



Drugs Grip Not Only Our Neighborhoods

South Boston has lost several of our young men and women in recent months to drug overdose, mostly accidental. This has raised concern about the power of the altered and fentanyl-laced opioids that places like the Gavin House, our police and courts find it so hard to stay ahead of.

Beyond the street culture that is evident along Massachusetts Avenue outside of Andrew Square, the opioid epidemic that has ravaged so many communities and killed thousands has also had a “severe” impact on Massachusetts businesses, costing \$2.5 billion a year in absenteeism and lost productivity, a new report has found.

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EDITORIAL

STILL No Word on Who Vandalized the Tynan School? Really?

The biggest local story to hit the main stream news media over the last couple of weeks was of course the racist graffiti that was painted on the walls of the Tynan elementary School. It brought in a massive throng of reporters; cameras and microphones at the ready, steno pads in hand, panting frantically hoping to sensationalize a racial incident. Along with the press came clergy members from various religions and activists both home-grown and from across town. Incidents like this should get attention. But the question still remains – who did it? According to school and police officials; ‘the investigation is still active and ongoing’ and

no arrests have been made. But the implication at first was that it absolutely had to be ‘local bigots’ spreading messages of hate. This is something the news media thrives on and when it happens in South Boston it really gets their adrenalin pumping.

Though we won’t give rumors credibility, we’ve all heard those rumors by now. Some even say it could have been an inside job and may not have been locals at all. We just don’t know because officials say they have no one in custody. Nothing has been confirmed. As of this writing, there is still no official word. No one seems to know for sure or so we’ve been told. However, when/if the culprit(s) are caught, if it turns out that it actually wasn’t lo-



cals who were responsible, we think it only fair to demand that the identity of the vandal(s) be made public and that the same amount of publicity, attention and news coverage be given to the clarification. Although past history tells us that will probably not happen, it should. It would be the right and proper thing to do.

“If months were marked by colors, November in New England would be colored gray” – Madeleine M. Kunin

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**The South Boston
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Get ready to start your Christmas shopping locally and celebrate the Holiday Season! On Thursday, November 29th take part in the South Boston Christmas Stroll! This free, fun-filled event starts at 4pm. Business establishments will be open until various times. Sip, Shop and Dine your way around South Boston and take advantage of special discounts and

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This year’s Christmas Stroll will include:

- The East Broadway tree lighting - taking place at 5:30 p.m. outside of the South Boston Library
- A visit from Santa (arriving on an antique Fire Truck) at 5:00p.m
- Feel free to take pictures with Santa inside of the South Boston Library
- Free hot chocolate &



holiday treats will be served
• The Original Dickens Carolers will be strolling along East and West Broadway starting at 4:00pm

• Many discounts and special offerings from local retail establishments, restaurants, and salons throughout South Boston
• Magic show at 4:15pm

– at Bringing up Baby (663 East Broadway)
• Free Pedi Cabs will be available to transport attendees along East and West Broadway from 6:00-8:00pm

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The 2018 Midterm Elections Prove Voter ID Is A Must

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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Tampering with our elections? It seems we've been spending so much time investigating the Russians on this issue that we completely ignored our own home-grown cheats. Dead people still on voter registration lists, some of whom miraculously have shown up to cast their votes. Illegal aliens and other non-citizens have been voting by the thousands. Precincts in some large cities having more votes cast than there are registered voters. The group of Democrat party activists arrested in a massive voter fraud ring in Texas was an eye opener. And in Florida, it's the usual mess with thousands of ballots mysteriously showing up after the voting was complete. And even though the Supervisor of Elections in Broward County, Brenda C. Snipes,

had been caught manipulating voting ballots in previous contests, she's still at her job accused of doing the very same thing. How? Why?

It's pretty wide spread and with darn good reason that a huge percentage of the American public is no longer confident in the integrity and fairness of the electoral process in America. Voting is one of the most important things that have helped make our nation great and now it has been corrupted and cheapened by radical partisan hacks that couldn't care less about having honest and fair elections. They believe winning an election by any means necessary is what must be done. And that includes lying, cheating, stealing and whatever form of manipulation will lead to a victory for their side.

Elections are so important to what makes America so great that committing election or voter fraud should not just be a felony - it is. It should also come with heavy fines and lengthy prison terms for any and all persons found guilty.

Look how blatant the attorneys for the Democrat candidates for Governor and US Senate in Florida were over the weekend, when they actually demanded that the votes of non-citizens be allowed to get counted. Clearly illegal, the attorneys were not even the slightest bit embarrassed when they made their outrageous demands. This is how little some people care about following the rule of law. Apparently if the only way you can win an election is by stealing it, well so be it, the law be damned.

It used to be meant as a joke when people said "vote early and often" or when political cartoons showed campaign workers at cemeteries copying names from headstones and placing them on voter registration lists. But apparently it really does take place, a lot. Maybe what needs to happen from now on during every election in every precinct with a shady history is to post a US Marshal and/or ICE Agents at each of those polling locations.

If the election of 2018 has taught us anything, it's that showing a valid identification before being allowed to cast one's vote is desperately needed; now more than ever. Voter ID laws should become the law of the land. As is so often now said, if we must show identification to drive, open a bank ac-

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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.

UMass Boston says dorm upgrades on the way

The interim chancellor at UMass Boston says the school will move quickly to address security concerns and other issues plaguing the first-ever dormitory to open on campus, while laying at least part of the blame at the feet of the private contractor who built and now operates it, Laura Krantz reports in the Globe.

Massport chief: Traffic congestion is choking Logan

A booming economy, the rise of Uber and Lyft, and declining T ridership are all contributing to now the No. 1 problem at Logan Airport: Ground transportation and traffic congestion to and from Logan, writes outgoing Massport

chief Thomas Glynn, who has some recommendations at the Herald about what do about the overall problem, including more Uber-Lyft carpooling.

Anti-Trump groups decide it's not safe to continue protests

Two Cape Cod-based organizations say they've paused their weekly standouts amid growing concern about the safety of anti-Trump protestors in an increasingly caustic political environment. The organizers of Move to Remove, which has been protesting for 15 months on the Falmouth Village Green, said the nature of responses from passersby has become more troubling in recent weeks, along with the overall political climate, Geoff Spillane

reports in the Cape Cod Times.

Charlie Baker for U.S. Senate?

This is the first we've heard about this. The Herald's Jaclyn Cashman writes that the "word is Gov. Charlie Baker is mulling a 2020 run against U.S. Sen. Edward J. Markey." We'll believe it when we see it. But if he does have the U.S. Senate bug, it would be a case of history repeating itself, if you recall his former boss Gov. Bill Weld's own hankering to be a player in Washington.

Pope to U.S. bishops: Hold off on those anti-child-molestation reforms until we have time to talk more

There they were, all gathered in Baltimore, ready, or so they said, to finally take action to hold bishops accountable for clergy sexual abuse cases. But then the Vatican called: Hold off until we can talk about things in February. Boston's Cardinal Sean O'Malley was taken aback by the "unexpected" Vatican order, reports WBUR. The Globe's Brian MacQuerriereports the "bombshell left the country's Roman Catholic bishops stunned and silent." The Globe, in an editorial, is blasting the pope's delay. The NYT has more.

Moulton claims 'silent majority' wants Pelosi gone, but Neal sure isn't one of them

It's become a post-election ritual, i.e. U.S. Seth Moulton launching a challenge to Nancy Pelosi's Democratic leadership in the U.S. House. He's at it again this year, openly saying yesterday that a 'silent majority' of Dems want Pelosi gone, reports Sean Philip Cotter at the Herald.

But the Herald's Kimberly Atkins reports that U.S. Rep. Richard Neal has sent a letter to fellow House Dems, asking them to back the "shrewd, battle-tested" Pelosi. Meanwhile, someone who's been curiously silent on all of this: U.S. Rep.-elect Ayanna Pressley, as the Washington Post reports in its piece on Pelosi's

all-out effort to line up support for her speakership.

While Moulton and Warren grab the headlines, Katherine Clark quietly expands her power

The Globe's Victoria McGrane has a good story this morning on how U.S. Rep. Katherine Clark, in contrast to the Seth Moulton and Elizabeth Warren "media darlings," quietly recruited and pushed a number of Democratic candidates in the midterm elections that ultimately saw Dems regain control of the House. Btw: Clark isn't remaining silent on the Nancy Pelosi leadership squabble. She's backing Pelosi.

Pragmatism or progressivism, Part II

In an opinion piece in the NYT, Steve Phillips, the founder of Democracy in Color and a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, is absolutely convinced that conventional wisdom has it wrong and that last week's midterm elections prove his theory that people of color and white progressive candidates are the way to go for Democrats in 2020.

Then again, the NYT, in a story on the same day, contradicts Phillips' assertions about the midterm elections: "For all the talk of the rise of the progressive left — embodied by the rock star of the class, Ms. Ocasio-Cortez — the bulk of the newcomers might better be described as pragmatists." That tends to confirm Kimberly Strassel's contention in the WSJ (pay wall) that the "biggest loser" last week was U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

Here we go: 'Get ready for Hillary Clinton 4.0'

Hillary Clinton obviously believes going full progressive is the way to go. Mark Penn, a former pollster and senior adviser to Bill and Hillary Clinton, and Andrew Stein write at the WSJ that, yes, the Democratic nominee who lost to Donald Trump two years ago is going to go for it again in 2020, this time as a progressive Democrat, not as pragmatic Democrat. Shannon Young at MassLive has more on their prediction, which, because of Penn's co-byline, is generating a lot of political chatter this morning.

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Councilors Campbell, Flynn Hearing On Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell & Councilor Ed Flynn called for a hearing on domestic violence and sexual assault in the City of Boston. The Councilors called attention to data compiled by Jane Doe Inc., the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the 2010 National Intimate Partner Survey that indicated Massachusetts is on par with national averages as it relates to this repugnant behavior. They will look to discuss ways to provide support for victims, solutions for increas-



ing reporting opportunities for all, such as our immigrant and LG-BTQ communities, as well as other ways to educate the public about the prevalence of this abhorrent behavior in an effort to reduce domestic violence and sexual assault in the City of Boston.



Council President Campbell said, "This is an opportune time to bring together our health commission, law enforcement, and organizations that work with domestic violence and sexual assault victims to discuss what more the City of Boston could do to address these

issues. We want to learn about what others are doing across the country to make these incidents easier to report, and for victims not just to be heard but to also remedy their circumstances and allow them to be healthy, loved, and to live in a safe community."

Councilor Flynn said, "Council President Campbell and I look to have this conversation to ensure we are doing all we can to try to increase awareness, support victims, offer reporting opportunities for all our communities, and hopefully find ways to reduce domestic violence and sexual assault in the City of Boston. I would like to continue the work of my mother, Kathy Flynn, who sought to support victims of domestic violence during her time as First Lady of Boston."

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 & Ed.Flynn@Boston.Gov, or Council President Campbell at 617-635-3131 & Andrea.Campbell@Boston.gov

The Parking Battleground

Massachusetts drivers among the most determined in the U.S. to contest parking tickets, reveals survey.

- Are fines too high? 1/3 of drivers would struggle to pay a parking fine.
- Shame on you! 1 in 10 would park in a disabled space if they thought they could get away with it.
- Revealed: Where in America is most likely to challenge a parking ticket or argue with a meter maid.

Walking back to your car and seeing a ticket on the windscreen is one of life's biggest curses – and it's especially annoying if you believe you've been unfairly hit. So, what do the majority of us do when we're faced with a ticket? Do we dispute it? Or do we pay the fine? Auto advice website CarBibles.com conducted a survey of 3,500 drivers to discover how we react to parking tickets and meter maids.

Here are the results:

According to the survey, almost 1/4 (24%) of drivers in towns and cities across Massachusetts say they have appealed parking tickets, compared to the national average of 18%. Whether they feel they have been un-

justly penalized or are confident they can exploit a loophole in the system, Massachusetts drivers appear to be among the most game for a fight when it comes to appealing parking violations. But where in the U.S. are drivers most likely to contest a fine? It is revealed that Marylanders are most likely to challenge a parking fine, with nearly half of drivers there admitting they have appealed (49%). Interestingly, it is South Carolinians who are the least likely to challenge a fine, with only 5% having tried to get out of paying.

Given that 18% of drivers (nationally) would contest a ticket for a parking violation, it's not surprising that the study revealed that 17% have actually argued with the meter maid when issuing the ticket! Fun fact – the first ever meter was installed in Oklahoma July 16th, 1935 and ran at a rate of 5 cents per hour. It's fair to say it's increased in price slightly since then!

Despite there being an estimated 2 billion spaces available, parking can still be a struggle in many towns and cities across America. A recent study revealed that we spend 17 hours per



year on average just looking for a parking bay – but just how low would we go to get the ideal space? Parking in a disabled space when you don't have a disability is considered an extremely selfish act, but unfortunately a lot of drivers do it – with the survey revealing that 1 in 10 admit they would park in a disabled parking space if they thought they could get away with it.

But really, it's no surprise that a significant number of Americans challenge parking tickets, seeing as the survey found that 65% of us think parking tickets are just a money-making scheme from the city, rather than a way of deterring people from breaking the rules. In addition

to this, 34% of Americans state that they would struggle to pay a parking ticket – which is probably another reason why so many people try to wriggle their way out of it.

Commenting on the survey results, Dan Collins of CarBibles.com says: "Our survey shows that one-third of Americans would struggle to afford a parking ticket, emphasising how important it is not to park somewhere you are not authorized to park! That said, you don't always have to take a parking violation lying down. If you're adamant you weren't in the wrong, make sure to gather as much evidence as you can in your defence, and appeal to avoid paying up."

St. Peter Academy Student Council Members Clean Up the Street

By Lisa Gilbert

The fall leaves flew around us like so many colored kaleidoscopes. They collided with one another as they made their way through the air, eventually landing on the cold, wet ground.

It was in this storm of leaves that the members of the St. Peter Academy Student Council picked up trash on the sidewalks of West Fourth Street. "We want a beautiful community," said student council member Ryleigh Clapham, (4th grade). Wearing plastic gloves and using trash pickers, students walked up and down the street with me, their Principal, picking up candy wrappers, napkins, straws and cup lids along the way.

St. Peter Academy serves children from 15 months to 6th grade. Our English Language Arts curriculum, Core Knowledge, is built upon the premise that every child in a diverse democracy deserves access to enabling knowledge. The knowledge base provided through the Core Knowledge curriculum seeks to develop literate and functional citizens who can contribute to a democratic society, thus enhancing excellence and equity for all. To coincide with our curriculum, we pride ourselves in having a vibrant Student Council, on which students

from grades 1-6 may sit.

The idea to clean up our street was born out of our first Student Council Meeting when students brainstormed about ways they could contribute to our community. Students had been learning in class about oceans getting crowded with plastics and the role of carbon dioxide in climate change. They expressed frustration that our world is being damaged and wondered what they could do about it. That's when we decided to do our part to clean up our corner of the world.

The enthusiasm of young children is heart-warming. They threw themselves into the task of collecting and discarding trash. As they scurried from scrap of paper to the next scrap, it was evident that they felt empowered by their good work. They believed they were doing something good for their neighborhood, and that belief energized and excited them. Admittedly, they were surprised by the amount of trash that had been discarded on the sidewalk. In their naivete, they simply could not understand the thoughtlessness of others. "Why do people throw their trash on the ground," mused one little girl, "Don't they know there are trash cans for that?" A good question and one I found myself at a loss to answer.

As our school building came back into sight, another child noted, "We should take care of our world. It's the only one we've got." Out of the mouths of babes, as the saying goes. Indeed.

St. Peter Academy is located at 371 W. Fourth Street in South Boston. We serve children from ages 15 months to sixth grade. Please join us for a private tour - Contact the school office 617-268-0750 or spa@stpeteracademy.com Like us on Facebook and Instagram - Learn more about our programs at StPeterAcademy.com



SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER

The season is officially over after we have our annual Soccer Banquet, which will be held this **Sunday, November 18, 2018 at the South Boston Boys & Girls Club, 230 West 6th Street.**

We will start the day off at 12 noon for the Under 4 Division, at 1:00 p.m. we will have the Under 6 Division followed by the Under 8 Division at 2:00 p.m. and ending with the Under 10 & Under 12 Division at 3:00 p.m.

We ask parents to make sure they are on time as we are prompt and also ask that you donate a dessert for whichever Division your child is in.

Lastly, we would like to take this time to thank everyone who has contributed to making this season happen, from the Sponsors to the coaches, to the parents and finally to the kids. We hope everyone enjoyed the season.



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count, get on a plane, apply for a job, adopt a pet, get hunting and fishing licenses and even make a purchase of cold and flu medicine at the local pharmacy, an ID should also be required to vote. It's among the most important things an American citizen does and everything that needs to be done to make sure the process is corruption free should be. The motives behind those who so adamantly oppose voter ID laws are pretty easy to figure out. It becomes more apparent with each election.

Southie High Reunion (67-68-69) Nov. 17th at Florian

By Brian P. Wallace



Why is it that the four years or three years or six years for some of my friends, that we attended High School, color the rest of our life. Everything we did during our high school years has been magnified beyond belief and stays with us until we die, which is happening in greater numbers lately. I used to see pictures of Southie High's 50th reunions and say, "boy are they old." Well, now we are them. How did that happen? What is so magical about high school, or what is so mystifying about high school? Is it the fact we are discovering the secrets of algebra at the same time we are discovering the secrets of our hormones? When that happens, algebra takes a back seat very quickly. The girl who was yuck to us the year before at St. Augustine's is now anything but. We find ourselves stumbling over words and turning red in the face whenever we

address the object of our new-found affection.

And speaking of St. Augustine's, the nuns could be tough but nothing like I experienced my very first home room on my very first day. I walked very slowly up Linden Street that day. I was totally unsure if I was going to walk down Linden Street later that day. I was scared and I am not afraid to admit it. I was about five feet nothing with huge glasses and I was leaving the relative sanctity of eight years of Catholic school for what? I had heard all the horror stories, especially from my brother. I didn't know if I was walking into a high school or Walpole Prison. I would very soon find out.

It took me awhile to find my locker and my homeroom, amidst a bunch of insults. "Hey kid this isn't Grammar School." "There is no way you are in high school." "How old are you?" "You gotta be kidding me," was another remark aimed at me. I wasn't Wilt Chamberlain, but I wasn't Mickey Rooney either, well maybe closer to Mickey Rooney. I never had a locker before and it showed. Pat Flaherty, who I knew from the Boys Club, helped me open my locker, but he couldn't help me with my first class.

My homeroom teacher was a nice guy named Mr. Pieri who was a look-alike for Barney Fife of Mayberry. He did everything fast, wrote his name on the blackboard fast, walked fast, talked fast, called the roll fast. He called the name Sullivan and nobody responded. He called it two more times and still no response. Somebody pointed to this big guy, and I mean guy, who was snoring up a storm in the back row. Mr. Pieri stormed to where the hulking giant was sleeping and he shook him. "Are you Mr. Sullivan?" Pieri managed in his most masculine voice. Sullivan got up and he kept on getting up and getting up. He had to be 6'6" and 220 pounds. "You ever touch me again and I will kill

you," he yelled down at Pieri. "You ever threaten me again and I will call your Probation Officer," Pieri countered. Sullivan pulled out a knife with such dexterity I didn't see it coming. "You ever mention my Probation Officer again and it will be the last person you mention," Sullivan growled. Pieri did what any red-blooded teacher would do. He ran out of the room like one of those characters in a fast motion cartoon. Sullivan went back to sleep. I knew I wasn't in Kansas anymore. Boy, did I miss the nuns at that moment where a ruler was the only weapon you faced.

Pieri was in homeroom the next day, Sullivan never returned, thank God. From that point on, high school was a breeze. I loved everything about it, meeting tons of new friends, some pretty nice-looking girls, saw some great athletic events, especially at White Stadium. I

even grew four inches. I met teachers like Doc Reid, Charlie Ray, Major Mudd, Rocky Stone, Mr. Vicarri, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Poor, Miss Dazzi, who became my friends as well as teachers. It was by far the best time of my life, which is why I will be at Florian Hall on November 17th to meet old friends, share fond memories, tell a few lies, the statute of limitation has run out. But sadly, it will probably be the last time I will ever see most of my classmates on this side of the grass. Mortality, which in high school, was in a far off place and a strange, strange land, is not so far away now. A lot of our classmates have gone and we will raise a toast to them. Please don't miss this reunion. You may never have another opportunity again. Tell people how much they meant to you. Hugging is permitted and encouraged. I wonder what happened to Sullivan?

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The Wine Guy

Thanksgiving Recommendations

Since the first of the big winter holidays is exactly one week from today (everyone here at the paper is pretty excited, by the way; we all get a half day off!), I thought it would be more helpful to dispense with the narrative style of my column and simply list those wines that I think will add enjoyment to your meal.

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Wine By Joe, 2016 Chardonnay,

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So, there you have it. All of us at South Boston Today wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving!



Two well known celebrities say 'HI' from New Hampshire to John Ciccone and all their other Southie friends on Halloween afternoon. They are of course the famous 'President Abe Lincoln' (Arthur Hall) and the Elusive 'Big Foot' (Hudson Hall) These 2 awesome and very cool brothers from the White Mountains area of NH: Arthur is 8 years old and Hudson will turn 6 in January, now have quite a few friends in the city and have enjoyed their visits to Southie when they come down with their mom and dad Elizabeth and Stephen Hall. Like every kid, they enjoyed Trick or Treating on Halloween Night and wound up with quite a bit of the sweet and tasty goodies.

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South Boston's WW I Heroes Remembered on 100th Anniversary of War's End

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It's often been said that there is no other community in the country that holds its veterans, past and present, in higher esteem than South Boston. And so, it was, once again on this Veterans Day when all who served and currently serve were honored. But this year there was an added anniversary to highlight, and quite a big one as 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended World War I in the year 1918. It also paid tribute to South Boston's home town hero and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Michael J. Perkins who fought so gallantly in the war, as well as all the other home town boys who marched off to battle in

that war in defense of America's freedom. WWI was called the 'War to End All Wars'.

The public was invited to join in this beautiful and memorable ceremony that was held in the auditorium of South Boston High School, now also known as Excel High School. Dave Falvey was Master of Ceremonies for the program. The proceedings were opened with a prayer by Father Tom from St. Brigid Church. Congressman Stephen Lynch spoke eloquently about the sacrifices made by our veterans during time of war and beyond. Patrick Long read the citation for Michael J. Perkins, Rick Winterson from South Boston Online gave a beautiful and most impressive recital of the classic poem 'In Flanders Field' and lo-

cal resident, the highly decorated Major Andrew Lee, United States Marine Corps. was moving as he so respectfully and solemnly read the names of those South Bostonians who served during that conflict. City Councilor Edward Flynn, himself a veteran, was there to pay tribute as was State Representative elect David Biele. The excellent and very talented Boston Fire Department Acapella Singers were on hand, as well.

Always present to add an official and very impressive touch to tributes to our veterans were Colonel Anthony Hinson and the members of the South Boston JROTC. At the end of the ceremony, which were closed by Father Tom, a beautiful wreath was laid at the site of the massive kiosk inside the school

with the names and photos of the local service members who served in WW I. But prior to this year, at least one photo had been missing. The long-lost photo of Michael J. Perkins was finally located, secured in a safe in the Michael J. Perkins American Legion Post, so named for the Medal of Honor recipient himself. That photo has now been placed with his fellow heroes in the kiosk at the school.

Well Done to all those who took part in the excellent event that honored our local heroes from WWI and to all who attended and came out to show their support for this wonderful tribute. A very special thank you to the South Boston World War One Commemoration Committee for organizing this event within the South Boston community.





The Fitzgerald Post Annual Veterans March And Ceremonies

The Thomas J. Fitzgerald VFW Post 561 honored Veterans with their annual March to Medal of Honor Park and Saint Brigid Church for services followed by a luncheon in Cushing Hall.

Dignitaries included Mayor Marty Walsh, Senator Nick Collins, Past

Post Commander and City Councilor Ed Flynn, Clerk Michael Donovan and Representative-Elect David Biele, City of Boston Veterans Affairs Commissioner Gisele Sterling and colleague, Commissioner of Transportation Cheryl Fiandaca.

The solemn services were fol-

lowed by a hearty luncheon attended by many residents, including Brian Mahoney Jr. and Kelly Mahoney, the son and widow of Veteran and community leader and past Fitzgerald Post Commander, the late Brian Mahoney, City of Boston Neighborhood Liaison John

Allison and his parents, Bob and Phyllis, Ellen McDonough and new resident 10-month-old Justine Liff Collins. Local veteran posts and many South Boston veterans were on hand to pay their respects and thank the annual commitment of the Fitzgerald Post.





South Boston Catholic Academy News Celebrating All Saints Day!

On November 1, 2018 the 5th and 6th graders of South Boston Catholic Academy traveled to Catholic TV in Watertown to celebrate the

All Saints Day Mass on TV with Father Robert Casey, our Pastor. Each student dressed up as one of their favorite saints. While at school, we all celebrated the

All Saints Day Mass at St. Brigid Church with Father Patrick Nolan, SJ, in which the 4th graders took part in. All the students did a wonderful job participating in both these Masses.

On November 6, 2018 we enjoyed our Fall Open House, where we welcomed many prospective

families to check out what makes South Boston Catholic Academy so special! The school offers tours on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9AM. For more information, please email Mrs. Jamie Brown, Assistant Principal at j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org or phone the school at 617-268-2326.



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If you or someone you know has questions or is interested, please email our Co-Ordinator, Mr. Javier Soegaard at (Javier.Soegaard@gmail.com) or phone the Parish Office at 617-268-3344.

Drugs...continued from front page

The Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation report said that on top of the \$2.5 billion in lost productivity each year, businesses have also had to take on the excess health care costs related to opioid usage, estimated to exceed \$2 billion. In an already tight labor market in the Bay State, the opioid epidemic has made it even harder to find workers to fill jobs as businesses try to expand, MTF said.

"The tens of thousands more prime age people lost to the workforce due to the opioid crisis is yet another stiff headwind that businesses must overcome in order to expand and prosper," the group wrote in its report. MTF said it conducted the research on how the opioid crisis has affected businesses, in part, to encourage business leaders to become more involved in combating the problem.

Through the first six months of 2018, there were 657 confirmed opioid-related overdose deaths in Massachusetts, and the Department of Public Health estimates that an additional 322 to 396 deaths will be confirmed as opioid-related over-

dose deaths. Fresh data is due later this month from DPH.

Overall, opioid deaths fell from 2,154 in 2016 to 2,071 in 2017 — a 4 percent decrease — but the DPH data released in August logged a new high in the prevalence of fentanyl. In the first quarter of 2018, fentanyl was found in 89 percent of opioid-related overdose deaths, where a toxicology screen occurred, up from about 40 percent in 2014.

The new and growing phenomenon of vapes, marijuana dispensaries, smoke shops and the like are taking the market by both storm and surprise. King Smoke Shop has opened up at 600 Broadway. There are several King Smoke Shop locations in the Boston area including Roslindale, West Roxbury, Dorchester and Jamaica Plain. Their products range from cigarettes, cigars, Juul pods, vape MODS, rolling papers, and electronic cigarettes.

How do the recovery, healthcare, law enforcement professionals and the families, who have either no clue or no affordable resources, cope with the bottomless and sophisticated drug business, both legal and illegal?



This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for Week 11 in the NFL:

What can I say, when you're on a roll, you're on a roll. I went 4-1 with my picks last week in Week 10, making me 21-4 over the last five weeks, with the money line. I'm 35-15 on the season. And I'm feeling good about the run I've been on, which also included a hole-in-one in Golden Tee at Striggies last weekend, but that's for another time.

As good as I'm feeling, I won't lie to you, Week 11 has the makings of a wacky week in the NFL. So, let's get nuts.

Here are my picks for Week 11:

CAROLINA PANTHERS over Detroit Lions

-The 6-3 Panthers just got embarrassed on Thursday Night Football by the Pittsburgh Steelers, 52-21. It snapped Carolina's three-game win streak. Now, the Panthers are a 3.5-point favorite in Detroit Sunday at 1 p.m. The Lions are in last place in the NFC North at 3-6 and have lost three straight, to the Seattle Seahawks, Minnesota Vikings, and Chicago Bears. Detroit isn't mathematically eliminated from the playoffs, but their chances of advancing to the tournament aren't very good at this point. If the playoffs began today, Carolina would be the No. 5 seed in the NFC and would

be going to Washington in the Wild Card round. I think the Panthers will make the playoffs as either the No. 5 or 6 seed, but they'll need to win this game in Detroit to prove me right. I expect Carolina to bounce back after being embarrassed in Week 10. Give me Cam Newton to lead the Panthers to their seventh win of the season.

HOUSTON TEXANS over Washington Redskins

-The 6-3 Texans are coming off the bye, and they'll travel to D.C. Sunday at 1 to take on the 6-3 Redskins. This is a battle of first-place teams, but it's the road team that's the favorite. Houston is a 2.5-point favorite, mainly because of its six-game win streak. However, if you look at the teams the Texans have beaten since beginning the season 0-3, it's not all that impressive. And let's be honest, even though I've been high on Washington this year, if the Texans go into D.C. and win this game, it won't necessarily be a "message-sender" to the rest of the league, even if it does mark a seven-game win streak. Houston has a top-10 defense, and an offense that's much more explosive than Washington's. I'll take the Texans in this one.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS over Pittsburgh Steelers

-Remember when I said Week 11 could get wacky? This was one of the games

I was referring to. The 3-6 Jaguars are in last place in the AFC South and have lost five straight. But they did see the return of Leonard Fournette last week, in a 29-26 loss to the Indianapolis Colts. They Jags are a 6-point underdog at home against a 6-2-1 Steelers team that's won five straight. Pittsburgh no longer has to worry about Le'Veon Bell, who is now ineligible to play this season after failing to report to the team by Tuesday at 4 p.m. But wouldn't it be a typical NFL outcome if the Steelers respond to that and a huge win over Carolina by losing to a last-place team? In the words of Paul Heyman, this isn't a prediction, it's a spoiler. Streaks will be snapped on Sunday at 1 in Jacksonville. Give me the Jaguars.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS over Chicago Bears

-This game was flexed into the Sunday Night Football Game of the Week, and for good reason. If the playoffs began as I write this, on Tuesday, the 5-3-1 Vikings would be the No. 6 seed in the NFC and they would be heading to Chicago to take on the No. 3 seed Bears, at 6-3, in the Wild Card round. These division rivals will play each other twice in the final seven weeks of the regular season, but I wouldn't be surprised if Minnesota wins both of them. Sure, this one on Sunday night is in Chicago the Bears are a 2.5-point

favorite having won three straight, but those last three wins were against the 3-7 New York Jets, the 3-7 Buffalo Bills, and the 3-6 Detroit Lions. Not all that impressive, if you ask me. Meanwhile, the Vikings are coming off the bye, and look to give second-year running back Dalvin Cook a larger workload after he returned before the bye and ran for 89 yards on 10 carries. Minnesota has a chance to make a statement on national TV, and I think they'll do just that. Vikings will win this one on the road.

LOCK OF THE WEEK: INDIANAPOLIS COLTS over Tennessee Titans

-The 4-5 Colts are actually a 2-point favorite in this game against a 5-4 Titans team that's coming off a huge win over the New England Patriots. But all you need to know is that Andrew Luck is 9-0 in his career against Tennessee. The Colts have won three straight, and their offense looks like it's ready to compete with a top defense like Tennessee's. Last week's game against the Patriots was the Titans' Super Bowl. I'm convinced of it. This will be a letdown game for them in Indianapolis Sunday at 1. In a week that's tough to find a lock, mainly because the Buffalo Bills have a bye and I can't pick against them, I'll take an underrated Colts team in their own building against a Titans team that might've emptied the tank in the previous week. Colts will win their fourth straight.

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Flag Retirement Ceremony at Castle Island

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Last Sunday, November 11th, Veterans Day 2018, the weather was sunny but November chilly and the parade grounds at Fort Independence on Castle Island were once again the scene of the semiannual Flag Retirement Ceremony. This is an impressive event that demonstrates the proper way to dispose of a worn, torn, faded or tattered American Flag. It gives Old Glory the

respect it deserves. These ceremonies have become a tradition and held on Veterans Day and Flag Day each year and they are beautiful.

The ceremony was a joint effort by the Scottish American Military Society, the Castle Island Association, South Boston's veteran's organization and the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The crowd arrived early, and spectators were in place as the ceremonial sound of bagpipes filled the air. The National Anthem and a prayer start-

ed off the program. As is always the case in South Boston, everyone in attendance stood silently for the National Anthem and the prayer.

Speeches were made by veteran officials from the Scottish American Military Society, who were joined at the podium by Sister Florence, Bill Spain and John Scannell, a veteran who had turned 92 years old and received special mention as the flags were being prepared for retirement. The retirement itself consists of the banners gently laid

in a special multi-angled structure. They are then lit and consumed by flames. Taps was then played as everyone in attendance stood; hats off and hands over hearts.

The Flag Retirement Ceremony at Castle Island is always open to the public and residents are invited and encouraged to bring flags from their homes that are ready to be retired to the event for proper disposal. It's an event that highlights patriotism and love of country and salutes the veterans who have served and continue to serve our nation in defense of freedom.

