



Double Standard Of Political Accountability By Media Is Playing Out In Suffolk County

Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins is reportedly on a short list of names, vetted by Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey, recommended to serve as the US Attorney for this region. However, looming in the background is the image of DA Rollins reacting to a Channel 25 News reporter seeking an interview to follow up on a complaint filed by a female resident of Brockton, shopping in the mall, against the DA regarding a Christmas Eve

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EDITORIAL

Doggie Landmines/Discarded Face Masks – NOT Cool

Living in a congested city sometimes makes it difficult to keep neighborhood streets clean. But if everyone were to do their part and make it a point never to litter and to at least sweep in front of their own residences, it would make it easier and a lot more presentable. There are 2 issues bringing in a growing number of complaints in South Boston in recent months. The first is what's tactfully referred to as 'Doggie Landmines'. While the overwhelming number of dog owners do pick up

after their canine pals, there seems to be an increasing number of those who do not. To be clear, everyone here at South Boston Today is a dog lover. So, this editorial is certainly not aimed at the dogs. It's an appeal to their owners to do what is required by law if you own a dog in this city; which is a responsibility that people should accept and expect to have when they make that very important decision of whether or not to own a pet. The other big issue causing irritation and yes, an eyesore, is a relatively new

one just months-old and that is the many discarded face masks that are being strewn all over the streets of our community. We get it. More people are shedding their masks. The practice is wearing on some nerves and more people by the day have said they are done with them. But why throw them in the sidewalk? We're not writing this to pass judgment on those who choose to wear a mask or those who go maskless. What we are doing is simply making an appeal, in response to the growing number of complaints about all the used

masks, to please, stop throwing them in the streets. Not only is this unsanitary, but just like the doggie landmines, it looks pretty darn nasty. And this, folks, is the gist of this week's editorial. It's a request for all of us to show some common courtesy and consideration for our neighbors who, with the outrageous property taxes and rents everyone pays to live here, deserve to at least have clean streets, especially, but not limited to the winter months when the city sweepers aren't in operation.



“Just because reporters say something over and over again, doesn't make it start to be true” - Sarah Huckabee Sanders

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They're Still Shaken up in DC

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QUOTE: “Liberal Democrat politicians were happy to allow your neighborhood to be burned to the ground. But when they themselves got a small taste of the rioting so many Americans have experienced, they militarized DC and cried about the “trauma” they experienced. These people are beneath contempt”. This is a quote from one of my favorite bloggers Matt Walsh, that speaks to the heart of what’s going on in the halls of congress. Here’s another quote along the same lines:

“All of a sudden, Democrats like both walls and guns for protection”. This is a quote with many authors; lots of Americans are witnessing the blatant hypocrisy on display by the left side of the political divide in this country.

The next words are all mine: Maybe the members of congress who were hiding under their desks during the riot in DC as a mob penetrated the inner sanctums of federal power, now know how real Americans who were trapped in burning cities for 7 months felt. While the burning, looting and rioting was going on and police were ordered by radical, incompetent liberal mayors and governors to stand down, there were actually some members of congress making excuses for BLM and Antifa and expressing support for them; Pelosi included. Kamala Harris was even raising bail money for those relatively few who WERE arrested. The news media tried to convince us that these were just peaceful protests as they broadcasted live from the scene as the flames from the burning, looted buildings were clearly visible in the background. The media has no shame, but at this point, most people know that. We are constantly being told that the DC riot was so much worse than the BLM/Antifa ‘protests’. That’s because the DC protest affected them directly.

But the congress members and their media allies are STILL whining and in hysteria filled meltdowns and theatrics about how they feared for their lives. Some are like drama queens. So maybe the question to ask them is – How does it feel? The fact that they were silent while millions of Americans were living in fear all summer long and into the fall, but now demand protection for themselves, tells us that they sincerely believe that their lives and their safety is all that matters because they are so much more important than average Americans.

In America, that’s not how it should be. Everyone is equal. Thanks to our Founding Fathers, there is no monarchy or royalty in the United States as hard as that might be for so many of our elected officials to accept.

Let me now bring up another point about the dark side of the left wing in this country that should be, and is troubling to a concerned public. There are so called ‘progressives’, in positions of power and influence who are pushing hard to not only censor any and all opposing views in but they also, and they are stating this openly, want to punish people who voted for President Trump. Their Nazi side is showing as they are advocating what they call ‘deprogramming’ people who voted for Trump and taking their children and sending them to be ‘reeducated’. Hitler did that as did Stalin and Mao and as the Communist Chinese government is currently doing to the people of Hong Kong. This is coming from the Hollywood ‘elites’, some Democrat politicians and members of the news media. They are even talking about creating a new government agency to be deployed to the Southern States to begin the reeducation of Southerners because they vote Conservative. This past Tuesday, Democrat Congressman Steve Cohen demanding that every

national guardsmen be vetted because he believes 75% of the military voted for Trump and cannot be trusted to protect the inauguration. Other politicians were worried that there are far too many white male soldiers among the 25,000 assigned and this posed a danger to security.

The above is fact, it can all be confirmed by simply looking it up or asking Google. And what it shows is just how dangerous and sick the left in this country is. They want to dominate and control every aspect of the lives of free Americans. And anyone who speaks up about it must be silenced and punished.

And we wonder why there is so much talk of another civil war brewing.

To close, the following question is being posed by many about how our tax dollars are being spent. And it’s a good question: ‘Why are we seeing wonderful hospitals like St. Jude and the Shriners on TV every day almost begging for financial help when we send billions to foreign countries? If the American taxpayer truly had a say in where their money is going, most would readily say to those hospitals and not to Pakistan, Honduras, El Salvador or to count how many red finned fish live in the Gulf of Mexico.

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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.

Just a precaution: National Guard troops bolster police as Biden inauguration nears

State officials stress there are no specific local threats of violence ahead of tomorrow's presidential inauguration of Joe Biden – but, as a precaution, Mass. National Guard troops are now on standby to help the BPD and State Police if troubles arise in Boston, WCVB reports.

Biden's choice to head SEC gets big thumbs up from Warren

Speaking of tomorrow's presidential inauguration, the folks on Wall Street and the mutual-fund types in Boston may not be happy about this. But U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren is thrilled with President-elect Joe Biden's pick of Gary Gensler to head the Securities and Exchange Commission, CNN reports. Meanwhile, private equity folks in Boston should be nervous as well. Warren has them in her regulatory sights too, Politico's Zachary Warmbrodt reports.

Good riddance or thank you, President Trump?

We're still a two newspaper town in Boston, as evidenced this morning by two prominent pundits' polar-opposite takes on the end of the Trump presidency. The Herald's Howie Carr has a wet-kiss "Thanks for everything, Mr. President" column while the Globe's Joan Vennoch wonders whether Joe Biden can ever "contain the flames lit by Trump."

Baker signs transportation bill after slamming the brakes on Uber fees and other items

Before getting into all things insurrection and pandemic, first some State House news, specifically Gov. Charlie Baker's signing on Friday of the mammoth state transportation bonding bill – after he took a veto ax to provisions that called for higher fees on ride-hailing companies like Uber, means-tested fares on public transit and other items in the \$16.5 billion package. SHNS's Chris Liskinski, the Globe's Adam Vaccaro

and Commonwealth's Bruce Mohl have more on the governor's transportation-bill vetoes that lawmakers can't reverse due to the timing of the end of the last legislative session.

State House jitters: Police briefly fortify Beacon Hill after report of possible demonstration

It was a false alarm. But the false alarm did show that law enforcement officials are on high alert at the State House over reports of possible violent assaults by far-right thugs against state capitols across the nation. A three-reporter team at the Globe and Erin Tiernan and Rick Sobey at the Herald report on the extraordinary steps taken by police yesterday – including temporarily cordoning off most of Beacon Hill – after they received a report of a possible demonstration outside the state capitol. AP News has the national scene covered: "State capitols boarded up, fenced up, patrolled by troops."

Lynch and Trahan: Expel them all

They mean business. U.S. Reps. Stephen Lynch (GBH) and Lori Trahan (Wicked Local), both Democrats, say any Republican congressional member who is found to have helped the Capitol-building rioters should be expelled from Congress. In related post-riot news, from CBS Boston: "Trahan Says Some GOP Colleagues Have Acted 'Irresponsibly And Dangerously.'" From the Globe: "McGovern worries Trump could pardon 'domestic terrorists' who stormed US Capitol." And from GBH: "'Absolutely Terrifying': Congressional Leaders Remember Jan. 6 Insurrection."

Where oh where does the GOP go after Trump and the Capitol-riot debacle?

The Herald's Lisa Kashinsky reports Massachusetts Republicans are engaging in some collective "self-reflection" amid the political rubble left behind by the outgoing Trump administration. One high-ranking state GOP official says all should be fine once the orange man is gone. To which we'd point out this inconvenient truth, one of numerous truths, of what the party is facing both nationally and locally: "Some in the GOP parrot far-right talk of a coming civil war" (AP News). Like we said, it's just one of numerous truths.

I Was Just Thinking...



by Kevin Devlin

Anyone who cherishes freedom must be against censorship. Throughout

history, tyrannical governments have used this weapon to silence their enemies. The first step is to narrow the range of thought and eventually extinguish, once and for all, the possibility of independent thought; their intended goal.

Big Tech censorship is the enemy of Democracy, but it is embraced by many who want to trample on the rights of their (perceived) enemies. President Trump was banned from Twitter and then Apple, Google, and Amazon banned the social network, Parler. People are being targeted and books are being banned. Is this just the beginning? Will those who are in control of our government, the internet, tell us what to think? Tell us what to believe? Tell us what we can and can't say? Fact-check us to death? It's a scary thought but seemingly the idea,

the approval of censoring others who disagree, along with purging and deprogramming, is gaining more steam every day.

"Who controls the past...controls the future: who controls the present controls the past," wrote George Orwell in his dystopian social science fiction novel, 1984. So, if you control the present, the future is yours to control, and the past is yours to change when it is convenient to do so.

"Not power over things, but over men...thought is all we care about," Orwell also wrote, realizing man, society could be controlled when thoughts were outlawed, when freedom of speech was curtailed, but more so, when freedom of speech was eliminated from the public square.

Censorship is embraced by those who want to control others who

disagree with them.

Control our speech.

Limit our thoughts.

It is so wrong on so many levels, and extremely dangerous.

Freedom of speech is a basic civic right and without it, civil discourse will cease to exist.

We must unite against censorship anywhere and everywhere it rears its tyrannical head.

"Liberty is meaningless where the right to utter one's thoughts and opinions has ceased to exist," Frederick Douglass wrote. "That, of all rights, is the dread of tyrants. It is the right they first of all strike down."

Ruthlessly control the present.

Conveniently alter the past.

Dishonestly shape the future.

Do we want this in America?

I know I don't.

And I hope you don't either.

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE



Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced applications are being accepted by the Citizens Nominating Panel, composed of parents, teachers, principals and representatives of the business and higher education communities, to fill a current vacancy on the Boston School Committee for a term expiring on January 3, 2022. The deadline to submit applications is 12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2021. An application can be found here and submitted to scnominatingpanel@boston.gov or mailed/delivered to Room 612 of Boston City Hall.

The Boston School Committee is the governing body of the Boston Public Schools. The School

Committee is responsible for:

- Defining the vision, mission, and goals of the Boston Public Schools;
- Establishing and monitoring the annual operating budget;
- Hiring, managing, and evaluating the Superintendent; and
- Setting and reviewing district policies and practices to support student achievement.

The seven members of the School Committee are Boston residents appointed by the Mayor to serve four-year, staggered terms. The Mayor appoints members from a list of candidates recommended by a 13-member Citizens Nominating Panel. The School Committee also includes a non-voting student member of the Boston Student Advisory Council.

On January 4, the Boston School Committee re-elected both Alexandra Oliver-Dávila to Chairperson and Michael

O'Neill to Vice Chairperson in unanimous votes. In December, the Committee engaged in professional development training which was led pro bono by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, author of *How to Be an Antiracist*, as part of its efforts to examine policies and more deeply understand their impact on communities of color.

The Committee held a public retreat on December 12, featuring a discussion facilitated by A.J. Crabill, Director of Governance of the Council of Great City Schools, to develop tools and metrics to help the School Committee define its mission. An additional two-day public retreat is scheduled for January 21-22, 2021. Mr. Crabill will work with the Committee to strengthen its governance model over the next 12-18 months, as the Committee and the district work to implement

the BPS Strategic Plan.

The School Committee meets approximately twice per month during the school year to adopt, review and modify policies and practices that support teaching, learning and improved student achievement. With the exception of executive sessions, Committee meetings are open to the public, feature public comment periods and are broadcasted on Boston City TV.

An application for the Boston School Committee can be found here. The deadline to submit an application is 12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2021. Interviews for selected candidates will be held on February 1, 2021. Please direct all questions and submit completed applications to scnominatingpanel@boston.gov or mail/deliver to Room 612 of Boston City Hall. For more information on the Boston School Committee, please click here.

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incident in the South Bay Mall parking lot, while Ms. Rollins was in her official vehicle and the other party in her personal vehicle.

As is routine in many, if not all, broadcast news organizations, a Channel 25 camera crew was dispatched to attempt to interview the DA outside her home, after first attempting to interview her at her office. In the opinion of many who have viewed the video, it appeared that DA Rollins was out of line with her reaction to the attempted interview. Notably, on the other hand, it was clear that the female reporter acted in a professional manner throughout what some observers have characterized as a bizarre episode.

Investigators of the alleged South Bay parking lot encounter are looking for area security camera video tapes to back up either DA Rollins description of the situation or the complainant's, who apparently had more than one witness who had observed it. Highlights of the comments made by DA Rollins to the Channel 25 reporter, captured by her camera man include statements where DA Rollins appears to threaten to "call the police and make an allegation against her (the reporter) and we'll see how that works with you; and the rantings of a white woman (the complainant) get you here and scare my children". The Channel 25 report, the video and public statements by the District Attorney in the aftermath of both the South Bay incident and the encounter with the reporter are easy to access and view through social media by the public.

DA Rollins situation is what it is, and Attorney General Maura Healy is now investigating the complaint and its aftermath. However, despite the video graphic, none from any of the other media outlets has followed up with an inquisitive investigation into what seemed clearly questionable behavior by an elected official, with subpoena powers no less. The question is, were the DA other than Ms. Rollins, what would the media normally do?

In any event, in part based upon DA Rollins own statements, the disturbing undertone that crept into her diatribe is at question and is the basis for this piece.

Suffice it to say that there are many citizens of the neighborhoods of Boston who eschew what they believe to be the false narrative about "Racist Boston" that has been propagated, selectively, both here in Boston and around the country. It is valid to suggest that there is a cloak of self-preservation that exists on both sides of the propagation. Ordinary hard-working citizens of color fear finding themselves in the crosshairs of their elected or anointed leaders because they are tired of being held up as victims, rendering them as submissive to the racist narrative. Ordinary hard-working white citizens fear being unjustly labeled as racist and are tired of being held up as oppressors, to perpetuate the racist narrative. The continuation of this socio-cultural divisiveness seems to only serve the agendas of those who desire to capitalize on it for their own self-serving purposes. History, since 1965, is self-explanatory.

The indisputable truth is that, over the last several decades, landmark strides have been made in improving race relations and equality in Boston. Hundreds of faith-based and multi-cultural cooperative programs exist to address disparities of all kinds including coalitions of black ministers, the Urban League, Diversity Dialogues, the NAACP, the YWCA, ABCD and on and on. Thousands of personal, organizational, non-profit and private foundations have made material commitments to redressing the wrongs of the past that have resulted in millions of dollars annually allocated by government entities and private donors to their respective missions.

Courageous political leadership displayed by Mayor Ray Flynn of South Boston and the Honorable Mel King of Roxbury during a critical period in the early 80's created an atmosphere that eased tensions and brought credibility to the efforts of others seeking to improve race relations. Tens of thousands of the people of Boston, as well as the institu-

tional leadership of Boston, both longstanding and new, pledged their resources both professional and financial. Today several organizations, guided by successful minority executives, have been funded by corporate donors and the City of Boston to stimulate wealth-building opportunities for minority businesses and entrepreneurs.

The youth of tomorrow, cliché as it sounds, surely benefited from programs addressing the core elements of positive race relations that their Colleges and Universities invested in. In 2009, MIT, for example, conducted interactive programs including 'Diversity and Inclusion', and established an on-campus committee on race and diversity. MIT actively promoted a diversity agenda by creating a 'Council on Staff Diversity', as well as a series of Roundtables for New England Schools and Hospitals. Boston corporations and small businesses employ thousands of Boston citizens of all races, colors and creed. A recent search of companies with a diversity component uncovered no less than 107 companies in Boston alone with direct outreach to the minority population. As everyone says, more can and will be done, to be sure.

The role of teachers in the Boston Public School system cannot be overstated. Along with coaches in sports, the sports team members themselves - and on and on - all have not only pledged to reverse the narrative but have delivered daily on their pledges in ways that are difficult to quantify.

Perhaps this recitation of undeniable fact, both specific and broadly referenced, presents a reasonably accurate context for this alternative narrative. The final point of this article is this: the mainstream media, lamentably, driven only by revenue, has no incentive to lend credence to any of these references to the truth, as many thinking people see it. If it did, the rhetoric that insistently, consistently and persistently portrays Boston and its citizens as racist would have long been discredited by now.

Amazon Logistics launches Norwood Delivery Station

Amazon's new delivery station Norwood, MA is officially open for business and welcomed associates inside the 162,000 square-foot building this week to celebrate its Day One of operation. The delivery station at 750 Everett Street will create



more than 150 full and part-time associate jobs, all paying at least \$15.45 per hour, in addition to hundreds of driver opportunities for Amazon's Delivery Service

Partners and Amazon Flex drivers. Delivery stations power the last mile of our order process and help speed up deliveries for customers. Packages are shipped to a delivery station from neighboring Amazon Fulfillment and Sortation Centers, loaded into delivery vehicles and delivered to customers. For more information about open positions, visit www.amazon.com/apply.

In celebration of the Norwood station launch, Amazon part-

nered with the town to provide meals for 75 first responders including local police and fire departments. The Norwood delivery station also made a \$1,500 food donation to Norwood and Westwood Foodbanks.

Amazon has more than 250 delivery stations in the U.S., offering entrepreneurs the opportunity to build their own business delivering Amazon packages, as well as inde-

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Local Boston College Students Rebuild the Republican Ward Committee in South Boston

By Tim Smyth, Jr.

Thanks to the hard work of Lori and Dan Kelly, who recently moved out of South Boston to start a new chapter of their lives, our neighborhood now has a newly resurrected Ward 6 and 7 Republican Committees. Led by Tim Smyth, Jr. and Elizabeth Knight, both born and raised in South Boston as well as current Boston College students, the committee seeks to serve as a grassroots coalition of the greater Massachusetts GOP here in the neighborhood.

Tim is a junior, majoring in Political Science and minoring in Chinese and Finance, he is also a 2018 graduate of Boston College High School. Elizabeth is a sophomore at BC, with a major in Communication and minor in Marketing, she graduated from the Dana Hall School in 2019. They hope to engage those in the South Boston community who share the same values and beliefs in how our government should be run.

“We strongly believe that it is imperative that we form such an organization now because both the Republican Party and our nation as a

whole are at a crossroads. New leadership is paramount to healing the deep wounds caused by the fierce opposition from both sides of the aisle, over the last several years. We must soften the polarization of the Republican and Democratic Parties. The recent events on Capitol Hill serve as a painful display of the intense anger and widespread resentment that many people hold toward the current administration. The Republican Party needs groups such as our Wards 6 and 7 committees in order to redefine who we are as a Party and regain trust and momentum.”

By the end of 2020, less than 10 percent of all registered voters in Massachusetts were designated Republican, which is the lowest it has been since the Party was founded in 1854. Presently, the numbers are low, but the committee is committed to increasing visibility for people in South Boston who do not align with the progressive, far-left policies that the Democratic Party is promoting. With only 29 out of 160 seats in the House and a mere 3 out of 40 in the Senate; furthermore, not to mention zero representation on the Boston City Council, which argu-



ably affects our day-to-day lives more so than any other governing body. The Massachusetts GOP has much work to do to increase our presence on Beacon Hill and to ensure that the current one-party rule does not continue for much longer. Organizing locally in a ward committee is the most effective way to rebuild trust in, and loyalty to, the Party because committee members can have greater influence on their neighbors through regular personal interaction.

The ultimate goal of the Ward 6 and 7 committees is to register more Re-

publican voters in South Boston and to encourage and endorse candidates to run for local office. Committees such as this also offer opportunities for like-minded individuals to meet each other and to network in their home district. All members will vote on committee activities, attend the Mass GOP convention as a voting member, and enjoy support from and camaraderie among local Republicans.

Anyone interested in joining us may contact southierepublicans@gmail.com. The first meeting will be held on Saturday, February 6th.

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The Wine Guy Off the Beaten Path



I was recently invited to dinner by friends from France, who, though here for many years, still love to go "off the beaten path" when it comes to wine with dinner. They mentioned that they were having Beef Bourguignon and asked me if I'd bring something red and out of the ordinary.

As I started thinking about what to bring, I came across a number of red wines that, while not mentioned a lot, are still worth finding.

In France's **Loire Valley**, much more known for its white wines than its reds, there is **Chinon**. Chinon is the appellation covering wines produced around the historic town of Chinon, an area that has been producing wine for many centuries, and although wines of all three colors are made there, the focus is now very clearly on reds. Small quantities of

crisp white Chenin Blanc play a useful role here, but these account for just a few percent of total production.

The Raffault family have been making wine on their estate for over 400 years, so, in French terms, they've probably got the hang of it. **Their 2018 Jean-Maurice Raffault Chinon Les Galuches, Loire, France, (\$17.99)**, is a spicy, medium-bodied red with blackberry, currant notes and a nose of smoky overtones. It's a red that is had from Fall through early Summer and is really great with lamb, cheese and game dishes.

It's pretty easy to go off the beaten path in South Africa, as jungle areas separate many of the country's best wine-growing regions.

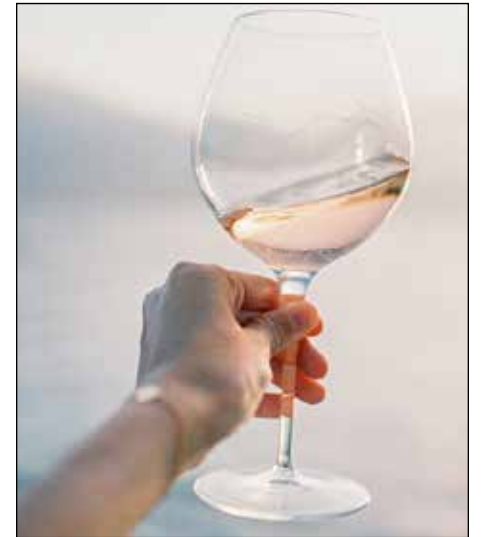
One of the country's best reds is **Pinotage**, a Burgundy-style red that is grown in several parts of the country and has recently been finding favor here in the U.S. One of the best examples is grown by **Doolhof Estates**, located in the country's Wellington wine-growing region. The Estates lie between Bain's Kloof and the Groenberg Mountain Range. The result is soils that are finer, more balanced and deeper than in the surrounding countryside with clay content evenly distributed. A combination of Malmesbury shale, homogenic Glenrosa and Clovelly soils ensure that the roots are able to descend to four metres or beyond.

The Doolhof Dark Lady Pinotage, 2019, Wellington, (\$18.99), is

a youthful purple, fresh in color. A coffee, mocha explosion with dark chocolate, rich black fruit, almonds and black cherries on the nose. All these elements follow through adding complexity and depth on the palate. Light to medium body with firm, well integrated tannins. Lovely fruit and wood balance, this wine is made to enjoy young. In addition to rich meat dishes, chocolate confections and Duck a l'Orange, South Africans have it with Ostrich;(so don't hesitate if you're so inclined!).

Although Chile produces many wine varieties which we all know and love, not many people know that the country's most popular wine for domestic consumption is one that's not very well known here and that would be Carmenere. A trademark for Chile, this red variety disappeared in European vineyards in the mid 19th century, and reappeared between the Merlot vines in Chile 100 years later. The deepest, darkest and most purple of the red grapes, Carmenere needs a long ripening period to reach its maximum potential. Rich in red fruits with smooth and well rounded tannins, make this an easy to drink variety and very enjoyable.

Tarapaca Gran Reserva Carmenere 2018, Maipo Valley, Chile, (\$15.99), has an expressive, complex, fresh aroma characterized by spicy notes such as clove and pepper, as well as subtle vegetal notes such as red pepper. These aromas are apparent due to the fact that the vineyards



are situated very close to the river, with its cool waters, and also due to the summer afternoons, whereby fresh breezes travel up through the valley from the Pacific Ocean to the Andes mountain range. This wine stands out for its unique red ruby color and black fruit aromas; in mouth it is well rounded and rich in flavors, where the figs notes and wild fruits, together with delicate spices aromas, are in perfect harmony. For this reason, on the palate the wine is round, smooth, full-bodied, and with ripe tannins. Black fruit aromas are present, such as blackcurrant, blackberry and plum. Flavorsome, balanced and with good persistence.

So, the next time you decide you'd like to try something new and different, go "off the beaten path" with these great alternatives.

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pendent contractors the flexibility to be their own boss and create their own schedule delivering for Amazon Flex. To learn more, visit www.logistics.amazon.com and <https://flex.amazon.com>.

Amazon is a great place to work, with highly competitive pay, benefits from day one, and training programs for in-demand jobs. We prioritize the safety and health of employees above all else, and we invested more than \$10 billion to help keep employees safe and deliver products to customers throughout 2020. We implemented more than 150 significant process enhancements, from deep cleaning of our facilities to processes that

allow for effective social distancing, and more.

Additionally, Amazon Logistics has signed a lease in an effort to open a delivery station in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 2021. Each of Amazon's new delivery stations, including all listed below, are now designed to meet the needs of our electric delivery vehicles. Ranging from the physical layout to the electrical design, we are optimizing these spaces to offer flexibility and scale as we move closer toward putting 10,000 electric delivery vehicles on the road in 2022.

"We are excited to continue to invest in the state of Massachusetts with new delivery stations that

will provide efficient delivery for customers, and create thousands of job opportunities for the talented workforce." – Emily Hawkins, Amazon Spokesperson

Amazon leverages its scale for good and makes investments to support communities. Since 2010, Amazon has created more than 15,500 jobs in Massachusetts and invested more than \$6.2 billion across the state, including infrastructure and compensation. These investments have contributed an additional \$5.3 billion to the Massachusetts economy and have helped create 13,400 indirect jobs on top of Amazon's direct hires – from jobs in construction and logistics to professional services. In addition,

more than 34,500 independent authors and small and medium businesses in Massachusetts are selling to customers in Amazon's store, creating thousands of additional jobs across the state.

For Delivery Station images, please visit <https://press.aboutamazon.com/delivery-and-pickup>



Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
945-947 East Broadway UNIT 10	\$2,649,000	2/12/20	8	3.5	3,045
14 West Broadway UNIT 9H	\$2,199,000	5/19/20	10	3	2,471
527 East Broadway UNIT PH	\$1,850,000	2/17/20	6	3	2,105
141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 119	\$1,295,000	2/13/20	5	2	1,071
537 East Second St UNIT 300	\$1,250,000	5/31/20	6	2	1,253
14 West Broadway UNIT 6A	\$1,195,000	5/19/20	5	2	1,435
9 West Broadway UNIT 305	\$1,099,000	6/8/20	5	2	1,282
559 East Second St UNIT 1	\$1,044,500	6/16/20	5	1.5	1,361
14 West Broadway UNIT 6C	\$999,000	5/19/20	5	2	1,005
420 West Broadway UNIT 305	\$989,900	3/12/20	3	2	976
63 Melcher St UNIT 309	\$614,000	6/29/20	1	1	526
319 A St UNIT 206	\$599,999	6/1/20	1	1	917
420 West Broadway UNIT 202	\$499,900	3/11/20	2	1	545
121 M St UNIT 2	\$499,900	6/23/20	3	1	527

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| Virtual Public Meeting

Hook Wharf Hotel/ Harborwalk Expansion



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Meeting ID: 160 946 7082

Project Description:

The Hook Wharf Project includes construction of a single building totaling approximately 275,000 square feet, comprised of a 357 key hotel, retail/ restaurant space dedicated to James Hook & Co., new public open space, Harborwalk, and other public realm amenities.

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South Boston Catholic Academy News Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We can change the world together! The students of South Boston Catholic Academy celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday. K1 students celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by reflecting on how they could make the world a better place after reading stories about him. Students first created an earth by using blue and green ink. Next, they were asked what they could do to make the world

a better place. They wrote their responses on a hand. Some of these responses included "Make people feel better", "Be nice and kind", "Wear my mask to help stop the Coronavirus" and "Say Thank You."

In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, our Art Teacher, Ms. Valerie Szmurlo, read the book "Martin's Big Words" by Doreen Rappaport, in Art Class and created a guided portrait of Dr. King Jr. Students were able

to talk about the importance of treating people with respect no matter what they look like and how Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. changed our world for the better. In K0 Art Class, we read the book "Have I Ever Told You?" by Shani M. King and talked about how to be kind and how to respect everyone. Students then traced their hands so their thumb and pointer finger made a heart. They were encouraged to color the hands however they wanted using patterns.

To honor the tremendous lifetime of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., our Music Teacher, Ms. Eleanor Tynan, helped students in 2nd grade Music learn a song about his "I have a dream speech". After learning the song, students used words from the speech to compose a musical rhythm! What creative rhythms they came up with, too!

Teachers, also, read several wonderful books about Dr. King, in their classrooms, books such

as: Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King by Jean Marzollo; Meet Martin Luther King, Jr. by Johnny Ray Moore;

"If you Lived at the Time of Martin Luther King" by Ellen Levine and "Martin's Big Words...The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." by Doreen Rappaport to their students. Grade 1 students learned about MLK leading peaceful protests.

In class, students discussed many inspirational quotes by Dr. King, Jr. some of which are: "Love is the key to the problems of the world." "The time is always right to do what is right;" "Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that;" and "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

Thank you and God Bless you, Dr. King for making the world a better place for everyone!

New applicants are welcomed to email Mrs. Jamie Brown at j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org to learn more about South Boston Catholic Academy.

"Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that"



Gate of Heaven and St. Brigid Parishes Update

6:00PM Sunday Mass Suspended SAFETY CHANGES

Capacity for all Masses at 25% Due to the extremely low attendance at the 6:00PM. Sunday Mass at St. Brigid Church the past few months, we are suspending that specific Mass for January and February. Those attending Mass have steadily dropped as the pandemic continues getting worse and is expected to increase over the next two months. We understand that many are not attending in person at this time due to COVID concerns and many are choosing to stay safe by watching online.

<https://www.gateofheavenstbrigid.org>

We understand and support your choice. When it is safe again and people begin to return to Mass in person we will resume the 6:00PM Mass on Sunday evenings. As we move into January and February - we will continue to evaluate the concerns of Medical Professionals for in-person worship. The restrictions on numbers are constantly changing -and are now at 25% capacity. Please watch our website, Facebook and emails for any updates and schedule changes as we face the next two months of increased infection. Your safety and health is our priority!

Holy Communion Distribution: - CHANGE

We will continue distributing Holy Communion at the end of Mass., as was done in the Spring. The priest will conclude the Mass with a final blessing and then Holy Communion will be distributed following the final blessing.

We would ask that after you receive Holy Communion that you exit the Church and not return to your seat. Hopefully we can get back to some normalcy after the Pandemic surge is over.

Thank you for your cooperation!



**This week,
Danny gave "Pic's
Picks" for Conference
Championship Weekend:**

I went 2-2 against the spread in last weekend's Divisional Round of the NFL Playoffs. My record in the playoffs is 4-5-1.

Hard to believe we're already down to the final four of the playoffs. But here we are.

In fact, it's actually a replay of Week 6, back in mid-October. In Week 6, the Bills played the Chiefs, and the Buccaneers played the Packers. And as you know, those are now the matchups for the AFC Championship and NFC Championship games this Sunday.

Maybe my picks will shock you. But maybe they won't. Here's who I have going to Super Bowl LV in Tampa Bay on Feb. 7:

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (+3) over Green Bay Packers

-Ok, so, this pick probably won't shock you. Of course I'm going with Tom Brady to go into Green Bay and knock off the No. 1 seed Packers on Sunday at 3:05 p.m. And sure, my heart was involved in making this pick, but I also used my brain. It's not as if the No.

5 seed Buccaneers are surprising people with their success this season. They went 11-5 in the regular season, and one of those 11 wins came against, that's right, the Packers, who finished the regular season with a 13-3 record. Back in Week 6, Tampa Bay beat Green Bay, 38-10. Brady threw two touchdowns, while Aaron Rodgers threw two interceptions, one which resulted in a pick-six. The Buccaneers defense gave Rodgers fits in that game, and it doesn't look like that Bucs defense is any less dangerous three months later. Just take last weekend for example. Tampa Bay picked off Drew Brees three times in its 30-20 win over the Saints in New Orleans in the Divisional Round. So I think it's fair to say that this will be Rodgers' toughest game of the season. Speaking of Rodgers, let's not downplay how good of a season he's had. Rodgers led the NFL in touchdown passes with 48 (Brady finished second with 40). And the Packers' offense is coming off a Divisional Round win in which they put up 32 points on

the best defense in the NFL in the Los Angeles Rams, who allowed a league-best 18.5 points per game in the regular season. This is a dream matchup, Brady vs Rodgers, for sure. But only one can come out on top. Have fun getting me to bet against Brady in the playoffs. Bucs by a touchdown.

BUFFALO BILLS (+3) over Kansas City Chiefs

-This is the pick that will probably shock you. The Chiefs were the No. 1 seed in the AFC and had the best record in the NFL at 14-2. They're coming off a Divisional Round win over the Cleveland Browns. They're the defending Super Bowl champions. And make no mistake about it, they are the team to beat in the NFL. Patrick Mahomes got his bell rung in the win over the Browns and had to leave the game, but he's expected to play and be fine this Sunday at 6:40. That means it'll be up to Josh Allen to lead the No. 2 seed Bills into Kansas City and pull off the upset. When these two teams met in Buffalo in Week 6, the Chiefs won, 26-17. The difference was

Travis Kelce's two touchdowns, and Clyde Edwards-Helaire's 161 rush yards. Let's be honest, both of these defenses are pedestrian, but the Bills are coming off a Divisional Round win over the Ravens in which they held Baltimore to just three points. I understand why nobody would want to bet against Mahomes, Kelce, and Tyreek Hill. But there's just something about this Bills team this season that has me feeling an upset. I expect a better-than-pedestrian performance by Buffalo's defense, and game from Allen that will have everyone talking the next day. The Buffalo Bills going back to the Super Bowl for the first time since 1993? It's just too bad they'll have to go up against Brady in that Super Bowl. And I can hear all the critics now, complaining that Brady once again gets the benefit of going up against an AFC East opponent (insert eye-roll emoji). Well, I think these Bills are for real, which is why I'm picking them to beat the Chiefs. Give me Buffalo by three.

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SPORTS TODAY

BRADY LEADS BUCS TO NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

SBT Staff

The NFL is down to its final four, as the Conference Championships take place this Sunday. Those final four teams are the Buffalo Bills, Kansas City Chiefs, Green Bay Packers, and yes, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The Bucs entered the playoffs as the No. 5 seed in the NFC with an 11-5 regular-season record. That's quite the turnaround from three straight seasons under .500. The difference? Who else, but Tom Brady.

In his first year with Tampa Bay, Brady led the Buccaneers back to the playoffs for the first time since the 2007 season, and is now has taking them to the NFC Championship Game for the first time since the 2002 season.

Tampa ended up winning the Super Bowl that year. And while that's the same coveted result this time around, there's still a lot in the way of a championship.

After going on the road in the first

Tweet of the Week

Sarah Thomas will make history as the first woman to officiate in a Super Bowl. #SBLV



two rounds of the playoffs, beating Washington and New Orleans, Brady and the Bucs now head to Green Bay to take on Aaron Rodgers and the No. 1 seed Packers in the NFC Championship. It's a matchup that was made for a Super Bowl, and a Super Bowl matchup that was predicted to occur many times, year after year by football pundits all over.

It never happened, of course. But now, we finally get to see Brady and Rodgers go head-to-head in a playoff game, which will certainly have a Super-Bowl feel to it. The winner will head to Super Bowl LV, to face the winner of the AFC Championship Game between the Buffalo Bills and Kansas City Chiefs.

The Buccaneers are a 3-point underdog in Green Bay on Sunday at 3:05 p.m. At this point, that spread is nothing

more than a sign of respect to the team with home-field advantage.

It should be noted that the Packers were also a 3-point favorite against the Bucs back in mid-October. That game was played in Tampa Bay. The Buccaneers won decisively, 38-10 after falling behind 10-0 in the first quarter.

The loss to Tampa was Rodgers' worst game of his MVP-esque season. It was the only game of the season in which Rodgers didn't throw a touchdown pass, and also the only game of the season in which he threw multiple interceptions. On the other end, Brady threw two touchdown passes, while Ronald Jones ran for 113 yards and scored two touchdowns of his own in the Buccaneers' win.

Whether or not the Bucs find a way

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SUNDAY, JAN. 24
Tampa Bay at Green Bay (-3)
3:05 P.M. FOX

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6:40 P.M. CBS

NBA FRIDAY, JAN. 22
Boston at Philadelphia
7:30 P.M. ESPN

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Cleveland at Boston
4 P.M. NBCSB

NHL THURSDAY, JAN. 21
Philadelphia at Boston
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to beat Green Bay again, it's hard to say that Brady's first season in Tampa Bay is not a success. Especially when you look at what happened to the New England Patriots without him.

The Pats finished the season 7-9 and missed out on the playoffs for the first time since 2008, when Brady suffered a season-ending knee injury in Week 1. This season, with Cam Newton under center, Brady's absence was certainly felt. And adding insult to injury, of course, was the fact that Rob Gronkowski joined Brady in Tampa Bay to take part in the Buccaneers' success.

For all here in New England, watching Brady in a Buccaneers uniforms is still an unusual sight. What's not unusual though, is watching Brady have success in the playoffs.

Everyone is used to seeing that.

RED SOX, DEVERS AVOID ARBITRATION WITH ONE-YEAR DEAL

SBT Staff

The Boston Red Sox and third baseman Rafael Devers have agreed to a one-year, \$4.58 million contract for the 2021 season. With the agreement, the Red Sox and

Devers avoid salary arbitration.

Devers, 24, is arbitration eligible through the 2023 season, and is scheduled to become an unrestricted free agent before the 2024 season.

Last season, Devers hit .263 with

11 home runs and 43 RBI in 57 games of a COVID-shortened MLB season. The year prior, Devers hit .311 with 32 home runs and 115 RBI. This year will mark his fifth season with the Red Sox.



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