



Suffolk Downs Master Planned Development Getting New Attention

As reported in the Boston Globe and Boston Business Journal this week, the Boston-based group “Lawyers for Civil Rights” on Monday filed an administrative complaint to federal housing authorities, alleging the city’s development-review process for the expansive Suffolk Downs proposal has not been accessible to non-English speakers.

“Lawyers for Civil Rights” filed the complaint on behalf of GreenRoots Inc. and City Life/Vida Urbana, two Boston-area

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EDITORIAL

An Act Of Terror In South Boston? The Verdict Is In

It's been just over 3 years now since police say that 45-year-old Asim Kieta set off an explosive device near a Boston Police cruiser parked in South Boston. It happened on January 20th, 2017. The blast injured 3 on duty uniformed police officers doing their jobs working to control rush hour traffic. As news reports stated, his trial

just ended last week, and he has been sentenced to 15-18 years in state prison with 5 years of probation to follow. His actions were said to have been caught by area video surveillance cameras which helped get Kieta a guilty verdict.

15 to 18 years might sound like a long time and in most cases and for many crimes it would be. But this

isn't most cases. By definition, what took place could and should be considered an act of terror. An actual homemade IED (Improvised Explosive Device) was used in the attempt to blow up a law enforcement vehicle, injure police and commit what certainly appeared to be an attempt to injure or kill as many people as possible because of the time of day

(Rush Hour) it was detonated. If that doesn't sound like a terrorist act, we don't know what does.

For an act of terror in an attempt to commit murder and mayhem, a 15-18-year prison sentence is perhaps too lenient. If terrorist acts are to be eliminated or at least discouraged, the price to pay for them must be so high it will prevent most from ever even



contemplating giving it a try. Life in prison should be the bare minimum given for those whose goal it is to cause mass murder of American citizens whether they are successful in their attempts or not.

“The older you get, the better you get, unless you are a banana.” - Betty White



“Rep. David Biele & Councilor Ed Flynn paid a visit to Gate of Heaven CYO & teens at the Walsh Center to deliver pizzas before the Super Bowl on Sunday. Although the Patriots weren't on the field, it was a great time had by all and we look forward to next year.”

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Progressive Prosecution Not Going Well

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Many people like to read the crime data that the Boston Police release regularly to keep abreast of what's going on. This newspaper does as well. But in addition, from time to time we review the statistics from other parts of the country just to get an idea and make comparisons. What's happening in much of California for example is fascinating. Millions of Americans have come to the conclusion that a fairly large percentage of Californians are weird and bordering on having a touch of crazy. Many of the sane ones are making plans to get out of there quickly or have already moved to states like Texas and Utah and Wyoming etc. By the hundreds of thousands, they are fleeing massive tax rates, a declining economy, regulations on most everything and out of control crime. But as crazy as some of the remaining residents are, the politicians in charge in 'Cali' are closing in on insane.

In San Francisco for instance, the streets have become sprawling tent cities that are littered with trash and human waste. And the laws are now barely enforced, thanks to policies coming from the office of the newly elected District Attorney. Criminals are being allowed to commit their crimes without prosecution. The cops arrest the offenders and they are quickly released to commit more crimes. In New York City, the liberal policy of 'bail reform', allows offenders to walk out of the court room door without bail to continue what they were doing and most of those released never to return to court. New York too is seeing a mass exodus of people

fleeing to places with lower taxes and less crime. Like so many other liberal run cities, New York is resisting cooperation with ICE and is now being sued by ICE for the recent heinous crime committed by an illegal alien. The suspect is accused of the rape and murder of a 92-year-old woman. ICE wanted him held for previous offenses, but city officials ignored ICE and released him – no bail.

This brings us locally to Suffolk County, Massachusetts where the city of Boston is located. Here, ICE is also being resisted and the current District Attorney, Rachael Rollins, has policies that prevent certain crimes from being criminally prosecuted. She calls it 'Progressive Prosecution'. Just the name should tell us all we need to know about how it's going to go and in fact how it IS going. It's good for the perpetrators and bad for the victims. Most have read the news accounts. If someone is arrested for shop lifting, house breaking and other property crimes and even resisting arrest, the odds are they will walk without jail time. There are several other crimes listed too. Now most people with common sense can figure out that when the word gets out that certain crimes will go without any real consequences, those crimes will increase, and they have and are continuing to rise. For some reason, liberal politicians and their supporters don't seem to have the capacity to figure this out. They may be happy living in their fantasy worlds, but the victims of these crimes are not amused.

The cities that follow in the footsteps of places like San Fran-

cisco, New York and other places where liberal policies are dominating are already in shambles or soon will be. It's time to put the brakes on electing people who care more about coddling the bad guys than they do about protecting those who are not. The so called 'Progressive' politicians have had their chance to show us what they can do, and it isn't pretty. They need to go.

Speaking of Progressive politicians, former Bay State governor Deval Patrick is not even a blip

on the screen in his ridiculous run for the presidency. If he's running on the promise that he can do for America what he did for Massachusetts that would explain why the only way he will get to the White House is on a guided tour. It has been stated that John F. Kennedy was the last president that will ever be elected from Massachusetts. That's probably true. Just ask Dukakis, Kerry, Romney, Moulton and now Patrick. And it will be a good bet that Elizabeth Warren will find that out as well.

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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.

Iowa joke, Part II: And the winners are ... Donald Trump and Michael Bloomberg?

For what it's worth, Iowa officials have indeed, tardily, started issuing partial results of Iowa's Democratic presidential caucuses from Monday night, showing that Pete Buttigieg continuing to lead the Dem pack, just ahead of Bernie Sanders and somewhat distantly (though not too distantly) ahead of Elizabeth Warren, as the NYT reports. The Herald's Lisa Kashinsky has Warren's reaction to her third-place (so far) showing.

The night's clear big loser: Joe Biden. But are there really any true winners and losers after Monday's epic Iowa caucus-counting meltdown? Not really. Then again, Michael Bloomberg definitely senses an opening as a result of the post-Iowa chaos, via the NYT: "Bloom-

berg Plans to Double Ad Spending After Iowa Caucus Problem." The Herald's Howie Carr says the biggest Iowa winner was the current occupant of the White House. "It's good to be Donald Trump today," he writes. Anyone care to argue? And along the same lines, from the Washington Post's Matt Viser: "The Democratic five-alarm fire has begun."

Btw: All the candidates are now focusing on New Hampshire, where the latest poll, via the Boston Globe, shows Sanders with a comfortable lead.

'You Had One Job, Iowa'

Count the Boston Globe's editorial board and WBUR's Miles Howard as among those who say it's time to put a fork in the convoluted Iowa caucus system of selecting presidential delegates. In fact, the Globe, in an

editorial headlined "Kill the tradition," takes it a step further and says it's time to also strip New Hampshire of its first-in-the-nation primary, saying both Iowa and New Hampshire aren't representative of the rest of the nation.

Meanwhile, check out this NYT piece on all the reasons why Iowa's caucus count failed on Monday — and scroll down to the "Caucus Math Work Sheet" that officials were supposed to fill out on Monday night. It's crazy. The whole caucus system is crazy — and we all know it. One more Iowa-fiasco item from the Herald's Hillary Chabot: "Hawkeye black eye: Iowa Dems admit 'this hurts.'"

Mass. delegation's response to Trump speech: Boycott, walk out and lots of criticism

Kevin Andrade at WGBH reports

on the reaction of the state's Congressional delegation to President Trump's State of the Union speech last night. It included one boycott (Ayanna Pressley), one walk out (Seth Moulton) and lots of criticism (Jim McGovern, Ed Markey, Joseph Kennedy etc.).

Benjamin Kail at MassLive has more on Pressley's boycott and her response to the president's speech. Meanwhile, from the Globe's Jaelyn Reiss: "Nancy Pelosi ripped her copy of Trump's State of the Union speech in half when he finished."

WGBH

The Kennedys trounced her grandfather — and they may do it again to Ed Markey

Anna Kusmer at WGBH reflects on her late grandfather, Sumner Kaplan, who ran the doomed campaign of Ed McCormack when he ran against the then upstart Ted Kennedy in 1962 ("If your name was Edward Moore your candidacy would be a joke") and sees parallels to today's confrontation between Ed Markey and upstart Joseph Kennedy III.

WGBH

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organizations that have stressed the need for affordable housing and climate resiliency efforts at Suffolk Downs, the 163-acre site in East Boston and Revere where a combined 16.2 million square feet of development is proposed.

"This planning agency of the City of Boston, a recipient of considerable federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), has continually excluded Limited English Proficient (LEP) individuals from the review process for Suffolk Downs, one of the largest development projects in Boston's history," the complaint reads. "Suffolk Downs will fundamentally change the character, cost, and composition of every neighborhood it touches and all surrounding communities. Simply put, the stakes for affected communities in Boston, who are predominantly LEP residents of color, are enormous."

The complaint further requests

that HUD require the BPDA to halt its Suffolk Downs review until the federal housing authorities investigate the BPDA's language access practices, and to suspend federal funding "until the BPDA adopts and implements a comprehensive remediation plan for LEP resident engagement."

A BPDA spokeswoman said the agency became aware of the complaint on Monday and is reviewing it but stressed that the agency "has prioritized creating a public process for the Suffolk Downs proposal that is inclusive for all." Each BPDA public meeting for Suffolk Downs has included Spanish-language translation, and there have been two meetings exclusively in Spanish, the agency said. Numerous project documents are also available in both English and Spanish.

For its part, Boston-based HYM Investment Group, which owns and has proposed the development at Suffolk Downs, says that inclusion guides its vision for the site and the

entire mission of the company.

The Suffolk Downs project website is translated into Spanish, and the development team has done interviews in Spanish-language radio outlets and advertised in Spanish-language newspapers, the company says.

"Over the course of the last two years, in partnership with the Boston Planning and Development Agency and Revere city officials, we have gone above and beyond the typical public planning process to ensure that planning for the future of Suffolk Downs is open and accessible to all," said Thomas O'Brien, founding partner and managing director of HYM Investment Group, in a statement.

"To say that the Suffolk Downs planning process has not been an inclusive and conscious one, guided by the community, is contrary to our company's vision and values. ... At a time when we are facing a housing crisis, it is unfortunate that anyone would want to hold up progress on this creation of much-needed

housing, which will strengthen the communities of Revere and East Boston without displacing a single resident," he added.

It's unclear whether the complaint, which asks HUD to order the BPDA to halt its review, will slow down approval of the Suffolk Downs project. The BPDA's board has tentatively scheduled a hearing on Feb. 13, though it sometimes puts off such hearings to allow more time for discussion between developers and their future neighbors. Community groups — including the two behind the language complaint — are also pushing for more affordable housing to be included in the project.

"The BPDA has prioritized creating a public process for the Suffolk Downs proposal that is inclusive for all," spokeswoman Bonnie McGilpin wrote in an e-mail. She went on to say that BPDA staff have not made a final decision on whether Suffolk Downs will go to the board for a vote next week. "The project is still under review," she said.

SEN. COLLINS LEADS ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Senate Committee Advances Bill to Require Employment of Persons with Disabilities on State Contracts



Nick Collins that would require state sub-contractors to employ at least 10 percent individuals with disabilities.

This legislation, filed for several consecutive sessions, is designed to ensure opportunities and a quality of life for persons with disabilities living in Massachusetts who right now suffer from an 81% unemployment rate. That number represents a significant amount of human capital that is untapped because of a lack of opportunity for the disability community to access employment. There are many qualified and capable individuals with disabilities in Massachusetts who simply don't have access and opportunities for jobs. Furthermore, this language includes a phased ap-

proach to implementation to minimize any challenges that may arise in meeting the 10% threshold.

"To allow this incredibly high unemployment rate to go unchecked would be detrimental to our economy," said **Senator Collins**. "As a society, we should strive for an inclusive and vibrant workforce that reflects our community as a whole. This bill is step one in correcting the disparity; creating economic mobility for the disability community, generating significant economic impact, and securing Massachusetts' leadership in economic opportunity for all its residents. This proposal is a win-win for the Commonwealth."

The language calls for state sub-

contractors working in the areas of janitorial and custodial services, landscaping services, mailroom support, culinary arts, fleet management, manufacturing; trash removal, document destruction, electronic scanning of documents, facility management and other services to meet a threshold of 10 percent employees with disabilities upon being awarded a contract by a state agency.

The language was crafted in partnership with Dorchester based non-profit Work Inc and has previously been endorsed by the Disability Law Center in Boston. The Senate Ways and Means Committee will now consider the bill for further action.

In an effort to mitigate the staggering rate of unemployment for adults with disabilities in the Commonwealth, the Massachusetts State Senate recently advanced a piece of legislation filed by **Senator**

REP. BIELE PARTICIPATES IN GO RED FOR WOMEN EVENT TO RAISE AWARENESS OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE IN WOMEN

Earlier this week, **State Representative David Biele** joined legislators at the State House in wearing red to raise awareness of the dangers of heart disease and stroke in women. The event was part of the Go Red for Women initiative, which encourages individuals to wear red in support of women's cardiovascular health. This year's National Wear Red Day is Friday, February 7th.

According to a 2019 report, cardiovascular disease kills one woman in the United States every 80 seconds and takes the lives of more women than all forms of cancer combined. Heart disease and stroke also impact the lives of one in three women and are on the rise in young women in their 20s.

"I was proud to join my colleagues in the Legislature to bring attention to the dangers and prevalence of cardiovascular disease among women," said **Rep. Biele**. "Cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death of women in Massachusetts, but it is also one of the most preventable diseases. Knowing the signs and symptoms of cardiovascular disease, and the best ways to treat and prevent heart disease and stroke, can help save the lives of our loved ones."

Roughly 80 percent of cardiovascular diseases are preventable through modest changes to diet and lifestyle. However, heart disease and stroke symptoms can manifest differently. To treat,



beat and prevent heart disease and stroke, women are encouraged to understand their family history and know their five key personal health numbers: total cholesterol, HDL (good) cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar and body mass index.

For 16 years, the Go Red for Women initiative has provided a platform to come together, raise awareness, fund lifesaving research, advocate for change, and

improve the lives of women everywhere. Through collaboration with numerous organizations, and with the help of countless volunteers, the campaign helps fund innovative research, advocate for the public's health and share lifesaving resources.

For more information on the Go Red for Women initiative and ways to increase heart health, please visit: <https://www.goredforwomen.org>.

Black History Is More Than A Month



February is Black History Month and, in Boston, we have a full series of events planned to celebrate the achievements of Black Bostonians-- the women and men, seniors and students, veterans and clergy, business

owners and activists who have been at the heart of our city's progress and success since the beginning.

Honoring this history and progress is something we must do every day, all year round. That's why Boston is helping to lead a national movement to recognize that Black history is #MoreThanAMonth. This year, Black History Month kicks off a year-round celebration, in partnership with Boston's Black community, that we are calling a Year of Black Excellence. Black Excellence events will reach all ages and offer a range of activities including arts, sports, history, culture, job resources, and community programming.

Black History Month began on February 3 at City Hall with a Black Heritage Kickoff Celebration. It continues with events like the Carter G. Woodson Basketball Tournament, the Dream Chasers Call for Artists, our Age Strong Black Heritage Celebration for seniors, the 3rd Annual Fashionscape

and Arts of Boston, our 4th Annual African American Veterans Brunch, and many more. The remainder of our Year of Black Excellence will be anchored by a series of signature events, in partnership with community members and leading Boston institutions.

In July, Boston will host the national NAACP convention. Being named the host city for this national event was a great honor. We saw right away what an opportunity it would be to not only celebrate our city's progress, but also to catalyze a future of Black achievement that pushes us ever closer to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of equality, justice, and harmony. We are working closely with the community to host the greatest NAACP convention ever held. This event will be a milestone in Boston's history and a focus of the national conversation around social justice and economic equity.

Ultimately, real change is what it's all about. That's why our Year of Black Excellence also coincides with major

new initiatives and investments we are making in affordable housing, equity in education, access to transportation, and environmental justice. We will show that when we work to empower everyone and increase equity across our neighborhoods, our city becomes a better place for all-- and we can lead the nation forward as well.

We are being bold in Boston. We have made progress, but there is much work still to be done. We are inspired by the history of individual accomplishment and community progress that Black Bostonians have achieved, often against tremendous odds.

In January, we began the year by remembering the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He led the country to greater equality and justice, but the realization of his dream is not complete. His vision continues to inspire more progress every day. That's ultimately what our Year of Black Excellence is all about. I invite you to join us.

Councilor Michael Flaherty Announces His 2020 Committee Assignments

Committee assignments for the two-year Boston City Council term beginning in 2020 have been announced, and Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael F. Flaherty has been assigned as the Chair of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Committee for the second consecutive term. Councilor Flaherty has also been assigned as Vice-Chair on the Committee on Government Operations, the Committee on PILOT Reform, and the Committee on Rules & Administration.

"I am looking forward to my leadership roles on these critically important committees and to helping move Boston forward with effective legislation and constituent services," said Councilor Flaherty. "I am particularly excited about my role on the PILOT reform committee, working with my colleagues and our City's tax exempt institutions to ensure that the benefits they are reaping from our great City are being returned equitably so we may all continue to prosper."

Councilor Flaherty has been a longtime champion of the CPA since its adoption by the Common-

wealth of Massachusetts in 2000, and was a key figure in its adoption by the City of Boston in 2016. In his role as CPA Committee chair, Councilor Flaherty will be central in the allocation of funds generated through the CPA, and their ultimate disbursement to affordable housing, open space, and historical preservation projects across the city.

Councilor Flaherty said "The success of the Community Preservation Act in the City of Boston is something I take great pride in, having spearheaded efforts to support it for almost 20 years now. I am honored to continue serving in my role as Chairman of this important committee and working to ensure that deserving projects in every neighborhood of our City continue to receive this important funding."

Mayor Walsh recently released his recommendations for what will be the third round of CPA funding--a total of roughly \$24 million, spread across 40 projects around the City. The Mayor recommended a majority of the funds be directed towards affordable housing projects, in direct response to the affordable housing crisis that



Boston currently faces. With this round of funding, the City will have granted approximately \$67 million for projects in every neighborhood. The Mayor's recommendations for this round of funding have been approved by the Community Preservation Committee, and they will now be submitted to the Boston City Council's CPA Committee for final approval in the coming weeks.

Councilor Flaherty will now begin the public hearing process to deter-

mine the merits of each proposed project, ensuring that they meet all of the appropriate criteria and maximize public benefit. The Councilor welcomes input from all community partners and constituents throughout this process. Any concerned party is welcome to contact his office at 617-635-4205 or by email at michael.flaherty@boston.gov. A formal announcement of the CPA Committee hearing on this matter will follow once the hearing has been scheduled.

Councilor Flynn Appointed Chair of Two City Council Committees

Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn was named as the Chair of two Council committees this week: the Committee on City & Neighborhood Services, and a newly formed stand-alone Committee on Veterans & Military Affairs. The two committees reflect Councilor Flynn's focus on delivering quality city services to residents, as well as his commitment to supporting our veterans and military families. As Chair, Councilor Flynn will preside over matters assigned to his committees, be responsible for scheduling relevant hearings and working sessions, as well as issuing reports recommending action on matters under the committee's purview.

The Committee on City & Neighborhood Services works to ensure equitable delivery of basic city services to residents in Boston. Its jurisdiction also includes issues brought before the Council that are related to utility facilities operations and

siting, hackney & jitney licenses, as well as motor vehicle parking. The committee also exercises oversight over the Inspectional Services Dept., Public Works Dept. operations, Transportation Dept. operations, the Office of Neighborhood Services, the Boston Water & Sewer Commission, as well as other departments.

The Committee on Veterans & Military Affairs works on issues relating to programs and services for veterans, active military personnel & military families; including evaluation and implementation of new programs. The committee also exercises oversight over the Veterans' Services Dept. and Veterans' Graves Division in the Parks Dept.. Unlike previous years where city services and veterans issues fell under the same committee, this is the first time in years that Veterans & Military Affairs will have its own stand-alone committee. This change reflects the importance that Councilor Flynn and

the City Council attach to issues related to Veterans & Military Affairs, and allows the Councilor to better focus on these matters.

Aside from being the Chair of these two committees, Councilor Flynn is also the Vice Chair for the Committee on Civil Rights. He is also a member of the following committees: Census & Redistricting, Housing & Community Development, Public Health, Public Safety & Criminal Justice, as well as Small Business & Workforce Development.

"I'm proud to be named the Chair of the Committee on City & Neighborhood Services and the Committee on Veterans & Military Affairs. Both of these committees are very important to me and represent some of my top priorities as a City Councilor," said Councilor Ed Flynn. "I will continue to work with my colleagues to ensure that our residents have equal access to basic city services, and that our veterans and military fami-



lies receive the services and respect that they deserve." Councilor Flynn served 24 years in the U.S. Navy and is a veteran of Operations Enduring Freedom (O.E.F).

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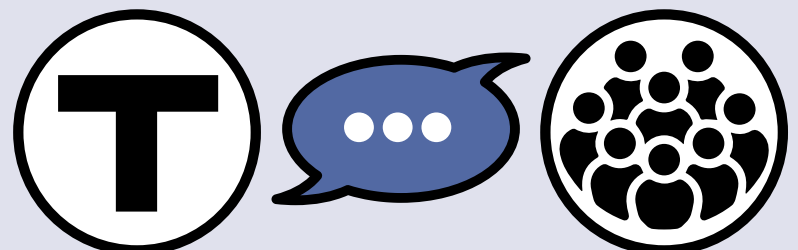
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The Wine Guy Overlooked



It's been a pretty good winter, weather-wise; we haven't had any really bad storms and it just might be true that we're headed for an early Spring. Either way, there's still some time for a good stew and a hearty wine to go with it. I don't pay as much attention as I should to a red wine that's often lost in the shadow of Cabernets and red blends and it's one that would be

perfect with a good stew and a fresh baguette-Zinfandel.

My friend Peter Dean recently suggested a few Zins from his home state of California-where many of the Zinfandel vines are now over 100 years old.

Old Hill Vineyard Zinfandel 2015, Ravenswood, (\$16.99) 'Embrace the bold, abhor the bland' is Joel Peterson's philosophy and the "No Wimpy Wines Allowed" sign that graces Ravenswood's tasting room, although it reflects the power and assertiveness of these wines, does a disservice to the complexity, refinement and elegance that these wines particularly exude with age. 2015 was a good year for Zin with delicious notes of mint, cedar and vanilla mixed with black cherries and raspberries.

Old Vine Zinfandel 2015, Sonoma County, Seghesio Family Vineyards, (\$29.99) is a standard among California Zins. The Seghe-

sios first started planting Zinfandel vines in Sonoma County in 1895; today the estate produces 10 different Zinfandels from its excellent 'entry level' Sonoma Zinfandel blend to its Old Vine Zinfandel where the average age is 70 years old. Deep and brooding with black berry, pepper notes and a woody spiciness, it gives hints of leather and cinnamon on a long finish; the vibrancy of the acidity and balanced tannins are impressive.

Ridge East Bench Zinfandel, 2017, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma, California, (\$35.99), has a 90 point rating from Wine and Spirits, who describe it as "a paean to Ridge's devotion to California's viticultural heritage". The 19th-century vineyard site, neighboring Ridge's Lytton Springs vineyard, was abandoned in the early 20th century. Working with cuttings from four pre-phylloxera vineyards, Ridge has been replanting the site, including the two blocks



that provided this wine, planted in 2000 and '01. They produced a lean, fragrant red in 2017, a gracious young zinfandel with notes of stewed cherries and shiso. Pour it with your best Beef Barley stew. **The Prisoner Red Blend, Napa, California, (\$38.99)**, is a Zinfandel-based blend that shows aromas of ripe cherry and cedar with hints of rose petal and sweet oak leading into a savory palate. Ripe fig and black currant dominate the finish with soft, well-integrated tannins. This one is not only great with a hearty stew; you should try it with Thai or Chinese-fantastic! **Talk To The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com**

It's Raining Hearts at St. Peter Academy!

By Frank Galligan,
Principal of St. Peter Academy

The Day It Rained Hearts by Felicia Bond, is a children's book in which the main character, Cornelia Augustus, is caught in a rainstorm of hearts while walking to her house. She carefully collects whatever hearts she can carry and brings them home to carefully study each one. Cornelia's close observations led her to discover that every heart was unique and decided that each one should go to a specific friend. Once she determined which friend would receive a certain heart, she fashioned it into the perfect card that would surprise the person in the mail on Valentine's Day. The morale of the story is that Cornelia loved her friends very much, only to take the time and create a personalized experience for them that created lasting memories.

The personalized and memorable experience created by Cornelia is similarly lived out and enjoyed by many people in our school each day! "The community here feels like one big family. Everyone's so supportive and I never feel alone" says Brittney Robinson, a Toddler

Program Teacher. Doreen Brown, the Academy's administrative assistant since its days marked as St. Peter School, notes "the friendships you make here are second to none. I love when you walk through the supermarket aisles and hear recognizable voices excitedly calling out your name - it's a great feeling!" Even the students realize the per-

sonalized attention provided to them in school each day. "I love the book club run after school each week by teachers" says Annabelle Joachim, a Kindergartener. "All of the teachers and parents at St. Peter Academy really care about kids" notes second grader, Lilianna Keaney. "I love my friends and teacher" says first grader Ronan Condon, "I have fun every

day I'm with Mrs. Heseck!" To which Laura Heseck, the first grade teacher responded, "I love my students."

A sincere thank you is extended to every member of our community who works hard in lovingly providing an exceptional, personalized, and memorable experience to our children and community members every day! Undoubtedly, we don't need Cornelia Augustus to tell us that its "raining hearts" at St. Peter Academy all throughout the year!



Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
197 West Fifth Street Single Family	\$528,000	11/14/19	5	1	1,024
246-248 E St UNIT 3 Condo	\$525,000	11/5/19	4	1	791
152-154 F St UNIT 1 Condo	\$471,000	11/12/19	4	1	627
7 Leeds St UNIT 3 Condo	\$462,500	11/15/19	3	1	574
549 East Fourth St UNIT D 2 Condo	\$330,000	11/7/19	3	1	410
595 East Second Street Single Family	\$739,000	11/21/19	6	2	1,368
797 East Broadway UNIT 2 Condo	\$480,000	11/22/19	3	1	630
572 East Broadway UNIT 3 Condo	\$537,500	11/20/19	3	1	840
153-155 West Sixth St UNIT 5 Condo	\$570,000	11/19/19	4	1.5	860
697 East Sixth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$635,000	11/21/19	5	1	1,200
525 East Second St UNIT 11 Condo	\$699,000	11/18/19	4	2	1,092
169 Dorchester St UNIT 1 Condo	\$790,000	11/21/19	5	3	1,318
503 East First St UNIT 9 Condo	\$994,000	11/19/19	4	2	1,324
11 Springer St UNIT 1 Condo	\$1,025,000	11/19/19	4	2.5	1,570
14 West Broadway UNIT 403 B Condo	\$1,030,000	11/18/19	5	2	1,129

A Letter of Apology To South Boston



February 04, 2020

Dear Neighbors:

We understand that words matter and can be deeply hurtful and divisive.

To this end, on behalf of our entire executive leadership team and all our employees, including those living and working in Boston, **we extend our sincere apology to the people of South Boston for comments that have been attributed to one of our real estate executives** in a conversation after a community meeting regarding the redevelopment of the Edison Power Plant.

To be clear, any comments which may have been construed as hurtful to the people of South Boston, its elected leaders, or any other community members, do not represent the views of our organization. Both Hilco and Redgate management have policies in place to make it clear to all our employees that any disparaging, demeaning and/or insulting comments have no place in our business, and run counter to our collective corporate culture, our code of ethics and our company reputations. Reputations that have been built over 60 combined years in the real estate development communities, both in Boston and beyond.

After investigating the matter, the executive involved in the incident has been temporarily removed from day to day involvement in the South Boston project. Furthermore, this executive (an employee with an exemplary past performance record) enrolled in Code of Conduct and Civility Training. We believe that taking these steps appropriately reflect the seriousness of the allegations against the executive.

Both Hilco and Redgate have corporate offices and employees living and working in Boston and have been here for decades. It was with a strong sense of place and respect for both the people who live here and our elected leaders that we began this redevelopment project several years ago. Since acquiring the site in 2016, the community engagement process with the residents of South Boston and their leaders have helped shape a better project, and we are confident that this will result in a redevelopment of which we can all be proud.

As we move forward, I can personally assure you that Hilco and Redgate will rebuild any diminished trust as we reimagine this piece of South Boston real estate and build something great together.

Roberto Perez

Roberto Perez
Chief Executive Officer
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South Boston Catholic Academy News

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

What an exciting week we had last week! Students at South Boston Catholic Academy celebrated Catholic Schools Week. The week began with our students speaking at all the Masses at Gate of Heaven and St. Brigid Church. Many families came to the Masses and also to the Coffee and Refreshment Get Together following the 10:30 Family Mass at St. Brigid Church.

On Monday, it was Student Appreciation/Tag Day. Our students were treated to a pizza lunch and a surprise assembly from Illstyle and Peace Productions, sponsored by Young Audiences of Massachusetts. The Tag Day was to benefit Good Samaritan Ministry and the Peace Breakfast in South Boston.

On Tuesday, it was Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day. We showed

appreciation for our teachers and staff with a faculty breakfast hosted by our very dedicated and supportive parents in the Home and School Association. We also enjoyed Book Buddies – a school-wide program with the older grades visiting with the younger students to read a book of the child's choice. In the afternoon, every student was able to visit the Book Fair and purchase books for their classroom and home.

On Wednesday, the 5th and 6th Graders lead the TV Mass on CatholicTV. In the afternoon we held our Annual Spelling Bee.

On Thursday, prospective families were invited to come to our Open House. In the afternoon we had our Annual Volleyball Game for the students. It was so nice to see the older grades helping the

younger players on their team.

On Friday, we had a school-wide Mass at St. Brigid Church. Monsignor Liam Bergin was the celebrant and the Student Council did a great job as greeters, readers and bring up the gifts, of bread and wine, to the altar. At the beginning of this Mass, Monsignor Bergin invited four of the Student Council members to present special symbols explaining why we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. They are as follows: A student carried the American Flag...We celebrate our Catholic School and the opportunities it provides us to grow in service for others, such as Student Council, Clubs and Sports. A student carried a map of Boston with a St. Brigid Cross...We celebrate our commu-

nity of South Boston, especially the work of the Good Samaritan Ministry and the Peace Breakfast which our TAG day supported this week. A student carried a piece of her student work...We celebrate our academic success this week with Reading Buddies, Spelling Bee and the Book Fair. A student carries a picture of St. Brigid and a replica of the St. Brigid Cross. We celebrate our Catholic faith and the gift of a Catholic education that grows our minds and hearts to succeed as a friend and student. We also paid a special tribute to St. Brigid, whose Feast was Saturday, February 1 and as always our South Boston Catholic Academy Children's Choir did a fantastic job singing at this Mass. This was a wonderful way to end our Catholic Schools Week celebration. Thank you to our Catholic Schools Week Committee, our wonderful parents, teachers and staff and everyone who helped to make it a truly special week for all!



SB Citizens Association Boxing Show Tryouts Begin February 7th

The date for the 2020 St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day Boxing Show has been announced. It will take place on **Saturday, March 14th** and it will once again take place at the **Peter Welch Gym located at 371 Dorchester Avenue in South Boston**. "Admission is free of charge to the public"

stated Tom McGrath, president of the South Boston Citizens Association (SBCA). The Boxing Show is always a fun filled and action packed, crowd pleasing event. It has been part of the holiday celebrations for more than 75 years. Peter Welch, owner of the gym, along with the SBCA, is also a sponsor of the show.

This year's boxing show chairman, Suffolk County Registrar of Deeds, Stephen Murphy as well as Peter Welch will be looking for young boxers; both male and female of all ages to participate in this year's show. Tryouts will begin on February 7th at 7:30PM at the Peter Welch Gym. Tryout days and times will be Fridays at 7:30PM, Saturdays beginning at 1:30pm and Sundays at 1pm.

Each young man and lady will be trained by experienced staff and trainers Peter Welch, Tommy Connors, Danny Long, James Murrin, Sean Murrin, Anthony Cefalo, Eric Savard, Matt Alger, Brian Ferro and Peter Welch Jr.

All training and tryout will be free



of charge to every young man and woman participating in this year's show. All bouts and contenders will be matched by age, experience and weight and should report to the Peter Welch Gym with mouth guard, shorts and sneakers.



We knew it was coming. Mookie Betts was going to be traded before the 2020 MLB season began, whether we liked it or not. The expectation was that David Price would be traded with him. And the Los Angeles Dodgers were the most logical destination, based on the countless number of reports that told us so.

And on Tuesday night, it was made official.

Betts and Price — along with half of Price’s remaining \$96 million salary over the next three years — were traded to the Dodgers for 23-year-old outfielder Alex Verdugo. The Red Sox also received 21-year-old right-handed pitching prospect Brusdar Graterol from the Minnesota Twins, while Minnesota received 31-year-old starter Kenta Maeda from LA, making it a three-team deal.

The trade has a lot of people up in arms. It’s given the fans and media a golden opportunity to take their shots at John Henry and Tom Werner, and complain about how much it costs to go to Fenway Park.

“I HAVE TO PAY \$12 FOR A BEER AND...”

Oh, shut the [expletive] up. We get it. Fenway is too expensive.

But you’re wasting your energy complaining about it. Because prices aren’t going down, with or without Betts.

Everyone knows someone who’ll be complaining about those steep prices this week, as we try to analyze the trade. The problem is, most of these people hate EVERYTHING the Red Sox do. Their reasoning? The prices at Fenway.

It’s exhausting. And this is coming from someone who can barely afford to go to a game these days.

But my job, right here, right now, is to analyze the trade while eliminating irrelevant factors like the cost of a hot dog and a beer. And when I’m able to do that, I’m able to see that trading Betts was an inevitable move.

According to former Red Sox infielder and current baseball analyst Lou Merloni, the Sox offered Betts a 10-year, \$300 million contract. Betts’ counter offer was 12-years, \$420 million.

Betts, 27, will be an unrestricted free agent next winter. And the Red Sox had a decision to make. Were they going to make Betts one of the highest paid athletes in the history of North American sport by giving him \$420 million? Or would they try and get something for him now, instead of losing him for nothing next offseason?

They chose the latter, and I’m OK with it.

No disrespect to Betts, either. He’s a phenomenal talent, and most likely will be for the next five-to-seven years. But is he really worth \$420 million? Is anybody in Major League Baseball really worth \$420 million?

Mike Trout received the highest contract in North American sport history last winter when he agreed to a 12-year, \$430 million extension with the Los Angeles Angels. Betts is frequently compared to Trout as a five-tool star. So, to no surprise, some believe their contracts should be similar.

You could also make the argument, though, that even Trout is overpaid. That’s not a knock on Trout. He’s the best player in the league. But \$430 million is an absurd amount of money for one player, I don’t care how good you are.

When it comes to the Red Sox, we view them as a big-market club in a league with no salary cap, owned by a billionaire, and we automatically think, “unlimited funds.” We very rarely put the \$12 beer down and think of it as a business.

But that’s what it is, a business. And it’s not monopoly money.

I also have news for those shouting “Trout set the market!” He didn’t.

He’s an anomaly. The actual market for a superstar is an 8-10 year deal worth anywhere from \$260 million to \$330 million. Nobody wants to see that though. They just want to point at Trout, toss their \$20 bag of peanuts against the wall and scream at Henry and Werner for being “cheap.”

The Red Sox have gone on the record saying they’d like to get underneath the luxury tax threshold this offseason. Getting rid of Price was certainly a sign of that (though, I’m not sure why they had to eat half of the \$96 million he’s owed).

Trading Betts is a separate issue. The Red Sox could’ve been \$100 million under the luxury tax, and they still wouldn’t have given Betts \$420 million. His counter offer was his own way of saying, “I’m testing free agency,” without actually going on record and saying that. The PR battle goes both ways, you know.

But this is probably a PR battle the Red Sox will never win, which is unfortunate, because they made the right decision, given Betts’ asking price.

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RED SOX TRADE BETTS, PRICE TO LA IN THREE-TEAM DEAL

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The Boston Red Sox agreed to trade right fielder Mookie Betts and left-handed starter David Price to the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday night. In return, the Red Sox received 23-year-old outfielder Alex Verdugo from L.A.

Boston also received 21-year-old right-hander Brusdar Graterol from the Minnesota Twins, who became the third team in the deal. The Twins received right-handed starter Kenta Maeda.

According to MLB Network's Jon Heyman, the Red Sox are also expected to eat half of Price's remaining \$96 million over the next three seasons.

Betts, 27, is entering the final year of his deal and is scheduled to be an unrestricted free agent next winter. He reportedly asked the Red Sox for a 12-year, \$425 million deal as a counter to the Red Sox' offer of 10-years, \$300 million.

Verdugo hit .294 in his first full season with the Dodgers last year. He was the Dodgers' No. 1 ranked prospect entering the 2019 season.

Graterol was a top-five prospect for the Twins. His velocity reached 100 mph when he was called up to the majors in September.

Julian Edelman @Edelman11
Baby come back @TomBrady

Tweet of the Week



CHIEFS WIN SUPER BOWL LIV, EARLY FAVORITE TO WIN SUPER BOWL LV

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The Kansas City Chiefs defeated the San Francisco 49ers, 31-20 on Sunday in Miami, winning their first Super Bowl championship since winning Super Bowl IV in 1970.

Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes was named Super Bowl MVP. Mahomes

finished the game 26-of-42 for 286 yards, while throwing two touchdown passes and two interceptions. Mahomes also had a rushing touchdown.

San Francisco blew a 20-10 fourth-quarter lead, after Kansas City scored 21 unanswered points in the final seven minutes of the game. It marks the second time that 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan was on the losing end of a double-digit comeback in the Super Bowl. Shanahan was the Atlanta Falcons' offensive coordinator when the New England Patriots came back from a 28-3 second-half deficit to win Super Bowl LI, 34-28 in overtime.

Kansas City opens as the favorite to win next year's Super Bowl LV in Tampa Bay, at +500. The Baltimore Ravens have the second-best odds at +700, followed by the 49ers at +800, the Patriots at +900, the New Orleans Saints at +1600, and the Dallas Cowboys, Green Bay Packers, and Philadelphia Eagles all at +1800.

WHAT TO WATCH

NBA FRIDAY, FEB. 7
Atlanta at Boston
7:30 P.M. NBCSB

SUNDAY, FEB. 9
Boston at Oklahoma City
3:30 P.M. NBCSB

NHL SATURDAY, FEB. 8
Arizona at Boston
3 P.M. NESN

SUNDAY, FEB. 9
Boston at Detroit
12:30 P.M. NBC

PGA THURS, FEB. 6 - SUN, FEB 9
AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
12 P.M. GOLFC/CBS

NCAAH MONDAY, FEB. 10
Beanpot Championship
Boston University vs Northeastern
7:30 P.M. NESN

NORTHEASTERN LOOKING FOR BEANPOT THREE-PEAT, BATTLES BU IN FINALS

SBT Staff



Northeastern and Boston University both won their semi-final games this week to earn a spot in the Beanpot Championship Game this coming Monday night at the TD Garden.

The No. 12 Huskies have won the Beanpot the last two years. They opened the semifinal round with a 3-1 win over No.

17 Harvard. Then, in the second game of the night, the unranked Terriers came back from being down 3-1 in the third period to beat No. 4 Boston College, 5-4 in double overtime.

Harvard and BC will play in the consolation game this Monday at 4:30 p.m. The puck drops for the championship game between Northeastern and BU at 7:30 p.m.



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