prez undecided on legal pot, hopeful on charter cap

Senate President Stan Rosenberg sat down with the Globe's Joshua Miller for a "Political Happy Hour" event and said he's still undecided on the question of legalizing recreational marijuana, that a strong effort will be made to lift the cap on charter schools in the new year and that the state's ethics laws concerning elected officials are too broad and "overreaching." Rosenberg also defended the state's casino gaming law, which he helped craft, despite new data showing revenue from the only casino to open so far will fall below projections.

UMass staffers get raises amid budget crunch

University of Massachusetts President Marty Meehan gave sizable raises to several staffers, despite budget strains that forced the system to raise tuition rates, the Herald reports. Some raises approached \$20,000 yearly and one staffer, Executive Vice President James Julian Jr., now earns more than \$370,000 a year, more than \$200,000 above Gov. Baker's annual take-home pay. The system says the raises are in line with what union employees bargained. In all, eight people in the UMass office out-earn the governor, the Herald's Joe Battenfeld reports.

Blue Hills hunt deemed a success

State wildlife officials say the controversial controlled hunt in the Blue Hills Reservation was a "great first step," toward controlling the deer population in the area, the Globe reports. Because

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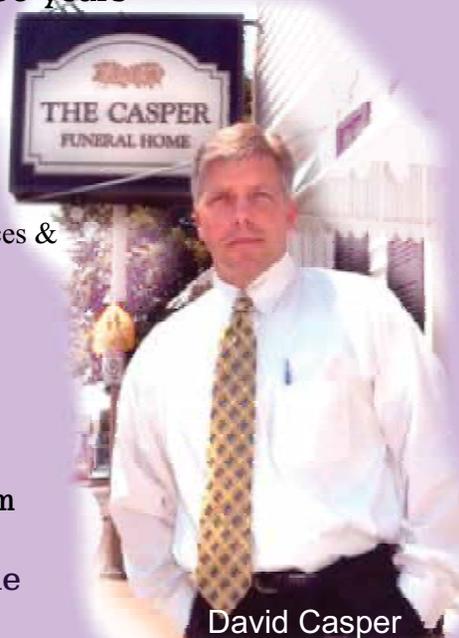
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Reading Between The Lines

“Merry to All”

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Evil takes no holiday, but we here at South Boston Today can and will. With our regular publishing date on both Christmas and New Year’s Eve we’ll pause until January 7. After all, the constant happenings of our world will still be there to report on and write about in the New Year. For now, we’ll try to put all that aside and enjoy the Holidays.

“Try,” is the operative word. With colors and sizes and whom to invite to family gatherings and who we hope doesn’t show up, we have to be alert to “suspicious” behavior. Rather than laugh it off, perhaps it’s a good idea to pay attention. In this season of caring for one another, a way of watching out for each other is to be observant. With everything else going on the last thing we can watch for during Christmas shopping is people’s bags? Yet, it’s not so impossible or imposing. If nothing else, police work is people watching. All people, regardless of race, religion, etc., do everyday things in the same or similar way.

It is those little things out of the ordinary that strike us as odd. These are the things where our danger comes from. So add “alertness” to your shopping cart this season. So, despite whatever new danger is out there we have to continue our lives. We certainly can’t let these killers rob us of the freedom of our daily lives.

Walking home from a meeting with two neighbors, we talked of the recent Paris and San Bernardino attacks, while noticing Christmas lights in the windows. One turned and said, “This is why

I come to the meetings. This is my life, where I live. You never know what’s going to happen, so what goes on here is what’s important to me.” An old sentiment spoken from a new voice. Life is like that. We search and invent and think of new ways to do the same thing, only to realize we knew it all along.

A woman photographer, who has lived here about 10 years, related how she had photographed Bill Bulger and had the “sweet experience”, as she termed it, of having Bill Bulger sing, “over at F Street and Third”. That’s an old Southie song, popular before Billy was even born. To hear him and it spoken of by a new South Bostonian continues the big circle and ensures the tradition, memories and sentiment have been passed on and remembered. It’s a good feeling, one of continuity. It’s a combination of all of those emotions and sentiments that we remember and try to embrace at this time of year.

All of the above is just a way of saying that every day is as important as the next. That the memories created every day of life are important, cherished and every opportunity to share those precious moments with loved ones, to take stock of the future and just savor life should be held tight.

Christmas and New Year are those times. Whatever the problem, let it wait till next year. It will still be there. Give yourself the present of relaxation and peace.

Merry Christmas and take care till next week.

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Convention Center Hires New Executive Director



David M. Gibbons named Executive Director of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority Gibbons will assume the executive role effective January 4. The Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA) today

voted to appoint longtime hospitality executive, David M. Gibbons of Rockport, Mass., as its Executive Director. Gibbons becomes the third leader in the history of the MCCA. His appointment comes after a several-month search process led by executive search firm Korn Ferry.

In his role, Gibbons will oversee ownership and operations of the Authority's four facilities, including the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center in the South Boston Waterfront, the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center in Boston's Back Bay, the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Mass. and the 1,350-space Boston Common Parking Garage. "David brings a very unique leadership skillset that matches with our plans for growing the MCCA brand globally," said John McDonnell, Chairman of the Selection Committee and MCCA Board and Managing Director International of Fifth Generation, Inc., Tito's Handmade Vodka. "He has a

proven track record as an innovator, team builder and positive change agent. He knows how to take established facilities and bring them to new levels of success." Gibbons has spent 30 years in leadership roles in the hospitality industry. He has held the role of general manager at Swisotel (Boston), The Drake (New York City), and the Taj Boston. Gibbons is highly regarded for his leadership experience in operations, food and beverage, finance, labor relations, and overall general management. He is also a former chairman of the Massachusetts Lodging Association and was awarded General Manager of the Year by the association.

"Thank you to Chairman McDonnell, the search committee and the full board for entrusting me with this enormous responsibility," said Gibbons. "I look forward to working with the Governor Baker, Mayor Walsh, Mayor Sarno, and the many other important stakeholders across Massachusetts to enhance the MCCA's role in the convention industry and lead the authority towards a self-sustainable business model." "I am pleased to welcome David to the MCCA," said Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker. "As a former hospitality executive and head of the Massachusetts Lodging Association, David brings the leadership experience and credentials needed to maintain a thriving convention and tourism industry in Massachusetts."

The Board assembled a Selection Committee comprised of five board

members: board chairman, John McDonnell; Massachusetts Executive Office for Administration & Finance Secretary, Kristen Lepore; Amy Lattimer; Michelle Consalvo; and David Sweeney. Led by Korn Ferry, the group reviewed or discussed over 100 resumes, and conducted several interviews before coming to consensus to present Gibbons as the new leader of the MCCA. Fred Peterson, the MCCA's Director of Facilities Operations, has served as interim executive director since July 1, 2015. He will return to this role with the Authority upon Gibbons assuming the executive role on January 4, 2016. "We greatly appreciate Fred for stepping up and leading the MCCA as the interim executive director, and are pleased that he will remain in a leadership role within the organization," said McDonnell.

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority owns and oversees the operations of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA and the Boston Common Parking Garage. The BCEC and Hynes have earned a rare gold standard from the International Association of Congress Centres (AIPC), making Boston only the fourth city in North America and the 12th worldwide to have been awarded this top standard, the highest certification level a convention facility can achieve under strict AIPC guidelines.

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47 of the 64 deer killed were female, the hunt will continue to control the population in future years, officials said.

Late-night service, RIP?

The MBTA is edging ever closer to eliminating late-night service in what will amount to a clear defeat for low-wage workers who need the T get home after working at restaurants, hotels and the like. It would save upwards of \$14 million, reports the Globe's Nicole Dungca, and the T control board suggested the T look into partner-

ships with ride-sharing services.

Why Twin River is smoking Plainridge

State officials have again cut the projected revenue for Plainridge Park Casino, reducing original expectations by 40 percent. That adds up to a \$50 million miss in tax revenues for the state. The slot parlor is getting smoked, literally, by Twin River Casino in Lincoln, RI. Not only does Twin River have more than three times the number of slot machines, it also allows smoking at half of its machines, reports the Globe's Sean Murphy. No smoking is allowed in Plainridge.



Rep Nick Collins Praises Agency Decision On Prescription Drugs

Rep. Nick Collins applauded state officials at the Department of Public Health for announcing that medical residents across Massachusetts will be given access to the Commonwealth's Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) in the next several months.

"This is an important victory for Massachusetts in our fight against

opiate abuse and I commend the Commonwealth's Department of Public Health for its swift action in closing this loophole," said Rep. Collins. "Giving medical residents access to this database is a crucial step toward curbing abuse. It will make it harder for addicts to obtain drugs and will have an immediate impact on the amount of

pills on the street."

The PMP database, created by the state to better track prescriptions statewide, allows prescribing doctors to access a patient's history with opioid medication. The database has been acknowledged as a major tool in the state's fight against the opioid epidemic, as doctors are required to check the PMP before prescribing opioid medication.

Currently, there are over 5,000 medical residents in Massachusetts

who are not able to access the PMP despite being able to prescribe opioid medication for their patients. Rep. Collins brought this loophole to light last month at a hearing at the Massachusetts State House on Governor Charlie Baker's comprehensive opioid bill.

Other proponents of this effort include the Massachusetts Medical Society and a group of medical residents who submitted a signed petition to the DPH requesting access to the PMP.

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ance that the overwhelming majority of Americans have your backs.

-To Larry Mackin: To sell 10 million copies of his great book 'The Police Revolt of 2016.

-To Brian Wallace: same as Larry Mackin for Brian's great book 'Final Confession' plus much success as Final Confessions is scheduled to become a movie.

-To Jim Fallon: To open a new PS Gourmet Coffee shop in ev-

ery town in America.

-To Kenny Turner: A tree stand on every light pole and a year's supply of venison.

-To the Developers: A tip. I know a neighbor with a 5x4 foot plot of land in her back yard. She'll sell. It's easily big enough for you people to fit 6-8 condos.

-To Donald Trump: He's another one that already has his gift: The media jumping through hoops and having meltdowns whenever he

speaks. It's fun to watch.

-To Senator Ted Cruz: Same as Donald Trump.

-Planned Parenthood: A conscience.

-Nancy Pelosi: To be put out to pasture.

-Tom McDonough: Life time tickets and front row seats at the Bank of New Hampshire Concert Series.

-Jimmy Allen: A bright orange jet pack for a new bright orange Harley.

-John Kerry: To have James Taylor serenade him when Global Warming causes him to avoid paying taxes on his yacht again.

-To the Liberals: To understand that your point of view is not the only point of view allowed.

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Sheriff Tompkins Named President of MA Sheriffs' Association



Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins has been elected to serve as President of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association. Following what was a unanimous vote by the other 13 sitting sheriffs, Sheriff Tompkins was equal parts grateful and energized by his selection to the presidency, a position that carries with it a two-year term of service.

"I am both elated and honored to

be chosen as MSA President," said Sheriff Tompkins. "It's always humbling to be recognized by one's peers and I take this mantle very seriously. I look forward to fulfilling the mission of the organization."

Established 30 years ago, the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (MSA) is made up of the 14 county sheriffs in Massachusetts and, according to its mission statement, works "to secure a unity of action by the sheriffs of the Commonwealth in order to address the numerous issues that have a direct relationship and impact on the entire criminal justice system, and which may affect the operation of the various sheriffs' offices." These issues include, but are not limited to: "those related to law enforcement, the care and custody of inmates and detainees, judicial services, transportation of prisoners, recidivism, officer training, re-entry programming, and legislative advocacy." In his role as the MSA President, Sheriff Tompkins will preside over a leadership team that includes vice presidents of Training and

Leadership Development, Re-Entry and Aftercare, Information and Technology and the State Director to National Sheriffs Association.

Sharing his experiences in working with Sheriff Tompkins and applauding him for his most recent achievement was another dedicated, well-known civic leader. "I congratulate Sheriff Tompkins on being elected President of the Massachusetts Sheriff's Association," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "Sheriff Tompkins brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new role and I look forward to working with him in this new capacity. He is a good friend and a great public servant who is committed to reducing violence, and he shares in my goal of making the City of Boston safe for everyone."

Speaking about his desire to bring the MSA further forward into the public discussion about the need for more addiction recovery and mental health services, anti-recidivism programming, greater focus on reducing domestic violence, and providing quality education

and resources for prevention across the Commonwealth, Sheriff Tompkins acknowledged the challenges even as he fully embraced them.

"I know that we as the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association haven't always been first in the minds or on the tongues of lawmakers, policy analysts or even members of the local and national media but, I intend to fully utilize the resources of this office to its best capacity to make sure that we are part of the conversation, particularly when it comes to public safety and the overall health of our communities."

"We as county sheriffs are the stewards of those in our care and custody, many of whom will be returning to the neighborhoods just outside of our facilities, and it is incumbent upon all of us to do our best to see that they are returned to our society in better stead than when they left it. We have the ability to change lives and transform communities, and that's what I intend to continue doing both as the Sheriff of Suffolk County and now as the President of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association."

MURPHY & YANCEY CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

If 'throwback' means that, as an elected official, one returns phone calls, makes phone calls on behalf of constituent requests, writes recommendations for friends known personally, leverages one's vote to extract a commitment on an issue of public safety, rejects the advance of self-serving, sanctimonious or self-righteous issue proclamations, pressures developers to accommodate resident's demands and pays attention to the mundane matters of street cleaning, snow plowing and street crime, then

Councilor Murphy would have to accept that attribution.

If 'gadfly' means that, as an elected official, one questions why the Mayor's office would ignore his community's need for a police station over the proposal of a favored developer, calls hearings to demand more information before taking a vote on an important capital expenditure, stands in protest to the school department's rejection of a new Mattapan high school, stands up for a desperately needed library or is a lone voice in challenging the status quo, then Councilor Yancey would have to accept that attribution.

The bottom line is that these venerable Councilors gave some of the best years of their lives in service to Boston. Each, in their own way, emulated the career and reputation of South Boston's own iconic City Councilor Jim Kelly. On December 16 The Boston City Council paid tribute to these two current longest-serving Councilors, having served the City of Boston on the Council for over fifty years combined and leaving their mark in Council history through all of their hard work, dedication, and leadership.

At-Large City Councilor Stephen J. Murphy was elected to the Council in 1997. During his eighteen successful years of service, Councilor Murphy had chaired several key committees including Public Safety, Rules & Administration, Government Operations, and Ways & Means. On January 7, 2013 Councilor Murphy was overwhelmingly elected by his Council colleagues to lead the City Council as its President for a third term. His leadership in fiscal matters through the years has helped Boston maintain an AA+ bond rating. In addition, Councilor Murphy has worked diligently to implement the Payment In Lieu of Taxes program, which balanced the

need for tax fairness while recognizing the benefits non-profits bring to the city.

District 4 Councilor Charles C. Yancey is currently the longest-serving Boston City Councilor. Councilor Yancey has been serving the City of Boston, specifically District 4, for thirty-two years. Councilor Yancey had served on the Council since the inception of district representation, which changed the composition of the body to nine district representatives and four at-large representatives. Councilor Yancey is a fierce leader and strong advocate for District 4 residents and all city residents, especially the disenfranchised. Councilor Yancey was the chair of the Post Audit & Oversight Committee, as well as Vice Chair of the City Neighborhood Services and Veteran Affairs Committee. In 2001, Councilor Yancey served as the City Council President.

In word and deed, these two men were Public Servants to the core and Boston has been the better for their having served it so well. South Boston Today wishes both honorable men and their families a long, healthy and prosperous life and thanks them for their service.



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 Friday, January 22, 2016



Christmas in South Boston 2015

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

Well, there's no doubt now, Christmas is nearly upon us and, as is the case every season at this time, it brings with it a feeling different than any other. To most people, it holds a mix of sensations. It's hectic, yet there is a feeling of peace in the air. The rush of shopping, perhaps one or more special events and gatherings that tradition dictates we must attend. Yet in the middle of it all, if we're lucky, we are able to bring the rapid pace to a

welcome slow down, even if just for a short time to savor the good feelings as we walk by a Nativity Scene or catch a children's choir singing carols at a school or church pageant. This gives us a chance to catch our breath and bask in the warmth and the true meaning of what Christmas is all about.

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

Here in South Boston, like most places, tradition continues especially

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

Like most, we here at South Boston Today cannot help but be impressed with all the special happenings that go on in our wonderful community at Christmastime. From the Christmas concerts at the St. Augustine's Chapel, to the Christmas caroling at Marian Manor, to the children singing like Angels with all their hearts and Souls during their plays and pageants heralding the birth of Jesus.

There is not just one 'Toys for Tots' event, where people are happy to drop off brand new toys for kids and families who otherwise might not have any. There are many drop off points hosted by several groups in cooperation with the US Marines. We have Christmas tree lightings in our public squares. The lamp posts along East and West Broadway display the wreaths that have been hung with great care on them to add even more spirit to the season. This is topped off by the annual Christmas Day Dinner held each year at St. Monica/St. Augustine Church. Hundreds will gather for a delicious home

cooked meal served by dozens of dedicated neighborhood volunteers happy to donate their time to bring pleasure and great food to make sure that no one need spend Christmas alone.

South Boston at Christmastime is such a special place that not only are long time traditions passed on from generation to generation, but we even add new ones such as the St. Peter Academy Breakfast with Santa and the absolutely beautiful and spiritual concert with the talented Maeve performers. The 4th Presbyterian Church's Gospel singers and Choir are so talented they can compete with the best anywhere. If you want to really get in the Christmas spirit.

The happenings listed above are just some of the ways South Bostonians celebrate the Christmas Season together. Where everyone, no matter what our faith, is invited to enjoy. When you add to all of this, intimate gatherings all across our community of family and good friends to enjoy the closeness of one another's company at parties and dinner, it really does explain why most people look forward to this time of year. As we said, Christmas is a very special season of the year in nearly every part of the world and that can certainly be said for Christmas in South Boston 2015.

Things can get very busy this time of year but, we all need that Holiday smile!

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Christmas Eve & Day

South Boston

CHRISTMAS EVE (THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH)

- 4PM: ST. AUGUSTINE CHAPEL
- 4PM: GATE OF HEAVEN CHURCH (CHILDREN S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT)
- 4PM: ST. BRIGID CHURCH
- 4PM: ST. PETER CHURCH
- 5:30PM: ST. PETER CHURCH (LITHUANIAN)
- 6:30PM: HUB CHURCH (444 D STREET)
- 7PM: FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (CANDLE LIGHT AND PAGEANT)
- 7PM: ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL ALBANIAN ORTHODOX (EAST BROADWAY)
- 7PM: OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHAPEL
- 10PM: GATE OF HEAVEN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS DAY (FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH)

- 8AM: ST. BRIGID CHURCH
- 9AM: ST. PETER CHURCH
- 9AM: GATE OF HEAVEN CHURCH
- 9:30AM: ST. MONICA CHURCH
- 10AM: ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL ALBANIAN ORTHODOX 10AM
- 10AM: HOLY TRINITY ALBANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
- 10:30AM: ST. BRIGID CHURCH
- 11:30AM: OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHAPEL
- 6PM: ST. MONICA CHURCH (SPANISH)



Happy holidays!

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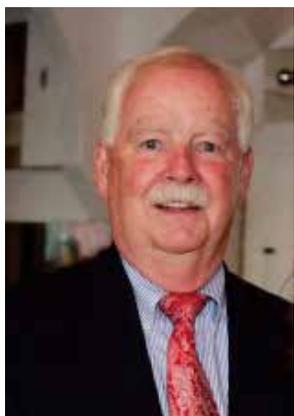


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*Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year!*



NICK COLLINS
STATE REPRESENTATIVE



St. Peter Academy Breakfast with Santa Fun for All

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

The Christmas season as everyone knows is Santa's busiest time. As it gets closer to the big day, the jolly man in the red suit is everywhere; even before his toy delivery trek on Christmas Eve. He's in every town for many events. His magic allows him to pull off this incredible feat of multi appearances. But South Boston is fortunate indeed because here, Santa makes yet an extra special stop so he can have breakfast with neighborhood children and their parents. And true to form, he kept the tradition alive again last Sunday, at the South Boston Lithuanian Club Hall for the annual St. Peter Academy Breakfast with Santa event.

It all kicked off on time with a sumptuous breakfast fit for kings, shepherds and Santa himself who really does eat more than just those cookies left out for him. An incredible breakfast buffet of pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage and pastries was prepared by an advanced team of elves with a bit of help from Academy staff and volunteers. There was even a cocoa bar set up for the kids complete with whipped cream, sprinkles and candy canes. There were games, crafts and prizes with Christmas basket raffles too. This was a fun gathering for both the kids and the adults and new friends were made as well on this day.

As promised, the big guy did arrive; complete with his smiling face, his jolly laugh and a whole lot of that Christmas spirit that he always brings with him where ever he goes. He made the rounds, met all the kids and their parents and of course, posed for pictures with everyone. The kids were having a great time, but truth be told, Santa seemed to be having just as much fun as everyone else. The St. Peter Academy Breakfast with Santa is one of those neighborhood traditions that is bound to be here for many years to come.





Local business people help make this event possible with their generosity and community spirit. Special thanks to John Gillespie of Dunkin Donuts, Dorgan's Package Store, Blasi Café, Cranberry Café, Nurture Salon, The Beauty Bar, Paramount Restaurant and the Seapoint Restaurant.

Merry Christmas to all.

St Peter Academy, an independent community based private school, is South Boston's only Toddler through Grade 8 School - Privately funded to foster a nurturing, safe and individualized environment. The student/teacher ratio is 7:1 which is ideal for creating individualized instructional models filled with interactive learning opportunities. The school is located at 371 West Fourth Street and is currently accepting applications for the 2015 & 2016 school years – To learn more about the school and all programs visit www.stpeteracademy.com or schedule a private tour by contacting Ms. Doreen Brown or Ms Maria Blasi at 617-268-0750 or email SPA@StPeterAcademy.com.



Who were the Shepherds at that first Christmas?

Lots of good old Southie images



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Who the shepherds were that were present at the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem has long been a story that has fascinated the masses over the centuries. Over 2000 years ago, some of the most notable people present after the Baby Jesus was born were the humble shepherds tending to their flocks. These shepherds of the time were considered to be of little importance; almost lowly as far as most people living then were concerned. The shepherds were wandering nomads thought to not even have dwellings to live in but rather actually lived out in the fields with their flocks. This was a lifestyle that existed long before the birth of Christ and still to this day, in parts of the Middle East, nomadic shepherds can be found living pretty much the way they did at the time of the birth of Jesus.

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

in the town of David.

As the story of the first Christmas goes, an Angel appeared to the shepherds who were at first terrified at the sight of the Angel. The Angel then said to the shepherds "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths lying in a manger". Then other Angels appeared and helped reassure the shepherds. When the Angels had left them, the shepherds decided to go to Bethlehem to see for themselves this event that had happened. And they did and found it to be true. They then went in all directions; far and wide to spread the story of the birth of the Baby Jesus, the Son of God.

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



The Senior Connection

By Lu O'Brien

I want to wish everyone in South Boston a very happy & joyous Christmas season. Since I started writing this column, I have had nothing but positive feedback and now I have quite a following. It has been a pleasure bringing you news that you need to know and events that are happening and services you may qualify for. If you ever have a topic or something that you would like to share with seniors in southie, don't hesitate to contact me. Remember, this is a column for southie seniors, it is your column, i just started it.

Need Help Repairing Your Home???

The Boston Home Center provides home repair services, including loans, to income eligible senior homeowners who live in Boston.

There is 0% interest, deferred payment home repair loan for everything from minor repairs to replacements of heating systems. Your loan amount will be determined by necessity of your repairs. with heat and safety repairs prioritized.

To qualify for the Senior Home Repair Program, you must be at least 62 years old and live in the property that you own. Your home can't have more than four (4) units in it, and you must earn less than 80% of HUD Area Median income in 2015, that means that a one-person household must earn less than \$48,800; two person households must earn less than \$55,800

The Boston Home Center Senior Home Repair Program can also help you with smaller repairs, and help you get a handle on what needs to be done in your home. Through contracts with neighborhood-based senior agencies, you can receive assessment and assistance with minor repairs such as replacing a leaky faucet, fixing a clogged drain or repairing broken window sashes and cords.

The Boston Home Center is also offering a new program, Seniors Save, for seniors 60 and older, to help you proactively replace a failing or ineffi-

cient heating system.

Struggling On A Fixed Income???

Maintaining and retaining a home on a fixed income can be challenging. If you're struggling to pay your mortgage or your taxes or are worried that you're going to fall behind, don't wait until your lender brings up foreclosure to look for help.

At Boston Home Center, we can help you understand your options, connect you with resources, and work toward a solution. AND, please remember, our advice is free, and our services are confidential.

To Learn more about Home Retention Programs, contact: The Boston Home Center, 617-635-4663 or www.bostonhomecenter.com

Need A More Accessible Home???

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts offers a Home Modification Loan Program. This state-funded program provides loans to make modifications to the primary, permanent residence of elders, adults with disabilities and families with children with disabilities.

This state loan program could help you or a loved one live more independently at home!! For more information, contact: The Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership at 617-425-6637 attention Jennifer Shaw or www.mass.gov/mrc/hmlp

Events that will take place at the South Boston Neighborhood House.

Sunday, December 20 is the Christmas Luncheon. This year we will be serving a prime rib dinner. Dru Errico will provide the music for your enjoyment. Hours for this event is 12:00-4:00 pm. You must sign up for this by December 14. Call Carole Sullivan at 617-268-1619. Cost is \$25.00

The Neighborhood House will be closed on December 24 & 25.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Fair Foods: is every Tuesday, 115 Orton Marotta Way. \$2.00 for a bag of food. Please bring bags with handles because fruits and veggies are heavy

to carry. Hours are from 1:00-2:00. Everyone is welcome.

Fair Shoes: Fair Shoes is no longer taking applications for this year. Hopefully this program will start back up next year. I will keep you posted when it starts up again.

The Curley Community Center/BCYF: is serving Kit Clark hot lunches on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:30 - 12:30. A \$2.00 donation is appreciated.

BINGO!!!

Castle Cove Co-op. 225 W. 2nd Street. Wednesday night from 6:30-9:00

St. Vincent Church: Saturday night from 6:30-10:00

TAXI COUPONS

Castle Cove---225 W. 2nd Street---Dec. 18 from 11:00-12:00 pm

West Broadway Task Force: 115 Orton Marotta Way---Dec. 22 @ 10:00-11:00 am

Foley Apts.: 199 H Street---Dec. 22 @ 11:30-12:00 noon

Old Colony: 265 E. 9th Street---Dec. 22 @ 1:00-1:45 pm

If this is your first time getting coupons, please bring with you a photo id with your birth year on it. The cost for the coupons is \$10.00 for 2 books.

SENIOR DISCOUNTS:

East Broadway

LoGrasso Barbershop---852 Summer Street (across from Molly Moo's) 20% off all services

Molly Moo's: 687 E. 2nd Street---\$1.00 for cup of coffee OR \$5.00 ice cream sundae (one size only)

Rite Aide Pharmacy: 710 E. Broadway---20% off first Wednesday of the month on selected items with Plenti Wellness 65 card

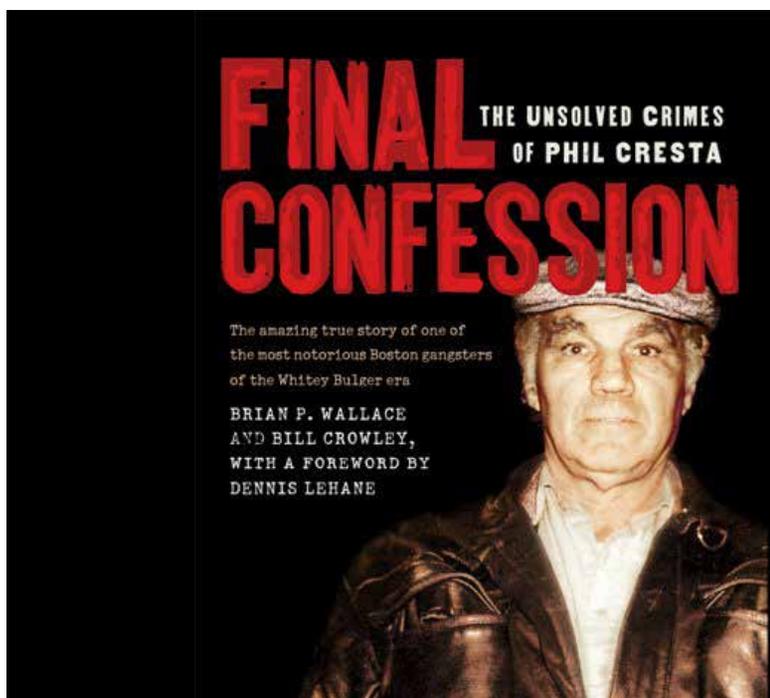
Bringing Up Baby: 663 E. Broadway---\$10.00 off your purchase of \$50.00 or more off of full priced merchandise

Wink Eyecare: 647 E. Broadway---20% on all frames and lenses and treatments. Excluding Maui Jim sunglasses and cannot be combined with insurances

6-12 Convenience Store: 612 E. Broad-

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May you find health, happiness and peace during this Holiday Season and through the coming year.



“Final Confession” Bought By Major Hollywood Studio

It may have taken a while but perseverance seemed to have won out for Brian Wallace’s first book “Final Confession”, as a major Hollywood studio and a major television star have optioned the book for a movie. “It’s funny how everyone who reads the book tells me that it should be a movie. I knew that from the start but until someone from Hollywood comes calling it is all wishful thinking,” Wallace stated.

Last week that is exactly what happened. A major television star with her own production company called Wallace’s agent in Los Angeles and asked if Wallace owned the rights to “Final Confession.” Things quickly progressed from there, contracts were signed and both parties seemed excited about the prospect of bringing the life of Phil Cresta to the big screen.

Due to contractual obligations that the parties who bought “Final Confession” are still under, their names will not be released for a short time. “I think a lot of people will be surprised, once we are able to announce the star and the production company that optioned the book. I was,” Wal-

lace stated. If there is a lesson to be learned here I guess it is never give up on your dreams.

Final Confession was written in 2000. After Twentieth Century Fox optioned it, Acting Governor Swift cut the entire Mass. Film Office from the State budget. With no film office the Producer George Tillman, who had just made a movie called, “Men of Honor” with Robert DeNiro, Cuba Gooding Jr, Charlize Theron and Hal Holbrook, had to go back to Hollywood and began making Barbershop 1, 2 and 3 movies. The movies were all shot in one room with a revolving cast. Not much overhead involved as Hollywood movies go. They did well and George kept making them.

“I thought that would be the end of my Hollywood dreams, until a few weeks ago,” Wallace stated. I really want to thank everyone who bought a copy of “Final Confession” or who told their friends about it. I am excited about the prospect of finally getting the book to the movie level and I will have more to tell you about it in the following weeks, but thanks to everyone who helped. The book is still available on Amazon and at Barnes & Noble.



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Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating, hard-working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us, He chose to take the best.
It’s lonesome here without you, we miss you more each day.
Life doesn’t seem the same since you have gone away.
When days are sad and lonely and everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper “Cheer Up and Carry On”
Each time we see your picture you seem to smile and say,
“Don’t cry, I’m in God’s hands, we’ll meet again someday!”

*Loved and sadly missed,
Will never be forgotten,
Will be forever in our hearts,*

*Your loving husband of 55 years Walter,
Children; Steven, Brian and Iva, Linda and Bobby Dobay,
The late Bob Coe and 9 grandchildren*





The Tynan Happenings

Wrestle Mania

On the Eve of Thanksgiving at the BCYF Tynan Community Center gym UFO Wrestling took over! With over 125 people in attendance and the majority of the crowd being 7-12 years old you can imagine the intensity that was brewing. The kids won't soon forget this night as the wrestlers interacted with the crowd all night long. The wrestlers are highly trained professionals and entertainers that put on a great show. Pat Dillion, UFO

President and fellow South Bostonian knows the business and gives you 100 percent which makes for a great show.

The Walsh Administration and the BCYF leadership team promotes and supports the BCYF Tynan and all their centers in doing these kinds of events that bring family and friends together in a community center setting. John Lydon, BCYF Tynan Administrative Coordinator promises to continue to bring these kinds of events to the community especially for the youth.

The Condon Chronicles

"Where Community is Our Middle Name"



It was a productive week here at the Condon Community Center. The popular "City Hall To Go" truck set up shop on Thursday, December 10th from 11:30-1:30 with a steady stream of residents. The CHTG Program Coordinator Samantha Casto said it "was one of the best attended to date". The concept is simple. Many people cannot travel downtown for direct services and require the personal interaction to get their questions and concerns answered. Mayor Marty Walsh and City Hall are committed to bringing their services to the neighborhoods of Boston. If you missed this visit, not to worry the truck will be back on site twice in January on the 14th and 28th and twice in February on the 11th and the 25th.

Our "Team Southie" United Way Youth Venture made up of teens and staff from the Tynan, Condon and Curley made their long awaited pitch on Saturday at Simmons Col-



lege. The team came up with a great idea, developed it, made a business plan and then entered a "Shark Tank" competition. Going before a professional business panel the "Team" did amazing and we came away with the top amount of seed funding of \$1,000. Please stay tuned for the unleashing of our unique, one-of-a-kind product coming soon!

It is always a pleasure to host the Condon Community Council to go over programs, events and suggestions. While sharing coffee and pastries, plans were made for exciting new programs and activities for the New Year. 2016 is shaping up to be a great one!

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Starting a Movement Against Substance Abuse:

At the last Youth/Adult Dialogue hosted by the South Boston Community Health Center's Youth Ambassadors in October, a teen got up in front of the group and said, "We just learned a lot about the problem of substance abuse in South Boston, but what are we going to do about it?" In order to start the process of working towards an answer to this question, the Youth Ambassadors hosted their 5th Youth/Adult Dialogue about substance abuse at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club on Tuesday, December 8th. The event was attended by teens and caring adults who were all concerned about the problem of substance abuse in the community and want to be involved in starting the process of taking action.

The event was introduced by four Youth Ambassadors who shared their vision of what a healthy South Boston community would look like without substance abuse. A presenter from the Gavin Foundation's "Speakers for Hope" then shared his own personal journey of addiction and talked about the special importance of community in his recovery process. Next, everyone was invited to participate in small group discussion led by youth facilitators about the different ways in which teens can get involved in starting a movement against substance abuse in South Boston. At the end of the event, each small group was given the opportunity to share their ideas with everyone at the event. The teen's ideas for creating change around the issue of substance abuse included an awareness walk, starting a social media campaign, cleaning up local community areas, and educating younger children about the issue of substance abuse among many other ideas.

Based on the written feedback given by the teens at the end of the event, it is clear that everyone in the room was excited to be given the opportunity to come together to discuss these issues, and start the process of actively confronting the issue of substance abuse in South Boston. As stated by one teen, "I feel like this will show people that teens want to help make a change." It is clear that we can no longer just talk about the problem of substance abuse in the community and need to take action. The Youth Ambassadors will be holding more Youth Adult Dialogues to continue to work on these issues, and planning additional community events and activities to begin the movement against substance abuse. We invite everyone in the community to join us.





Dr. Neetu Banzal Joins SB Dental

South Boston Dental Associates is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Neetu Banzal to its already impressive lineup of dental professionals. Dr. Banzal is a specialist in Orthodontics; an invisalign certified provider. Dr. Banzal has worked in a multispecialty practice for five years before she returned to the Boston University School of Dental Medicine where she graduated first in her class.

Dr. Banzal is a member of numerous professional organizations including the American Association

of Orthodontists, the American Dental Association and the Massachusetts Dental Society.

Dr. Banzal is a graduate of the Boston University School of Dental Medicine Class of 2005 as well as the Boston University School of Dental Medicine Orthodontic, class of 2006. She completed her Orthodontic residency at the Boston University School of Medicine in 2014.

The South Boston Dental Associates has a top notch reputation throughout the South Boston Community and beyond for the out-

standing service they provide with that personal touch. The arrival of Dr. Banzal will add to the excellent name in Dental care already enjoyed by SBDA and that the staff and patients take pride in.

Dr. Neetu Banzal ; in addition to being an excellent dental professional also enjoys spending time with her family as well as camping and playing tennis. Welcome Dr. Banzal. We are confident that you will enjoy your time being part of a great organization; South Boston Dental Associates and our unique and wonderful neighborhood.

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 If you can't reach me, call Anne Brennan at 617-464-1910 and leave a message. I will get back to you.
 Seniors, be very careful with

all the scams that are happening at this time of year. People like to prey on seniors especially at this time of year. During the year, seniors have been educated on how to handle a scam. I know you all will know what to do. Also, shred all your personal papers before putting them into the trash. If your kids don't know what to get you for Christmas, ask for a shredder. You are protecting yourself from having your identity stolen. Same with medicine bottles. Tear the label off the bottle, put on a piece of junk paper and shred it.
 I am adding some new... every once in a while i get items that seniors can use. right now i have a shower chair for a senior who needs one. it is in perfect shape with a nice big seat... it is a nice one. call me if you or someone could use it.
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Lacrosse Parents Meeting

We will be hosting an important informational meeting next Monday, December 21st @6:30 at Tynan Cafeteria about the 2016 season and the future of the program. If your son or daughter plays all plans play this upcoming spring season. We are asking all parents to attend this meeting for less than one hour.

We know this is a very busy week with Christmas coming next Friday, but we need to get this information to

all the parents and answer any questions that you may have. The Board of Directors are in the process of re-organizing the entire program and we need to get this information out and answer any questions that you may have.

We hope to fill four boys teams and four girls today for 2016 season. All teams a grade based (1st-2nd); (3rd-4th); (5th-6th) & (7th-8th).

The meeting will focus on lack of enrollment due to the many changes in the neighborhood



Red Sox Get Their Ace in Price

By Nate Fishman



David Dombrowski is a man that gets what he wants, when he wants it, and he's not afraid to spend a lot to get it. Dombrowski had 3 things on his proclaimed offseason to-do list. Get bullpen help, a fourth outfielder and an ace for the starting rotation. He got a top-notch closer in Craig Kimbrel via trade. Check. He signed his 4th outfielder in Chris Young. Check. Lastly, he lured arguably the biggest piece to the puzzle, signing ace in David Price. Check. By the time the winter meetings took place, Dom-

browski has already stole the show. It couldn't have been clearer that Price was Dombrowski's man from the minute the post-season ended. Dombrowski and Price have a track record, as Dombrowski had traded for Price back in 2014 at the trade deadline, acquiring him from the Tampa Bay Rays. This time around, Dombrowski signed Price, to the tune of 7 years and \$217 million - the richest awarded to an MLB pitcher, and largest contract in Red Sox history. The deal also comes with an opt out clause after his third year.

Price's historical track-record

made sense for the Red Sox to sign him. For one, he kills the AL East. His ERA since 2009 against the AL East is 3.18 and win percentage is .700 (49-21). Even better, he loves pitching at Fenway, boasting a career ERA of 1.95 at Fenway Park (in 11 starts). Price has also been incredibly consistent in his career holding a 3.09 ERA and never having a worse ERA than 3.59. He's also been incredibly reliable. Since 2010, he hasn't had a season with under 27 starts or lower than 170 innings pitched.

It is, however, always a risk signing

pitchers over 30 - which is a philosophy the Red Sox tried to stick to prior to Dombrowski coming aboard. With the frustration of last year's rotation of "number 1 starters", the Red Sox pulled a complete 180 and signed a 30-year old to a 7-year contract. You could claim that the Red Sox overpaid Price, especially for a guy bad career postseason ERA of 5.12 and record is 2-7. But do you know why I think David Price will fit into Boston just fine? His response to the postseason track-record during his introductory press conference: "I think I was just saving all my postseason wins for the Red Sox". That's the best answer you could ask for. Seriously. Not only does it show confidence, it's also a prime example of a player who knows how to handle the media in Boston - a city where the media is as brutal as they come. You either sink or swim in this city (see Carl Crawford, Adrian Gonzalez). Price is professional, and handles himself as such. I think he has that character and personality to thrive here in Boston.

And yes, it's a 7-year contract for a pitcher over 30. And yes, it's the richest contract for an MLB pitcher. I ask that, for now, fans forget about the price tag. If the Price is right, it will pay in rings - the best currency you can ask for. Then, in retrospect, we could say the signing was worth it.

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