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Thanksgiving Under The Cloud Of Covid 2020

Optimistic South Bostonians always seem to be able to find a silver lining no matter the obstacles put before us, but Thanksgiving under the Cloud of Covid makes this a holiday like never before. We've canceled the plane reservations or the plans for a long drive to a friend's house. If we live alone, chances are that we will still be alone on the one day of the year when we'd be pretty much guaranteed the warmth and comfort of companionship. If we're lucky, we've formed a social bubble with

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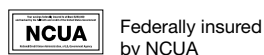
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EDITORIAL

Thanksgiving in America – So Much to be Thankful For

What can we say about Thanksgiving? It seems to be considered by many Americans as that laid-back, very cool, uniquely American holiday, where people kind of just kick back, relax and enjoy the official start to the holiday season. No pressure. Others feel that it's the calm before

the storm as the day after, Christmas Season begins and the mad rush to shop for those special gifts, make social plans and frenzied decorating commences. Perhaps it's some of both. However, we edit you view it, why not make it a time to savor and cherish?

The football games, the gathering with family and

close friends and of course the food – oh yes, the food and often so much of it/too much of it.

But it's also a time to reflect on the fact that in America, when you compare our situation with that of so many other places around the world, we really do have much to give thanks for. We have our

freedom and liberties that people in so many other countries can only dream about. The overall living standard is the envy of most of the world and we are not a nation that is ravaged by war. With millions all over the world clamoring to come here, we can give thanks that we ARE here. From all of us at South



Boston Today to all of our readers, have a Happy Thanksgiving. We are thankful for you.

“Thanksgiving is the holiday that encompasses all others.” - Jonathan Safran Foer

Postal Employees Take Time To Celebrate Thanksgiving

And remind you to ship early this holiday season

Post Offices across the commonwealth will be closed on Thursday, November 26, in celebration of Thanksgiving Day. Street delivery on Thursday will be limited to guaranteed overnight parcels and there will be no collection of mail. Full retail and delivery operations will resume on Friday, November 27.

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Still No Arrests of the Out of Control Biker Wannabes

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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If you read the editorial in 'South Boston Today' in last week's issue, you know it focused on a growing, but rarely reported, problem in Boston. As if there aren't enough issues to deal with in this city, with the now infamous 'Methadone Mile', rising taxes, rents through the roof and construction on what seems to be every other block – not to mention the disarray of dealing with a virus that some in power seem to wish would keep the population in fear forever, we now have roving gangs of 'bikers' terrorizing neighborhoods.

Just to be clear, when I call them 'bikers', I use the term lightly. They are not in the same category or league as motorcycle clubs, whose members ride Harleys and can often be identified by club names and 'colors', some of which, but not all, are known for doing good deeds in the form of community service and help and support worthy causes. Not even close. The roving gang of bikers I'm speaking about are the ones who came into South Boston a week ago Monday and not only harassed residents but attacked and injured one man pretty badly. It was all caught on video and has many residents upset, some worried and others just plain ticked off.

Again, the term 'bikers' doesn't really apply to this particular group. The word 'punks' would be a better description. And up until last week, they have been pretty much staying clear of South Boston. They've been pulling their antics in other sections of the city, sometimes fairly regularly. But that's changed. They are here too.

Their tactics are these: They meet and at designated locations, sometimes, but not always the South Bay Mall, head out to the area they want to target that night, then race in rid-

ing everything from dirt bikes and 4 wheelers to small motorized scooters and 'razors'. They speed through the streets, engines racing, deliberately scaring motorists and pedestrians alike and often even jump curbs and ride on the sidewalks, forcing people to jump out of the way. They don't appear to care who they target. Men, women, whites or minorities, young or old, even kids have had to run for cover. In last week's incident in this neighborhood, their target was a full-grown man, who video footage showed was kicked, punched AND run over several times by the group. But other people ran for cover too, traffic was blocked, and police had to be called. The group had fled before the police arrived.

This newspaper has been following up with police on the incident. As of this past Tuesday, we were told that while the investigation is currently 'active and ongoing', no suspects have been arrested or even named. And as was stated last week in this newspaper, people are asking why.

This newspaper has nothing but respect for law enforcement, especially the Boston Police and the Massachusetts State police as well, and we shout it often and loudly. They work hard, they do a good job and are professional and competent. In fact, they are among the best in the nation. They have sworn to protect the public and they take their oath seriously and to heart. But it is being suggested and suspected that maybe they have been put under restraints with regard to these specific incidents and these particular groups raising all the hell with their bikes.

We hope that isn't the case. But it hasn't been lost on Bostonians in every neighborhood, whether those neighborhoods are predominantly white or minority, where these

incidents are taking place, that the roving gangs are made up of young Black males. Could it be possible just possible, that the word has gone out to the officers on the street to stand down, so as not to inflame racial tensions? People have seen this very thing happening in other cities and haven't forgotten what happened here in Boston several months back, when rioting was taking place and buildings and even police cars were being burned and police, according to many officers themselves, were told not to move in and quell the rioting and in some cases withdrew from

some of the streets under attack or to avoid certain blocks altogether?

If this is what's going on, and we hope it's not the case, it's setting the stage for some major problems. If trouble-makers, no matter what their color, know they are off limits from being arrested and prosecuted for breaking laws and assaulting people, it will get worse. The news media, in typical form, is for the most part ignoring this. They have their agenda as most know by now. But this needs to be dealt with one way or another. The hell raisers AND their enablers need to be held accountable.

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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.

Biden’s early picks: Kerry in, Warren out (apparently)

President-elect Joe Biden yesterday announced a number of top-level appointments to serve in his incoming administration, most notably for locals: John Kerry, who has been tapped as Biden’s new climate-change czar, as Lisa Creamer and Calum Borchers report at WBUR. Meanwhile, the NYT reports that Biden is expected to appoint former Federal Reserve chair Janet L. Yellen as his new treasury secretary. Meaning: U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren isn’t getting the job. The Herald’s Joe Battenfeld has more on the Kerry and Yellen moves. Meanwhile,

the speculation continues over other potential picks, including this via WBUR: “MIT’s Ernie Moniz Is On Biden’s Short List For Energy Secretary.”

Under pressure, Trump administration grudgingly starts transition

President Trump isn’t conceding anything, but his administration is finally bending to pressure and starting the presidential transition process with President-elect Joe Biden’s staff, reports the Washington Post. The pressure has come from Republican pols, former national security advisers and others, including top business officials, some of them from Massachusetts, as the BBJ’s Greg Ryan

reports. Among local business leaders calling for the start of a transition: Suffolk Construction’s John Fish and Boston Properties’ Owen Thomas.

Despite pleas to stay home, Thanksgiving travelers take to the air and hit the roads

As state officials practically beg people to stay home over the Thanksgiving holiday (SHNS – pay wall), it seems a lot of people are already hopping on planes and making other plans to travel this week for T-Day family gatherings, pandemic or no pandemic. A three-reporter team at the Globe has the airlines angle. Meanwhile, from GBH’s Mike

Deehan: “Baker Fears Record Number Of Tests Means People Are Planning Risky Holiday Travel.” From the Herald’s Erin Tiernan: “Charlie Baker criticizes Trump, warns against Thanksgiving gatherings.”

As state launches Covid-safety ad campaign, tech group urges: More tests, please

WCVB reports that the state has launched a new “Get Back Mass” ad campaign asking people to follow pandemic safety precautions and encouraging them to “think about what they want to ‘get back’ to” after the coronavirus crisis is over.

Meanwhile, the Mass. High Tech Council is warning that virus testing is “far short” of what’s needed and it’s encouraging federal, state and local officials to develop a strategy to get more testing done, reports the Globe’s Jon Chesto.

A Little Helping Hand Southie Style

200 USDA meals were distributed to local families and residents at the Joseph M. Tierney Learning Center on Saturday, November 14th. The South Boston delegation of Congressman Stephen Lynch, State Senator Nick Collins, State Rep David Biele, Boston City Councilors Flynn and Flaherty worked in conjunction with Massachusetts Fallen Heroes to bring fresh food and vegetables to the neighborhood. Helping with the distribution was Rep Biele and his aide Tom Mannion, Bruno Monteiro (Senior Resident Coordinator), and Millie Pena (Site Coordinator) for Beacon Communities.



MBTA Transit Police to Offer Face Masks to Riders



The MBTA announced that Transit Police officers would begin offering face masks to transit riders in need of a face covering. This effort is part of the T's Ride Safer campaign to educate riders and shift behavior to the new way of riding on the T during the pandemic. Boston-based New Balance recently provided the MBTA with 100,000 of the athletic brand's general-use face masks for riders.

"Transit Police are happy to have the resources available to assist passengers in need of a face covering," said MBTA Transit Police Chief Kenneth Green. "As our region enters a

second phase of the pandemic, it is more important now to be properly wearing a face covering when you are outside the confines of your home, and especially while you are traveling on public transit." "Wearing a face covering is one of the most effective ways to combat the virus, and we appreciate the help of Transit Police in offering face masks to our riders," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "I'd like to again thank New Balance for their contribution and promoting public health on transit. Ride Safer is a shared responsibility between the MBTA and our riding public, and we ask that

riders do their part by wearing face coverings while within the MBTA system and distancing while on public transit."

On November 2, the Baker-Polito Administration strengthened its Executive Order requiring people to wear face coverings in public places to require anyone older than 5 years of age to wear a face covering in public, including public transit, regardless of their distance from others. The revised Executive Order authorizes Transit Police to enforce the order onboard MBTA vehicles and within the system by issuing a civil fine up to \$300 per violation.

Ride Safer consists of three components: providing face masks to riders in need at key stations during peak travel times;

signage and messaging to promote the importance of keeping a safe distance and wearing face coverings while on the T; and the Ride Safer webpage at mbta.com/RideSafer that provides travel tips and a behind-the-scenes look at the MBTA's expanded efforts to clean and disinfect stations and vehicles. Joining Transit Police in offering face masks to riders are Transit Ambassadors and MBTA Customer Service Agents. Face masks are now available from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at Charles/MGH, Downtown Crossing, Forest Hills, Hynes Convention Center, Maverick, Orient Heights, Park Street, and Quincy Center Stations.

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MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES ARRIVAL OF BOSTON COMMON TREE

The annual celebration will happen virtually on WCVB Channel 5

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department announced that Boston's official tree arrived today on the Boston Common. This year's tree is a 45-foot white spruce donated by Heather and Tony Sampson of West Bay, Richmond County, Nova Scotia.

"This year's celebration reminds us of the importance of working together when we face difficult challenges. As Boston helped Nova Scotia in 1917, the City and our residents must partner to keep each other safe and healthy from the COVID-19 pandemic," said Mayor Walsh. "I want to thank our friends in Nova Scotia for the Boston Common tree, and I'm grateful we are still able to celebrate the holiday season virtually."

The 2020 tree arrives at the Boston Common from Nova Scotia.

The 79th Annual Tree Lighting on Boston Common will be a virtual celebration broadcast on WCVB Channel 5 on December 3 beginning at 7:00 p.m. This tradition is a partnership with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, title sponsor The Province of Nova Scotia, presenting sponsors Exelon Generation and Xfinity, promotional sponsor the Coca-Cola Company, and media sponsors WCVB Channel 5, Magic 106.7 FM, and the Boston Globe. Due to current public health guidelines, there will be no live event on the Boston Common.

WCVB Channel 5's "Chronicle" co-anchors Anthony Everett and Shayna Seymour will again host the broadcast. Entertainment during the program will include the Boston Gay Men's Chorus, Nicholas Christopher from the musical "Hamilton", Nova Scotia's Barra MacNeils as well as Sarah and Elizabeth MacInnis with Jenny Mackenzie, Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops, and Grammy Award-winning artist Shaggy.

Santa Claus will join Mayor Walsh virtually for a special countdown during the broadcast. With the flip of the switch, trees will light up in the Boston Common, the Public Garden, and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.



The program will include remarks by Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil. Nova Scotia is dedicating its 2020 Tree for Boston to health-care workers to honor both Boston's response after the Halifax Explosion and those who are working on the frontlines during the COVID-19 pandemic. Nova Scotia is also sending an additional four smaller trees for donation to local charities.

Boston's 2018 official tree with brightly lit perimeter trees in Boston Common. This year's event will be virtual and broadcast on December 3 at 7:00 pm on WCVB Channel 5.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, instead of sending the tree by truck, the province partnered with Port of Halifax, PSA Halifax and Eimskip Canada to transport the tree on a container ship to Boston. The tree was cut during a ceremony in Cape Breton on November 12, stopped at schools along the way to be seen by local students, and left by boat from Halifax on November 18 after a send-off at the Cunard Centre.

"We thank Boston for their kindness during our time of need by sending a big, beautiful Nova Scotia Christmas tree. This impor-



tant tradition symbolizes gratitude, friendship and remembrance," said Nova Scotia Lands and Forestry Minister Derek Mombourquette. "It's also our way of honoring those who have worked so hard to keep us healthy and safe during the pandemic."

The lighting of the trees on the Boston Common is made possible through the generosity of Read Custom Soils, the Herb Chambers Companies, the Lynch Foundation, and contributions from other indi-

viduals and institutions.

This is the 49th year that Nova Scotia has given a tree to the people of Boston as thanks for relief efforts following the December 6, 1917, explosion of a munitions ship in Halifax Harbor. Within 24 hours of the disaster a train loaded with supplies and emergency personnel was making its way from Boston to Nova Scotia. For more information please call (617) 635-4505 or visit www.boston.gov/boston-common-tree-lighting.

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The Wine Guy IT'S TURKEY TIME!



Well, here we are again. Even with all the stress, the costs, the scheduling and the travelling, the relatives you don't want to see and the ones that you do and let's not forget the virus, it is hopefully, the most wonderful time

of the year. That calls for bubbly and not just champagne; there's a sparkle for just about every part of this season and we should take a look at some of them here. Why not start locally?

Westport Rivers Vineyards, located in Westport, Mass., has been pleasantly surprising visitors for years with its Chardonnay, but especially with its Sparkling Wines. Their newest entry, Westport Rivers Mayflower Special Club, NV, (\$32.99), is described by its maker, Bill Russell, this way: "This wine begins with fresh strawberry, cranberry, and plum notes anchored by toasted wheat and graham cracker savory richness (thanks to our Champagne Method aging). Wisps of cedar and violet entice a deeper inhale. The dosage made from our special reserve red adds a subtle grip and pull of barrel-aged dryness and persistent black cherry flavors". Oysters, shrimp and cherrystones all love this wine, and you will, too.

Bisolo Jeio Cuvée NV Prosecco

(\$15) Bisolo is an Italian winery with a mere 500 years of experience under its belt-safe to say they know what they're doing. This NV Brut is a low-key character, subtle and understated, fine-beaded and creamy. Apricot and peach tones along with a sharp citrus note and a faint trace of baking spice. This one's a great value, but don't keep it too long—Jeio wasn't made to age all that gracefully. It will play a gracious sidekick to polenta and mushrooms or any number of veggie dishes, however.

From the west coast comes J Cuvée Brut 20 NV (\$25.00), Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier. Sleek, dry, fruit-forward. Citrus and something a bit fennel-like on the nose; creamy body with yeast, honey, pear, apple and spice notes. You could drink this every day—and I know some people who do.

Last but not least, as they say, is Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve (\$65.00). With a brilliant gold color and long-lasting bubbles, this highly



vivacious stuff is aged for a long time on the yeast, so it has a very mature and voluptuous nature—it's a bit like someone managed to bottle sunshine. Ripe fruit notes (plum and apricot, a little mango) mingle with lightly nutlike traces on the nose, while the palate imparts buttery pastry, cherries and caramel and praline notes. The texture is lavish and lush. If I were going to step out on Billecart-Salmon, I'd be hooking up with Heidsieck for sure. (In other words, put this in the Awesome Gift Column.)

Hope these suggestions give you a "running start" for what all of us here at South Boston Today hope will be the beginning of a Season of Joy, Hope and Peace for all, despite everything.

Talk To The Wine Guy at
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I Was Just Thinking...

"Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips; and shows itself in deeds."
(Theodore Roosevelt)



by Kevin Devlin

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, and what a year it has been thus far, we

need to take a moment, pause, and give thanks to what we do have, what we still enjoy. Give thanks that we are truly fortunate to live in the United States of America, the greatest country in the history of the world.

Without doubt our world has been turned upside down, our souls pierced with sadness, our minds and spirit stressed out to the max due to circumstances beyond our control. But we are Americans and always face adversity with steadfast resolve. Although, as the cliché informs us, we aren't out of the woods just yet, we hopefully are walking on a path which will eventually lead us towards the light and peace of mind.

As we enjoy this Thanksgiving, we must remember those less fortunate than us and give as much as we can to help others as we move forward. We must remember hatred doesn't have a place in our hearts. We must remember our words can hurt as well as heal, but we must choose the latter. We must remember our strength comes from unity and not disunity. We must remember to stand together because we desire order not chaos. We must also remember words are empty unless they are backed up by worthwhile deeds.

I hope everyone enjoys their Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Eat, drink, eat some more, smile, laugh, and be happy.

And never forget to be thankful for all that we have in our lives.



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133 Seaport Blvd UNIT 1101	\$1,100,700	10/1/20	3	1	667
368 Dorchester St UNIT 6	\$1,159,000	10/16/20	6	2.5	2,241
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Thanksgiving 1621 to 2020: No Matter the Times, the Tradition Continues

SBT Staff Report

Most adults today read about the first Thanksgiving while still in elementary school. It's a story of hardship being overcome by success that finally led to the first Thanksgiving feast where the Pilgrims gave thanks to God for the bountiful food that was finally available which enabled them to survive.

The Pilgrims were seeking freedom from the religious persecution they had suffered in England and courageously set sail for the new world. Packing all the belongings they could carry onto what would today in 2020, be considered a tiny, unsafe ship, they made the perilous journey and landed on the east coast of what is now America. This is history; we all know this from our lessons at school. But what many may have forgotten was that this was not the beginning of what is today a uniquely American holiday. The first Thanksgiving celebrated in the autumn of 1620 was not observed in the years following. It became an official holiday in 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed it to

be so and it has been an American tradition ever since.

Today, Americans often sit down to sumptuous turkey dinners with all the 'fixins' and still give thanks to God for all that we have in our country. At least in recent years, this of course is sometimes preceded or followed by watching football games and taking part in other holiday activities; one of which for some could simply be an after-dinner nap while waiting for dessert and coffee. Historians still aren't positive that turkey was part of the first Thanksgiving feast. However they do seem pretty sure that sumptuous main courses like wild duck, goose, venison and even clams and lobster were high at the top of the menu followed by fruits such as plums and boiled pumpkin. No pumpkin pie. But happily, turkeys today are plentiful and if cooked just right, delicious and now cooked by several different methods.

Though tradition still reigns on Thanksgiving Day, much has changed since that first feast in 1621. The 46 surviving Pilgrims, were joined and helped by 91 American Indians and together

they worked hard and in cooperation at making sure that from then on, food and shelter; two of the most important things that were a must for survival in those days in such a harsh environment, would follow and endure well into the future. Today, what often follows a relaxing Thanksgiving holiday spent with friends and family is frenzied shopping sprees and a head long rush into the Christmas Season and all the hustle and bustle that comes with it. And even in 2020, with the Covid scare making some people extra cautious, many people are planning to continue to do just that.

Times change for sure, but the good thing about this very special holiday is that even though in this modern age; nearly four centuries since the first Thanksgiving feast was enjoyed, where things are so much different with new customs and habits, most Americans still hold on to part of that tradition. It's what caused this Thanksgiving holiday to begin way back when the Mayflower first landed at Plymouth Rock. And that is an appreciation of family, good friends and neighbors helping neighbors and slowing down, even if it's just for a day to give thanks for all that we have.



South Boston Catholic Academy News

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

South Boston Catholic Academy students in K1A would like to say a Happy Thanksgiving to all!

South Boston Catholic Academy

recently held their Student Council Elections. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Student Council Elections! We are excited to see what our

class representatives achieve in this 2020-2021 school year. One of the first projects our new Student Council members, led by our Student Council President, Vice President and Secretary in the 6th Grade, was on this month's Annual Food Drive to Benefit St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive.

Our Student Council members helped organize this food collection drive with guidance from Ms. Tynan, our Music Teacher,

along with help from their classmates, families and friends at South Boston Catholic Academy in hopes that this drive will provide food that will help families and neighbors have a Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you to everyone who helped make this food drive possible.

From all of us at South Boston Catholic Academy, we wish Everyone a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!



Governor Baker Appoints Tim Sullivan to MBTA FMCB and Brian Lang to MassDOT Board of Directors



Governor Charlie Baker today appointed Tim Sullivan to serve on the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's (MBTA) Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB), and appointed current FMCB member Brian Lang to also serve on the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Board of Directors.

Mr. Sullivan, who is currently a Managing Director at UBS, has nearly thirty years of experience in the public and private sectors. He previously served as the Executive Director of MassHousing, the quasi-public agency charged with providing financing for affordable housing in Massachusetts. Over a decade and a half, Mr. Sullivan served MassHousing in increasingly senior roles including Chief Financial Officer, Deputy Director of Finance and Rental Programs, and Director of Rental Lending.

Mr. Sullivan also served as Budget Director for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Deputy Chief Financial Officer for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and worked in the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Union College and a Master of Science in Public Affairs from the University of Massachusetts Boston.

"Tim has an impressive record of leadership and management experience and knows the importance of working

closely with local communities and constituencies to promote growth and sustainability," said Governor Baker. "Tim's guidance and insight will be a great benefit to the Authority as it navigates the new COVID-19 landscape. I am grateful for Brian's hard work and efforts over the last several years on the FMCB and appreciate him joining the MassDOT Board."

"Tim Sullivan's knowledge of public and private finance and experience working to finance affordable housing will assist the MBTA as it works to protect essential service for transit-dependent customers and ensure that available resources are focused on meeting current and near-term demand," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack. "Brian Lang has been a thoughtful and effective member of the Fiscal Management and Control Board and I look forward to him serving in his new additional role on the MassDOT Board of Directors."

"We are pleased to have Tim Sullivan join the FMCB and help support our ongoing efforts to match service with ridership demands while building a better T that is safe, reliable, robust, and resilient," said General Manager Steve Poftak. "Tim brings decades of experience and a valuable management skillset to our organization and I look forward to working closely with him."

Mr. Lang will join the MassDOT Board of Directors and will continue serving on the MBTA

FMCB. Mr. Lang was appointed to the FMCB by Governor Baker in 2015 and is a past President of UNITE HERE Local 26, Boston's hotel and food service union. He spent more than twenty years representing the union's 7,000 members, starting as organizing director, and eventually being elected as president in 2011. Before joining the UNITE HERE Local 26 team, he was involved as a union organizer for SEIU Local 285.

The FMCB was first established by Governor Baker and the Legislature in July 2015 to oversee and improve the finances, management, and operations of the MBTA. In July 2020, Governor Baker signed legislation extending the FMCB for an additional year.

The MassDOT Board of Directors serves as the governing authority for MassDOT. Each seat on the MassDOT Board is required to fulfill specific criteria so that the Board has Directors with expertise in transportation, finance, and/or engineering.

Mr. Sullivan replaces Brian Shortsleeve as an FMCB Director with finance experience and Mr. Lang replaces Mr. Shortsleeve on the MassDOT Board of Directors. The statute which created the FMCB in 2015 set forth that three members of the FMCB must also serve as a member of the MassDOT Board of Directors. Mr. Shortsleeve was one of the three who served on both Boards and now Mr. Lang will serve on both Boards.

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU19P0880EA

Commonwealth Of

Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Estate of: Christopher Curry

Date of Death: 12/16/2018

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street

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To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Informal**

Appointment of Personal

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Rita Curry of South Boston MA

requesting that the Court enter a

formal Decree and Order and for

such other relief as requested in the

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Rita Curry of South Boston

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Representative(s) of said estate

to serve **Without Surety** on

the bond in **an unsupervised**

administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m.**

on the return day of 12/24/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding.

If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,

First Justice of this Court.

November 12, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

November 25, 2020

MAYOR WALSH APPOINTS NICK MARTIN AS CHIEF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



is a veteran city hall aide, having previously worked in the Walsh and Menino administrations for a combined eight and a half years.

“During his previous time working for the City of Boston, Nick established a reputation for being a strategic thinker that brings his colleagues together to tell the story of all that the city is doing to support and advance the lives of people in Boston,” said Mayor Walsh. “He’s continued to develop these skills in the private sector, and I am pleased to have him re-join my administration as Chief Communications Officer and lead the collaboration with the communications staff from every city agency and department.”

Martin has spent the last four years working for the Coca-Cola system in the Northeast, first for The Coca-Cola Company and currently for the independent franchise bottler Coca-Cola Beverages

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced that he is appointing Nick Martin to be the administration’s new Chief Communications Officer, effective Monday, December 14. Martin, who is currently the Director of Public Affairs and Communications for Coca-Cola Beverages Northeast,

Northeast. In addition to managing public policy issues for the company across its seven-state territory, Martin also oversees internal communications and has led several initiatives to improve employee engagement for the 3,400-person organization. He launched and oversees the company’s diversity, equity and inclusion steering committee and coordinated multiple companywide engagement surveys to solicit feedback from employees.

“In many ways, this feels like a homecoming for me,” said Martin. “I started as a press assistant in the Mayor’s Office in 2008, and it is truly the honor of my career to have the opportunity to lead the communications team 12 years later. I’m beyond eager to support Mayor Walsh in communicating his ambitious agenda for all the people of Boston, and I’m ready to hit the ground running next month.”

Prior to joining Coca-Cola, Martin was the Communications Director for the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA), where he helped manage an initiative to re-envision the agency previously

known as the Boston Redevelopment Authority. He also served as the Communications Director for the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) during a severe flu season in 2013 and in the wake of the Boston Marathon bombings, when the agency provided a variety of trauma support and relief services. He started his city hall career in the Mayor’s Press Office in 2008, and later spent two years as Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff before serving the BPDA and BPHC.

Martin has volunteer roles with several community organizations in Boston, including Save the Harbor Save the Bay, where he’s a board member and treasurer for the non-profit, as well as the youth literacy organization WriteBoston, where he also serves on the board. He is also an advisory member to The BASE, which helps student-athletes achieve their full potential both on and off the field.

Martin holds an undergraduate degree in government from Dartmouth College. He and his wife Lyndsey, a clinical psychologist, reside in South Boston with their dog Stanley.

A Societal Pandemic - Facing History And Ourselves

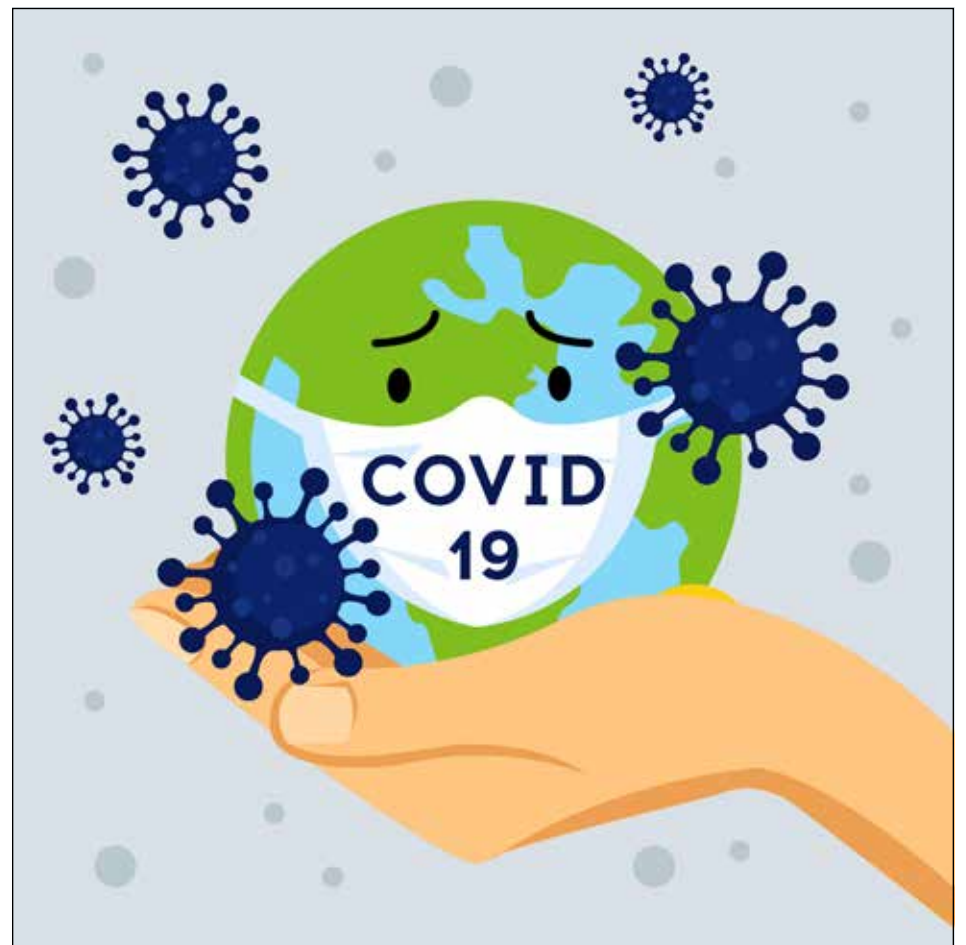
Intensified by the Covid-19 global pandemic, it is likely that the election of 2020 will go down in history as the year that not only utterly polarized our country, but fundamentally changed the way we see each other not only as Americans, but as human beings. It also called into question how the news is delivered to us and how the multi-media that delivers it has been twisted and contaminated to satisfy the exorbitant cost that advertisers pay to reach the consumers of the news and opinions that permeate it.

If this statement rings true, it seems that the only way for Americans to emerge from this ‘Societal Pandemic’ is to reflect on our individual values. While extremist organizations on both the right and left of the political spectrum have been founded and are thriving by both preying on

the anxiety of the economically vulnerable and playing on the fear of retaliation on the politically vulnerable, the rest of the country has to “stiffen its backbone” and take steps to recalibrate its collective hearts, minds and soul. To this end, perhaps an adult version of elements of the well-known program Facing History And Facing Ourselves is a vehicle for this recalibration.

Facing History And Ourselves (FHAO) is a Massachusetts-based global non-profit organization founded in 1976. The organization’s mission is to “use lessons of history to challenge teachers and their students to stand up to bigotry and hate.” FHAO has been offering professional development programs for educators interested in teaching the subject. To meet local, state, or national mandates, the organization works

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a couple of pals and will make a feast with them.

There doesn't seem much to be thankful for as we approach this holiday. COVID-19 infection rates are surging again and maybe it's a good thing we don't have guests for the long weekend because it could be hard to find enough toilet paper for all of them.

Many of the schools that were back in session are now closing again. Students are falling farther and farther behind where they would have been in a traditional school year. Stores, restaurants and salons and other services are still hurting; more businesses are threatened with permanent closure. Unlike when this whole thing started just before spring, the days now are growing colder, shorter, darker. We've given up so much already. Sunrise Easter services and other religious holidays, typically large gatherings of family and community, were canceled or held in online meeting rooms. So were graduations, Fourth of July fireworks, summer vacations, back-to-school nights.

"We should all be vigilant and not let our guard down because we desperately want to spend time

with the people we love," says Dr. Benjamin Barlow, Chief Medical Officer of American Family Care. "One person, even without showing symptoms, can infect everyone in the room." The local doctors at American Family Care have created the Holiday COVID Checklist to prepare families with a safe plan to celebrate with confidence.

Holiday COVID Checklist

Take a Test! – Some families are insisting everyone get tested first and it's a smart idea, especially for children who may be carriers but not show symptoms.

Here are two of the tests available for COVID-19.

o **RAPID Testing**

- These tests are for patients who have been exposed or are having symptoms related to COVID-19. It's best to get the test when you're in the early stages of the virus, (two to three days in) when your viral load is the highest.

- Nasal swab done by patient or by medical provider (which is preferred)

- Produces results within 15 minutes.

o **Send Out Testing**

- PCR – Polymerase Chain Reaction – testing is considered the "Gold Standard" for COVID Testing, recommended for patients who have COVID symptoms.

- Nasal or saliva swab done by medical provider.

- FDA cites this test as the most accurate for diagnosing COVID

- Results back in two to three days, though lab backlogs slow things down

- Mask it! – When not eating, everyone wears a mask and make sure they wear them properly, covering nose and mouth and fits tightly on the side of your face. You could even get creative and hold a mask decorating competition. It would be a great way for multi-generations to interact and keep a special memento (mask) to remind you of the 2020 holiday season.

- Make Distance Markers - Put distance markers on your floor like you see in businesses to keep everyone six feet or two arms lengths apart. Try to keep Great Aunt Edna or little Joey who suffers from asthma as isolated as possible. If someone has serious underlying conditions, gatherings should be kept to a few immediate family members. Keep the headcount low regardless.

- Provide Hand Sanitizers – Post bottles of hand sanitizers throughout. Make sure they contain 60% alcohol. Play a game "Count the Sanitizers" and whoever guesses the correct amount, wins a prize. Kind of like an Easter Egg Hunt – only COVID-style.

- Enjoy Outdoors – If weather cooperates, serve food outdoors for better ventilation. Outdoor heaters and firepits will encourage people to gather outside. Plan activities like corn hole, football and basketball so guests go outside and stay outside.

- Cut Down on Cooks and Cooking - Have guests bring food to limit cooks in the kitchen, where people get too close. Limit exposure by having one person wearing a mask and gloves make everyone's plate, vs. everyone digging in the food buffet-style. Limit the menu to keep it simple. Designate one person to create take-home plates for leftovers.

- Set Time Limits - Set a firm start and end time for festivities to guests don't linger for hours.


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cula for grades 8-11. Topics have included civil rights, anti-Semitism, violence, democracy, human behavior and immigration.

In the recently conducted post-election Franklin Pierce/Boston Herald poll, more than 85% said that racism is at least a small problem in this country. Issues related to law and order, social justice and racial equality, as well as access to health care were the top concerns of those polled, after the pandemic and economy. Younger voters, ages 18-29, ranked social justice and racial equality as a concern on par with the economy. 38% of those polled said that racism is more of a problem today than it was five years ago. This includes 49% of those who strongly approve of President Trump and who believe that racism is a problem. And

25% of President Trump's strongest supporters believe racism is a bigger problem today than it was five years ago.

Massachusetts is different in its ideological make-up from many other parts of the country. For as seemingly liberal as it is projected to be by the media, it has yet to shake its reputation, especially in Greater Boston, as 'unwelcoming' to African Americans and other minorities. Although many have disagreed with this label and many have and continue to work hard at confronting it, the media, for its part, seem to have a greater interest in sowing discontent than commending the progress. The mission of FHAO, and its success among the youth, may have the core elements of promoting dialogue and education that could bring adult folks together, if we so desire.



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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.

Please support the men and women who live in them this Christmastime.



I'm coming off my worst week of picks this season, as I went 1-4 against the spread in Week 11. Brutal. But the good news is, it can't get much worse than that.

My record on the season is now 29-19-2. There are no byes in Week 12. But there are three games on Thursday, per the Thanksgiving tradition. Let it serve as a distraction to all the Covid craziness out there. And let's pick some winners in the process.

Here are my picks for Week 12:
WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM (+3) over Dallas Cowboys
 -This is the middle game on Thanksgiving, at 4:30 p.m. in Dallas. And this division is once again laughable. All four teams in the NFC East have only three wins. So a playoff spot is still very realistic for both Washington and Dallas, meaning, this is a must-win game for both teams. Washington already beat Dallas last month, 25-3, in their first meeting of the season. Washington rookie running back Antonio Gibson is having a great season, and he ran for 128 yards in that win over the Cowboys. On the other end, Ezekiel Elliott was held to just 45 rush yards. Washington will have a different quarterback

now though, as they've turned to veteran Alex Smith, who's return from a devastating leg injury will most certainly get him the "Comeback Player of the Year" award. Sure, Washington is 0-4 on the road this season. But Dallas has the worst defense in the NFL, allowing 32 points per game. That's worse than the winless Jets. I'll take the points because I think Washington will win the game.

ARIZONA CARDINALS (-2.5) over New England Patriots
 -The 4-6 Patriots couldn't contain Deshaun Watson in a loss to the Houston Texans last week, and I don't think they'll do much better against Kyler Murray and the 6-4 Arizona Cardinals on Sunday at 1 in Foxboro. The Cardinals are also coming off a loss, but you can't deny their offensive firepower coming into this game. Murray and the Cardinals are one of the most explosive offenses in the NFL, averaging 29 points per game. Arizona is a playoff team. New England is not. That will be evident on Sunday. Give me the Cardinals to win by a touchdown.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

(+3) over Kansas City Chiefs

-The 7-4 Buccaneers have yet to lose two straight this season, and I don't think that trend will be snapped this Sunday at 4:25 against the 9-1 Chiefs. Kansas City has won five straight, but that streak will be snapped by Tom Brady and the Bucs. It's a must-win for Tampa Bay, which is not promised a playoff spot. The Buccaneers are second in their division, and are currently in the No. 6 seed in the NFC playoff picture. Is this a Super Bowl preview? It could be. But the Bucs know the only way that's possible is if they win games like this to get into the tournament. Expect Brady to feel disrespected by being an underdog at home. Buccaneers will find a way to win.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (-5.5) over Philadelphia Eagles

-This is Monday Night Football in Philadelphia. It was almost my lock of the week. I feel strongly about the 7-3 Seahawks going into Philly to beat the 3-6-1 Eagles who have lost two straight, to the Giants and the Browns. Seattle's defense is uncharacteristically bad this year, but they're still tied for first place in the NFC

West with the Rams. The Seahawks are coming off a win over the Cardinals last Thursday night, so they'll have a little extra time to prepare for an Eagles team that they should beat. Will they cover? That's what my money's on. Give me Seattle to win by 10.

LOCK OF THE WEEK: BALTIMORE RAVENS (+4) over Pittsburgh Steelers

-The 10-0 Steelers are the only undefeated team in the NFL. Meanwhile, the 6-4 Ravens have lost two straight and are in danger of missing the playoffs just a year after everyone and their mother crowned Lamar Jackson as the greatest football player ever. Well, as much as I knock those who overreacted to Jackson's success, I do think that Baltimore find a way to grind out a win on Thanksgiving night in Pittsburgh. It's a must-win game for the Ravens. I'm taking the points as my lock.

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SPORTS TODAY

PATRIOTS' PLAYOFF HOPES FADE WITH LOSS TO TEXANS

SBT Staff

The New England Patriots had their two-game win streak snapped on Sunday, losing to the Texans in Houston, 27-20.

New England is now 4-6 on the season, and in third place in the AFC East. Up next is the Arizona Cardinals in Week 12.

The loss to Houston hurts, though, as the Texans entered the game with just two wins. It was clearly a game the Patriots needed to win if they wanted a realistic path to the playoffs.

Entering Week 12, the Patriots are on the outside looking in, with three teams ahead of them, who are also on the outside looking in. And that's with the addition of a third Wild Card team in each conference.

If the playoffs began today, the 6-4 Las Vegas Raiders would receive that third and final Wild Card spot as the No. 7 seed in the AFC. The No. 6 seed would be the 7-3 Cleveland Browns. And the No. 5 seed and top Wild Card spot would be the 7-3 Tennessee Titans.

The three teams ahead of New England that are also on the out-

Tweet of the Week

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side looking in are the 4-6 Denver Broncos, the 6-4 Miami Dolphins, and the 6-4 Baltimore Ravens.

This Sunday, the Pats will try to keep their season alive against a 6-4 Arizona Cardinals team that's coming off a Thursday Night Football loss to the Seattle Seahawks. If the playoffs began today, the Cardinals would be the third and final Wild Card team as the No. 7 seed in the NFC. Arizona still has a chance to win the NFC West, which would make them a top-three seed in the NFC, so they shouldn't be taken lightly just because they're currently seeded at No. 7.

The Patriots will need to do a better job against Cardinals quarterback Kyler Murray than they did against Deshaun Watson. The Texans quarterback finished Sunday's win over the Patriots with 344 pass yards and two pass touchdowns, while also running in another touchdown. Murray can also throw and run — arguably better than Watson — so the Patriots will have their work cut out for them.

Needless to say, it's a must-win game for New England.

CELTICS SIGN TATUM TO FIVE-YEAR MAX EXTENSION

SBT Staff

Jayson Tatum just got paid, and deservedly so. The 22-year-old forward signed a five-year, \$163 million contract extension over the weekend. The deal could increase to a total of \$195 million if Tatum makes the first, second, or third-team All-NBA next season, according to reports. He was named

WHAT TO WATCH

NFL THURSDAY, NOV. 26
Houston (-2.5) at Detroit
12:30 P.M. CBS

Washington at Dallas (-2.5)
4:30 P.M. FOX

Baltimore at Pittsburgh (-3.5)
8:20 P.M. NBC

SUNDAY, NOV. 29
Arizona (-2.5) at New England
1 P.M. FOX

Kansas City (-3) at Tampa Bay
4:25 P.M. CBS

Chicago at Green Bay (-7.5)
8:20 P.M. NBC

NCAAF SATURDAY, NOV. 28
#22 Auburn at #1 Alabama (-23.5)
3:30 P.M. CBS

third-team All-NBA last season.

Tatum is entering the final year of his four-year rookie contract with the Celtics. The first year of the new deal won't begin until the 2021-22 NBA season.

Last season, the Celtics signed Jaylen Brown to a four-year, \$115 million contract extension during the final year of his four-year rookie deal.

Brown was drafted by the Celtics with the No. 3 overall pick in the 2016 NBA Draft. Tatum was drafted by the Celtics with the No. 3 overall pick in the 2017 NBA Draft. Both lottery picks came from the Brooklyn Nets in the 2013 trade that sent Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett, and Jason Terry to Brooklyn.

HAYWARD OPTS OUT, SIGNS MASSIVE DEAL WITH HORNETS

SBT Staff

As NBA free agency began over the weekend, the Boston Celtics lost Gordon Hayward, who opted out of the fourth and final year of his Celtics contract.

After several rumors linked the Celtics to a sign-and-trade that would've sent him to his home state of Indiana to play for the Pac-

ers, Hayward instead left on his own terms and signed a four-year, \$120 million deal with the Charlotte Hornets.

Hayward turns 31 in March. His player option for next season with Boston was worth \$34.2 million. He spent the last three seasons with the Celtics after signing a four-year, \$128 million deal before the 2017-18 season.



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