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Seaport Square Proposed Changes Met With Sharp Opposition

In 2015, WS Development bought the remaining portions of the Seaport Square Project, 13 undeveloped acres owned by Boston Global Investors and Morgan Stanley, for \$359 million. WS filed a revised building plan in February 2017 for nine blocks of housing, office space, and a tree-lined promenade from Summer Street to the waterfront, adding nearly 1 million more square feet to the originally approved project. It also came with a significant reduction in public and green space and dropped a 200,000-squarefoot theater from its building plan, saying it is instead considering a "cultural corridor" of **CONTINUED ON page 5** WWW.SOUTHBOSTONTODAY.COM

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EDITORIAL Tearing Down Statues and Abolishing Holidays? - Enough

he disgruntled and perpetually offended seem to be on a roll. Don't like a statue, splash it with paint and demand it be taken down. Have a problem with a particular national holiday, scream 'racist' and rename or abolish it. And so it's been going this way as of late.

Last Monday, it was Columbus Day that was the focus of evil. But surveys show that a relatively tiny minority in America considers Christopher Columbus akin to the Devil himself, yet they are demanding the day be changed to 'Indigenous People's Day'. It doesn't matter that millions of Italian Americans want it to remain just as it is. Because remember, while the vast majority's feelings matter, the handful of screaming radical's feelings matter more.

And true to form, as they do every year, they will be squawking about Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas next. This would all be a joke if there weren't actually politicians and college officials so intimidated by noisy radicals and 'snow flakes' that they duck, run and cover and so often give into these silly demands. It's time for the rest of us to finally put a stop to this. Because they can't succeed in tearing down America's traditions and erasing history, which is their ultimate goal, if the rest of us rise up and say – ENOUGH! And mean it.



"I know the lands are lit with all the autumn blaze of Goldenrod" – Helen Hunt Jackson



Letter to the Editor

Dear Neighbor,

My name is Ana Calderon and I am writing to you in support of Ed Flynn's campaign for Boston City Council District 2. Ed is a sincere and genuine person, who will work to keep our streets safe, improve our public schools, and help increase opportunities for all our neighborhoods.

Ed Flynn is the only candidate for office I have ever seen knock on doors in public housing, ask the people about the issues, and to support his campaign. Please join me in supporting Ed Flynn for City Council on Tuesday, November 7th. Ana Calderon South Boston

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Traitors, Snowflakes and the Oppressed

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY John Ciccone

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

• ouching on a few topics of interest this week, let's start with US Army deserter Bowe Bergdahl. This guy deserted his post in Afghanistan. A long and intensive hunt to find him by his fellow soldiers was said to have caused the death of 6 of them. We all know the story that followed. During the Obama Administration, the Taliban returned him in exchange for 5 high ranking and very dangerous terrorists being held at Gitmo, said to be the worst of the worst. Claiming innocence, Bergdahl was invited to the White House, where President Obama showered him with praise. This understandably infuriated the troops Bergdahl served with, especially when they lost some of their own trying to find this guy.

Well, that was then this is now.

Bergdahl continued to deny he was a traitor and a deserter while Obama remained in the White House and may have figured Hillary was a shoo in to win the election and the odds were good that he'd be just fine under another liberal president. But all that changed as a result of last year's election. The current president, unlike his predecessor, doesn't reward treason with praise and Bergdal knows it. So, he has decided to plead guilty to desertion and misbehavior and hope for the best deal he can get; which according to public and passionate statements by his former fellow soldiers, shouldn't be a good deal at all and should include a long - LONG prison sentence. What a difference a year makes.

Moving on, the snowflake capital of the world continues to be one of

several national laughingstocks. The University of California at Berkley, as usual is the scene of drama, as students there are demanding that they not have to take their midterm exams. You see, the thought of taking those exams is frightening and stressful and it 'triggers' them, causing many to run to their 'safe spaces' and trauma counselors. Now, knowing how things usually turn out on so many of the nation's campuses, the school administrators will probably give in to the demands of the student snowflakes and rush in crayons and coloring books, chocolate milk to drink and puppies to cuddle. It's been said that many colleges today have put real education on the back burner and instead focus on indoctrinating their students. And that's true in many cases now. But as time goes

on, they are starting to resemble daycare centers as well. What's going on should be concerning to parents, who pay a lot of money for tuition. Amusing, comical and embarrassing yes, but concerning just the same.

To close this week, as if the poor NFL players who have been disrespecting our National Anthem, Flag, military and police at their games don't have enough to feel 'oppressed' about, Vice President Mike Pence really set them off last Sunday when he walked out of the Colts/49ers game. The kneeling players on the 49ers team were highly insulted by the Vice President's actions, since it took the focus off their efforts to deliberately antagonize thousands of spectators in the stands and millions more watching from home. 49er's continued on page 11





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.

Another Mayor for Life?

Though Marty Walsh has yet to defeat/trounce/slaughter Tito Jackson in next month's mayoral election, the Globe's Joan Vennochi is already looking ahead and wonders what Walsh's next move will be after he wins re-election: Become Boston's next "mayor for life" or actually run for higher office, i.e. the governorship? Political history indicates the former. Btw: Joan drops a nice political factoid in her column about the last Boston mayor who served as governor in Massachusetts. Can you name him? It's a good trivia question that WGBH's Mike Deehan might consider for his next Trivia Night at the BPL.

The Islands' dilemma: How to get pot past the U.S. Coast Guard

The state's new Cannabis Control Commission is facing a host of regulatory issues, including figuring out how to get enough legal marijuana to Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard without running afoul of federal law or the U.S. Coast Guard, Jack Sullivan reports in Common-Wealth magazine. Sky-high land costs make cultivation on the islands problematic, while transporting weed to the islands would technically violate federal law.

Sorry, Geoff and Shiva, only a squishy moderate Republican is going to defeat Warren

The Herald's Michael Graham breaks the bad news to Republicans Geoff Diehl and Shiva Ayyadurai: Their firebrand conservative politics won't cut it in a general election against U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren. The evidence, he says, is overwhelming that New England voters can and will back moderate Republicans, but not Trump-diehard Republicans.

AG Healey to sue Trump, again, this time over power plant emissions

Last week, it was a suit against the Trump administration over a controversial decision on insurance coverage of contraceptives. This week, it's a planned lawsuit by Attorney General Maura Healey over the Trump administration's withdrawal of a rule meant to limit greenhouse gas emissions. Shira Schoenberg has the details at MassLive.

Baker: As many as 20 local bids may be submitted to Amazon

We're assuming Amazon is really interested in only one bid from Massachusetts and we all know what it is, i.e. a Boston-Cambridge bid. But Amazon is going to have to sift through up to 20 bids from local cities, towns and regions in Massachusetts, according to Gov. Charlie Baker, as the Herald's Matt Stout reports this morning. "I think in the end it will probably be more than 10 and less than 20," said Baker, whose administration has taken the risky course of not backing a single state bid for the Amazon HQ2. "I would say the vast majority of the commonwealth will probably be bidding at the local or regional level."

Here's hoping Mayor Walsh's team has its act together, unlike those in the Corner Office who obviously don't want to upset other regions of the state by backing a Boston bid.

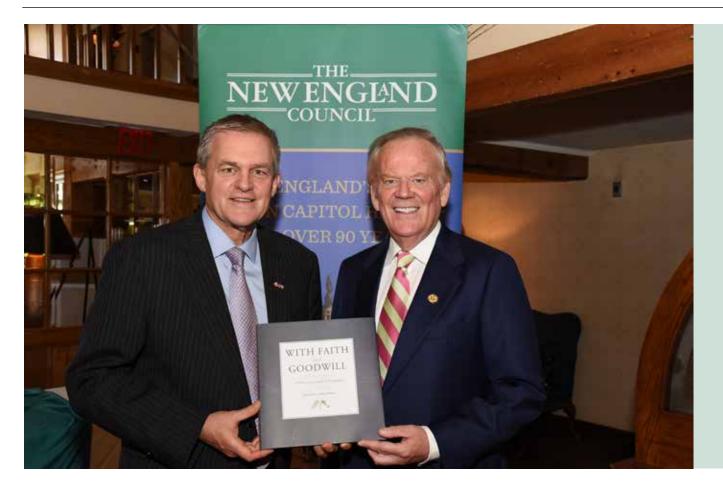
Speaking of the Boston bid, the Globe's Tim Logan says the city has a somewhat awkward pitch to make, if it's going to be honest with Amazon: Touting the city's modern, hip, tech savvy culture but at the same time dealing with the reality of Boston's cranky, rickety, resistantto-change ways.

One word explains why Amazon might choose Boston: Robotics

Sure, there may be some great sites for Amazon to potentially develop in Boston for a second headquarters. But if Boston ultimately wins the Amazon HQ2 sweepstakes, it will be because of the region's competitive edge in robotics and other unmanned-systems that companies like Amazon increasingly see as the future, writes Jeffrey Adams, president of AUVSI New England and co-founder of Unmanned Aerial Systems Development at the BBJ.

Boston police organizing New England-wide gun tracking program

This is interesting – and it makes sense. From Antonio Planas at the Herald: "Boston is launching an unprecedented New England partnercontinued on page 13



JIM BRETT

anada's Consul General David Alward presented Jim Brett, President of the New England Council a first edition "With Faith and Goodwill: 150 Years of Canada-U.S. Friendship" publication. This was a token of appreciation to commemorate our shared relationship and the strong advocacy and friendship of the New England Council. The Council has led the efforts to raise awareness about the importance of the ties that bind our two nations.

ED FLYNN CALLS FOR CREATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMITTEE

Ed Flynn, candidate for Boston City Council District 2, announced this week that if elected he will call for the creation of a Domestic Violence Committee. Flynn, a probation officer and former state public safety official, stated that the purpose of this committee will be to study, gather data and educate the public in an effort to eradicate this repugnant behavior from our communities.

At a press conference in the South End surrounded by women from across the district, Flynn said, "We in the city of Boston take pride in knowing that the nation often looks to us for guidance, due to our progressive policies and outlook on so many different issues. However, according to Jane Doe Inc., the Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, I'm afraid our communities are not immune to this abhorrent behavior."

Flynn cited data compiled by Jane Doe, Inc., the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the 2010 National Intimate Partner Survey. The statistics indicated that Massachusetts was on par with national averages:

Nearly 1 in 3 women and 1 in 5 men in Massachusetts have experienced rape, physical violence and/ or stalking by an intimate partner in their lives.
11% of high school students and 6% of middle school students reported being hurt by a date sometime in their life.
Between 2003 and 2012, Jane Doe, Inc identified 266 victims of domestic violence related homicides and an additional 74 domestic violence homicide perpetrator deaths in Massachusetts.

In addition, Jane Doe Inc. noted that these statistics may not account for immigrants, members of the LGBTQ community, or and those who may be hesitant to contact law enforcement. "I recognize this is an uncomfortable issue to speak about; however, I believe we have a responsibility to seek ways



to reduce domestic violence and increase reporting opportunities for all of our communities, " said Flynn. "It is imperative that we educate folks from every neighborhood, provide a comforting and safe atmosphere for victims, and offer an outlet to those who may be hesitant to speak out."

Flynn commented that he would look to build on the work of his mother, Kathy Flynn, who sought to support domestic violence victims as First Lady of Boston. If elected, Flynn will work with the City Council Committee on Healthy Women, Families, and Communities, and the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice to specifically address these issues.

"In the final analysis, I believe that the creation of this committee will help to increase awareness about the prevalence of domestic violence in our city," said Flynn. "If elected, I have faith that my colleagues will recognize the value this committee will bring in terms of education and helping to bring about an end to this inexcusable behavior."

through 2033.

BPDA also urged WS to study a range of options to keep theaters affordable to cash-strapped nonprofits. So, they proposed the Seaport Performing Arts Center, or SeaPAC, with both a 500seat and 150-seat theater, as well as a low-cost, flexible community theater of 100 to 150 seats nearby. WS will seek outside partners to help manage the theaters.

The residents, activists and stakeholders must keep the public pressure on the elected officials and government agencies both during the comment period through October 27 and thereafter during the period leading up to the BPDA vote on November 16. The question is, 'will Seaport Square yield to the mutually beneficial public interests as a true partner'? A smart move by WS, that is looking to dramatically increase the value of the property through amendments to the previously agreed to master plan, would be to heed the collective stakeholders. The smart move by the BPDA is to push the public interest and deliver the value proposition that is beneficial to all parties, especially the public.

Seaport Square Continued from front page

smaller venues. And, what public and green space they propose would be under the developer's control.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) is currently reviewing the new proposal and has a comment period open to the public that ends on October 27. Comments may be made to michael.rooney@ boston.gov. or 617-918-4237. A BPDA board meeting to vote on the proposal is scheduled for November 16.

Elected leaders, arts activists and community residents are determined to hold the developer to its promises given the complaint that there is too little park space and that too much of what does exist feels like it belongs to the luxury suites in the residential towers that abound. Increased buildable square feet will result in a greater value that warrants commensurate benefits to the South Boston neighborhoods.

Control of the public and green space has been an issue of concern to elected officials, who believe that these spaces must stay in the control of the government. In a public-private partnership, they would be available for public use, while being privately maintained in perpetuity. In return, the government would allow the space for private use under certain agreed-to terms. The call, by stakeholders, for artist and general community space and a plan to support the performing arts with facilities that meet the needs and potential have received a boost from the collective support of the elected officials including Councilor Mike Flaherty and Senator Linda Dorcena Forry. Representative Nick Collins has also received plaudits for his proposal to site a public library within the Square.

GE staked its claim to the South Boston waterfront neighborhood and now the prospect of Amazon coming to Boston has Governor Charlie Baker, Mayor Marty Walsh, Congressman Stephen Lynch and others are aggressively promoting the area. Underlying the quest for this prized corporate citizen is the positive impact that the influx of some 50,000 employees will have on Boston's affordable housing agenda and the associated cost of living.

Employment opportunities will be significant and job skills training is a key

component as Marie Downey of award winning BEST Hospitality Training Center has expressed at public forums and in writing to elected officials. Aloft and Element Hotels have partnered with the Center and the Envoy Hotel developer has expressed interest in building and managing the Seaport Square hotel and site a training center there for community residents, including those who are typically underrepresented in the industry, including individuals with Down Syndrome, in the hotel. In addition, the Hotel Workers' Union Local 26 has many members in the Greater South Boston area

Since the February proposal and after two more public meetings and numerous huddles with BPDA planners, it appears that WS has come around. District Hall, a venue envisioned to stimulate innovation and engage entrepreneurs was planned as a temporary facility, to be replaced by park space after 10 years. Accordingly, WS Development filed documents with the city indicating it would add green space and dedicated storefronts for startups and small businesses and extend its lease with popular District Hall

Mayor Signs Tenant Protection Home Rule Petition

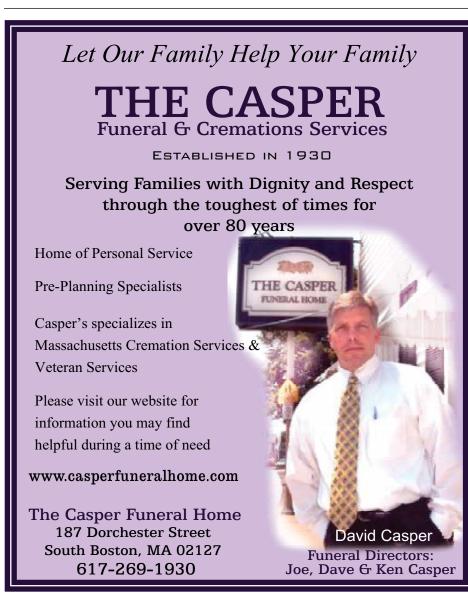
ayor Martin J. Walsh today signed the Jim Brooks Community Stabilization Act (JBCSA), a home rule petition that will help ensure tenants and former homeowners are aware of their rights under State law. The petition was passed by the City Council on Wednesday, October 4.

Once enacted by the State Legislature, this law will help protect residential tenants and former homeowners living in their homes following a foreclosure against arbitrary, unreasonable, discriminatory, or retaliatory evictions, and help ensure that tenants and former homeowners are aware of their rights under State law.

"Many residents throughout Boston rent their homes, and we are committed to ensuring they have the support and protection they need," said Mayor Walsh. "By enacting the JBCSA, the City will be able to track and better manage displacement, educate tenants on their



rights, and provide resources to help ensure that households remain housed. This legislation is about fairness and equity -- the JBCSA will help families stay in their homes, keeping our neighborhoods stable and diverse."



The Jim Brooks Community Stabilization Act was the result of many months of conversations between the City, the advocacy community and local property owners, and creates requirements for landlords to notify the City in the case of eviction. The Act requires landlords or foreclosing owners to provide tenants information concerning their legal rights and resources when serving a notice to quit or other notice of lease nonrenewal or expiration. This notice, called the "City Rights Notice", will be created by the City's Office of Housing Stability (OHS). Landlords or foreclosing owners will also be required to provide tenants or former homeowners with written notice on forms prepared by OHS when exercising their right to lease non-renewal or expiration at least 30 days in advance of beginning any action against the tenant or former homeowners. In addition, the Act creates expanded protections for former homeowner evictions; under the provisions of the Act, the foreclosing homeowner can only evict if certain conditions are met.

There are several exemptions built into the proposed petition. For example, any units owned by a small landlord who is a Massachusetts resident owning fewer than seven rental units are exempt, as is temporary or transitional housing such as substance use treatment and recovery programs, and transitional housing for individuals who are homeless.

The Act outlines penalties for landlords or foreclosing owners who proceed with an eviction without notifying the City, including the potential for the dismissal of the eviction action. In order for the City to gain the right to enforce these sections of the Act, it will be filed by State Representative Chynah Tyler, to be approved by the state legislature.

"There's no doubt we as a City have to take a stand in fighting displacement. We have more work to do, but this is a step in the right direction in protecting our residents and their families. The lengthy and in-depth process -- in which the Boston City Council, Mayor Walsh and the Department of Neighborhood Development, along with many other stakeholders carefully analyzed this Act -- was a collaborative effort," said Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty, Chair of the City Council's Committee on Government Operations. "While this home rule petition goes through the legislative process, let's keep in mind that we recognize the work is not over and the conversation is ongoing in our collective goal to reduce evictions and displacement throughout our City."

The petition is named for Jim Brooks, a Roxbury community activist who passed away in April 2016.

Teach Don't Preach

By Kevin Devlin he great, ancient Greek philosopher, Aristotle, once wrote, that, "It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." If this is true and I certainly think it is, then why are liberals so disinclined to allow freedom of thought and speech on our college campuses? Speaker's invitations have been rescinded because their views are another to the liberal agenda. If the speakers are allowed to speak on campus, students use violence as their weapon of protest. This is not the democratic ideal. Our Republic is about freedom of thought and expression without fear of ridicule or retribution.

Students must be encouraged to think on their own and discover their own creative genes. Students need to develop their critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Allowing this to transpire, teachers would be helping their students grapple with ideas and information which are vital for the students in order to nurture their own intellectual understanding of the subjects being discussed. Teachers must promote a wide range of ideas and allow free expression of diverse opinions in the classroom while maintaining an atmosphere of integrity, civility and respect. Teachers must successfully guide their students through the tunnels of exploration in order for the students to find their creative niche.

Teachers should teach and not preach. Teach and not promote their personal and political leanings. Present all sides and allow students to form their own opinions. Let students develop their own value system based on all the knowledge. Let their creative and intellectual juices flow to the top, flourish, thereby giving originality room to grow. That's what teachers should do. Teach don't preach.

Sadly, such an atmosphere to uphold these lofty goals doesn't exist



today on our college campuses. Liberal bias dismisses opposing views in the classroom and is contrary to our ideas of tolerance and freedom of thought and expression. It used to be the liberal's mantra to defend tolerance and open-mindedness but that has been totally abandoned. Instead, they embrace close-mindedness and intolerance; a complete about face from former ideals. And they steadfastly stifle contrary viewpoints with unabridged arrogance preferring to indoctrinate without consideration.

What has happened to healthy

discourse, an exchange of different ideas, stimulating, intellectual giveand-take dialogue to assist students in thinking freely and form their own independent thoughts and opinions? Why has this approach been thrown in the garbage bin in favor of intolerance and one-sidedness? Why are reason, free inquiry, and tolerance on the deplorable list?

We need healthy, uninhibited, intellectual discourse to dominate once against in the corridors of our educational institutions so we can see light shine brightly through them once again.

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The Wine Guy Number 11



By The Wine Guy

For some of you who are reading this, you're too young to have remembered Drew Bledsoe when he played for the New England Patriots. From 1993-2001, he led the team to the post-season six times; what a lot of people do recall is that after an injury early in the 2000-2001 season, he was replaced by Tom Brady. Almost forgotten, however, is the fact that it was Bledsoe, stepping back in for an injured Brady, who led the Pats to an AFC Championship win over the Pittsburgh Steelers and set them up for their first Superbowl win.

When he retired from the NFL in 2003, he moved back to the Northwest and began to pursue his other passion- premium winemaking. The first phase of what has become a solid portfolio, Doubleback Vineyards, has been producing spectacular Cabernets since its first vintage was introduced in 2007; the wine remains so popular that, despite a price of \$100.00+ per bottle, it consistently sells out.

Phase two has recently come to fruition, comprised of not only a

new line of wines, but a new winery and tasting facility. The Bledsoe Family Wines portfolio, available directly from the winery, (http://www. doubleback.com), are emblematic of the quality and character of wine being produced in the Walla Walla growing region of Washington.

The 2016 Elizabeth Chardonnay, (\$34.00), is described by Winemaker Josh McDaniels, as" having a light golden color, with notes of lemon zest, wet stone and straw". The wine was aged sur lie for 10 months and was cold fermented; the resulting acidity from that method has given it an exceptionally long and full finish.

The 2016 Healy Rose, (\$32.00), is also cold-fermented and aged for six months before bottling. While it's dry in the Rose fashion, it's got a structure to it that's unusual, but delicious. Grapefruit, melon and clementine notes produce a great nose and a nice, even finish.

The 2015 Stolen Horse Syrah,

Walla Walla Valley, (\$54.00), is their first Syrah produced entirely from this AVA; is was naturally fermented and mixed with 5% Viognier. This is lush and extremely well-balanced wine, with layers of red raspberry, menthol and smoked meats and an extremely long finish, attesting to its rich, full-bodied character.

If \$100.00+ Cabernet is a little steep for your budget, consider the 2015 Flying B Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla Valley, (\$48.00), made from lots outside of the Doubleback vineyards. This Cab, named after Bledsoe's great-grandfather's cattle ranch, is really spectacular. Every step of the initial process was done by hand and the wine was aged in new French oak for just under two years with periodic racking. This is a powerful Cab, with flavors of dark, aromatic fruit with super earthy tones to boot. Ask The Wine Guy at jdris8888@ gmail.com

BPDA stating that they are happy to partner with a developer in exercising the Jobs Creation Option for the Seaport Square hotel(s) and to continue to work with its partners in South Boston to ensure a pipeline of South Boston applicants. BEST has an excellent relationship with David Leatherwood of Norwich Partners who is ready to lease or buy the proposed hotel(s) on site and include a training center for individuals with Down syndrome as well as others traditionally shut out of the hospitality industry as part of his proposal. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,

Ed Flynn South Boston Citizens Assoc.

Samuel Hurtado South Boston en Accion

Andy Ward South Boston Collaborative Center

Kevin Lally Gate of Heaven Neighborhood Assoc.

Mary Rose Durante Notre Dame Education Center

Eleanor Kasper Saint Vincent's Neighborhood Assoc.



Open Letter to the BPDA

Director Golden:

As leaders in the South Boston community, we ask that the BPDA ensure there is a local-hire Jobs Creation Agreement in place between the Boston-area Hospitality Training provider BEST, WS Development and their hotel operator(s) prior to BPDA approval of the Seaport Square project. David Leatherwood of Norwich Partners (The Envoy, ONYX and Residence Inn Seaport) has informed BEST he is willing to do exactly this, along with an on-site hospitality training center for South Boston individuals traditionally shut out of the hospitality

industry. As you are aware, the BPDA may not grant zoning relief without the applicant reaching an agreement on Development Impact Project Exactions.

South Boston residents want to know how the massive new developments in their neighborhood will benefit their family. In the spring many members of the South Boston community, including St. Vincent's Neighborhood Association, South Boston Citizen's Association, South Boston en Accion and Julie's Learning Center requested a Jobs Creation Agreement with BEST so that they could offer applicants to be trained by BEST for these new hotel jobs (see attached). South Boston hotel developers have done this before with great success.

In the recent SIR, WS Development stated that they will "partner with one or more local non-profit organizations with a jobs training mission to develop Jobs Creations Proposals for the Neighborhood Jobs Trust to ensure that Jobs Linkage funds generated by the Seaport Square project stay in the South Boston community." However, WS asks that the partnership will be on a project-by-project basis and when responding to BPDA comments in the Scoping Determination about partnering with BEST, WS did not commit to work with BEST.

BEST has submitted a letter to the

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Condo					
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408 1/2/ East Third St UNIT 3	\$840,000	7/18/17	6	2.5	1577
Condo					
276 Bowen St UNIT 3	\$790,000	7/17/17	5	2	1080
Condo					
49 L St UNIT 3	\$790,000	7/20/17	4	2	1126
Condo					
474 East Fourth St UNIT 3	\$780,000	7/17/17	4	1.5	1439
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180 I St UNIT 2	\$615,000	7/20/17	5	1.5	980
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805 East Fourth St UNIT 1	\$475,000	7/17/17	4	1	602
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The Notice of Project Change (NPC) describes the proposed changes to the Parcel D2 portion of the Waterside Place Project. OH NBH, LLC, an affiliate of The Davis Companies and Omni Hotels Management Corporation, have proposed the construction of two 21-story hotel towers with a connecting podium on a site owned by the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport). The Summer Street Hotel project will contain approximately 788,500 sf to be comprised of approximately 1,054 hotel rooms, ballrooms, function rooms, meeting spaces, restaurant/retail space, and together with public realm improvements.

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Mayor Walsh Plan To End Youth Homelessness

uilding on Boston's com- vate lines, and this means there needs mitment to stably house all residents. Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced that the City of Boston will release a request for proposals (RFP) on Tuesday, October 10th to continue its progress in ending youth homelessness in the City of Boston. The consultant will assist the City in gathering data on homeless youth, understanding the current system's capacity, identifying the unmet needs of youth and young adults, and designing a plan to address gaps in emergency assistance system.

"One young person who lives without a stable home is one too many," said Mayor Walsh. "Boston has been aggressive in our efforts to end homelessness in our City, and I'm proud we have housed more than 1,200 veterans and chronically homeless individuals since 2014. As we continue to make strides, Boston's youth are not forgotten. Youth services are a patchwork of programs across City, State and prito be a coordinated plan in place. Our RFP moves Boston closer to ensuring each and every one of our young people has a stable home that allows them to work towards a better life."

Through the efforts of Boston's Way Home, Mayor Walsh's initiative to end veteran and chronic homelessness, Boston has made progress in preventing and ending homelessness among single adults, including ending chronic veteran homelessness and ending nearly 2,300 combined years of homelessness. Using national and local best practices, Boston has transformed its homelessness services into a coordinated and integrated system based on Housing First principles. Building on this success, the City and its partners are now turning their focus to tackling the prevalence of homelessness among unaccompanied youth and young adults.

Prior to the development of the RFP, the Walsh Administration has laid the groundwork to tackle youth



The Southie Pact is about the damage that drugs do to ordinary people and to their community. How drugs ruin the lives of those who succumb to their unvielding grasp and the lives of those left behind to suffer the pain. It's also the story of hope and our faith in each other as we travel through life. It's the story of a group of South Boston teenagers who lose a friend to a drug overdose, and form a "Pact" not to let it happen again. But life isn't quite so obliging, as they sadly discover in subsequent years. The book is fiction, and although the setting is Southie, the drug epidemic has caused heartbreak and death in every community in the nation and is not just a Southie problem.

Kevin Devlin grew up in the Savin Hill section of Dorchester, a tight-knit Irish Catholic community. He married a Southie girl and moved there in 1981. He was a public servant for thirty-eight years. For the past two decades, he has written for a Southie newspaper, and he has officiated at basketball games for over forty-seven years. In 2015 Kevin's family moved to Milton.

Copies of The Southie Pact will be available for sale during the program.



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homelessness: in October 2016, Boston formed a Youth Homelessness Leadership Team, which will be reconvened to serve as the steering committee to support the creation of a coordinated youth homelessness response system. This team has also identified several current gaps in the system and has created a Youth Homelessness Resource Map, which catalogs the local organizations that provide housing and services to homeless youth.

In addition, the City has convened a Youth Advisory Board, which assisted in the creation of the system map and has helped the Leadership Team to prioritize services needed in Boston.

While a number of City and State agencies and community organizations work with homeless or at risk youth and young adults in Boston, these services, interventions and resources are often not designed for the unique developmental needs of youth and young adults. Agencies offer programs that do not yet function as a coordinated system, and while Boston has begun to see promising new partnerships, there is a clear need to create a similar coordinated system that led to the City's success with adult individual homelessness.

Creation of a coordinated plan is critical to preventing and ending homelessness among unaccompanied youth and young adults. At the end of the engagement, Boston will have a written action plan to prevent and end youth homelessness, which will:

• Use data and analysis to inform strategies, policies and partnerships that will reduce the number of homeless youth and young adults in Boston.

• Make recommendations for the

development of a comprehensive, coordinated youth- focused homeless response system informed by best practices.

• Establish clear goals, measurable outcomes and system performance metrics in order to track progress in implementing the plan.

• Recommend capacity-building and resource development strategies to ensure that the plan will achieve its outcomes and have a demonstrable impact in Boston.

As it has laid the groundwork for this new effort, the City has continued to invest in resources for homeless youth and young adults. On Friday, September 22, Mayor Walsh celebrated the grand opening of Bridge Over Troubled Waters' Waverly Abbey, a \$4.5 million development providing 28 units of supportive housing. The redevelopment of the former shelter was made possible in part through a \$1 million grant from the Boston Neighborhood Housing Trust Fund.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) package for Technical Assistance for the Development of a Plan to Eliminate Youth Homelessness in the City of Boston will be available beginning at 9:00 AM on October 10, 2017 from the City's new supplier portal at www.cityofboston.gov/Procurement.

In January 2016, Mayor Walsh announced Boston had ended chronic veteran homelessness; to date, nearly 850 homeless veterans have been housed. In 2016, the City scaled up its efforts to end chronic homelessness; since January of 2016, 391 chronically homeless individuals have been housed, representing 2,300 years of homelessness ended.

Corey Dinopoulos Endorses Mike Kelley for District 2 City Council

early half of the voters in the preliminary election for District 2 City Council seat supported an alternative to the establishment candidate. With that in mind, and in a show of unity following a competitive summer campaign, Corey Dinopoulos endorsed the true-progressive candidate Mike Kelley's bid for the seat being vacated by Councilor Bill Linehan.

Dinopoulos, who finished third in the preliminary, is the first candidate to make an endorsement in the final election. By supporting Kelley, Dinopoulos joins a notable list of elected officials and community and labor organizations that have endorsed candidate Kelley's vision for District 2. The list includes: Attorney General Maura Healey, Sen. Linda Dorcena-Forry, Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Planned Parenthood Action Fund of MA, Victory Fund, 1199 SEIU and SEIU 888, among many others. Kelley continues to grow the coalition supporting his "putting people first" agenda, which calls responsible development and housing affordability, as well as a strong commitment to provide excellent constituent service to every neighborhood in District 2, setting him apart from the establishment candidate.

Dinopoulos said, "I've endorsed Mike in this election because I believe

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player Eric Reid called Pence's actions "systematic oppression". Poor baby. If the protesting players thought that their antics and scowling demonstrations were going to win them the support and respect of the fans, it backfired. It is in fact causing a backlash of anger and contempt towards them, which is taking its toll on the NFL's revenue. Ticket sales are falling fast and so too are the sales of NFL merchandise. We'll see how long the team owners and league officials are willing to let this continue. To them, money speaks the loudest. Oh, by the way, good job by those NFL players who refuse to be part of this farce by their pampered team mates.



Mike Kelley and Corey Dinopoulos pose for a photo in South Boston.

he undeniably is the only candidate who will be a voice for the entire district and each of its diverse neighborhoods. And I know he will be a tireless advocate for the issues that matter most to us, making our community more affordable and improving the infrastructure for all modes of transportation, pedestrians, bicycles and public transit. I'm very grateful to those who sup-

'Bike Share'

Location

Expansion

Meeting

Tonight – 6pm

ported me in this election, and I look forward to working with all of them to elect Mike on Nov. 7."

In thanking Dinopoulos, Kelley said, "Corey ran a strong campaign on the issues facing District 2. We need more young community leaders like him who are willing to get involved and be active participants in the neighborhood's decisions around issues crucial to its growth. His contributions to the race made me a better candidate. I am grateful for his support as we work to unify the district going forward."

"This election will be extremely close, but with the support of community leaders like Corey; I'm confident that our "putting people first" agenda will win the day."

onight, Thursday October 12th, there is a meeting scheduled regarding the proposed expansion of 'Bike Share' locations in South Boston. This meeting will be at the South Boston Branch Public Library on E. Broadway and begins at 6pm.

The public is invited to attend and give input, opinions and suggestions on the proposals to set up more locations for bicycle rentals in this neighborhood. Most residents are familiar with this City of Boston regulated program. Among the current locations in the South Boston Community where these bike racks are located are Day Blvd. in front of the Murphy Skating Rink, at the South Boston Branch Public Library on East Broadway; the site of tonight's meeting and on West Broadway near Perkin's Square.

According to the City of Boston website, there are currently already 185 bike stations with racks that sometimes hold up to 19 or 20 bicycles for a total approaching nearly 2000 bikes located in 4 municipalities and they are looking into the feasibility of greatly increasing that number in the near future. The meeting at the library will be geared to gauging public opinion as to where best to place new bike sharing stations if any at all.

If residents want to have a say on this issue, they are encouraged to attend this meeting so they can make their voices heard.

Boston Sailor Continues 75 years Of Seabee Tradition

by Lt. Lorna Mae Devera, Navy Office of Community Outreach

e Build, We Fight" has been the motto of the U.S. Navy's Construction Force, known as the "Seabees", for the past 75 years. Boston native and 2004 Madison Park High School graduate, Navy Constructionman Recruit Lamson Nguyen, builds and fights around the world as a member of a naval construction battalion center located in Gulfport, Mississippi. Nguyen works as a builder which is responsible for building houses from top to bottom and for measuring the distance between the roof and rafters, it's important that the measurement between the two are correct. "In Boston, I worked as a security officer and you have to be disciplined and pay attention to details, skills that are vital to success in the Navy," said Nguyen.

The jobs of some of the Seabees today have remained unchanged since World War II, when the Seabees paved the 10,000-mile road to victory for the allies in the Pacific and in Europe, according to Lara Godbille, director of the U. S. Navy Seabee Museum. For the past 75 years, Seabees have served in all American conflicts. They have also supported humanitarian efforts using their construction skills to help communities around the world. They aid following earthquakes, hurricanes and other natural disasters.

"I am proud of the hard work that Seabees do every day," said Rear Adm. Bret Muilenburg, commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command. "Their support to the Navy and Marine Corps mission is immeasurable, and we look forward to the next seven decades of service."

Seabees around the world are taking part in commemorating the group's 75-year anniversary this year. The theme of the celebration



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Tom Gagnier

is "Built on History, Constructing the Future." "Seabees deploy around the world providing expert expeditionary construction support on land and under the sea, for the Navy and Marine Corps, in war, humanitarian crisis and peace," said Capt. Mike Saum, commodore, Naval Construction Group (NCG) 1. "Seabee resiliency, skill, and resolution under hostile and rough conditions prove our motto 'We Build, We Fight.' The Seabee patch we wear on our uniform signifies to the warfighter and civilian alike that they're in good hands." According to Saum, the Sailors who make up Seabee battalions are very driven and accomplished individuals.

Serving in the Navy allows people to create a legacy for the next generation. "The Navy opened many doors and opportunities and I am really proud of being a sailor and someone my daughter can look up to," added Nguyen.



Gate of Heaven CYO House League & Travel Basketball

Registration will be held at The Walsh Center located behind the Court House on Broadway on Thursday, October 12th from 6:00 – 7:00pm and on Friday, October 20th from 6:00 – 7:00pm.



House League

Boys Instructional-Grades 1 & 2 Midget League-Grades 3 – 6 Cadet League-Grades 7 – 10 **Girls** Instructional-Grades 1 & 2 Midget League-Grades 3 – 7

Travel Teams Girls Grades 3 - 12 **Boys** Grades 3 - 12

We offer more than thirty basketball teams for all age groups. Registration fee is \$30.00 for one or \$50.00 per family for each program. All new and old players must register at this time. Our League is open to all South Boston Residents and students. If you have any questions please call Kevin Lally at 617-943-5238 or email at lallycompound@aol.com everyone makes a team.

5th Annual James M, 'Jim' Kelly Blood Drive October 28th

By Staff

In South Boston, traditions are important and usually forever ongoing. And so too is the annual Jim Kelly Memorial Blood Drive, which will mark its fifth year on Saturday, October 28th, at the South Boston Catholic Academy building on East Broadway.

South Boston Today spoke with Jim's daughter Sandra about the upcoming event. She was excited and pleased at the same time that her father's memory, which will live on, is also honored by such a wonderful humanitarian effort. Sandra, along with her brothers Jamie and Tommy are very proud at how this Blood drive has developed since it the first year. Now the whole family is involved, even Jim's grandchildren, in this worthy goal. Since the first blood drive, the effort has collected more than 150 pints of blood and American Red Cross officials say that this had the potential to save more than 460 lives.

The Blood drive will take place as it always has down stairs in the school building and will run from 9:30am till 2:30 in the afternoon. You can

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ship to track down the guns that cross state lines and land in the hands of trigger-squeezing criminals in Hub neighborhoods. Through a pilot program between the city, Burlington, Vt.; Worcester; and Hartford, Conn., a database is in the works that would provide current information detailing whether a gun confiscated by police had been used in previous crimes in one of the cities."

Keep an eye on GE, folks

It's becoming clear that General Electric meant it when it said it was moving to Boston in order to reinvent itself. Why? Because it desperately needed to reinvent itself. The old industrial/conglomerate model wasn't working – and it's now dragging GE down. GE's stock hit a two-year low yesterday upon news that an activist investor had been named to its board, reports the Herald's Donna Goodison. The move comes as GE launches a companywide cost-cutting initiative and reshuffles the top players in its corporate offices, as even call the American Red Cross in advance to make an appointment for a specific time that day, which will help avoid any possible waiting. To make an appointment, you can call the American Red cross at 1-800-733-2767. There is also a website where you can get any information about giving blood on this day or any other: www.redcrossblood.org and type in the sponsor code jkelly.

For those of you who are able to donate blood, your act of kindness will go a long way in helping to save lives and it will be done in Jim's name. But even if you are not able to donate blood, please feel free and most welcome to drop by and say 'Hi' to the Kelly family who will be happy to see Jim's old friends.

Jim Kelly spent his life working tirelessly on behalf of his friends, neighbors and constituents in his beloved community. He was always ready, willing and able to help out those who needed him. To Jimmy it wasn't a job, it was a commitment and a labor of love straight from the heart and soul. There is no doubt that

the BBJ reported late last week.

The bottom line: GE came here to hopefully be reborn. But one can't help but wonder how long it will take – and whether GE might have come here only to wither on the vine like other corporate giants of the past (yes, we're thinking DEC). It probably won't come to the latter. Still, GE is going through tough times that bear very close watching.

Refusing to let the legislative payraise fade away ...

The conservative Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance is on the warpath again over the recent pay raise lawmakers voted for themselves. From Christian Wade at the Newburyport Daily News: "The Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance, founded by GOP businessman and congressional candidate Rick Green, is targeting nearly 40 Democrats up for re-election to the House of Representatives and Senate next year, including Reps. Theodore Speliotis of Danvers and Ann-Margaret Ferrante of Gloucester." In all, the group has already target 29 House districts and nine Senate districts.

from his place in Heaven, he is proud that he is remembered each year in October with such a wonderful event. As he helped so many people while he was here among us, people are still being helped in his memory. What could be better than that?

Jim Kelly will always be remembered for the fearless neighborhood champion and hero that he was. He worked tirelessly on behalf of all of his constituents in his capacity as an elected official, while he was the district Boston City Councilor and City Council President and as a concerned neighbor always there to assist those in need. A blood drive in his memory is an outstanding and fitting tribute to this great man.



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Southie's Rick Lane Jr. A Rising Film Star Catch the New Film 'Stronger'. In Theaters Now

es folks, South Boston has yet another new rising star in the film industry. Many of you know the name. It's Rick Lane Jr. Rick has earned a supporting role in the powerful and much heralded film called 'Stronger', which stars Jake Gyllenhaal. Directed by David Gordon Green, it is the story about one of the many survivors of the Boston Marathon bombing, Jeff Bauman, who is portrayed for his inspirational recovery after the attack.

A little history and information about our community's newest and very deserving celebrity:

Richard Lane Jr., was born and raised in South Boston, MA. He is the son of proud parents Virginia Tomasini Lane, a former Boston School teacher, who taught at the Perry School and South Boston Attorney Richard Lane, a lifelong resident here as well. Rick Jr. has two brothers, Andrew Lane, a Boston Firefighter and David Lane, involved in real estate sales in South Boston and a popular basketball star here.

Rick Lane Jr. is a US Army veteran, who ran the 2015 and the 2016 Boston Marathon for the Martin Richard Foundation. Young Martin, as most know, was the 8-year-old boy who was killed in the bombing. Rick

has been involved with several fundraisers for the foundation as well.

In the recently released movie, Rick plays 'Sully', the loyal and knuckle headed friend of Jeff Bauman (played by Jake Gyllenhaal), who lost his legs in the bombing. Earlier in his career, Rick played Gunther "The Poodle Napper" in South Bostonian Brian Goodman's movie 'What Doesn't Kill You'. In 'Stronger', the Boston Casting Company chose Rick in this supporting role which fits him to a 'T'. He is seen throughout the movie and plays a major role in the more lighthearted scenes in an otherwise intense and powerful film.

Like many young men in South Boston, Rick overcame the many challenges life throws their way as they grow to adulthood and has worked hard to get where is today. He has now moved to Los Angeles in the hope of continuing his acting career. After viewing the movie, you'll agree, as do others who have seen Rick's work, that he's off to a great star. With his talent and natural ability, the odds are good that he should have a long, successful and promising career in films.

Rick was back in Southie recently to promote the film and to visit many of his old friends and he attended the South Boston Street Festival. Rick is someone who will

never forget where he came from. He was interviewed at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Center premier by a Spiel Entertainment reporter, Tim Estilios, and was asked "how does it feel to be part of this film" and Rick replied," It was a joy and an honor to be part of this film. Jeff (Bauman) has a great story, an inspirational story, Jake (Gyllenhaal) did a great job telling it and people will be inspired by it. It's great that the premier is here at Spaulding (Rehabilitation Center) where a lot of people recovered from the bombing which was such a terrible thing. The director was very sensitive to the subject matter. I think it would be a great story for people to see and hopefully a lot of people will go to see it".

'Stronger' was released on September 27th of this year and is still in theaters and has been well received throughout the country. It depicts real life stories about real life challenges. As was stated above, it's an intense and very powerful film that has been keeping viewers on the edge of their seats yet, it does have comic relief in it as well. And our home town man, Rick Lane Jr. is absolutely magnificent throughout. He has made his community very proud. Don't miss it. It's well worth the price of admission.



Rick Lane Jr. with his brother Dave



I had a tough Week 5, but I'm still above .500 on the season. Four more teams have a bye in Week 6. Those teams are Buffalo, Cincinnati, Dallas, and Seattle.

I'm taking three home teams in Week 6, including two teams that are coming off their bye. Here's hoping for no rust. Let's get to the picks.

ATLANTA FALCONS (-11) over Miami Dolphins

-Not only are the 3-1 Falcons coming off a bye, but they're also coming off a 23-17 loss to the Buffalo Bills in Week 4, in Atlanta. Well, Matt Ryan and the boys have had plenty of time to think about that loss, and I'm not expecting them to lose to an AFC East team in their own building for the second consecutive game. This could perhaps be viewed as a "trap" game for the Falcons, seeing that they travel to New England the following week for a much-anticipated Super Bowl rematch. But the way I view it, Atlanta will be playing with a purpose this Sunday against a boring 2-2 Dolphins team. I expect the Falcons to put on a show at home and head into that Super Bowl rematch in Week 7 as a 4-1 team that'll feel disrespected to be the underdog against the Patriots. Atlanta by 20.

BALTIMORE RAVENS (-6.5) over Chicago Bears

-If you take away that debacle in London against Jacksonville in Week 3, Baltimore's only real loss was to the Pittsburgh Steelers in Week 4. The Ravens are coming off a 30-17 win over the Raiders in Oakland last Sunday. And even though Oakland was without Derek Carr, winning like that on the West Coast is worth something. Now they return home to Baltimore to host the 1-4 Bears, who are coming off a 20-17 loss to Minnesota at home on Monday Night Football. It was Mitch Trubisky's NFL debut, and even though Chicago didn't get blown out, it'll be a much different test on the road, in Baltimore, Sundayat 1 p.m. The Ravens are second in the league in takeaways, so I expect their defense to make Trubisky's first road game a living hell. Give me Baltimore by 10.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (-2.5) over Arizona Cardinals

-The 2-3 Cardinals traded for Adrian Peterson this week. Problem is, you can't really run on Tampa Bay's defense this season. Plus, Peterson might need a few weeks in Arizona's offense to figure out what's going on. I don't expect him to be a major factor — if a factor at all — Sunday

in Arizona. The 2-2 Buccaneers are coming off a 19-14 loss at home to the Patriots last Thursday night, but perhaps things would've been different had their kicker not missed three field goals. Arizona allows 25 points per game, which ranks 27th in the NFL. And, the Cardinals are coming off a 34-7 loss to the Eagles in Philadelphia. I don't expect things to turn around overnight for the Cards, so I envision a big day for Jameis Winston and the Buccaneers offense. Tampa Bay by at least a touchdown. **PITTSBURGH STEELERS (+4)** over Kansas City Chiefs

-All I needed to see was Stephen A. Smith yelling at us on ESPN, telling us that Ben Roethlisberger is done and that he should retire. That's all I needed to see to know that Roethlisberger is going to throw for 350 yards and 3 touchdowns on Sunday in Kansas City. The Chiefs are the only undefeated team in the NFL at 5-0. I know you should never bet against a streak, but there's just something about the way the now 3-2 Steelers got beat up at home against Jacksonville last week that makes me believe Roethlisberger and Le'Veon Bell will be up for the task of giving the Chiefs their first loss of the season. Or, at least, if the Steelers do

This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for Week 6 in the NFL:

lose, I'm confident it will be close enough where the four points is good enough to cover. So, that said, give me those four points.

DENVER BRONCOS (-12) over New York Giants

-The 3-1 Broncos are coming off a bye, but before that, they beat the Raiders at home in Week 4. One concerning stat is that Denver's offense hasn't scored more than 16 points in each of its last two games. Still that defense is one of the best in the league, and should be able to shut down the 0-5 Giants in Denver on Sunday Night Football. New York will be without Odell Beckham Jr. for the rest of the season after he broke his ankle in last Sunday's loss to the Chargers. The only thing the Giants are playing for now is the No. 1 overall pick. It's not like they'll be purposely trying to lose in Denver, but it's not like trying to win has taken them anywhere this season. The Broncos should be able to break this one open at home and stay within striking distance of the first-place Chiefs in the AFC West. Denver by two touchdowns.

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