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# EDITORIAL

## White Male Need Not Apply

Rather than celebrate the themes of the St. Patrick's Day Breakfast, it appears that over-the-top members of the progressive left tried, once again, to portray a white male as anti- ( ) - fill in the blank.

Earlier this week supporters of Michelle Wu and her friends at the Boston Globe attempted to turn a Saint Patrick's joke by Sen. Nick Collins about Wu being from suburban Illinois into an anti-Asian assault.

What was interesting is the response from Globe readers to their Tuesday story "St. Patrick's Day joke about Michelle Wu makes some squirm". Based on the comments underneath the article, the fact that the Globe

made this a story, apparently had their readers squirming.

Just another page in the cancel culture handbook, we presume.

Comments from the Globe readership:

"This is not a story. An

innocent joke paired with Ben Affleck. There is no racism here nor was any intended."

"Give me a break!! It was a joke! He said nothing wrong! She's not from Boston and neither is Affleck!"

"Spring adds new life and new joy to all that is" - Jessica Harrelson

## A Virtual Day In The Neighborhood

Senator Nick Collins and his wife Olivia kicked off the Saint Patrick's Day "Bring Your Own Breakfast" celebration with an opening tune reminiscing the Mr. Roger's Neighborhood famous song, "It's a virtual day in the neighborhood". The event was canceled last year because of the coronavirus pandemic. The "bring your own breakfast" version happened Sunday morning via Zoom hosted from their living room and featured cameos by their children Justine, 3 years old, and Josephine, 9 months.

Former Mayor and Ambassador Ray Flynn and Court Clerk Michael J. Donovan helped to set the tone of the celebration promoting the importance of 'community' and encouraging

support of local businesses, especially the restaurants and coffee houses etal.

Former Mayor Marty Walsh, Gov. Charlie Baker, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Reps. Stephen Lynch and Ayanna Presley, Attorney General Maura Healey and Senate President Karen Spilka, City Councilors Mike Flaherty, Ed Flynn, Rep. David Biele and all of their colleagues participated. Every announced mayoral candidate looking to replace Walsh produced their clever video, all in good fun – City Councilors Andrea Campbell, Anissa Essaibi George and Michelle Wu, Rep. Jon Santiago, John Barros

"While the event this year was a bit different, we were excited to bring back this great Boston celebration,



support community relief efforts and enjoy the cultural traditions of the Irish this St. Patrick's Day weekend," Sen. Nick Collins stated. "As we emerge from this pandemic, it's important we remember the importance of community."

On a parallel note, USA Today reported, that for many Americans this St. Patrick's Day was the ultimate day to see – and save – some green. The first stimulus payments are expected to hit bank accounts via direct

deposit as part of the third round of Economic Impact Payments, which President Joe Biden signed into law last week. Across the nation, many St. Patrick's Day parades have been canceled for the second year amid the coronavirus pandemic with several events scaled back. But unlike other food days for restaurant promotions that draw large crowds, the traditional Irish holiday hasn't been called off completely.

Krispy Kreme gave away

free green glazed doughnuts for those who visited shops wearing green on the 16th and 17th. No purchase was necessary, and the treats were available in-store, for pick-up and the drive-thru while supplies last. Budweiser says it is turning all beer "green" by pledging "renewable energy credits equivalent to the estimated electricity needed to brew every beer in the U.S. in a single day." McDonald's kicked off the season of green early, when it brought back minty Shamrock Shake and Oreo Shamrock McFlurry to restaurants nationwide Feb. 15.

More people were expected to spend the holiday at home than past years, according to a survey of more than 3,000 consumers by Numerator. Only 9% planned to go to a bar this year compared to 38% in previous years. Slainte!!

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## Still Think Americans Weren't Being Played?

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“Maybe if we smuggled all of America’s homeless veterans into Mexico and then caravanned them back over the border to the US, they would get better treatment”. This is a quote going viral across the country and it’s not all that far from being accurate with the way Biden, or whoever is really running the country is acting. They are letting illegals, infected with Covid, known gang members, human traffickers and the Cartels swarm over the border. They are now planning to fly them to the northern border to Canada to bring them in that way because it’s too unmanageable near Mexico. And now, nearly 90 million dollars of taxpayers money has been set aside to house hundreds of them in hotels, room service included no doubt.

But our homeless veterans are not even a concern to these Democrat politicians. Another quote making the rounds reads –“When our borders are opened before our states, when do you realize we’re being played?” The left is actually trying to blame President Trump for the disaster at the border. But even the Trump haters don’t really believe that. The border was well under control before the Democrats took over – and now it’s not. It’s as simple and as clear as that.

Think about it, the liberals and the media are raging at Governors like Ron DeSantis of Florida, because Its refuses to lock his state down and, by the way, Florida is doing just fine. How dare he not follow Dr. Fauci’s rules, his accusers pointing fingers at him say. But notice, the same people, especially those in the news media, are all in favor of letting untested, non-vaccinated illegals by the thousands roam freely in America. We don’t really hear the handwringing libs polluting social media or the media air waves saying anything about this at all.

Governor DeSantis is a good man. Former military Special Forces, he is a true patriot with a legitimate concern for all Americans unlike what’s currently running loose and in charge of the federal government. He can’t be bribed, bought off or intimidated and the liberals absolutely despise him for it. But he was determined to ignore their ridiculous carping and do what was best for his state and the people he was elected to govern. He protected small businesses and families and makes no apologies for it. And the vaccination distribution in Florida is running smoothly as well. It must be nice to not have a RINO as governor.

Gun control is a big issue in the news once again. But the Boulder Colorado shooter doesn’t fit the profile that the media wants out there when it comes to mass shooters. You see, Mr. Ahmad Al Issa was a Trump hater and was said to potentially have ties to ISIS and other terrorist groups. It said so on his Face book page, so naturally, Face book immediately took down that page that they had been allowing to stay up for quite a while prior. So now there is another big publicity push by the left to ban so called ‘assault weapons’ and so many other types of firearms. Ten people were killed in Boulder and that is certainly tragic. It is getting a ton of media coverage and that’s fine. But in cities like Chicago, there are more than 10 people killed on a quiet Sunday morning and barely a word is said about it. Of course, that’s because Chicago has the strictest gun control laws in the nation, and it has just made the crime worse. Again, this is something that the media and the left really doesn’t want to talk about. Could it be that they consider the lives of people in Boulder more important than those who live in Chicago? Could it be – a racial thing?

They are talking about banning

assault weapons but what they really want is to ban ALL guns. And with the addition of nearly 9 million new American legal gun owners this year alone, it brings the total in the country to nearly 100 million citizens who own nearly 300 million firearms. They can pass all the laws they want, but if they think that the majority of Americans will comply, they will be in for a shock. Here’s an example for you. A couple of years back, the feds passed a law banning ‘bump stocks’. There are literally over 12 million of them privately owned. Personally, I’m no fan of bump stocks, I do not own

one. But many others do and refused to give them up. The penalty for not turning them in was a big fine and even jail time. The threat by the government was ominous. Refuse to turn them in at your peril was the warning. But as the FBI can verify, virtually no one turned them in. They are still out there and there is nothing that can be done about it. And after watching American cities being burned last summer while police were ordered to stand down, it will be a cold day in hell before Americans relinquish their Second Amendment right and the means to protect themselves and their families.

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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.

**The wrath of Lynch: It works**  
SHNS's Chris Lisinski confirms that the MBTA's retreat on proposed transit service cuts is indeed a full retreat to pre-pandemic service levels, though some pols, like U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch, are taking a trust-but-verify approach towards the T's new promises. Speaking of Lynch, here's Universal Hub's headline regarding the full-retreat news: "Angry Steve Lynch is the best Steve Lynch." In an editorial, the Globe gives credit to the entire congressional delegation for putting pressure on the T to reverse its service cuts, but it does single out Lynch for special praise, saying his threat to cut future federal funding if the T didn't retreat clearly worked.

**Historic evening: Janey takes over as acting mayor after Walsh wins Senate cabinet approval**

The Marty Walsh era is over. The Kim Janey era has begun. And it's a new chapter in the history of Boston, which now has its first female and Black mayor. WBUR's Callum

Borchers and GBH's Adam Reilly have more on last evening's historic transfer of power at City Hall. "It's hard to overstate the significance of inaugurating a woman of color as acting mayor of Boston," says one observer. No kidding. This is, after all, Boston, of the still relevant Common Ground history of Boston. In op-eds at the Globe, Walsh bids farewell while Janey introduces herself, so to speak. Residents were celebrating in Roxbury last night, reports the Globe's Danny McDonald. The Herald's Sean Philip Cotter has more from City Hall.

**Another topic lawmakers may want to raise with Baker: The state's multimillion-dollar vaccine call center**

Switching over to the pandemic: As the Herald's Erin Tiernan reports, Gov. Charlie Baker will be back in the virtual hot seat today as lawmakers hold their second COVID-19 oversight hearing. And, lo and behold, the Globe's Kay Lazar and Anissa Gardizy this morning

report on another topic lawmakers may want to raise with Baker: The multimillion-dollar call center the administration scrambled to launch after the initial disappointing debut of Vaxfinder.

**Baker's explanation for his falling poll numbers: COVID fatigue**

It's about COVID fatigue, not the vaccine rollout. Or so says Gov. Charlie Baker of his plunging poll numbers of late. GBH's Mike Deehan has more.

**'No Vaccine, No Job,' Part II: Healey says vaccines should be mandatory for State Police and prison guards**

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ben Downing got the ball rolling by saying teachers and police should be required to get vaccinated – or else (SHNS). Now Attorney General Maura Healey is saying State Police and prison guards should be required to get vaccinations, though she doesn't quite say 'or else.' SHNS's Katie Lannan and the Globe's Aman-

da Kaufman have more on Healey's mandatory-vax pronouncement.

**At least some major school districts plan to return to in-person classes by April 5**

As expected, Boston school officials announced yesterday they will seek a state waiver to delay a return to full-time in-person elementary classes on April 5, though they say they're committed to reopening by the end of the month, reports the Globe's James Vaznis. And Worcester has also said it plans to seek a waiver. So we have the state's largest and second largest school districts now balking at the April 5 deadline. But ... but from the state's third largest school district, via MassLive's Peter Goonan: "We're going to be ready to go": Springfield schools prepare for return of students to classrooms, with COVID safeguards." Ditto Chicopee (MassLive). And the Patriot Ledger's Mary Whitfill reports that Quincy schools may actually beat the April 5 deadline.

**Senate and House reach agreement on pandemic relief bill**

Beacon Hill lawmakers have ironed out their differences on a COVID-19 relief package – and it looks like the Senate prevailed in its push for a low-income tax **continued on page 10**

## Councilor Flynn Working with Boston Housing Authority to Promote Vaccine Equity for Residents Living in Public Housing



**C**ity Councilor Ed Flynn is working with the Boston Housing Authority to ensure that eligible residents living at BHA housing have access to COVID-19 vaccines. He has been in contact with the BHA about onsite vaccinations for residents, as there is a large number of our seniors, residents of color, and immigrants living at these developments who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Councilor Flynn's team assisted in the outreach effort in notifying residents at the both the Monsignor Powers in South Boston and the St. Botolph Housing Development in Back Bay about onsite

vaccination clinics, including calling residents in multiple languages such as spanish, madarin and cantonese. Councilor Flynn also visited the West Ninth Street Development in South Boston to greet staff and encourage neighbors to get vaccinated. In addition, members of Councilor Flynn's team assisted in vaccine efforts at Torre Unidad in the South End with doorknocking, calling, and helping our seniors with the vaccine registration process.

"It is critical that our neighbors in public housing have the same level of access to COVID-19 vaccines as anyone else, especially as many of these residents are in



communities that have been hit so hard, and disproportionately, by pandemic," said Councilor Flynn. "Vaccine equity is key to our path of recovery for our city and country. I will continue to work with the BHA to ensure that our residents have the opportunity to get vaccinated and help protect themselves, their families, and their communities."

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



## MBTA GM Poftak Sends Letter to Rep. Lynch Committing to No Layoffs or Furloughs

MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak sent Congressman Stephen F. Lynch the attached letter finalizing the agreement they came to in their conversation yesterday morning. In conclusion, there will be no layoffs or furloughs made by either the MBTA or Keolis and the MBTA is committed to increasing service levels as quickly as possible.

Dear Congressman Lynch,

First, I want to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to you and your colleagues in the Massachusetts delegation, and recognize your hard work and effort in securing additional federal funding for the MBTA in the American Rescue Plan.

Thank you as well for the opportunity to engage in conversation with you about the MBTA's service levels. I appreciate your perspective, and am glad we could arrive at a mutu-

ally acceptable understanding. We at the MBTA commit to increasing service levels as quickly as possible on the bus and subway while running the spring schedule, with the addition of "run as directed" buses as we are able. Further, we will undertake a rigorous review of our hiring and training procedures in an effort to accelerate this process. The Authority is committed to hiring and training operators for buses and trains as soon as feasible and I am directing staff to increase service levels on bus and rail

as quickly as possible. Lastly, I want to assure you that this pathway to full service will be fully funded.

On the commuter rail, we will increase service starting April 5th with our new schedule that offers a substantial increase in service throughout the service day over current service levels. We will watch ridership carefully and add service as indicated by increases in ridership.

In addition, we commit there will be no layoffs or furloughs made by either the MBTA or Keolis – in

keeping with both the letter and spirit of the American Rescue Plan. I embrace this as the correct path forward, and appreciate your support as well.

This is an overall approach that will ramp up MBTA service as quickly as possible, preserve staffing levels and maintain the MBTA's commitment to offer appropriate levels of service as the public returns to transit in a post-pandemic world.

Again – I appreciate the opportunity to talk with you this week, and greatly appreciate your perspective and thoughts. I am excited about this path forward, and hope that this approach encapsulates our discussions.

Sincerely,

Steve Poftak

General Manager

CC: Acting Secretary Jamey Tesler  
FMCB Chair Joseph Aiello

## Boston to Recognize National Medal of Honor Day in Advance of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's Unprecedented Fourth Convention in Boston in September 2021



Governor Charlie Baker, Mayor Kim Janey, U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch and MOH Recipient and Massachusetts resident Capt. Thomas G. Kelley, USN Ret., will gather for a short speaking program and flag-raising and wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate National Medal of Honor Day, which every March 25 designated by Congress honors the Recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Also expected to attend are Thomas Hudner, son of late MOH Recipient Thomas J. Hudner Jr., and Paul Monti, father of late MOH

Recipient Jared C. Monti.

This event will also recognize the upcoming return to Boston in September of many of the 69 living Medal of Honor Recipients for an unprecedented fourth time. We ask all Medal of Honor Day participants to wear masks and observe social distancing.

The Boston convention will be September 7-11. The Recipients will visit area schools and veterans hospitals, and participate in other public events. The 2021 convention will also include the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's Citizen

Honors Awards on Sept. 10 at the Seaport Hotel and the Society's Patriot Award Dinner on Sept. 11 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

The Medal of Honor Society held annual conventions in Boston in 2001, 2006 and 2015 and their return in September will mark the first time they have held a convention four times in the same city.

For more information about the convention please visit [www.moh-boston.com](http://www.moh-boston.com) and follow on Facebook and Twitter and Instagram.

**T**hursday, March 25, at 11:30 a.m. at Medal of Honor Park, 841 East Broadway, South Boston.

## Kim Janey Sworn In As Acting Boston Mayor – Who Is She?



Roxbury City Councilor Kim Janey became acting mayor of Boston on Monday, making her the first black person to occupy the position, characterizing it as a moment of uncommon opportunity for people of color in this city. With the confirmation of Martin J. Walsh as U.S. labor secretary, the succession of Irish-American and Italian-American mayors could potentially be ending for now and has created an opening for communities of color to possibly develop a new and expanded role in the city's power politics.

While she hasn't tipped her hand, there are those predicting that her political advisers have a game plan to introduce her to residents of Boston for the first time outside of her Roxbury District. It isn't clear what role the 55-year-old Ms. Janey will play in this moment. As the president of Boston's City Council, she has automatically taken the position for the remaining seven months before the November election, and she has not said whether she plans to run. But five candidates already in the race are people of color, and their pursuit of racial justice is becoming the central theme of their campaigns.

As the situation is unfolding, however, it was both curious and

unsettling, after almost 50 years post-busing and desegregation, that the New York Times, in exalting a presumably new day in Boston, chose to display images of the racial unrest of the 70s in its recognition of Ms. Janey's day in history. The report went on to re-live that era, not simply to underscore Ms. Janey's experience as a student back then, but also, it seemed, for some salacious benefit to its readership.

Many believed that to be self-contradictory to the advancement of the new era that the Boston Globe and its NYT affiliate espouses. Many felt that the busing context is so presently inconsequential, since it further promotes the very divisiveness of the core issue that these publications proclaim to abhor.

Many also believe that acting Mayor Kim Janey deserves more than perpetual references to the past. While Janey has a long history of activism in Boston, with deep roots in Roxbury, the heart of the city's Black community, her announcement says that she seeks to promote a 'new day' for all of Boston, did she not?

Her grandfather, Daniel Benjamin Janey, was a member of Twelfth Baptist Church where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. worshipped while attending Boston University. Her father was one of only eight Black students to graduate from the Boston Latin School in 1964. While spending time in her great grandmother's home in the city's South End neighborhood, Janey was also exposed to the city's political culture as she watched a neighbor — Black community activist and former state Rep. Mel King — launch a bid for mayor in 1983, losing to Ray Flynn, an Irish American city councilor.

Janey began her career in advocacy with Massachusetts Advocates for Children, pushing for policy changes she said were aimed at ensuring equity and excellence for public school students in Boston. In 2017, she won a 13-candidate race and became the first woman to represent her district, which includes most of Roxbury, parts of the South End, Dorchester, and Fenway areas of the city.

Congratulations Acting Mayor Janey – Godspeed.

## Lab-Tainted Drug Evidence Causes DA to Vacate Criminal Convictions



Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins has announced that she will vacate thousands of drug convictions due to issues with evidence and a "catastrophic failure of management," according to a press release. She announced a plan to vacate all drug convictions within the county between May 2003 and August 2012. The plan, dubbed the Hinton Lab Initiative, cites that the evidence certifications for cases during that time period were carried out by the William A. Hinton State Lab, where chemists Annie Dookhan and Sonja Farak — both of whom were later charged with mishandling evidence — worked, the release stated.

"No defendant harmed in this ignominious chapter of Massachusetts law enforcement history should continue to bear the burden and be marked with the brand of the Commonwealth's extensive wrongdoing," Rollins's office

wrote in a court filing, according to The Boston Globe.

Farak was convicted of tampering with drug evidence in an Amherst, Mass. crime lab, though she was not charged for tampering with evidence at the William A. Hinton State Lab, and sentenced to 18 months in prison. Dookhan was also found guilty and sentenced to three to five years in prison, CNN noted. The William A. Hinton State Lab has since been closed.

Nearly 83,000 samples from Suffolk County were analyzed at the William A. Hinton State Lab during the years that both Farak and Dookhan worked there, the release noted. Over 7,800 of those cases have been vacated, but the initiative will review the almost 74,800 certifications that still remain, a number, regardless of this disposition, is staggering unto itself as a matter of judicial process. "Since one certification can be used for multiple defendants or one defendant can have multiple certifications, the precise number of defendants is still to be determined," the press release stated.

"With this filing and the Hinton Lab Initiative, we are starting the hard work of instilling integrity back into an important part of the criminal legal system," Rollins said in the release. "After years of litigation, this is an important step toward restoring trust and faith in the criminal legal system. By working together with our courtroom partners, today we no longer rely on potentially falsified or fabricated evidence, and finally declare what we should have over a decade ago, that the abject and systemic mismanagement of the Hinton Lab has rendered anything produced there inherently suspect."

Rollins also noted that next month her office will begin identifying defendants and reviewing cases in order to determine next steps.

# Councilors Flynn, Campbell, and Edwards to Hold Hearing on Ways for the City to Prevent and Investigate Incidents of Hate Crimes and Discrimination on March 30th

**B**oston City Councilors Ed Flynn, Andrea Campbell, and Lydia Edwards will be having a City Council hearing to discuss how the City of Boston can be proactive in investigating hate crimes and preventing incidents of discrimination. The hearing will be chaired by Councilor Julia Mejia in the Committee of Civil Rights, and will be held next Tuesday, March 30th at 1pm. This hearing aims to discuss what resources residents can access when they experience discrimination, and see if the city can utilize an agency like the Boston Human Rights Commission for preventing and investigating hate crimes and discrimination. To watch the livestream of the hearing, you can go to [boston.gov/city-council-tv](https://boston.gov/city-council-tv). To submit written testimony or request to testify at the hearing, please reach out to Christine O'Donnell at [Christine.Odonnell@boston.gov](mailto:Christine.Odonnell@boston.gov).

When someone experiences a racist or discriminatory incident, it can be difficult for them to find the avenue to report the incident or seek an investigation, and the victim of a hate crime or a racist incident might also be too fearful to come forward and report to authorities such as the police. With the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been an uptick of racist incidents and hate crimes against AAPI residents, with the latest shooting at Atlanta reminding us just how violent



this hate can be. The killing of George Floyd and other tragic events have also highlighted the need for serious discussions on systemic racism impacting the lives of Black Americans and communities of color.

In the city, we have different departments that interact with constituents who experienced discriminatory incidents, including the Human Rights Commission. It's important for the city to have a way for residents to report hate crime and discriminatory incidents, and have measures in place for the City to formally investigate and review these incidents, as well as providing resources to victims and anti-discrimination education to the public.

"Recent incidents have tragically illustrated again how hate and discrimi-



nation can turn into deadly violence, and it is imperative that our residents have a place that they can turn to and resources they can access when they experience a hate crime or acts of discrimination," said Councilor Flynn. "I am advocating for a Director of Special Investigations within the City of Boston Human Rights Commission to work to ensure that our city has the mechanisms to fight hate and discrimination. I want to thank Councilors Campbell and Edwards for their partnership on this issue."

"To ensure Boston is a safe and inclusive City for all residents, it's essential the City of Boston take further action to address and prevent racism, discrimination, and hate crimes, including by having systems separate from policing for residents to report



these incidents and have equitable access resources and justice," said Councilor Campbell. "I am grateful to both Councilor Flynn and Councilor Edwards for partnering on this hearing to push for proactive solutions."

"Boston's diversity is what makes us great," said Councilor Edwards. "I'm excited to have a conversation about how we can make sure that everyone feels welcome here and knows where to turn if they experience a hate crime or discrimination. I'm grateful for the partnership of Councilors Flynn and Campbell on this hearing."

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 or [Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov](mailto:Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov). More information on the hearing can also be found at <https://www.boston.gov/public-notice/14767086>

## Martin J. Walsh Sworn In As Secretary Of Labor

**V**ice President Kamala Harris swore-in former Boston mayor Marty Walsh as the country's next Labor Secretary on Tuesday, as his partner Lorrie Higgins held a Bible that belonged to her late great grandmother. Walsh resigned as Boston mayor Monday evening to become President Joe Biden's labor secretary. Walsh is the nation's 29th labor secretary, and the first since 1977 to have been a former union president. The ceremony was held in the Vice

President's Ceremonial Office in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, which is next to the White House.

In a 68 to 29 vote, the Senate confirmed Walsh to be Labor secretary Monday evening, elevating the former union boss to oversee the federal department in charge of workplace conditions, benefits, and rights.

Walsh first joined the Laborers' Union Local 223 at age 21. By 2011, he had risen to lead the Boston Trades Council, a group

that represents ironworker and electrician unions, among others. He admitted to having mixed feelings about leaving behind the city that took his parents in when they emigrated from Ireland and where he rose from a Dorchester triple-decker to his dream job as mayor in 2014.

Boston City Council President Kim Janey stepped into the role of acting mayor and had a ceremonial swearing in Wednesday. Walsh said for the past two months he's had regular meetings



and conversations with Janey. The two have also held extensive planning sessions, he said. "Together, the council president and myself and our teams have worked diligently to ensure a smooth transition," he said.

# The Wine Guy

## Little Country, Lots of Wine

Though it's one of Europe's smallest countries, Portugal has more grape varieties than any of its larger neighbors—over 400; it's also the only country in Europe that mandates that one particular grape—Touriga Nacional—be at least 10% of all red wine volume. That mandate makes for very enjoyable and affordable wines; here are a few to consider...

Touriga Franca, also known as Touriga Francesa, is one of the most planted grape varieties in Portugal. It is used in the production of varietal wines, but it is mostly known as one of the quintessential grapes in

red Douro blends and Port wines.

Although it is often cited as less prestigious than Touriga Nacional, this dark-skinned grape is able to produce dense wines with fruity and floral aromas that are reminiscent of red and dark berries and roses. The grape is native to Portugal, and though not much is known about its origin, it is believed that it is a cross between Touriga Nacional and another, unknown grape.

Varietal Touriga Franca wines will usually have a rich aromatic profile, well-structured tannins, and good acidity. These wines pair well with roasted or grilled meat and aged cheese. Touriga Franca, also known as Touriga Francesa, is one of the most planted grape varieties in Portugal. It is used in the production of varietal wines, but it is mostly known as one of the quintessential grapes in red Douro blends and Port wines.

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Varietal Touriga Franca wines will usually have a rich aromatic profile, well-structured tannins, and good acidity. These wines pair well with roasted or grilled meat and aged cheese. *Quinta Das Carvalhas Tinto Douro, 2015 (\$14.99)* This wine comes from the magnificent vineyard opposite the town of Pinhao at the heart of the Douro. With its big, bold fruits, ripe tannins and wood-aging flavors, it provides a rich example of the minerality and structured texture of wines from this region.

Vintage Port is a style made from the best grapes of a single year harvest. It is considered the most prestigious and the highest quality port style. Vintage is not produced every year, but only when port houses decide that the wine is of sufficient

quality. Vintages make only about 2% of all port production, and in the best years, all port houses will declare a Vintage. The decision to declare a Vintage can be made after Portugal's Port Wine Institute had approved it. Vintages are barrel aged for two to three years and are not filtered before they are bottled. *Warre's Vintage Port, 2016, (\$14.99)*, offers a delicious example of this type of wine at a very affordable price.

Wine Spectator says "Gorgeous, with warm plum reduction and gently steeped raspberry, blackberry and boysenberry fruit flavors forming the core, all inlaid with warm ganache and smoldering tobacco accents".

*Anselmo Mendes 2015 Muros Antigos Alvarinho, (\$25.00)*. The family vineyards of consultant Anselmo Mendes are in the north of the Vinho Verde region, the home of Alvarinho, so it's no surprise that this wine is a great interpretation of the grape. It is almost luscious in its intensity and richness. Orange, ripe apple and intense citrus flavors are encased in a generous, full-bodied wine. Drink now, although this wine will be even better from 2017.

*Talk To The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com*

## I Was Just Thinking...



by Kevin Devlin

Those in the Biden administration declare we don't have a crisis at our border, merely

a challenge. They say it's not a national security breach. Everything is under control. Not to worry. We know what we are doing. But the truth is they don't know what they are doing.

Trump's policies condemned as inhumane by his detractors, deterred illegal immigration by tightening up asylum practices and expediting processing, which included swift repatriation of people who didn't meet asylum requirements. The Migrant Protection Protocols allowed migrants to be returned to Mexico while waiting immigration proceedings. Mexico offered work permits and other assistance for those awaiting hearings. This course of action by the Trump administration was successful in deterring those who wouldn't qualify for asylum from crossing the border in the first place.

Terminating Trump's protection protocols along with other programs, has welcomed more illegal border

crossings. Thousands of unaccompanied children are crossing the border each day. Human traffickers and smugglers have been incentivized to increase their activities, as parents have been encouraged to surrender their children into the hands of so-called coyotes who could care less for their well-being or safety.

All this can be directly attributed to a reckless new stance by our new president, yet Biden's administration wrongly claims they inherited this problem from the previous administration. But how can that be? Under Trump the problem was under control by prudent policies. So, why the historic surge at the border now? The answer is simple. Because Trump's policies have been abandoned. Because Trump's policies worked.

Migrants are crammed into facilities which the president and his minions won't allow the media to see, to report on. The Dems assert they're the protectors of our Democ-

racy, yet transparency doesn't exist in their world, while law and order have been abandoned.

"You're condoning unlawful behavior, period," said Bruno Lozano, the democratic mayor of the city of Del Rio, Texas, a small city being overrun by 150 migrants every day. "There's a lawful way to enter the United States, there's a lawful way to seek asylum, and it just undermines the entire immigration process."

On two final notes, construction on the border wall has been stopped even though taxpayer money has already paid for the work to be done and the materials lay wasted and unused in some areas. But who needs a wall? Our borders are closed, shut down tight, aren't they? And I wonder how my liberal friends feel now that Biden's shortsightedness (aka vindictiveness) is causing a humanitarian nightmare on the border. But after all, they say, he's much better than having that other guy in the Oval Office.



## SBNDC awarded \$43,440 grant from Charlesbank Homes Foundation



A generous \$43,440 grant from the Charlesbank Homes Foundation will bring relief to low-income families while advancing energy efficiency goals for South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (SBNDC). The award will make it possible for SBNDC to replace 84 windows in two affordable rental buildings, in turn lowering the heating and cooling costs for the tenants and making their homes more comfortable year-round.

As rents have steadily climbed in South Boston, the community has become increasingly supportive of affordable housing as a critical tool in fighting displacement. One of the fastest and most cost-effective ways to add affordable homes to the neighborhood is through the conversion of market-rate units. The City of Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program helps organizations to purchase properties in order to transition them into permanently affordable homes, and SBNDC leveraged the program to purchase two multi-family buildings on Woodward Street in 2019. Immediate improvements were needed to make the apartments code compliant and more energy efficient, and although there are programs that fund improvements and repairs to affordable housing, these buildings did not yet meet the required percentage of affordable units to qualify.

"Our tenants were already overburdened by heating and cooling costs because the buildings were not weatherized properly in the past," said SBNDC Executive Director Donna Brown. "The impacts of the pandemic hit low-income families especially hard, and we are grateful to Charlesbank Homes Foundation for helping us make these homes more

comfortable and even more affordable for our tenants in the near-term."

SBNDC has added insulation to the apartments and installed energy-saving devices, like digital thermostats and low-flow faucets and showerheads. Replacing windows and converting the heating systems will make the biggest difference to tenants' utility bills and the buildings' environmental impact, and those projects are next on the list for SBNDC. The grant from Charlesbank Homes Foundation covers more than half of the cost of the window replacement work, which is scheduled for this summer. Charlesbank Homes has a history of supporting affordability in South Boston – the foundation also awarded grant funding to build Patriot Homes. The weatherization and energy efficiency work at Woodward Street is part of SBNDC's larger climate action initiative. A \$25,000 grant from the Dedham Savings Community Foundation will also fund a significant portion of the window replacement project; Dedham Savings financed the Woodward Street mortgage.

SBNDC is South Boston's non-profit affordable housing and community development organization. SBNDC has developed more than 300 units of affordable housing in South Boston since the organization's founding in 1983. In addition to owning and managing more than 160 affordable homes, SBNDC provides housing counseling to local residents, operates the South Boston Farmers Market, the South Boston Neighborhood Aid Network, and the Chamber of Commerce, and organizes the South Boston Street Festival, Taste of South Boston, and the Christmas and Spring Strolls. Visit [www.sbnDC.org](http://www.sbnDC.org) to learn more about our work.

## 80 West Broadway

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.



### Virtual Public Meeting

## 80 West Broadway

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

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

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in municipal lots located throughout Boston's neighborhoods.

Go Boston 2030, announced by Mayor Walsh in 2017, is the City's comprehensive transportation plan that aims to make Boston's neighborhoods interconnected for all modes of travel by ensuring that every home is within a 10 minute walk of a rail station or key bus route stop, bike share station, and car-share.

"I'm glad to expand the availability of Car Share Boston, which gives residents access to vehicles that are conveniently parked in their neighborhoods and available for their personal use," said Mayor Walsh. "By designating parking spaces throughout the city, Car Share Boston works to ensure these services are available in an equitable way to all of Boston's neighborhoods. Thank you to all of our partners who helped create this expansion, continuing our work towards our Go Boston 2030 goals."

The expansion of car-share locations is one of the goals of Go Boston 2030. Based on academic research, car-sharing can provide more affordable access to a car for many residents and can actually reduce the need for parking. For example, car share members often sell or choose not to purchase a car, and for every car-share vehicle added to a neighborhood, there are up to thirteen vehicles removed from or not added to the streets. The Car Share Boston

program, previously named Drive Boston, saw significant utilization, with an average of 23 different people using these car-share vehicles each month. Based on the positive results from the pilot, the City is now expanding the program.

"Car Share Boston increases resident's access to cars without increasing the need for parking," said Transportation Commissioner Greg Rooney. "In addition to giving residents more quality and affordable transportation options, Car Share Boston will also help reduce the City's rate of carbon emissions."

To ensure that the goals of the program are prioritized, Car Share Boston's requirements and restrictions include:

- A maximum cap of up to 30 dedicated spaces in the Downtown and the Seaport. If a partner company requests dedicated space in Downtown or the Seaport, it must locate at least one vehicle in each of four other areas distributed throughout Boston's neighborhoods.
- Partner companies must have private parking spaces or plans to install private parking spaces in the City before occupying any dedicated public spaces.
- No dedicated parking spaces may be installed on streets with daily overnight street cleaning operations. For all other streets with street cleaning operations, partners must clean the area consistent with the City's street sweeping

schedule, at a minimum every two weeks between March 1 and November 30, and as reasonably requested by the City.

The City's partner companies include Zipcar and Getaround, a new partner in the Car Share Boston program. Zipcar has partnered with the City of Boston's car-share initiative since the pilot program began in 2015. Both partner companies were selected through a Request for Proposal process.

"Zipcar was born in Boston twenty years ago, and as we've grown into the world's leading car sharing network, we've kept Boston as our home thanks in large part to the support of strong partners like Mayor Walsh and his team," said Justin Holmes, Vice President, Marketing and Policy at Zipcar. "We're pleased to expand this Car Share Boston partnership which will offer more residents the opportunity to leave behind their personally-owned car and join the car-free lifestyle that Zipcar membership enables, making the city more sustainable and reducing congestion, competition for parking and carbon emissions overall."

"Getaround was founded with the vision to empower people to car share everywhere to make cities better places to live. Getaround's contactless technology -- the Getaround Connect® device installed in the car and a smartphone app -- enables people to instantly find, book, and unlock cars from their phone, without meeting in

person to hand over keys," said Eric Rago, Director of Location Partnerships & Strategy at Getaround. "The City of Boston has provided a clear vision for how it will develop a more sustainable and equitable transportation system and Getaround is proud to partner in expanding the Car Share Boston program to more neighborhoods throughout the city."

The City defines the geographic areas and conditions required for each license. Parking spaces are chosen based on neighborhood car ownership rates; the average amount of miles households drive each day; access to public transportation; and the company's preference. Partner companies obtain the exclusive use of each parking space 24 hours a day, seven days a week for the term of the license. License fees are based upon anticipated parking meter revenue and the monthly cost of maintaining a parking space in the City of Boston, such as parking meter and sign maintenance, parking enforcement, street sweeping, depreciation of technology and snow removal.

Each Car Share Boston partner has health protocols in place to address health and safety, and meets the City's requirements for COVID-19 safety protocols. To learn more, contact the Car Share Boston partner companies Zipcar and Getaround. For more information on the program and to find out where new locations will be, visit [www.boston.gov/carshareboston](http://www.boston.gov/carshareboston)

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break in the bill, reports SHNS's Chris Lisinski and Michael Norton. The legislation is expected to head to Gov. Charlie Baker's desk on Thursday.

**State to thousands of public-college students: No pay, no transcripts or degrees**


Speaking of higher education, Kirk Carapezza and Jon Marcus at GBH report the Massachusetts public colleges and universities, including UMass, are playing academic hardball with nearly 100,000 grads and ex-students who owe them money, even if it's not a lot of money: No pay, no transcripts or degrees. And some can't afford to pay.

**The other rollout problem: Family medical leave program**

The BBJ's Jessica Bartlett confirms that all is not well with the start of the state's new family leave program, with many users saying the process is slow and confusing. Sound familiar?

**Second thoughts: After two Facebook controversies, Chicopee councilor drops re-election bid**

Never mind. Chicopee City Councilor Lucjan Galecki--who has twice in recent months sparked calls for his ouster due to his social media posts--now says he won't seek re-election to the council, saying he is satisfied with the diversity of the rest of the field. Jeanette DeForge at MassLive has details.




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# St. Peter Academy's Miss Julia's PreK1 Class Reads Scribble Stones

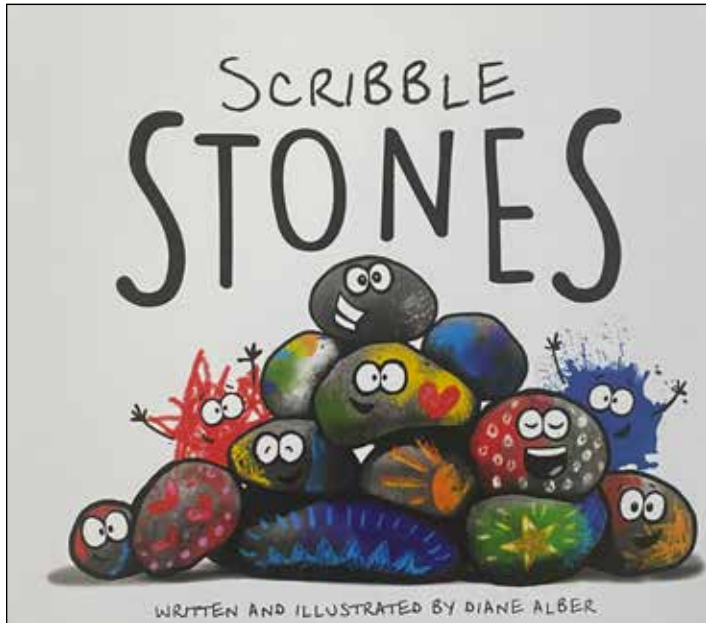
The book Scribble Stones is about a gray rock that wants to share happiness. He lets everyone color him different colors to spread joy. The PreK1 students enjoyed reading the book, coloring their own stones and giving them a permanent home

in the playground garden. PreK1 is the youngest PreK class at the Academy, but they are learning big things and having a great time with Miss Julia and her assistant Miss Alanna. The PreK1 class would like to welcome two new siblings to the world, Marina & Christian.

Congratulations to the Klein and Frenette families.

St. Peter Academy is 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 toddler 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.



## Holy Week Begins This Sunday-Palm Sunday

This coming Sunday, March 28th is Palm Sunday. This is one of the Holiest times on the Christian Calendar; observed by the faithful worldwide. Palm Sunday marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, the week before his death on the Cross and the Resurrection that followed. Some churches refer to it as Passion Sunday. Traditionally Masses and Services are more solemn and subdued than during the rest of the year. Palm Sunday

actually marks the beginning of Holy Week, which is the most sacred time of the year for Christians and it all concludes on Easter Sunday.

The Bible tells us that when Jesus entered Jerusalem the large crowd greeted him by waving palm branches and covering his path with the palm branches as well. All of this led up to the beginning of his journey to the Cross. Palm Sunday marks the sixth and final Sunday of Lent. It's the opportunity for Christians to reflect on

the final week before the Crucifixion and the Resurrection which is of course marked by Easter Sunday. In South Boston, traditionally, our churches see even larger crowds than usual. Palm Sunday is the day when parishioners and members of the congregation come and receive the Blessed Palm branches, provided by the various churches as has been the custom for hundreds of years. These palms are then displayed in Christian homes year round and then replaced by new palms the following

year. They are usually hung in a family room for all to see as a reminder of Holy Week and Easter itself. Another practice by some is to cut the palms into smaller sections and attach them in the shape of a Cross. For more information regarding Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday schedules, you can contact South Boston's local churches for days, times of Masses and Services. South Boston Today will have the schedule of Masses and Services for Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday in next week's issue.

# South Boston Catholic Academy News St. Patrick's Day Highlights

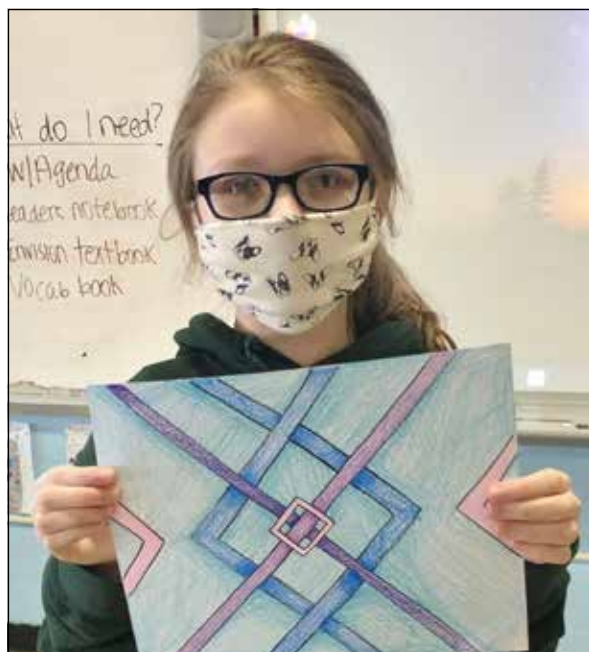
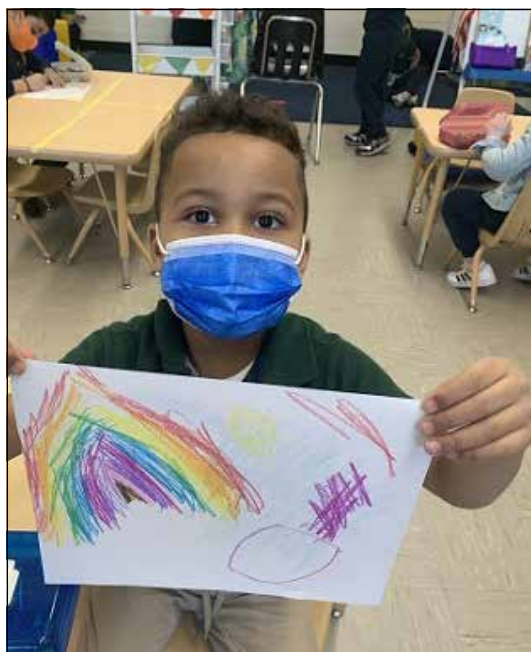
**O**n March 17, 2021, the students at South Boston Catholic Academy had a chance to celebrate a very

special St. Patrick's Day filled with leprechaun hunts, Irish step dancing, and lots of green! The children learned about

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland and of the Archdiocese of Boston. He is credited with bringing Christianity to the people of Ireland. St. Patrick had a great love for God and taught about the great love that God has for all of us.

We hope that everyone had

a Happy St. Patrick's Day! "Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh!" is Gaelic for "St. Patrick's Day blessings to you!" 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.





**This week,  
Danny reacted to  
some of the top stories  
in the sports world:**

**S**o LeBron James now has ownership stake in the Boston Red Sox.

Perhaps that's a news story that didn't get as much attention as it probably should have here in Boston, when the news broke last week. Bill Belichick's wild spending spree to open free agency was the top storyline, helping the New England Patriots steal all of the top headlines.

Considering James is still an active NBA superstar, him becoming an official partner of Fenway Sports Group, and thus, making him one of the Red Sox owners, is pretty wild.

With the move, James and his business partner Maverick Carter become the first black owners within Fenway Sports Group. Obviously, that's a big deal.

For James and Carter, their small ownership stake in the Red Sox — as part of their deal with Fenway Sports Group — is just a stepping stone to something bigger. If anything, it's a sign that James will most certainly be the majority owner of a professional sports team some day, and most likely, he will own a professional baseball team.

Will he stop at baseball? Who knows. Probably not. James is out there breaking down barriers. And

it's great to see.

Now, when we put the historic business dealings aside for a moment, I do have to admit, the diehard Red Sox fan in me has plenty of questions about this partnership with someone who has not only been a rival of the Boston Celtics for years, but also with someone who has expressed his love for the New York Yankees, and most recently, the Los Angeles Dodgers.

In all honesty, it doesn't get me too worked up, and I'm not going to overreact, but I'd definitely be lying to you if I told you it didn't run through my mind upon hearing the news. As great of a move as it is for James, what exactly does it do for the Red Sox?

Again, I don't expect it to really be a factor. Unless James decides to buy the team from principal owner John Henry — which I don't think he's going to do — then, like I said, this is just a move that allows James to get his feet wet, and likely sets him and Carter up to buy another team down the road.

That said, here's hoping James and Carter have now thrown away all of their Yankees gear.

—Did COVID-19 kill the NCAA Tournament? Last year, we know

it did, because the tournament was canceled. But even in its return this year, I'm having a tough time feeling the March Madness like I usually do.

Maybe it's because they're not playing inside of packed stadiums. Or maybe it's because COVID-19 is still lingering, causing one first-round game last weekend to be declared a "no contest" after No. 10 seed VCU was forced to forfeit because of multiple positive COVID-19 tests within their program. As a result, No. 7 seed Oregon automatically advanced to the second round.

Bottom line, I need packed arenas and stadiums for sporting events, and I need them soon. Until then, there will always be something missing, with every sport.

—By the time you see this, the Celtics might've already made a trade before this Thursday's 3 p.m. trade deadline. The hot rumor is Orlando's Aaron Gordon.

Ok, ya, let's acquire Gordon. But if Marcus Smart is involved in any trade, we riot.

—Congratulations to Patriots safety Patrick Chung, who announced his retirement via instagram last weekend. It felt like Chung was

always a somewhat underappreciated talent in this town. But he's a three-time Super Bowl champ, and played an important role in all three of those championship seasons.

Chung's presence was clearly missed last season, as he opted out due to COVID-19. I wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors. Especially if he somehow ends up in Tampa Bay.

—If you're a pro wrestling fan, then the newest episode of Stone Cold Steve Austin's "Broken Skull Sessions" on the WWE Network is a must-watch. It features a one-on-one sit down with current WWE superstar Randy Orton, and it's one of the more enjoyable conversations between two pro wrestlers that you'll ever see.

The one-on-one lasts nearly two hours, as they go through Orton's entire wrestling career, all while drinking beer and taking several shots of Jack Daniels throughout the conversation.

Maybe I'm biased because Orton is one of my favorite wrestlers of all time, but this interview is fascinating to watch, as they pull back the curtain on much of Orton's career.

**Follow Danny on Twitter and Instagram @DannyPicard.**

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# SPORTS TODAY

## PATRIOTS' CHUNG ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

SBT Staff

New England Patriots safety and three-time Super Bowl champion Patrick Chung announced his retirement last weekend.

Chung, 33, played 11 seasons in the NFL. He spent 10 of those seasons with the Patriots.

New England drafted Chung out of Oregon in the second round of the 2009 NFL Draft. Chung played his first four seasons with the Patriots, but left as a free agent in 2013 to sign with the Philadelphia Eagles. Chung played just one season in Philadelphia, and returned to New England in 2014, where he then went on to win three championships.

After opting out of last season as a COVID-19 precaution, Chung announced his retirement in an Instagram post last weekend, which read:

"I want to say thank you to the Patriots organization, my family, my fans,

### Tweet of the Week



New England Patriots @Patriots  
A decade of leadership, dependability & toughness.  
Thank you, and congratulations on an incredible career, @PatrickChung23!



coaches, just everyone. I'm in tears writing this but I've decided to hang up the cleats. Bill, Mr Kraft (mean mug) thank you for giving me the opportunity to play for your team for 11 years. I love you. Bill for teaching me life on and off the field, I will not forget that. To my teammates, trainers, Eq team, video guys, meal room employees, janitors, etc. I love you guys and ladies. Thank you for being the rock to the organization. For cleaning up, feeding, taking care of me for 11 years. You will forever be my family. But it's time to start a new life. Patriot until I die!!! Love you all."

Chung is the only player in NFL history to appear in the playoffs in each of his first 11 seasons. He is also one of just eight NFL players to start in at least five Super Bowls.

Patriots owner Robert Kraft and

coach Bill Belichick had nothing but high praise for the now-retired Chung.

"For more than a decade, Patrick Chung was a versatile and valuable contributor to our team and in our community," said Kraft in a statement. "I remember when I first met him in 2009 on the day we introduced him to the media. We talked about his love of his family and his passion for football. He had a great smile, a big personality and a relentless work ethic, which earned the respect and affection of his coaches and teammates, as well as Patriots fans everywhere. Twelve years later, Patrick retires as three-time Super Bowl Champion to spend more time with his family and pursue new passions in his life. We will be eager to welcome him back for the many alumni events and championship celebrations we will host in the future."

## WHAT TO WATCH

**NHL THURSDAY, MARCH 25**  
NY Islanders at Boston  
7 P.M. NESN

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27**  
Buffalo at Boston  
1 P.M. NESN

**NBA FRIDAY, MARCH 26**  
Boston at Milwaukee  
7:30 P.M. ESPN

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27**  
Boston at Oklahoma City  
9 P.M. NBCSB

**MLB SATURDAY, MARCH 27**  
Spring Training  
Boston vs Pittsburgh  
1:05 P.M. MLBN

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28**  
Spring Training  
Minnesota vs Boston  
1:05 P.M. NESN

"Patrick Chung is a special person and player, one of the pillars of our program and truly in the upper echelon of the many greats I have had the privilege to coach," said Belichick in a statement. "It all stems from his passion for the game and tone-setting, team-first attitude. Pat's combination of toughness, intelligence and versatility was exceptional and it enabled him to perform more roles than most any player I have ever seen. In any setting, whether in the locker room, in meetings, on the practice field, during games and in the biggest moments, Pat was everything a coach could want. It is no accident that his teams competed for championships virtually every year of his Patriots career. I applaud him for a remarkable career and am grateful for all he did for me and our organization."

## BRUINS TO RETURN FROM COVID-19 PAUSE WITH FANS IN ATTENDANCE

SBT Staff

After five Boston Bruins players entered the NHL's COVID-19 protocol last Friday, the league postponed two of the Bruins'

games, last Saturday in Buffalo and this past Tuesday at home against the Islanders.

Bruins general manager Don Sweeney spoke on Monday and said the team is on schedule to

resume play in its regularly-scheduled game on Thursday night against the Islanders. The game will also be the first sporting event in Massachusetts to have fans in attendance since

last March.

Barring any more COVID-19 protocols for the Bruins, the TD Garden will begin allowing fans at 12 percent capacity, which is just over 2,000 fans per game.



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# Mass & Service Schedules for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter



## **Palm Sunday Weekend:**

(Note: Confession will be heard on Saturday, March 27th, at Gate of Heaven Upper Church: 2:30pm – 3:45pm and at St. Brigid Upper Church:  
Sunday: March 28th, 4:pm -5:45pm)

## **Mass & Services: Palm Sunday, March 28th, 2021**

8am – St. Brigid

9am – Gate of Heaven, St. Peter(English)

10:30am – St. Peter(Lithuanian),St. Brigid. St. Monica(English),

Noon – Gate of Heaven

12:30pm –St. Monica(Spanish)

6pm-St. Brigid

## **Holy Thursday: April 1st, 2021**

5pm – St. Peter(English)

7pm- Gate of Heaven(Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper)

8pm-Gate of Heaven and St. Brigid(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

## **Good Friday, April 2nd, 2021**

10am – Gather at St. Monica Church for Stations of the Cross Walk is also Organized by the 4th Presbyterian Church of South Boston

3pm-Gate of Heaven, St. Monica(English)

5pm-St. Peter Church(English)

7pm-St. Monica Church(Spanish),St. Brigid Church, St. Peter Church(English)

## **EASTER SUNDAY April 4th, 2021**

7:30am St. Brigid Church

9am-Gate of Heaven Church, St. Peter Church(English)

9:30am-St. Brigid Church

10:30am- Gate of Heaven Church, St. Peter Church(Lithuanian),St. Monica Church(Spanish)

11am-St. Brigid Church

Noon – Gate of Heaven Church

12:30pm St. Monica Church(Spanish)

*Note: There will be no Easter Sunrise Service at Castle Island this year because of the Virus.  
There may be a Sunrise Service held at a later date.*

