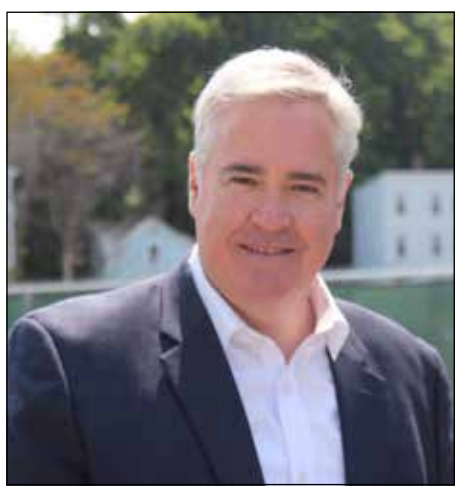


At Large Councilor Michael Flaherty Re-Elected; Ed Flynn Elected Unopposed



As expected, Michelle Wu topped the ticket with Flaherty finishing third, 800 votes behind Annissa Essaibi-George.

Julia Mejia, of Latin descent, per the city's unofficial results, was the fourth-highest vote-getter with 22,464 — just 10 votes more than fellow challenger Alejandra St. Guillen in fifth. St. Guillen initially conceded but quickly called for a recount after midnight as the final tally came in. Mejia had declared victory hours earlier, jubilantly telling a happy crowd of supporters in Jamaica Plain, “We set out to change the game to make sure the people who were most impacted were front and center in this conversation.” But after St. Guillen’s announcement, Mejia said she still believed she won, adding, “I’m still

With almost 67,000 votes cast on Election Day, and the Boston daily newspapers touting the emergence of women of color and the changing demographics of Boston, Councilor Michael Flaherty was re-elected as City Councilor at Large.

confident.” The winner between the two will be the first Latina to serve on the council. Either way, that means incumbent Garrison is out following a year in office, a position she took as the first runner-up in the 2017 election following Ayanna Pressley’s departure for Congress. Garrison finished second to last, her 16,161 votes also behind challenger Erin Murphy’s 16,843 and only ahead of newcomer David Halbert’s 13,201.

In District 2, Ed Flynn cruised with no opposition. In the contested District Council races in Hyde Park, Back Bay and Allston-Brighton, three seats were open due to the fact that district councilors Tim McCarthy, Josh Zakim and Mark Ciommo each chose not to seek re-election.

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EDITORIAL

May God Bless Our Veterans on Veterans Day and Every Day

Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, it doesn't matter in which branch of the United States Armed Forces our veterans served, those men and women put their private lives on hold for the purpose of defending our very way of life. To serve one's country; often putting themselves in harm's way to do their part to protect their fellow country men and women is something each and every American should be grateful for.

Since our nation was founded more than 200 years ago, the United States Military has been the lifeline that has allowed America to continue to exist and to prosper. If not for our veterans throughout our history, there would be no America today. It's just that simple. Our military has also been

a force for good that has literally saved the world from falling victim to brutal and cruel forces of corrupt monarchies early in our history, and in modern times, from the evil that is Communism and Fascism. Today, the new challenge is terrorism which they are meeting head on. But it's not just during war time that US troops save the day. During times of peace, when and where there are natural disasters anywhere in the world, the American military rushes to the rescue. Our veterans can take pride in who they are and what they've accomplished. They have earned the respect, the love and the pride Americans in turn, feel for them. Our Veterans deserve very special praise, not just on Veteran's Day but every day.

To every veteran we say God Bless You and Thank You all, so much, for your service.



"Everything is funny as long as it's happening to someone else" - Will Rogers

Halloween Was a Blast

Just ask the Hall Brothers from left to right: Hudson (Big Foot) 6 years old, Eustice (The Garden Gnome) 8 months old and Arthur (The Cowboy) 9 years old. These three brothers; along with their Mom and Dad, Elizabeth and Stephen Hall managed to get in some good Trick or Treating before the heavy rain and howling wind came roaring in. But wet or dry, nothing was going to spoil the spooky good time for the many costumed characters that set out to have lots of fun and haul in plenty of sugary treats.

When asked if they enjoyed themselves on this Halloween night, the smiles on the faces of all 3 of the boys said it all. YES! They sure did.



Fitzgerald Post 68th Annual Veterans Day March And Mass

Convening at 9:15am Monday November 11th, the members and friends of the Thomas J. Fitzgerald VFW Post 561 will gather to march to Saint Brigid Church for the 68th annual Mass at 10.00am, honoring the fallen veterans of all the wars that have ensured our freedom and

American way of life.

After a brief history lesson on the Veteran, Thomas J. Fitzgerald, the march will begin at 9:40am. The Mass will be followed by a brunch in the lower hall. All are welcome and what a nice way to honor our Veterans!



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Camouflaging a Gas Tax Hike and the REAL Cause of California's Wildfires

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
John Ciccone

Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at jjciccone@southbostontoday.com

When voters of Massachusetts elected Charlie Baker as Governor several years ago, one of the many reasons he received that vote of confidence from a majority of Bay State citizens is because of his promise not to raise taxes. It's one of the things Republican elected officials campaign , and it appealed to the voters even in this Democrat majority state. It was enough to put him over the top when the ballots were counted – twice. But perhaps the pressure from leftist activists in Mass, made being fiscally conservative just too hard to pursue.

Baker as many constituents are learning to their disappointment has agreed to lead a coalition from Massachusetts and eleven other states with the goal of instituting a Cap and Trade program for car and truck emissions. It's called the Transportation and Climate Initiative or TCI. Getting around all the double speak of the TCI, it's basically a new tax on gasoline that will hit drivers. They can call it what they want but a tax by any other name is still a tax and the TCI is a gas tax, make no mistake. It has the potential to bring the price per gallon to more than \$5. And to make it even worse, Governor Baker is going to try to get this through by executive order, so the Legislature won't even have to vote on it. The money raised by this new gas tax, if passed, won't even have to go to repairing roads. It will go to, now wait for it, combating 'Climate Change'. Whenever politicians want to take more money out of the pockets of working families these days, they use Climate Change as the reason.

The same type of 'initiative' has been implemented in California and now the price of a gallon of gas is more than \$4 per gallon and climbing fast with no end in sight. But most people in California are insane and those who aren't are fleeing that state by the tens of thousands because of the high taxes and regulations. To Governor Baker, who received my vote twice, I say this: You ran for governor as a Republican, please start acting like one again. Don't be a RINO. Honor your promise not to raise or add new taxes. Because you can be sure, the citizens of this state know a tax when they see one no matter how it's camouflaged.

Staying on the topic of so-called Climate Change as an excuse for everything evil in the world, California is on fire and they of course blame Climate Change, President Trump and even the late Ronald Reagan. But their day-dreaming, failure of a Governor, Gavin Newsome, and the radicals that he's aligned with know well that it has nothing to do with Climate Change and according to conservationists and forestry experts, has everything to do with blatant mismanagement of the forests there. California passed a law banning some types of forest management. That's the practice of clearing some of the dead and fallen trees and brush in certain wooded areas for the explicit purpose of preventing wildfires. Too much dead vegetation is fuel that feeds a forest fire when it's hit by lightning or caused by a careless camper or any number of reasons. The over abundance of dead vegetation is causing these wildfires to rage out of control and now it's destroy-

ing homes and causing the deaths of humans and wildlife alike. And it's all because 'Cali' wanted to keep its forests 'natural'. But the leftist political types in California, like toddlers wandering through Fantasy Land, just don't get it or even worse, refuse to accept reality and admit that their foolish and dangerous policies are causing this mass destruction.

And yet there is another chapter to this story. As the leftist haters wring their hands and try to chant and wish away the raging fires, there is

one area where many of them don't want to see the fires extinguished. For a while, the fires were approaching the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, located in the Simi Valley area of the state. A group of leftists, so consumed with hate for the late president, even to this day, actually asked and even begged fire fighters to retreat from the area so that the library would be destroyed by fire. If this doesn't paint a vivid picture of the warped and hate filled mindset of some of those on the left, I don't know what does.

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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.

Election results: The changing of the guard in Boston

It was an historic election night in Boston, with progressive, female and minority candidates taking charge of the city council. As Benjamin Swasey and Simón Ríos report at WBUR: “With Tuesday’s results, seven of the 13 councilors will be people of color. Boston is a majority-minority city. Eight of the 13 will be women.” The latter marks the first female-majority council in Boston history.

The Globe’s Milton Valencia reports that the race for the fourth at-large council seat has been tentatively and very narrowly won by political newcomer Julia Mejia – but Alejandra St. Guillen is calling for a recount. Here are all the city election results, via the Globe. In other council coverage, from the Herald’s Sean Philip Cotter and Erin Tiernan: “Michelle Wu again was the city’s top vote-getter and Althea Garrison is out as Boston’s voters elected the most diverse and female city council in its history.” From WG-

BH’s Saraya Wintersmith: “Arroyo Claims Victory; First Person Of Color To Win Boston Council’s 5th District.”

In Fall River, it’s a new day: Coogan cruises to victory over embattled Correia

In the end, it wasn’t close. School board member Paul Coogan will be Fall River’s next mayor after scoring a crushing victory over indicted incumbent Jasiel Correia, who stepped back from the race last month amid all his legal woes. Jo C. Goode at the Herald-News reports Coogan took home nearly 80 percent of the vote.

Rep. Shauna O’Connell to become first female mayor of Taunton

She made history, with a dash of controversy along the way. State Rep. Shauna O’Connell will be Taunton’s first female mayor after handily defeating City Councilor Estele Borges in a race that started with what some claimed was behind-the-scenes machinations from the governor’s office to sneak O’Connell into the job.

Judge overturns Baker’s ban on medical-marijuana vaping products

If you recall, we once thought this was a slam-dunk case for the Baker administration. But you know how slam dunks can go. From Tanner Stening at MassLive: “A Superior Court judge ruled on Tuesday that Gov. Charlie Baker and his administration are blocked from enforcing their ban on medical marijuana vaping products, leaving it up to the Cannabis Control Commission to decide whether to continue enforcing the prohibition.” SHNS’s Colin Young (pay wall) and the Herald’s Alexi Cohan have more on the latest legal setback for the administration on the vaping-ban front.

Cannabis commissioner on fed investigation: It’s about time

Speaking of marijuana matters, WBUR’s Steve Brown and Zeninor Enwemek report that Shaleen Title, a member of the Cannabis Control *continued on page 5*

Senator Collins Secures \$4.5M For Boston Roads

Massachusetts State Senate Allocates \$60M for Local Roads and Bridges



The Massachusetts State Senate recently passed an annual Supplemental Budget, including a provision earmarking \$60 million to reimburse cities and towns for roadway repairs and infrastructure

improvements. State Senator Nick Collins estimates that Boston stands to receive about \$4.5 million of the investment into transportation infrastructure.

The allocation will go to fund the Chapter 90 formula, which the State uses to help municipalities pay for roadway improvements. Salt and sand from a heavy winter, combined with typical factors of erosion, often leave potholes and dangerous conditions come springtime. Drivers, pedestrians, public transit riders, and bicyclists alike feel the impacts of these conditions, and these funds are designed to allow cities and towns the flexibility to make critical repairs.

“This funding helps our cities and towns promote safety and reliability on their roads and

infrastructure” said State Senator Nick Collins. “I am proud to stand with my colleagues in the Senate and demonstrate our ongoing commitment to providing support to our partners in city government.”

The closeout supplemental budget for Fiscal Year 2019 passed by the Senate also includes:

- \$10M for the creation of low-income housing units through the Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- \$9.9M for nursing home facility rates
- \$5.7mm for the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS)
- \$5M for gun violence prevention grants
- \$50M for the MBTA capital acceleration program
- \$35M to help finance improvements to local water systems.

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU19P2289EA

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The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

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The Petitioner requests that:

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,

First Justice of this Court.

October 23, 2019

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

November 7, 2019

BOSTON'S TUITION- FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAM EXPANDED

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced Massasoit Community College, one of the largest community colleges in the state, is the fifth college to join the City of Boston's Tuition-Free Community College Plan. The Tuition-Free Community College program (TFCC) was launched by Mayor Walsh in 2016 and pays for up to three years of college for Boston's income-eligible students who have earned their high school credential. Massasoit joins Bunker Hill Community College, Roxbury Community College, MassBay Community College and Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology as participants in the program.

"I launched our Tuition-Free Community College Plan as a tool to help Boston residents afford and complete college," said Mayor Walsh. "Since then, we have kept pushing toward that goal by growing the program-expanding student choice, academic opportunities and access to institutions committed to student success. Massasoit Community College will be a valuable partner in our work to build career pathways for Boston residents."

Through the TFCC program, Massasoit will provide participants with more options in both locations and programs of study. Massasoit

operates campuses in Middleborough, Brockton and Canton, which is within 10 miles of Hyde Park and Mattapan. The addition of Massasoit also makes new associate degree programs available to TFCC program students in Diesel Technology, Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning (HVAC), Veterinary Technology and Architectural Technology.

These fields lead to careers that pay well above Boston's living wage. For example, diesel mechanics and HVAC technicians in the Greater Boston area earn salaries of approximately \$60,000 on average, at an average wage of \$29/hour, compared to the current living wage of approximately \$15/hour. The HVAC degree program at Massasoit creates a post-secondary pathway for students from Roxbury's Madison Park Technical Vocational High School who are enrolled in the school's new HVAC program.

"Dozens of students from the Boston area choose to study at Massasoit each year, and with the help of Mayor Walsh, his Office of Workforce Development, and the Tuition-Free Community College Plan, we're delighted to give even more students the opportunity to earn a degree from our institution," said Massasoit President Dr. Gena Glickman. "Our College is a tight-knit community of learners, faculty, and staff. Students who choose to study here have the opportunity to enroll in unique degree programs, challenge themselves academically through the Commonwealth Honors Program, and get involved through a number of student organizations and activities."

The number of students who apply and are accepted to the TFCC program has increased every year since 2016. Among the 489 students who have been accepted to the program, the mean household income is less than \$25,000 per year. Despite these

economic challenges, participating students have achieved a higher college retention rate (78%) from their first year to their second than that of community college students nationwide (63%).

"Thanks to the TFCC program, I didn't have to stress about paying for school," said Naweed Hassan, a TFCC participant who graduated from Bunker Hill Community College and has gone on to study at UMass Boston. "As a result, this helped me to stay more focused on my academics and make sure I got the most out of my education."

Run by the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development (OWD), TFCC is funded by the Neighborhood Jobs Trust which ensures Boston residents directly benefit from development by collecting linkage fees from large-scale commercial projects in the City. Students enrolling in TFCC must be Boston residents who have graduated from a high school in Boston, graduated from high school as a METCO student or earned their HiSET or GED. The students must also be eligible for a Pell Grant as de-



termined by the U.S. Department of Education and meet U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines for having a low to moderate household income.

TFCC participants can extend their education to a four-year college through Boston Bridge, a collaboration of the TFCC program and the state's Commonwealth Commitment program. Boston Bridge enables the program's community college students to transfer to a Massachusetts state university or UMass campus to complete their bachelor's degree free of tuition or mandatory fees.

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Commission, says she welcomes the fed investigation into so-called "host community agreements" between towns and pot companies. "I receive complaints almost every day that the process is out of control," she says.

Ah, c'mon. We're not even close to the glory days of corruption

in Massachusetts

Boston Magazine's Matthew Reed Baker answers the burning question: With all the various corruption cases today in Massachusetts (State Police, Fall River mayor, etc.), are we living in the most corrupt era of our state's history? Baker's answer: Nope. And he hauls out of the dustbin of history the long cast of characters who have so distinguished Massachusetts in the past.

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Tom Lyons Presented the Harry Bridgwood Lifetime Service Award

Tom Lyons received the Harry Bridgwood Lifetime Service Award which is presented to a Vietnam Era veteran who has committed his or her life to serving the next generations of the Warrior Community. Lyons served in the United States Marine Corps from 1969-1970, which includes a combat tour in Vietnam. He

has served as director of the Community Services Department at the Mass Housing Agency, is a member of the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans, Chairman of the Massachusetts Veteran and War Memorial Commission and a member of the Governor's Advisory Council and Chairman of the Sub - Committee

on Veterans Housing. Lyons is the 2011 recipient of the Marine for Life Award that was presented by General James Amos, 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps, for his 30 years of advocacy on behalf of our nation's veterans. A long time friend of Hope for the Warriors and its mission, he was recently appointed to the organization's Board Council.



On October 21, 2019, The New England Council honored Red Sox broadcaster Jerry Remy as one of four "New Englanders of the Year" at its 2019 Annual Dinner at the World Trade Center in Boston. Other honorees were Margaret Brennan, Moderator of "Face the Nation"; Roger W. Crandall, Chairman, President and CEO, MassMutual; and The Honorable Maggie Hassan, United State Senator, New Hampshire. Remy is pictured here accepting his award from Tom Caron, Sportscaster, NESN.

Flag Retirement Ceremony Veterans Day, November 11, 2019

On Veterans Day the Scottish American Military Society in conjunction with the Castle Island Association and the Department of Conservation Staff will conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Fort Independence, Castle Island, South Boston at 11:00AM.

This Ceremony is for Flags that are no longer fit for Public Display ie; worn, torn or frayed. The American Flags will be properly retired according to the U.S. Flag Code.

Please bring your Flags to either the Fire Station on East Fourth Street, D Street or bring them to the Island on the day of the Ceremony.



Friends of Elaine Connolly Host Inaugural Benefit for Kidney Cancer



On September 9, 2018, Elaine Connolly, a resident of Weymouth, originally from Dorchester, and adopted daughter of South Boston, passed away from metastatic kidney cancer. In an effort to work through their grief, honor Elaine and her spirit, and help others suffering from this disease, her family has partnered with the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center to establish the Elaine M. Connolly Kidney Cancer Fund. Money raised through this foundation will be directed toward expanding kidney cancer research, providing additional patient services, and raising awareness of a disease that

affects 75,000 Americans annually.

The Friends of Elaine Connolly are hosting the Inaugural Evening for the Elaine M. Connolly Kidney Cancer Fund to benefit the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center Thursday, November 14, from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. at Granite Links. The event will feature music, a live and silent auction, and comedic entertainment from Tony V, Christine Hurley, and Will Noonan.

To sponsor, purchase a ticket, or donate to the fund, please visit <https://friendsofelaineconnolly.eventbrite.com>.

Join us for Harvest of Hope 2019! <https://harvestofhope2019tickets.eventbrite.com>.

SB Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship Fundraiser November 23 at Florian

Brian P. Wallace

I can't tell you the number of times I have had people say to me. "Oh, you grew up in Southie? You poor kid." I may have been poor, and I certainly was a kid, but don't cry for me, Argentina. There is no place else on earth where I would have preferred to have grown up than good old South Boston. Those people from Wellesley and Uxbridge and Lincoln may have had money, but they could never touch my memories. When I was ten years old my father and every other longshoreman on the docks would take a long, very long lunch when Southie was playing at White Stadium. He would pick me up at Monsignor Patterson's, and we would ride over, giddy with anticipation, at seeing Joe Crowley latest creation. If you were ever going to rob a bank in Southie, you would have been wise to pick a day when Southie was playing BC High.

There seemed to be a blue flu going around that day. Mail wasn't delivered. Fire Houses were barely surviving on a skeleton crew. Everyone was at White Stadium. For me, the first time I saw Domenic Gentile run, I was hooked, Nobody from Wellesley had a Domenic Gentile or a Frannie Coughlin or a Bobby Nichols or a Joe Greene. They were my pros, and White Stadium was my Gillette Stadium. I lived for those days. Later, when I got a little older friends like Pat Flaherty, my brother Eddie, Wally Quigg, Chrissy Alyward, would put



on the Southie jersey, and the tradition would continue. You can have your money, and I'll take my memories.

That is what growing up in Southie was. I was 13 years old and in the stands at the Boston Arena when Teddy Cunniff scored 13 goals in one game. That is something you can never take away from Teddy or me. Five years later, an upstart goaltender name Paul Wilson stood on his head against Marblehead, the best hockey team in the state with the leading scorer in the state, Toot Cahoon. The Globe predicted, that morning, that Marblehead would win 13-0. Paul Wilson kicked out at least 60 shots, and Marblehead scored in the last minute of regulation to win by one goal. We sat in those stands, going crazy at every save that Willie made. The final score will show that Marblehead won that game, but both teams know they didn't.

Same in 1974 when Southie's hockey team made their first trip to the Garden, and once again the Boston Globe, and

I quote, "Good for Southie for making it this far but they do not deserve to even skate on the same ice as Arlington. Mighty Arlington. Hall of Fame coach, usually playing and winning in the Garden every year, were undoubtedly formidable, but not some Gods, as the Globe inferred. But for a period and a half it looked like the Globe knew what they were talking about as Arlington, accustomed to the bright lights, big stage, and 13,000 fans made Southie look inferior, for awhile. Arlington went up 5-1 in the second period, and Southie's supporters began to leave. Don't lie. You know you did, and I have names. Kevin Coughlin scored, and the floodgates opened. Mark Bartosiak in the Southie net was pulling a Paul Wilson. Once Southie went ahead we knew, Arlington and the Globe knew that Arlington's reign was over. That is what being from South-

ie is. Or being one of 10,000 fans down the Stadium on a Fall Sunday afternoon cheering for our Chippies. I played second base for Gillette in Little League. My third baseman was a quiet kid named Michael McDonough. Michael McDonough and Cliff Swain, as incredible as this seems, both became the number one racquetball player in the world at different times. Think about that for a minute. Two kids from Southie, the best in the WORLD at two different times. You can have your money and your cars, I'll take McDonough and Swain and Domenic and Ray Flynn and Karen Boen.

I hope you can come to Florian Hall on the 23rd to see these men and women who made Southie so special and raise scholarship money for more Southie kids, and I haven't even got into the Southie pro hockey players. The Globe, you're not invited.

We never had a chance to say goodbye...



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The Wine Guy



Here's Looking At You, Cab

I'm not going to beat around the bush here; the simple fact is that it's getting colder out and to me, that means it's time to look at some Cabernet wines—the wine that goes especially well with winter roasts, big, hearty stews and the people that are important to you.

Beringer Knights Valley, Cabernet Reserve, 2015, (\$49.95), is richly colored with an inky purple hue, and it offers aromas and flavors of dark fruits, especially blackberry, currants, smoked meats and baking spices, with menthol and cedar cigar box notes accented by rich, leathery overtones. This wine is consistently on several “Top 100” lists every year and the key

word here is, “consistently”. Over the last seven seasons, despite some weather challenges, this wine has always scored in the mid-90s; it's just high quality and highly dependable. Bring out the best in your grilled New York strips or Sunday Roast beef with this beauty. You deserve it!

Maroon Winery Coombsville Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, Napa, Black Label, 2014, (\$24.99), This Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon showcases a fruit-forward core of black cherry pie and cassis that is balanced by an earthy, tobacco leaf finish, while French oak aging contributes notes of cocoa and sweet vanilla spice. Pick up a few bottles and impress your guests with this limited production ‘Black Label’ Cab paired alongside three bean chili, Korean barbecue ribs, or my favorite, a juicy lamb burger with bearnaise sauce and sauteed mushrooms—really delicious!

Further South, from Mendoza, Argentina, we have **Catena Alta Cabernet Sauvignon, 2016, (\$38.99)**. This wine shows a dark ruby color with violet tones. On the nose, it offers intense aromas of ripe raspberries, and cassis with notes of pepper and clove. On the palate, it is full-bodied and rich



and displays layers of black currant and black raspberry. The vines that make this wine are located high in the foothills of the Andes mountains and the are hand-picked and sorted, then aged in 40% new French Oak barrels for 16 months before bottling. This one goes especially well with Veal Chop or Roasted Boar, Italian style.

Ch. Larrivet Haut-Brion, 2015, Pessac-Leognan, Bordeaux, France, (\$38.99), is a blend of Bordeaux area wines and Robert Parker says, “The 2015 Larrivet Haut-Brion offers up fragrant notes of crushed

raspberries, Bing cherries and red plums with hints of baking spices, black tea and potpourri plus a touch of crushed rocks. Medium-bodied and vibrantly fruited in the mouth with impressive energy and tension, it has a soft, silky frame and finishes on a lingering perfumed note.” High praise from Parker for a humble, under \$50.00 a bottle Bordeaux Red. This wine is really tasty with game bird dishes—Quail, Cornish Hen or Duck roasted in a blackcurrant reduction. Fantastic!

Talk to The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com

Veterans Day History To South Bostonians, and to Most Americans, it Has a Very Special Meaning

SBT Staff Report

Next Monday, November 11th is Veterans Day. An official federal holiday; it is celebrated all across America with memorials, parades, religious services and family gatherings. Its purpose is of course to remember and honor all of our nation's military personnel; past and present. In 2019 as it does every year, Veteran's Day has a deep and emotional meaning for most South Bostonians.

A brief history of the day shows us that Veteran's Day, once called Armistice Day was first celebrated in 1919. This followed the previous year, 1918 when the Armistice Treaty to end World War I was

signed. Initially, it was only to honor and remember veterans who fought in that war but later was expanded to honor all of America's veterans from the founding of our country, up to the present day and into the future.

Here in South Boston, it has always been and still is a strong tradition to pay tribute to all of this community's many veterans. It can be said that nowhere are veterans and military personnel held in higher esteem than in this town. We have active and thriving veteran's organizations, posts and monuments that neighborhood people worked diligently to create and continue to maintain. All of them are a source of great pride to residents here.

Many locals will visit cemeteries where family members who served are buried and lay wreaths and flowers. Often families will gather for dinner with the many veterans of all ages who are with us today.

Since Veteran's Day is one of this nation's most cherished holidays, government buildings, schools and banks will be closed. Restaurants, stores and other business will remain open; depending on the owners. This is also considered a good day to shop as Veteran's Day sales and discounts are

usually pretty tempting.

But here in South Boston the shopping, sales, discounts and all the other entertainment that might come with this special day is fine but, as always, takes a back seat to the real priority for South Bostonians. We are, of course, honoring our veterans and showing them that they are appreciated, because they make us all proud as they put their lives on the line to preserve America's freedom and way of life.

From the entire South Boston Today team, Happy Veteran's Day 2019 to all.



Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 8F Condo	\$2,999,940	8/1/19	5	2	1,569
25 Channell Center St UNIT Ph202 Condo	\$1,645,000	8/1/19	6	2	1,528
195 West Second Street Townhouse	\$1,575,000	8/9/19	5	3	1,725
25 Channell Center St UNIT 204 Condo	\$1,550,000	8/2/19	6	2.5	2,077
281 Bowen Street Two Family	\$835,000	8/1/19	11	2	2,056
725 East Sixth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$755,000	8/2/19	4	2	1,044
15 Preble St UNIT 7 Condo	\$740,000	8/2/19	5	2	933
9 Liberty Place UNIT 3 Condo	\$725,000	8/8/19	5	2	1,067
211 L St UNIT 1 Condo	\$705,000	8/2/19	4	2	1,121
346 Congress St UNIT 408 Condo	\$690,000	8/2/19	3	1	683
734 East Second St UNIT 3 Condo	\$630,000	8/2/19	5	1.5	906
63 Melcher St UNIT 4G Condo	\$625,000	8/8/19	1	1	532
66 Athens St UNIT 1 Condo	\$580,000	8/6/19	4	1.5	717
59 Gates St UNIT 3 Condo	\$545,000	8/1/19	4	1	1,276
121 M St UNIT 2 Condo	\$480,000	8/8/19	3	1	527
320 West Second St UNIT 206 Condo	\$440,000	8/1/19	2	1	426

Gate of Heaven Parish Coffee and Conversation Hour

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All are welcome to join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Gate of Heaven Parish Coffee and Conversation Hour, downstairs in the Lower Hall, following the 9AM Mass at Gate of Heaven Church on East 4th Street. Looking forward to seeing old and new friends this **Sunday, November 10, 2019.**



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"Operation Thank a Veteran" joins volunteers to engage with local veterans and their families. This month we'll be visiting the South Boston neighborhood and hand delivering thank you packages on Saturday, November 16th.

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Veteran's Services

Boston Police Department & MBTA Transit Police Department Among more than 120 participating in 'Home Base No Shave' Campaign benefitting Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Program

Campaign raises mental health awareness and raises funds to support Home Base's clinical and support services for Veterans and Military Families impacted by the invisible wounds of war, nationally



BOSTON, MA (November 2019) – As we make our way into November, don't be surprised if your local first responders look like they haven't shaved in weeks. For the privilege of growing out their facial hair, officers from the Boston Police Department and MBTA Transit Police Department are paying up and participating in the Home Base No Shave campaign in support of Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Program.

Traditionally, police departments have a grooming policy where officers must remain clean-shaven. However, for the entire month of November, police officers have pledged \$100 to forego the traditional grooming

policy and grow beards, mustaches and goatees – all in support of Home Base and their mission to provide no-cost clinical care to Veterans and Military Families impacted by the invisible wounds – such as post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury.

The movement is spearheaded by MBTA Transit Police and Boston Gang Unit Detective Kurt Power, a U.S. Army Veteran and Purple Heart recipient who sought care for his own invisible wounds at Home Base. “The only wish I have is that we give the gift of hope, hope to all the veterans that don't believe re-integration is possible. Hope to the approximately 20 veterans a day that may give up tomorrow,” Power says. “If I can convince just one person who needs help to listen to me and put their trust in the treatment at Home Base, this will all be worth it.”

This month, first responders at Boston Police Department and MBTA Transit Police Department will go beyond the badge to not only help raise money for a program that is changing the lives of Veterans and their Families, but to evoke conversation, raise awareness and break the stigma associated with getting care.

“I think the biggest part about

this campaign is the demonstration of support by communities from across New England and the country,” said Home Base Executive Director Brigadier General (USA ret.) Jack Hammond. “It goes well beyond ‘thank you for your service’ – it's something tangible people are doing to show them that they care. At Home Base, we offer some of the best care in the United States, so with all of these departments reaching out into these communities, they are bound to know someone who needs help and connect them to us. Every time they do that, they are saving a life.”

To date, the Home Base No Shave campaign, benefitting Home Base, has raised more than \$500,000 and engaged more than 118 police departments across the country. Boston Police Department and MBTA Transit Police Department have a goal to make an impact and are asking community members, business owners and family members to join the cause and donate to their page. **About Home Base:** Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Program, is dedicated to healing the invisible wounds for Veterans of all eras, Service Members, Military Families and

Families of the Fallen through world-class clinical care, wellness, education and research. As a National Center of Excellence, Home Base operates the first and largest private-sector clinic in the nation devoted to providing life-saving clinical care and support for the treatment of the invisible wounds to include post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, anxiety, depression, co-occurring substance use disorder, family relationship challenges and other issues associated with training and deployment. Since its inception, Home Base has provided care and support to more than 21,000 Veterans and family members and trained more than 73,000 clinicians, educators, first responders and community members – all at no cost – ensuring a brighter future for the 21st century warrior and military family. Serving Veterans and Families from all over the world, Home Base is headquartered in the Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston, MA with a satellite location in Southwest Florida, which as a nonprofit organization, operates predominantly on the philanthropic generosity of a grateful nation. For more information please visit www.homebase.org.

Election continued from front page

Ricardo Arroyo — whose brother and father are former city councilors — easily carried the district with 5,325 votes compared to former McCarthy aide and favorite Maria Esdale Farrell, who took 4,398. Kenzie Bok, a former city hall staffer who recently headed policy and planning at the Boston Housing Authority, took Zakim's Back Bay and Beacon Hill seat with 3,659 votes to former Mass-GOP chairperson Jennifer Nassour's 1,539. Liz Breadon won

Ciommo's Allston-Brighton seat over Craig Cashman, who conceded and went to congratulate his opponent at her party. Breadon received 3,883 votes to Cashman's 2,724.

The underlying storyline being promoted by the dailies and others is that, as a result of City Councilor Ayanna Pressley upsetting US Representative Mike Capuano, a number of progressive-oriented candidates had run in the primary, and most of them were women. The secondary agenda of

the dailies is that of promoting a mayoral contest in 2021 by providing Councilor Michelle Wu with seemingly unfettered and often redundant attention to her many public policy promotions, which effectively had resulted in her finishing first in this general election, thus fueling speculation that she might run for mayor.

Activists on various policy matters like housing, climate change, social justice and health care competed for the 13 seats on the council. They have undoubtedly gotten

that attention of Mayor Martin J. Walsh who is being pushed further to left side of the spectrum. It appears that Walsh will have his work cut out for him in dealing with the 2020 City Council. The candidates collectively said they wanted to push the city to tackle big-picture policy issues such as housing, transportation, and the environment. The question by more moderate voters has been, “who, at the city level, will pay attention to the issues that affect daily living, now that global issues are in vogue?”



This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for Week 10 in the NFL:

DETROIT LIONS (+2.5) over Chicago Bears

-Both the 3-4-1 Lions and the 3-5 Bears are coming off a loss in Week 9. However, the Bears have lost four straight, and their offense looks atrocious. The only thing that gives Chicago some hope is its defense, which allows just 18 points per game. Detroit's defense allows 27 points per game, so if there ever was a week for Mitch Trubisky and the Bears' offense to build some confidence, this would be it. At the very least, Chicago's offense can't get any worse than it was last week, after gaining a total of nine yards in the first half of Sunday's loss to Philly. You read that right. Nine yards. On the other side, the Lions have shown some fight this year, so I expect them to bring it on Sunday at 1 p.m. in Chicago. The Bears might be a more popular pick here at home, but I saw what I saw last week, and Chicago stinks. I'm taking the underdog Lions to win the game.

GREEN BAY PACKERS (-5) over Carolina Panthers

-The 7-2 Packers had a four-game win streak snapped by the Chargers in Week 9. It was an awful showing by Green Bay's offense. Aaron

Rodgers threw for only 161 yards in the loss. I expect a strong bounce-back game from Rodgers back in Lambeau, as the 5-3 Panthers head to Green Bay Sunday at 4:25. Carolina is coming off a win over Tennessee, and just placed Cam Newton on injured reserve, which ends his season. So it's officially "The Kyle Allen Show" the rest of the way. If the playoffs began today, the Panthers would be on the outside looking in. Their only real shot is a Wild Card, because New Orleans is going to win the NFC South. As for the Packers, they're currently the No. 3 seed, but a first-round bye is still very possible. They'll have to beat Carolina though to keep up with the 7-1 Saints and the 8-0 San Francisco 49ers. Give me the Packers to beat the Panthers at Lambeau by a touchdown.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (-10) over Miami Dolphins

-All eyes will be on the status of Colts quarterback Jacoby Brissett, who suffered an MCL strain in Sunday's loss to the Steelers. Brissett will most likely be a game-time decision, according to early reports. If he plays — and that's what I'm betting on here — then I expect the 5-3 Colts to cover against the 1-7 Dolphins. Miami

is coming off its first win of the season. That win came against the Jets. I certainly don't expect the Dolphins to make it two straight. But is the 10-point spread too high? It might be if Brissett misses the game. But again, I'm betting on Brissett to play because it's a must-win game for Indy, who right now holds the No. 6 seed in the AFC playoff picture. For all the big wins the Colts have had this season, they can't afford to lose to Miami at home, Sunday at 4:05. And they won't. Let's roll the dice on Brissett to play and the Colts should win by two touchdowns.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS (+3) over Dallas Cowboys

-This one is Sunday Night Football on NBC. I know the 5-3 Cowboys are coming off back-to-back wins, but they've let me down too many times this season. I have no problem betting against Dallas, even if they're at home in this game. The 6-3 Vikings are coming off a tough loss to the Patrick Mahomes-less Chiefs, but perhaps that will be a wake-up call. Minnesota has the weapons to go into Dallas and win. And they will. So I'll take the points.

LOCK OF THE WEEK: LOS ANGELES RAMS (-3.5) over

Pittsburgh Steelers

-The 5-3 Rams are coming off the bye and head to Pittsburgh Sunday at 4:25. Before that bye, the Rams won two straight. Knowing it'll be a tough task to win the NFC West, it's going to be Wild Card or bust for the defending NFC champion Rams. If the playoffs began after Week 9, LA would miss the cut. There's a lot of football to be played though, and the Rams definitely have a realistic shot at that Wild Card. But they have to beat the 4-4 Steelers. Pittsburgh has won three straight, and is coming off a win over the Colts. The Steelers might put up a fight in this one because they are still alive in the AFC playoff race. But the Rams are just so much more talented. This pick is nothing more than the belief that the Rams underachieved in the first half of the season. I could see them making a statement by wiping the floor with Pittsburgh. Give me LA by double digits.

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SPORTS TODAY

MARTINEZ TO STAY WITH RED SOX IN 2020

SBT Staff

J.D. Martinez had until this past Monday night to decide whether or not he would opt out of his contract with the Red Sox.

That deadline has come and gone, and Martinez has chosen to stay in Boston for the 2020 season.

Martinez, 32, is entering the third year of his five-year, \$110 million contract with the Red Sox. He will also have the ability to opt out next offseason.

His decision to stay was perhaps the first shoe to drop in the team's offseason plans, as ownership remains committed to shedding salary for the purpose of getting underneath the \$208 million luxury tax threshold for next season. In 2019, the Red Sox' payroll was around \$240 million. Martinez is owed \$23.8 million in 2020.

Boston will see at least \$57 million come off the books in 2020, thanks to the departing

Tweet of the Week



Your annual reminder that Mookie is the best right fielder in the AL!

✦ Congrats on the #GoldGlove, @mookiebetts! ✦



salaries of Rick Porcello (\$20.6 million in 2019), Pablo Sandoval (\$18.5 million), Mitch Moreland (\$6.5 million), Steve Pearce (\$6.3 million), and Eduardo Nunez (\$5 million). Had Martinez opted out, it would've left the Red Sox with enough money to make Mookie Betts a significant contract offer this winter.

Betts is entering the final year of his contract. He is once again arbitration eligible after avoiding arbitration last year by agreeing to a one-year, \$20 million deal. But new Red Sox Chief Baseball Officer Chaim Bloom might be in a position where he needs to

make a decision on Betts' future this winter, by either trying to lock him with a blockbuster contract extension, or by trading him.

Martinez' \$23.8 million salary might force the Red Sox to trade Betts this offseason. Or they could try and trade Martinez, or someone like David Price, who has three years and \$96 million left on his current deal.

Either way, Martinez' decision to not opt out undoubtedly makes it more difficult — for now — for the Red Sox to keep Betts around long term, if they continue to commit to getting under the luxury tax threshold.

BETTS WINS FOURTH CONSECUTIVE GOLD GLOVE

SBT Staff

Boston Red Sox right fielder Mookie Betts received his fourth consecutive Gold Glove award over the weekend.

Betts, 27, joins Zack Greinke and Nolan Arenado as the only MLB players to win a Gold Glove in each of the last four seasons. Betts is now one of just five Red Sox players to win the award

four or more times, joining Dustin Pedroia, Dwight Evans, Carl Yastrzemski, and Fred Lynn. Betts and Evans are the only Red Sox players to win a Gold Glove in four consecutive seasons. Betts is the only player in Red Sox history to win four Gold Glove awards at the age of 27 or younger.

In 132 games in 2019, Betts recorded 10 assists and was charged with just two errors. In the last

four seasons, Betts' 37 outfield assists ranks second in the American League behind teammate and Red Sox center fielder Jackie Bradley Jr., who has 38 outfield assists in that four-year span.

Since the Gold Glove award's inception in 1957, 23 different Red Sox players have combined to win 49 Gold Glove awards, including 15 over the last 15 seasons.

WHAT TO WATCH

NFL Week 10
THURSDAY, NOV. 7
LA Chargers (-1) at Oakland
8:20 P.M. FOX/NFL Network

SUNDAY, NOV. 10
Minnesota at Dallas (-3)
8:20 P.M. NBC

MONDAY, NOV. 11
Seattle at San Francisco (-6.5)
8:15 P.M. ESPN

NBA
THURSDAY, NOV. 7
Boston at Charlotte
8 P.M. TNT

NHL
FRIDAY, NOV. 8
Boston at Detroit
7:30 P.M. NESN

PATRIOTS ENTER BYE WEEK WITH FIRST LOSS

SBT Staff

The dream of a perfect season is once again dead here in New England, as the Patriots lost their first game of the season on Sunday night, in Baltimore.

Now, the Pats are 8-1 entering their Week 10 bye. They'll return to action on Sunday, Nov. 17 in Philadelphia.

New England is still the No. 1 seed in the AFC. And if the playoffs began today, the road to the Super Bowl would still go through Gillette Stadium.

But with the Ravens' win over the Patriots on Sunday night, Baltimore now holds the all-important head-to-head tiebreaker, meaning, if the Ravens and Patriots finish the regular season with the same record, then it's the Ravens that will get the No. 1 seed over the Patriots.

There's still a lot of football left to be played, and there are other teams in the hunt for that top spot in the conference, like the 6-3 Houston Texans, the 6-3 Kansas City Chiefs, the 5-3 Indianapolis Colts, and yes, the 6-2 Buffalo Bills.

The Patriots hope to activate left tackle Isaiah Wynn from injured reserve after the bye, as well as add rookie wide receiver N'Keal Harry to the mix, who was activated from IR last week but did not play against the Ravens on Sunday night.

Also, it should be noted that retired tight end Rob Gronkowski has until the end of November to request reinstatement. The NFL's deadline for retired players to be reinstated is the business day prior to Week 13. The Patriots' Week 13 game is Sunday, Dec. 1 against the Texans in Houston.



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