



There Will Be A New Governor In Town in 2022

Gov. Charlie Baker, one of the nation’s most popular governors, won’t seek re-election next year, he said Wednesday in a move that blew Massachusetts’ gubernatorial contest wide open and will ripple across down-ballot races in 2022. And, in perhaps an even more shocking move, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito won’t run for governor in his place.

Baker and Polito said in a joint

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EDITORIAL

For Christmas, Why Not Buy What You Can Locally?

While we won't repeat the exaggeration of "Whatever you need, you can find right here in Southie", there are still items that can be purchased locally. Let's face it, the availability of so many things desired just isn't here anymore. It would be nice if one could still buy appliances, electronics, sporting goods, vehicles and so much more that we now have to travel to a suburban mall, lot or outlet for. Those businesses, at least for the

present time, have folded or just moved on to other locations. But when searching for the things that ARE readily available in South Boston, why not give the business to our local merchants, most of whom are generous to residents and so often do what they can to give back to our community.

We all know that our local stores, like stores in so many other areas, have had a rough year and a half. With shutdowns, lockdowns and mandates of one kind or

another hitting every time the public turns around, often with questionable justification and results, it all has taken its toll on just about everyone.

But locally, we do have fine restaurants and bars for dining in or takeout, some of the best haircutting establishments and salons that can be found anywhere, a jewelry shop, great coffee shops, bakeries etc. Purchasing gift certificates as stocking stuffers from these neighborhood businesses

rather than driving out of town or ordering online from some far-off location would mean a great deal to our local merchants. It could help keep them in business, which is good for them and help keep them local which is good for everyone.

The Christmas season is important to most every business. How well they do this time of the year could actually make or break them as far as being able to stay solvent. In most cases, they have been very good



to South Boston. It would be great if we could all do our part and shop locally whenever possible as a way to thank them and let them know they are supported and appreciated.

"If you can't stop thinking about it, buy it!" - Author unknown



Photo: Bill Brett

Victoria Reggie Kennedy was recently sworn in as the US Ambassador to Austria at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the US Senate in Dorchester's Columbia Point.

In the attached photo: James Rooney, President and CEO, Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce; Ambassador Victoria Reggie Kennedy; and James T. Brett, President and CEO, The New England Council.

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The Information Center

Disgruntled Protesters Tried To Ruin Thanksgiving. Is Christmas Next?

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Thanksgiving has come and gone so now it's on to Christmas. But first, a look back at how this Thanksgiving, 2021 went for most Americans. As always, the overwhelming number of Americans love Thanksgiving. It's a time to celebrate all that we as Americans have and are thankful for. It's a time to gather with family and good friends. For most, the food is plentiful and sumptuous, and it often brings us back in touch with how the first Thanksgiving went. And though a tiny minority of the disgruntled would have you believe otherwise; the way our old history books told the story is exactly how it happened.

Again, as hundreds of millions of Americans enjoyed and looked forward to Thanksgiving, the small group of the disgruntled mentioned above were pouting and sneering and calling it racist and evil and doing their best to ruin everyone else's day. Their object was to shame others into going along with their disdain for this American tradition and pretty much every other tradition our country cherishes. Unfortunately for the protesters, they were for the most part ignored. In fact, their huffy protests were less than a minor annoyance and they looked ridiculous. But as was also stated above, its on to Christmas for the professional protesters.

As we all prepare for the festivities of Christmas and Hanukkah, the leftists in this country will be whining and wailing about it. Like most years, they'll be demanding the removal of Nativity Scenes, Crosses and Menorahs. They will insist that the lighting of Christmas trees (or 'Holiday Trees' as the anti-Christian bigots call them) be cancelled because it might offend someone. Even Santa Claus and reindeers will be on the hit list. They'll call radio stations to demand certain Christmas songs be banned because they are offensive as well. This, from the same people

that vote to give awards for some rap songs filled with F-bombs and promote violence, especially against women and police.

As I said, it goes on every year. But the best way to deal with all of this is not indulge them and definitely not – ever, give them even an inch. But most of all, continue to celebrate the holidays in the same traditional ways that Americans have enjoyed for more than 2 centuries. While millions of Americans will be enjoying the festivities, the protesters and haters will be shouting into the wind and as always, looking stupid and petty while doing it.

And now folks, just in time for Christmas, comes the new, the latest Covid strain known as the 'Omicron Variant'. Watching the greatly diminished fear of the supposed other variants and letting people relax and enjoy life again is just unacceptable to Dr. Fauci and the companies making massive profits on vaccines shot after shot and booster after booster. Leaders of certain teachers' unions are said to be salivating at the thought of possibly shutting down schools again and extending their Christmas vacations. There are those who despise religious people who would like to cause churches to close once again like they did last Christmas and last Easter. But in addition to these goals, there is also what they see as a benefit of possibly causing Americans to be distracted once again. If those in government and in the news media can get people scared yet again about new variants, they might not be paying as much attention to issues swirling around causing people to be so upset.

What issues? Oh, little things like soaring prices for gas, heating oil, food and pretty much every other necessity. Wide open borders with diseases, drug dealers, gang members and human traffickers flowing in are on that long, LONG list. We have public schools

indoctrinating children rather than educating them, rising violent crime in Blue State cities, crippling inflation, the Supply Chain mess, corrupted elections and more. These are all things that have Democrats in power worried because they are all being CAUSED by the Democrats in power and the public knows it. So, let's ratchet up the virus fear once again. The news media will be pushing that fear 24/7. They have already begun. There are some who will fall for this, but nowhere near as many as before.

I'll close with another mention of the Kyle Rittenhouse story. He just might be in for a huge Christmas present

this year as his attorneys are preparing mega lawsuits against those who he believes defamed him. The first action has been filed. A 60 million dollar claim against those two lovely ladies on 'The View', Whoopi Goldberg and Joy Behar is set to go forward. Let this be just the beginning. There are so many more that need to learn, that just as was the case with Nick Sandmann, patriotic teens who stand up for themselves and for others are definitely not easy targets for attack by hateful leftists in the media, in politics and in Hollywood. They fight back and they win. And they get a heck of a lot of support from people of all backgrounds.

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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.

Everyone wants to run for governor now that Baker and Polito are out of the race

The big news yesterday was who decided not to run for governor in 2022, but the focus today, the remaining year, and much of the next will be on who decides to throw their hat into the ring. The obvious question after Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito announced their intention to step out of the running for a third term in office is whether Attorney General Maura Healey will wade into the fray.

But before we get to the attorney general, let's stick with Polito for a second. That news was surprising on its face as it had long been rumored that the second in command would take on the mantle of the pair's cen-

trist brand of conservatism. But it was not to be.

Back to who is or may be running. One prevailing theme during Wednesday --- everybody and their mother were rumored to be taking a "close look" at a run for governor once the heavy weight confirmed he was stepping out of the ring.

Healey, appearing on Bloomberg TV earlier in the day, said she would save her announcement "for another day," reports MassLive's Melissa Hanson.

So we'll wait for another day for the attorney general to make up her mind. But that didn't stop the rumor mills from doing what they do best -- swirl and chug along. Among the names that started to float around on Wednesday:

- Boston Herald's Joe Dwinell reports that Taunton Mayor Shuanna

O'Connell is "seriously considering" a run. O'Connell previously served as a state representative.

- Boston Globe's Matt Stout and Emma Platoff report that Boston City Councilor Annissa Essaibi George is taking a "close look at" running for governor. She's fresh off a loss to Boston Mayor Michelle Wu.

- State House News Service's Matt Murphy reports that Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy's name started to make its way through political circles as a potential Republican nominee.

- Norfolk County Treasurer and former Norfolk Sheriff Michael Bellotti is said to be looking at joining the field for governor, a source tells MassterList.

- A team of four journalists at

Politico reports that U.S. Labor Secretary Marty Walsh is considering a run for governor now that Baker and Polito are out of the mix. Walsh's chief of staff, Daniel Koh, is also weighing his chances in a run for lieutenant governor.

Of course, Commonwealth's Michael Jonas reminds us of the four candidates who are already in the race: Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz, former Sen. Ben Downing, Harvard Professor Danielle Allen, and former state Rep. Geoff Diehl, who is now the only confirmed Republican candidate.

Oh, and if you were wondering if Baker plans to run for president, he put that to bed pretty quickly. "Yeah," he said when asked if he was ruling out a run for the country's top office, reports MassLive's Melissa Hanson.

ABCD Grateful for \$4.5 billion in American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding For Heating Assistance APPLY NOW!

ABCD President/CEO John J. Drew thanked the Biden-Harris administration for deploying an unprecedented \$4.5 billion in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to mitigate the burden of skyrocketing home heating costs for lower-income families.

"This is a watershed moment," Drew said. "We know that LIHEAP keeps households running -- and saves lives. The ARP funding is a major commitment at the highest levels to the well-being of at-risk seniors and people living with disabilities, to hard-working families struggling to make ends meet."

Getting funds out quickly is key, noted Drew. "Frigid winter temperatures are here NOW and inflation is on the rise. When will these dollars reach vendors? When will these elders and families be able to turn up the thermostat? The president's call to action is a rallying cry for those of us in the 'supply chain' to communicate, collaborate, and implement as seamlessly as possible," he said.

Biden administration officials call for all parties to coordinate efforts to ensure the swift deployment of funds. The \$4.5 billion in American Rescue Plan funding expands on the November 4th U.S. Health & Human Services allocation of \$3.3 billion, bringing total federal LIHEAP funding this winter heating season to \$7.8 billion -- more than twice the normal annual expenditure.

"Massachusetts has an outstanding record for implementation of federal funding initiatives," said Drew. "We thank Governor Charlie Baker in advance for expediting LIHEAP funding at a time when the cost of energy has sky-rocketed! These additional funds

will increase benefits substantially."

Drew requests the state to provide equal benefits for all sources of heat: oil, gas, electricity, propane and others.

The ARP package includes Emergency Rental Assistance -- unavailable in previous winters -- to help cover utility bills. First established last December, Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) programs provide help with past-due utility bills or ongoing assistance with energy costs to help distressed renters avoid shut-offs and keep current on expenses. The funds will be available until September 2022. ABCD's fuel assistance program is currently up and running, and Drew stresses that residents in need should **APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

Right now the fuel assistance benefit for those at the lowest income levels or 100 percent of poverty is \$1,030. ABCD estimates that at least \$2,000 will be needed to heat an average home for the season.

The rise in home heating costs is sparked by a 30 percent increase in the cost of natural gas. Based on national data, the average residential natural



gas bill will increase from \$572 to \$859 this year while heating oil costs per household can rise from \$1,272 to \$1,900. Costs are higher in the Boston-New England region.

Last year a total of 21,501 applications were received for the 2020-2021 heating season, 2,000 more than the

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SENATOR COLLINS VOTES FOR MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION

Aims to Tackle Adolescent Boarder Issue

Senator Nick Collins voted in favor of the Mental Health ABC Act 2.0: Addressing Barriers to Care (ABC), comprehensive legislation to continue the process of reforming the way mental health care is delivered in Massachusetts, with the goal of ensuring that people get the mental health care they need when they need it.

The Mental Health ABC Act 2.0 is driven by the recognition that mental health is as important as physical health for every resident of the Commonwealth and should be treated as such. The bill proposes a wide variety of reforms to ensure equitable access to mental health care and remove barriers to care by supporting the behavioral health workforce.

This piece of legislation works in tandem with the landmark \$400 million investment in mental and behavioral health we recently secured in the Senate's ARPA bill. The legislation will transform mental health care delivery including the following:

- Guaranteeing Annual Mental Health Wellness Exams.
- Reimbursing Mental Health Providers Equitably.

- Reforming Medical Necessity and Prior Authorization Requirements.

- This bill also establishes a special commission to bring all stakeholders to the table to study and make recommendations on the creation of a common set of medical necessity criteria to be used by health care providers and insurance carriers for mental health services.

- Creating a Standard Release Form.
- Increasing Access to Emergency Service Programs and Adolescent Treatment.

- Expanding Access to the Evidence-Based Collaborative Care Model.

- Reviewing the Role of Behavioral Health Managers.

"I am proud to support this critical piece of legislation that will allow the Commonwealth to take major



steps in improving and ensuring equitable access to mental health care," said Senator Collins. "Specifically, when it comes to mental health, the pandemic took a major toll on our communities, particularly our youth which makes these efforts even more important."

Massport Helps Feed Neighbors This Holiday Season

Annual food drive brought donations to community organizations

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is helping some neighbors in East Boston, South Boston, and Worcester feed their families this holiday season. Massport employees collected and donated hundreds of non-perishable food items, as well as grocery store gift cards, for the Authority's annual food drive that benefits several community organizations.

"Food insecurity is a real issue for many individuals and families, especially during the holidays," said Massport Director of Community Relations & Government Affairs Alaina Coppola. "Through our annual food drive, we hope to help some of our most vulnerable neighbors feed their families this season. We thank our employees for their continued generosity."

This year, Massport provided food

donations to five community programs: Crossroads Family Center in East Boston, East Boston Community Soup Kitchen, South Boston Community Health Center Food Pantry, Winthrop Community Food Pantry, and Veterans Inc. Food Pantry in Worcester. These organizations serve hundreds of local residents each month and provide critical assistance and support year-round.



Businesses at Logan Airport are Hiring!

Attend the Job Fair next week to learn about full and part-time positions



As passenger and air cargo volumes continue to pick up through the holiday season, dozens of businesses that operate within Boston Logan International Airport are looking to hire qualified candidates of all back-

grounds and skill levels. Nearly 30 companies have immediate job opportunities and are offering competitive wages and flexible shifts. They include Air Canada, British Airways, CLEAR, LSG Sky Chefs, PrimeFlight Aviation Services, TSA, United Airlines, UPS, several retails, food, and beverage concessions brands, and many more.

These companies are hosting a job fair on Tuesday, December 7th at the Hilton Boston Logan hotel, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Some of the full and part-time positions available include:

- Account managers;
- Aircraft cabin cleaners;
- Airline ground services;
- Airline agents;
- Checkpoint services;

- Customer service agents;
- Security guards;
- Skycaps;
- UPS Drivers;
- Warehouse attendants;
- Wheelchair services;
- Various positions at restaurant and retail store locations throughout the airport - including retail clerks, sales associates, managers, wait staff, cooks, "front" and "back" of house;
- And more.

There will be limited parking for the event, and participants are encouraged to take public transportation to and from Logan Airport. Shuttle buses from the MBTA Airport Station will run directly to the Hilton Hotel every 15 minutes.

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previous year. To date this season, ABCD has received more than 12,000 applications and oil deliveries have begun. Based on this early surge of applicants, fuel assistance programs are predicting a significant increase in the number of households seeking aid.

Apply NOW! - Boston-area residents can apply by calling ABCD Fuel Assistance at 617-357-6012. Those living in the Mystic Valley region can call 781-322-6284. Help with applications is also available at all ABCD neighborhood centers. A new online system for first-time fuel assistance can be accessed at toapply.org/Mass-LIHEAP. Go to bostonabcd.org/heat for detailed information, including a listing of neighborhood centers with contact information.

Eversource Warns *Beware of Scammers*

EVERSOURCE



With winter months and the holidays right around the corner, Eversource and the Better Business Bureau (BBB) are teaming up to urge New Englanders to be aware of scammers. Due to a spike in COVID-19-related scams, the colder weather and increased demand for energy nationwide, Eversource and the BBB expect to see a rise in utility scams in the coming weeks. Sophisticated scammers are always working to find unique schemes to take advantage of, so it's vital residents and businesses know how to spot tell-tale signs of a scam before falling victim.

"These scammers – often sounding legitimate and quite convincing – may threaten to shut off electric service immediately unless instant payment is made, sometimes with a prepaid debit card, which should be a red flag," said Eversource Executive Vice President, Customer Experience and Energy Strategy Penni Conner. "Scammers are constantly changing their tactics to take advantage of unsuspecting customers and prey on people when they feel most vulnerable, like during the holidays. That's why we're warning customers to beware – if they get a call or text and something doesn't seem right – don't panic and don't pay and remember – we will never threaten to disconnect service or demand instant payment over the phone."

Another tactic being used is the overpayment scam, when scammers call claiming that the person overpaid their utility bill and request their personal bank account or credit card information to give a refund. Also, due to the popularity of smartphone use, "phishing" or "smishing" scams are increasingly common – when a person receives a text message requesting personal information from scammers pretending to be from a reputable company.

"A common tactic scammers use is creating fear and panic to trick utility customers into making a hasty payment, or providing sensitive personal information," said Better Business Bureau Chief Marketing & Sales Officer for Massachusetts Paula Fleming. "Impostors will typically contact customers with a telephone call claiming to be a representative from the utility company. Often, they will claim payment is overdue and that the utility will shut off power within the hour if the bill is not paid immediately. We want to make sure consumers know how to spot the red flags of utility scams so that they can protect themselves if they're targeted. Customers should never give out their personal information or utility account information, unless they have initiated the call and know the identity of the company they are speaking with. If you receive a suspicious call, hang up and call your utility back directly."

Tips to help avoid becoming a victim:

- Eversource representatives never demand instant payment over the phone, don't require the use of pre-paid debit cards (such as Green Dot MoneyPak,

Vanilla or Reloadit prepaid cards) and never request customers meet at a payment center, such as a Walmart or Big Y grocery store to make the payment.

- Never provide personal financial or account information to any unsolicited person on the phone, at the door or online, even if they seem legitimate.

- Customers who are scheduled for disconnection due to nonpayment receive written notice that includes information on how to maintain their service.

- Customers can verify they are speaking with an Eversource representative by asking for some basic information about their account – like the name on the account, the account address, and the exact past due balance.

- Eversource urges anyone who has doubts about the legitimacy of a call, visit or an offer, to contact the company directly at 1-800-592-2000. For more information on how to protect personal information and avoid being a victim of utility scams visit Eversource.com.

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Holiday Safety Tips for the Delivery of Packages



During the holiday season, the Boston Police Department advises residents to be aware of delivery packages being stolen from homes. With the holidays quickly approaching, we want to take this time to remind our residents to protect themselves from being targeted.

Tips to protect yourself from home delivery theft:

- Send the package to the residence of a trusted friend or relative who you know will be home. Be sure that the friend is ready and waiting to retrieve the package when the doorbell rings.

- Ask the package delivery company to hold the package if you will not be home (many have local delivery centers). While we can't promise that this service is available, there are companies that will hold a package for up to 5 days.

- Request that your package be marked "signature required." This requires the delivery person to stand by and wait until you're available to retrieve the package. You could also put a note on your door, requesting the deliverer go to your next-door neighbor for the signature.

- Leave special instructions on where to deliver the package. A good place is on the side or back of the house so that the package is out of sight from the road. Ask the delivery person to take and discard the note with him/her or leave it with the package.

- Use a company that provides a tracking service and check online to see when your package is scheduled to arrive.

- Have the items shipped to the nearest store for "in-store pick-up."

- If you have an understanding boss, have your packages delivered to you at work.

- If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Community Service Officers of your district. These simple tips can help make the holidays much less stressful and protect your deliveries. Have a safe and happy holiday!!!



Councilors Flynn, Mejia & Kenzie Bok to Hold Hearing on Internet Access & Digital Equity

Boston City Councilors Ed Flynn, Julia Mejia, and Kenzie Bok will be holding a hearing order on December 6 at 11am to discuss strategies to ensure internet access and digital equity in Boston. This is a refiled hearing order, as Councilors Flynn and Mejia held a hearing on the matter last year. The Councilors plan to continue working on this issue, as the internet is becoming increasingly indispensable to everyday life, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important that we discuss ways to make sure that our residents have access to affordable internet services and digital resources. The hearing is scheduled for Monday, December 6th,



11am. It will be conducted virtually via Zoom, and will be livestreamed on www.boston.gov/city-council-tv.

Education, businesses, work, and other services are now increasingly reliant on the internet, and with the COVID-19 pandemic, having internet access and knowing how to use digital resources is now a necessity for many. However, some areas of the city are still currently underserved in terms of internet access, and still have a lack of choices for an affordable and reliable internet service provider. As access to the internet becomes more critical, some communities are exploring the idea of municipal broadband where local governments invest and build their own internet infrastructure. The City of Boston has also recently partnered



with Verizon to expand its fiber-optic network to offer high speed broadband internet service to the entire city.

The lack of competition for internet service providers can make it difficult for families to find affordable internet service and negotiate a better rate, which can be a heavy burden for many families who have experienced financial difficulties due to job losses during COVID-19. Moreover, our working-class families, immigrants, communities of color, and seniors are the most likely to have issues with lack of internet access and knowledge in digital skills. We need to ensure these residents have the resources they need to use the internet to participate in work, education, and civic life.

“The Digital Divide and lack of both reliable and affordable internet for



so many of our neighbors is a critical issue of equity in our city and country, as we all become increasingly dependent on the internet in our daily life. We need to ensure that our communities of color, low income families, immigrant neighbors and our seniors have access to the internet and digital resources,” said Councilor Flynn. “I want to thank Councilors Mejia and Bok for their partnership on this issue. I look forward to continuing to work with the City of Boston, internet service providers, and civic organizations on closing the Digital Divide.”

To provide testimony, please email Ron.Cobb@Boston.gov. For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn’s office at 617-635-3203 and Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

MAYOR WU ANNOUNCES OUTDOOR DINING EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

Building on her commitment to support small businesses across Boston’s neighborhoods, Mayor Michelle Wu announced the extension of the outdoor dining season to December 31, 2021. The extension of outdoor dining on private patios and city streets had previously been set to expire on December 1.

With today’s announcement, in coordination with the Licensing Board, Boston Fire Department, Inspectional Services Department, Boston Transportation Department, Public Improvement Commission, Disabilities Commission, Public Works, Office of Economic Development, and the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services, Mayor Wu has extended the Temporary Outdoor Dining Program for all restaurants, except for those in the North End, to December 31, 2021.

“Activating public spaces to expand

outdoor dining helps bolster our local businesses during pandemic recovery and creates connected communities spaces for residents, visitors, and families. I’m excited to extend this program through our holiday season and look forward to supporting our small businesses as anchors for our neighborhoods. Expanding to winter outdoor dining will help our communities stay safe, healthy, and vibrant,” said Mayor Michelle Wu.

In June, Governor Baker extended a series of waivers, originally enacted during the pandemic, to allow for expanded outdoor dining at restaurants. The City of Boston previously issued local regulations for restaurants with outdoor seating located on private ways and lots and in the public right-of-way, imposing an end date of November 1, 2021 for restaurants in the North End, and December 1, 2021



for all other restaurants. The City has already permitted outdoor dining on public sidewalks to continue until the expiration of state waivers.

The City of Boston’s existing prohibition on tents and similar structures on public property, the prohibition on extension cords running across sidewalks, and requirement for appropriate permitting for propane heaters and fuel storage remain in effect. Snow

removal regulations still apply. Restaurants that received portable ramps from the Disabilities Commission can keep them until further notice.

Mayor Wu also announced that she would work with City departments and state legislative partners to implement a longer-term outdoor dining plan for Boston and advance creative placemaking strategies, with clear guidelines to ensure full accessibility, emergency vehicle access, and snow removal. Pursuant to the revised policy, restaurants in the City of Boston that are currently authorized under the Temporary Outdoor Dining Program may continue operating outdoor dining space, as follows:

- On private patios until December 31, 2021.
- On public streets until December 31, 2021.

Restaurants in the City of Boston with outdoor seating located on public sidewalks are authorized under the Temporary Outdoor Dining Program until April 1, 2022.

The Wine Guy

The “In Between” Time

Now that the warm up for Christmas, better known as Thanksgiving, is in the books, it's time to start thinking about some wines with body and those with bubbles. Here are a few worth your consideration...

When Sir Winston Churchill said he was going to have “a drop of the widow,” he was referring to the United Kingdom's favorite champagne, *Verve (“The Widow”) Clicquot. The Verve Clicquot Yellow Label, N.V. (\$54.99)* is one of the stalwarts of France's Champagne region, and a lush layered

wine of citrus and kiwi notes on the palate with a satisfying finish. Have it as aperitif or with dessert but have at least one bottle for your Christmas Dinner.

From California's Central coast, *Scharfenberger Vineyards Blancs de Noir NV, (\$29.99)* uses grapes from its own property, as well as contracted grape purchases to make its “cuvée,” or “special blend” - dry fruit - forward and great acidity, making for a full mouthful and long, elegant finish. Try this one with Coquilles Ste. Jacques or Oysters Rockefeller - memorable!

On the other hand, don't forget the red wines that work really well with turkey or a Christmas toast, for that matter. Pinot Noir, the red grape from France's Burgundy region, has a floral and red-berry/cherry note makeup that compliments turkey, sweet potatoes, stuffing, and squash-how good is that?

Here are a few for your table:

- *Sean Minor 2018 Pinot Noir, Sonoma, (\$19.99)*. Structure, layered fruits, grape finish, and a beautiful bouquet.

- *Penner Ash, Willamette Valley, 2018, (\$49.99)* big, bold, and elegant. Rich with notes of cherries, apricots, and caramel/figs on the



very long finish.

- Also, a great “every day Pinot Noir,” *George’ Deboeuf, Vins De Bourgogne, 2018, Beune, France (\$15.99)*

- *2018 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, (\$19.99)*, is a classic Sonoma Pinot; a wine with rich aromas of raspberry jam and brandy- macerated cherries.

- *2019 Sea Sun Pinot Noir, (\$19.99)* celebrates the ongoing exploration of California and its great diversity of land.

- *Merry Edwards Pinot Noir, Olivet Lane, Russian River, 2016,*

(\$65.00), is savory and sublime with layers of rich fruit

- *Maison Roches Bellene 2015 Vieilles Vignes, (Savigny-les-Beaunes), (\$29.99)*, is medium-bodied, with layers of red cherries, strawberries and slight overtones of earth and tabac notes.

- Last, don't forget to try a bottle of *Beaujolais Nouveau*; it is an indicator of the wines to come from this year's harvest in Burgundy. Rumors are, it's a bargain this year at \$10-\$12/bottle!

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New Governor continued from front page

statement that a reelection bid would “be a distraction” from managing the Covid-19 pandemic. “We want to focus on recovery,” they said in a note to friends and supporters, “not on the grudge matches political campaigns can devolve into.”

A moderate Republican with enduring support among Democrats and independents, Baker was the GOP's best hope of holding onto the governor's office in Massachusetts and Polito was widely seen as his heir apparent. Running for reelection presented plenty of obstacles, including a conservative primary challenger backed by the former president and attacks from across the political spectrum on his handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

Those close to Baker, who turned 65 last month, had recently described a two-term governor torn over whether

to seek what in Massachusetts would be an unprecedented third consecutive term. He kept operatives, donors and observers guessing late into the year even as he ramped up fundraising throughout the fall after pausing those activities for most of the pandemic, holding an event at a Boston restaurant just last week. The governor was actively debating his next move heading into Thanksgiving and huddled with family over the holiday before communicating his decision to allies shortly after, according to a person familiar with his conversations.

According to the media publication POLITICO, recent surveys from Democrat-aligned firms showed him trailing Trump-endorsed former state Rep. Geoff Diehl in a Republican primary and suggested the incumbent had a better path forward as an independent rather than continuing with his own party — though Baker repeatedly rejected the idea of deserting his party.

Baker's decision not to seek reelection left some of his allies in Massachusetts Republican circles “scrambling” to find another candidate to step up as a moderate standard-bearer against Diehl, former Massachusetts GOP Chair Jennifer Nassour said.

Massterlist produced their list of speculations:

-AG Maura Healey, appearing on Bloomberg TV yesterday, said she would save her announcement “for another day,” reports MassLive's Melissa Hanson.

- Boston Herald's Joe Dwinell reports that Taunton Mayor Shuanna O'Connell is “seriously considering” a run. O'Connell previously served as a state representative.

- Boston Globe's Matt Stout and Emma Platoff report that Boston City Councilor Annissa Essaibi George is taking a “close look at” running for governor. She's fresh off a loss to Boston Mayor Michelle Wu.

- State House News Service's Matt Murphy reports that Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy's name started to make its way through political circles as a potential Republican nominee.

- Norfolk County Treasurer and former Norfolk Sheriff Michael Bellotti is said to be looking at joining the field for governor, a source tells MassterList.

- A team of four journalists at Politico reports that U.S. Labor Secretary Marty Walsh is considering a run for governor now that Baker and Polito are out of the mix. Walsh's chief of staff, Daniel Koh, is also weighing his chances in a run for lieutenant governor.

-CommonWealth's Michael Jonas reminds us of the four candidates who are already in the race: Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz, former Sen. Ben Downing, Harvard Professor Danielle Allen, and former state Rep. Geoff Diehl, who is now the only confirmed Republican candidate.



Virtual Public Meeting

Mary Ellen McCormack Redevelopment

Thursday, December 9
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3oK2e85
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 554 9423

Project Proponent:
Transform Mary Ellen McCormack LLC c/o WinnDevelopment

Project Description:
The Proposed Project Mary Ellen McCormack Redevelopment will provide 100% replacement of the existing 1,016 deeply affordable homes for current residents while adding additional market rate and middle-income residential units. The Project is comprised of 1,365 units of new mixed-income housing (572 of which will be affordable replacement units), 69,000 square feet of community and retail space, 2.3 acres of open space, and approximately 520 new parking spaces.

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6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/32qUu3q
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Meeting ID: 160 663 2166

Project Description:
The Proponent proposes to renovate a former and now deconsecrated church previously known as Saint Vincent DePaul Church. The Proposed Project site consists of 16,653 square feet of land. The proposed renovations and additions is approximately 49,873 gross square feet of floor area, with approximately thirty-five (35) residential units including, as currently planned, two (2) one-bedroom units, thirty (30) two-bedroom units, and three (3) two-bedroom townhouse-style units, within a six (6) -story building of approximately seventy (70) feet in height. The Proposed Project will include thirty-five (35) off-street garage parking spaces, twenty-five (25) of which will within an automated lift parking system, as well as thirty-five (35) interior resident bike spaces and sixteen (16) exterior visitor bike spaces.


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Another Successful Msgr. Thomas J. McDonnell/ Frank Kelley Thanksgiving Dinner To Go!

SBT Staff

It was once said by someone somewhere that good deeds that come from the heart will not fail. Add to that theory the incredible teamwork and coordination from dedicated volunteers, throw in a lot of caring and you have the recipe

that made the Thanksgiving Dinner deliveries at St. Monica Church a big success. This annual event, named in recognition of Msgr. Thomas J. McDonnell and Frank Kelley, was truly a community act of giving. The count was more than 100 people of all ages and professions that volun-

teered to organize, shop, prep, cook, make the plates ready for delivery and actually deliver the meals and desserts to any family/senior/person in need of a turkey dinner. Children decorated to go bags with their original artwork and there are quite a few artists in this community. This team

of volunteers put out over 800 meals with the mission to feed everyone on Thanksgiving who needed help and that is what Southie does as the torch is passed from generation to generation. Giving, volunteering and taking care of the community is the South Boston way, always.





South Boston Catholic Academy News

November Highlights

In the beginning of November, Mr. Cole Stautberg's third grade class tested their wind vanes for three days to track the wind direction. Tracking this data helped them understand how air pressure can push air masses around to create wind. This assisted them in understanding the weather of our world and how it is created.

We also welcomed back Mrs. Emily McGilvery, our former K0 Teacher, as our new STEM Teacher for our students in the Early Childhood Program. STEM is an acronym for the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and

Math. Each subject or pillar is part of the greater whole of the lesson plan. So instead of teaching math as separate from technology or science, the concepts work together.

From November 8 to November 22, SBCA students/families brought in nonperishable items for the Annual Food Drive we had at South Boston Catholic Academy to help families in our community have a Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you to everyone who generously donated to this Food Drive.

On November 24, in the spirit of Thanksgiving and the ending to the Liturgical Year, the 6th grade class led us, via intercom, in a prayer of Thanksgiving that consisted of the Prayer of St. Francis... Lord make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith... and they also did readings from the Psalms and A Litany of Gratitude to God... "Father, We Give You Thanks". Quoting our Principal,

Dr. Helenann Civian, "As we reflect on the many things for which we are thankful for, I want to take this opportunity to share just a few of them with you: We are thankful for our students who come to school every day ready to learn – they give us all a daily reminder of what is important and why we are here. We are thankful for the teachers, assistants, health aides, secretaries, nurses, support staff, and administrators who really care about student achievement and have the best interests of our students at heart. We are also thankful for our volunteers who enthusiastically contribute so much to our school. In these most difficult and challenging times, we see dedicated and tireless individuals going above and beyond to make sure that great things happen in our school. They do make a difference, and the children, in their own individual ways, benefit from those efforts. Thank you to our families and to everyone for helping to make this 2021-2022 school year possible for all."

This past Sunday, Nov. 28, marked the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new Liturgical Year. Father Christopher Boyle, our Parochial Vicar, Blessed the Advent wreath and lit the first purple candle on the Advent wreath during the 10:30 Mass at St. Brigid Church. Advent is a Latin word that actually means "coming." It refers to the period encompassing the four Sundays prior to Christmas. In Christian churches everywhere, Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. The candles on the Advent wreath symbolize hope, love, joy and peace. The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us—a love that sent his Son into the world to redeem us from sin. It also represents eternal life which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

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



Determined to succeed, Lowell native returns to boot camp to be US Marine

by U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Quentarius Johnson

“Sometimes failure means ‘not now,’ not ‘never,’” says U.S. Marine Corps Pfc. Hans Akayni. The new Marine, 19, of Lowell, Massachusetts, began his journey by attending Marine Corps Recruit Training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina in March 2020.

It did not go according to plan.

Akayni, who spent much of his life growing up in West Africa, moved to the U.S. with his parents when he was 16 years old. After graduating high school, he began attending Middlesex Community College, in Middlesex County, Massachusetts, but he says he knew this was not meant for him.

He made a decision to go into the Marine recruiting office to learn about the opportunities the Marine Corps could provide. He said he had considered the Army as well, but chose the Marine Corps for the challenge. The Marines

also offered the physical fitness and unique travel opportunities which were particularly appealing, Akayni said.

Once at Parris Island, Akayni began his training cycle with Alpha Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, where he says he felt he was excelling physically, but his first true challenge arose when it came time for swim qualification. Akayni had never swam before, and after one week of training, he showed no progress. He was then moved to Echo Company, 1st RTBn, so he would have another chance to successfully complete the swim qualification.

Once again, after another week of attempts he showed no progress. He was then given the option to go to a different company to try again or to go home. Although he did not want to give up, Akayni said, he knew the results would be the same if he did not have the time to practice and build up his confidence in the water. He made the decision to return home. Though he returned home,

Akayni says he had not given up on his goal to be a United States Marine.

Back home, Akayni began working and attending college, and he started seeking out swimming lessons, but due to COVID-19 no classes were being held. Once restrictions began to lift, he signed up for a membership at his local YMCA where he was at the pool six days a week, to include one-on-one training with an instructor each Saturday.

After months of training, Akayni says he made a breakthrough and learned to swim with confidence. “In boot camp, I learned that with practice I can do anything, and I truly believe that,” Akayni said, and that gave him the drive to not give up. He returned to recruit training in March 2021, where he excelled in swim qualification, and on July 2, 2021, Pfc. Hans Akayni graduated from recruit training having earned the title, Marine.

After recruit training and Marine Combat Training, Akayni attended the Marine Motor Vehicle Operator course.



He says his goal is to continue higher education, while learning everything he can about his job and being certified in every vehicle the Marine Corps utilizes.

“Never give up on your dreams,” says Akayni. “Sometimes failure means ‘not now,’ not ‘never.’ Your next try is going to be a success.”

Hearts, Hugs & Hope: A Virtual Alzheimer's Support Group Offered by Compass on the Bay

December 16, 2021, 6:00 pm. Dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia isn't easy, so it is helpful to share your concerns and personal experiences with others who completely

understand what you're going through. You will also learn about proven strategies to help you better care for your family member. This group will be held in conjunction with our sister community, Standish

Village. Call 617-268-5450 or email Program Director Dean Tricarico at dtricarico@compassonthebay.com for more information and to register for the virtual meeting.

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I had quite the bounce-back week in Week 12, going 4-1 with my picks against the spread. That brings my record on the season to 31-29.

Four teams have a bye in Week 13: Cleveland, Green Bay, Tennessee, and Carolina. The week begins with New Orleans hosting Dallas on Thursday Night Football. It ends with the Bills hosting the Patriots on Monday Night Football. The Sunday Night Football game of the week is Kansas City hosting Denver.

It's cold outside, and playoff races are heating up. So let's keep picking winners.

Here are my picks for Week 13:

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (-10.5) over Atlanta Falcons

-The 8-3 Buccaneers had a come-from-behind win over the Colts in Indianapolis in Week 12. Now they head to Atlanta on Sunday at 1 p.m. to take on the 5-6 Falcons. Tampa Bay has already beat Atlanta once this season, 48-25, back in Week 2. Tom Brady threw five touchdowns in that game, while his defense forced Matt Ryan to throw three interceptions. I

don't see how the Bucs could possibly lose this rematch in Week 13. But will they win by more than 10.5 points? I'm betting they will. The Bucs enter the game as the No. 3 seed in the NFC playoff picture. If they're looking up ahead of them — which they are — then they'll see that there's still a very realistic chance of them getting the No. 1 seed when it's all said and done. They're up against the 9-3 Packers and the 9-2 Cardinals, but it's still doable. Give me the Bucs to win and win big in Atlanta as they continue to make that push for a first-round bye.

BALTIMORE RAVENS (-4.5) over Pittsburgh Steelers

-I feel as if many will end up taking the points in this game. And I won't lie, I thought about doing the same. But Baltimore is 8-3 and the No. 1 seed in the AFC for a reason. Pittsburgh, on the other hand, is 5-5-1 and is on the outside looking in at the AFC playoff picture. One thing I can't get over? The Steelers tying the still-winless Detroit Lions a few weeks ago. Sure, Ben Roethlisberger didn't play in that game, but still.

The Lions? Come on now. This game is Sunday at 4:25 in Pittsburgh. The Ravens are coming off a hard-fought win over the Browns — a game in which saw Lamar Jackson throw four interceptions. Baltimore has been fighting something lately, but I'm banking on them to figure some of that out by the time Sunday's game in Pittsburgh rolls around. Give me the Ravens to win by 10.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (-9.5) over Denver Broncos

-This one is the Sunday Night Football game of the week, in Kansas City. Credit to the 6-5 Broncos who have won three of their last four, and are coming off a big 28-13 win over the Chargers in Week 12. If Denver can somehow go into Kansas City in prime time and beat the 7-4 Chiefs, they'll move into first place in the AFC West and go from being on the outside of the AFC playoff bubble, all the way up to the No. 4 seed. But that's not going to happen. The Chiefs have won four straight, and they've done it with Patrick Mahomes not playing his best football. In their last five games, Mahomes has thrown

more than one touchdown pass only one time. The Chiefs are coming off the bye, and I think they're going to expose the Broncos for being exactly what they are: a mediocre non-playoff team. I'm taking Kansas City to win big at home.

BUFFALO BILLS (-2.5) over New England Patriots

-It pains me to do this, so I'll keep it short and sweet. The 7-4 Bills will end the 8-4 Patriots' six-game win streak on Monday night in Buffalo. I think the Pats will then beat Buffalo at Gillette Stadium in Week 16. But home field will be key. Give me the Bills to win the first of two battles in the month of December.

LOCK OF THE WEEK: LOS ANGELES RAMS (-12.5) over Jacksonville Jaguars

-Both the 7-4 Rams and 2-9 Jaguars are on three-game losing skids. One is more shocking than the other though. So I expect the Rams to snap out of it and roll on Jacksonville in LA on Sunday at 4:05. The over/under is 48. I'll take the Rams to score 50.

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SPORTS TODAY

PATRIOTS WIN SIXTH STRAIGHT, PREPARE FOR MNF SHOWDOWN

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They just keep winning. The New England Patriots defeated the Tennessee Titans, 36-13, on Sunday at Gillette Stadium, making it six consecutive wins for the Pats. Now at 8-4, New England has slid up into the No. 2 seed in the AFC playoff picture through 12 weeks of the regular season.

Mac Jones finished Sunday's win over the Titans with 310 passing yards and two touchdowns. Both touchdowns were thrown to Kendrick Bourne. The first came on their opening possession, putting the Patriots up 7-0 early in the first quarter. And they never looked back.

New England held the lead for the rest of the game, and outscored Tennessee 20-0 in the second half. Both teams enter Week 13 with an 8-4 record, but the Patriots now own the ever-so-important head-to-head tiebreaker, knocking the Titans down to the No. 3 seed in the AFC.

Tennessee will have a bye in Week 13, while the Patriots will travel to Buffalo to take on the AFC East's second-place Bills on Monday Night Football.

The 7-4 Bills have an extra-long layoff entering Monday night, as they played on Thanksgiving night, beating the Saints in New Orleans. Buffalo enters Week 13 as the No. 6 seed in the AFC.

New England and Buffalo have yet to play this season, but will see each other twice in the next four weeks. After Monday night's game against the Bills, the Patriots will have the bye in Week 14, then they'll travel to Indianapolis to take on the Colts in Week 15, and then they'll host the Bills at Gillette Stadium in Week 16, the day after Christmas.

Tweet of the Week

Fenway Sports Management @FenwaySportsMgt

The Pittsburgh Penguins & Fenway Sports Group have announced that FSG has entered into an agreement to acquire controlling interest in the @penguins.



RED SOX OWNERSHIP BUYS NHL'S PENGUINS

SBT Staff

Fenway Sports Group has reached an agreement to buy the Pittsburgh Penguins NHL franchise. The deal gives FSG controlling interest in the Penguins, while Mario Lemieux and Ron Burkle will remain part the ownership group.

The Penguins and FSG released a joint statement on Monday, announcing the deal, stating that it is "subject to approval by the NHL Board of Governors." That approval is expected to come before the end of the year.

This deal comes just months after FSG entered a strategic partnership with RedBird Capital Partners, LeBron James and Maverick Carter.

FSG leadership is comprised of Principal Owner John Henry, Chairman Tom Werner, and President Mike Gordon. FSG is the parent company of the Boston Red Sox and Liverpool F.C.

"The Pittsburgh Penguins are a premier National Hockey League franchise with a very strong organization, a terrific history and a vibrant, passionate fan base," said Werner in a statement. "We will work diligently to continue building on the remarkable Penguins' tradition of championships and exciting play."

"We are particularly excited to welcome Mario Lemieux and Ron Burkle to FSG and have the utmost respect for all they have done to build the Penguins into the perennially successful franchise we know today. We look forward to working with Mario, Ron and the entire Penguins front office team."

Lemieux and Burkle — who bought the Penguins in 1999 — will be "closely aligned" to FSG as part of the deal.

"As the Penguins enter a new chapter, I will continue to be as active and engaged with the team as I always have been and look forward to continuing to build on our success with our incoming partners at FSG," said Lemieux. "They have an organizational philosophy that mirrors the approach that worked so well for Ron and me over the past 22 years."

"Mario and I came in together, and we are excited to become a part

WHAT TO WATCH

NFL THURSDAY, DEC. 2
Dallas (-4.5) at New Orleans
8:20 P.M. FOX/NFLN

SUNDAY, DEC. 5
Tampa Bay (-10.5) at Atlanta
1 P.M. FOX

Baltimore (-4.5) at Pittsburgh
4:25 P.M. CBS

Denver at Kansas City (-9.5)
8:20 P.M. NBC

MONDAY, DEC. 6
New England at Buffalo (-2.5)
8:15 P.M. ESPN

NCAAF SATURDAY, DEC. 4
SEC Championship
#1 Georgia (-6.5) vs #3 Alabama
4 P.M. CBS

NHL SATURDAY, DEC. 4
Tampa Bay at Boston
7 P.M. NESN/ESPN+

of the new ownership group," said Burkle. "The Pittsburgh Penguins will be in good hands with FSG, and Mario and I are here to support them, committed as much as we've always been to the success of the franchise."

"Fenway Sports Group brings everything we could ask for in an ownership partner to help continue the historic success of the Pittsburgh Penguins," said Penguins CEO David Morehouse. "They understand what the Penguins mean to Pittsburgh, and they bring to us the latest in cutting-edge sports research, data analytics, player training and performance, real estate development, and organizational excellence. This combination is a truly exciting partnership that positions our club at the forefront of the future of professional sports and allows us to build upon what Ron and Mario created."

Financial details of the deal were not immediately released, but as of October, the Penguins were valued at \$845 million.

