

Port of Boston to be Big Ship Ready this Fall

New deep-water berth and tallest low profile cranes will be in place for larger ships to serve New England

The multi-year effort by the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) to modernize and expand Conley Container Terminal marks a major milestone - three new low profile Neo-Panamax cranes have begun their journey to Boston on a ship from Shanghai, China. The cranes will arrive at Conley Terminal this summer and will be operational this fall. These cranes, along with a new berth and a deepened Boston Harbor, enable Boston to handle larger ships, more New England importers and exporters to connect


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EDITORIAL

Spring Is A Time Of Renewal. Get Out And Enjoy It

By New England standards, this past winter wasn't so bad, at least as far as the weather was concerned. But cold is cold, and sleet, rain and ice can be a mood killer. And when you factor in the Covid Virus that has been overstaying the predictions by those supposedly in the know, it is definitely time for a break. And now it's spring – that much anticipated season that so many house bound folks wait for each year.

Look, it has been a rough year and though not everyone chose to hunker down and stay at home these last 12 months, some did, and what we'd suggest is, why not get out and enjoy the nice weather? Springtime

has often been called a time for renewal, so why not take advantage of what a little sunshine and balmy weather can do to lift our spirits?

If you like to travel or even take day trips by car – go for it. And if you choose to stay local, South Boston has a lot more than the average city neighborhood has to offer. Take a walk or a run along our 3 miles of sandy beaches. It's pretty scenic, especially when the tide is high and the cool blue water is sparkling. A walk around Castle Island, either solo or with friends or family is always a treat. People come from miles around to do just that, yet we have it right here in our own back yard.

The City of Boston and DCR parks and ball fields are usually well maintained and opened for picnics, baseball or to just kick back and enjoy the fresh air.

We know, there are still some who are worried about Covid. If this continues to be a concern for you, take the precautions you feel you must. Wear your mask and social distance, if it makes you feel safer. But you can still get out and enjoy life while doing what you feel you should to stay healthy. The question to ask is, do you really want to miss out on another spring season and the coming summer again? We'd guess the answer by most would be a resounding 'NO'.



“The air was soft as that of Seville in April, and so fragrant that it was delicious to breathe it” - Christopher Columbus

Flynn Hosting FY22 Budget Meeting with South Boston Civic Groups



This Thursday at 6:30pm via Zoom, Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn will be hosting a virtual meeting with the South Boston neighborhood civic group leaders to discuss priorities for the upcoming FY22 city budget. This meeting is intended to be an opportunity for Councilor Flynn to hear from residents about their feed-

back on budget priorities and neighborhood needs.

The city budget cycle starts around early May of each year, and will need to be voted on by the City Council before July 1st. The budget determines the funding for each city department, as well as for various capital projects and investments. It is therefore important to understand neighborhood priorities in

order to effectively advocate for the appropriate city funding for resources that would ensure the safety, health, and quality of life of our residents.

“Advocating for my neighbors and district in the city budget process is one of the most critical parts of my job as a City Councilor, and it is important that I get resident feedback from our com-

munities about funding priorities that should be included in the budget,” said Councilor Flynn. “The city budget impacts every facet of city services, and I look forward to engaging with our South Boston civic leaders on this issue.”

For more information about this meeting, please contact Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov or 617-635-3203.

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Biden Says Constitutional Amendments Are Not Absolute. Wrong

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John Ciccone

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

If you happened to stumble upon Joe Biden's press conference last week, you might remember that he stated the following: "No Amendment to the US Constitution is absolute". Well of course he was wrong. He was speaking about the Second Amendment primarily. Many Democrats would give anything to get rid of the 2A. It would be their dream come true to be able to disarm every law abiding American citizen, except of course for their own personal security. It would make their Socialist vision so much easier to realize if they were dealing with a disarmed populace. But as I said, Biden is wrong. Those Amendments, INCLUDING the Second Amendment are most certainly absolute. That means they should not be tampered with, diluted or rearranged in any way because that is exactly how our nation's Founding Fathers wrote them. They were visionaries and helped prepare The United States for any and all dangers well into the future.

But let's say Biden and his handlers were right – that no amendment is absolute and therefore could be changed or even eliminated whenever the powers that be decided they didn't like how it was written. Or, if they could be followed or disobeyed at the whim of the public, how about the first one we get rid of or neuter is the 16th Amendment. You know, that Amendment that says that Americans must pay a federal income tax. Now wouldn't THAT be something that would send Democrat politicians in DC into ballistic melt-downs? Taxes and especially tax hikes to liberal Democrats are like

blood to a vampire. They feed off it, they crave taxes, some would have no reason to exist if they couldn't constantly raise old taxes and think up new ones to impose.

Joe Biden can try to pass all the new gun laws he wants, whether through congress or by executive order. But as has been stated here many times, he/they will not get rid of the Second Amendment and they will not disarm law obeying American citizens, so says the Constitution. But it would be nice to at least think about and maybe dream about how nice it would be if there was no 16th Amendment.

Police shootings are back in the news as are the riots that follow even though the news media insists on saying there are NO riots. Apparently, reporters have a different definition for the act of large crowds burning, looting and causing massive destruction in major cities. Maybe they should be called 'acts of displeasure by fellow human beings who are frustrated with life'?

The recent shooting of a Black man by a police officer brought another demand from radical Islamic congresswoman Rashida Tlaib to not just defund police, but to eliminate police all together. Oh, wouldn't that be something she and the rest of the crazies on 'The Squad' would love? No law enforcement, no deterrent of any kind to criminals, violent gangs and yes, terrorists in the streets of cities in their districts. As famous actor Sam Elliot says "It takes a special kind of stupid to come up with ideas like that". And all one has to do is listen to any member of The Squad or their supporters speak and express their visions of what they want

America to become to understand just how right Sam Elliot is.

Think of the anarchy that would follow with the elimination of police. And we have other politicians in Massachusetts that would go right along with it and wallow in the unrest that their plans would result in.

People who live in those cities where defunding police and reducing the numbers of cops can bear witness as to just how much trouble followed. The crime rate skyrocketed as any thinking person knew it would. Murders,

rapes, carjacking and home invasions were becoming the norm so much so that the public demanded police be brought back. But even the resulting turmoil where it was tried still hasn't stopped the crazies like Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib and others from continuing their demands to get rid of police.

It has occurred to many Americans that the only people who are actually worse than the elected officials pushing these way-out in left field ideas and policies are the people in their districts, who actually vote for them.

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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.

Mostly undecided: Early poll gives Wu and Janey early lead in Boston mayoral race

Acting mayor, Kim Janey and City Councilor Michelle Wu are basically tied for the lead to become Boston's next mayor -- but the majority of voters remain undecided five months ahead of the preliminary election, a new MassInc poll finds. Callum Borchers at WBUR reports Wu was the top choice of 19 percent of voters compared to 18 percent for Janey, while the three other declared candidates drew single-digit support.

Lawmakers on surprise UI rate hikes: We're working on a fix

SHNS's Chris Lisinski and MassLive's Steph Solis report that a "growing chorus" of lawmakers on Beacon Hill are pushing to lessen

the impact of surprise unemployment-insurance rate hikes facing many employers across the state. And legislators think they may have hit upon a solution: Federal funds. Lisinski and Solis explain.

Meanwhile, Senate President Karen Spilka yesterday told the Greater Boston Chamber that lawmakers were taken by surprise by the rate increases and are trying to address the issue ASAP, reports the Globe's Jon Chesto.

As state eyes in-person summer learning improvements ...

Amid concerns many students have academically suffered during the pandemic, state education officials are "working toward launching a partnership aimed at enhancing summer programming,

particularly for students who have had limited experience with in-person schooling," reports SHNS's Katie Lannan.

... Riley proposes sweeping change to vocational school admissions

From summer school to vocational schools, Commonwealth's Bruce Mohl reports that Education Commissioner Jeff Riley is proposing a "sweeping update" of admission policies to vocational schools amid widespread complaints the suddenly popular technical schools have become too selective on who they admit -- at the expense of low-income and minority students. Mohl has details on the proposed changes aimed at eliminating demographic disparities.

Baker: RMV vendor expected

to 'compensate' gas stations for vehicle-inspections debacle

Does the vendor know this? Gov. Charlie Baker said he and other officials "fully expect" the RMV's vehicle-inspection vendor to compensate service stations and dealers that were "horribly inconvenienced" by the nearly two-week shutdown of the car inspection system in Massachusetts and elsewhere. MassLive's Michael Bonner has more.

From A to F: Parents hand out the grades on schools' pandemic performance

The Pioneer Institute, via Emerson College Polling, has issued a new survey of parents that's a sort of parental report card on how schools have performed during the pandemic. Though 40 percent would give their school system an A or B grade, the other 60 percent are handing out a lot of Cs, Ds and Fs. SHNS's Katie Lannan, NBC Boston's Mary Markos and Diane Cho and Commonwealth's Shira Schoenberg have the non-curved grades and data.



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• 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

BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION OFFERS PROPERTY OWNERS UP TO 4K TO REPLACE LEAD PIPES

Credit Represents a Doubling of Previous Years' Amount



Boston Water and Sewer Commission announced today it is doubling to \$4,000 the credit for replacing lead pipes through its Lead Replacement Incentive Program. A recent review conducted by the Commission estimates that as many as 4,800 property owners may be eligible for the program. For most customers, this credit will cover the total cost of

the lead pipe replacement.

Lead water pipes can significantly increase a person's exposure to lead, a toxic metal that can be harmful to human health. The water provided by BWSC and Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) is lead-free when it leaves the reservoirs because distribution pipes are made mostly of iron and steel. However, lead can leach into tap water through home service lines and internal plumbing, especially if water sits for long periods of time before use. People in homes and businesses built before 1950 should run their drinking water for two to three minutes if it has been stagnant for several hours, before drinking or cooking, to flush out any lead that might have leached into the system.

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SEN. COLLINS ANNOUNCES RECORD-BREAKING STATE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

\$863.5 Million Allocated for Boston



State Senator Nick Collins joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature in announcing an agreement for the state's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget that will send a record **\$432,000,000** to the City of Boston, including \$224,000,000 in Chapter 70 Education Aid and \$208,000,000 in unrestricted aid.

The State also announced an **additional \$431,500,000** in one-time federal educational funding for Boston Public Schools through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund.

"Proving access to a quality education is crucial to making Boston a city where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. That's why I am proud the State

is stepping up with so much funding for our Boston Public Schools."

Senator Collins recommends the City prioritize these funds to make improvements to school buildings, improve teacher to student ratios by reducing the number of students in each classroom, retrofit buildings to include better air circulation and facilities, and invest in student success by offering advanced work programs in every school, expand the Exam School Initiative (ESI), beginning as early as 4th grade and running through October of the students' 6th-grade year and provide appropriate support – both before and during the school year – for exam school admittees. A graduate of Boston Latin School, he also supports a new objective assessment, developed by NWEA, as part of the admissions criteria for the City's 3 Exam Schools.

"It is important that our public schools offer pathways to high achievement. And competition is a good thing. But we have to offer a better baseline standard of public education in the school district in order to level the playing field," said **Senator Collins**. "To get there, you have to pay for it. This increase is a once in a lifetime chance to invest and change the game for the system."

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Incentive Program, properties owners who may have lead pipes will receive a letter outlining the program and urging them to reach out to the Commission to schedule an evaluation and estimate. Owners are responsible for all pipes on their property. The Commission is giving property owners 60 months interest-free to pay for replacement costs beyond the amount of the incentive. To be eligible for the

program, property owners must be current in their payments and agree to have the work performed by the Commission. Lead pipe replacement is subject to availability and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

For additional information regarding the program and other lead resources, property owners are encouraged to visit the Commission's website at: www.bwsc.org, or call the LEAD HOTLINE at (617) 989-7888.

C-6 Community Service Kids' Bicycle Event

On Tuesday 4/20 from 11am-2pm, the C-6 Community Service Office will be partnering with the Condon Community Center to run a "Bike Repair & Fun Day" for children ages 7-12. This is during school vacation week and will take place in the newly renovated park area behind the Condon.

We will be raffling off several new bikes and other prizes; there will be an opportunity to have bikes tuned up, an obstacle course and ride, helmet give-

away, pizza lunch, music, and cookies.

Please feel free to share with any families/children who may be interested.

Covid-19 safety procedures will be followed and masks/PPE will be provided.

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with the global marketplace, and facilitate future growth at Conley Terminal.

Two of the cranes are 205 feet tall with a lifting height of 160 feet and can reach 22 container rows wide, and are the tallest low profile cranes in the world. Another crane on the way is 145 feet tall with a lifting height of 100 feet. These new cranes will efficiently service larger container ships holding 12,000-14,000 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units). Larger cranes are needed due to the shipping industry's shift toward larger vessels that hold more containers and the 2016 expansion of the Panama Canal to accommodate them. The journey from China to Boston will take approximately two months and the public can track the cranes' location on the Port of Boston's Twitter account: @PortofBos.

"This significant milestone would not have been possible without the support of our local, state, and federal partners. The Port being big ship ready comes at a critical time as the region's economy recovers from the impacts of the pandemic," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "Massport's investment in the future of Conley Terminal shows our commitment to support the New England importers and exporters that rely on the Port, as well as the thousands of workers across the Port."

Nearly \$850M in investment has gone into the Port in recent years to prepare Conley Terminal to be big ship ready in order to support the regional economy. Significant support came from the Massachusetts

Congressional Delegation, the Baker-Polito Administration, and the Massachusetts Legislature. The Boston Harbor Dredging Project is nearing completion and a new 50-foot deep berth was built to support the new cranes. Additional improvements to modernize Conley Terminal have recently been completed or are in progress, including the creation of the Butler Freight Corridor, new rubber-tire gantries, expanded container storage, and other landside improvements. Conley is the only full-service terminal in New England.

The new Berth 10 is 1,250 feet long and dredged to 50 feet so the new cranes can efficiently service larger container ships. Currently, Conley is designed for 5,000 TEU ships, and can handle ships up to 10,000 TEUs under certain conditions.

"The investments we're making will significantly enhance our capabilities to handle more cargo and increase our productivity so that Conley can be competitive in the future and allow for continued growth," said Massport Port Director Mike Meyran. "We want businesses to know that we are 'Big Ship Ready' and we want to attract new direct services to expand the global offerings for our customers throughout New England."

With the new cranes and berth, Boston will be in a position to offer some relief to an already stressed industry, and allow more New England businesses to take advantage of the local service. Throughout these unprecedented times, the Port of Boston has been a reliable supply chain partner and Conley Terminal remains virtually congestion-free while still offering personalized customer service. Conley currently has an average truck turnaround

time of only 30 minutes.

Two weekly services currently call Conley Terminal: The Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) provides direct service from North Europe to Boston, with connections to Latin America, the Mediterranean, and Southeast Asia, and the OCEAN Alliance (COSCO Shipping, OOCL, Evergreen, CMA CGM) provides direct service from North Asia. A diverse mix of commodities are shipped through the Port, including furniture, recycled fibers, seafood, wine and spirits, apparel, footwear, and auto parts.

Big Ship Ready Projects: Boston Harbor Dredging Completed by '22

This project is a \$350 million collaboration between the Army Corps of Engineers, the Commonwealth and Massport. To accommodate larger ships, the Outer Harbor Channel was dredged from 40 to 51 feet; the Main Shipping Channel, from 40 to 47 feet; and the Reserve Channel, where Conley Container Terminal is located, from 40 to 47 feet. Additionally, the Army Corps expanded the Harbor's Turning Basin to 1,725 feet. This depth allows Conley to handle 12,000-14,000 TEU vessels.

Neo-Panamax cranes Arrive this Summer, Ready in Fall '21

Massport, with funding support from the Commonwealth, purchased three Neo Panamax low-profile ship-to-shore cranes with a max lifting height of 160 feet and an outreach of 22 containers wide.

New 50 ft. deep Berth 10 Completed in 2020

The new berth was built to accom-

modate larger ships and support the three new cranes.

Other projects to modernize Conley Terminal:

New RTGs Completed in 2019

Massport purchased four new rubber-tired gantries (RTGs) that move shipping containers landside.

Expanded refrigerated container storage Completed in 2019

Conley has a new reefer rack system designed to accommodate growth and create a more efficient use of space.

Thomas Butler Freight Corridor Completed in 2017

A dedicated truck roadway that provides a more efficient route for trucks to get to and from the interstate and takes trucks off residential streets. The \$75 million project also included the creation of community green space.

Other various projects: Completed

Terminal improvements totaling \$103 million.

To learn more about Conley Container Terminal at the Port of Boston please go to www.massport.com/conley-terminal or <http://www.massport.com/conley-terminal>.

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MAYOR JANEY ANNOUNCES TOWING AND OTHER PARKING ENFORCEMENT UPDATES

Mayor Janey announced that the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) has updated parking enforcement regulations in the City of Boston. Starting Tuesday, April 20, parking enforcement will return citywide, including towing during posted street sweeping and ticketing for parking in spaces without an appropriate resident sticker. Also, BTD will not be ticketing residents with an expired inspection sticker until May 31.

Additionally, on April 20, the Boston Transportation Department's ticket amnesty for healthcare workers will expire. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, BTD announced that healthcare workers could have non-public safety violations dismissed upon appeal if

the ticket was received while working. The intent of the program was to assist local healthcare workers as they dealt with the public health emergency.

The City of Boston and its municipal partners in Brookline, Cambridge, Everett, and Somerville will continue to offer all essential workers in metro Boston a free 90-day pass for the public bike share system, Bluebikes. More information is available at boston.gov/bike-share.

"As we continue to plan our recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, I am grateful to all of our residents for their cooperation in following our parking enforcement," said Mayor Janey. "As warmer weather comes, it's important that we take the necessary steps to keep our streets clean."

"We are grateful that the City of Boston was able to provide extra support to residents and healthcare workers during this unprecedented time," said Commissioner Greg Rooney. "Residents should be advised that we are beginning to return to normal operations and they should follow all posted parking regulations."

The following parking regulations remain in effect in the City of Boston:

RESIDENT PARKING AT METERS

Boston residents with resident parking permits will continue to be allowed to park at meters within their neighborhood without having to abide by the time limits or pay the meter.

DISABILITY PLACARDS

BTD will resume ticketing for



expired disability placards/plates starting on May 31. The Registry of Motor Vehicles is only processing requests for disability placards/plates by mail.

To view a complete list of parking codes and fines in the City of Boston, residents can visit here or call 311.

The Boston Transportation Department will continue to evaluate additional parking enforcement changes throughout the phased reopening. For more information, please visit boston.gov/transportation.

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Project Description:
 Virtual Public Meeting in connection with the Proposed Project at 24 Drydock Avenue in the Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park of the South Boston Waterfront, for which an Expanded Project Notification Form was received by the BPDA on March 12, 2021.

Please register in advance for this meeting through the link provided above. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email from Zoom with a link to join the meeting directly.

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bpda | Virtual Public Meeting

Jan Karski Way Extension Project

Tuesday, April 27
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/JKWPublicMeeting2
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Meeting ID: 160 652 9528

Project Proponent:
Bass Realty LLC

Project Description:
 The Proposed Project as described in the Supplemental Filing that the Proponent submitted to the BPDA on March 26, 2021, consists of the demolition of the existing structures which occupy an approximately 3.88-acre site fronting Boston Street and Enterprise Street in Dorchester and the construction of a mixed-use development that includes 403 residential units, 14,665 square feet of retail space, on and off-street vehicle parking, new public open space, and public realm improvements. The development team is also seeking approval of a Development Plan for a Planned Development Area (PDA) in connection with the Proposed Project.

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The Wine Guy

Silver Linings

While it's hard to look on any "bright side" during these events, one of the few positives of being home for an extended period is that you have time to spare for trying new things in terms of food and drink. Pull out those recipes you've been meaning to try and put one or two of them together and while you're at it, skip the old reliable wine you always get and try something completely different.

Oak Farm Vineyards, 2019 Genevieve, Lodi, (\$39.99), is a Bordeaux-style blend with a deep ruby color, a nose of mint chocolate, blueberry and vanilla notes with a long, smooth finish. From a region dominated by Zinfandel production, this wine has a Zin-style ABV-15.2%-but also has a

light body, less-pronounced oak and tannins and a greater versatility with food. You can try this one with beef, lamb, game birds and stronger cheeses.

If you're planning on some Asian/Chinese food, don't forget the Riesling; it provides a complementary taste to loads of dishes from both categories. **Dr. Heide-man's Benkastel Riesling, Mosel, 2017, (\$19.99)**, will fit the bill for a medium-bodied, acidic white with a nose of flowers and apricots and a satisfying finish. Try it with some Chicken Basil Basil or Beijing Duck. It'll take your mind off of our current situation.

While you might not be able to have people over like you would normally, Brunch on Sunday can still be worth having. How about a fresh fruit cocktail, Eggs Benedict and a bottle of **Tesoro Della Regina Prosecco, NV, (\$19.99)**, from Italy's Veneto region. This wine's brisk, consistent bubbles carry a green almond scent, driving home crispness and freshness. It's clean and still manages to feel generous, with afternotes of apples and pears. Because this is a sturdy sparkling wine, it's also great for Mimosas and Kir Royales.

Since we're talking about dry wines, we should be talking about a



Sauvignon Blanc. **Nautilus Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2019, (\$19.99)**, is a "touch salty & flinty to start, which adds character to the notes of lemon, gooseberry, pineapple rind, honeysuckle & green herbs wafting from the glass. A creamy yet chalky texture is woven with juicy fruit & prickly acidity, ending long & citrusy. Spicy Mexican or Thai cuisine has met its match.", as the Wine Spectator recently opined and I agree. You should get a couple of bottles; you'll thank me.

Finally, if you're still in the mood for a red, you might want to try

a bottle of Pinotage from South Africa. The **Rhino Run Pinotage, 2017, (\$29.99)**, has a complex nose of banana, cassis and strawberry followed by layers of fruit, vanilla and spice on the palate. The wine can be savored with red meat, rich stews, curries and smoked foods.

The Rhino Run range joins Van Loveren's distinguished portfolio and is available at most wine purveyors in the area; their white wines are priced at around \$30.00 a bottle, while the three red wines sell for around \$35.00 a bottle.

Talk To The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com

I Was Just Thinking...



by Kevin Devlin

Last Saturday, while sitting on her front porch in Dorchester on Olney Street, gunfire

broke out on the street, and Delois Brown, a 73-year-old grandmother, was shot and subsequently died. Trying to enjoy some leisurely time, she was robbed of life by a violent offender who knows no shame. Another person the victim of crime and lawlessness.

The answer is more police to protect people in the inner cities. It is not less police. It

is not defunding the police. The idea to defund the police defund the police is stupid, is irresponsible, and divorced from objective reality.

"Defunding (the police) is absurd" said longtime Boston religious and community leader, the Reverend Eugene Rivers, calling for "prevention, intervention, and enforcement" to protect people residing in the poorest neighborhoods where violence is rampant.

"They're scared...", said State

Senator Nick Collins. "This is not the time to defund police, but to increase funding for public safety."

Senator Collins and Reverend Rivers are both right. People are indeed scared and shouldn't have to live in such a manner.

People want protection from lawlessness.

People need protection from violence.

People deserve protection from these cruel barbarians of bloodshed who are destroying lives, placing neighborhoods in terror, and crushing any hope for a brighter future.

Law and order are needed above all else to protect the innocent from those who scoff at

the rules of society, and callously dismiss their victims as being at the wrong place at the wrong time.

On another note, I was wondering what if anything, BLM was doing to

help African-

Americans in the inner cities deal with the increase in violence.

Or are they too busy buying homes and living life in luxury?

BLM co-founder Patrisse Khan-Cullors purchased a 3-bedroom 1.5 bath with a backyard

treehouse in Inglewood near Los Angeles in 2016. In 2018 she bought a 4-bedroom, 2-bath home with a small guesthouse in South Los Angeles. In 2020 she bought a 3-bedroom house with an airplane hangar in Conyers, Georgia. In 2021 she purchased a 3-bedroom, 3-bath, plus guest house in Topanga Canyon, near Los Angeles. And recently she went house hunting in the Bahamas at the luxurious Albany Resort, a celebrity beachfront favorite, where units are priced in the millions.

Guess it pays to be a (so-called) defender of the people.

St. Peter Academy Spotlight on Mr. Jason Hubert

Mr. Jason Hubert, Grade 3/4 teacher is in his third year with St. Peter Academy. He hails from Charlotte, North Carolina and has made Boston his home since 2018 to pursue his love of teaching. He received his Bachelor of Science from North Carolina State University and M. Ed. from the University of Florida. Mr. Hubert is an extreme sports guy, avid

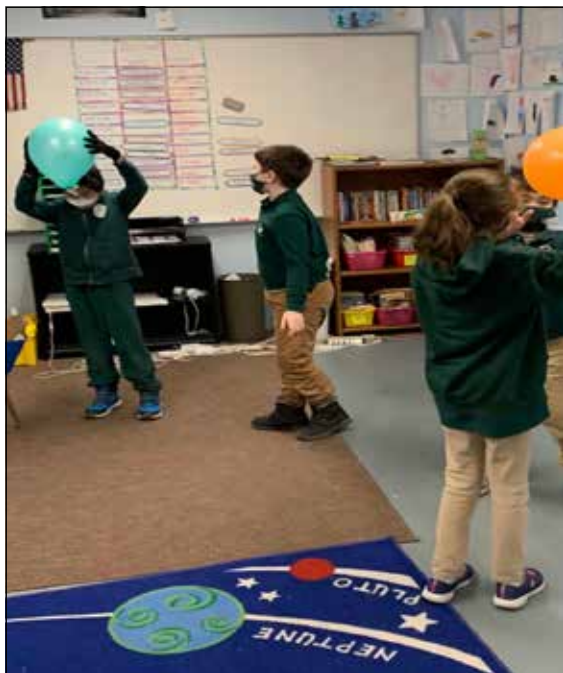
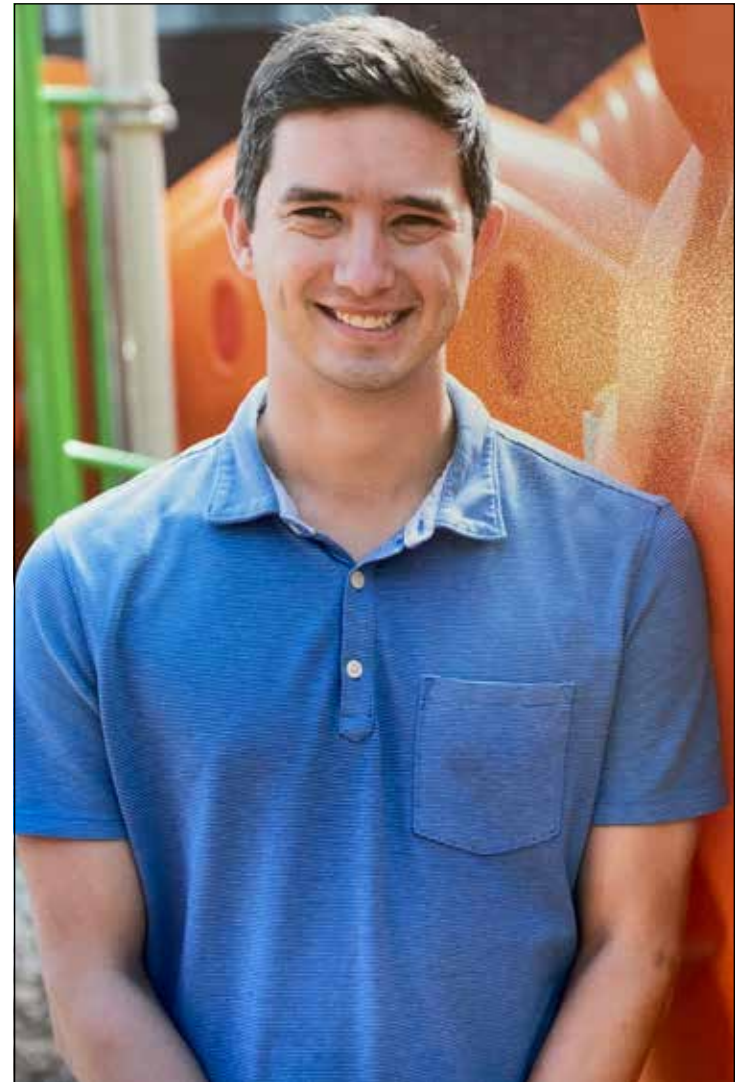
skier, soccer, golf and tennis player and loves to travel.

His favorite subjects are Science and Math. The students enjoy the curriculum, experiments and games he introduces to his class. In Science they are currently working on the Food Chain. They enjoyed playing the game Eat or be Eaten, later in the week they will conduct an experiment about producers

and air comparing full and empty balloons. In Math 3rd graders are being introduced to fractions and 4th Graders are working on adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions. The 13 colonies are being discussed in Social Studies and in ELA they are learning about synonyms and antonyms. Mr. Hubert is the best!

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 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.



Mayor's Cup Street Hockey Tournament starts April 20

Mayor Kim Janey and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2021 Mayor's Cup Street Hockey Tournament in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation during the April public school vacation week.

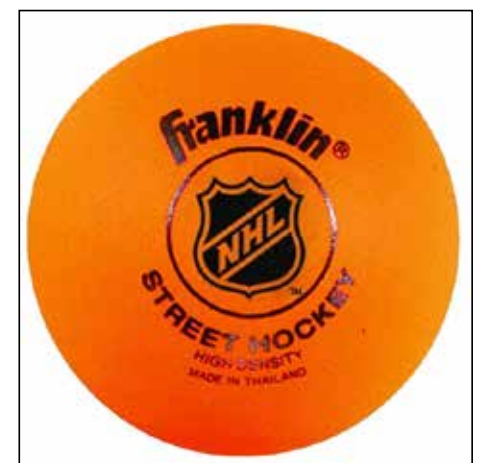
The Tournament will begin April 20 and continue through the school vacation week. All games will be played at Joseph Moakley Park at 1005 Columbia Road in South Boston.

Additional support is provided by P&G Gillette. Teams will compete in two regions in Mite (ages 6 to 8), Squirt (ages 9 to 10), and Pee Wee (ages 11 and 12) divisions. Please note that pre-registration for teams is required with a limit of eight teams per regional division.

All Massachusetts hockey standard procedures will be followed with added Mayor's Cup COVID-19 policies: masks are mandatory at all times; teams are limited to one

game per day; no sharing of equipment; players will arrive 10 minutes before their games; benches will be sanitized between games; teams will be asked each day to provide names and phone numbers for contact tracing; and Mayor's Cup staff will be on site to ensure sure all protocols are followed.

To register or for more information, please contact Damien Margardo at damien.margardo@boston.gov or call (617) 961-3083.



South Boston Catholic Academy News

SBCA Welcomed Mathematician and Author Greg Tang

On March 12th to celebrate Pi weekend and Math in general; mathematician and author Greg Tang zoomed into classrooms at South Boston Catholic Academy, K2 - 6, to teach interac-

tive, engaging math lessons. Students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 participated in an interactive addition and subtraction lesson. Grades 2 and 3 examined multiplication as repeated addition; while Grades 4

and 5 explored fractions and their decimal equivalents. Mr. Tang writes math books explaining concepts with poetry. Math enrichment using rhyming language is extended into April; as students celebrate poetry month, by creating their own poetry text. Quoting Albert Einstein, German Theoretical Physicist... "Pure mathematics is, in its way, the

poetry of logical ideas." A special Thank you to Mr. Greg Tang for teaching these very interactive and engaging math lessons to our students and to Mrs. Moriarty for coordinating this special Logistics for Math Enrichment Program for the students at South Boston Catholic Academy! New families are welcomed to email Mrs. Jamie Brown at j.brown@sbcaacademy.org to learn more about South Boston Catholic Academy.



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**This week,
Danny reacted to Julian
Edelman's retirement
from football:**

So Julian Edelman has called it quits. Consider me not surprised.

However, my initial reaction to the news was, "At what point will we see Adam Schefter tweet about Edelman joining the Tampa Bay Buccaneers?"

Even if Edelman was unable to play a full season, wouldn't it just be fitting for him to leave New England and team up with Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski in Tampa? I thought so, until I watched Edelman's retirement video that he posted on social media.

"Nothing in my career has ever come easy. And, no surprise, this isn't going to be easy either," said Edelman as he sat in a chair under the lights in the middle of an empty Gillette Stadium. "Now, I've always said, 'I'ma go until the wheels come off.' And, uh, they finally have fallen off. Due to an injury last year, I'll be making an official announcement of my retirement from football. It was a hard decision, but the right decision for me and my family. And, I'm honored and so proud to be retiring a Patriot."

Edelman is a Hall of Famer. Anyone even debating this topic

is simply not worth your time. The numbers prove it. But also, his story as to how he got to those numbers and three championships is Hall-of-Fame worthy alone.

By now you know Edelman was a college quarterback. He then turned into one of the most dangerous receiving threats in the NFL and is second in NFL history in postseason receptions, behind only Jerry Rice. And did I mention this guy played defensive back in the playoffs and had the assignment of covering Anquan Boldin? I mean, who else has this type of resume?

If Edelman doesn't go into the Hall of Fame, then they should just eliminate the Hall of Fame.

And yes, after watching his retirement video, I do think he's actually done playing football. So, no, I do not think he'll be joining Brady and Gronk in Tampa. At least, I'll now be completely shocked if he does.

That video was far too real for me to think that Edelman will ever play football again. And so with that, I bid him adieu. But I can't say goodbye as well as Bill Belichick and Robert Kraft did. So I'll leave you with what they

had to say.

It sounds like they also believe Edelman will one day be bronzed in Canton.

"By any measure of what constitutes an elite NFL career – wins, championships, production – Julian has it all," said Belichick in a statement. "Few players can match Julian's achievements, period, but considering his professional trajectory and longevity, the group is even more select. It is historic. This is a tribute to his legendary competitiveness, mental and physical toughness and will to excel. Day in and day out, Julian was always the same: all out. Then, in the biggest games and moments, with championships at stake, he reached even greater heights and delivered some of his best, most thrilling performances. For all Julian did for our team, what I may appreciate the most is he was the quintessential throwback player. He could, and did, do everything – catch, run, throw, block, return, cover and tackle – all with an edge and attitude that would not allow him to fail under any circumstance. Julian Edelman is the ultimate competitor and it was a

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"Julian Edelman is one of the great success stories in our franchise's history," said Kraft. "There aren't many players who earn an NFL roster spot at a position they have never played before. Julian not only did that as a seventh-round draft selection, but he is retiring with the second-most career receptions in franchise history and as a three-time Super Bowl Champion, including his last as Super Bowl MVP. No one was more committed to his craft and honing his skills than Jules. His explosiveness off the line, quickness in his cuts and elusiveness after the catch made him one of the hardest players to defend throughout his career. His clutch catches in our biggest games and overall toughness made him a fan favorite. Over the past 12 years, I have enjoyed watching him grow as a player, as a person and as a father. In 2019, I had the privilege of traveling to Israel with Julian, which might be the only place where he is more popular than here in New England."

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SPORTS TODAY

EDELMAN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT FROM FOOTBALL

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New England Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman announced his retirement this week. The news came after rumors began to swirl that the Patriots released him after a failed physical.

Edelman turns 35 in May. He played in just six games last year before undergoing season-ending knee surgery in late October.

In a four-minute video posted on his social media on Monday night, Edelman made the retirement announcement official, while sitting in a chair under the lights in the middle of an empty Gillette Stadium.

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Tweet of the Week



New England Patriots @Patriots



I’m honored and so proud to be retiring a Patriot.”

Edelman spent his entire 12-year NFL career in New England after being drafted by the Patriots in the last round of the 2009 NFL Draft. He was part of three Super Bowl championship teams, and ranks second in NFL history with 118 postseason receptions, behind Jerry Rice’s 151 postseason catches.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick and owner Robert Kraft had the highest of praise for Edelman this week.

“By any measure of what constitutes an elite NFL career – wins, championships, production – Julian has it all,” said Belichick in a statement. “Few players can match Julian’s achievements, period, but considering his professional trajectory and longevity, the group is even more select. It is historic. This is a

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SATURDAY, APRIL 17
Golden State at Boston
8:30 P.M. ABC

NHL THURSDAY, APRIL 15
NY Islanders at Boston
7 P.M. NESN

FRIDAY, APRIL 16
NY Islanders at Boston
7 P.M. NESN

SUNDAY, APRIL 18
Washington at Boston
12 P.M. NBC

MLB SATURDAY, APRIL 17
Chicago White Sox at Boston
4:05 P.M. NESN

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BRUINS ACQUIRE 2018 MVP TAYLOR HALL AT TRADE DEADLINE

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Taylor Hall is now a Boston Bruin. The No. 1 overall pick in the 2010 NHL Draft was acquired by the Bruins, along with

26-year-old forward Curtis Lazar, in a trade with the Buffalo Sabres before Monday’s NHL trade deadline.

In return, the Sabres received forward Anders Bjork and a 2021

second-round draft pick.

Hall, 29, was the league MVP in 2017-18 while with the New Jersey Devils. He finished that season with 39 goals, 54 assists, and 93 points.

The Bruins also acquired 27-year-old left-shot defenseman Mike Reilly from the Ottawa Senators, in exchange for a third-round pick in the 2022 Draft.



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