

Speculation Abounds On Washington DC Appointments



Until further notice, the prospects of Joe Biden being certified as the President-Elect soon, has his victory setting up the ultimate political guessing game in

Massachusetts. Senator Elizabeth Warren for Treasury Secretary? Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh for Labor Secretary? Representative Stephen Lynch for Labor Secretary or Post-

master General? Those possibilities are logical enough given the backgrounds and passions of each person. According to journalism

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EDITORIAL

Tis the Season: Keep an Eye Out for Package Thieves

The reports are already coming into this newspaper, and to the police about delivered packages mysteriously going missing from front steps around the neighborhood. As Thanksgiving fast approaches, followed by the Christmas season, online shopping is rapidly picking up with that ever so convenient process of having those bought and paid for gifts for family and friends brought directly to your home.

It saves quite a bit of time and travel shopping this way compared to going out and

battling crowds at the brick and mortar stores. But with that convenience, it unfortunately has become the busiest shopping season for the package thieves who are only too happy to steal what the delivery companies leave at your door. And it seems to get worse each year and has been for easily over a decade. The package thieves tend to strike mainly during the daytime hours on weekdays. They figure that there will be fewer people at home during the regular work week making it less likely they will get caught. So, what to do to

defend against this?

Here are our suggestions: Security cameras are becoming more advanced, easier to use and yes, even less expensive all the time. From 'RING' doorbell cameras to the wireless 'BLINK' Security systems, these devices can be operated and monitored by your smart phones. There are also the inexpensive GAME Cameras, used by hunters and conservationists in the woods that take excellent still photos and videos that can be hung up either inside the house pointing out a window or outside and the costs of these

units start as low as \$25.

There is also another very effective way to help guard against package thieves. It's the Neighbor Helping Neighbor practice. Why not talk to those who live nearby or even right next door and make an agreement with them that if you see a package delivered to each other's homes, when out, you'll bring it in to your home and keep it safe, until your neighbor returns. This is a practice that takes place in many areas of South Boston and has been for years and it works.

In addition, it's important to also report to police any



suspicious activity you might notice in your area. It's a proven fact, that burglars and thieves learn quickly in which neighborhoods residents watch out for one another and they look elsewhere to commit their crimes.

"What causes sibling rivalry? ... Having more than one kid. " - Tim Allen

Man Viciously Attacked in Southie by Gang on Dirt Bikes

SBT Staff Report

It was last Monday, November 16th at approximately 8pm on Dorchester Street in South Boston when a vicious attack took place, and one man was injured. Video footage showed a dozen or more people, described by witnesses as black males riding dirt bikes, 4 wheelers and small motorized scooters racing through the street harassing motorists as they went. One man, by himself in the street, was targeted by the bikers and



was knocked to the ground. Once down, he was surrounded by some of the group on the bikes and not only punched and kicked while down but also what appeared to be deliberately run over several times by the bikes.

The attack appeared to have

lasted about 5 minutes and had oncoming traffic backed up as the motorists couldn't get by the turmoil in the street. And it didn't go unnoticed that no one came to the aid of the victim. The victim was able to get back on his feet and limp to the sidewalk. The group on the bikes continued to circle the area, racing their engines and some were also doing 'wheelies' before fleeing in the direction of Andrew Square.

Police were called and responded but arrived on the scene after the group had driven off. The victim said that he had injuries to his arms, legs, back, shoulders and head, both from being punched and

kicked by his assailants as well as being run over by the motorized bikes.

As of this writing, police sources informed South Boston Today that there is an ongoing investigation into the incident but as of yet, no arrests have been made and names of suspects have not been divulged.

There have been a growing number of complaints about roving gangs riding dirt bikes, scooters and 4 wheelers, sometimes called 'Quads', racing through Boston neighborhoods harassing traffic as well as pedestrians. Witnesses have stated that the group or groups some-

times gather near the South Bay Mall, which they are said to be using as a staging area before heading out to various sections of Boston. Witnesses also have stated that these bikers continuously drive recklessly and at high speeds and are increasingly becoming a danger.

The actions by these groups are said to be clearly illegal and have caused injuries to people even before last Monday's incident in South Boston. As of yet, law enforcement officials don't seem to have the ability to bring this situation under control and Boston residents are asking why.

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The Information Center

Does the News Media Have Any Credibility Left?

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Every survey shows that the news media's credibility is at its lowest point ever. Most people no longer trust it. There was a time when Americans turned to the media to find out the news of the day. Most people, having a busy schedule between jobs/careers, families etc, wanted to keep up with what was going on in their local areas, across the country and even around the world. So, they would pick up a newspaper or as technology advanced, listen to the radio, turn on their TVs. It was a way to 'be in the know' that folks thought they could trust to get accurate information and stay up with the times. But sadly, those days have since passed and now, trusting in and believing what the news media 'reports' has gone from 'what's going on in the world?' to what are they trying to make us believe now?

Today's news media, in large part is made up of super wealthy, biased to the extreme, leftist ideologues who dictate and run the show from behind the scenes and preening egotist anchor people who spout the leftist party line from their news desks. Add to this, the childlike, spoiled brats out on the streets, camera crews in tow, saying anything they must, no matter how outlandish it might be in order to bring up their ratings and attract attention to themselves and you have today's news media in all its repugnant glory.

They slant, they twist and distort the news to fit their own personal political agendas. If they don't want the public to see actual news that's happening, they just ignore it or reshape it to get the effect they want. And in some cases, they will just lie to us. They have put out so many false stories and created so much fake news, especially during the last 4 years, that they don't even bother retracting or apologizing for it when they get caught and are exposed. They seem to be of the old Nazi mindset of 'tell a lie often enough and

maybe people will believe it'.

Some of the more blatant examples during the recent election are the ignoring of the 'irregularities' in voting. Though literally thousands of reports of voter fraud and ballot tampering were uncovered, often by election officials and poll workers themselves dropping dimes, the media either refuses to report it or dismisses it as hearsay, even when these election workers have signed statements swearing to what they have witnessed. When there is actually video footage of ballots being tampered with and changed, the press says it is nonsense. You know we should never believe our lying eyes. And if everything was on the level during the counting of ballots, why were certified poll watchers not allowed to do what they were hired to do?

We all saw the videos, before they were taken down, of sheets, curtains and cardboard blockers being put up so no one could look through the windows to watch the process. And let's not forget last weekend's massive pro Trump rally in DC. CNN and other bogus networks reported that 'hundreds' descended on the nation's capital in support of the President when video from police and the count by the park service clearly showed there to be tens of thousands of marchers. CNN quickly removed their segment when the videos were made public. But why did they even bother? No one believed them in the first place.

But going beyond the election coverage for examples, we can look at the media coverage of the Covid Virus. When the ever-changing advice from Dr. Fauci is what the press wants to hear and hopes the public will follow, the media shouts it from the highest mountain tops – non-stop. When he changes his story, which is just about every week, the press tends to bury it, if they mention it at all. When Fauci says we 'must wear masks' it's re-

ported 24-7. When he changes his tune and says, well, maybe masks are more symbolic than helpful - crickets. You have to do research to find his quote. Dr. Fauci is the darling of the news media, when he says what the press wants him to say. When he says what reporters don't want the rest of us to hear, it's like the guy doesn't even exist.

Several months ago, a group of foreign doctors, specialists in the field of infectious diseases and viruses, called a much heralded press conference. It was assumed that these doctors would be in agreement with Fauci. As the doctors stepped up to the podium, a

phalanx of news cameras lined up in breathless anticipation that they would hear confirmed, the line on the virus that was being pushed by the press. But when the doctors began speaking, disputing the Fauci line, the press immediately shut down and went home and went right to work trying to discredit the doctors and dismiss them as a bunch of kooks. So, the question here is this. If the press cannot be trusted to tell the truth, do we even need them any longer. And isn't no news coverage better than false coverage? This is a question to ponder as we move into the future.

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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.

Rep. Dooley to the rescue? State lawmaker to challenge Lyons for Mass. GOP chair

Rep. Shawn Dooley, a conservative who has referred to Gov. Charlie Baker as “King Charles” and yet is apparently still on friendly terms with the moderate Republican governor, plans to challenge fellow conservative Jim Lyons for chair of the Massachusetts State Republican Party, saying the divided GOP needs to pull together to avoid political obliteration after its electoral annus horribilis in 2020. The Globe’s Matt Stout, the Herald’s Lisa Kashinsky and SHNS’s Matt Murphy have more on Dooley’s attempt to save a party seemingly

intent on not saving itself (see next item).

Herald-Franklin poll: Trump voters want president to run again in 2024

How can any future Mass. GOP chairman pull together the pro-Trump and anti-Trump factions within the party when an overwhelming majority of Republicans want President Trump to run for president again in 2024? It won’t be easy. The Herald’s Joe Battenfeld has the details on a new nationwide Franklin Pierce University-Boston Herald poll on GOP (positive) attitudes toward the president. Speaking of the Herald and Donald Trump, take a gander at the

paper’s recent editorials since the presidential election. Notice anything missing? Hint: It has to do with the biggest post-election political story out there. Hint No. 2: The Herald has its own base to consider, too.

Amid State House virus outbreak, Senate to go mostly remote during budget debate

As Gov. Charlie Baker urges schools to forgo remote learning in favor of in-person learning, the Massachusetts Senate is basically saying to hell with in-person legislating and opting for largely remote legislating this week during budget deliberations, following reports of one senator, three

representatives and four House staffers recently testing positive for COVID-19. MassLive’s Steph Solis and the Herald’s Erin Tiernan have more on the various Senate budget-debate restrictions this week.

Tucked into the Senate budget: A measure to extend early and mail-in voting

At the Salem News, Christian Wade reports on one of hundreds of amendments tacked onto the Senate bill that will be debated this week: A measure allowing for early and mail-in voting through June 30, 2021. Voting rights groups are backing the push.

Btw: Also tacked onto the Senate budget, to Gov. Baker’s consternation, is roughly the same ROE Act measure passed by the House last week. But it’s wording is slightly different. Bruce Mohl at Commonwealth magazine explains.

REP. BIELE VOTES TO PASS \$46 BILLION HOUSE BUDGET

Targeted Investments in Substance Use Treatment, Education, Housing, & COVID-19 Initiatives



Last week, **State Representative David Biele** joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in passing its Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21).

Funded at \$46 billion, the House budget aims to address the sweeping effects of the global pandemic by making crucial investments in housing, food security, substance use

addiction services, education, and economic development.

“During this public health pandemic, I was proud to join my colleagues in passing a budget that supports the most vulnerable in our communities,” **said Rep. Biele**. “Despite these difficult and unprecedented times, this year’s budget makes crucial investments in programs and services that residents rely on every day for housing stability, food security, education, and mental health and substance addiction treatment.”

Locally, the City of Boston is set to receive **\$221.9 million in Chapter 70 education funding and \$201.1 million in Unrestricted General Government Aid** under the House budget. The House budget also includes an additional \$53 million allocation for COVID-related student supports.

Due to the pandemic, access to safe and affordable housing for many families across the Commonwealth is threatened and this year’s House budget makes targeted investments into rental and housing assistance to combat the housing and homelessness crisis by providing **\$50 million for the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition Program (RAFT) and \$135 million for the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP)**.

To provide assistance to those who are battling substance addiction, the budget increased **funding for the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services to \$162 million** while offering continued support for step-down recovery services.

In response to the widespread economic effects of the COVID pandemic, the House budget invests in

labor and economic development programs that provide opportunities for the Commonwealth’s workers and its businesses. The budget authorizes **\$50 million for economic development**, including \$15 million for local Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), \$15 million for community development financial institutions and \$16 million for grants to support small businesses.

The budget also invests in critical **health and human services** agencies and providers including \$30 million in emergency food assistance.

In order to support programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, the House budget increases **funding for developmental services to \$2.1 billion**, including \$264 million for community day and work programs, \$236 million for residential services and \$39 million for autism omnibus services.

The House budget calls for \$302 million in spending for **environmental programs**, which aim protect the Commonwealth’s natural resources, including **\$50 million for state parks and recreation**.

The budget is now with the Senate.

Councilors Flynn and Bok Opposed Executive Suite Proposal

Boston City Councilors Ed Flynn and Kenzie Bok continue to oppose proposals from corporate operators who seek to convert residential units into executive suites, as the latest proposal for such came before the Zoning Board of Appeals this Tuesday. Both Councilors have been vocal about the need to preserve residential units in the city amidst a housing crisis and having strong enforcement of the city's Short-Term Rentals Ordinance, which protects our housing stock from speculative investor units. The application from Sonder was ultimately denied by the Zoning Board of Appeals today.

The proposal was for Sonder to convert 21 residential units to executive suites at 101-111 Arch Street, and executive suites are a forbidden use in the Arch Street area. Concerned residents and community advocates had reached out about the proposal, as it runs in contrary to the city's Short-Term Rentals Ordinance and takes away valuable units from our city's housing stock. There have been multiple proposals to convert short term rental units and residential units to executive suite units,

and this latest proposal at Arch Street raised concerns that corporate operators are continuing to attempt to circumvent regulations and operate short term rental units in the same fashion. Councilor Flynn and Councilor Bok submitted a joint written letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals and were pleased by the decision from the Board to deny this proposal.

"When I ran for City Council in 2017, I advocated for strong regulations to remove large corporations from the Short Term Rental market as unscrupulous speculators negatively impacted our housing stock, along with quality of life issues that ensued from de facto unregulated hotels with absentee landlords in our communities. I proudly advocated for their removal and voted in favor of the Short-Term Rental ordinance. It is my belief that this and similar proposals to convert housing units into Executive Suites runs contrary to the spirit of the Short-Term Rentals Ordinance," said Councilor Flynn. "As the District 2 City Councilor, I've witnessed their detrimental effects and believe that our city should remain a place where working families



and the middle class, our proud immigrant neighbors, our seniors and persons with disabilities can call home. I'm glad that this proposal for Executive Suites was denied, and I want to thank Councilor Bok for her partnership on this issue, along with the neighbors, civic groups and housing advocates as well.

"I am thrilled that, after so much community activism, the ZBA denied this application for a conversion of housing units into executive suites today. The Short-Term Rental Ordinance was a hard-won achievement of so many downtown neighborhood



groups, and we cannot allow it to be circumvented by a semantic category change. Boston needs to focus on long-term housing for our residents and on strengthening our communities during these unprecedented times. I am grateful to Councilor Flynn for his leadership and partnership on this issue, and I hope today's decision will send a strong message to discourage any further efforts by corporate entities to evade the spirit of the city's ordinance."

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



Donations Needed For The Chelsea Soldiers Home

The Thomas J. Fitzgerald VFW Post 561, 715 East Fourth Street (behind the Stop & Shop) will be accepting Christmas donations for the Chelsea Soldiers Home on Saturday, December 5th, between 9:00AM and 1:00PM: gift cards, hats, socks, scarves, toiletries, etc. As you all know, no-one has been hit harder by COVID-19 than our Soldiers' Homes.

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Textile Recycling Dropbox Program Underway

Following through with recommendations made in the City of Boston's first ever Zero Waste Plan, the Boston Public Works Department (PWD) in partnership with northeast-based textile recycling company, Helpsy, began delivering dropboxes for residents to dispose of their textiles to municipal parking lots across Boston. These dropboxes are part of the City of Boston's work to expand recycling services city-wide, creating a healthier and greener environment for generations to come.

"Reducing waste is a core element of ensuring Boston is a healthy, thriving and sustainable city," said Mayor Walsh. "This program moves us one step closer to our ultimate goal of becoming a Zero Waste City, and we will continue to work hard to achieve Boston's environmental goals."

For residents looking to drop off their household textiles, including clothes, shoes, sneakers, bags, stuffed animals, bedding and towels, those items must be dry and placed into a secured plastic bag. Dropboxes can be found at municipal lots in Brighton, Dorchester, East Boston, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, South Boston, Roslindale and West Roxbury.

Textile dropbox locations include:

- 398 Market Street, Brighton
- 191 Adams Street, Dorchester
- 20 Georgia Street, Dorchester
- 575 Washington Street, Dorchester
- 166 London Street, East Boston
- 37 Winthrop Street, Hyde Park
- 490 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain
- 450 West Broadway, South Boston
- 10 Taft Hill Terrace, Roslindale
- 39-41 Corey Street, West Roxbury

Once sorted and graded, 95 percent of textiles collected are reused, upcycled, or recycled, 75 percent being reused, and 20 percent being recycled. The higher grades are resold to thrift stores in North America and other second hand markets around the world. The lower grades get turned into rags for



industrial use or alternative functions like stuffing or insulation. In just the last year, Helpsy has collected and processed over 25 million pounds of textiles.

In addition to textiles, roughly 30 percent of what gets put into the trash in Boston is compostable. Boston has expanded its leaf and yard waste curbside collection program from 17 to 20 weeks a year. The City is offering 20 additional weekends where yard waste can be dropped off at the Public Works composting facility on American Legion Highway. All residential yard waste is turned into compost and distributed to City Gardens and Boston Parks and Recreation Department greenhouses. Leaf and yard waste curbside collection will continue every week through December 11th.

"While residents are familiar with recycling plastics, glass, metal and paper, many residents don't know they can recycle textiles," said Chief of Streets Chris Osgood. "We hope the availability of neighborhood textile dropboxes along with

other expanded services Boston is offering raises awareness that almost everything in our lives is recyclable."

The City of Boston continues to encourage residents to utilize tools like the City's free "Trash Day" app. The app enables Boston residents to search a directory of hundreds of household items to find out the right way to dispose of them while on the go or at home. App users can also view a calendar for their home's collection dates, set reminders, get notifications of schedule changes, and locate the nearest textile dropbox in your neighborhood. Boston residents can also safely dispose of hazardous waste, shred unwanted documents, discard textiles and recycle electronics for free at a series of Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off events. These programs build on Boston's Zero Waste Plan, which was released in June 2019. This plan includes 30 near- and long-term strategies to divert at least 80 percent of the City's waste from landfills and municipal solid waste

combustors by 2035.

Key pieces of the plan include expanding Boston's composting program, increasing access to recycling opportunities and launching a city-wide education campaign on recycling. Approximately six percent of Boston's greenhouse gas emissions come from the City's discarded materials. By reducing waste, recycling more, and composting, Boston can reduce emissions associated with waste and move one step closer to its goal of carbon neutrality by 2050, outlined in the City's 2019 Climate Action Plan update. While reducing emissions, the City is working to prepare for sea level rise and the impacts of climate change. Resilient Boston Harbor is the City's vision plan to strengthen Boston's 47-mile shoreline through expanded and connected green space. The City has already completed segments of the vision through district-level projects in East Boston, Charlestown, and South Boston, and is currently working on climate resiliency measures for Downtown and Dorchester.

OFFICE OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ORDINANCE FILED

In keeping with his commitment to taking swift action on police reform, Mayor Martin J. Walsh today filed an ordinance with the Boston City Council to create the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency to enact the Boston Police Reform Task Force recommendations. Mayor Walsh today also signed two executive orders to create Boston's first-ever Civilian Review Board, and to create a stronger Internal Affairs Oversight Panel, both as recommended by the Task Force.

"Our goal is to achieve historic change in Boston and create a national model for breaking down systemic racism across all aspects of our city," said Mayor Walsh. "The recommendations we are enacting today represent the voices of the community advocating for change, and I thank the Task Force for their

incredibly hard work in creating this report that we are bringing to life through reforms. We will continue this work as we come together to build a more equitable, just city."

The Boston Police Reform Task Force was charged with reviewing a set of current Boston Police Department's policies and procedures, and presenting recommendations for action and reform. Mayor Walsh charged the Task Force with four main areas of review: Use of Force policies; Implicit Bias Training, the Body-worn Camera Program, and the Community Ombudsman Oversight Panel (CO-OP). Mayor Walsh has accepted all of the Task Force's recommendations, and is in the process of implementing them.

Mayor Walsh today signed two executive orders to further enact the recommendations of the Boston Police Reform Task Force. The first



executive order creates Boston's first-ever Civilian Review Board of this kind, a 9-member board that will be made up of community members nominated by the City Council and the Mayor's Office. The second Order reconstitutes Boston's Community Ombudsman

Oversight Panel (CO-OP) and transforms it into a stronger Internal Affairs Oversight Panel (IAOP). This panel will have the power to review all completed Internal Affairs cases. Previously, the CO-OP could review 20 percent of cases. In addition to

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The Wine Guy

Mixing It Up



I thought it would be a good idea just to mix it up a little bit this week- no theme, no one type of wine; just some wines that are great tasting and great values any time of year.

First of all, a wine from a country that's just coming into its own here in the U.S. market, **Hiedler Loss Gruner Veltliner 2018, (\$23.99)**. Since 1856 the Hiedler winery has been turning out delicious wines which pay homage to the Niederosterreich territory in Austria. The Hiedler Loss Gruner Veltliner is no exception. Fish, seafood, chicken, and in particular, vegetable dishes will all pair beautifully with this juicy white and its stone fruit, bright acidity and beckoning personality. Enjoy the lovely aromas of your first glass neat, or with steamed artichokes with a lemon aioli on the side. The perfect first course is a salad of shredded kale and brussels sprouts with toasted, slivered almonds as a nod to the subtle earthiness of the wine. A classic Wiener Schnitzel with lemon wedges on the side is another terrific option, as is your favorite mildly spicy Asian fish or chicken dish.

Fresh apple fruit backed by hints of herbs, subtle notes of orange zest. Juicy and elegant structure, crisp acidity, and a salty touch make this one a re-

ally versatile food companion.

Switching gears to Tuscany, **Caprili Brunello di Montalcino, 2016, (\$43.99)**, is big. Open this bottle a couple of hours before you're ready to pour. Warning: the aromas may conjure hallucinations of rolling hills and a patchwork of vineyards, wheat fields and olive orchards, all under the most beautiful Tuscan sun. In the meantime, you can check on your leg of lamb with rosemary and garlic as it roasts to a delicious doneness. Or make a ragu of cinghiale (wild boar) to go with a thick, hearty pappardelle. Set out some Marcona almonds to accompany your first glasses and the wonderful earthy side of this Caprili. Tuscan sausage with beans is a main dish which will go beautifully with that same earthy side. And if you're not in a meaty mood, make it a mushroom risotto; don't skimp on the good Parmesan. Looking for a reason to have another glass after all that? A platter of aged Gouda and some dried fruit is your answer!

The Sparr family have owned the same vineyards since 1732 and Jean-Paul Sparr, the current family scion, continues to please, and even amaze, his customers. **Pierre Sparr Alsace One, 2018, (\$18.99)** is a delicious Alsatian blend of Muscat, Riesling and Pinot Gris. Think floral and exotic, light fruit aromas, and the perfect combination of grip and minerality. Ideal as an aperitif, and with countless fish, chicken, pork, salad, pasta options and more. It does have Riesling in it, but this is a dry white with a fresh finish. Breaded, sauteed chicken cutlets with a brown butter caper sauce will pair beautifully with this Pierre Sparr. A dish of linguine tossed with shrimp, peas, and a splash of cream in a white wine sauce with freshly grated Parmesan works well, too. Or make it a classic salad Niçoise. Italian tuna in oil over a bed of greens, with Niçoise olives, sauteed potatoes, cherry tomatoes, steamed haricots all dressed with a gar-

licky red wine vinaigrette.

Here's one from a country and a grape type that doesn't get enough good press in this country and more's the pity. **Bodegas Borsao Tres Picos, 2018, (\$16.99)** is a full-bodied Garnacha or, as we know it here, Grenache. Black cherry liqueur and peppery spice notes are at the heart of this formidable (and as-

toundingly affordable) Spanish red. It comes from older vines on the foothills of the Moncayo Mountains in Spain's Campo de Borja region, from a local cooperative of 375 different wine growers. Try a bottle with any of your favorite Tapas- you'll be back for more!

Talk to The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com



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Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 - 9AM Mass at Gate of Heaven

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Important Message Cardinal Sean continues to dispense all Catholics from the Sunday Mass obligation. This will be in place for the foreseeable future.

Catholics are not obligated to go to Sunday Mass due to current pandemic and the continued risks. The Cardinal strongly encourages people in vulnerable populations, especially the elderly and those with complicating physical conditions to continue to watch via Live stream on our website (www.gateofheavenstbrigid.org) or on Catholic TV.

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9:00AM at Gate of Heaven Church
10:30AM at St. Brigid Church
12 Noon at Gate of Heaven Church
6:00PM at St. Brigid Church

Daily Mass 7:00AM at St. Brigid Upper Church
Monday-Friday: 9:00AM at Gate of Heaven Upper Church
Unfortunately, due to the requirements of social distancing – we will not be able to hold Masses or services at St. Augustine Chapel at this time.

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales					
Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
580 East Seventh Street Single Family	\$1,575,000	10/16/20	9	4.5	2,500
271 Gold St UNIT 2 Condo	\$1,260,000	9/24/20	7	3	2,014
7 Atlantic Street Single Family	\$1,040,000	10/2/20	10	2.5	1,800
301 West Second Street Single Family	\$875,000	10/20/20	7	2.5	1,791
20 Winfield St UNIT 2 Condo	\$770,000	10/2/20	4	2	1,024
57 Preble St UNIT 3 Condo	\$735,000	10/9/20	6	2	1,248
45 Vinton St UNIT 3 Condo	\$732,500	10/19/20	5	2	1,207
619 East Third St UNIT 3 Condo	\$725,000	10/15/20	4	2	890
328 K St UNIT 1 Condo	\$710,000	10/23/20	4	2	1,006
628-630 East Eighth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$662,500	10/14/20	4	1.5	893
9 West Broadway UNIT 418 Condo	\$655,000	10.22.2020	4	1.5	837
360 West Second St UNIT 16 Condo	\$610,000	10.22.2020	3	1	755
23 Loring Street Single Family	\$575,000	10/1/20	5	1	1,080
530 Dorchester Ave UNIT 4 Condo	\$574,000	10/15/20	3	1	641
528 East Third St UNIT 3 Condo	\$505,000	10/9/20	3	1	700
119 Dorchester St UNIT 3 Condo	\$485,000	10/5/20	3	1	510
394 East Eighth Str UNIT 1 Condo	\$419,000	10/2/20	3	1	515



Virtual Public Meeting

Dorchester Bay City

Thursday, November 4
6:00 PM

Register: bit.ly/DBCNov4
Call-in: 833-568-8864
Webinar ID: 161 909 0401

Monday, November 16
6:00 PM

Register: bit.ly/DBCNov16
Call-in: 833-568-8864
Webinar ID: 160 760 2881

Wednesday, December 2
6:00 PM

Register: bit.ly/DBCDec2
Call-in: 833-568-8864
Webinar ID: 160 776 4081


Project Description:
The Boston Planning & Development Agency will be hosting a series of Virtual Community Advisory Committee ("CAC") and Public Meetings in connection with the proposed Dorchester Bay City project. A Virtual Kick-Off Public Meeting was held on October 19th, which was followed by an Urban Design focused Virtual Public Meeting on October 28th.

The next topic-specific Virtual Public Meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday, November 4th: Open Space, Public Realm & Resiliency
- Monday, November 16th: Transportation & Infrastructure
- Wednesday, December 2nd: Topic TBD

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Msgr. Thomas J. McDonnell and Frank Kelley Thanksgiving Dinner Update

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Please call 617-586-5824 if you would like a meal delivered to your home. Meals will be delivered on November 25th between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. (Safety protocols in place)

We will not be able to gather in person or accept food donations this year. Our greatest need for support is drivers to deliver meals to our neighbors. **Volunteers should meet at the BCEC loading dock, using the West gate off of Cypher Street @ 12:30 p.m. on November 25th.** Any questions email: manning.danielr@gmail.com



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Veterans Day in South Boston 2020

The Thomas J. Fitzgerald VFW Post #561 celebrated the 100th Anniversary of their charter with a special plaque dedication ceremony in honor of Thomas J. Fitzgerald on November 11, 2020. The plaque is mounted

to the front of the Fitzgerald Post for the community to see and learn about Fitzgerald. In attendance were South Boston elected officials; Senator Collins, Rep Biele, City Councilor At Large Flaherty and District Two City Councilor Flynn, along

with City Councilor At Large and Mayoral Candidate Michelle Wu, Mayor & Mrs. Flynn, Commissioner Rob Santiago and neighbors of all ages from South Boston and beyond. Commander Tom McCarthy and members of the Post chose to adapt

to Covid-19 and not allow the virus to overtake the annual Veterans Day Parade. The Memorial Mass was held at St. Brigid Church, promptly at 10:00AM. It is with great thanks and appreciation to the men and women of the “Fitzy Post” that the tradition was able to be carried out safely and with pride in our community.





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cases, it would be able to review the policies and procedures of Internal Affairs, as well as engage with the community about their impact.

The ordinance, which will be filed next week, would create the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT), a key recommendation of the Boston Police Reform Task Force. OPAT would provide intake services, research, and administrative support to the Civilian Review Board and the Internal Affairs Oversight Panel, and the OPAT Commission would have subpoena power to investigate misconduct. This structure would create a single point of public access to a new standard in police accountability and community oversight.

The City of Boston has already begun the process of searching for an executive director to lead the Office of Accountability and Transparency (OPAT). The Executive Director will lead the Executive Administration, a branch within the OPAT structure. The City is launching a search to find an executive director who is a member of the Massachusetts bar,

and is equipped to lead this pivotal new office, bring on staff members, and execute its charge. “The Boston Police Reform Task Force recommendations laid out plans for real reform at the Boston Police Department,” said Boston Police Reform Task Force Chairman Wayne Budd. “These actions today will further the goals of the Task Force, and we look forward to these recommendations creating change in our city.”

In addition to the City’s work to create OPAT, the Civilian Review Board and Internal Affairs Oversight Panel (IAOP), Mayor Walsh and the City of Boston have already taken steps to enact the Task Force’s additional recommendation. Mayor Walsh has filed a Home Rule Petition at the Boston City Council that would give Boston high school graduates a preference in police hiring, a key step to increasing diversity and having more officers drawn from the communities they are serving. Mayor Walsh also charged Chief of Equity Karilyn Crockett and other City leaders to work with the Boston Police Department on updating their policies through an equity lens, and

creating a Diversity and Inclusion Unit in the Department.

This work builds on the City of Boston’s commitment to equitable public safety offices. In June, Mayor Walsh signed the “Mayor’s Pledge” issued by the Obama Foundation’s My Brother’s Keeper Alliance as one of the strategies to address racism as an emergency and public health crisis. The Mayor committed the City of Boston to review police use of force policies; engage communities by including a diverse range of input experiences and stories; report review findings to the community and seek feedback; and reform police use of force policies. The Boston Police Reform Task Force is composed of members from the community, law enforcement, advocacy organizations, and the legal profession, to ensure that these commitments are translated to actions. Over the summer, the Task Force hosted a series of community listening sessions to gather community feedback related to police reform.

“The Boston Police Department is committed to helping our communities, and continuing to serve the

people of Boston,” said Boston Police Commissioner William Gross. “These actions will help our department continue our goal to become a stronger, more equitable force for public safety.”

On June 11, 2020, Boston Police Commissioner William Gross announced he completed a review of Boston Police’s policies against the recommended use of force policies outlined in the “8 Can’t Wait” effort, resulting in clarified rules and the implementation of several reforms. In addition, as part of Mayor Walsh’s Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) budget, Mayor Walsh allocated 20% or \$12 million of the Boston Police Department’s overtime budget to make a significant investment in equity and inclusion across the City. These final recommendations represent the tireless work of the Boston Police Task Force members, and valuable feedback from the Boston community. Throughout its process, the Task Force held five separate public listening sessions, and received over 100 pieces of testimony from the community, over the course of two written comment periods.

DC Speculation continued from front page

company, Politico, there is some increasing chatter about whether Rep. Stephen Lynch could be a choice for postmaster general in President-elect Joe Biden’s administration, since he has been a longtime advocate for the postal service and his background as a union worker and labor attorney also fit the job leading the agency. He was an early Biden endorser in Massachusetts, when others supported home state Sen. Elizabeth Warren or did not choose a candidate. Lynch weighed in before the first votes were cast in Iowa and New Hampshire. When asked, his spokesperson Scott Ferson said, “He loves the job he has.” If anything does materialize, it would cause a special election to replace him. Politico put forth that candidates who could be in the mix include State Sen. Nick Collins and Lynch’s 2020 primary challenger Rob

Goldstein. As with any open-seat House race in Massachusetts, it’s likely the field could become crowded.

Another name has risen to the top: Boston Mayor Marty Walsh for secretary of labor. “I’m 100% focused on the challenges here in the city,” Walsh recently said. But Walsh’s stock rose last week when AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka, one of the most powerful union figures in the country, publicly promoted the mayor for the job.

While Sen. Elizabeth Warren is reportedly being floated for Treasury secretary in President-elect Joe Biden’s administration, the possibility of her Senate seat opening up is fueling the fire of speculation over who might run to be the state’s next junior senator. Senator Ayanna Pressley. Or perhaps Senator Maura Healey. Or Senator Deval Patrick. Or Senator Joseph Kennedy III? Maybe

even Senator Marty Walsh? If she is appointed in any capacity, as the rules stand, Gov. Charlie Baker would appoint an interim replacement until a special election is called in 145 to 160 days.

— [an amendment from House Democrats that would require him to name someone from their party failed recently] — . In addition, Fears of a likely GOP-controlled Senate, once the Georgia runoffs take place in January or possibly the House of Representative in two years could keep Warren and Lynch from being approved for a Cabinet post. Stay Tuned.

ON BIDENS WHITE HOUSE APPOINTMENTS OF NOTE

Jen O’Malley Dillon, originally from Dorchester, now of Franklin MA, is the Biden campaign manager who took over after primary and turned his campaign into the biggest fundraising engine ever in national politics, is Biden’s

deputy chief of staff. Annie Tomasini, also of Dorchester, who has been a confidant of Biden for many years and was Biden’s traveling chief of staff during the campaign, will be director of Oval Office Operations, a gatekeeping role that again puts her close to the President-elect. Anthony Bernal, who was the soon-to-be first lady Jill Biden’s chief of staff during the 2020 campaign, will be a senior adviser.

For long stretches of the 2020 campaign, according to a CNN report, Tomasini and Bernal were the only Biden aides regularly meeting with the candidate and his wife. Biden largely campaigned from home for months, with states locked down and travel restricted during the coronavirus pandemic, as campaign staffers worked remotely. Tomasini and Bernal were the only staffers regularly entering and leaving their home in Delaware.



Last week, I went 2-2-1 against the spread. My record on the season is now 28-15-2 through 10 Weeks of the NFL season.

It's time to take a look at the NFL Playoff picture. This year, the playoffs will look a little different, as there will be one extra Wild Card team added to each conference. As a result, only one team in each conference will now get a first-round bye. In years past, the top two teams in each conference received a first-round bye. Not the case anymore.

So if the playoffs began today, there are a couple surprises. First, in the NFC, the 7-3 Tampa Bay Buccaneers would be the No. 5 seed, and would have to go into Philadelphia — probably as a road favorite — to take on the No. 4 seed Eagles. That's a surprise because the Eagles' record is 3-5-1. They stink. But because their entire division stinks, per usual, they'd get to host a playoff game in the Wild Card Round as the division leader.

The other surprise is in the AFC, where the 6-3 Baltimore Ravens would be the No. 7 seed and would have to go into

Kansas City to take on the 8-1 Chiefs as the No. 2 seed. These are two of the best teams in the league, and they have to play in the Wild Card Round? I'm not so sure that's what the NFL had in mind when they decided to expand the playoffs.

Regardless, consider yourself up-to-date on the NFL Playoff race. Now let's get back to work.

Here are my picks for Week 11:
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (-2.5) over Houston Texans

-I picked against the Patriots last week against Baltimore, and they proved me wrong. Now, I'm picking New England to win its third straight by going into Houston on Sunday at 1 p.m. and beating the 2-7 Texans who are coming off a loss to Cleveland. I don't necessarily believe in Cam Newton, but I love the way Damien Harris has been running the football. Harris had his third 100-yard rush game of the season in Sunday's win over the Ravens. I expect him to rush for 100 more against a Texans run defense that ranks worst in the NFL, allowing 167 rush yards per game. Patriots should win this one by a touchdown.

BALTIMORE RAVENS (-6.5) over Tennessee Titans

-Like I said, I picked the Ravens to beat the Patriots last week. I was wrong. But I won't be wrong about Baltimore this week. I expect Lamar Jackson to bounce back with a big game against a 6-3 Titans team that has lost three of its last four. This one is in Baltimore on Sunday at 1. The spread here is a little higher than I'd like, but I have to go with what my eyes have seen. The Ravens are much better than what they showed in New England on Sunday night. Give me Baltimore by 10 at home.

LAS VEGAS RAIDERS (+7) over Kansas City Chiefs

-This is a rematch from Week 5, when the Raiders went into Kansas City and beat the Chiefs, 40-32. It still stands as the Chiefs' only loss of the season to this point. Now Kansas City comes off the bye and heads to Vegas for a Sunday Night Football showdown. Let me be clear, I expect the Chiefs to win this rematch. But I expect it to be close, so I'll take the points.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (-3.5) over Los Angeles Rams

-Both the 7-3 Buccaneers and the 6-3 Rams are coming off a win. With a potential Super Bowl preview against the Chiefs the following week, this is a must win for the Bucs on Monday Night Football. And Tom Brady will be at his best. I'll take Tampa to win by a touchdown.

LOCK OF THE WEEK:
MIAMI DOLPHINS (-3.5) over Denver Broncos

-I'm surprising myself with this one. I can't tell you the last time I picked the Dolphins to win and cover, never mind to win and cover on the road. But that's what I'm doing here. The 6-3 Dolphins have won five straight. They have a top-5 defense, and now they've installed their franchise quarterback in Tua Tagovailoa. The Broncos are 3-6 and have lost two straight. Give me Miami by a touchdown on Sunday at 4:05 in Denver.

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SPORTS TODAY

PATRIOTS UPSET RAVENS, LOOK FOR THIRD- STRAIGHT WIN IN WEEK 11

SBT Staff

If you're the Baltimore Ravens, blame it on the rain. As a near-monsoon passed through Foxboro in the final minutes of Sunday night's game at Gillette Stadium, the Patriots were able to hold the Ravens to a scoreless fourth quarter and upset Baltimore, 23-17.

It marked the Patriots' second straight win. They are now 4-5 and in third place in the AFC East, and will head to Houston to take on the 2-7 Texans on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Sunday night's win over the Ravens in prime time was by far New England's biggest win of the season. One week before, the Patriots just barely beat the winless New York Jets. While a win is a win, things still didn't look good for a Patriots team that was missing their best receiver in Julian Edelman and their best defensive player in Stephon Gilmore because of injuries.

But New England was able to overcome that adversity and knock off a 6-win Baltimore team that was a 7-point road favorite. And they did it on the ground and with some trickery.

Second-year running back Damien Harris finished the win with a career high in carries and rushing yards. Harris ran for 121 yards on 22 carries. As a team, the Patriots ran for 173 total yards, which included a Cam Newton rushing touchdown in the third quarter that put new England up 20-10 and ended up being the game-winning score.

The Patriots took their first lead of the game with a minute left in the second quarter, as wide receiver Jakobi Meyers took a lateral pass from Newton and then threw a 24-yard touchdown pass to running back Rex Burkhead, giving New England a 13-10 lead at the half.

In the final minute of the game, the Ravens got one last possession while trailing 23-17, but couldn't get past their own 21 yard line as the rain came poring down.

If the playoffs began today, the Patriots would still be on the outside looking in. But with the extra Wild Card team added to each conference this season, there's still hope in New England, especially if they continue to play like they did on Sunday against Baltimore.

Tweet of the Week



s/o @miketirico!

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WHAT TO WATCH

NFL THURSDAY, NOV. 19
Arizona at Seattle (-3)
8:20 P.M. FOX/NFLN

SUNDAY, NOV. 22
New England (-2.5) at Houston
1 P.M. CBS

Kansas City (-6.5) at Las Vegas
8:20 P.M. NBC

MONDAY, NOV. 23
LA Rams at Tampa Bay (-3.5)
8:15 P.M. ESPN

NCAAF SATURDAY, NOV. 21
#14 Oklahoma State at #18 Oklahoma
(-7)
7:30 P.M. ABC

WWE SUNDAY, NOV. 22
Survivor Series
7 P.M. WWEN/PPV

CUBS' EPSTEIN STEPS DOWN

SBT Staff

Chicago Cubs president of baseball operations Theo Epstein announced this week that he is stepping down and leaving the organization.

Epstein joined the Cubs prior to the 2012 season, and helped build the organization's first championship in 108 years when Chicago won the 2016 World Series. Prior to his nine seasons with the Cubs, Epstein spent nine seasons as general manager of the Boston Red Sox, helping them end an 86-year championship drought with two World Series championships in 2004 and 2007.

The Cubs have named general manager Jed Hoyer their new president of baseball operations.

"For the rest of my life, I will cherish having been part of the great Chicago Cubs organization during this historic period," Epstein said in a statement. "All of the things that have made this experience so special — the fans, the players, the managers and coaches,

ownership, my front office colleagues, the uniqueness of the Wrigley experience, the history — make it so tough to leave the Cubs. But I believe this is the right decision for me even if it's a difficult one. And now is the right time rather than a year from now.

"The organization faces a number of decisions this winter that carry long-term consequences; those types of decisions are best made by someone who will be here for a long period rather than just one more year. Jed has earned this opportunity and is absolutely the right person to take over this baseball operation at such an important time."

Epstein had one more year left on his contract with the Cubs. He has reportedly told friends that he plans to sit out the 2021 season before returning to baseball in some capacity. Still, some rumors have linked Epstein to other organizations like the New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies.



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