

School Parents 9 Back to School Pro Tips *US Department Of Education*

Back to school time can be a hectic time for both you and the kiddos. These are some of our best back to school tips to help ensure this school year gets off to a great start!

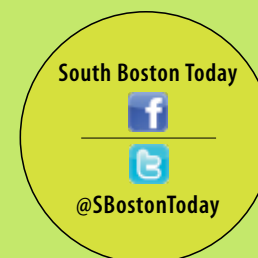
1. Visit Your Child's School

Walk or ride the route your child will take and make note of school patrols, crossing guards and high traffic areas along the way. Talk to your kids about NOT talking to strangers and find out what, if any, policies your child's school has regarding early arrivals or late pick-ups. Learn

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EDITORIAL

“Why Not?”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY -By Staff

The most accurate line of the year, if not his entire administration, was contained in a caption under an AP photo that ran in the Herald last week. Under a picture of Dear Leader golfing was stated “Obama hits the links, while Louisiana sinks.” Nothing more needs to be said. The next best statement was an announcement from the Clinton campaign that, should she be elected President, the Clinton “charitable” organization would no

longer accept donations from foreign governments that discriminate against women and gay people.

The question is “why not?” After all, if its morally repugnant, (if not illegal), for the President of the United States to accept these types of contributions, why is it not the same for the Secretary of State of the United States to accept them? Maybe it’s like Nancy Pelosi’s health care vote. We have to vote for it before we find out what we’re voting for.



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Watching the Olympics for the past two weeks, millions of people were not just amazed but impressed at the conditioning of the athletes in every sport. These men and women are at a physical level far and above the average human being. To compare them to other forms of life such as race horses or panthers, at least as far as the fitness, speed and strength they have achieved, is meant as a compliment.

The amount of hard work and training they put themselves through is almost beyond belief and they keep at it for years to attain the performance of finely tuned machines. They do this for personal goals of course, but also for the honor of representing their countries in front of the rest of the world. This is certainly the case with the American Olympic team. Our country is proud to send its athletes to these contests every four years. The American government encourages its team to give it everything they've got, both physically and mentally, so that the United States makes a good accounting of itself in the eyes of the rest of the world.

So, since these athletes work so hard to be sent forth to represent America in these prestigious games at the request of and with the blessings of Washington, the question many people ask is: Is it really necessary to tax these athletes that give so much and work so hard representing us on the world stage? Must we even take part of the money they might receive and even tax the value of the medals they win? Does our government really need to have its hands in everyone's pockets; even the team it sends to the Olympics?

Over the weekend, while watching the Olympic track and field events with a couple of good friends, this subject came up. All of us seemed to be in agreement that the government had plenty of money to send \$400 Million dollars to Iran in what turned out to be a type of ransom, but we can't let those we send to represent us at the Olympics keep the earnings they worked so hard for on our behalf. Then, of course, there seems to be plenty of cash, hundreds more millions at least, to relocate thousands of 'refugees' from terrorist dominated countries. This is money we'll never get back but the American worker is taxed to the breaking point. Some things just don't make sense and that's why the outcome of November's election is so important. Major changes or more of the same is what's really on the ballot this coming Fall.

Our weekly quote that appears on Page 2 of SBT today is by the brilliant surgeon Dr. Benjamin Carson. He states the following: "People all around the nation are starved for truth, honesty and common sense. "He's right. On the subject of lies, so many are coming at the public in rapid fire from politicians and other government sources that people have a hard time believing anything anymore. In regard to the \$400 million dollars just paid to Iran, first we're told that it had nothing at all to do with hostages being held by that terrorist nation and then Obama's spokespeople had to admit when pressed that well yes, it actually did.

When this president got on television during his push for Obamacare and insisted that the average family's yearly cost for healthcare would go down by

\$2,500 dollars and that you could keep your plan and your doctor and it turned out that this too was a lie, and he knew it was a lie when he was saying it, the thinking portion of the American public felt betrayed but not surprised.

Two weeks ago, even the Pentagon was caught misleading us on the progress of the wars in the Middle East. Take a look at Hillary Clinton. Everyone, even her supporters know she lies – constantly. Some are convinced she can't even help herself. She's almost incapable of telling the truth about anything. Yet, knowing she is seldom honest, the news media covers for her consistently, even when she lies to them, because she is more ideologically aligned with the press than is her opposition. And if polls and surveys are accurate, the public believes the news media is dishonest, as well with a large percentage distrusting the press, believing that they report events in ways that advance the media agenda.

So where does this leave the state of our country? Well, it seems that no one trusts anyone anymore, especially the government and the press and certainly not the political parties either. If it's not quite here yet, could it be far off that when a newscaster tells us it's Thursday or a meteorologist says it's raining, we instantly go to the calendar or a window to see for ourselves? It's already the case that when presidential spokesman Josh Earnest or Obama himself informs us during a press conference that ISIS is on the run about 50 million Americans roll their eyes and don't believe a word said. Once again, this is something that has to be changed come the November election.

While some people might passively accept that they will forever be gouged with ever increasing taxes and lied to regularly on the state of affairs in the country and around the world, many of us don't and want to do our part to change it. What category do you fall into?

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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.

We're No. 1 ... in economic performance

At least this ranking is better than the one showing Massachusetts has the most number of school bomb threats: Governing magazine ranks the Bay State tops among states in terms of overall economic strength, reports SHNS's Colin Young at the Berkshire Eagle. But before you cheer too much, one of the key measurements was the state's personal income per capita. That doesn't mean a heck of a lot since our high income is directly tied to our high cost of living here, which isn't something to economically brag about. Still, the Governing ranking is in line with other surveys showing that Massachusetts has one of the best economies in the United States. So it's

re-confirming good news.

Pro-charter school Dems strike back

A week after the state Democratic party officially came out against a November ballot question to expand charter schools across the state, a pro-charter lobby group, Democrats for Education Reform, is seeking a public poll to determine where rank-and-file party members stand on the contentious issue, the Herald's Kathleen McKiernan and Dan Atkinson report. In particular, the group is furious at the Massachusetts Teachers Association for saying Democrats in general are overwhelmingly opposed to lifting the cap on charter schools in the state, which the group says isn't true. The group may or may not have the truth on its side. But truth doesn't matter

much at this point. The fact is last week's vote by party officials was one step closer to making the anti-charter schools a party orthodoxy – and orthodoxies are among the hardest things to change in politics and life.

Tolls going up for some, total savings going down

The Globe has a good chart and an accompanying article about how the switch to an all-electronic tolling system on the Mass Pike and elsewhere, including the airport tunnels, will largely lead to slight toll increases for some and toll decreases for others. The hardest hit motorists will be those who don't have roadway transponders. Overall, the idea is to make the new system revenue neutral, state officials say. But here's a seemingly small detail that caught our attention: "State officials also said Monday that the changes — originally projected to save \$50 million a year — now will save only \$5 million." And, yes, the word "only" is warranted. How did they miss by \$45 million? That's a huge difference from what was originally touted, sort of like ballooning state construction budgets in reverse. Not that the disappointing savings number negates all the many benefits of switching to an all-electronics system. But huge savings were a major rationale for adopting the new system and now ... poof. They're gone.

Weld and Johnson to barnstorm across New England, stopping in Boston on Saturday

The Libertarian presidential and vice presidential ticket of Gary Johnson and Bill Weld will hold a rally at the bandstand on Boston Common this Saturday, reports Boston magazine. The 1 p.m. Boston event will be the culmination of a prior three-day swing through the region, starting with a rally in Burlington, Vermont on Wednesday, the New Hampshire State House in Concord on Thursday, and Lewiston, Maine on Friday, the Globe reports.

Somerville agrees to end Wynn ap-

peal, vows to be a good neighbor

After months of opposing the Wynn Boston Harbor Casino in Everett on the grounds that its environmental permit did not go far enough to address traffic, pollution and other concerns, Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone said he would end legal appeals and work cooperatively with the developer, Bruce Mohl of Commonwealth Magazine reports. Curtatone said the city's legal actions, which were down to a single appeal option, had the desired effects, and "did yield significant and meaningful results for our residents, so we feel the process worked." The Herald doesn't agree, saying the "taxpayers of Somerville really ought to demand a full accounting of the costs of this quixotic legal gambit, given how little the city appears to have secured in return."

Prescription monitoring upgrade

In attempt to combat the opioid crisis, the state yesterday rolled out a new multimillion-dollar prescription-drug monitoring program that will require doctors to check more frequently before handing out prescription for opioids, reports Lindsay Kalter at the Herald. "As we work to bend the trend on the opioid epidemic, today's new PMP launch will make it easier and faster for prescribers to use the system and make more informed clinical decisions based on data," Gov. Charlie Baker said. "This system will provide prescriber performance benchmarks, create transparency and raise awareness as we work collaboratively to fight this public health crisis." Sadly, the program is necessary because of the over-prescription of opioids by good-intentioned doctors.

Bill Weld: The Ralph Nader of 2016?

Boston magazine's Simon Van Zuylen-Wood has a big profile of former Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld and his quixotic quest for vice president on this year's Libertarian ticket. The conventional wisdom has it that

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Reading Between The Lines

“Change Never Ends”

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A few weeks ago this column urged the Mayor and Police Commissioner to revisit the issue of making long rifles and ballistic armor more readily available for the patrol officer on the street. That position was based on some experience, but more on simple observations that we all make on the state of society today. Change always comes and we must always adapt.

Years ago, in another lifetime, I had the honor to serve as a Union Representative for the Patrolmen's Union. At that time, the force was still armed with six-shooters, six shot .38 caliber handguns. The Department was just beginning the transition to the automatic handguns in use today. This was a response to the heavier, deadlier, weapons being carried on a regular basis by criminals on the street. These weapons were carried on a test basis by police volunteers and at least 3 different styles were tested before deciding on today's weapon.

These new more powerful weapons demonstrated the need for better protection for the officers themselves and so the department asked for volunteers to wear bulletproof vests to test them. I was a volunteer and before all the wise guys and girls start making funny comments we were not wearing the vests when they were bullet tested. Instead we were to report if they were too bulky or heavy. Were they too hot or ill-fitting? Did they restrict movement? In that test, we wore over 10 different types of vests over a protracted period. Bullet proof vests are now standard issue.

Today, another call is being issued for officers to once again volunteer to test another proposed innovation to Police work. As a former police officer, there are many occasions when friends sometimes expect a response when

a police issue is the lead story on the news. There are times when I don't wait to be asked and volunteer an opinion. An example I used is always the T. V. show "Cops". This is usually not a shoot-em-up show, but mostly the mundane everyday activity of real police work. While the excitement may be missing, what does become evident is the professional way that the vast majority of officers perform their job. I use that show as an example, because it shows police as they truly are, and how I always experienced them to be. Also, like that show, no one arrested ever says, "I did it". They are not driving around conspiring on who they're going to harass or plant evidence on. They don't start a shift looking for a way to abuse people. It's been said before but must be repeated. Police are mothers and fathers, coaches, religious instructors, community activists. They have gas, electric, taxes, kid's bills "just like the rest of us".

That is how I usually respond when

I try to demonstrate how ridiculous the claims are that police are "hunting people to shoot". All the officer wants is to go home safely at the end of the shift. Unfortunately, many remain unconvinced of the truly noble intentions of nearly all police, a position not strengthened by the police refusal to volunteer to try out the body camera program.

Columns can be written extolling the virtues of everyday officers, but they only prove, "a picture is worth a thousand words", every time a video surfaces showing police action. Videos that are usually taken by someone antagonistic toward the police or, at the very least, someone who has arrived late and has no record or idea what precipitated the event now being shown.

Wouldn't it be better for the officer to show their actions from the second the dispatcher issues a call, to arrival and then to the actions taken at that point? Why rely on some third party, when the officers themselves can be the best

recorder of what actually transpired? Whether that third party is a detractor or supporter of police, what evidence can be better than that supplied and controlled by the officers themselves? Only the officers can speak the words and control their actions. Can the camera system be misused? Possibly, but that's why a trial test period is best for everyone, to identify and eliminate potential abuses of this new system.

Change always comes and it has come on this issue. Whether it's cell phone videos or one of these new drones flying overhead. If nothing else, officers perhaps, should be clamoring for their own video protection instead of relying on civilians or media to, "do the right thing", when they blast their version of police action over the airways. For their own best interests and the citizens they serve, the Union should embrace this opportunity to show the true noble sacrifice of our everyday heroes protecting our streets.

Take care till next week.

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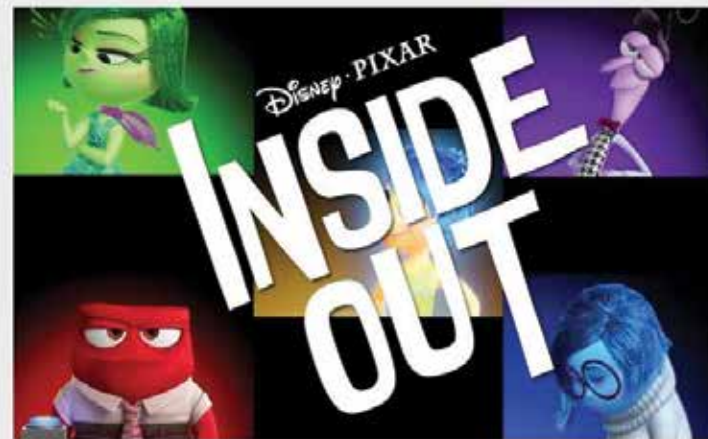
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GE Update

On August 1, 2016, GE filed a notification with the Boston Redevelopment Authority describing the construction of the GE Headquarters project in Boston. On August 22, Governor Charlie Baker and Mayor Martin J. Walsh joined GE chief executive Jeff Immelt to welcome employees at the new offices at 33-41 Farnsworth St. in South Boston's Fort Point section on Monday. This is just an interim

step because the company is in the midst of pushing designs for a three-building 800 employee campus off nearby Necco Court through the city's permitting process and expects to move there in 2018.

GE announced it would move to Boston from its longtime home of Fairfield, Connecticut in January. It received nearly \$150 million in city tax breaks and state grants as part of the seduction process, and much of the state funding is expected to be spent on the headquarters project.

According to the company's recent press release, the headquarters will include 1.5 acres of public space including an expanded harborwalk along Fort Point Channel; a coffee shop and a restaurant; a "maker space" for startups and

students; lab space that will house six to 12 early-stage life-science companies; and an "Innovation and exploration center highlighting the past, present, and future of GE." A GE spokeswoman said the sloped canopy over the new building will serve to generate solar power. The headquarters will only have 30 parking spaces as a means of encouraging employees to walk, bike, or take public transportation to the site, according to the news release.

The Project will include the rehabilitation of two historic brick buildings at 5 and 6 Necco Court, the connection of those buildings by a shared lobby, the construction of a new 12-story building that will be connected to the Brick Buildings by a pedestrian bridge and walkway and the construction of public realm

buildings, including Harborwalk improvements, green space, interpretive signage, and amenities.

On August 10, 2016, GE also submitted a Planned Development Area(PDA) Development Plan and Amendment to the 100-Acre Master Plan. The rehabilitation of the brick buildings is expected to start later this year, with employees moving in during the early part of 2018. The new building's construction would start in early 2017, and open its doors to GE workers later in 2018, according to a GE press release. According to the BRA website, a PDA may be appropriate where a development involves a large building, a cluster of buildings, or a mix of uses. No project may be built in a PDA unless it is described in detail in an approved PDA Development Plan. A PDA Development Plan must specify the proposed location, dimensions, and appearance of all buildings in the PDA, as well as all proposed uses, parking, and landscaping. PDAs may also detail public benefits.

The Boston Redevelopment Authority announced a public comment period on the plan that will end on September 30 and will include seven public meetings. Additional public meetings will be held on September 7, 2016 at Atlantic Wharf, 280 Congress Street from 6:00 - 7:30 and on September 21, 2016 at a location to be determined from 6:30 - 8:00. All comments should be submitted via the website form or to Sonal Gandhi at Sonal.Gandhi@boston.gov.

BACK TO SCHOOL CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

about the school's entrance and exit policies. Then, if you can, pop in and check out what the inside of the school looks like.

2. *Introduce Yourself To Your Child's Teacher*

Introduce yourself to your child's teacher and ask him or her about the preferred method of communication. (Some teachers are active on email and social media, while others prefer the phone or in-person meetings.)

3. *Make Homework A Priority*

Make homework time a daily habit. Find a quiet and consistent place at home where your child can complete

his or her homework. If your child is having difficulty with his or her homework, make an appointment with the teacher sooner rather than later.

4. *Prepare A Study Area*

Set up a special place at home to do school work and homework. Remove distractions. Make it clear that education is a top priority in your family: show interest and praise your child's work.

5. *Take Charge Of TV Time*

Limit the time that you let your child watch TV, and when you do decide to do TV time, make it a family affair. Talk together about what you see and ask questions after the show ends.

6. *Get Everyone To Bed On Time*

During the summer, children aren't

always on a schedule, which is understandable. But, proper rest is essential for a healthy and productive school year. Help your kids get back on track sleep-wise by having them go to bed earlier and wake up earlier at least a week in advance of when school actually starts.

7. *Make Healthy Meals*

Let's face it — no one can concentrate when they're hungry. Studies show that children who eat healthy, balanced breakfasts and lunches do better in school. Fix nutritious meals at home, and, if you need extra help, find out if your family qualifies for any child nutrition programs, like the National School Lunch Program.

8. *Get A Check Up*

It's a good idea to take your child in for a physical and an eye exam before school starts. Most schools require up-to-date immunizations, and you may be asked to provide paperwork showing that your child has all the necessary shots and vaccines. So, check your state's immunization requirements. And, always keep your own copies of any medical records.

9. *Plan To Read With Your Child Everyday*

Make a plan to read with your child for 20 minutes every day. Your example reinforces the importance of literacy, and reading lets you and your child explore new worlds of fun and adventure together.

Sen. Forry & Rep. Collins Secure Funds for South Boston in State Budget

Secure over \$1.3 million in funding for South Boston programs and services

BOSTON –**Senator Linda Dorcena Forry and Representative Nick Collins** joined their colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature to pass a \$39.145 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17). The spending plan reaffirms a commitment to public health and safety, education, and family and youth services, especially in the areas of substance abuse treatment and prevention.

“I am proud of the results that Representative Collins and I were able to achieve on behalf of the South Boston community,” said **Senator Linda Dorcena Forry**. “These state funds will allow neighborhood programs to thrive and continue to serve residents of South Boston and provide an opportunity for a better future.”

“Many dedicated groups and advocates worked very hard to secure support in this year’s budget. Nothing is ever guaranteed and it takes strong advocacy in the House

and Senate to deliver for our community, especially when there is a budget deficit,” said **Rep. Nick Collins**. “Senator Forry and I are pleased to have obtained funding to ensure our community will have the services necessary to maintain a high quality of life in our neighborhoods for all citizens.”

With youth development a key priority on their agenda, Sen. Forry and Rep. Collins secured funding for the South Boston Community Health Center’s Youth Ambassador Program and the South Boston Leadership Initiative, which provide leadership development programs for local youth. The FY17 budget also provides funding for transportation of local youth and counselors to and from Camp Harbor View in Boston Harbor.

To address important family service needs, Sen. Forry and Rep. Collins secured funding in the FY17 budget for four agencies that

have demonstrated measurable impact on the South Boston community. The budget includes funding for Julie’s Family Learning Center which provides services to families and single mothers, helping them break the cycle of poverty. Senator Forry and Representative Collins secured funding for the South Boston Neighborhood House to provide for programming for elderly in the community.

The FY17 budget also allocates funding for the Labouré Center’s Recovery Connections Program which supports children and families affected by substance abuse. South Boston En Accion also received funding for the implementation of leadership training programs, English-Spanish/Spanish-English Immersion classes, ESOL classes and instruction in STEM studies for youth and families in South Boston.

With substance abuse at crisis levels across the Commonwealth,

particularly relative to the opiate epidemic, Sen. Forry and Rep. Collins were able to secure state funding for the Gavin Foundation, the South Boston Collaborative Center and the Answer House to provide critical substance abuse prevention and treatment services.

Always considering public safety a priority, Sen. Forry and Rep. Collins also secured funding for dedicated police patrols along Day Boulevard.

Additionally, in order to support services and programs for the City of Boston, Sen. Forry and Rep. Collins helped secure roughly \$182 million in unrestricted general government state aid for the City of Boston and an additional \$216 million in Chapter 70 funding for the Boston Public Schools.

The budget passed with overwhelming support in both the House of Representatives and the Senate has been signed into law by the Governor.



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MASSPORT REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF YOUNG PEOPLE



Pictured L-R: Massport CEO Tom Glynn, Jillian & Addison Butler, Scholarship Recipient Matthew McDonnell & José Massó, Massport's Director of Community Relations

The youth of South Boston represent the bright future of our community. That's why Massport has invested in funding summer jobs, scholarships, and youth enrichment programs in the community.

MASSPORT SUMMER JOBS

This summer, 43 South Boston high school and college students earned a paycheck along with valuable work life experience through Massport's Community Summer Jobs Program. Massport funded more than \$90,000 for summer jobs at the Condon Community Center, Curley Community Center, Labouré Center, McDonough Sailing Center, South Boston Boys & Girls Club, South Boston Neighborhood House, Stretch Walsh Community Center, Tynan Community Center, and West Broadway Task Force. For many young people, these summer jobs mark the start of an educational path and a career.

MASSPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

This fall, two high school graduates from South Boston will begin their college education with a scholarship from Massport. Matthew McDonnell received the \$5,000 Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship named in honor of Massport's longtime Director of Government and Community Affairs, and Chris DiMaggio, a graduate of Boston Collegiate Charter School, received a \$1,000 scholarship.

ATHLETIC AND YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Last fiscal year, Massport provided more than \$180,000 to support summer jobs as well as Youth Soccer, Youth Hockey, Pop Warner Football, Babe Ruth League, Gate of Heaven CYO along with tutoring, literacy and art programs at Labouré Center, Julie's Family Learning Program, Paraclete Foundation, Fort Point Arts Community, Medicine Wheel Productions, South Boston en Acción, Vinton Street Hope Initiative and Artists for Humanity.

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Information Sessions will be held at the South Boston Branch Library, 646 East Broadway, Monday, August 22, 2016, 6:00pm and West End Library, 151 Cambridge Street, Boston, Thursday, September 1, 2016, 6:00pm.
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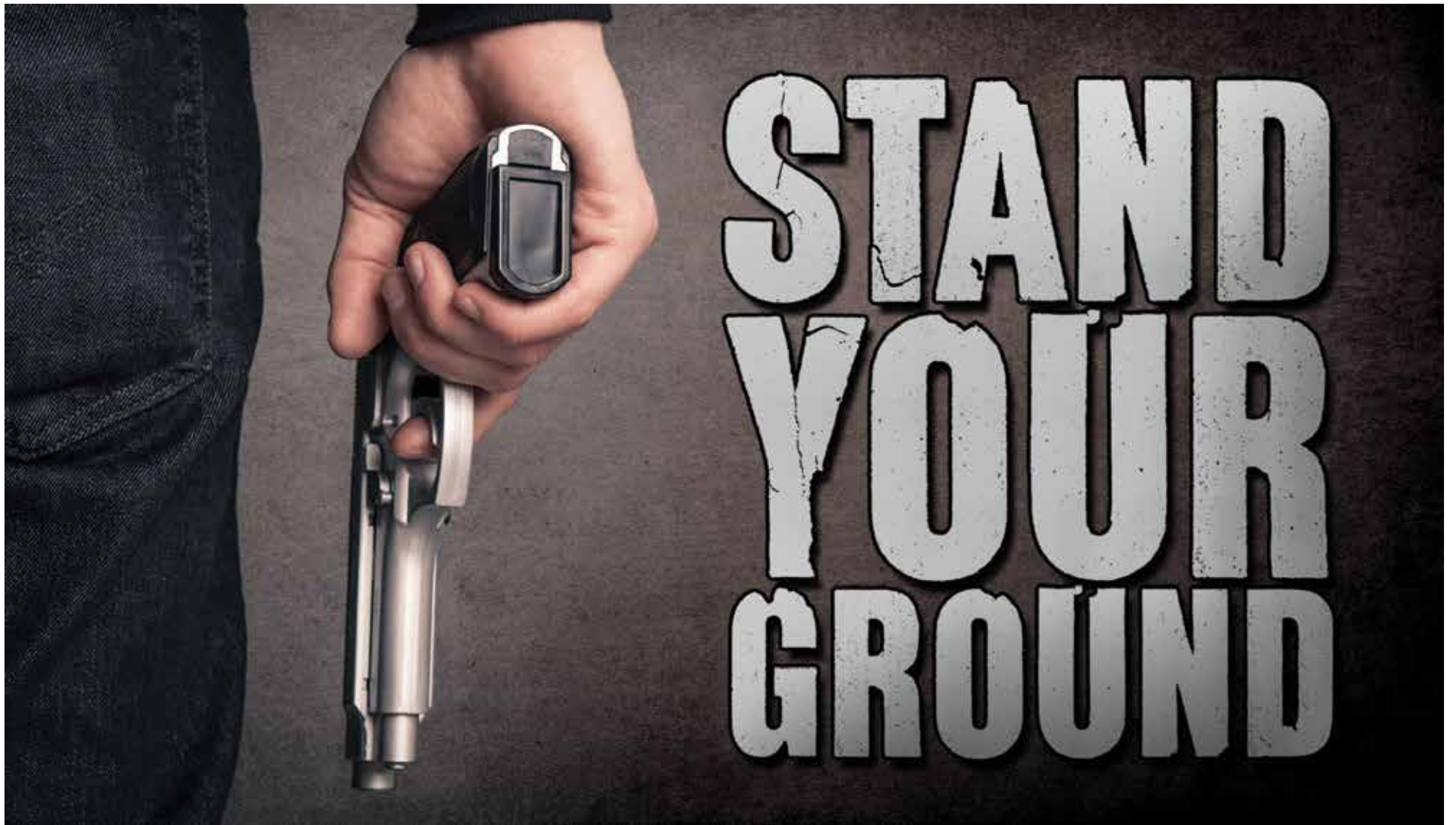
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'Stand your Ground' Laws Explained

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Depending on what big stories are in the news, gun laws are from time to time a hot topic of discussion for the American people. What are often called 'Stand your Ground' laws, on the books in most states around the country, are often brought up and discussed, when there is a shooting that makes the news when a gun is used in a self-defense case.

Though different states have differing versions of these laws, the basic premise is that potential victims of crime do not have to retreat in the face of a physical threat. And that if need be, deadly force can be used to protect one's own life and the lives and safety of his or her family, friends, neighbors etc. The Florida Stand your Ground Law was not used in the defense of George Zimmerman's shooting of Trayvon Martin, though jurors were advised

to be conscious that this law does indeed exist.

An example of 'standing one's ground' in accordance with most of these laws would be the following scenario:

A man and his family drive into a shopping mall parking lot and get out of their car. They are approached by one or more armed muggers who begin assaulting the family. The man whose family is in clear physical danger has a permit to legally carry a handgun and has a handgun on his person during the attack. He pulls out his firearm and shoots one or more of the attackers in defense of himself and his family. As far as the Stand your Ground laws in most states allow, the man is not required to attempt to escape the danger or retreat in an effort to avoid injury or worse. The law gives him the legal right to defend himself and family using deadly force if necessary.

Other versions of the stand your

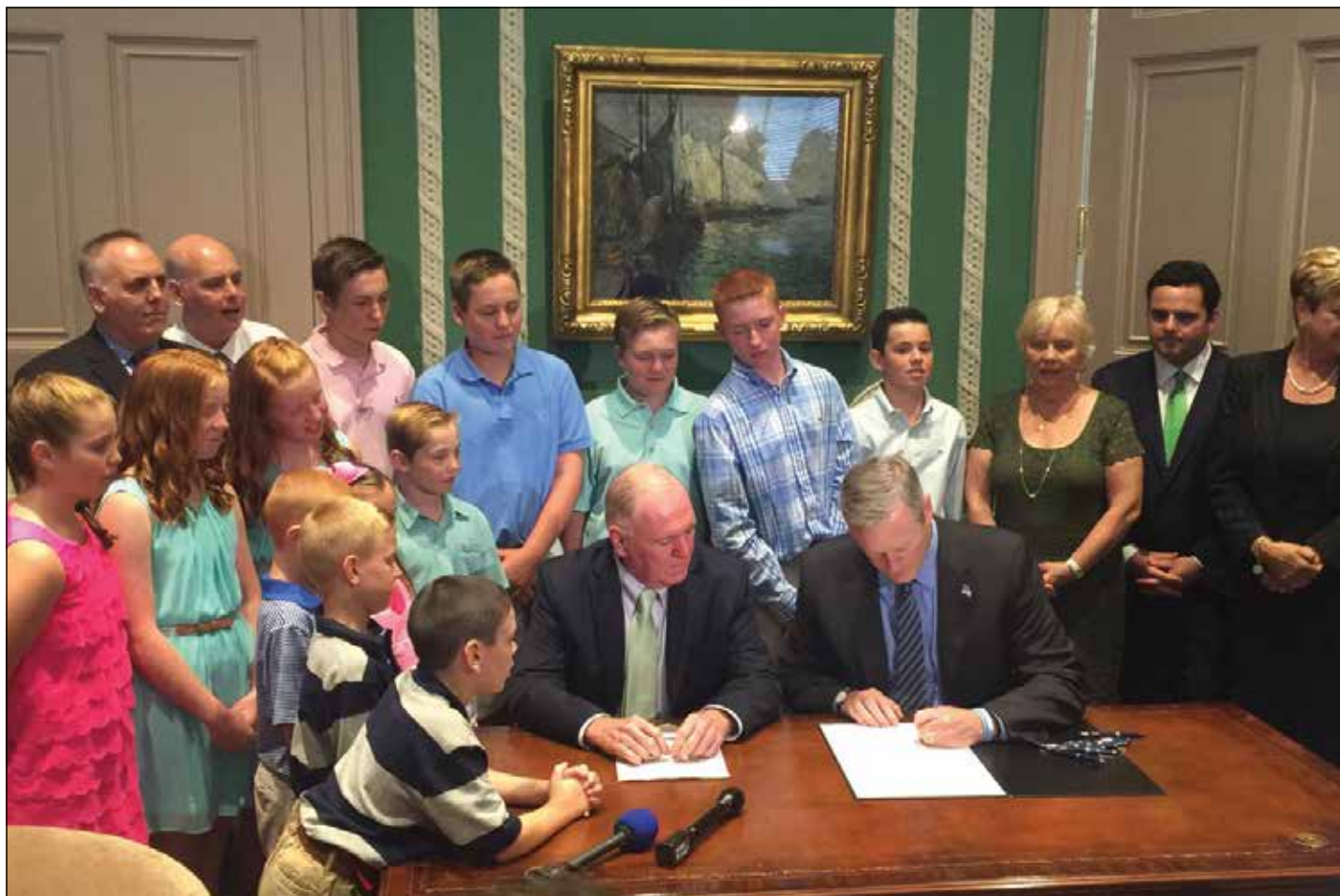
ground laws are known as 'Castle Doctrines'. More than half the states have Castle Doctrine laws in place where if your home is being invaded by burglars or other criminals' intent on robbing or doing harm to the residents there, there is no requirement to attempt to retreat or flee out one's back door to get away. Even Massachusetts has a Castle Doctrine law. You have the legal right to use deadly force; including the use of a firearm to protect your life, the lives of your loved ones and your property. Many state Stand your Ground laws come with protection from civil suits for a person who uses deadly force to protect his or her life and property.

Contrary to what some believe, Stand your Ground laws cannot be overturned or altered in any way by the President of the United States, The US Justice Department, Congress or any other federal entity. These laws are completely in

the domain of the individual states and only the states can implement or repeal them. As of late, after the Zimmerman verdict there have been calls from the White House and some activists demanding these laws be removed from the books but again, only a state legislature in an individual state has the power to affect 'Stand your Ground'. The calls from federal officials have no actual power to determine the future of said laws.

Stand your Ground became especially popular during and after the 911 attacks on the World Trade Center when confidence in the ability of law enforcement to protect the public declined sharply. To this day, these laws enjoy the support of the majority of Americans with recent polls showing only about 30% of Americans oppose such laws. The idea of defending one's self from danger has traditionally appealed to

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Governor Baker Signs Bill Naming Ray Flynn Cruiseport Boston

Governor Charlie Baker signed legislation naming the Massachusetts Port Authority's Cruiseport Boston in honor of Raymond L. Flynn, former Mayor of Boston and United States Ambassador to the Vatican.

"Mayor Flynn has answered the call to represent both the people of Boston and the United States throughout his career and private

life," said Governor Charlie Baker. "He is the epitome of what a public servant should be, always a consummate professional, and a dedicated family man. It gives me great pride to sign legislation that will ensure Mayor Flynn's legacy is honored in his native South Boston forever."

"The Port of Boston first welcomed millions of our immigrant families to America," said Ray

Flynn, former Mayor of Boston and United States Ambassador to the Vatican. "It is where our military troops arrived home from war, and a place that helped build a strong maritime economy and created millions of jobs for hard working Americans. They are the people we honor today and I'm proud that my name will forever be part of this remarkable American story."

"Ray Flynn worked on the waterfront for years as a longshoreman, as did his father and brothers," said Representative Nick Collins (D – South Boston). "While a state representative for South Boston, he led the House's Boston Harbor Cleanup Committee and oversaw one of the most important and successful environmental efforts in our state's history. Renaming the Cruiseport in his honor is a fitting tribute to his years of dedicated service and his commitment to helping make the South Boston waterfront the urban oasis that it is today."

"A proud son of South Boston, Ambassador Flynn's connection to the Port of Boston runs deep," said Congressman Stephen F. Lynch (D-Boston). "From his time as Longshoreman to his years as Mayor, Ray Flynn was passionate about growing the maritime industry and helping the Port achieve record-breaking success. Ambassador Flynn's ongoing work and proud legacy will be forever honored in his beloved South Boston as we rename the Cruiseport the Flynn Cruiseport Boston."

"What a suitable tribute that the Cruiseport located in South Boston will be known as The Raymond L. Flynn Cruiseport at Black Falcon Terminal," said State Senator Linda Dorcea Forry (D – Dorchester). "As a son of South Boston, Ambassador Flynn served as Mayor, City Councilor and State Representative and dedicated his life to public service."

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a majority of Americans. Even in Florida, after the Zimmerman verdict, when that state's governor Rick Scott was being pressured to try to eliminate Florida's law by some civil rights groups, after a state study of the effects of the law recommended against its repeal, the Governor stood firm and stated bluntly – "The law stays." Polls show he has the overwhelming support of Florida residents for his stand on this issue.

Nationwide, despite calls from some activists for their repeal, including Massachusetts's two

US Senators Markey and Warren, Stand your Ground laws appear to be in America to stay. Repeal is highly unlikely and the trend seems to be heading in the direction of expanding to some states that do not yet have them.

Studies have shown that many locations that have put Stand your Ground laws in place have seen a significant drop in violent crimes; particularly crimes of murder, rape, aggravated assault etc. Law enforcement officials in certain locations around the country have stated that they believe such laws actually work as a deterrent to criminals.

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the Johnson-Weld ticket could suck votes away from Trump. But what if the duo also attracts potential Hillary Clinton voters? Van Zuylen-Wood writes: "Polls show that Clinton's overall lead over Trump tends to dip about a percentage point when Johnson's name is included. 'Trump voters are mainly Trump voters,' Monmouth University pollster Patrick Murray told Politico in August. 'But Clinton voters are still not quite happy that they're going to end up voting for her.' Which is to say: If Weld siphons support from Never Trumpers who have already defected from the Donald,

he's more likely to pull from Hillary Clinton. And come November 9, he could be generating comparisons to the dread Ralph Nader."

We're Also No. 1 ... in bomb threats

Massachusetts recorded 135 bomb threats against schools in the last school year, the most in the country, frustrating educators and emergency responders alike, Denise Lavoie of the Associated Press reports at the Gloucester Times, citing data from the Educator's School Safety Network. That's the most in the country -- and some in the state's public safety community believe the actual figure is far higher and that multiple threats of various levels are actually received each school day.



Longfellow Bridge's "Salt and Pepper" Tower Capstone In Place

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) announced that the final capstone for the iconic "salt and pepper" towers of the historic Longfellow Bridge was placed on the downstream Boston tower on Monday, August 15, 2016. The downstream Cambridge tower was capped on Thursday, August 4. With the final tower capstone in place, the remaining work includes installing new and restored exterior windows, doors, and light fixtures,

as well as interior railings, stairs, and lighting. This final work on the towers will be completed in late 2017.

Completed restoration of the 58-foot towers marks a major milestone for MassDOT's bridge rehabilitation project. The project will improve accommodations for all modes of travel and provide a bridge that meets modern standards and the public's needs for years to come, while preserving its historical significance. The process to remove, restore, and replace

the towers began in March 2014 with the removal and dismantling of the upstream towers. They were replaced in winter 2015. The downstream towers were removed in July 2015.

During the restoration, MassDOT's design/build contractor, White-Skanska-Consigli (WSC), carefully logged the location and condition of each tower's 515 granite stones and removed them for cleaning and restoration. The restoration includes measures to strengthen each tower to meet current

seismic requirements. "Replacement of the final two salt and pepper towers is another great milestone towards completing the Longfellow Bridge reconstruction project in 2018," said Highway Administrator Thomas J. Tinlin. "These two towers join the remaining two to create one of the city's most beautiful and majestic landmarks."

For more information on the Longfellow Bridge Project, visit the website: www.mass.gov/massdot/longfellowbridge.



Save the Harbor Shares The Boston Harbor Islands With Local Groups

So far this year Save the Harbor/Save the Bay has hosted 25 free All Access Boston Harbor island excursions, connecting nearly 10,000 kids from youth development and community groups from more than 40 neighborhoods to Spectacle and Georges Islands in the Boston Harbor Islands State and National Park.

Groups gather at the Blue Hills Bank Pavilion in the Seaport District and then depart for the islands on Bay State Cruise Company's flagship

Provincetown II at the World Trade Center. On the islands they explore the islands, catch fish and crabs, and take part in healthy outdoor activities like hiking and swimming with Save the Harbor's Youth Environmental Education Program Staff of teachers, college students and teens from area high schools.

These free programs have introduced more than 150,000 young people to Boston Harbor and the Boston Harbor Islands since they began in 2002.

"Save the Harbor is proud to serve as the Boston Harbor Connection for the region's young people and their families," said Patricia Foley, President of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. "These free island adventures are a terrific way for us to share the harbor with the next generation of Boston Harbor Stewards, who learn that these spectacular urban natural resources belong to them and their communities."

Save the Harbor's free youth environmental education and family pro-

grams are made possible with Leadership Grants from Bay State Cruise Company, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, The Boston Foundation, The Coca-Cola Foundation, Distrigas/ENGIE.

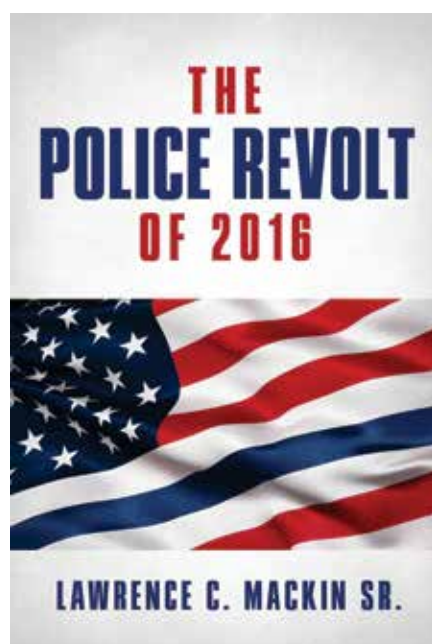
Save the Harbor/Save the Bay will be hosting additional free cruises for kids and families in the fall. To find out more, visit their website at <http://www.savetheharbor.org>, check out their blog Sea, Sand & Sky at <http://www.blog.savetheharbor.org>, or follow savetheharbor on Facebook and Twitter.



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Condon Junior Sheriffs

On Tuesday, the BCYF Condon Summer Juniors Program was visited by the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department's Community Affairs Officer, Deputy Stephen Fiste.

The 5 and 6 year olds were captivated by his stories and presentation. Deputy Fiste encouraged the young children, counselors and staff to respect themselves and others, mainly their parents and grandparents.

The topics of "Stranger Danger", cyber bullies, paying attention in school, being good citizens and help-

ing out whenever they can gave the kids lots of helpful tips and answers to their many questions.

Deputy Fiste also stressed the importance of "making good choices" even now in their young lives that will stay with them and help them prepare for good jobs in the future.

After, the group received Junior Sheriff's badges, coloring books and crayons and took photos with Deputy Fiste. It was a great visit with a promise to return over school vacation!

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Like Father Unlike Son: Two Contrasting Modes of Expression

The Fort Point Arts Community Gallery is pleased to announce Like Father Unlike Son - Two Contrasting Modes of Expression, the first show of the 2016-2017 season, juried by Jeffrey De Blois of the Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston.

Like Father Unlike Son features the work of two artists who, though being father and son, have chosen widely different media and expressions for their work. This show examines the sometimes hidden connections and influences that occur between two artists within a familial context.

Two artists grow up in the same

house. One father, one son. The son grew up watching the father create work. Traveled with him to shows, openings, witnessing new ideas in development. Even providing input. The son goes to art school and majors in oil painting. Within several years, he finds his voice. And his work is totally different from the parent's—or so it would seem. Different medium, technique, expression, subjects. The father's work is representational. The son's is abstract. On the surface, they have nothing in common. Or, is this really the case?

Exhibition: September 1 – October 7, 2016

Reception: Thursday, September 15, 5:30–7:30 pm

Artist Talk: Saturday, September 17, 4:00 pm

Erik Bornemann's work is distinctive in its use of bold compositional elements that combine color in unexpected relationships. As an artist who is inspired by the natural environment, his compositions are informed by landscape, and his work maintains a subtle, yet unmistakable connection to the natural world. His work is primarily created in oil, with accents of acrylic, oil pastel, and other mixed media. He is a recent graduate of MassArt.

Richard Bornemann creates

imaginary architectural landscapes, which he then translates into print form using CGI software and image editing tools. His work is characterized by its otherworldly simplicity, architectural elegance, and bold color. His work has been shown throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Artist Websites

Erik Bornemann: www.erikbornemann.com

Richard Bornemann: www.richardbornemann.weebly.com

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