



**GROUND GAME
For Democrats,
2018 will not be
easy**

KEVIN CULLEN

Pols evacuate the parade



If you hold a parade in Boston and no politicians march, is it still a parade?

I ask this as the evacuation of the Evacuation Day/St. Patrick's Day parade continues in earnest. The 9-4 decision by the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council to ban a gay veterans group that has marched the last two years has led politicians far and wide to say they'll boycott the parade.

Ostensibly, the veterans group, OUTVETS, was voted out because they violated the parade's code of conduct by carrying a banner adorned with a rainbow. Apparently, that's too gay.

Presumably, all those floats that depict rainbows leading to a leprechaun's pot of gold will be banned, too.

The council says OUTVETS didn't submit their application in time, either. But let's be honest. Whatever reason being cited for excluding OUTVETS is specious. There are members of the Allied War Veterans Council who simply don't like other veterans identifying themselves as LGBTQ; they want them back in the closet.

Those who oppose veterans identifying themselves as LGBTQ don't seem to appreciate that many members of OUTVETS served at a time when they could not acknowledge their sexuality, that to do so meant a court martial and a dishonorable discharge. Neither do those who oppose veterans identifying themselves as LGBTQ seem to appreciate that some LGBTQ kid watching the parade might be inclined to volunteer for the military if they see role models, people like them, proudly marching as veterans.

Politicians love parades. And the annual parade in Southie is as much a political tradition as a social event. It's hard for politicians to pass up the opportunity to press the flesh with thousands. But the reaction among politicians, from Mayor Marty Walsh to Governor Charlie Baker, from Senator Ed Markey to congressmen Steve Lynch and Seth Moulton, has been uniform: If OUTVETS can't march, they won't march.

More telling is how many politicians who call Southie home, from Lynch to state Representative Nick Collins to City Councilor Mike Flaherty, are willing to sit it out.

Ed Flynn, a Navy veteran, was one of four parade council members who voted to allow OUTVETS to march. He also just threw his hat in the ring to contest the City Council seat that Bill Linehan is vacating. The parade would be a great way to reach potential voters. But for Flynn, it's not a close call.

"I can't march in a parade when other veterans are excluded," he said. "To me, it's not a political issue."

That said, Flynn believes the vast majority of South Boston residents support OUTVETS, not the people who voted to exclude them.

"People in South Boston support all veterans," he said.

While it is natural to focus so much attention on the solidarity politicians are showing with OUTVETS, the veterans who don't want OUTVETS to march tend to dismiss the pols, seeing them as pandering and self-serving.

It's much harder to ignore the parade sponsors that are pulling out and to dismiss the stance of Dan Magoon, who resigned as parade grand marshal after the council voted to exclude OUTVETS. Magoon was respectful in his resignation, even wishing the parade success. But he stood firm on his principles.

"The freedom that we possess to hold such an event is due to the men and women who have spilled their blood in defense of this great nation, regardless of where they come from, what they look like, and who they share relations with," Magoon said.

Dan Magoon grew up in Southie. He served three combat deployments with the Army in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is a Boston firefighter, and as executive director of Massachusetts Fallen Heroes has done so much to help Gold Star families and veterans.

If there is anyone in Boston who does more to help vets than Dan Magoon, I can't wait to meet them.

And as the parade council considers its vote Friday, Dan Magoon's words should ring loudly in their ears.

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'Trump and LePage are cut from the same cloth.'

PHIL BARTLETT, *chairman, Maine Democratic Party*

LePage's D.C. stay stokes talk of his future

Some see governor joining Trump team

By Brian MacQuarrie
GLOBE STAFF

Pugnacious and politically very incorrect, Governor Paul LePage of Maine has called himself "Donald Trump before Donald Trump" and "Baby Donald."

Like the president, LePage has declared war on the news media,

stoked fears about immigrants, and linked minorities with crime.

Now, one month into the new presidency, the Republican governor could be looking to ratchet up the bromance.

LePage was busy in Washington recently, sitting on a panel at the Conservative Political Action Conference, attending the Governors Ball at the White House, and getting face time on the president's favorite news show, "Fox and Friends."



Paul LePage

His extended stay in the capital has sparked speculation that LePage might be angling for a job in the Trump administration. The governor's staff tersely deflected questions about that possibility, but jumping to Washington would extricate him from the

roller-coaster controversies and confrontations that have marked his six years in Augusta.

If LePage did decamp, he would leave a governor's office that — perhaps more than any other in the country — reflects the bare-knuckle, bombastic style that Trump has brought to the presidency.

"Trump and LePage are cut from the same cloth," said Phil Bartlett, chairman of the Maine Democratic Party. **LEPAGE, Page B4**



ARAM BOGHOSIAN FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Brookline High senior Haley Evans read to a student at Mather Elementary School in Dorchester at one of her volunteer gigs.

Unclaimed: a reward

Teen tracks down lost money for groups and people. Her price? A charitable gift.

BY BRIAN MACQUARRIE | GLOBE STAFF

BROOKLINE — Haley Evans is a driven, polite, academically earnest senior at Brookline High School who does volunteer charity work in her spare time — when she's not hunting for buried treasure.

So far, Evans has found more than \$3 million hidden in the minutiae of unclaimed money lists compiled by state treasuries around the country. The soft-spoken 18-year-old isn't looking to enrich herself, her family, or her friends.

Instead, when Evans hunkers down at a computer, she is searching on behalf of strangers and businesses who almost always have no idea she is trying to find them money.

When Evans does hit paydirt, she doesn't ask for a fee.

Instead, she soft-sells a request that a portion of the claim go to her favorite charities.

"I'll say, 'If you'd like to donate, please do,'" Evans said. "I found it's worked pretty well."

Over nearly a year, Evans has garnered \$8,500 in donations that have been divid-

ed among three beneficiaries: the Brookline Literacy Partnership, the nonprofit group Cradles to Crayons, and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

That sum might seem small compared with the millions she has discovered, but Evans said it's only a start. Most people and companies whose money she has found — providing proof with a screen-shot of the claim — do not respond to her e-mails and

letters, she said.

And even if they do acknowledge her work, the collection process can drag on and on, which means donations can be delayed.

"It definitely takes some persistence," Evans said.

The project began after Evans heard a radio ad on a sports-talk show that invited

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Raychides Gomes-Sanches testified that someone in a vehicle from which shots rang out looked "just like him" — that is, Aaron Hernandez. Hernandez is charged in two deaths.



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Witness in Hernandez trial is grilled about shooter

By Travis Andersen
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A key witness in the double murder trial of Aaron Hernandez said Thursday that someone in the vehicle carrying the shooter looked "just like him."

The witness, Raychides Gomes-Sanches, later faced a tense cross-examination from defense attorney Jose Baez, who questioned his behavior and statements to police after the killings.

Defense lawyers also said, without the jury present, that Gomes-Sanches has possible gang ties. Suffolk Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Locke barred the defense from asking Gomes-Sanches about any alleged ties in front of the jury, ruling they had presented insufficient evidence to support the claim.

Hernandez, a former New England Patriots star, has pleaded not guilty to **HERNANDEZ, Page B4**

Lawmaker seeks Greenway funds

Suggests use of tower project money

By Joshua Miller
GLOBE STAFF

A key state lawmaker wants more green for the Greenway. Or else.

Representative Aaron Michlewitz is suggesting the state could thwart the billion-dollar Winthrop Square skyscraper project if the city of Boston doesn't agree to put some of the money it would make from the development toward maintaining the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway, the park that snakes through the heart of the city.

The North End Democrat, whose district encompasses both the park and the defunct garage that Millennium Partners wants to turn into a 700-

plus-foot tower, said Boston should give an unspecified amount of its expected windfall from the project for maintenance of the 17-acre park.

Michlewitz is part of the Democratic leadership in the House of Representatives, which, along with the Senate, will need to approve a change to the state's law on shadows on the Boston Common if the project is to move forward. The tower would cast a big shadow and thus needs special approval. The House is run tightly, so it is unlikely Michlewitz would speak without at least a tacit OK from Speaker Robert A. DeLeo or his confidants.

Michlewitz emphasized that **GREENWAY, Page B6**

\$13.5m

The Greenway's endowment, whose returns help support the park.

Over \$15m

How much the state has contributed to the Greenway since 2009.

Wood stove sparked fire that killed mom, four children

Fire officials urge heat safety

By **Andy Rosen**
GLOBE STAFF

A wood stove sparked the Warwick fire that killed a mother and four of her children last weekend, investigators said Thursday.

Lucinda Seago, 42, and four children, ages 7, 9, 12, and 15, perished in the early Saturday blaze in the small town 30 miles north of Amherst. Her husband and another child escaped. The house was engulfed in flames by the time firefighters arrived.

The office of State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey announced that his office and local authorities determined that the fire began in a first-floor kitchen, where the wood stove

ignited other items nearby.

"This is a small community of neighbors helping neighbors and our hearts are heavy with the loss the Seago family has suffered," Warwick Fire Chief Ronald P. Gates said in a statement.

Ostroskey's office noted that the freezing temperatures and the location of the home complicated the response to the fire. The house was on a narrow dirt road, on which fire trucks could not pass each other.

Firefighters had to shuttle water in from a nearby pond in a trip that went over the New Hampshire border and took about 45 minutes.

"I know the men and women of the Warwick Fire Department and the mutual aid companies fought this fire with everything they had," Gates said.



KIERAN KESNER FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

The Warwick, Mass., house was engulfed in flames by the time firefighters arrived.

Ostroskey noted that the Warwick fire was one of two fatal incidents involving heating equipment in recent days. A Milton fire, which killed 91-year-old developer Kenneth Guscott and his 87-year-old father-in-law, Leroy Whitmore, started when a space heater overloaded a power strip.

"It will be cold again this weekend, and I urge everyone to keep safety in mind while trying to keep warm," the fire marshal said.

A funeral Mass will be said for Lucinda Seago and the children Saturday at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in Turners Falls.

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'Codfather' agrees to enter guilty plea in fish labeling case

By **Milton J. Valencia**
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A commercial fishing mogul from the South Coast who is known as "The Codfather" by locals has agreed to plead guilty to charges that he mislabeled fish to boost profits.

Carlos Rafael, 65, of Dartmouth, is scheduled to appear before US District Judge William G. Young on March 16. Lawyers have not said whether Rafael has made an agreement with prosecutors. His attorney, William H. Kettlewell, could not be reached for comment.

Rafael was indicted in February 2016 on more than 20 charges including conspiracy to commit a crime, false labeling, falsifying federal records, and smuggling bulk cash. He has been free on bail.

After several delays, the case was scheduled to go to trial in March.

Prosecutors allege that Rafael, owner of Carlos Seafood Inc. in New Bedford, falsely claimed to have netted haddock or another common species when he was really harvesting cod, sole, or other fish restricted by quotas. His company would buy the fish — from boats that he owns — at the lower price of haddock, but then sell the more lucrative fish for higher market prices to buyers in New York. He was also accused of smuggling cash to Portugal through Logan International Airport.

Federal investigators said they uncovered the alleged scheme by pretending to be or-

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ganized crime figures interested in buying his business.

One of Rafael's bookkeepers, Debra Messier, was also charged in the case, but prosecutors later dismissed the charges without explanation.

In May 2016, prosecutors also indicted a Bristol County sheriff's deputy, Antonio M. Freitas, on charges of smuggling thousands of dollars to Portugal on behalf of Rafael. He allegedly used his security clearance at Logan, as a member of a Homeland Security task force, to sneak cash overseas.

Young agreed to hold separate trials for Rafael and Freitas after Rafael complained that Freitas allegedly made incriminating statements to authorities that would unfairly implicate him. The case against Freitas, 46, is still pending, with a trial scheduled for May. He has been suspended without pay from his \$57,000-a-year job at the sheriff's office.

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WIND TUNNEL — The wind whipped over a pedestrian walkway by Paris Street in East Boston on Thursday.

Mass. and Conn. free of extreme drought

Much of region still unusually dry

By **Andy Rosen**
GLOBE STAFF

Dry conditions continue to recede in New England, researchers said Thursday, announcing that Massachusetts and Connecticut are both free of extreme drought.

The US Drought Monitor, a collaboration of federal and academic researchers, said much of the region remains unusually dry, with swaths still under the slightly less bleak designation of severe drought. But condi-

tions have been on the ebb and may continue to diminish.

More than a third of the state is in severe drought, mostly in Central and Western Massachusetts. Most of the rest of the state is in moderate drought.

"Long-term conditions are still very dry, but the region has seen a response from the impact of melting snow and rain," researchers said, adding that New England has a good chance for above average precipitation in coming days.

Despite the incremental improvements, many in Massachusetts are still hoping for wet-

ter weather. The Quabbin Reservoir remains at 81 percent of its capacity, and it has hovered around that level for months.

Frederick A. Laskey, executive director of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, said in an interview that the size of the reservoir, one of the largest in the nation, makes it less responsive to weather changes.

"The Quabbin is so large that it goes down very slowly and it comes back very slowly," he said, "We're holding our own. We're waiting for some late winter heavy storms or some spring heavy rains."

Some communities' smaller reservoirs have gained more from recent precipitation, Laskey said, but he noted that those also lost a greater percentage of their water during the stubborn dry spell.

Also frustrating to the authority has been a bit of bad luck in the specific weather patterns around the massive reservoir.

"It's been raining and snowing all around Quabbin, and it's almost like there's a force field," Laskey said.

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In pursuit of unclaimed money, teen finds joy

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listeners to check for unclaimed money among \$2.4 billion held by the Treasurer's office in Massachusetts.

"I was just in my kitchen with my dad," Evans said.

Since then, she has reached out to about 80 individuals and companies. A total of \$6,000 was reclaimed for a friend of her father's, Dr. Lishan Aklog, who donated the entire amount to Evans's charities.

She found about \$3,000 in Texas for Boston Volvo Village, which donated half of her discovery. Headsets.com, a California company, gave \$1,000 after Evans located \$9,000 of its unclaimed money.

"It's been really good to know the money is going somewhere," she said.

Aklog, who roomed with Evans's father at Harvard College, sees big potential in the effort.

"This program is a testament to Haley's ingenuity and dedication to public service," Aklog said. "I am certain she will be able to scale this effort dramatically and tap into the billions of dollars of unclaimed funds held by states to benefit

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MATTHEW BOCCUZZI, of Cradles to Crayons, on Haley Evans

charitable organizations doing important work in our communities."

Bob Bickford corresponded with Evans when he worked as controller at Boston Volvo Village, and the high school student impressed him beyond her years.

"She was continuously following up on leads, telling me not to get discouraged," said Bickford, who now works for the company's Audi and Porsche dealerships in Norwell. "I thought Texas was an extreme reach. It took a couple of months for that particular piece of the puzzle to come together."

Evans remains on the hunt. She has alerted Xerox to a \$224,000 find in Texas and has located \$129,000 for a New York financial company, which

is expected to make a donation.

It's all for the greater good of causes she cares about. When Evans is not at school or working on the project, she volunteers for the Brookline Literacy Partnership, in which Brookline High students tutor elementary pupils at the Mather School in Dorchester.

She also donates time as a teen leader at Cradles to Crayons, which collects and distributes school supplies, toys, clothing, and other items to needy children.

"The best part for me is being able to bring the checks to the organizations. That's always worth it," Evans said.

The feeling is mutual. "I was blown away," said Matthew Boccuzzi, family philanthropy coordinator at Cradles to Crayons, which is based

in Brighton. Not that Boccuzzi is surprised by Evans's energy and enterprise.

"She's really into service and is one of the most selfless individuals I've ever met. She's always thinking about others," Boccuzzi said. "Everything she does, you can tell she's doing it from the heart."

Bickford, the auto-dealership controller, added more praise.

"She's got a lot going for her at a young age," Bickford said. "She's got her act together, and I can see her going far. Too bad the world doesn't have more people like her."

Despite the long hours, the successes, and the frustrations, Evans seems to have kept her project on a need-to-know basis.

Only a small number of classmates are aware of her digital, continent-spanning hobby.

"I haven't told too many of them," Evans said with a small smile. "It doesn't come up in conversation."

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Lottery

THURSDAY MIDDAY 1021

Payoffs (based on a \$1 bet)
EXACT ORDER

All 4 digits	\$3,602
First or last 3	\$504
Any 2 digits	\$43
Any 1 digit	\$4

ANY ORDER

All 4 digits	\$300
First 3	\$84
Last 3	\$84

THURSDAY NIGHT 4095

Payoffs (based on a \$1 bet)
EXACT ORDER

All 4 digits	\$4,599
First or last 3	\$644
Any 2 digits	\$55
Any 1 digit	\$6

ANY ORDER

All 4 digits	\$192
First 3	\$107
Last 3	\$107

MASS CASH

March 9 2 3 26 28 29
Jackpot: \$100,000; no winners

LUCKY FOR LIFE

March 9 1 6 12 13 24
Lucky Ball 14
Jackpot: \$1,000 a day for life; no winners

MEGABUCKS

March 8 7 9 25 38 42 44
Jackpot: \$11,273,883; no winners

PREVIOUS DRAWINGS

	Midday	Night
Wednesday	2233	6895
Tuesday	6409	7941
Monday	0954	3958

THURSDAY NUMBERS

AROUND NEW ENGLAND

Maine, N.H., Vermont

Day: 3-digit 464 4-digit 4488

Eve: 3-digit 549 4-digit 2646

Wed. Tri-State Megabucks

1 3 8 26 33 (2)

Rhode Island 6443

Wednesday's Powerball

23 33 42 46 59

Powerball 4