



Andrew Square Traffic And Vehicle Volume Prove Problematic; Now Tragic

SBT Staff Report

Boston police report that a female pedestrian has died Tuesday after being struck by a dump truck. Police received a call at 10:47 a.m. about a woman who was struck at the intersection of Dorchester Street and Southhampton Street at Andrew Square. The woman was taken to the local hospital and later died, police said. A helicopter, yellow police tape,

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EDITORIAL

Southie Really DOES 'Back the Blue'

Last weekend, South Boston came alive with a big display of support for law enforcement. Some named it 'Southie Backs the Blue'. There was a huge motorcade that wound its way through every part of the neighborhood. The flag carrying vehicles were blasting their horns to the crowds of flag waving residents, who gathered on the sidewalks at intersections to show their support as well. Yes, it was

loud, it was raucous, and it was noisy. It was also a lot of fun for those who participated, whether passengers in the motorcade or pedestrians on the street. And the message was clear: Southie really does back the blue and makes no apology for it.

While in some parts of the country and on selected college campuses, attacking police verbally and even physically seems to be the latest trend and cause of the foolish,

South Bostonians will have none of it. In fact, a deep appreciation is the norm with an overwhelming majority of those who reside here.

As the mobile rally continued for at least a couple of hours, patrolling police officers could be seen smiling, giving thumbs up signs to the participants and even sounding the horns and sirens in their cruisers to acknowledge the support and show their own appreciation to the

crowds. One cop stated that seeing the outpouring of that support was a much needed shot in the arm and certainly helped with morale.

Our men and women who wear the blue, just like those who wear the uniforms of the United State military, are true heroes. They are ready to lay their lives on the line to protect and serve us all. Most Americans are proud of them and respect them for the often-dangerous jobs they



have. And as witnessed last weekend, South Bostonians are not the slightest bit hesitant to openly show it. Of that we can all be proud.

"Love the trees until their leaves fall off then encourage them to try again next year" - Chad Sugg



SUFFOLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WARNS ABOUT NEW TELEPHONE SCAM

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department is warning citizens to beware of a new telephone scam designed to trick potential victims into sending bail money under the false claim that a family member or friend has been incarcerated inside Department facilities.

The scammer, having obtained personal information about the resident (including the names of some of their relatives, and other pertinent information), calls using tech-

nology designed to copy the telephone number at the Department, while pretending to be a family member or friend, and falsely claims that they have been incarcerated at either the Suffolk County Jail or Suffolk County House of Correction. The impersonator then asks their potential victim for bail money to be sent to a Western Union location (or another money-wiring service) so that they can pay their bail and be released. Once the money is transferred to the location requested, the scammer

picks up the money and is gone, likely without a trace, before the victim realizes that they've been targeted.

While one might think that they could easily recognize that the voice on the other end of the call is not that of their loved ones, the scammer is counting on the heightened tension of the call to create enough confusion and anxiety in their victims to get them to act against their better judgement. In an attempt to add authenticity to the call, the impostor offers to let their

potential victim speak with an attorney, who they claim to have sitting next to them.

If you receive such a call, residents are urged to end the call and dial the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department directly at (617) 635-1100 to determine whether their loved one is, in fact, in custody, or if they were the target of this telephone scam. The Department also asks that you call The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department Investigative Division (SID) at (617) 704-6544 if you believe you were targeted.

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As The Lunacy Continues, What Must We Do To End It?

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News Flash!! We have another quote – words of wisdom, from yet another deep-thinking college professor. While California’s lunatic governor insists that his state’s raging wildfires are caused by ‘Climate Change’ and of course Trump, forestry experts have stated, with data to back it up, that it’s not the case at all.

In fact, they lay the blame at 2 completely different causes: Poor forest management as advocated by the leftist environmentalists, and arson. Yes, many of these fires were deliberately set by arsonists. At least a dozen of them have been arrested so far. But their governor won’t even acknowledge the arson, nor will his radical environmentalist allies. But and here’s where this week’s news flash and enlightened quote comes in – Mr. Ted Grudin, a professor of Environmental Science at the University of Santa Clara in California (of course), says he knows the REAL reason for the fires. Its ‘White Supremacy’. Oh, but there’s more. According to Professor Grudin, not only is White Supremacy responsible for the wildfires on the west coast, it’s also the cause of hurricanes on the east coast.

The fact that anyone even listens to these people or takes them seriously enough to print what they say is mind boggling enough, but that there are actually people who believe and agree with some of these kook professors is nothing less than incredible. And yes, I know, I’m just as bad for repeating what these people are saying here in this column. The reason I do it is because so many of you, the readers, say you actually get a big laugh out of the insanity of

these people and find it entertaining. I guess I do too. So one of the things we can learn from these ‘brilliant’ intellectuals and crack pot politicians is that in California, arson is now called ‘Climate Change’ and everything else they don’t like is White Supremacy – a term that they feel carries more weight than the worn out and over used ‘racism’. Plus, by using the WS term, it eliminates any implication that people of other races can be, well, racist. See how clever they think they are?

Moving from California to Minnesota, radical Muslim Congresswoman Ilhan Omar is said to be involved in a major and massive voter fraud and ballot harvesting scheme designed to cheat in elections. But even if it is proven, beyond a shadow of a doubt that she is involved in this and other felony scandals she is said to have been caught in, will there really be any consequences for her actions or punishment of any kind? It is the opinion of many, that if Congresswoman Omar was caught personally training ISIS assassins in her basement and firebombing nursing homes, leadership in the Democrat party would come to her defense and demand that she be given a pass without even getting an apology from her, because to ask for even that would be considered racist.

Folks, what it comes down to is this. Americans, and I’m talking about patriotic Americans, people who love our country, need to get out and vote this November 3rd. Don’t sit this one out and don’t be overconfident. It is our duty to vote out of office, any and all politicians who are working

against the best interests of our nation and our freedoms AND those politicians who are too cowardly to oppose their colleagues who are involved. Many of us have witnessed firsthand the long lines at gun stores as literally millions more Americans are arming up with firearms and ammo because they are worried.

People are taking these precautions and its confirmed that just in the last 3 months alone, more than 6 million more Americans have become first time gun own-

ers bringing the number, according to FBI statistics, to approximately 100 million the number of US citizens who own them and they have every right to do so. But the lines at the polling locations of people waiting to cast their ballots on November 3rd need to be at least as long as those waiting in line to buy guns. It’s the duty of every loyal American to keep our homeland from being taken over by those who would tear it down. Our Founding Fathers would want nothing less.

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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.

'The worst general election presidential debate in American history'

Was it a presidential debate or just an extension of the Apprentice reality show? If you saw some or all of last night's presidential debate, then you can have little doubt about the accuracy of these headlines, starting with Globe reporters Liz Goodwin and Jess Bidgood's piece: "Heckling and interrupting Biden, Trump causes chaos in first presidential debate." From the Washington Post: "Trump incessantly interrupts and insults Biden as they spar in acrimonious first debate." But we know that you want to know who the pundits think won last night. First, the Globe's James Pindell wants to get one thing straight: "It was the worst general election presidential debate in American history." Hmm. Why the 'general election' qualifier? In any event, Pindell gives Biden, who looked tired and old at times, a 'C' and you-know-who an 'F.' The Herald's Howie Carr gives every indication that Trump didn't perform all that well. How do we know? Howie's complaining about

the moderator. But from the Herald's Joe Battenfeld: "Biden weathers Trump firestorm, disavows Green New Deal in first debate." The NYT has six takeaways from the debate. The Washington Post has five takeaways.

Riley: There will be MCAS exams next year

Is this added pressure on school districts to restart in-person classes? Answer: Yes, it is. SHNS's Katie Lannan (pay wall) and the Globe's Naomi Martin report that Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeff Riley says there will be standardized tests next spring in Massachusetts, after a one-year hiatus caused by the coronavirus pandemic. One member of the state's Board of Elementary and Secondary Education is predicting a "torrent of advocacy" to cancel next spring's MCAS. Two words: No kidding.

Baker Oks limited reopening of large venue events and businesses

Despite concerns about rising coronavirus cases in Massachusetts, Gov. Charlie Baker yesterday announced

that indoor and outdoor venues in low-risk communities can reopen next week at 50 percent capacity, as Steph Solis at MassLive reports. But some are concerned about the further lifting of pandemic restrictions, as the Herald's Erin Tiernan reports. Commonwealth magazine's Bruce Mohl reports that the Baker administration, by tying the lifting of venue restrictions to low-rate communities, has effectively gone "all-in on its community-by-community approach to COVID-19."

On the shelf: Governor's Council cancels hearing on judicial nominee after assault-charge disclosure

At the very least, it's not happening now. Erin Tiernan at the Herald reports the Governor's Council has canceled a planned hearing today on Gov. Baker's nomination of lawyer Robert Harnais for a district court judgeship in the wake of reports he was charged with assault and battery in 2002. He's also regularly donated to the campaigns of Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito.

Walsh keeps dropping hints he's running again

They're subtle, very subtle, but they're there, or so some think: Hints from Mayor Marty Walsh he may indeed be running for a third term. WBUR's Callum Borchers has the latest hints, dropped at a recent chamber event. Last week, Universal Hub was reporting on similar hints at a mayoral press conference. Of course, the Globe's Kevin Cullen last week was flat-out stating Walsh is running for a third time – based on anonymous sources, not hints.

Warren says she won't meet with 'extremist' Amy Coney Barrett

U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, joining other Senate Dems, is refusing to meet with President Trump's nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court, Judge Amy Coney Barrett, saying it would only legitimize the GOP attempt to "steal another Supreme Court seat," reports CBS Boston.

Legislators urge Baker to appoint western Mass. judge to SJC

Speaking of high-court appointments: First it was legal-community leaders urging Gov. Charlie Baker to appoint a western Massachusetts person to the state's Supreme Judicial Court. Now it's 18 legislators from the western part of the state urging Baker to appoint someone from the 413 zone, as the governor mulls nominees to fill two posts on the high-court bench, reports Jeanette DeFore at MassLive.

SEN. COLLINS, REP. BIELE SUPPORT PASSAGE OF \$1.8 BILLION BOND TO STRENGTHEN TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Recently, State Senator Nick Collins and State Representative David Biele joined their colleagues in Massachusetts State Senate and House of Representatives to pass legislation authorizing up to \$1.8 billion in spending for the improvement of information technology equipment and other capital projects in Massachusetts.

The legislation also authorizes

funding for food security and investments in educational technologies in Massachusetts schools.

"This bill is a continuation of our commitment throughout this pandemic to deliver relief to those who need it most," said Sen. Collins. "From struggling small businesses to BPS families grappling with remote learning, the funding in this bill will break down barriers to accessing high



quality internet and technology, and move our Commonwealth forward."

"This authorization will help increase access to services as we continue to face challenges brought on by the current pandemic," said Rep. Biele. "This funding authorization will help increase access to information and technology services, which is crucial amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, while making important investments to improve our community health centers and increase access to food security."

The capital plan, which includes \$794 million for state and local general technology and physical infrastructure, features the following targeted investments.

- \$110 million in public safety infrastructure and equipment
- \$134 million in statewide economic development grants
- \$80 million in educational IT and infrastructure grants, including \$50 million to assist public schools in facilitating remote learning environments
- \$10 million to fund technology investments at community health centers
- \$37 million in food security grants
- \$25 million in capital improvements for licensed early education and care providers and after school programs

The legislation has been signed into law by the governor.

Councilor Ed Flynn Resolution Recognizing Deaf Awareness Week



Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn held a hearing this week to discuss strategies to ensure digital equity and internet access in Boston, as well as filed a resolution recognizing the International Week of the Deaf and supporting those who are deaf or hard of hearing. These are reflections of Councilor Flynn's continual commitment to equity and his advocacy for persons with disabilities.

Held on Monday, September 29th, the hearing on digital equity

and internet access was sponsored by Councilors Ed Flynn, Julia Mejia, and Michael Flaherty, and it was chaired by Councilor Flynn in the Committee for City and Neighborhood Services. The panelists include city representatives from the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT), organizations such as Tech Goes Home and Boston Neighborhood Network Media, and advocates in the education field working on this issue. Panelists and Councilors all highlighted the importance of having access to the internet, especially during this pandemic as services, resources, and classes moved online. DoIT spoke about using the Digital Equity Fund to collaborate with organizations such as Tech Goes Home to provide classes on digital skills and expanding the city's Wicked Free Wifi and broadband network. Other panelists have spoken on the hardship that many students and residents faced without access to quality internet during to the pandemic, and empha-

sized the need for affordable and stable internet access, especially for working families, immigrants, seniors, and communities of color.

Councilor Flynn is also filing a resolution this week to recognize the International Week of the Deaf, also known as Deaf Awareness Week. The week is celebrated during the last full week of September, and is initiated by the World Federation of the Deaf to celebrate the accomplishments of those who are deaf and to promote their rights. The Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing estimates that there are 650,000 people with hearing disabilities in Massachusetts, and hearing problems are by far the most common service related disability among veterans. In the City of Boston, the Disabilities Commission provides advocacy and language access services for those who have hearing disabilities, and the Boston Public Schools Special Education Department has a mainstream team for the deaf and hard of hearing to support students

with hearing difficulties and families with specialized and technological needs. It is important to recognize our deaf and hard of hearing community, and continue to support and advocate for their full participation in everyday life.

"Working towards equity and advocating for our persons with disabilities are two of my top priorities," said Councilor Flynn. "I want to thank Councilors Mejia and Flaherty for their partnership in the hearing on digital equity, as well as to the panelists for a robust conversation and their insightful comments. I also want to recognize our persons with hearing disabilities who are an integral part of our city, and celebrate their achievements during the International Week of the Deaf. Let's continue to work together to improve digital equity, and support our deaf and hard of hearing residents."

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 and Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

Andrew Square continued from front page several first responder vehicles and investigators on foot could be seen at the intersection. A dump truck suspected to be involved in the incident was located by a state trooper about a mile away and was surrounded by yellow police tape as investigators inspected it. State police said several intersections in the vicinity of Dorchester Avenue and Southampton Street were closed because of the investigation.

Tragic as it is, given the volume of construction vehicles and passenger vehicles, the frequenting of the area by people with various illnesses, the location of the MBTA station, the intersection of six roadways at the Andrew Square junction has always been problematic and the likelihood of more accidents is high.

Fast becoming a prominent gateway to the South Boston neighborhood, transportation planners have a real challenge as Andrew Square and roads leading into it are seeing and will

see further residential and commercial development both having major impact on that end of South Boston. Landscape treatments and amenities are, in the words of a local resident from the area, the equivalent of putting "lipstick on a pig", meaning no disrespect to our porcine friends [editor's note]. This person went on to say that the recent decision by the City of Boston to not approve the location of an 'Amazon delivery staging facility at the site of the former junkyard on Dorchester Avenue, "must have taken this nightmarish intersection into account".

The infamous Kosciusko Circle at the beginning of Morrissey Boulevard, if not redesigned, will be further stressed by the massive development being proposed at the former Bayside Expo site on Mount Vernon Street. Plans have been submitted calling for a 30+ acre mixed use project Documents filed by Accordia Partners with the Boston Planning &

Development Agency detail what would be one of the city's largest development projects and a hub for businesses such as life sciences firms. Dorchester Bay City, so-called, would encompass 5.9 million square feet and include about 1,740 residential units, 155,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space, and about 4 million square feet of space for

offices, scientific research, and perhaps academic uses.

The tragic death of this young woman, while certainly not the legacy she would choose to symbolize, may serve to heighten awareness of the imminence of a need to focus attention on the transportation planning aspects of Andrew Square and all heavily trafficked roadways converging there.



CITY OF BOSTON SEEKS PARTNER TO DESIGN FIRST URBAN FOREST PLAN



Mayor Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department announced the City of Boston is seeking a partner to develop an equitable vision for the protection and expansion of the City's tree canopy goals. In alignment with previous planning efforts, including Climate Ready Boston, Imagine Boston 2030, and Resilient Boston, the Request for Proposals (RFP) prioritizes a transparent and collaborative planning effort that recognizes and supports communities that have been disproportionately exposed to environmental stressors.

"As we plan for our city's future, we're working to ensure Boston is an equitable, safe city for all residents," said Mayor Walsh. "We know how critical trees are as we fight climate change and improve the quality of life for all residents. This urban forest plan is the first of its kind in Boston, and is an opportunity to ensure every neighborhood has the resources they deserve and need. Boston is committed to strengthening our environmental work, and creating a brighter, greener future for all."

The selected consultant will develop strategies to promote growth, longevity, and protection of Boston's urban canopy over the next 20 years, and create a framework for expansion and modification for projected future conditions including climate change, development, and other factors. Understanding where canopy loss is happening is the first step in addressing these issues through policy, including guidelines for tree canopy protection on public, private, and institutional property.

"Mayor Walsh's FY21 budget provided a clear path forward with new

funding for an urban forest plan and the staff to implement it," said Chris Cook, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will continue to care for Boston's trees, and this plan represents a huge step toward proactive canopy stewardship."

The selected consultant will support a transparent planning process that recognizes and supports communities that have been historically under-invested in and disproportionately vulnerable to extreme weather conditions. The planning process will include collaboration with key departments and agencies that have a role in the protection or expansion of tree canopy, as well as engage the broad range of stakeholders whose activities impact urban trees, so that recommendations, priorities, and policies will be shared at inception and carried forward through long-term implementation.

As part of the proposal, respondents are asked to describe efforts to identify, contact, and consider Small Local Business Enterprises, Minority Business Enterprises, Woman Business Enterprises, and Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprises as subcontractors. Alongside the City, consultants will be expected to apply an environmental justice lens throughout the entire process of creating the Urban Forest Plan. Outreach should be sensitive to differences in cultures, economic realities, and built environments across Boston.

"In the coming years, our community will face higher temperatures, as well as longer and more intense heat waves," said Gail Latimore, Executive Director of the Codman Square Neighborhood Development Center.

"One way to mitigate this 'heat island' effect is to protect and grow our tree canopy. We appreciate the City's community-driven approach to an equitable urban forest plan."

"As an environmental justice community, we know that East Boston residents are disproportionately affected by coastal flooding due to sea level rise," said Bill Masterson, Founder and Executive Director of Tree Eastie. "Planning for the future of our City's trees is an important part of a holistic approach for resilient communities."

The Urban Forest Plan is an opportunity for Boston to establish a new vision for the City's tree canopy goals that are aligned with the goals of Imagine Boston 2030 and Climate Ready Boston, while also developing the supporting policy and programs for implementation of this vision. The project team will closely coordinate the planning process with ongoing planning and implementation led by Climate Ready Boston in the Environment Department. Ongoing coordination will cohesively integrate the citywide vision for growing a healthy urban forest into other heat resilience strategies. The growth and development of Boston's urban forest will serve to not only reduce urban heat island effect but also improve the quality of the city's ecology.

In addition to the \$500,000 budgeted for the Urban Forest Plan, historic investments in our public spaces this year will also support the hiring of a new arborist and the planting of an additional 1,000 trees, doubling the yearly total to 2,000 trees planted per year.

This RFP builds on the Walsh Administration's work to combat

climate change, and advance strategies to mitigate carbon mitigation. Mayor Walsh created a climate-ready strategy which launched in 2016 with Climate Ready Boston, an initiative to develop resilient solutions that will prepare Boston for the effects of climate change: flooding due to sea-level rise and increased storms and extreme heat. Interwoven into this planning is Resilient Boston Harbor, which envisions a network of accessible open spaces and climate-ready buildings and infrastructure. This initiative aims to increase resilience to major flooding events, while also increasing access and open space area along the waterfront. Coastal resilience plans are to be announced soon for Downtown, the North End, and Dorchester, are complete for South Boston, and are about to enter a second phase for East Boston and Charlestown.

The RFP was released on Monday, September 28 and proposals are due by October 28, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. Respondents can submit digitally via a secure FTP site or via hard copy. Detailed submission instructions, including alternative means of digital submission can be found in Section 8.2 of the Request for Proposals. Applicants can view the advertisement for this RFP on the Bids and RFPs webpage. The RFP is being managed by the City of Boston's Parks and Recreation Department. All questions or communications should be made to the RFP contact, Maggie Owens, by phone at 617-961-3025 or email at maggie.owens@boston.gov. A virtual Information Session will be held on Thursday, October 8. Please register by 3PM on October 8 via Eventbrite at bit.ly/urban-forest-plan.

Mass Bay Credit Union In Partnership Helping Homeless Move Up!

Initiative to help individuals save for housing

“During these difficult times, we are proud to recognize 9 program participants who have transitioned out of homelessness”, announced the partnership comprised of the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), Friends of Boston’s Homeless and Mass Bay Credit Union.

The Housing Savings Account program is designed to help individuals experiencing homelessness overcome the foundational life-rebuilding challenges of sav-



ing money and securing housing. Here’s how it works: the Serving Ourselves (SOS) program, a workforce development program in the BPHC’s Homeless Services Bureau, assists individuals experiencing homelessness by providing educational resources, work opportunities in the food services and janitorial sectors, and individual case management to support participants obtaining permanent employment in the community. Through this partnership, interested program participants open a housing savings account with Mass Bay Credit Union. Mass Bay provides access to financial tools and educational resources to these individuals and maintains direct contact

with them along their way.

When the participants secure housing, the BPHC notifies Mass Bay CU and Friends of Boston’s Homeless. At that point, the three partners combine to match the amount the participant saved, doubling their savings account. Mass Bay Credit Union pledged \$5,000 in funds through the Mass Bay Credit Union Charitable Foundation.

Mariann Bucina Roca, Friends of Boston’s Homeless Executive Director, shared, “This is an innovative partnership where the public, private, and non-profit sectors come together to bring about change. Together we are helping those experiencing homelessness reach their goal of achieving financial and housing independence.”

“Helping people secure housing is a perfect example of the credit union ideal of ‘people helping people,’” says Terry Dorilas, Mass Bay CEO. “Our goal here is to help our members and continue to be a strong partner in the community. So far, 9 individuals have received matching funds,” she notes and adds, “At Mass Bay, giving personal attention to our members is our primary focus.”

Stephanie Rodriguez, Career Center Manager with the Boston Public Health Commission Homeless Services Bureau shared the following success story: After becoming disconnected from family, Robert was eager to reintegrate into society and applied for the SOS program. Always working with a smile, he sought out opportunities to assist other program participants, worked additional shifts, and applied for work opportunities in the community. Through his efforts, Robert received full time employment at a major delivery company earning well above living wage and was able to request the full match upon being housed. Robert was able to obtain financial independence and housing in five months by participating in SOS and the Housing Savings Accounts (HSA) program.

About The Partners

The Boston Public Health Commission, the country’s oldest health department, is an independent public agency providing a wide range of health services and programs. It is governed by a seven-member board of health appointed by the Mayor of Boston. Public service **continued on page 12**

Massport Helps Students Get Ready for School

30 students benefitted from the 12th annual Backpack Project

Children at the South Boston Neighborhood House received a surprise back-to-school gift from Massport. Each of them were given a backpack filled with school supplies and clothing to get them ready for the first day of classes.

“The Backpack Project is a fun and rewarding experience for Massport employees each year,” said Massport Director of Community Relations & Government Affairs Alaina Coppola. “Now, more than ever, we want to help these students build their confidence and self-esteem and encourage them to look forward to the new school year.”

The giveaway was part of

Massport’s 12th annual Backpack Project for Children aimed at assisting homeless families and families in need. This year, about 75 Massport employees donated items and volunteered their time to fill the backpacks.

“Through generosity of organizations like Massport we are able to ensure all of our children are prepared for the coming school year,” said Kathy Lafferty, Executive Director at the South Boston Neighborhood House. “Even though this year will likely look much different for many, it is important that every child have the tools and supplies to make the most of their school year.”



Massport also sponsored children at the Crossroads Family Center in East Boston and the Community Action for Safe Alternatives (CASA) in Winthrop. In all, 49 students from the three organizations benefitted from the project this year. The children range in age

between 4 to 17.

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The Wine Guy

Argentina's Red Standard



One of today's fastest-growing wines, as anyone who drinks red wine might guess, is Malbec. As well, if you drink it, chances are that most of you that do have only had it from one country- Argentina. Arguably, that's understandable, as Malbec represents over 30% of the country's annual wine production. What you might not know is that it's not a wine that's native to Argentina, not even to South America and that, for hundreds of years, it wasn't even made to be had by itself.

Today, I'd like to give you a broader picture of this great red's origins, all the places it comes from today and where you might see it in the future. The grape is French in origin and today, can still be found in both the Bordeaux region, where it has been a

"workhorse" or, blending grape, used in small amounts to "top off" wine from many of the region's world-famous reds. It's also grown in the Cahors region in France's southwest and until recently, was consumed almost entirely within the country.

In the 1850's, a group of Argentine winemakers came to Europe, looking to increase plantings in the Mendoza region, located in the foothills of the Andes. A local consultant suggested Malbec and it was brought back to the country. The hotter, drier climate, along with the higher elevation, caused the grape to thrive far more than it did in France and for over 100 years, it was the wine of choice for both Argentina and many other South American regions. Then, in the early 2000s, economies around the world began to see trouble, which caused prices to rise, including the price of wine made in Europe and the U.S. Many Americans started seeking an affordable, delicious alternative and thus, it's time had arrived.

One of the most popular Malbecs in the US market today is *Bodega Norton Malbec Reserva, 2018, Argentina, (\$14.99)*, a perennial crowd-pleaser, this particular Malbec shows mesmerizing inky blues and purples in the glass, with loads of dark fruit and cigar box spice on the nose. Ready to roll with red cherry, black plum, and serious spice

swirled with earthy, herbal character and well-integrated tannins, this Malbec offers considerable interest for the money. Try it with any roasted or grilled red meat, as well as Lamb or Beef bourguignon.

Another popular and available wine is *Kaiken Ultra Malbec, 2017 Argentina, (\$18.99)*. This full-throttle Malbec from the heart of Mendoza's winemaking epicenter, is made by famous Chilean winemaker Aurelio Montes of Montes Wines. Black fruit, dark chocolate, and espresso aromas all combine on the nose, while blackberry, blueberry, and vanilla notes dance on the palate. Full-bodied, full-throttle and a big, juicy finish make this a Malbec to track down for sipping now or cellaring a few years.

Getting back to France, the Cahors region was given new life in the 1990's, when many of the top names from Bordeaux bought up many of the region's vineyards and transformed them. One of the best examples of this "new generation" of Malbec is *Chateau Lamartine, Cahors, 2016, (\$19.99)*. Made of 90% Malbec, with a soupçon of Merlot for finesse, this French version is definitely more structured. Deep, rich and bold, its black fruit, tobacco, graphite and earth tones give it a distinctively different nose than the Argentinian variety, while subtle oak notes, soft tannins and suitable grip will hold your interest. This French-accented



Malbec offers a different tone that you'll surely remember-devilish, more mysterious, and really pleasing to the curious palate.

In Argentina's Mendoza region, the Cuyo area, though relatively small, produces some of the country's ripest, most intense wines.

Tikal Patriota, Mendoza, Cuyo, 2012, (\$19.99), is the embodiment of all that makes this place special. It's not only a Wine Spectator "Top 100 Wines" selection; it's been given 91 points by Robert Parker-no small feat!

It presents a deep reddish purple with aromas of bright berry/cherry fruit and gives the impression of swallowing a whole bowl of mixed ripe berries at once. Big body, yet very balanced, with luscious layers of raspberry, cherry, and cocoa flavors. Just a hint of baking spice at the end brings it all together. This one is a natural with Prime Rib, bone-in, some yorkshire pudding and your favorite roasted vegetables. Enjoy!

Talk To The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com

You've got to read...

My two books, *The Southie Pact*, and the sequel, *Hope and Despair, The Southie Pact Part Two* are works of fiction set in South Boston. Although set in Southie, these two books depict the untimely deaths resulting from drug addiction which is affecting every community in the nation. They illustrate the grief, sadness, heartache, and despair loved one's experience when they are left behind with memories of what was; and

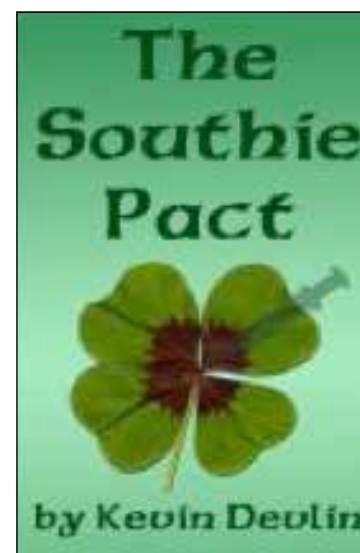
thoughts of what should have been.

In the first book a group of teenagers swear to a Pact not to see anymore of their friends die from drug overdoses, but as time passes, those involved with this pledge can't keep their promise. In the sequel, new characters are introduced and the struggle against drug addiction continues.

Thousands and thousands of Americans die from drug overdoses each year. From 1999 through 2017, 702,000

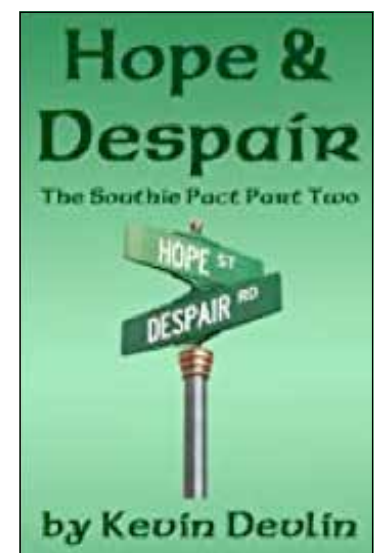


Americans died from drug overdoses. In 2016, 64,070 died (116 Americans per day), in 2017, 72,237 died,



in 2018, 67,367 died, and in 2019, over 70,000 died.

And this virus of addiction is not going away, only wors-



ening with each passing day.

These two books are available on AMAZON.COM in paperback and kindle.

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
16 Vinton Street Single Family	\$860,000	8/31/20	5	1.5	1,364
286 Bowen Street Two Family	\$850,000	8/12/20	9	3	1,300
284 Bowen Street Two Family	\$850,000	8/12/20	9	3.5	2,400
20 Loring Street Single Family	\$805,000	8/31/20	6	1.5	1,320
490-B East Seventh St Single Family	\$750,000	8/14/20	5	2.5	1,340
21 Grimes Street Single Family	\$705,000	8/31/20	7	2	1,176
7 Lovis Street Single Family	\$630,000	8/10/20	6	2	1,500
466 East Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$580,000	8/14/20	4	1	839
558 East Eighth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$570,000	8/8/20	4	1	695
580 East Second St UNIT 1 Condo	\$550,000	8/14/20	4	1	707
314-330 West Second St UNIT 209 Condo	\$548,100	8/14/20	3	1	671
159 Emerson St UNIT 159 Condo	\$541,000	8/14/20	3	1	676
14 Mitchell St UNIT 3 Condo	\$539,000	8/31/20	4	1	600
695 East Eighth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$510,000	8/7/20	1	1	622
366 K St UNIT 3 Condo	\$510,000	8/28/20	3	1	591
762 East Sixth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$490,000	8/19/20	3	1	748
18 Emerson St UNIT 2 Condo	\$489,000	8/27/20	3	1	593
340 West Second St UNIT 5 Condo	\$485,000	8/18/20	1	1	480
109 N St UNIT 1 Condo	\$420,000	8/31/20	3	1	480
10 Emmet St UNIT 2 Condo	\$389,900	8/19/20	3	1	375

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WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE

Boston Water and Sewer Commission will commence Water Main Flushing in the South Boston area starting:

October 11, 2020 through November 18, 2020

The boundaries for the areas being flushed: Boston Harbor to the north, William J. Day Boulevard to the south, Dorchester Avenue to the east and Dorchester Bay to the west.



The purpose of the Water Main Flushing Program is to improve drinking water quality for residents and businesses.

Water Main flushing will take place between the hours of
10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.

The flushing process may cause discolored water and a reduction in pressure. The discoloration of the water will be temporary and is not harmful. If the condition persists, please contact BWSC's 24 Hour Service at (617) 989-7000.

BWSC appreciates your patience as we work to improve the quality of drinking water we will provide to the residents and businesses of Boston.

If you have any questions, contact BWSC's Night Operations Manager at (617) 989-7000 or visit our website @ www.bwsc.org.



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MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES NEW SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR VETERANS OPENS IN BRIGHTON

Development will provide 25 units of affordable housing and supportive services for veterans in need



Building on his commitment to create more affordable housing in Boston, Mayor Martin J. Walsh along with Brighton Marine, a veteran network community in Brighton, and Boston's Veterans Services announced the official opening of a facility that provides 25 units of affordable housing to Boston area veterans.

The Boston Housing Authority, in partnership with Brighton Marine, Boston Veterans' Services, VA Boston Healthcare and Soldier On, will provide permanent, affordable housing and supportive services to 25 eligible veterans under the Federal Housing and Urban Development Veterans Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program. The HUD-VASH program provides veterans with comprehensive case management and wraparound services delivered on and off campus - including primary and mental health care, and if needed, substance abuse counseling - to help veteran residents further their recovery while achieving housing security and independence.

"The City of Boston is incred-

ibly fortunate to have a network of providers that deliver some of the highest-quality and most comprehensive services for homeless individuals in the United States," said Mayor Walsh. "We are proud of the fact that we have one of the highest sheltering rates for veterans in the nation. Brighton Marine is a great example of the work being done to help these individuals who have served our country, and I thank all of our partners involved for their work in making this incredible facility available to our veterans."

The City of Boston is committed to connecting Boston's military families with the resources and assistance they are entitled to. In 2015, Mayor Walsh released "An Action Plan to End Veteran and Chronic Homelessness In Boston: 2015 - 2018", which outlines the City's strategies to transform Boston's homeless response system in order to end veterans and chronic homelessness. Since the start of the plan the City has housed close to 1,300 veterans experiencing homelessness.

"Housing veterans has been a major priority for BHA for de-

acades," said Kate Bennett, Boston Housing Authority Administrator. "We are thrilled to be able to provide critical support for this project."

The Residences at Brighton Marine, the largest development for veterans since World War II, is a \$46 million transit oriented development (TOD) community providing 102 mixed-income apartment homes for veterans. The seven-story building is combined with an adapted historic structure to form a campus with 11 studio, 47 one-, 33 two-, and 11 three-bedroom apartments. 11 of the units will be set aside for households earning 30% of the area median income (AMI), 59 units for households earning 60% of the AMI, and 10 units for households at 80% of the AMI. The remaining 22 units will be at 120% of the AMI. Also included are on-site clinical, behavioral health, and family services.

"We could not be more thrilled to open additional housing options for veterans who have served our country," said Michael Dwyer, President of Brighton Marine. "This was truly a team

effort and we are thankful for the support of our Board of Directors and community partners who have rolled up their sleeves to bring this vision to life."

The complex is located near public transit and a local job center and will complement an existing initiative by the non-profit Brighton Marine that helps homeless veterans and their families with money for security deposits, rent, outstanding utility bills, and moving expenses.

The care for residents will be coordinated by the case management teams at Boston Veteran's Services, VA Boston Healthcare, and Soldier On, a private non-profit organization committed to ending veteran homelessness. Since 1994, Soldier On has been providing homeless veterans with transitional housing and supportive services. These two organizations, in conjunction with Brighton Marine will provide on-site assistance through many services, including providing a resident director who will be on-site to meet the unique needs of each resident.

"We at Soldier On are honored and excited to be included in the Brighton Marine veterans housing development. The men and women who served our country were there when we needed them, and we are here for them when they need a home and a community to be a part of," said Bruce Buckey, CEO and President of Soldier On. "We are grateful for Brighton Marine, their Board of Directors, the City of Boston, and all the other community partners to allow us to serve the veterans in this joint effort."

Each studio is fully furnished with private kitchenettes and full bathrooms. The facility will be fitted with state-of-the-art conferencing technology to support telehealth needs for veteran residents.

The Best Fall Foliage: Where and When to Go in 2020

The passing of summer sometimes brings a bit of sadness to people who really enjoy spending their free time outdoors. We tend to get used to the easy living and all those activities that the warm months encourage. The good thing is, to many, that sadness doesn't last all that long because once we roll into October, New England explodes into a kaleidoscope of magnificent colors as the leaves turn into one of nature's wonders and we still have a good dose of nice weather. That's right, it's fall foliage time and 'leaf peepers' are in their glory.

2020 seems to be one of those rare years that come around every so often where an unusually warm September tends to delay the peak foliage in New England. But not this year. Some in the know are speculating that because of the unusually dry August and September, the color show is arriving a bit early this year. But early or late, we'll take it. If you don't make an effort to get out there and enjoy the splendid display, you are really missing something special.

The Northeastern part of the United States is among the most picturesque areas in the world this time of year. When peak foliage hits, and it comes in waves; depending on what part of the area, enjoying one of the season's best features is anywhere from a 20 minute drive to the edge of the Blue Hills just outside of Boston to a weekend getaway to the Maine Wilderness; whatever makes you happy. While some have their favorite spots to view autumn's splendor, others are always looking for suggestions as to where they can see the best colors and really get into the spirit.

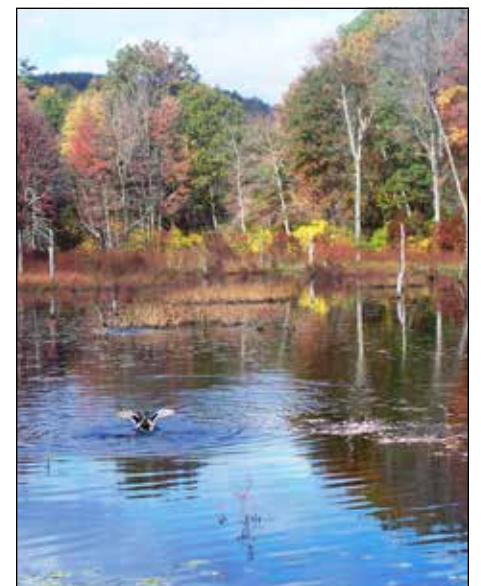
For those of you who DO want some suggestions, **South Boston Today** might be able to help. The following locations are said to be some of the best places to see the brightest colors of the season.

Baxter State Forest, Maine: If you like long drives into some of north east's true wilderness, and

it's soon you want to make the trip, Baxter State Forest in the state of Maine is one of the finest locales around for early leaf watching. It's a long drive; between 5 and 7 hours; not something you'd want to try on a day trip. This requires at least two days; preferably a full weekend or more. There are many package deals and bus trips that will make it a great vacation destination. This is also a good place to view wildlife as the area is teeming with moose, deer and black bears. It's a great place to watch birds as the eagle and hawk populations there are thriving. And the scenery is breathtaking. Thick forests, rivers and lakes fill hundreds of square miles with beauty. And the colors; in early October are incredible. The area peaks early. Now is the time to go.

White Mountains, New Hampshire: In most years, as the calendar pushes deeper into October, New Hampshire's White Mountains come alive with brilliant red, orange and yellow trees looking almost like a sunburst. Here again, in the White Mountain area, it has come a bit early. Its in full bloom and amazing to see. Many believe this area is by far the best in the entire United States for viewing foliage. This is a trip that can be made in just 3 hours to get the best effect. The ride up along Rt. 93 will show some great color once you get into the higher elevations. But if you want to see the White Mountain's color at its absolute best, take some of the smaller country roads and really be impressed. The small towns along the way will often have Fall Festivals to add to the experience and this is an area too where the odds of seeing deer and other wildlife are very good. The best time for foliage viewing in the White Mountain's area is usually around the Columbus Day weekend. And though in most years, the long Columbus Day holiday weekend is at its peak and getting ready to fade, it could actually start to fade before that.

Woodstock, Vermont: Once



again, peak viewing should actually begin on Columbus Day but as is the case in northern New Hampshire in 2020, it has arrived a bit early.. Here the Billings Farm and Museum gives an added attraction. You not only get to see the autumn leaves in all their glory but you get a taste of the Revolutionary War era culture that still holds on here. Old farm houses and country stores make you feel like you're visiting a bygone era. A drive through the forest lined roads leading to and from Woodstock can put you in awe of nature and make

you forget the fast pace of the city while you're there. And yes, here too, wildlife is abundant but you also get to see many horse and dairy farms as well.

Berkshire Mountains, Western Massachusetts: You don't have to travel north to see the sights of the season. A trip west, here in the Bay State will bring all the colors and festive autumn feel as the northern states do. The drive or bus trip a few hours along Route 2 heading west in mid to late October is absolutely beautiful. The **continued on page 12**

I Was Just Thinking...



By Kevin Devlin

Honesty, balance, and integrity no longer resides in the halls of mainstream media. They have been abandoned, orphaned at the steps of bias and omission.

“In 2017, the liberal Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and

Public Policy at Harvard University found that 93 percent of CNN’s coverage of the Trump administration was negative,” wrote Hoover Institution Senior Fellow, Victor Davis Hanson. “The center found similarly negative Trump coverage at other major news outlets.”

This year being election season has only increased the degree of bias in the press—if that’s possible. And trying to distinguish between major newspapers as well as network and cable news organizations from the Joe Biden campaign is futile, because they are indistinguishable.

“However, the real warping of the news is not just a matter of slanting coverage, but deliberately not covering the news at all,” Hanson further wrote, citing the

stunning breakthroughs in Middle Eastern diplomacy bringing new hope to the area and promise for a safer future in this perennial war-torn region. Sadly, and on cue, these historic events have been conveniently dismissed, omitted in the media because it upends its narrative. If this peace initiative had been effectuated by the Democrats, it would have been blasted all over the news outlets 24-7 as a glorious achievement.

“The news as we once understood it is dead,” Hanson concluded. “It has been replaced by the un-news: a political narrative created by partisans who believe the noble ends of destroying Trump justify any biased means necessary -- including destroying their own reputation and craft.”

Media types are so transparent. They have lost their objectivity to present the news in a fair and balanced manner. They no longer

hide their biases and are consumed with animosity for the president, clearly disrespecting the office of the presidency daily. Their overall demeanor and despicable “gotcha” questions during press briefings clearly illuminate that disrespect.

People don’t believe the mainstream media.

Don’t believe what they say.

Don’t care what they write.

Laugh at their outlandish statements and wince at their irresponsible exaggerations of that evil man residing in the White House.

Meanwhile the media pretend to be outraged yet make outrageous statements.

They think they are bright, enlightened, but they are sad, little people with damaged egos constantly projecting their shortcomings on others.

Nobody’s buying what they are trying to sell and it’s only going to get worse before it gets better.

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farther west you go the higher the elevation becomes until you are in the Berkshire Mountains with all its scenic views. If you travel far enough you’ll come to the Mohawk Trail area known worldwide as a destination to many tourists looking for that special fall atmosphere with all its history even before the American Revolution. This is an area rich in farmland and dotted with lakes and ponds. The apple picking is excellent here. Orchards are everywhere and the sweet aroma from those apples will make you want to bite into one.

Blue Hills, Canton/Milton, MA: And finally, if you want to get to see the fall foliage but really don’t want to spend too much time

getting to where the peak sights are, as we mentioned early on, there is always the **Blue Hills**, just a 20 minute trip from Boston. The colors in the Blue Hills peak late in the season, so when other more distant areas have become past peak and faded, the Blue Hills, especially along Chicatawbut Rd. are still bright and fresh. In fact, some years you can still see great foliage in the Blue Hills as late as Halloween and beyond.

Well, there you have it folks. **South Boston Today’s** picks for fall foliage viewing in 2020 for those who love being outdoors and seeing Mother Nature at her best this time of year. We hope these tips are helpful and that if you go, you have a great time. Oh, and be sure to bring a camera or phone.



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and access to quality health care are the cornerstones of collaboration - to protect, preserve, and promote the health and well-being of all Boston residents, particularly those who are most vulnerable.

Friends of Boston’s Homeless supports solutions-oriented programs

with proven track records that help people transition from the streets and shelters into safe, dignified housing and reclaim their lives. The final transition steps out of homelessness are often the most crucial, and this program can help make them happen.

In addition to its South Boston Headquarters, Mass Bay Credit

Union has branches in Everett, Quincy, and the Seaport. Over 19,000 people choose Mass Bay Credit Union for great rates, low fees, and personal service. In addition to offering a full array of deposit and lending products, Mass Bay Credit Union Members have access to over 55,000 sur-

charge free ATMs and 6,800 credit union branches. In business since 1936, Mass Bay Credit Union has assets in excess of \$275 million. Through its Charitable Foundation, Mass Bay Credit Union carries out many initiatives throughout the year to benefit the people and communities they serve.

M STREET SOFTBALL – CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK

By Mark Senna

After ten weeks of competitive softball games and dodging the mask police, we have made it to the finals. There were moments when our season was in jeopardy as the city issued shutdown warnings for leagues not complying with their social distancing guidelines. We stepped up our efforts and as a result, we are still playing softball.

Thankfully, we are in the last week of the season as both our “A” and “B” championship series are underway. At press time, Lincoln Tavern was holding a two games to none lead over the defending champion, Pat Simpson Club in the “A” final. That series was scheduled to continue on Tuesday at 8:30 pm then if needed, Wednesday at 7 pm and Thursday at 8:30 pm. The first two games of the series went as follows.

Game 1: Monday, September 21st

With the score tied 2-2 in the top of the fifth with two outs and the bases loaded, Taylor Ferguson hit a clutch two run double that put Lincoln in front to stay. Max Vigliotti followed with a RBI single that made it 5-2.

In the fifth, pitcher Chris Boyd retired the side in order and Simpson was down to their last six outs. As they have shown before, the Simpson Club can rally late in games and tonight was no different. Mark Goodman started the bottom of the sixth off with a single and took second on brother Brian’s walk. Simpson had Boyd and Lincoln right where they wanted them - two base runners on with their 4, 5, & 6 hitters coming to bat. However, Boyd retired Miguel Dupree on an infield pop out and then got Mike Bulman to chase an outside pitch for strike three. Simpson club would need a clutch two out hit just as Lincoln got an inning earlier. It wasn’t to be as Boyd and Lincoln escaped

the inning without yielding a run.

There was little noise in the seventh as the Simpson Club surprisingly went down in order 1-2-3. Boyd’s counterpart, Mike Garland, took the loss and has to be a bit frustrated with the lack of run support. More so, Garland led the team with the highest batting average during the season yet he can’t crack the batting order in the playoffs. The defending champions will need to make some adjustments before game two on Thursday or face a daunting task of needing to win three in a row.

Game 2: Thursday, September 24th

With the Simpson Club trailing 5-4 in the top of the sixth inning, Miguel Dupree hit a towering two run homerun down the left field line that put Simpson in front. They weren’t done scoring in the inning either - a walk, single, and walk to Mike Bulman loaded the bases for Scott Simpson. On a 2-2 count, Scott (2 hits, 5 RBI) smoked a line drive to center that cleared the bases, 9-5! Lincoln got out of the inning without any further damage but the lead was lost and possibly the game too. This was my story in the sixth inning as watching from home I was quite sure Dupree’s homer would be the difference.

However, Lincoln had other ideas and responded in the bottom of the sixth by loading the bases with one out. On the first strike he saw, lefty hitter Conor Gleason, ripped a line drive to right center that split the outfielders and fell for a triple making it 9-8. The next batter hit a grounder to second which was plenty deep enough to score Gleason from third but he didn’t budge, still 9-8. A routine fly ball was the third out and Simpson was still in front heading to the seventh.

Oh the seventh inning...this one will be talked about for some time. After pitcher Chris Boyd and Lincoln’s defense held

Simpson in the top of the inning, their offense would need to go to work against Mike Garland, who was brought into the game in the fifth. Slugger Max Vigliotti was up first and quickly started the inning with a hard single to right. Will Brennan then followed with a line drive single to left. Now here’s where “the call” that will be talked about for some time took place. Boyd hit a grounder to third baseman, Mike Gallo, who tried to tag the runner coming from second and then threw to first to get Boyd. There was confusion; Simpson thought they had turned a double play. Lincoln stated their case that he missed the base runner but got the batter at first. In the end, that’s where we stood...second and third with one out.

Jeff White was up next and on a 0-1 pitch, White hit a tapper out front of the plate that Garland pounced on but then threw wildly to home. Everyone was safe and the game was tied 9-9 with the bases still loaded. Mike Kent now had a chance to win the game and give Lincoln a commanding 2-0 series lead. However, Garland wasn’t having it as he struck Kent out on three pitches.

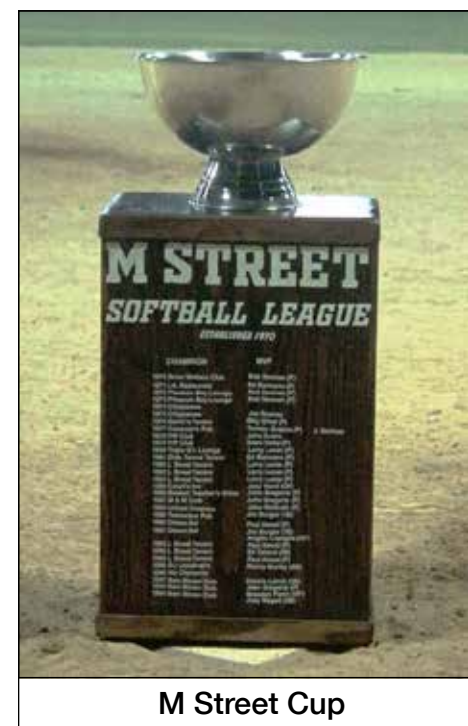
Enter Sean Gorman. Gorman is in his tenth year of play at M Street and has experienced his share of playoff heartbreak. Ball one is high and outside. Gorman was on a Lincoln team that was one out away from winning a championship. Ball two is high. In that same game, the score was tied 5-5 in the bottom of the seventh with runners on the corners. Foul ball. The count is 2-1. All Lincoln needed was a fly ball or a ground ball to get the runner in from third. Ball three is low. Instead, the batter hit a sharp ground ball to Steve Stalcup who flipped to Luis Colon and then fired to first to complete the double play. Lincoln would lose that game and the series. Ball four is high – the game is over! Gorman draws a two out bases loaded walk to give Lincoln a 2-0 series lead. It was a thrilling win for Lincoln and a gut wrenching

loss for Garland and the Simpson Club. Their backs are against the wall and they will now need to win three in a row.

The “B” championship series between DRC and Betty’s/Publico was scheduled to get started on Monday. These are best of five series so it’s very possible they will be playing every night of the week. This is the first meeting between the clubs, as they didn’t face each other during the regular season. One thing that can be expected in this series is runs and plenty of them.

Betty’s scores in bunches and will be very tough to contain for the DRC defense. Their victories are usually one-sided affairs (14-5, 17-4) where they simply overpower their opponent. Chris Peris, Steve Dazzo, Ryan McManus, Paul Iasiello, and Jack Sheehy bring the power while Alberto Vasquez handles the pitching duties. They were 5-1 in the playoffs and are more than capable of capturing their first championship at M Street.

On the other side of the diamond is the over achieving DRC squad. When we started the season eleven weeks ago, nobody would have picked them to be here in the finals. They narrowly won their “play-in” game, 9-8 over the Bombers and were facing elimination after falling behind



M Street Cup

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South Boston Catholic Academy News

Grade 1C Highlights

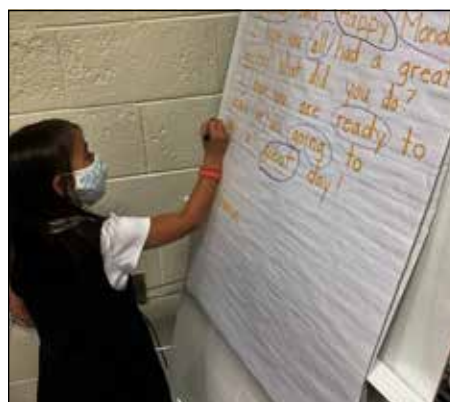
From our Gr. 1C Teacher, Ms. Caroline Gannon...

Although things are different this school year, as a class we are working together to learn in creative and innovative ways. Twelve students are able to sit on the rug, while other students pull up their chair to join the class. Students keep a 3 feet distance at all times and it is nice to be able to sit in another area than their desks. During the morning meeting, I read a morning message to the students. The students are then able to circle sight words, two-syllable words, high frequency words, and proper nouns. Because we can't share the same writing utensil, the

students are able to use their personal crayons/markers. This allows the students to still be involved in activities.

The students also have jobs to help me in the classroom that follow CDC guidelines. This allows students to have different responsibilities in the classroom by helping me and their classmates. During math, students use their own expo markers to come up to the board and solve problems and write equations. We have read many books as a class thus far. We are starting our second Junie B. Jones chapter book this week! It is great having students involved in discussions about the text and working together to learn.

We are all looking forward to having a great year in Grade 1C here at South Boston Catholic Academy!



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to Dukies in the quarterfinals. However, they have found a way to persevere and keep their magical season alive.

Their pitcher, Jason Maxwell, will play a vital role in how this series goes but he's going to need help. DRC has some great hitters in Tommy Clark, Ty Meka, Ben Roskamp, and Danny Kelley but they are not as deep as Betty's lineup so their defense will need to make the plays in the field to offset the difference. It's guaran-

teed to be a great week at the park but who will win the honors of lifting the prize trophy – the 40lb M Street Cup?

In closing, when the league made the move to broadcast all of the playoff games on Face-Book "live", little did we know just how far the signal would travel. Former South Boston resident and M Street player, Danny Smallcomb, now resides in Sacramento, California. Danny tunes in most nights and says he's 3000 miles away but feels

like he's sitting right behind home plate cracking jokes with his friends.

That will wrap up another busy week at this address. Reminder, "Like" our M Street Softball League page on FaceBook to catch our live playoff broadcasts. Games are played Monday through Friday starting at 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm but the schedule may change as it depends on each series. For the latest schedule, news, and more go to www.sbsports.com. Enjoy your week everyone!





This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for Week 4 in the NFL:

I had another 4-1 week against the spread in Week 3. My record against the spread this season is now 8-2 (I didn't make any picks in Week 1).

My only loss in Week 3 was the Houston Texans as a 4-point underdog against the Steelers in Pittsburgh. I really didn't think Houston would be off to an 0-3 start, but after losing to the Steelers 28-21 on Sunday, that 0-3 start is real.

Anyways, let's strive for perfection this week. Here are my picks for Week 4:

ARIZONA CARDINALS (-3.5) over Carolina Panthers

-The 2-1 Cardinals are coming off a loss to the Detroit Lions in Week 3, as the Lions hit a game-winning field goal with time expiring. I expect Arizona to go into Carolina on Sunday at 1 p.m. and bounce back strong against a Panthers defense that's allowed 27 points per game through the first three games. Carolina is 1-2 and is coming off its first win of the season — a 21-16 victory over the Chargers in LA. Before that, the Panthers opened the season with losses to the Raiders and Buccaneers. With Christian

McCaffrey on injured reserve because of a high ankle sprain, I don't see Carolina as any kind of threat to a Cardinals team that should have a big year in 2020. This will be a big bounce-back win for Arizona. Cardinals win by two touchdowns.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (-6.5) over Miami Dolphins

-The undefeated Seahawks head to the East Coast to take on the 1-2 Dolphins in Miami. Seattle is coming off an impressive 38-31 win over the Cowboys, in which Russell Wilson threw five touchdown passes for the second consecutive game. Wilson leads the NFL in touchdown passes with 14 through three games. I really don't think the Dolphins stand a chance in this one. Seattle's offense is too high-powered, and they seem to be one of those teams that's locked in on dominance this season. Wilson and the Seahawks are playing like they have something to prove. They win by 10.

BUFFALO BILLS (-3) over Las Vegas Raiders

-This Bills pick will be my third road favorite of the week. But for good reason. Buffalo is off to a

3-0 start. And get this, the Bills are doing it with their offense, not their defense. Josh Allen ranks second in the NFL in both passing yards (1,038) and touchdowns (10). He's also only thrown one interception. Dare I say, the Bills are for real? This game on Sunday at 4:25 in Las Vegas won't be easy, as the 2-1 Raiders are looking to bounce back from a loss to the Patriots in New England last Sunday. The Raiders also have an impressive Week 2 win over the Saints on their 2020 resume. So you could make the argument that this will be the game of the week. I'll admit, this is kind of a ballsy pick. But I'm picking it anyways. Give me the Bills to win and cover on the road.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (+7) over Kansas City Chiefs

-I think you'll see a lot of people picking Kansas City in this one, mainly because of their big 34-20 win over the Ravens in Baltimore on Monday night. The Chiefs are undefeated, and they now host the 2-1 Patriots on Sunday at 4:25. I was hesitant to pick the Pats here, but knowing Bill Belichick, he'll find a way to keep this game within a

touchdown. Even if New England doesn't win, I do think they'll cover. I'll take the Patriots as a 7-point dog in Kansas City.

LOCK OF THE WEEK: TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (-7) over LA Chargers

-After losing to the Saints in Week 1, the Buccaneers have won two straight and are in first place in the NFC South at 2-1. Now, they host the 1-2 Chargers on Sunday at 1. I'm still not used to seeing Tom Brady in this Bucs uniform. But I expect Tampa Bay to only get better as the weeks go on, with Brady at the helm. The Chargers have turned to rookie quarterback Justin Herbert, who's been exciting to watch thus far. But LA is coming off a loss to the McCaffrey-less Panthers in Week 3. The only question here is, will the Buccaneers cover the spread? I think they will. Give me Tampa Bay all day.

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SPORTS TODAY

PATRIOTS HEAD TO KANSAS CITY FOR AFC SHOWDOWN

SBT Staff

The New England Patriots will look to make it two straight wins as they take on the defending Super Bowl champion Chiefs in Kansas City on Sunday at 4:25 p.m.

Kansas City remains undefeated after taking care of the Ravens, 34-20, on Monday night in Baltimore.

Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes is already off to an MVP-caliber season with 900 passing yards, nine touchdowns, and zero interceptions through the first three games of the 2020 season. Now he goes up against a new-look Patriots team that's without several of its best defensive play-

ers due to Covid-19 opt-outs.

The 2-1 Patriots are coming off a big Week 3 win over the Las Vegas Raiders at Gillette Stadium. Cam Newton finished the game 17-of-28 for 162 pass yards, one touchdown, and one interception. His lone touchdown pass was to running back Rex Burkhead, who had a game for himself in the absence of James White.

Burkhead scored all three of New England's touchdowns in the win. Burkhead had a game-high seven catches, and along with the touchdown reception, he also scored two rushing touchdowns.

Sony Michel led the Patriots with 117 rush yards.

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CELTICS ELIMINATED IN EAST FINALS

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We won't see a Celtics vs Lakers NBA Finals in the bubble after all.

Los Angeles will be playing in the Finals, but the Celtics will be going home after losing to the Miami Heat in the

Eastern Conference Finals in six games.

Miami won the first two games of the series, and then the Celtics won Game 3. The Heat then took Game 4 to take a commanding 3-1 series lead. But the C's forced a Game 6 with a huge Game 5 win to cut Miami's

series lead to 3-2.

There would be no Game 7 though, as the Heat won Game 6 last Sunday night, setting up a Miami vs Los Angeles NBA Finals, where the top storyline will be LeBron James taking on his former team.

The Lakers are the favorite to win the Finals.

The run game could very well work in the Patriots' favor on Sunday in Kansas City. Through the first three weeks of the season, the Chiefs have had one of the worst run defenses in the NFL, allowing 153 rush yards per game.

Kansas City's defense has allowed 20 points per game. New England's defense has allowed 22 points per game.

Sunday's game against the Chiefs will be the Patriots' second of three straight games against an AFC West team. The Patriots will host the Denver Broncos at Gillette Stadium next week in Week 5, before entering their early Week 6 bye.

WHAT TO WATCH

NFL SUNDAY, OCT. 4
LA Chargers at Tampa Bay (-7)
1 P.M. CBS

New England at Kansas City (-7)
4:25 P.M. CBS

Philadelphia at San Francisco (-7)
8:20 P.M. NBC

MONDAY, OCT. 5
Atlanta at Green Bay (-7)
8:15 P.M. ESPN

NBA FRIDAY, OCT. 2
NBA Finals
Gm 2: Miami vs LA Lakers
9 P.M. ABC

SUNDAY, OCT. 4
NBA Finals
Gm 3: LA Lakers vs Miami
7:30 P.M. ABC

ROENICKE OUT AS RED SOX MANAGER

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Before their final game of the season on Sunday afternoon, the Boston Red Sox announced that Ron Roenicke will not return as the team's manager for the 2021 season.

Red Sox Chief Baseball Officer Chaim Bloom made the announcement in a statement that read:

"Throughout this difficult season, Ron's consistency and professionalism kept the environment in our clubhouse productive and gave all of our players room to grow and develop. While we believe that, moving forward, we will benefit from new leadership and new energy, that does not diminish how strongly we feel about Ron. He is a man of the highest character who cares about our players and the Red Sox organization. As bench coach, he helped this team win a world championship. As manager, he showed poise and leadership in navigating an extremely challenging year. We are grateful for all of his contributions in our uniform."

Roenicke was named Red Sox manager in February, replacing Alex Cora. Roenicke was previously the Red Sox bench coach in 2018 and 2019.

The Red Sox said in their statement that a search for a new manager will "begin immediately."



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