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EDITORIAL

Unfortunately, the ‘Squeaky Wheel’ is the Only Way to be Heard

Last week’s meeting at the Tynan Community School saw a packed house, as residents came out in large numbers to express their views and listen carefully to speakers regarding the ongoing proposals for the development of the former site of the Boston Edison Plant. The size and the energy of the crowd made it clear to all that local

people are becoming more engaged in a big way about the future of the neighborhood, particularly much of the development going on. And that is the point of this week’s editorial.

Public participation is one of the components that will decide what South Boston will look like in the coming years. Will there be anything left of the town that so many residents, current

and former grew up in and loved? Will massive development just continue to roll over what remains? If there is to be any chance at all to hold on to at least some of what’s left of this town and its traditions, residents need to make their voices heard. The vocal participation is what is needed for that to happen. If residents, long time and new arrivals, don’t make their voices heard

loudly and clearly, developers and our elected officials won’t know what those who call South Boston their home want or how they feel. But even worse, they might misinterpret silence or non-participation in the process as not even caring. The turnout at the Tynan was a positive sign for things to come. Hopefully it will continue. It’s also very important to keep calling and writing to



our elected officials to continue to update them on how you feel and what you want them to work for going into the future

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Have you noticed that some of the same liberal Democrat politicians who want to throw open our southern border and let the whole world flow into our country unvetted, are some of the same who fiercely oppose voter ID and now want to lower the voting age to 16? Knowing the politics and mentality of some of these pols, the age of 12 might be their preference, but they don't want to sound TOO crazy.

The question being asked by so many bemused adults is 'Are they THAT desperate for new voters to join their party?' The answer is yes. Because make no mistake, if Pelosi and Ayanna Pressley and their clones on the national level and Massachusetts state reps like Andy Vargas (D Haverhill) and Harriette Chandler (D Worcester), thought for a minute that 16 or 17 year olds in Massachusetts might vote Republican or for Conservative causes, they would want to jack the voting age up to 30. They fool no one. And if they felt that non-citizens, including illegals would vote Conservative, Pelosi would be on the border, trowel in hand, personally building the wall and demand DNA samples before anyone was allowed to cast a ballot.

With the proposed lowering of the voting age, 'progressive' activists feel that the indoctrination that children are getting in many public schools would serve to have young minds molded into supporting Socialism in years to come and that will help build what they know is their dwindling voter base among American citizens in so many parts of the country. Just as they feel having little to no border security will endear those entering illegally to these left leaning pols. And that will earn them their votes when they are eventually put on the voting rolls or, so the plan is. With

technology improvements, committing voter fraud is no longer easy. Padding the rolls with the names of dead people and voting multiple times is becoming harder and bringing jail time. So, they desperately seek alternatives.

Surveys show, that even in Massachusetts, nearly 70% of likely voters in the state oppose lowering the age to 16 while only 29% are in favor. But seriously, when has the will of the people ever been a concern to the Bay State's embarrassingly progressive elected officials when it conflicts with their agendas? A voice of reason was heard from Boston City Hall when Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George stated her opposition and was quoted as saying "They're still children and voting is a tremendous honor and responsibility and a 16 year old is still a kid" Essaibi-George has a 15 year old of her own. Not being old enough to vote does not mean kids are not allowed an opinion or shouldn't get involved in issues, civic or national. But they will be able to vote soon enough. One or 2 years is not that long a period and that added maturity will help them see things more clearly. Until then, as someone said, they can lobby the registered voters in their own homes.

Those of you who are regular readers probably figured there would be commentary on the massive pro-Second Amendment rally in Richmond, Virginia last Monday. Estimates had the crowd size between 25,000 and 35,000. Some had it even larger. The throng was made up of people of every background. Some pundits are shocked that 80% of the people there were armed, with literally thousands openly carrying AR-15's and AK-47's and other long guns, there was not one problem. No arrests, no one got shot, stabbed or mugged. But those who are familiar with the pro-gun movement were not surprised at all. Because

that's who these people are. They are law abiding, patriotic Americans, who are out to protect their Constitutional rights and if need be, our country.

What also shocked many in the press and some in elected office was the number of police officers marching with the crowd in their uniforms. County sheriffs from Virginia were carrying signs that read 'We support the Second Amendment'. Some even held press conferences where they came right out and said, they don't care what anti-gun laws are passed, they will not enforce them and here is their reasoning for

those statements. They swore an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United State. The 2nd Amendment is part of that Constitution and they have no intention of violating their oath.

And here's another observation from the day. Though tens of thousands of marchers came to that city, there wasn't one piece of litter or trash left on the streets when it was over. Video showed that the marchers left the place spotless. Compare that with when environmentalist groups have their rallies. They leave every place buried in trash. Funny how that works.

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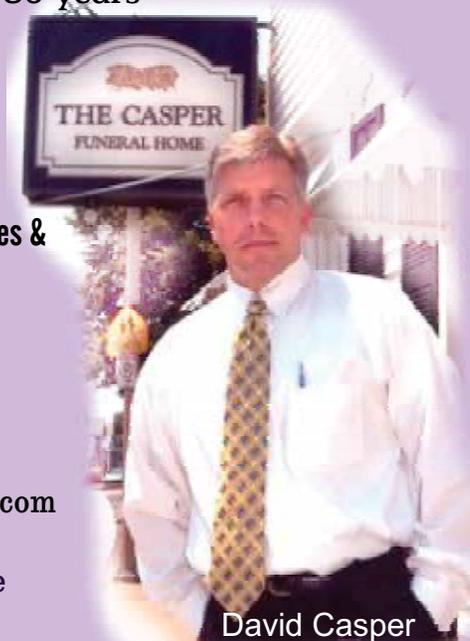
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Window Into The State House

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.

Baker: Net-zero emissions by 2050, more money for the T

In his State of the State address last evening, Gov. Charlie Baker set out an ambitious goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, while also reiterating his support for the controversial Transportation and Climate Initiative and calling for more funds for the MBTA. Commonwealth's Bruce Mohl, the Globe's Matt Stout and the Herald's Mary Markos have the details. MassLive's Steph Solis has the T-funding request covered, while SHNS's Katie Lannan and Matt Murphy (pay wall) report on the favorable reaction of Dems to Baker's climate goals.

Senate plans climate bill rollout tomorrow

Gov. Charlie Baker sure seems to have stolen some of the Senate's net-zero thunder. From SHNS's Chris Lisinski: "The Massachusetts Senate plans to roll out a 'comprehensive climate change bill' on Thursday,

officials announced Tuesday, and one senator told reporters he expects the bill to feature a net-zero emissions requirement by 2050."

The plans couldn't come soon enough for those in the clean-energy sector. The Globe's Jon Chesto reports that jobs growth within the industry has most definitely been slowing of late. One other related item, from SHNS's Chris Lisinski (pay wall): "Toll Debate Continues as House Researches Transpo Financing Plan."

Does Elizabeth Warren really want Hillary Clinton's help?

Hillary Clinton was back in the news yesterday with her "nobody likes" Bernie Sanders remark, a timely shot at her former Dem presidential rival in 2016 and now Elizabeth Warren's main progressive rival in 2020. The Globe's Jess Bidgood sees more than a few "Ghosts of Elections Past" at work, as Sanders once again fends off accusations his campaign

isn't exactly female friendly.

At the Herald, Joe Battenfeld thinks Clinton is exacting a little revenge for the bitter and protracted primary fight against Sanders four years ago. Meanwhile, the NYT takes a look at Bernie's in-house "media critic," whose job is apparently to literally hound the media with criticism, amid accusations that Sanders's media operatives are just a tad bit too aggressive.

Btw, this Politico headline certainly caught our attention: "Warren hires former Castro aides." Then we read it's Julián Castro, not the other Castro.

Pro-life Patriots player Ben Watson producing abortion documentary

The New England Patriots' Ben Watson, an outspoken pro-life Christian, is producing a documentary on abortion that he says will provide arguments from both sides of the controversial topic, reports the Hollywood Reporter. The film will

feature former presidential candidate Ben Carson and Alveda King, the niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., among others, according to reports.

Thanks, TikTok: Fire Marshal warns of viral video that brings out the pyro in kids

From SHNS's Colin Young: "The state fire marshal on Tuesday put all Massachusetts fire chiefs on alert that his office has already received reports of two instances in which teens trying to recreate a viral (TikTok) video have caused electrical system damage or fire." It involves inserting the "plug part of a phone charger into a wall outlet and then slide a penny down the wall to make contact with the two exposed prongs."

Shifting blame: Brockton sues attorney who oversaw costly lawsuit loss

When in doubt, blame the lawyer. The city of Brockton has filed a malpractice suit against the attorney who defended it in the employment discrimination lawsuit that resulted in a \$4 million judgment against the city, Marc Larocque reports at the Enterprise. The main claim in the suit: That attorney Stephen Pfaff should have told the city to settle the case before it went to trial.

A Proud History And An Exciting Future At St. Peter's

By Frank Galligan, Principal of St. Peter Academy

In the spirit and passion of the Lithuanian founders of the original St. Peter School over 60 years ago, St. Peter Academy was created and became the successor organization in June 2004 during school closings by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston. Now located at 371 West Fourth Street in South Boston in a building purchased in 2005, it owes its existence to the unbridled commitment of a core group of parents, faculty, staff and board members who believed that access to a quality education for their children in a safe and nurturing environment was



worth the effort to sustain and support family life in our community.

Today, a team of exceptional teachers spearhead an enviable curriculum, supported by a vitally active Board of Directors and rounded out by a troupe of talented and fully engaged families. The school is recognized around the City for the quality of its graduates for compelling reasons: St Peter Academy educates its students through a rigorous curriculum that challenges students to think critically and provides opportunities for deeper learning, creative thinking, and acceptance of responsibilities as a firm basis for developing articulate morally grounded leaders for the future.

St. Peter Academy in an independent, community-based private school and serves students from ages 15 months through grade 6. SPA is currently accepting applications for

the limited spaces available in the year-round toddler program (beginning at age 15 months) and for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and grades 1-6. See for yourself why so many people consider St. Peter's to be the "hidden gem" of South Boston! We invite you to join us for our

upcoming Winter Open House taking place on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 from 9-11:30 AM and 3-6PM.

Appointments for individual tours at other times can also be made by contacting the Principal, Mr. Frank Galligan, at (617) 268-0750 or by emailing spa@stpeteracademy.com.



Councilors Flynn & Flaherty File for Hearing on South Boston Traffic Master Plan

BOSTON - Boston City Councilors Ed Flynn and Michael Flaherty will be filing a hearing order at next week's Council meeting to discuss the creation of a South Boston traffic master plan. With South Boston being at the center of Boston's development boom, transportation and traffic are critical issues that greatly impact both long-time and new South Boston residents alike. The hearing order calls for discussion on the establishment of a traffic master plan for South Boston to assess the neighborhood's short-term and long-term transportation needs and capacity, so that the city and residents can better understand the potential impact of upcoming developments on traffic and congestion for the neighborhood.

With numerous large scale developments being proposed or approved in South Boston, the neighborhood is absorbing a substantial

portion of the city's housing goals to-date, and will continue to absorb additional growth in the years to come. Notable proposals include 776 Summer Street (the Edison Project), the Mary Ellen McCormack housing development, the Bayside Expo Center, Washington Village, the Fort Point 100 Acre plan, and multiple proposals along the South Boston Dorchester Avenue Corridor. Every major corridor that connects South Boston to the rest of the city now either have proposed or approved developments. These projects will dramatically increase the overall density of and daily trips to the area, while bringing tens of thousands of residents, commuters and visitors to the neighborhood.

While there is an ongoing South Boston Waterfront Strategic Transportation Plan, the plan only accounts for the impact of growth and the respective impacts on various

modes of transportation in and out of the South Boston Waterfront. There is currently no master plan that accounts for the impact of other large scale developments on other major transportation corridors of the neighborhood. With the recent creation of an East Boston Transportation Action Committee that aims to reduce congestion and improve street safety that builds on community input, South Boston should have a similar traffic planning mechanism that can assess and address the neighborhood's transportation needs in the midst of its building boom.

"Traffic and congestion are some of the biggest issues affecting our residents' quality of life and safety. The amount of development that we are witnessing along major corridors in South Boston will undoubtedly increase traffic in areas that are already experiencing heavy congestion," said Councilor Flynn. "We need a comprehensive plan to carefully assess the impact of this development boom in terms of traffic and transportation throughout our neighborhood. Thank you to Councilor Flaherty for partnering with



me on this hearing order, and I look forward to this discussion."

"Our residents spend countless hours in meetings about development projects in South Boston and one of the recurring questions we hear is: 'Has there been a traffic study for this project and does it take into account other projects happening in the neighborhood?'" said Councilor Flaherty. "Residents deserve to fully understand the cumulative implications of all of these large projects on traffic and pedestrian safety in the short and long term so they can make informed decisions on whether they support or oppose projects."

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 or Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov, or Councilor Flaherty's office at 617-635-4205, or at Michael.Flaherty@Boston.gov

Rep. Biele Votes to Pass Bill Protecting Persons with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities from Harm



BOSTON - Last week, Representative David Biele joined his colleagues in the House of Representatives to unanimously pass legislation to create a registry of care providers who harmed a person or persons with an intellectual or developmental disability. The bill seeks to prevent those providers from being hired for programs

funded or operated by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

The legislation, An Act to Protect Persons with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities from Abuse, creates a registry of care providers against whom the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DCCP) has made a final decision regarding "substantiated findings" of acts resulting in serious physical or emotional injury of a person with an intellectual or developmental disability.

"This legislation will protect the most vulnerable in our communities and across the Commonwealth," said Rep. Biele. "I was proud to join my colleagues in passing this important legislation to help prevent abuse of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities and help save lives."

The bill requires care provider

employers to check the registry prior to hiring or retaining any person as a care provider and prevents employers from hiring or retaining any provider who appears on the registry. Those employers include those with DDS licenses for day services, those that have contracts with DDS, and those receiving funding from DDS. Under the bill, DCCP imposes monetary fines or other penalties on any

employer that fails to comply. The legislation also includes due process protections for care providers.

The legislation builds on ongoing increased support for those departments serving adults and children with intellectual or developmental disabilities. From 2012 to 2020, DPPC funding has increased by 93 percent.

The bill will now go to the Senate for further consideration.



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Even The New York Times Is Hedging Their Presidential Bet

The New York Times editorial staff appear to be ‘hedgers’ and are likely reflecting the indecisiveness of the electorate. And for what purpose? To keep readership interested? Are they sincerely torn between a ‘presumably moderate’ Democrat in Senator Amy Klobacher and a ‘definitively progressive’ Democrat in Senator Elizabeth Warren? It flies in the face of the traditional process of major newspaper endorsements. At best it is a pander to women, given its failure to push Hilary Clinton over the top is 2016. At its worst, it exposes a deep-seeded personal vengeance aimed squarely at President Donald Trump, who calls the New York Times a “failing newspaper”. Its first presidential endorsement was Abraham Lincoln, a Republican, in 1860.

Three years after Donald Trump dashed Democratic hopes of electing the country’s first female president, a fierce debate has erupted in the party’s presidential race about whether a woman can defeat him in November. As a result, long-simmering questions about gender and sexism have been thrust to the forefront of the primary race just weeks before the first nominating contest on Feb. 3.

The problem that the Democrats face is three-fold – 1.) what is the message; 2.) who should be the messenger and 3.) what will be the state of mind of the electorate, come November. On the other hand, the

Republicans do not have that problem. They have a clear message; a transparent, albeit flawed, messenger and 3.) an electorate that doesn’t trust government and its politicians.

Now the public is on the way to witnessing and becoming involved in a series of caucuses and primaries that will determine the fate of the most eclectic band of Democratic candidates assembled in recent memory. The clash between Sanders and Warren, both personal and public, has amplified a difficult conversation that has been underway at Democratic gatherings across the country ever since Trump’s election. And it cast a spotlight on shifting attitudes in the party toward women running for office in the Trump era.

The clash between Sanders and Warren brought the debate about gender to the surface in a race that, until recently, had been more cordial than many past campaigns.

It started when CNN first reported on the 2018 one-on-one meeting, in which Sanders allegedly told Warren that a woman couldn’t beat Trump. The Sanders campaign vehemently denied the report, with a top aide calling it a “lie” — but, in a sign that the issue was not likely to subside, Warren then confirmed it.

Senator Amy Klobuchar made a point to join the fray, saying the power of female candidates was evident in recent wins by women in

gubernatorial races in Michigan and Kansas. “You have to be competent to win, and you have to know what you’re doing,” she said.

In other words, the Democrats are consistent in their promotion of the progressive agenda but are seemingly unwilling to show any indication of a compromise. The New York Times appears to give them some cover through their odd ‘combo-endorsement’. However, herein lies inherent duplicity of the Democratic Party. They have yet to answer the question – who are we?

In September, a Washington Post-ABC News poll found that 23 percent of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents said a man would be more likely to defeat Trump than a woman; 7 percent said a woman would be more likely to win, while a 69 percent majority said the gender of a candidate didn’t matter. According to political observers, Senator Warren has been putting more emphasis on her gender, seeking to re-energize the anti-Trump passion that gave rise to women’s marches and a high turnout of female voters in 2018.

The fundamental dynamic remains the same. Notwithstanding one’s opinion about the behavior, track record and management style of President Donald Trump, what is the message? Who is the messenger? Who will the electorate listen to and believe this time around?

productions occurred solely in the factories. The industry was controlled by a small number of firms and their line greatly increased.

The Howard Co. manufactured watch clock on West Broadway was associated with fine quality and craftsmanship, since they were watchmakers. Under the name Howard Clock Products, it still has a limited number of their classic clocks although no street post clocks. It also has high end wrist watches. In 2013 A new world record was set on Saturday, November 23 at Fontaine’s Auction Gallery in Pittsfield Ma. when an E. Howard No. 68 Astronomical Regulator clock was sold for \$277,300.00 making it the highest price ever paid at auction for a clock by E. Howard & Co.

According to a 1975 Boston Landmarks Commission submission, the clock, erected circa 1870, stands in front of the Clock Tavern and had been designated a historic landmark. It has a paneled base and a fluted Corinthian post, broken at various points by torus moldings. Both base and post are cast iron. The base is labelled ‘E’. Howard & Co., Boston. The crown over the head is squared off with scrolls and vents on the sides. The two vents were required because the two clear glass faces were originally gas lit at night. The faces have roman numerals. On the rim of the clock head, across from the numerals V and , are winged scrolls and pinwheels.

Mr. Watch Clock – See you back in the spring.

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January 23, 2020

Broadway Clock continued from front page which was established in Boston in 1842. Howard Company clocks were the gold standard for public clocks. Illuminating the clock dials was a significant innovation by the company. In addition to street clocks, the Howard Company provided clocks to the Custom House Tower in Boston, the New York Life Building and the Kimball Building in Chicago.

The manufacturing of clocks was one of the earliest and most important of American Industries. Before 1800, clockmaking was an individual effort; each clockmaker constructed a few clocks with hand tools and no two were exactly alike. Between 1800-1860 machine methods were introduced and a number of clock

Critical type O blood shortage: Red Cross urgently needs donors

Donors of all blood types are urged to give now and help restock blood supply

The American Red Cross has extended its urgent call for donors of all blood types to give blood or platelets. With influenza escalating across the country and preventing some donors from giving, and winter weather threatening to cancel blood drives, the Red Cross now has a critical shortage of type O blood and urgently needs donors to restock the shelves.

O so needed

Currently, the Red Cross has less than a three-day supply of type O blood available for patient emergencies and medical treatments. Type O positive blood is the most transfused blood type and can be given to Rh-positive patients of any blood type. While just 7% of the U.S. population has type O negative blood, it can be transfused to patients with any blood type and is what hospital staff reach for during emergencies when there isn't time to determine a patient's blood type.

Help replenish the blood supply

Every day, the Red Cross must col-

lect nearly 13,000 blood donations and more than 2,600 platelet donations for patients who rely on blood to survive. Shortfalls in donations can cause delays in essential medical care for patients like 12-year-old Dagan Hawkins.

Diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in November, Dagan has required platelet and blood transfusions during his cancer treatments. "There was a time when they needed to have blood products delivered from another hospital because they were unavailable there," said Dustin Hawkins, Dagan's father.

Donors of all blood types – especially types O positive and O negative – are urged to make an appointment to give blood or platelets now using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:
Boston

1/24/2020: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., State House, 24 Beacon Street

1/24/2020: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., The Massachusetts Bar Association, 20 West Street

1/26/2020: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., TD Garden, 100 Legends Way

1/28/2020: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., 222 Berkeley St., 222 Berkeley St.

2/11/2020: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Boston University Hillel House, 213 Bay State Road

2/14/2020: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Boston City Hall Plaza, Boston City Hall

2/14/2020: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., PABU Restaurant, 3 Franklin Street

2/4/2020: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza

How to donate blood

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110

pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

LEGAL NOTICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING

REGARDING A MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT PROPOSED BY HOLLAND BRANDS SB, LLC

Notice is hereby given that a community outreach meeting for **HOLLAND BRANDS SB, LLC** ("Holland Brands")'s **proposed Marijuana Establishment** is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at the Tynan Community Center, 650 E. Fourth Street, MA 02124, at 6:30 p.m.** The proposed Marijuana Retailer is anticipated to be located at **538 E. First Street, South Boston, MA 02127** (the "Property"). Community Members and members of the public are encouraged to attend, and will be permitted to ask questions and receive answers from representatives of Holland Brands.

A copy of this notice is on file with the City Clerk's office at Boston City Hall, 1 City Hall Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02201. A copy of this notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the community outreach meeting and mailed at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the community outreach meeting to abutters of the Property, owners of land directly opposite the Property on any public or private street or way, and abutters to the abutters within three hundred (300) feet of the property line of the Property as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, notwithstanding that the land of any such owner is located in another city or town.



Public Meeting

Digital Signage

Monday, January 27
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

1 City Hall Square
City Hall, 9th Floor Room 900
Boston, MA 02201

Project Proponent:
Digital Signage

Project Description:

The BPDA is recommending an adjustment in the permitted times for digital sign operation. Currently digital signs are permitted to operate between 7am and 2 am. The BPDA is recommending to change the permitted times of operation to 6am to 12am. Additionally, the BPDA is recommending changes to Section 11-7 of the Boston Zoning Code (Electronic Signs). The BPDA is recommending that language referencing Article 7 (Variances) be inserted into Section 11-7.

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The Wine Guy Hispania!



When most people think about Spain, they think of its beautiful cities, like Barcelona and the Capital, Madrid; if you ask someone who loves wine what Spain means to them, you'll get a lot of different answers, because there are lots of great wines. Spain is about a lot more than just Sangria.

Like other countries in Europe, wine has been a part of Spain

through the ages, but really got organized when the Romans took over the region and re-named it Hispania; gotta love those Romans! They taught the native population how to grow and manage the grapes and how to make wine.

Today, there are more than sixty different growing regions and scores of different grape varieties, but two of the most prominent are Tempranillo and Granacha, or what we call Grenache.

From the **Jumilla** region, in the northern part of the country, some of the country's most popular reds are produced from vineyards that were on the verge of disaster less than thirty years ago. A destructive louse called Phylloxera, destroyed nearly all the vine in the region and growers had to start over. They not only met that challenge, but in the process, became one of the most modern wine-producing regions in the country and are still leading the way today.

The family of Juan Gil have been

making wine since 1916 and the current crop is well-represented by its **Bodegas Hijos Juan Gil 2016, (\$13.99)**. The wine has a very dark cherry color with purple tones, and powerful aromas of red berries with toasted and smoked notes from their aging in oak barrels. It shows good structure with ripe and sweet tannins. There is great depth in the mouth with a perfect balance between fruit, alcohol and the oak tones which make it really great for so many meat-based Tapas dishes that are popular in this region.

Among the higher-end wines in this region, one of the most famous is the **Bodegas El Nido Clio; its Bodegas El Nido Clio, 2016, (\$44.99)**, is rich and supple, with notes of dark red cherries, plums and dried fruit, soft tannins and a very long, lingering finish. This vintage is the most recent one available, but you might also see a 2010 here and there; if you do, grab it, as it will be drinking

well until the early 2020s.

From Bodegas Luzon comes its most popular wine, by the same name, **Finca Luzon, 2014, (\$12.99)**, a blend of Monestrall and Syrah grapes. This wine has a bit of spice on the nose, in addition to red cherry and blackberry tones; the tannins are soft and the finish is notable, but not overpowering. Pair this one with roasts, beef stews or grilled lamb.

The Monterebro vineyards produce some of the best quality wines in the region, with one in particular, **Monterebro Vinos Joven, Jumilla, 2014, (\$13.99)**, offering exceptional quality for the price. This is a drier red, with smoked tones and earthy notes; great with stronger cheeses like Stilton or Muenster, but also delicious with hearty red sauce-based dishes.

So, if you're looking for a change of pace, keep an eye out for wines from this wonderful region!

Talk To The Wine Guy at
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South Boston Catholic Academy News

Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We can change the world together! The students at South Boston Catholic Academy celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday by reflecting on how they can make the world a better place. One of Dr. King's inspiring quotes is, "The time is always right to do what is right."

The K1 teachers at South Boston Catholic Academy read the book, "Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King, Jr." by Jean Marzollo to their students. They had class discussions about what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. did to change the world to make it a better place.

The K1 students celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by reflecting on how they could make the world a better place. The students did an art project drawing a picture of the world with blue and green ink and glued a paper hand in front of

their drawing of the world with the words to finish the sentence related to the book, "To change the world I will..." Some of the responses included, "Play with someone who has no one to play with", "Smile", "Say hi to Jesus every morning", "Share my toys", "Help my mom and dad", "Be a good listener", "Be kind to people" and "Plant seeds to grow flowers". Thank you and God Bless you, Dr. King, for making the world a better place!

South Boston Catholic Academy (www.SBCatholicAcademy.org) is currently accepting applications for all classes Preschool-Grade 6. All are welcome to come to our Open House on Thursday, January 30, 2020 from 9 to 11AM. We have Before School and After School Programs available and high acceptance rate to Parochial, Private, and Boston Exam Schools. Please contact: Mrs. Jamie Brown, our Vice Principal, with any questions or for a tour of the school at j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org or phone 617-268-2326 for more information.



Gatey Hoop Notes

By Kevin Devlin

On the weekends, the McDonough gym, located within the James “Stretch” Walsh Community Center in Southie, is the place to be for hoop lovers. The Gate of Heaven CYO youth basketball instructional leagues for boys and girls are going

strong on Saturday mornings. These instructional leagues are generously sponsored by MASSPORT; which is greatly appreciated by the Gatey CYO hoop community.

The John “Injun” Memorial League for girls also plays their hoop games on Saturdays before travel league games begin. The teams include the Sister Pat Club, the Kelly Collins Club, the Barbara Caputo Club, and the O’Brien and Sons Funeral Home Club.

In the boys’ cadet house league playoffs, the Metro Energy Club defeated the PS Deli Club, 39-33. For Metro Energy, Owen Donovan netted 14 points and Joey “The Rebounder” Hamilton scored 11 points,

and once again, had a handful of rebounds. Polished guard, Sean Grant, contributed eight points towards the win. For PS Deli, James “The Buzz Saw” Buzzell, finished his season with 20 points. In the second semi-final tilt, both teams had trouble finding their rhythm on the offensive end. But in the end, the Boston Home Inspector’s Club prevailed, eking out a seven-point victory, 37-30. For Boston Home Inspectors, Tristen Pecevich, came wearing his game-face, scoring 14 points and hauling down eight rebounds. Conor Strickland contributed 11 points while Cormac “Downtown” Lafferty hit three three-pointers from, you guessed it, downtown.

The championship game between Metro Energy and Boston Home Inspectors will be played on Sunday, January 26, at 11:30 a.m. The Gate of Heaven program appreciates its dedicated group of volunteers and would like to recognize, Jimmy Geisel, Bobby McGarrell, Jake Harrison, and Chris DiMaggio, for coaching in the Gatey cadet house league this season.

On a closing note, this upcoming Sunday, January 26 at 5 p.m., at the McDonough gym, Gate of Heaven CYO Athletic Director, Kevin Lally, Sean Monahan, et al., will be holding a special banner-raising ceremony to recognize Gatey’s state champions from 1977, 1983, and 2019.



Pictured (from left) are instructional house league players, William, Jack, Brian, and Brandon. **The girls’ and boys’ instructional leagues are sponsored by MASSPORT.**



Pictured (from left) are instructional house league players, Amois, Alexis, Caron, and Aidan.



Pictured (from left) are house league players, Jadal, Dante, Ronan, and Freddie.



Pictured (from left) are instructional house league officials, Sean Monahan, Tommy White, Owen Donovan, Michael Donovan, and Freddie Haddad. (Eddie Murray is not pictured)



Pictured (from left) are instructional house league players, Mya, Lilly, Millie, and Kendall.



Pictured (from left) are instructional house league players, Victoria, Madeline, Grace, and Alexandra.



Pictured (from left) are instructional house league players, Gretta, Gracie, Hannah, and Molly.



Pictured (from left) are instructional house league players, Gianna, Phoebe, and Fiona.



Pictured (from left) are instructional house league officials, Rebecca Donovan, Emily Harris, Marie Laundry, and Allison Baker.

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Pictured is Coach Allison Baker with players, Mairin and Fiona.



Instructional house league commissioner, Marie Laundry, and Coach Emily Harris, are pictured with players from the **SISTER PAT CLUB** in the John "Injun" Horan Memorial League. The players are, Emma, Maeve, Reilly, Peyton, Alexis, Alana, and Grace. .



Coach Allison Baker and Commissioner Marie Laundry are pictured with players from the **BARBARA CAPUTO CLUB** in the John "Injun" Horan Memorial League. The players are, Brigid, Cailyn, Mairin, Fiona, and Patricia.



Coach Ashley Miller and Commissioner Marie Laundry are pictured with players from the **O'BRIEN'S AND SONS FUNERAL HOME CLUB** in the John "Injun" Horan Memorial League. The players are, Norah, Selina, Isabel, Tatum, Emma, Isla, and Kiera.



Coach Jacqueline Beggan, Coach Allison Baker, and Commissioner Marie Laundry are pictured with players from the **KELLY COLLINS CLUB** in the John "Injun" Horan Memorial League. The players are, Mia, Noelle, Kiera, and Cara.



Pictured **METRO ENERGY CLUB** in the cadet house league is Joey "The Rebounder" Hamilton (on left) with crowd-pleaser and fan favorite, Mullen Byrne.



Pictured from the **PS DELI CLUB** in the cadet house league is Ryan MacDonald (on left) and James "The Buzz Saw" Buzzell.



Pictured from the **JACK MCDONOUGH CLUB** in the cadet house league is Finbar Kyne (on left) and John Hamilton.



Pictured from the **BOSTON HOME INSPECTOR'S CLUB** in the cadet house league is Tristen Pecevich (on left) and Conor Strickland.

GATEY HOOP TRAVEL TEAMS

Travel Team photo credit Allison Baker



Pictured is the third/ fourth grade girls' team coached by Allison Baker and Abby Dunn. The players are; Maeve, Brooklyn, Selina, Hailey, Kiera, Emy, Haven, Fiona, Isla, Mia, and Lucy.



Pictured is the seventh/eighth grade boys' team coached by Allison and Baker and Greg Lally. The players are; Greg, Melvon, Ryan, Francis, Lenny, Ronan, Yadiel, Victor, Malik, and Frailyn.



Pictured is the girls' high school age team coached by Allison Baker and Joe Kelly. The players are; Cara, Tari, Rebecca, Sarah D., Sara G., Evelyn, Kate, Colleen, Grace, and Corinne.



This week,
Danny released an exclusive report on MLB's sign-stealing scandal. Here's an excerpt:

BOSTON — There are two sides to every story.

Right now, the side you're hearing is the one that portrays Alex Cora and Carlos Beltran as the new faces of cheating in baseball, thanks to MLB commissioner Rob Manfred's nine-page report on sign-stealing in the Houston Astros' organization during their 2017 World Championship season.

Both Cora and Beltran lost their managerial jobs last week, after the Boston Red Sox and New York Mets proactively responded to Manfred's investigation into the 2017 Astros. Manfred claimed that Cora — the Astros bench coach at the time — was involved in developing and utilizing the team's use of technology in a sign-stealing scheme, and that Beltran — an Astros player at the time — was involved in the discussion of the creation of that scheme. They're alleged to have used the center-field camera's live game feed and the video replay review room to decode and then relay signs to hitters. The relay process, according to the report, included the use of runners, the replay

phone, smart watches, and cell phones, as well as using a bat to smash a trash can before an off-speed pitch.

No league punishment was given to Cora or Beltran before they lost their jobs, but Manfred did suspend Astros GM Jeff Luhnow and manager A.J. Hinch for the entire 2020 season for failing to put an end to the team's technological sign-stealing efforts. That forced Astros owner Jim Crane to fire both Luhnow and Hinch almost immediately after the league's suspensions were dished out.

In the days that followed, the Red Sox fired Cora, and then the Mets fired Beltran.

The details of Manfred's report made it very clear that all the blame was being placed on Cora and Beltran, but mostly on Cora. The commissioner portrayed them as the masterminds of this evil plot. And both are now known as baseball's biggest cheaters.

But should they be?

It's fair to also ask the question: Does the punishment — banishment from baseball — fit the actual crime?

I reached out to a few play-

ers to find out what they think. One current MLB veteran hitter believes Manfred "fucked up" with how he and the league have handled the situation.

"I don't know if cutting the head off a snake is the right thing to do, because there's a lot of snakes," said the hitter who spoke on condition of anonymity.

It's a concept the average sports fan hates hearing. You know, the old "everyone's doing it" excuse. Whether you, as a fan, want to take that literally or not, shouldn't Major League Baseball's commissioner at least consider that concept before ruining someone's baseball career?

"To get rid of [Cora and Beltran] and do it like this, you're opening up Pandora's box," said the hitter. "Because a lot of teams — now they might not be as successful as the Astros at doing it — but a lot of teams do this. And the successful ones are consistently in the playoffs."

This veteran hitter has played in over 1,000 career games for multiple organizations. None of which were the Astros. He stressed that sign-stealing has and always will be part of the game.

"The average person can't understand that this is part of baseball, that you're stealing signs," he said. "That's the basis of it. So, like, ok, well we're going to make that public now, fine. But you just created a whole shit storm. Because since the beginning of time, the beginning of baseball, people are trying to find an edge, trying to find a way to win, to get over on the other guy."

Problem is, the Astros' used in-house technology to try and find that edge, according to Manfred's investigation. However, if you ask hitters on other MLB teams, you'll find that the use of technology to steal signs is not as clear-cut as Manfred wants to make it sound. And it's more prevalent than he wants you to believe.

(You can read the rest of the feature at dannypicard.com/post/living-on-the-edge.)

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SPORTS TODAY

JETER, WALKER VOTED INTO 2020 BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

SBT Staff

The Baseball Writers Association of America voted two players into the Hall of Fame on Tuesday. Those two players were Derek Jeter and Larry Walker.

Jeter gets in on his first year of eligibility, but came just one vote shy of being unanimous. Out of the 397 total votes, Jeter got 396 votes. Had he received all 397 votes, Jeter would've become just the second player ever to be voted in unanimously. Last year, his former New York Yankees teammate Mariano Rivera became the first player unanimously elected into the Hall of Fame.

Walker gets in on his 10th and final year of eligibility, receiving 77 percent of the votes. In order to be elected, a player must receive at least 75 percent of the votes. Last year, Walker received 55 percent of the votes.

The most notable players who did not get elected into the Hall of Fame this year were Curt Schilling, Roger Clemens, and Barry Bonds. It is the eighth year on the ballot for all three.

Schilling received 70 percent of the votes this year. Last year, Schilling received 61 percent of the votes.

Clemens received 61 percent of

Tweet of the Week

Arash Markazi
@ArashMarkazi

The stage for the 2020 NFL Draft in Las Vegas will be on the water at the Fountains of Bellagio. The players will be transported to the stage by boat.



the votes this year. He received 60 percent of the votes last year.

And Bonds also received 61 percent of the votes this year. He received 59 percent of the votes last year.

Given the trend, it would seem that Schilling will most likely be voted into the Hall of Fame next year, in 2021. But as for Clemens and Bonds, who have been linked to performance-enhancing drugs, a measly two-percent jump from 2019 to 2020 is an indication that perhaps they'll miss out, with only two years of eligibility remaining.

Jeter and Walker will be officially inducted into Cooperstown on Sunday, July 26.

REPORT: PEDROIA SUFFERS SIGNIFICANT SETBACK

SBT Staff

According to a report from The Boston Globe's Pete Abraham, Boston Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia has suffered a "significant setback" while rehabbing his left knee, and is considered "questionable" for spring training.

Pedroia, 36, is recovering from a

left knee joint preservation procedure that he had back in August. According to Abraham's sources, Pedroia is discussing his options with his family, agents, and the Red Sox.

Over the last two seasons, Pedroia has played in just a total of nine games.

Pitchers and catchers report to spring training on Feb. 11.

CHIEFS FAVORED TO WIN SUPER BOWL LIV

SBT Staff

Super Bowl LIV will be played on Sunday, Feb. 2 in Miami, and the Kansas City Chiefs are a 1-point favorite against the San Francisco 49ers.

The Chiefs were the No. 2 seed in the AFC and defeated the No. 6 seed Tennessee Titans in the AFC Championship Game last Sunday. The 49ers were the No. 1 seed in the NFC and defeated the No. 2 seed Green Bay Packers in the NFC Championship.



Kansas City quarterback Patrick Mahomes is the favorite to be named Super Bowl MVP at +130. San Francisco quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo has the second-best odds of being named MVP at +275, followed by 49ers running back Raheem Mostert at +550, 49ers tight end George Kittle at +1000, Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce at +1600, and Chiefs wide receiver Tyreek Hill at +1600.

WHAT TO WATCH

NBA FRIDAY, JAN. 24
Boston at Orlando
8 P.M. NBCSB

SUNDAY, JAN. 26
Boston at New Orleans
6 P.M. ESPN

NHL SATURDAY, JAN. 25
All-Star Game
8 P.M. NBC

NFL SUNDAY, JAN. 26
Pro Bowl
AFC vs NFC
3 P.M. ABC/ESPN

WWE SUNDAY, JAN. 26
Royal Rumble
7 P.M. WWE Network/PPV



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