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**M**ayor Martin J. Walsh announced that in collaboration with the Boston Licensing Board and City departments, outdoor dining for approved restaurants

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# EDITORIAL

## We All Love Our Dogs – But

It is believed by many, that dogs are one of God's greatest creations. Some classify them as 'angels without wings'. Forever loyal and protective, they give us unconditional love. Whether we're injured or just sad, they rush in to comfort us. When we're happy, they are happy with us. Now to be clear, everyone affiliated with this newspaper is either a current or a former dog owner and definitely dog lovers. But at the same time, we also realize that in some cases, there are limitations to where we

should bring them, if we truly want to be considerate of others.

There has been an ongoing situation at Medal of Honor Park at M Street with dog owners and dog walkers bringing their pets to play where school groups and families bring their children. Incidents of tense verbal exchanges and near physical confrontations have taken place between people allowing their dogs to run loose in the area of the South Boston Vietnam War Memorial and teachers and parents

with their kids. Reports of excited dogs playfully knocking over toddlers and even nipping at them in their exuberance are not uncommon. Add to this, the dog deposits sometimes left in the area by the occasional owner unwilling to clean up after their pet, and it's not difficult to see why tempers sometimes flare. And yet, easily in walking distance and within plain sight, there is a beautiful, well kept, fenced in area that Massport has built and designated specifically for dogs to run loose in. It's



a well-maintained facility that serves a good purpose AND, the dogs seem to love it. But best of all, it is free from small children

playing. It's for the dogs, not the kids.

Yet, a few dog owners, for whatever reason, insist on bringing their canine pals to the children's playground rather than the dog park close by. A few have been heard to make such statements as 'we pay property taxes, so we can bring our dogs any place we want to'. And unless there are posted signs that read 'No Dogs Allowed', they may have a point. But another point to be made is why not try to be good neighbors and respect the needs of others, show some consideration and help lend a hand to protect the public safety?

**“Race matters only to racists. The rest of the people care only about character” - Rush Limbaugh**

## Boston dog licensing deadline is March 31

With a current increase in dog adoptions during the COVID-19 quarantine, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's Animal Care and Control Division is reminding city dog owners that the annual deadline for licensing their pets is March 31. All dogs in Boston require a new license each year.

“A license is your dog's fastest ticket home if they become lost, and it's the law,” notes Animal Care and Control Director Alexis Trzcinski. “A dog license is like an ID for your pet. If they ever get lost, the chances of you

being reunited are much higher with a license.”

In preparation for the 2021 licensing deadline, the Animal Care & Control Division analyzed licensing data from last year to reveal the most popular dog names of 2020. The top five dog names registered in Boston were Luna, Bella, Charlie, Lucy, and Lola. Rounding out the bottom of the top 25 were Buddy, Riley, Finn, Coco, and Winston.

All dog owners must license their dogs by Wednesday, March 31, 2021. Dogs must be licensed if they are

older than six months. Owners must provide a copy of their dog's current rabies certificate and proof of spaying or neutering. For an in-depth guide on dog licensing, including a link to license your dog online, visit Animal Care & Control's how-to article.

The fees for licensing your dog are \$15 for a neutered male or spayed female or \$30 for an intact male or female. Dog owners who pay online with a credit card will be subject to a 2.7 percent service fee (the minimum service fee is \$1.00). License applications may also be picked up in person or

requested by mail; walk-in and mailed payments are accepted via check or money order.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency, Animal Care and Control office hours are limited; please contact the office ahead of your visit. Whether you provide your information and payment online, by mail, or in person, your dog's license will be mailed to you.

If you are renewing a dog license, you will need to provide your dog's license number. The dog licensing fee is waived for service animals and residents age 70



and older. Owners must also pay any outstanding Animal Care and Control fines. The fine for an unlicensed dog is \$50. Please call (617) 635-534 or email animalcontrol@boston.gov with any questions about the licensing process or to update your information in the database.

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## *We MIGHT Be Able To Celebrate The 4TH? – REALLY?*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

*Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at [jciccone@southbostontoday.com](mailto:jciccone@southbostontoday.com)*

Many Americans watched Joe Biden's address to the nation last week. Many more did not. Even with a teleprompter to assist, it was still robotic and halting, but that was expected to be the case. For those who didn't watch it, you may have heard that it was about the Covid 19 virus and the steps currently being taken. Biden took credit for much of what President Trump accomplished and gave him no credit. Whoever wrote the script must have forgotten to put those facts in.

Of particular note, was what was said regarding how we would be 'allowed' to gather on our nation's biggest holiday. Biden relayed to the public in so many words that if we're all good and do what we're told, we MIGHT be allowed to attend backyard barbecues on the '4th of July' with a small number of family and friends. But the feeling of millions and the response by so many goes something like this: To Joe, his teleprompter, and the Democrats who go right along with what was said, we are Americans. We will celebrate 'Independence Day', however and with whomever we choose. We don't need the government's permission.

As Fauci, the CDC and others who seem to want to keep our country in a state of hiding indefinitely to 'prevent the continued spread of Covid' demand that we still stay inside, wear a mask(S) and social distance, they have no problem with throwing open the southern border and bringing in hordes of illegal aliens, allowing them to roam the country. Many of these people are carrying the Covid virus, as well as a wide array of other diseases. But that seems to be quite ok with the new regime in DC. Bring them all in, support them with the hard-earned tax dollars of American citizens and hopefully at some point get them on the voter rolls – as Democrats. The way Pelosi

and Schumer see it: With what's taking place in the country now, If Americans will no longer vote for Democrats, they will import people who will.

The human traffickers, the cartels and the gang members are in their glory as they smuggle people in by the boatloads and caravans in every location that Trump's wall hasn't been finished. Those who find themselves with a form of 'buyer's remorse' because of how they voted can in many cases now be heard howling about the sky-rocketing gas and home heating fuel prices, the coming massive tax hikes and yes, those open borders. A little late for that, wouldn't you say?

The Grammy's were held last weekend and the TV viewing audience dropped another 50% from last year's dismal numbers which were a record low then. The organizers of the event either just don't understand that Americans are tired of this boring and preachy freak show, or they just don't care. They seem to be determined to spout their politics even if their audience drops to a handful of people crammed into a room the size of a minivan. What most consider a vulgar performance was something you wouldn't really want the kids to see with the big highlight being the dance and song display called WAP. By now we all know what those three letters stand for and won't be repeated here. That was considered wholesome entertainment, but Dr. Seuss and Looney Tunes cartoons must be cancelled because they are inappropriate.

Columbia University, that bastion of leftist, liberal tolerance, not to be outdone by Harvard and other indoctrination centers, proudly boasts that this year, rather than have just one graduation ceremony which includes all, they will have seven. The graduating students will be separated by race,

income levels, ethnicities and sexual orientation. How's that for promoting unity? It was reported that the number of high school graduates opting to go to colleges and universities is continuing to drop, as students would much rather have careers in the trades and other real-life occupations. With what so many American campuses are pushing now, the change in sought after professions is no surprise.

Ok, so with what was mentioned in today's column being just a fraction of what is negatively affecting our country, what can Americans do to correct it and save this great nation? Well,

it's never too early to start preparing to put people into public office again who love America and don't seek to change it into a third world disaster. Steps need to be taken to make sure elections are secure again. Voter ID laws in every state are an important step and are not 'voter suppression' in any way, shape or form. Americans are resilient. We've been through rough times before and always come back stronger. This time will be no different if we put our minds to it and hold true to that amazing document called the Constitution of the United States given to us by our Founding Fathers.

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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.

### Senate finally passes ambitious climate-change bill

Is fourth time the charm for the Massachusetts Senate? SHNS's Colin Young and Commonwealth's Bruce Mohl report that, yes, the Senate yesterday approved an ambitious climate-change bill, the fourth time in just over a year the chamber has passed a variation of the legislation that's been, in order, ignored, vetoed, amended and delayed over the months. It now heads to the House for likely passage. Next up for the Senate: A Thursday vote on the UI/PPP pandemic relief bill, reports the Herald's Erin Tiernan.

### Lynch on T cuts: 'We're going to have to have a come-to-Jesus meeting'

A come-to-Jesus meeting with whom? U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch isn't saying exactly, but we suspect it eventually includes a talk with a certain tall guy who recently got a buzz cut. The Patriot Ledger's Mary Whitfall and the Herald's Erin

Tiernan have more on Lynch's angry reaction to the MBTA's weekend cuts in subway and bus services, despite the huge amount of federal bucks headed the T's way.

### Baker's tumbling poll numbers

The other polling shoe dropped yesterday, with UMass Amherst/WCVB releasing more survey data that shows Gov. Charlie Baker's popularity plunging, due largely to his handling of the vaccine rollout, it would appear. We're talking about a 26-point decline since August. SHNS's Matt Murphy, MassLive's Steph Solis and the Globe's Jeremy Fox have more on the UMass/WCVB numbers. And from the Globe's Joan Vennoch: "The pandemic exposed Charlie Baker's Republican heart."

### The silence is deafening: Legislative leaders mum on forcing Baker to delay school re-openings

With the backing of teacher

unions, some lawmakers are pushing hard for emergency legislation that would force Gov. Charlie Baker to delay the planned re-opening of in-person classes next month. But the Globe's Emma Platoff reports that House Speaker Ron Mariano and Senate President Karen Spilka haven't stated their position on the bill despite inquiries from the Globe. One of the reasons for their silence could be (repeat: could be) tied to the fact that Dems would own the vaccination/school reopening issue if they pass the bill – and then they'd have to answer to A.) elderly people and relatives of elderly people. See post below. FYI, the Globe, in an editorial, is making its position known: "No delays. It's time to get back to school." And Fyi II, parents apparently made this possible, via WCVB: "Winthrop school committee votes to have all students return to full

in-person learning April 5."

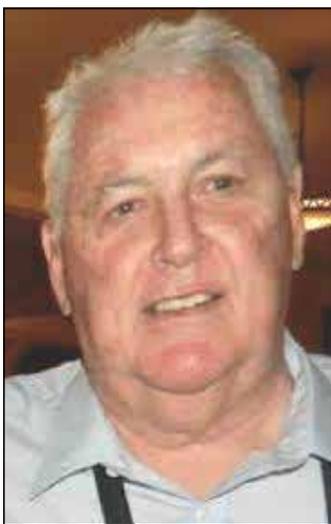
### Aged-based vaccinations: It's working – and dramatically so

The Herald's Rick Sobey reports that the average age of those hospitalized for COVID-19 in Massachusetts has dropped dramatically, from an average of 73 years old to 64 years old, and experts are crediting the state's priority of vaccinating "older people who are more susceptible to severe disease and death from the virus." Think about this next time an occupational group, no matter how worthy and deserving they are to get vaccines, try to get bumped up on the vaccine priority list.

### Declining vaccines in large numbers: State troopers and prison guards

As most everyone else in Massachusetts clamors for vaccine shots, the Globe's Matt Stout and Dasia Moore report that nearly 850 State Police employees have not been vaccinated, due largely (apparently) to vaccine hesitancy within ranks. Meanwhile, the AP at MassLive reports that more than half of prison guards in Massachusetts have declined COVID vaccines. Special delivery: Amazon showers cash on South Shore towns

## I Was Just Thinking...



by Kevin Devlin

The Grace Church School in Manhattan has issued an Inclusive Language Guide

which aims to address "ways we can remove harmful assumptions" from the way we interact.

This guide advises staff and students to refrain from using phrases like "boys and girls" and "mom and dad" for the more generic "people" and "family." Instead of mom and dad use the words grown up, folks or family. Instead of parents use grown-ups, folks, family, and guardians. Instead of nanny use the words caregiver or guardian. Instead of boyfriend, wife, boyfriend, girlfriend, use spouse, partner, or significant other. Instead of sweetheart, honey, or similar pet names, use the words person or the person's name. Instead of using the word boys and girls, guys, ladies, and gentlemen, use the words people, folks, or friends. When reading a book use the words child, person, character, instead of boy or

girl. Instead of wishing someone "Merry Christmas" or "happy holidays," tell them to "have a great break."

Also, common pronouns including he, him, his, and she, her, and hers, should be replaced with the singular version of they, them, and theirs, used to describe someone who does not feel comfortable using, or does not identify with, binary gendered pronouns.

Control language and you control thought.

Control thought and you control behavior.

Control behavior and you have a subservient populace.

The 12-page manifesto goes into further detail concerning other matters, but you get the picture. By the way, Grace School tuition for the academic year 2021-2022 is \$57,330, in addition to trip

fees, book fees, a parent's association fee, and a graduation fee. What a bargain.

On another matter, I want to thank former President Donald Trump for initiating Operation Warp Speed. This initiative resulted in the development of highly effective and safe vaccines to fight this deadly pandemic in record time. All the so-called medical experts (and Trump haters) said it could not be done. It would take years to be realized. Yet Trump said otherwise. He knew American spirit and ingenuity would prevail. And he was right. This successful endeavor ushered in a historic, medical miracle. Millions and millions of Americans should be thanking him for being so proactive in this matter at this moment in history.

And to all my friends, Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

# Councilors Flynn and Bok Support Bill to Include a Boston Seat at the MBTA's FCM Board

Councilors Ed Flynn and Kenzie Bok filed a resolution at this week's Boston City Council meeting in support of S.D. 1313, "An Act Relative to the Structure of the Fiscal Management and Control Board", sponsored by Senator Nick Collins. S.D. 1313 proposes to change the structure of the Fiscal Management Control Board (FMCB) by expanding the Board to seven members, including one member to be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Boston. This resolution would send support to the bill, and urges its swift passage.

The FMCB was established in 2015 to monitor the MBTA's finances, management, operations, and members of FMCB make critical decisions on the current operations and future investments of the MBTA. Currently, the FMCB has five board members that are

appointed by the Governor, and S.D.1313 would change the structure of the FMCB by expanding the Board to seven members, including one member to be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Boston. Having a seat appointed by the Mayor of Boston is appropriate, as the MBTA is a critical part of Boston's transportation system and many of our Boston residents rely on the MBTA as a mode of transportation. Moreover, Boston also has the biggest share of MBTA ridership, and has the largest number of MBTA stations, and Boston deserves fair representation on the FMCB.

"The MBTA is critical to the transportation system of our city, and Boston has the largest role in play in terms of ridership and operations for the MBTA," said Councilor Flynn. "It is therefore only appropriate and fair that Boston has representation

on the FMCB as important decisions are made. I urge that the legislature promptly pass S.D. 1313 so that Boston has a voice in the future of the MBTA."

"The residents of Boston rely on the MBTA everyday to get to work, school, small businesses, and basic services, yet Boston does not have a seat at the table when it comes to important decision-making at the MBTA," said Councilor Bok. "These recent harmful cuts show us what happens when the people of Boston are not represented on the FMCB. I urge my colleagues in the State Legislature to pass S.D. 1313 as quickly as possible so that we can achieve more effective oversight of the critical public services provided by the MBTA."

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



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## Amend Article 32 Groundwater Zoning

**Monday, March 29**  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**Zoom Link:** bit.ly/3rsZaNZ  
**Toll Free:** (833) 568 - 8864  
**Meeting ID:** 161 812 6907

**Project Proponent:**  
Boston Planning and Development Agency

**Project Description:**  
This public meeting is to present proposed amendments to Article 32 Groundwater Conservation Overlay District of the zoning code and receive comments in order to extend protection to groundwater levels in areas of the city with older buildings on wooden piles built on filled land. This includes parts of East Boston, downtown waterfront, Roxbury/South End, South Boston and Audubon Circle.

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**Close of Comment Period:**  
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## 80 West Broadway

**Wednesday, March 31**  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**Zoom Link:** bit.ly/38KfToE  
**Toll Free:** (833) 568 - 8864  
**Meeting ID:** 160 419 0721

**Project Proponent:**  
80 West Broadway, LLC

**Project Description:**  
80 West Broadway, LLC proposes to redevelop an approximately 21,770 square foot real property located at 80-110 West Broadway in South Boston (the "Project Site"). The Project Site currently contains a four-story, mixed-use building occupied at its ground level by Amrheins Restaurant, a one-story addition at 84-88A West Broadway, and a surface parking lot for 44 vehicles.

The Proposed Project consists of retaining the four-story building, which will continue to include ground-floor bar/restaurant space for Amrheins, with six residential units above, and to construct on the remainder of the Project Site an eight-story, approximately 123,400 square feet of gross floor area, mixed-use building with ground-floor retail space and research and development/office space above. The Proposed Project will also include approximately 25 below-grade parking spaces.

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**Outdoor Dining continued from front page**  
in Boston will now begin on March 22 due to the weather forecast. This is an earlier start than the previously-announced date of April 1.

The 2021 Outdoor Dining Pilot Program will continue many of the successful initiatives from last year's program, such as streamlined permitting and outdoor patios on roadways that enable restaurants with narrow sidewalks to offer patio seating to patrons, while offering new features based on community feedback. Applications for outdoor dining licenses on both public and private property are now open, and businesses can apply online.

The City has also focused on providing resources to businesses of color, and has made more than 200 personalized outreach calls to every business that applied for outdoor dining last year. The Mayor's Office of Economic Development has met

with the Boston Black Hospitality Coalition to ensure added technical assistance is available for businesses to apply. Weekly "Help Sessions" were held from December through January to help businesses navigate the pilot process. The City of Boston is also planning to host additional office hours and workshops to help businesses with their applications as needed.

"Outdoor dining was one of the bright spots last summer and fall, and we've seen the benefits it has had on our neighborhoods: supporting local businesses, a safe and enjoyable experience for restaurant patrons, and an added resource for Boston's small businesses during this challenging time," said Mayor Walsh. "I'm thrilled we are able to start this program even earlier, and I look forward to businesses and residents taking advantage of it."

The 2021 Outdoor Dining Pilot Program season for approved restaurants will begin on March

22, 2021, and will end on December 1, 2021, weather permitting. Restaurants that took part in the 2020 temporary outdoor dining program and who wish to do so in 2021 must re-apply, and the City will also be accepting applications from restaurants that did not take part in the 2020 temporary outdoor dining program.

The City has held a series of virtual training sessions to help businesses with the application process. Outreach to businesses on outdoor dining is a coordinated effort through the Licensing Board, Office of Economic Development, Office of Neighborhood Services, and Boston Main Streets.

Updated support for businesses includes:

**Waived fees** to reduce barriers to applying to the program, including Licensing Board fees and fees for the use of the public way.

**Continued technical support and additional targeted outreach** to help support under-represented restaurant owners. Businesses can get direct support by emailing [smallbiz@boston.gov](mailto:smallbiz@boston.gov).

**Centralized online application** that allows City departments to reduce administrative load of reviewing and approving applications and increases transparency in the review process for restaurant owners

**Clearer guidance and instructions** that improve upon the guidance offered in 2020 (more standardized site plan, clearer language around barrier requirements, etc.)

**Office Hours and Webinars** will be held on Friday, March 19 from 11am-1pm and Thursday March 25 from 10am - 12pm. An instructional webinar will be hosted Thursday, March 18 at 5:30pm.

Sessions available online:

The office hours and webinar will be available on Zoom and streamed live on Facebook at [facebook.com/econdevboston](https://www.facebook.com/econdevboston)

Thursday, March 18 (5:30pm): [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8RgmtvmFSIyiMDC09Mjakg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8RgmtvmFSIyiMDC09Mjakg)  
Friday, March 19 (11am-1pm):

<https://zoom.us/j/92465272727>

Thursday March 25 (10am-12pm): <https://zoom.us/j/97639633912>

The Boston Disabilities Commission will also again work closely with restaurants to distribute ramps throughout the City.

The online application went live on December 10, 2020 and to date, the City has received 434 applications of which 215 have been approved. For the 2020 temporary outdoor dining season, the Licensing Board approved more than 550 requests for outdoor dining licenses with over 415 on public property. Of the total approved outdoor spaces, applications from every single neighborhood in the City of Boston were represented.

Restaurants that have been approved for outdoor dining can be found at [boston.gov/restaurant-support](https://boston.gov/restaurant-support).

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Boston has been steadfast in its commitment to supporting the small business community. To date, the Office of Economic Development has issued \$16.3 million to more than 4,000 businesses, of which \$5 million has been directly allocated to nearly 1,000 restaurant owners. More than \$6.7 million in debt-free grants have been distributed to over 1,850 small businesses in every neighborhood across the City of Boston through the Office of Economic Development's Small Business Relief Fund. In November 2020, the City launched three new funds totaling \$6.3 million that support small businesses in Boston that have been affected by COVID-19, focusing on commercial rent relief, supporting certified women-, minority-, and veteran-owned small businesses, and restaurant relief. To further assist the City's small businesses, the City of Boston has [created a list of suppliers](#) to help businesses source the personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies required to ensure the safety of employees and customers as industries reopen.

Additional information on outdoor dining, and applications for businesses, is available on [boston.gov](https://boston.gov).



## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2021

Massport is currently accepting applications for the following Scholarships:



### • Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a high school senior who resides and is involved in community service in South Boston, with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

### • Deborah Hadden Gray Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a high school senior who resides and is involved in community service or employment in the city of Boston, Chelsea, Revere or Winthrop, with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

### • Lowell L. Richards III Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a high school senior who resides and is involved in community service in the city of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, or Winthrop, with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

### • Diversity STEM Scholarship

Awarded to high school seniors of color who reside or attend school in the city of Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop, Revere, Worcester, Bedford, Concord, Lexington, or Lincoln, and are involved in community service with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Scholarship applications must be received by Massport no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2021. For more information on these scholarships, including application checklist and criteria please visit [www.massport.com](http://www.massport.com)

# Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Virtual Shamrock Splash had to "go virtual" this year, but that didn't stop nearly 150 registered Splashers and nearly 750 participants and 28 teams from raising more than \$50,000 to support free beach programs from Nahant to Nantasket when the beaches open up later this year, as part their Better Beaches Program Partnership with DCR.



Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's staff and sponsors from JetBlue and Harpoon splashed symbolically this year to celebrate the success of this year's Harpoon Shamrock Splash which raised more than \$50,000 to support free beach programs this year.

Rather than gather on a beach, this year participants splashed solo in their bathtub or backyard, or splashed alone or in small groups on their favorite beach.

Participants competed for free flights from JetBlue and great swag from Harpoon Brewery. This year's winners were:

**Jane Kepros from East Boston** raised \$3000 and won the prize for Biggest Fundraiser.

You can see her splash at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wt1vKuJoIbw>

**Mark Bisson of East Boston's Team HarborKeepers** won the prize for best costume for his great Lobster Costume.

You can see his splash at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7QkDzUAjL0>

**Jeremy Reger of South Boston** and team MassKiting won the prize for Most Unique Splash for his series of eight splashes.

You can watch them all at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPUaKD9Nwey1hMNDbaQyAxw>

**Kennedy Elsey and Kennedy's Crew splashed in Quincy** and won the prize for largest team.

**Emma Leavett from the Dorchester Art Project and Carol Haney from Revere** won this year's raffle.

Some teams and participants splashed to raise funds for their favorite beach, which will be supplemented by additional funds from Save the Harbor's Better Beaches program.

This year's totals by beach were:

- 1 South Boston \$6,094
- 2 Quincy Wollaston Beach \$5,225
- 3 East Boston Constitution Beach \$4,845
- 4 Lynn & Nahant \$4,710
- 5 Revere Beach \$3,395
- 6 Winthrop \$3,310
- 7 Hull Nantasket Beach \$2,735
- 8 Dorchester \$2,490

"We are optimistic that if people continue to wear masks, practice social distancing, and sign up for their free vaccinations as they become available,

the region's residents from Nahant to Nantasket will be able to return to our beaches again this summer, when free beach events and youth programs will be more important than ever before," said Mancini. "Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Splash such a success we hope to see you on the beach soon."

Since Save the Harbor/Save the Bay began the Splash during their 25th Anniversary celebration in 2011, thousands of splashers have raised more than \$1 million dollars to support free beach events and programs in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull.

Save the Harbor wants to thank their program partners and our event sponsors, including Harpoon Brewery, JetBlue, Mix 104.1, The Blue Sky Collaborative, The Boston Foundation, The Richard Saltonstall

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In addition, Save the Harbor wants to thank Metropolitan Beaches Commission Chair Senator Brendan Crighton and the legislative and community members of the Commission for their support for our beaches and our communities. They also want to thank the Baker-Polito Administration, the Massachusetts Legislature, our partners at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Boston Centers for Youth & Families, the YMCA of Greater Boston, and the hundreds of people who take part in the Harpoon Shamrock Splash every year, for their support.

To learn more about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay visit their website at [www.savetheharbor.org](http://www.savetheharbor.org) and follow them on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

# The Wine Guy That Time of Year

You look out at the grill in your patio or backyard, look at the temperature and think, “maybe later this week”. But, if you really love it, there’s never a bad time for grilling. Here are a few wines that make grilled foods better.

**Hook or Crook Cellars, 2018 Reserve Field Blend, Lodi, California, (\$19.99).** Josh Farrell of Wine Express says, “Here’s a value find that really delivers. Lodi is a very special growing region located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Here, the exceptionally mild and warm climate is tempered by the vineyards lying at higher altitude but also and most significantly by the breezes that flow in all the way from the Pacific Ocean through

the San Joaquin River valley. The result is a microclimate that can grow ripe, expressive red varieties like Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Syrah and Merlot; all of which are in this Reserve red blend.

Lodi is also unique for having an abundance of old vineyards with low yields of rich, concentrated grapes and that’s what goes into this big, chewy red. Grapes are harvested and fermented together allowing the flavors to meld and mingle. The wine was then aged for 16 months in oak barrels adding another layer of spice and complexity.

*Wine Enthusiast Magazine* scored this 92 points, saying “Excellent depth and concentration give this full-bodied wine a richness that is expressed in beautiful flavors of blackberry, blueberry and chocolate. All that lushness is wrapped in a blanket of fine-grained tannins that creates a velvety texture. Best through 2026.”

If you’re thinking about seafood, try a bottle of **Pascal Jolivet Sancerre, Loire Valley, 2018, (\$24.99).** 2018 was arguably one of the best vintages in the last fifty years and this wine is a prime example of what to expect from the whole region—distinctive notes of pears, melons and overtones of honey and apples on the finish. The Jolivet family have been making fine wines for over 200 years and this expressive vintage will impress



you at every level. Try it with some grilled Monkfish, Scallops or Lobster Savannah—absolutely sublime.

**Quinta Da Falorca Touriga Nacional, 2017, (\$35.99).** In June of last year, when it was released in the U.S., Robert Parker scored it at 95 points, saying, “The 2017 Touriga Nacional Quinta Da Falorca is a blend of Touriga grapes from three plots, two with 40 years of age and the third at ten. It was aged in new French oak for 18 months. The combination of power, finesse and seduction here make this more than a little enticing. To be sure, it is rather unevolved and it needs to pull in a little oak. Even now, though, it is

slowly gathering itself. The crisp, flavorful finish, balance and good structure will support this for a couple of decades in all likelihood. It finishes with controlled power and persistent flavor. It is always a wine that leans a bit to the Burgundian and this year is no different.” This is a big, powerful red that will seriously enhance your best roasts or steaks.

**Banfi Belnero, Toscana, 2016, (\$28.99),** opens with gentle aromas of vanilla, tobacco and coffee, with hints of cherry jam and prunes. Harmonious with soft, well-balanced tannins. Persistent finish and a great potential for aging. Perfect with red meats, wild game and aged cheeses.

Parker says, “You feel a touch of the Cabernet Sauvignon thanks to those zesty garden green aromas and purple or black fruit at the back. This wine is easy and streamlined with forest floor, dried raspberry and licorice. It is nicely balanced and fresh for your next meal at your neighborhood Italian restaurant.”

Any time of year is a great time to enjoy one of your favorite wines, but ‘grilling time’ puts your pairing skills and taste buds to work. Oh, and given that the traditional Saint Patrick’s holiday is at hand...here is an Irish toast –

“May our love be like good wine, grow stronger as it grows older.”

**Talk To The Wine Guy at [jdris8888@gmail.com](mailto:jdris8888@gmail.com)**

## Crossing Cultures Exhibit

Featuring the work of Astrid Reischwitz, Claudia Ruiz Gustafson, Nilou Mochhala, and Vivian Poey

Join the Reception

Showing by appointment March 4th through April 15th, “CROSSING CULTURES” addresses the theme of “family” from the point of view of four women artists who came to this country as young adults, leaving their traditions, families, and cultures behind. Unifying their work is its relationship to memory, displacement and identity.

The exhibit will revolve around art that they have created to reflect upon what they have left behind while shifting countries and at the

same time honoring and remembering family traditions and vanishing ways of life. A commonality of their work is the use of vintage family photographs that they have collected from their many visits back to their homelands. This project embodies and celebrates their shared immigrant story and citizenry in a nation composed of diverse backgrounds, families, politics, faiths, identities, and ideas.

The show has been curated by Claudia Ruiz Gustafson. Our Contact Information  
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617-423-4299 [www.fortpointarts.org](http://www.fortpointarts.org)



**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Docket No. SU21P0171EA

**Commonwealth Of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court**

**Probate and Family Court**

**Estate of: Louise M Murphy**

**Date of Death: 06/26/2020**

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street

Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has

been filed by

**Catherine A Sheedy of Reading MA**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/13/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

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**ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

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

**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,**

**First Justice of this Court.**

March 02, 2021

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

**March 18, 2021**

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Docket No. SU21P0433EA

**Commonwealth Of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court**

**Probate and Family Court**

**Estate of: Mary M. Gibbs**

**Date of Death: 08/27/2020**

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street

Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by

**Nancy St. John of Cohasset MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:

**Nancy St. John of Cohasset MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,**

**First Justice of this Court.**

March 10, 2021

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

**March 18, 2021**



**Virtual Public Meeting**

# Amend Accessory Parking Zoning

**Wednesday, March 31**  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**Zoom Link:** bit.ly/3kUXdqQ

**Toll Free:** (833) 568 - 8864

**Meeting ID:** 161 611 0558

**Project Proponent:**

Boston Planning and Development Agency

**Project Description:**

This is a public meeting to present proposed zoning changes that would make Accessory Parking a Conditional Use in neighborhood business subdistricts. Currently it is an Allowed Use in basements and first floors where there is an Allowed Use on the upper floors, such as residential. This condition creates a blank street wall with no active first floor use and runs counter to planning goals for neighborhood subdistricts. By making Accessory Parking Conditional, requiring a Conditional use permit, it provides and opportunity for community input and design review.

See 3/31/21 on the BPDA Calendar for more info.

mail to: **Bryan Glascock**

Boston Planning & Development Agency

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**Close of Comment Period:**

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# From Parade Day to Motorcade Day

Well Irish eyes were certainly smiling upon God's country last Sunday as a rolling motorcade was seen waiving, cheering and

spreading Irish cheer throughout the town. Cars were decorated in the spirit of the holiday as well as flying the Back the Blue flags, neighbors were dressed in their

green and in true South Boston tradition and pride, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hunter B., age 8, followed by the National Anthem. South Boston will always

celebrate Evacuation Day for our freedom and St. Patrick's Day for our heritage. A big nod of approval and thanks to John P. and Paul F., fair play men!





# South Boston Catholic Academy News Reading can be fun!

From our 1C Teacher, Ms. Gannon...As part of Reading Across America Week and celebrating Dr. Seuss's 117 Birthday on Tuesday, March 2, we read many Dr. Seuss books as a class. The students also brought in their favorite books from home and were able to partner read and share their favorite parts of the book with each

other! Lastly, we colored in pictures of Dr. Seuss and completed a word search all about Dr. Seuss. It was a great day!

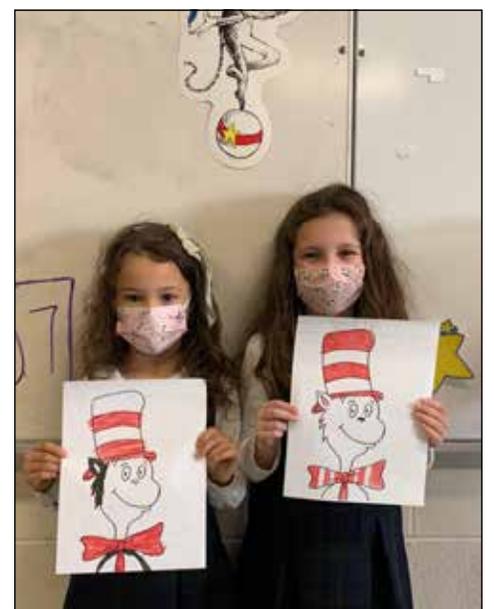
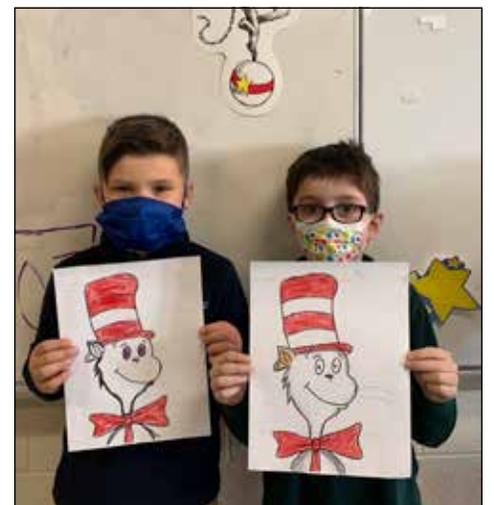
It was nice to see that 1C, along with the students in Ms. McCarthy's 1A and Ms. Byrne's 1B class, as well as students in the other grades all had a chance to take part in this Read Across America Week project.

From our K2C Teacher, Ms. Bourdon...In honor of Dr. Seuss and Read Across America month, K2 has been collecting videos from friends and family who live across the country. Family and friends have been reading their favorite books, and students have been coloring in the corresponding state. The goal is to have a representative from all 50 states!

Quotes from some famous authors...“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more

places you'll go.” and “You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax all you need is a book!” – Dr. Seuss, “There are many little ways to enlarge your world. Love of books is the best of all.” – Jacqueline Kennedy and “Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.” – Margaret Fuller... Happy reading everyone!

New applicants are welcomed to email Mrs. Jamie Brown at [j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org](mailto:j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org) to learn more about South Boston Catholic Academy.



## March is SouthieSZN (hint SZN = Season)

The South Boston Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce SouthieSZN. A month long promotion to support local businesses. Shop, Dine, Pamper and enter weekly drawings to win a “Pot O’ Gold” containing gift cards, swag and product valued at \$100. from local businesses. A Grand Prize drawing will be held on April 5th valued at \$500. It’s easy to

enter! Shop at 4 participating businesses, take a selfie at one of them, and fill out the form at [bit.ly/southieszn-enter](http://bit.ly/southieszn-enter). Visit [southbostonchamber.org/southieszn](http://southbostonchamber.org/southieszn) for the list of participating businesses and get ready to win! Winners will be drawn each Monday!

You can enter multiple times, but you’ll need to make purchases at businesses different from your

previous entries – to increase your chances at winning while supporting South Boston’s business community.

Follow us on social media for details of upcoming events, specials, and promotions. Instagram: @SouthBosChamber Facebook: @SouthBostonChamberofCommerce Twitter: @SouthBosChamber #SouthieSZN



# St. Peter Academy Celebrates St. Patrick's Day

**H**appy St. Patrick's Day! There was a sea of Green at the Academy today! Everyone came out of uniform and made a donation to the 2022 Evacuation Day/St. Patrick's Day Parade. Although the parade was cancelled this year, we

had our own celebrations with Shamrocks, Irish Step Dancers, and even tried to catch that tricky Leprechaun with creative traps! Maybe we'll get Lucky next year! May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more. And nothing but happiness, come

through your door. Slainte! *St. Peter Academy in an independent, community-based private school and serves students from ages 15 months through grade 6. SPA is currently accepting applications for the limited spaces available in the year-round tod-*

*ler program (beginning at age 15 months) and for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and grades 1-6. Appointments for individual virtual tours can be made by contacting Maria Blasi, at 617-268-0750 or by emailing m.blasi@StPeterAcademy.com.*



# What An Amazing Community We Have In South Boston!

Because of Covid-19 the South Boston Senior Salute could not happen again this year. Knowing how important this event is to the seniors and the entire community, Plan B was executed with military precision to cook up some corned beef, cabbage, potatoes

and carrots, with cookies and give aways. This was a huge undertaking which took place at Florian Hall. The food was packaged and bagged with St. Patrick's Day art work from local children. Deliveries of 555 meals were fast and swift. The team also had food prepared for the Na-

tional Guard who were also at Florian working the Covid Clinic and deliveries to the local firehouses. A special shout out and thank you to the Walsh, Butler, Cahill, Kelley families and remembering the wonderful work of Fr. McDonnell. Enough accolades can't be given to

the dedicated volunteers who care for our community. South Boston Citizen's Association, you're the best. A special recognition to Local 718 IAFF Boston Fire Fighters for providing space for this spreading of good cheer. A pot of gold can be as simple as a good meal to some.



## Happy Evacuation Day/ St. Patrick's Day in Heaven

*Remembering A Son of South Boston, the Late Brian R. Mahoney, for his great love of South Boston and his devotion to our traditions as both a veteran and civic leader.*

# PROBLEM SOLVED

## Can I get a refund for my CFA exam fees?

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

**T**he Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) exam Nikita Kejriwal was supposed to take has been canceled. Can she get a refund?

**Q:** I registered for the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) exam and paid \$1,450 as enrollment and registration fees. Because of the pandemic, the CFA Institute postponed all examinations that month. However, they are only offering the exam in December 2020 at the earliest or sometime in 2021.

I am unable to appear for the exam during these months. I have plans to pursue an MBA. I have

communicated the same to them, but the CFA Institute states that no refund will be offered as the exams are being postponed.

I would like a refund of the fees paid. Can you help me get my \$1,450 back? -- Nikita Kejriwal, Mumbai

**A:** If the CFA Institute, which administers the exam, has postponed your test, you should be able to get a refund.

By way of background, the CFA exam prepares candidates to be “effective and ethical” investment management professionals, according to the Institute. Chances are, your financial advisor has a CFA designation. Think of it as a bar exam for financial professionals.

Unfortunately, the CFA Institute wasn’t offering refunds when you contacted me in mid-2020. I disagree with that position for several reasons. Mostly, it forces candidates like you to make a difficult decision: your money or your health? I don’t think anyone should have to make that choice.

I think a brief, polite appeal to the CFA Institute might have helped move your case along.

The organization lists the members of its management team on its site. Although they don’t list their email addresses, most CFA addresses follow the format first-name.lastname@cfainstitute.org.

You are located in Mumbai. Under Indian law, you can file a chargeback on your card for a service that wasn’t provided. The law is similar to the Fair Credit Billing Act in the United States, which allows you to get a refund for items charged but not delivered.

The terms of your CFA exam purchase are clear -- no refunds. But as the pandemic worsened, the terms became more flexible. I think that’s the right thing. It shouldn’t take a pandemic to persuade a company or organization to offer a more flexible, consumer-friendly refund policy. But I digress.

I contacted the CFA Institute on your behalf. In response, a representative contacted you “to better understand” your position. You report that he felt that your reasons for not taking the exam at the deferred dates were not valid and tried to convince you to



rethink your plans. The institute denied your request for a refund.

But I have some good news for you. The CFA institute also postponed your December exam because of COVID-19. According to its policy, if you have been twice impacted by COVID-19 (meaning deferred from June 2020 and then again the following December), you will have the option to request a refund.

*Christopher Elliott is the chief advocacy officer for Elliott Advocacy. Email him at [chris@elliott.org](mailto:chris@elliott.org) or get help with any consumer problem by contacting him at <http://www.elliott.org/help>*  
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## Golden Retrievers Rule Boston, Labrador Retrievers Rule Nationally

**O**nce again, the Golden Retriever took Boston’s number one spot in the American Kennel Club’s (AKC®) 2020 ranking of the most popular AKC-recognized dog breeds in the U.S. The Golden Retriever was also recognized as the #1 pup in Charlotte and Cincinnati.

Although the Golden Retriever and Labrador Retriever steadily hold the top two spots, the Frenchie is slowly inching its way up. Last year, the German Shepherd Dog held 3rd place, but was knocked down to 4th this year by the French Bulldog. Another shift occurred with the Pembroke Welsh Corgi moving up one spot from last year and knocking down the Australian Shepherd from 5th to 6th place.

“It’s clear Boston loves the Golden Retriever, but what’s fascinating is that the top 10 had a

big shift from last year” said AKC Executive Secretary Gina DiNardo. “The Bulldog leapt to 8th place from 20th place and the Bernese Mountain Dog came in at #9, jumping 8 spots from last year.” She adds, “It will be interesting to see if the Bulldog manages to break into the top five next year.”

Boston’s top 5 breeds for 2020:

1. Golden Retrievers
2. Labrador Retrievers
3. French Bulldogs
4. German Shepherd Dogs
5. Pembroke Welsh Corgis

\* Registration data pulled from Boston’s zip codes as specified by U.S. Postal Service

The AKC also announced its nationwide rankings today at the AKC Museum of the Dog in NYC. The Labrador Retriever celebrates a milestone! The loveable Lab remains the number one most popular breed in the United States

for the 30th year. While the Lab holds firmly to the top spot, the French Bulldog has continued to skyrocket in popularity. The



Frenchie landed at number two in 2020, knocking the German Shepherd Dog down to third. The German Shepherd Dog had been the second most popular dog breed since 2009.

*Most Popular Breeds Nationwide 2020*

1. Labrador Retriever
2. French Bulldog
3. German Shepherd Dog
4. Golden Retriever
5. Bulldog

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**About the American Kennel Club**

Founded in 1884, the American Kennel Club is a not-for-profit organization, which maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world and oversees the sport of purebred dogs in the United States.

Become a fan of the American Kennel Club on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter @AKCDogLovers



## This week, Danny reacted to the beginning of NFL free agency:

**W**hat exactly are the New England Patriots doing?

In a 24-hour span earlier this week, Bill Belichick decided it'd be a good idea to spend over \$130 million in guaranteed money on over a handful of free agents, before free agency even officially began. The Patriots' reported signings were reported during the NFL's "legal tampering" period. That "legal tampering" period began on Monday and ran into the official beginning of the new league year and free agency on Wednesday at 4 p.m. ET. As it stands, it goes down as the second-highest amount of guaranteed money spent during a single free-agent signing period in NFL history. Pretty wild. And to many here in New England, pretty exciting.

Consider me intrigued at Belichick's imminent aggressiveness. But also, consider me a little confused.

Don't get me wrong, the Patriots acquired some very good players in this free-agent frenzy: Tight ends Hunter Henry and Jonnu Smith, wide receivers Nelson Agholor and Kendrick Bourne, defensive end Matt Judon, defensive back Jalen Mills, defensive tackle Davon

Godchaux, and defensive lineman Henry Anderson. But if you told me the Patriots were ever going to spend the second-most amount of guaranteed money in NFL history — in any offseason — I would've told you they'd be bringing in at least one absolute superstar. With this group of free agents that Belichick has brought in, I'd say two-time Pro Bowler Judon is the closest thing to a "superstar" that was added this week. And he got \$32 million guaranteed.

Still, to call Judon a "superstar" would not be very factual. He had 6 sacks in 14 games with the Baltimore Ravens last year. That's the same amount of sacks as Dolphins linebacker — and former Patriot — Kyle Van Noy. Judon also had 50 total tackles last season, which is 19 less total tackles than Van Noy. Are we considering that to be the resume of a "superstar?" I can tell you I'm not. The expectation would be for either Henry — \$25 million guaranteed — or Smith — \$31.25 million guaranteed — to turn into a superstar tight end in their mid-20's, but it remains to be seen if that will end up happening.

My point is, while seeing the 7-9 Patriots spend an historic amount

of money at the very beginning of free agency is certainly refreshing, I'm somewhat disappointed that there's no elite household name in that group of signings. Some are saying that these moves will convince Deshaun Watson to push for a trade to the Patriots. But then where does that leave the newly re-signed Cam Newton?

I like a good conspiracy theory as much as anyone, but the idea that Belichick re-signed Newton to another one-year deal — regardless of how incentive-based that deal is — in the hopes that Newton's presence would convince a handful of free agents to sign with the Patriots, only to then use those free-agent signings to convince Watson to demand a trade to New England, is, as wacky a conspiracy theory as there is.

Like it or not, Newton is going to be the Patriots' starting quarterback in Week 1. There's a much better chance that the Patriots draft a quarterback next month than there is that they trade for an elite quarterback like Watson. I obviously hope that I'm wrong. I would love to see Watson in a Patriots uniform. I just don't think it's realistic. Newton's presence

isn't what convinced these new free agents to sign in New England. Dishing out historic amounts of guaranteed money is what convinced them. And again, let's stop acting like Belichick just signed a few future Hall of Famers. There's a better chance that not one of these new signings is even a Pro Bowler next season.

I hate to be that guy right now. But somebody has to say it.

The Patriots got better this week, sure. How much better did they get though? Are they now a playoff team? Perhaps a playoff berth will be in the cards with this new roster. But Belichick doesn't just want playoffs. He wants another Lombardi Trophy. Does this roster, with Newton under center, get him that Lombardi Trophy?

According to Vegas, the Patriots have the 10th-best odds of winning Super Bowl LVI at +3000. That's 30-to-1 odds, compared to the favorite, the Kansas City Chiefs, at +550. It's probably too early to dig into the Super Bowl LVI odds in March, but you get my point: Everyone in New England needs to calm down.

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# SPORTS TODAY

## NEWTON RETURNING TO NEW ENGLAND ON ONE-YEAR DEAL

SBT Staff

The New England Patriots and Cam Newton have decided to run it back.

Newton has agreed to a one-year deal with the Patriots, which could be worth up to \$13.6 million. Most of that money would have to come from the \$8.5 million in incentives that's part of the deal.

Only \$3.5 million is guaranteed for Newton. The deal also includes \$1.5 million in per-game roster bonuses, and \$100,000 in workout bonuses. His cap hit will be \$5.4 million.

Newton turns 32 in May. He is coming off one of the worst seasons in his career, when he threw for just 8 touchdowns and had 10 intercep-

### Tweet of the Week



New England Patriots @Patriots



tions in 15 games last season, his first season with the Patriots. Last year, Newton signed a one-year deal worth up to \$7.5 million that was also heavy on the incentives.

Early reports indicated that Newton's new contract was a sign that New England wasn't done looking for a quarterback, and that Newton could very well end up being the team's backup. But after a flurry of free-agent signings during the NFL's legal tampering period earlier in the week, it would seem that Newton will indeed be Bill Belichick's guy at QB in 2021.

Newton has already made several posts on Instagram that indicated his already-high excitement level for a second season with the Patriots, saying it one post last weekend: "Run it back! Chapter II."

Then, after the Patriots spent more than \$130 million in guaranteed money in free agency this week, Newton posted an Instagram video that had him walking in front of Gillette Stadium to the tune of "Welcome Back" by Mase, with a caption that read: "When you realize things are already different . . . the second go around!!"

## WHAT TO WATCH

**NBA FRIDAY, MARCH 19**  
Sacramento at Boston  
7:30 P.M. NBCSB

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21**  
Orlando at Boston  
3:30 P.M. NBCSB

**NHL THURSDAY, MARCH 18**  
Boston at Buffalo  
7 P.M. NESN

**SATURDAY, MARCH 20**  
Boston at Buffalo  
1 P.M. NESN

**MLB SATURDAY, MARCH 20**  
Spring Training  
Boston vs Atlanta  
1:05 P.M. MLBN

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21**  
Spring Training  
Pittsburgh vs Boston  
1:05 P.M. NESN

If Newton and the Patriots wanted to come up with an excuse for their disappointing first season together — which resulted in a 7-9 record and the first time the organization missed out on the playoffs since 2008 — they could easily point the finger at a COVID-disrupted campaign. This time though, Newton and the Patriots seem to be betting on each other while having a full and somewhat normal training camp together.

Now, the only real question at the quarterback position will be whether or not the Patriots select one at this year's draft, which begins on April 29.

## PATRIOTS RELOAD IN FREE AGENCY, SPEND OVER \$130 MILLION IN GUARANTEES

SBT Staff

The New England Patriots had plenty of room under the salary cap for the upcoming 2021 NFL season, so they decided to spend it, and spend it right away.

Bill Belichick wasted no time loading up on free agents during the NFL's two-day "legal tampering" period earlier this week, signing more than a handful of impact players, both on the

offensive and defensive end.

A tweet from ESPN's Adam Schefter on Tuesday morning summed it up: "In less than 24 hours, the Patriots have guaranteed over \$137.5 million, placing them second in NFL history for most guaranteed money in a free-agent signing period."

New England signed both of the top-two tight ends available in free agency, inking former Chargers tight end Hunter Henry to a three-year,

\$37.5 million deal with \$25 million guaranteed, and also signing former Titans tight end Jonnu Smith to a four-year, \$50 million deal with \$31.25 million guaranteed.

The Patriots also added to their offense by signing former Raiders wide receiver Nelson Agholor to a two-year, \$26 million deal, and former 49ers wide receiver Kendrick Bourne to a three-year, \$22.5 million deal.

On the defensive end, New Eng-

land signed former Ravens line-backer Matt Judon to a four-year, \$56 million deal with \$32 million guaranteed, former Eagles defensive back Jalen Mills to a four-year, \$24 million deal with \$9 million guaranteed, former Dolphins defensive tackle Davon Godchaux to a two-year, \$16 million deal with \$9 million guaranteed, and former Jets defensive lineman Henry Anderson to a two-year, \$7 million contract.



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### *The Tradition Continues...*

Announcing the 2021 Evacuation Day Poster and Essay Winners!  
The Winners will be presented their prizes and awards after March 17th as outdoor protocol is still at 25 for Dorchester Heights.

*Congratulations and Thank you to all who participated.*

#### **Middle School Essays**

- 1st - Ian Rosher SBCA
- 2nd - Arianna Shepherd SBCA
- 3rd - Sean Finalen SBCA
- 3rd - Jaelynn McClure SBCA
- 3rd - Morgan White BLS

#### **High School**

- 1st - Thomas White (senior) BLS

#### **Poster Winners**

- 1st - Andrew Missett SBCA
- 2nd - Will Reidy SBCA
- 3rd - Brendan Banks SBCA
- 3rd - Henry DiNatale. SBCA
- 3rd - Emma Halpin SBCA
- 3rd - Mary Cunningham St Peter Academy
- 3rd - Mairead Kelly St Peter Academy

*“Remember there is No 4th of July without Evacuation Day”*

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**President Thomas McGrath**