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EDITORIAL

Still Some Confusion About Getting The Covid Vaccine

There are many people who have already decided that they will not be getting the Covid 19 vaccine. It's a personal choice that, as Americans, we all have every right to make. Some are against having any substance injected into their bodies including Flu, Shingles, Pneumonia shots or anything else really. Again, it's a personal choice.

But there are also many who want to get vaccinated and should have that option but are frustrated that they are finding it near Impossible to get an appointment, and those

who have received an appointment said in some cases that it has taken hours, even days, to get through to someone who can assist and set it up. We understand that 'red tape' and other complications are a fact of life in the 21st Century, but when it comes to our health, every effort to eliminate it should be made.

While some are not very concerned with this virus situation, others are scared, actually terrified in some instances. The difficulty they have been facing greatly adds to their anxiety and fear.

What isn't clear is why

with all the time to prepare for distribution on these vaccines must there be so much confusion? While some distribution sites around the state are functioning well, some are working like clockwork, others seem to be in disarray. If some sites have the process running smoothly, we see no reason why all sites aren't able to pull it off.

A lot of people have had it with this whole Covid situation and are pretty much done with following rules and regulations that seem to change almost by



the day, as far as how to protect from it. Dr. Fauci himself has come under increased scrutiny, as he has flipped flopped on countless predictions and courses of action. And with so many confusing and contradictory statements coming

out, who can blame people for being skeptical? To use an often-heard statement around town - it's time to "... get their act together." if officials want to rebuild confidence among the folks who are looking for guidance and help.

“Character matters. Leadership descends from character” - Rush Limbaugh

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The Information Center

He's Back! John Kerry With Another End Of The World Prediction

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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

There is so much talk about 'racism' in America that it's beginning to grate on peoples' nerves. Those of you who watched the Super Bowl, were bombarded with it in the majority of the commercials. One of the highlights of the Super Bowl viewing experience has always been to be entertained by the ads. But the ads stop being entertaining, when they become mostly lectures and scold people, because they are racist. Well, for the most part, people are not racist and are tired of being told they are. And from the feedback we're getting at this newspaper and from so many posts on social media, Americans, and in particular, white Americans have had enough.

By now, most Americans have come to realize that there is an ongoing campaign to make whites feel ashamed, and accept being targeted as evil by powerful forces. The latest story to be uncovered last week is how the Coca Cola Company has instructed their white employees to be, and I'm quoting – 'Less White'. Is there such a thing? And is this not racist as well?

We've come to expect this from crazy college professors and from the mainstream news media. But now this campaign is seeping into the schools, where young white students are told that they are privileged and all but made to feel guilty, and how their parents must be racist as well. There are cases in a growing number of grade schools where students are being made to feel guilty and even responsible for slavery and past discrimination and that it is somehow their fault that this has gone on. They are also being taught that they are of less worth and importance, because of their 'whiteness' and must make amends.

One definition of racism is to treat people of other racial and ethnic groups differently, because of the

color of their skin and heritage. And that is exactly what is taking place in America today and just about everyone knows it. Some are scared to challenge it, so it continues.

There is a lot of money to be made by keeping the racial pot boiling. People like Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson and Maxine Waters and groups like Black Lives Matter raise quite a bit of cash. Though they claim to be fighting against 'systemic racism', many believe that eliminating even the smallest racial division is not in their financial interests. But in addition, white liberals are probably the biggest racists of all and the way they condescend to people of color is a disgrace. So many white liberals in positions of power and their followers use a typical tactic made successful by Fascists and Communists throughout history: They accuse their opponents of that which they themselves are guilty. And as long as they are not challenged or confronted about it, it will continue to work.

Moving on, the latest distraction in the news is the trip to Cancun by Senator Ted Cruz. He accompanied his family on their pre planned trip when Texas was hit with a brutal winter storm. He apologized, said it was not the right thing to do and came immediately back and went to work assisting his Texas constituents. The news media is running the story and attacking him for it almost 24/7. But the reason they are making a big issue of it is to distract from the Andrew Cuomo story. Cuomo, as everyone knows, sent thousands of Covid 19 infected victims into Nursing homes where the most vulnerable citizens reside. Because of this, thousands of senior citizens died. The whole country knows what he did. But instead of being a man and taking responsibility for his actions and apologizing like Cruz did for something far less egregious, he continues to deny he

was at fault and blames everyone else. This is a guy who is praised for his handling of the situation by Biden, by Hollywood and the news media. It was a terrible thing that governor did, so it's being all but ignored as they shift focus to Cruz to cover for Cuomo.

And finally, for this week – He's Baaaaack. John Kerry, as was stated before, has been brought out of moth balls and has been named the nation's 'Climate Czar' by Biden. Kerry, referred to by many Vietnam veterans as the 'male version of Jane Fonda', wants the common people to ride bikes and take the bus to save the planet, but

feels its ok for him to float at sea on his gas guzzling yachts and fly around in his private jet. Well, he has returned to the spotlight with his latest ridiculous climate prediction. He now says the planet has just 9 years left, if we don't take immediate action to combat Climate Change/Global Warming. But we can save the planet if Americans just pay more taxes – a LOT more taxes. Since the 1970's, we've been hearing these predictions of doom and gloom with timelines for the end of life on earth that have come and gone. John Kerry is probably the last person we should pay attention to.

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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's poll numbers remain sky-high despite policy nosedives

Hang it up, pundits (and newsletter writers). You don't have nearly as much influence as you think and hope. The proof: The latest poll showing Gov. Charlie Baker still riding high with voters, despite all the vaccine rollout and website debacles and various predictions of political doom. We're talking 74 percent approval-rating high. MassINC Polling Group Steve Koczela is almost at a loss for words trying to explain the poll numbers' defiance of political gravity. In our Keller at Large on MasstereList above and over at CBS Boston, Jon Keller notes how the people and the pundits seem to inhabit two different universes when it comes to Charlie Baker. But ...

but the Globe's Joan Vennoch is still swinging away at the non-apologizing Baker. And others are swinging away too. See post immediately below.

Still, Healey and lawmakers sense opportunity in Baker's stumbles

The Herald's Joe Battenfeld is noticing what we've been noticing: Attorney General Maura Healey, considered a potential Dem gubernatorial candidate, seems to be ramping up the pressure on the vaccine-rollout front and "exploiting a key weakness that could be a centerpiece of a Democratic campaign against Baker." Based on the above-mentioned poll numbers, it doesn't appear to be a key weakness to voters, but, hey, it's an issue. The Globe's Matt Stout

has more on Healey hammering away at vaccine-rollout issues. Meanwhile, the Globe's Emma Platoff and Matt Stout report that lawmakers aren't quite as deferential to Baker on pandemic matters these days. But they're not nearly as feisty as lawmakers in New York, where legislators left and right have apparently grown tired of Andrew Cuomo's "brutalist political theater," as the NYT reports.

He's in: Santiago latest to join mayoral race fray

Here's some more interesting political news this morning: State Rep. and practicing physician John Santiago has ended weeks of speculation by saying he's joining the now four-candidate race to succeed Marty

Walsh as mayor of Boston, Matt Stout at the Globe and Sean Phillip Cotter at the Herald report. The 38-year-old ER doctor and second-term lawmaker says he wants to "bring Boston back better than before" and joins what is already the most diverse field of candidates ever to seek the corner office in Boston.

Maryland firm's bill for problem-plagued website: More than \$400K (and counting)

Back to the pandemic: We suspect our unofficial IT consultant, i.e. a young-something nephew who's not sure what he wants to do with his life, could have done just as well for a lot less. Nonetheless, the state opted for a Maryland company – and it's so far charged the state more than \$400,000 for the vaccine-registration website everyone loves to hate in Massachusetts. SHNS's Colin Young has more. Btw: Some frustrated residents, tired of searching and signing up **continued on page 12**

MAYOR WALSH RECOMMENDS 67 PROJECTS, TOTALING OVER \$25.5 MILLION IN FUNDING THROUGH COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

Projects include \$13 million for affordable housing, over \$5 million for historic preservation, and over \$6 million for open space and recreation



Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee (CPC) announced their recommendation of 67 projects, totaling over \$25.5 million in grants through the Community Preservation Act (CPA) current funding round. Following the CPC's public hearing and vote on Thursday, February 11, 2021 and Mayor Walsh's

recommendation, the proposed projects have been filed with the Boston City Council for a vote of approval. Projects supported with Community Preservation Act funding must create or preserve affordable housing, historic sites, or open space and recreation.

"Projects supported by funding through the Community Preservation Act are a reflection of the needs and voices of the residents in our neighborhoods. Because proposals are developed and created by Bostonians, each project directly serves each of our communities," said Mayor Walsh. "I want to thank everyone who submitted a project proposal to improve and preserve open spaces, affordable housing or historic spaces throughout the City of Boston."

Including this funding round, when approved by the City Coun-

cil, the City of Boston will have awarded over \$92 million to support 198 projects across the City since residents voted to adopt the Community Preservation Act in 2016. Community Preservation Act-funded projects can be found in 23 neighborhoods. Of those supported since its creation, there have been 85 open space and recreation projects, 27 affordable housing projects and 86 historic preservation projects.

After the Committee's review of applications received for Community Preservation Act funding, the following projects are recommended for grants. The proposals include 28 open space and recreation, five affordable housing, 34 historic preservation projects:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Allston-Brighton

- **\$617,850** to partially fund the acquisition of 6 Quint Avenue for

the creation of supportive affordable housing. A 15 unit moderate rehab that will create updated single room occupancy (SRO) units for individuals.

Citywide

- **\$5,000,000** to fund the ONE+Boston First-Time Homebuyer Program. The program combines a discounted interest rate on the ONE mortgage with enhanced down payment/closing cost assistance from the Boston Home Center, to provide additional buying power to low- and moderate-income Boston residents earning at or below 100 percent AMI.

Hyde Park

- **\$2,000,000** to fund the creation of 75 affordable housing units. Converting the vacant William Barton Rogers School into a vibrant, inclusive, mixed-income, LGBTQ-friendly, senior housing development.

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Representative Biele Thanks Frontline Workers at Compass on the Bay

Staff and residents of Compass on the Bay received a special surprise on February 19th when State Representative David Biele (D -South Boston, Dorchester) stopped by to personally deliver lunch and thank the community's frontline workers, following the vaccination of staff and residents.

Compass on the Bay's associates and residents enjoyed treats and pizza from several South Boston

restaurants, while Representative Biele offered his thanks and words of encouragement to members of the community. He specifically highlighted the work of the Memory Support Assisted Living Community's frontline and healthcare workers for their dedication and commitment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The vaccination of staff and residents of Compass on the Bay represents another positive step forward in

the fight against COVID-19," said Rep. Biele. "Given all that has happened in the past year, it was important to thank and acknowledge the dedication and efforts of staff to help our community and we must continue to work together to support one another."

For Compass on the Bay, the visit was a reminder that their hard work is being recognized by the community.

"We want to thank Representative Biele for taking the time to visit our

community and speak with us," said Executive Director Jenna Petrenko. "It's great to know that we have the support of our local community leaders and that our frontline workers are appreciated for all the work that they do."

Compass on the Bay is a Memory Support Assisted Living Community located on Columbia Road in South Boston. For more information, please visit www.CompassontheBay.com.



Representative David Biele with staff at Compass on the Bay in South Boston



From left to right: Compass on the Bay Cook Viollca Dallta, Cook Elda Prifti, Assistant Executive Director Lindsay Nelson, and Representative David Biele.



Compass on the Bay resident Jenna Fitzgerald and Representative David Biele

The 245th Evacuation Day Poster And Essay Contest Topics Announced



South Boston Citizens' Association President Tom McGrath announced today that because of the tremendous success of the past several years' contest, the Association will once again sponsor the 2021 Annual Essay and Poster Contests.

After last year's outstanding effort put forth by past President Bernie O'Donnell and his committee, they expressed an interest in taking on the challenge of chairing The Essay and Poster Contests. "Bernie always taught me that these contests are a

great way to educate and strengthen the interest of the children of the community, I was more than pleased when Bernie offered to head up this Event for the children of South Boston. This year we will open up the High School competition to all students residing in Suffolk County or attends a school in Suffolk County", remarked McGrath. Bernie further expressed "One of the missions of the SBCA is to reach out to the young children of this historically rich community, joining the SBCA in promoting, organizing, and judging the Evacuation Day Poster and Essay Competitions is a most fitting way to improve on that mission."

The current plan with respect to our annual Evacuation Day activities is to continue to host all the events as we have done in years past, but with additional precautions, including social distancing and face coverings. We will continue to work with Governor Baker, the City of Boston Health Commission, and the Na-

tional Park Service for the planning of our activities, as we do every year, and will strictly follow their requirements and guidance on all aspects of our hosted events.

We look forward to working with the community again this year, which commemorates the 245th anniversary of Evacuation Day in Boston. Celebrating Evacuation Day events in the community is a huge undertaking, especially under current circumstances. But thanks to Volunteers and Community Business partners in past years, such as Comcast, Mass Bay Credit Union and City of Boston Credit Union, we at the SBCA are confident we will be able to complete the task and make it possible for the entire community to safely enjoy this year's commemorative events.

Subject matter has been specifically chosen as follows.

Poster competition Grades 3-5
Subject matter has been specifically chosen as follows. The poster competition is open to all students

that attend schools in South Boston. This year's theme is the significance of Colonel Henry Knox and the Noble Train of Artillery. Poster should be original compositions, in any medium at least 8 1/2 x 11" but preferably larger.

Prizes are as follows:

- First prize \$100
- Second prize \$75
- Third prize \$25

Essay competition Grades 6-8

What is the significance of Dorchester Heights? Please focus on the history and importance to the South Boston community. Essays should be at least 500 words.

Prizes are as follows:

- First place \$100
- Second prize \$75
- Third prize \$25

This Essay competition is open to all students that attend ALL schools in the City Boston.

Grade 9-12

What role did the smallpox epi-
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I Was Just Thinking...



by Kevin Devlin

It has been repeatedly declared that the actions of those who stormed the Capitol on January 6 were inexcusable and those responsible should

be held accountable. We believe in law and order and consider all violence abhorrent.

Almost everyone arrested in the country over this riot is still in jail. They remain held without bail. Some are still in custody even though they didn't commit any violence, don't have criminal records, have jobs, and are retirees.

But what about others who rioted and looted throughout the past year?

Most BLM/Antifa rioters were released without bail. Their charges were dropped. Last June, over 400 rioters and looters in New York City were arrested yet subsequently released without bail. In Minneapolis, rioters were lauded as heroes as the city council voted to defund the real culprits, the police. Elsewhere in America, in Washington D.C., in California, in Portland and Seattle, those who burned buildings and looted busi-

nesses were released without suffering the consequences of their actions, their unlawful deeds.

So, why the double standard? Are some people more equal than others? Why the blatant hypocrisy? The answer is simple. Left is good. Right is bad. Trump Derangement Syndrome has poisoned the minds of many. They can't help themselves.

It's ironic the new buzzword for the Democrats is the need for equity.

But equity for who?

Everyone, anyone who breaks the law, no matter who they are, must suffer the consequences of their behavior. If you can't do the time, don't do the crime.

Americans want law and order.

We don't desire disorder and chaos.

What happened on January 6 was inexcusable. What happened last year throughout the country was also inexcusable. Law and order are about maintaining

the safety and well-being of all Americans. Selectively enforcing our laws and selectively dismissing some who break these laws based on their political leanings isn't equity nor equality under the law, only something much worse.

On another note, the war on drugs has failed, but to legalize all drugs isn't the answer. Drug addicts who need help should be given the necessary medical and psychological services to help them start anew before the addiction completely consumes them. On the other hand, the drug dealer making blood money and destroying lives should be thrown in prison. He or she doesn't deserve any consideration from us whatsoever. The last thing we need to do is to allow our children to walk into the local store and buy a hypodermic needle and a bag of heroin as if they were buying milk and bread.

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questionable and consequently infamous reputations. This is all happening with little or no resistance either because people are psychologically exhausted fighting to preserve it or because tradition has little or no meaning to a generation that considers the flip phone as having historic value.

Saint Peter and Paul Church, the haven for the sizable Lithuanian population that had lived in South Boston, houses high end condominiums just across the street from Amrheins and next door to the now shuttered Muls property. The same fate was suffered by the parishioners of Saint Augustine Church and Rectory etal on Dorchester Street. The Box-Like property designs permeate both West and East 1st Street and dot many areas within South Boston proper.

Amrheins Restaurant apparently is the next local institution to become extinct. A recent Boston Planning and Development Authority (BPDA) virtual public meeting, seeking comment on the development proposal, known as 80 West Broadway, to create ___ units on the restaurant site at A and Broad-

way, has revealed a disconnect among those residents who live in the Amrheins area and the rest of South Boston. The developer had modified its plans to preserve the restaurant façade based on feedback, only to find out that, in the opinion of area residents, there is no intrinsic value to preserving this vestige of vintage Boston.

At the end of 2020, the Matteson Companies proposed retaining the Amrheins building as part of their design and plans. Apparently, the new plan calls for its demolition. In light of that, the Boston Preservation Alliance, seeking to preserve what they consider to be worth maintaining for its "intrinsic value" as representative of a bygone era, has weighed in.

[The Alliance states the following on their website:](#)

"This iconic corner building and legacy business, operating since 1890 and the oldest restaurant and bar in South Boston, touts itself as having the oldest hand carved bar in America and the first draft beer pump in Boston. It is a destination for Bostonians and visitors alike, and one of the few historic buildings to survive intense, ongoing

development pressure on West Broadway. It is a gateway to the South Boston neighborhood, steps from the Broadway T station, and a marker of the roots of the neighborhood as Southie evolves."

The Alliance Position

Like many other neighborhoods in Boston, insensitive development has compromised the character, history, and streetscapes of South Boston. While the Alliance supports scaled, contextual new construction, we strongly believe that a balance of old and new architecture creates vibrant neighborhoods with a strong sense of place. When the Alliance first became aware of the pending sale of Amrheins (in 2018), we reached out to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) to urge preservation of the building (and hopefully restaurant) in a new project. Thankfully, we got a clear signal that the BPDA and elected officials agreed that preservation was important. We were pleased when the proposal for the project that was filed did not threaten these historic resources. A new building is proposed for the surface parking lot abutting Amrheins, with the

historic building given a new, collaborative life with the old. New and old together - perfect!

However, the Alliance learned in early February 2021 of influential voices that are calling for the demolition of the historic building in order to widen the sidewalk at the corner of A Street and Broadway. Pedestrian circulation is always important, but in this case we feel the historic building and its iconic presence on this prominent corner add more value to the neighborhood than a slightly wider sidewalk (which only narrows further down the block). We hope that the City will work with the proponent to find other solutions for the public realm and traffic flow that do not result in the loss of this important place.

As the Alliance referenced, "the sense of place" has intrinsic value to a community, especially South Boston. Given the state of affairs around the country and the perennial dilution, depreciation and devaluing of venerable institutions and traditions, in the name of convenience, economics or political capitulation, diminishes us all for posterity.

Councilors Ed Flynn and Kenzie Bok to Hold Hearing on the Proliferation of Electronic Billboards on Thursday, Feb. 25th, 10am

When: Thursday, February 25th, 10am Virtual City Council Hearing via Zoom

Who: City Councilor Ed Flynn, City Councilor Kenzie Bok, Boston Planning and Development Agency, community organizations.

What: There has been an increase

of electronic billboards in the city over the years, which can negatively impact quality of life and safety in our neighborhoods. The hearing order aims to discuss how the city can strengthen existing restrictions on the usage of electronic billboards. There are numerous studies about

the negative impact of electronic billboards on traffic safety and property values. The City's zoning code should already prohibit electronic billboards in our central neighborhoods, and precise guidelines were added in 2007 to limit electronic billboards to only three zones: Lansdowne Street, the Theater District, and the South Boston Waterfront. However, this does not stop electronic billboards being proposed outside of these zones, and there should be strict measures in place that regulate the usage of these electronic billboards. This hearing will be chaired by Councilor Flynn in the Committee on City and Neighborhood Services.

KIM JANEY ANNOUNCES MEMBERS OF MAYORAL SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Team will support an administration focused on supporting Boston residents through the COVID pandemic and an equitable reopening for the City

Councilors Flynn and Breadon File Hearing Order Regarding Tree Removals



Boston City Councilors Ed Flynn and Liz Breadon are filing a hearing order at this week's City Council meeting to discuss the process for tree removals in the city. The hearing order aims to discuss how we can improve the current system, including strengthening the notification and community process for potential tree removals.

A healthy tree canopy in our neighborhood is important to our environment and quality of life, as trees not only beautify our surroundings, but they also provide filters for pollutants, absorb excess stormwater runoff, provide shades during hot summers, and other environmental benefits. Residents often view trees as an integral part of

their neighborhood, and therefore are often alarmed and concerned when there are requests to remove healthy trees.

Currently, the process of removing a healthy tree involves a public hearing to gather feedback. Notification of the public hearing is posted on Boston.gov and in the newspaper, and the notice is on the tree itself and at least two other public places. However, there is no requirement to notify the abutters, so residents often do not find out about the tree removal hearing until close to the date or after the hearing. Also, trees are often removed due to development and construction, and are also often removed prior to a development project entering into the permitting

process, therefore not allowing residents and the community to have input beforehand.

"Having a healthy urban tree canopy is critical in terms of climate change and environmental justice, as well as improving our quality of life and preserving the character of our neighborhoods," said Councilor Flynn. "If a healthy tree needs to be removed, we need to ensure that there is a robust community process that would include input from residents and abutters about the impacts of tree removals and plans for replanting. I want to thank Councilor Breadon for her partnership on this. I look forward to this discussion."

"Improving Boston's urban tree canopy helps reduce air pollution, summer peak temperatures, and the urban heat island effect, provides wildlife habitat, and improves quality of life and social ties among neighbors and community members," said Councilor Liz Breadon. "Intentional planning and investment in a robust tree canopy is to the benefit of all who call Boston home. I look forward to this conversation where we can engage members of the public on how to be better informed and meaningfully notified about tree removal efforts well in advance."

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



Boston City Council President Kim Janey has named members of her senior leadership team in anticipation of her assuming the responsibilities of Mayor of Boston. As Janey works to ensure a seamless transition from Mayor Walsh and focuses on tackling the City's most pressing challenges, she has appointed **Chris Osgood** as Chief of Staff, **Mary Churchill** as Chief of Policy and Planning, **Stephanie Garrett-Stearns** as Senior Advisor to the Mayor, **Omar Boukili** as Senior Advisor to the Mayor on COVID-19 Response & Strategic Initiatives, **Samuel Hurtado** as Senior Advisor to the Mayor, and **Lindsey Butler** as Deputy Chief of Policy.

"I am thankful that these dedicated public servants — who bring with them decades of municipal management and public policy experience —

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The Wine Guy Winetech

As we continue to see all the new products and services emerging from the Internet of Things, you should know that some of those products and capabilities are contributing to the production of Red Blends that are more and more impressive. While winemaking will, hopefully, always be an art, technological innovations in the process are allowing for better and better blends to be “produced” before they’re even mixed. Programs can now tell makers how long to age for maximum flavor and structure, how much barrel and/or stainless age time to use and how long it should be in the bottle before offering, to name just a few of the aspects that are now, “by the numbers”.

All these innovations mean that, in a lot of cases, higher quality is costing less; one more reason to embrace technology!

22 Pirates 2018 Red Blend, Clos La Chance, California, (\$22.95), is a great example. Clos La Chance is a winery that started very small. Co-owners Bill and Brenda Murphy decided to plant a few rows of Chardonnay in their Saratoga backyard, both for landscaping purposes and to realize their dreams of being small-scale vintners. Before long their grapes and wine were in huge demand and as they say, the rest is history. Their 22 Pirates Red Blend was created to employ the outstanding Rhone Varietals being produced by premier wine growers throughout California and it really delivers. The wine has a dark black, violet color with aromas and flavors of ripe blackberry, vanilla bean, white chocolate and fresh mint with a round, vibrant, fruity medium body and a tingling, compelling, medium-long cinnamon-sugar finish with well-integrated, medium tannins and light oak. A lip-smacking Rhone varietal blend from Monterey; you may need more than one bottle!

Francis Ford Coppola hasn’t made any big moves lately, but never mind. He’s still making big things;



they just come in liquid form! His **Director’s Cut 2016 Cinema Red Blend, Sonoma, (27.99)**, is a delicious example—Cinema is a limited-production proprietary blend from Coppola. It’s comprised of fruit from select sub-appellations of Sonoma including Dry Creek Valley, Alexander Valley and Knights Valley. The outstanding 2013 vintage offered ample high-quality fruit. It’s a spicy, full-bodied red, layered with dark berry fruit components and an edge of earthiness.

Hornos Special Reserve Red 2014 Vina San Pedro, (\$36.99), is a worthy entry from Chile, a country which continues to offer more and more value and quality every year. Wine Spectator scored this 92 points saying “Powerful yet taut, with plenty of savory notes to the dried cherry and berry flavors, lingering with bittersweet chocolate details. Roasted hints fill the elegant finish, which

offers plenty of spice. Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Malbec. Drink now through 2020.” and Wine Enthusiast Magazine also scored this 92 saying “Concentrated aromas of tarry berry fruits, herbs, eucalyptus, olive and briar patch are as Chilean as Pablo Neruda. This Cabernet-led blend is chewy, full and nicely textured. Spicy, mildly herbal flavors of blackberry, plum and cassis finish spicy, with integrated but noticeable oak. Drink this powerful wine through 2023.” They’re absolutely on the mark.

Locations E Red Blend, Dave Phinney, Spain, (\$17.99). I saved the best for last. Dave Phinney of Orin Swift fame has branched out beyond California to produce a line of international wines that show off his expertise blending different varietals as well as his uncanny ability to make wines that taste twice as good as the cost. The E5 is sourced from Spain, from multi-vintages and it exhibits remarkable complexity and drinkability. This one’s a blend of Grenache, Tempranillo, Monastrell and Carignan and it is unequivocally mouth-watering and delicious, with a core of ripe black fruit and supple tannins. The price is beautiful, too.

Talk To The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com

Sully’s at Castle Island Opens This Saturday, February 27th

It seems that each year, Sullivan’s Restaurant at Castle Island in Southie, which is affectionally known to locals as Sully’s, seems to stretch its season just a bit longer from the previous season. And you know what? People love it. As most remember, Sully’s actually stayed open until December 31st – which was a ‘first’ last year. And this year, as most Sully’s fans have already heard, it will open this coming Saturday, February 27th. After all, why wait until March when there really is nothing stopping a February debut?

Sullivan’s opening day is unique. If there is another restaurant anywhere else in the world that has a more heralded and’ looked forward to’ seasonal start up, we’re not aware of it. The major news outlets pick up

on it and run print and TV specials preparing the public and getting the word out. News helicopters sometimes are hovering above to get an aerial view of the fun. On the big day itself, the TV cameras are mingling with literally thousands of hungry customers as they descend on Castle Island with hearty appetites in anticipation of giving their taste buds the ultimate treat.

It’s actually one of the biggest social events of the year as current and former residents gather to meet and greet one another and enjoy each other’s company over some of the best hot dogs, burgers, sea food and fries (and so much more) found anywhere on the planet. People drive in from surrounding cities and towns, and even other states as well, to be part of this now famous event.



The delicious food, Ice cream treats, coffee and smoothies are all complemented by great and fast service, provided by a friendly staff. What’s not to like.

So, if your plans for this weekend

take you anywhere other than Castle Island in South Boston for Sully’s opening day, you’ll be missing a now famous annual event of epic proportions that never ceases to please all who show up.

Virtual Public Meeting

658-660 East Broadway

Tuesday, March 2
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3qdbHEk
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 672 8224

Project Proponent:
658-660 East Broadway Realty, LLC

Project Description:
658-660 East Broadway Realty, LLC proposes to construct a mixed use development containing eight residential units, a restaurant space and commercial office space.

For more information on this project please visit:
bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/658-660-east-broadway

mail to: **Nick Carter**
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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

Virtual Public Meeting

88 Black Falcon Ave.

Thursday, March 4
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/37iWgTl
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 161 302 1316

Project Proponent:
DIV Black Falcon LLC

Project Description:
The Proponent proposes a four-story vertical addition of approximately 330,600 square feet to the existing three-story structure, which presently consists of approximately 353,910 square feet of Gross Floor Area. With the proposed vertical addition, the 88 Black Falcon building would total approximately 684,510 square feet of Gross Floor Area. The redevelopment proposal also includes expanded parking facilities for approximately 174 vehicles, such that the property would contain a maximum of 729 parking spaces, and site improvements. The Proposed Project is contemplated to include water-dependent/maritime uses, as well as office, research and development, and laboratory uses and will be subject to a future license application under M.G.L. Chapter 91.

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3/6/2021

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AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION (APCC) PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Boston Air Pollution Control Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on **March 17, 2021 at 11:30 A.M.** at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86329377111>. The Commission will consider the proponent's request for a permit for a new facility located 1-27 Boston Wharf Road, pursuant to the Procedures and Criteria for the Issuance of Parking Freeze Permits adopted under M.G.L. Chapter 111, Section 31C.

This project consists of four hundred and ninety-one (491) inventoried parking spaces to be constructed in an underground parking to be shared with lessees, employees, patrons, customers, clients, and guests of the project. Issuance of the permit would allocate three hundred and nine (309) inventoried spaces from the South Boston parking freeze bank.

Due to the public health emergency, the public hearing may only take place virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86329377111>. If you are unable to access the internet, you can call 1-929-205-6099, enter Meeting ID 863 2937 7111 # and use # as your participant ID.

Translation and sign language interpreters will be provided upon prior request. A copy of the application is available for public inspection by appointment at Boston City Hall, Room 709, from 9 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday, or you may request a digital copy by email at APCC@boston.gov. Questions should be directed to: APCC@boston.gov or 617-635-3850.

For the Commission,
Alison Brizius, Executive Director
Air Pollution Control Commission
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CITY OF BOSTON ANNOUNCES STREET SWEEPING

TICKETING ENFORCEMENT FOR EXPIRED INSPECTION STICKERS AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION TO RESUME

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) and the Public Works Department announced updated street enforcement regulations for the City of Boston. Beginning Monday, March 1, street sweeping will resume in the North End, South End and Beacon Hill, and will resume citywide on April 1. Street sweeping ticketing enforce-

ment will also resume on those dates respectively, and vehicles in violation will be subject to towing. Additionally, the Boston Transportation Department will resume ticketing enforcement for expired inspection stickers and vehicle registration on March 1. Mayor Walsh paused enforcement of certain violations at the beginning of the pandemic in an effort to ensure residents could mini-

mize their need to go out to slow the spread of COVID-19.

“With spring approaching, we are asking residents to move their vehicles during posted street sweeping times to ensure our Public Works Department is able to fully clean streets citywide,” said Mayor Walsh. “Thank you to all of our residents for your continued cooperation to keep our streets clean.”

Failure to move a vehicle during posted street sweeping hours results in a \$40 fine; the fine is \$90 in Charlestown, and \$90 for overnight street sweeping. An expired inspection sticker or vehicle registration will result in a \$40 fine. View



a complete list of parking codes and fines in the City of Boston. To learn more about the daytime and nighttime street sweeping program, including when the Public Works Department cleans a particular neighborhood, you can sign up for street sweeping alerts and No-Tow **continued on page 13**

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have agreed to join my leadership team as I assume the office of Mayor of Boston,” said Janey. “They will each add their own unique expertise to the terrific team of public servants currently at City Hall as we work together to ensure a seamless Mayoral transition and begin Boston’s recovery from these unprecedented public health, economic and equity challenges.”

Chris Osgood, Chief of Staff

Chris Osgood — a 15-year veteran of Boston City Hall — previously served as Mayor Walsh’s Chief of the Streets, Transportation & Sanitation. In that position, he worked with the Public Works and Transportation Departments to deliver exceptional City services, build great streets and implement a transportation plan that works for everyone. Prior to serving in that role, Chris co-founded the Mayor’s Office of New Urban Mechanics, a nationally replicated civic innovation group that experiments with new ways of using data, design and technology to improve the constituent experience. Osgood joined the City in 2006, serving as a Mayoral Policy Advisor and working on the team that implemented the City’s performance management program and rebuilt its 24-hour hotline. Chris is a graduate of City Year, Haverford College and the Harvard Business School.

Mary Churchill, Chief of Policy and Planning

Mary Churchill was previously the Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives and Community Engagement at the newly established Wheelock Col-

lege of Education and Human Development at Boston University. Prior to her role at Boston University, she was the Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) at Wheelock College in Boston. She is also on the board of the Massachusetts Network of Women Leaders in Higher Education which is affiliated with the American Council on Education’s Inclusive Excellence Group and involved with ACE’s Moving the Needle initiative focused on advancing women leaders in higher education. She, her husband and their teenage son are active in their Roxbury neighborhood and Mary serves on several community-based committees and boards. She earned her Ph.D. and M.A. in Sociology from Northeastern University in Boston and has taught courses in International Studies, Sociology and Political Science.

Stephanie Garrett-Stearns, Senior Advisor to the Mayor

Stephanie Garrett-Stearns was previously vice president of communications and fund development for The Community Builders, Inc., a position she held since 2015. She led communications and fundraising strategy and program execution for a leading nonprofit developer of residential and commercial real estate. She joined the organization in 2011. Garrett-Stearns was previously head of public relations and chief corporate spokesperson for the Siemens division, Osram Sylvania. Garrett-Stearns serves as an advisor and board member for several nonprofit organizations including the Massachusetts Institute for a New Com-

monwealth (MassINC), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the Boston Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. She completed the Business Management Institute at Cornell University in 2008. She holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Washington University in St. Louis and a bachelor’s degree in human resources management from Michigan State University. Stephanie lives in West Roxbury with her husband and daughter.

Omar Boukili, Senior Advisor to the Mayor, COVID Response & Strategic Initiatives

Omar Boukili brings over a decade of experience in municipal management to Boston City Hall, most recently serving as the Incident Commander for the City of Somerville’s COVID-19 Emergency Response Team. He has also served in the past as Policy Advisor and Director of Governmental Affairs for the Mayor of Somerville and as Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Revere. He was also a Fellow and a consultant at the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree from the University of California, Berkeley and a Masters of Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Samuel Hurtado, Senior Advisor to the Mayor

Samuel Hurtado was previously the Chief of Staff to City Council President Janey. Samuel has more than twenty years of experience in organizing and advocacy. He is a founder and the former executive director of South Boston en Accion (SBEA) and

was instrumental in SBEA’s growth as a dynamic, member-led organization that provided high-quality services and community building. Before that, he was part of the Boston School Reform Project at Massachusetts Advocates for Children where he focused on the rights of English Language Learners. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Human Services with a concentration in community organizing from The University of Massachusetts Boston’s College of Public and Community Service. Samuel lives in Roxbury with his wife, two children and dog.

Lindsey Butler, Deputy Chief of Policy

Dr. Lindsey Butler is an environmental epidemiologist with a Ph.D. in Environmental Health from the Boston University School of Public Health where her research focuses on the health impacts of climate change and environmental pollutants. She also holds a Masters in Environmental Health from the BUSPH and a Bachelor’s Degree in Environmental Science from Simmons University. For several years, she has served as a conduit between the scientific community and the public, advocating for environmental action and the public health of urban communities. Lindsey serves as a scientific advisor to the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, is a recipient of a BU Initiative on Cities Early Stage Urban Research Award and is a graduate of the BU URBAN program, a multidisciplinary scientific training program aimed at developing solutions to urban challenges.

St. Peter Academy “February Vacation Camp 2021”

St. Peter Academy had a fun-filled week during February Vacation Camp. Mr. Chris-

tian Hennessey, Coordinator and his Camp Team created an action packed schedule of fun and learning! Students

were excited to come to school out of uniform and spend time with their friends in a safe laid back atmosphere. The schedule was created with COVID policy/practices in mind, incorporating STEM/Science Challenges and Art Classes. It truly was enjoyable for all! Can't wait for April Vacation Camp!

St. Peter Academy in an independent, community-based private school and serves students from

ages 15 months through grade 6. SPA is currently accepting applications for the limited spaces available in the year-round toddler program (beginning at age 15 months) and for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and grades 1-6. Appointments for individual virtual tours can be made by contacting Maria Blasi, at 617-268-0750 or by emailing m.blasi@StPeterAcademy.com.




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South Boston Catholic Academy News

The Build a Wigwam Challenge

From Mrs. Dawson, our Grade 4B Teacher... This month was a busy month in 4B and one of the many classroom activities our

students did was to create Wigwams as part of our study of the Northeast region of our country. We studied the people and historical events that

have contributed to the development of the Northeastern region of the US. The students did a great job on their Student Lab Sheet: Build a Wigwam Challenge. The students enjoyed this hands-on classroom project and

working as a team. They found that building a Wigwam can be interesting and fun, as well as, educational.

A fantastic job with your Wigwams, Grade 4B! New applicants are welcomed to email Mrs. Jamie Brown at j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org to learn more about South Boston Catholic Academy.



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demic play in the Evacuation of Boston in March 1776 and the

War of Independence till surrender at Yorktown. How did the epidemic effect General Washington and British Troops. Essays should be at least 1000 words.

Prizes are as follows:

First prize \$150

Second prize \$100

Third prize \$50

All entries should bear, in an attached envelope, the contestant's name, school and a means of contacting the entrant, and should be submitted no later than Friday, March 12th, 2021 At 5 PM. All entries may be mailed to South Boston Citizens' Association, P.O. Box 74, South Boston, MA 02127, or can be picked up at schools by a representative of the Citizens' Association. Entries can also be dropped off at 170 M Street.

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for this, that and everything else on the state's website, are now just showing up at vaccination sites with no appointments and ... it's the same bad luck. The Herald's Alexi Cohan has more.

Parental pressure: Planned rally aimed at getting kids back in school in North Andover

They're tired of waiting -- and they're not the only ones across the state. Genevieve DiNatale at the Eagle-Tribune reports parents in North Andover plan to stage a show of force in favor of reopening in-person classrooms when the town's school board

meets on Thursday. Speaking of schools, Christian Wade at the Eagle Tribune reports that state education leaders today will once again grapple with the issue of how to get students back into classrooms.

Spring high-school football? Strange but true

The Red Sox are returning to spring training camp. Why not other athletes? From the Herald's Meghan Ottolini: "High school football players in Massachusetts are swapping sweatbands for earmuffs as they kick off the strangest season of their lives: a seven-game stretch from March to late spring after COVID-19 sidelined their tra-

ditional fall schedule."

Next stop: Commuter rail cuts – with a revolutionary twist

The MBTA is proceeding with planned bus and subway service cuts amid the plunge in pandemic-era ridership, reports SHNS's Chris Lisinki (pay wall). But the T has decided to revise its originally planned commuter-rail cuts via a "more revolutionary approach (that) spreads trips out across the day and does away with the traditional concept of peak travel times," reports Commonwealth's Bruce Mohl. And the Globe's Adam Vaccaro reports the T won't be cutting off late-night commuter rail service either.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION Dorchester

- **\$77,200** to preserve the 1720 Lemuel Clap and 1806 William Clapp Houses to make capital improvements to the property, including masonry and related repairs of damaged foundations at both houses, stabilization of the William Clapp House chimney, repairs to the collections storage structure, and restoration and repair of exterior trim and fencing.

- **\$378,969** for rehabilitation and restoration of the historic 1941 Pleasant Hill Baptist Church building by making capital improvements and repairs to the steeple and entrance stair, character-defining exterior architectural features and fencing.

- **\$100,000** to preserve the historic 1889 Global Ministries Christian Church building to make critical repairs to exterior elements including damaged trim, sheathing and roofing.

- **\$250,000** for rehabilitation and restoration of the historic 1806 Second Church for repairs to character-defining architectural elements of the steeple.

- **\$56,000** for rehabilitation and restoration of the historic “Walter Baker” illuminated sign on the 1919 Administration Building to restore the structure and lighting elements.

- **\$321,500** for rehabilitation and restoration of the historic 1922 Greater Love Tabernacle Church building to make capital improve-

ments and repairs, including design and reconstruction of the entrance stairs and repairing failed masonry at the chimney and parapet.

- **\$250,000** for rehabilitation and restoration of the historic 1910 Pierce Building for capital and accessibility improvements to the building’s exterior envelope.

- **\$488,000** for rehabilitation and restoration repairs to The Great Hall at Codman Square’s historic 1904 building to make repairs to character-defining exterior architectural elements.

Hyde Park

- **\$150,000** for rehabilitation and restoration to the historic 1899 Riverside Theater to make critical repairs to the foundation and façade.

Mattapan

- **\$200,000** for rehabilitation and restoration to the historic 1928 Berea Seventh-day Adventist Academy building for roof repairs and stabilization of urgent water infiltration locations at the exterior.

Roxbury

- **\$141,900** for rehabilitation and restoration of the historic 1915 Haley House Bakery Cafe Building for masonry repairs to the exterior.

- **\$200,000** to the historic 1901 St. Luke’s Chapel building for carpentry and masonry repairs to the roof structure.

South Boston

- **\$150,000 to preserve the historic 1881 Congress Street Fire Museum building by making repairs and capital improvements to its failed floor structure.**

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

Boston Harbor Islands

- **\$125,000** for the construction of a new outdoor permanent pavilion, including site preparation, utilities and lighting at Georges Island Pavilion.

Dorchester

- **\$25,000** to resurface an actively used playground to provide quality and healthy outdoor space at Dudley Village.

- **\$150,000** for the design and construction of a distressed lot to create a commercial and community urban farm at Westville Urban Farm.

- **\$100,000** for water and utility installation, site improvements, and furnishings to transform vacant land into an urban food forest at Olmec 2 - Aspinwall Food Forest.

- **\$50,000** for the removal of unhealthy trees and planting of new trees in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

- **\$150,000** to fund the design and construction of a new performance stage for community events, permanent sculptural seating, granite blocks, and grading for lawn mounds to rehabilitate active recreational space at Codman Square Park.

- **\$700,000** for site improvements to an under-maintained 31,000 sq ft parcel to preserve land and create an urban forest for active recreational use at the Washington Street Urban Forest.

Hyde Park

- **\$200,000** to fund the rehabilitation of Moynihan Playground, including design and construction of site improvements.

- **\$300,000** to fund infrastructure improvements, site preparations, path improvements, and

furnishings to rehabilitate Factory Hill Park.

- **\$12,507** to fund the design and installation of an irrigation system along the community walking path to ensure growth of plants and small trees at We Grow Microgreens.

Mattapan

- **\$100,000** to fund the site work to redesign, expand, and rehabilitate the multi-purpose recreational space behind the Brooke Charter School and Lena Park Community Center for active use.

- **\$100,000** for water and utility installation, site improvements, and furnishings to transform a vacant land into an urban food forest at Olmec 1 - Morton St. Food Forest.

Roxbury

- **\$400,000** to fund the design and construction, and infrastructure improvements to create a new Frederick Douglass Plaza and greenspace in the Lower Roxbury neighborhood.

- **\$180,000** to renovate the Winthrop Community Garden to improve visitor experience, visitation and program participation.

- **\$200,000** to fund the creation of an arts park and greenspace to serve the new Bartlett Yard affordable housing community, local artists and Roxbury residents Oasis@Bartlett.

South Boston

- **\$75,000 to fund the design and construction of interpretive signs to celebrate the history and environment of this location. The interpretive signs will be placed along the Harborwalk at Castle Island and Pleasure Bay in South Boston.**

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reminder service online.

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

“Clean streets are an important quality of life issue for our residents,” said Commissioner Greg Rooney. “We appreciate the public’s assistance as we resume this essential basic city service.”

DISABILITY PLACARDS

BTD will not ticket for expired

disability placards/plates if they expired during the public health emergency, given potential challenges for people to renew at this time. The Registry of Motor Vehicles is only processing requests for disability placards/plates by mail.

PARKING GARAGES

To support the medical community, BTD has identified facilities offering free, reduced rate or reserved parking for medical professionals. To receive discounted parking, medical staff will need to present a hospital ID. See the list of participating facilities.

BLUEBIKES

The City of Boston and its municipal partners in Brookline, Cambridge, Everett, and Somerville are offering all grocery store and pharmacy workers in metro Boston a free 90-day pass for the public bike share system, Bluebikes. To support employees of small businesses, the City of Boston is also offering free 90-day passes to people who work in retail shops or restaurants in Boston. More information is available at boston.gov/bike-share.

The Boston Transportation

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

ABOUT THE BOSTON TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Our mission is to plan, build, maintain, and operate our streets in a manner that increases access to opportunities, promotes safety and resilience, and fosters the highest quality of life for everyone living, working, and visiting our City.



This week, Danny reacted to Notre Dame football pulling out of the new EA Sports video game:

College football is back . . . in the gaming world.

Earlier this month, EA Sports announced the return of its college football video-game series. However, as of this week, at least one popular college football program wants no part of it: Notre Dame.

Fighting Irish athletic director Jack Swarbrick said that his school will not be participating in the new upcoming game for next-gen consoles — which is yet to have an official release date or a title — until the Name/Image/Likeness (NIL) rights for college athletes are put into place.

In a statement on Feb. 22, Swarbrick said:

“Notre Dame Athletics welcomes the return of EA Sports College Football, a video game series that has historically helped promote interest in college football. Notre Dame will not, however, participate in the game until such time as rules have been finalized governing the participation of our student-athletes. As those rules are developed, it is our strong desire that student-athletes be allowed to benefit directly from allowing their name, image and performance history to be used in the game.”

EA Sports has partnered with a

trademark licensing company that is looking to use the rights to college football logos, stadiums, and uniforms. As of right now, the game will not be able to use the names or likenesses of college football players.

The absence of players’ names and likenesses would be nothing new to the college football video-game franchise, which hasn’t pumped out a game since NCAA Football 14. It seems that Notre Dame is trying to change that.

But will they? Your guess is as good as mine.

My stance on college athletes is that they should see some sort of financial benefit if their names and likenesses are going to be used to promote a product that will be making money. But let’s be honest. EA Sports could very well make the game without using players names or likenesses, and they’d still sell just as many copies.

So that’s where this gets interesting. Would EA Sports create a game without using Notre Dame? It would seem odd to not have the Fighting Irish be a part of any college football video game. But in the world of non-stop digital upgrades, EA Sports could most certainly play hardball with Notre Dame and create the

game without them, only to later add the Fighting Irish as part of a downloadable update.

It would seem like a slimy move on EA Sports’ part, but if Notre Dame ends up being the only school that refuses to take part in the game, I don’t think that’s enough for EA Sports to stop its production. After all, the world doesn’t revolve around Notre Dame.

I’m not saying that Notre Dame is making a bad move here. What I’m saying is, more schools need to follow Notre Dame’s lead. What if Alabama, Clemson, Ohio State, Florida, LSU, and Michigan all put out the same statement, refusing to participate in EA Sports’ new college football video game until players’ names and likenesses could be used in the game and those same players would be compensated for it?

I’ll tell you what would happen. Either EA Sports would halt production, or all parties involved would figure out a way to get the players compensated.

Recent NIL legislation doesn’t yet cover group licensing for college athletes. But perhaps Notre Dame’s public refusal to take part in the popular video-game series will expedite the process.

In their own press release earlier in the month, EA Sports said:

“The franchise will include the rights to more than 100 institutions featuring the logos, stadiums, uniforms, gameday traditions and more that fans have come to know and love. While this college game will not include student-athlete names, images and likenesses, EA Sports is continuing to watch those developments closely.”

So is Notre Dame. And so are most college football players.

If there was ever a time for the players to put their foot down and demand the proper compensation they deserve, it would be by using this video game as a means to their end.

If EA Sports created the game like they used to, with no players names or likenesses, would life go on for the schools, players, and fans? Of course it would. At the end of the day, gamers just want a college football video game.

But if EA Sports wants to do it right, they’ll try to use the players names and likenesses. And if the players want to do it right, they’ll push for their schools to pump out the same statement that Notre Dame just made, in order to get everyone together and make it happen.

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Boston at NY Rangers
7 P.M. NESN

SUNDAY, FEB. 28
Boston at NY Rangers
12 P.M. NBC

NBA FRIDAY, FEB. 26
Indiana at Boston
7:30 P.M. ESPN

SUNDAY, FEB. 28
Washington at Boston
7 P.M. NBCSB

TUESDAY, MARCH 2
LA Clippers at Boston
7:30 P.M. TNT

REPORT: CELTICS 'TRIED LIKE HELL' TO TRADE WALKER

SBT Staff

As the Boston Celtics approach the NBA All-Star break being an under-achieving .500 club, the entire organization is starting to feel the heat from fans and the media.

And it seems as if C's President of Basketball Operations Danny Ainge already knew what one of the team's issues would be this season.

In an interview with Colin Cowherd this week, Fox Sports analyst Ric Bucher said that Ainge aggressively attempted to trade in-

Tweet of the Week



Red Sox @RedSox Focused on one thing.



jured All-Star point guard Kemba Walker earlier in the year, as he entered his second season with the Celtics. And that angered people around the league.

"A lot of GMs are ticked off at Danny, because Danny tried like hell to move Kemba at the beginning of the year, knowing that his knee wasn't right," said Bucher. "He was trying to get rid of damaged goods. And that's the issue

that Kemba is dealing with, and at his size, it's a little bit like Isaiah Thomas. This is the second little point guard in a row he's run into that has a physical issue and it changes everything. In the regular season, you can kind of get away with it and disguise it, but when you play the best teams, they're going to exploit that he's undersized and can't move the same way that he once could."

Walker, 30, missed the first month of the 2020-21 season after receiving a stem cell injection in his left knee. He's averaging 17 points per game in the 15 games he's played since returning on Jan. 17.

The Celtics signed Walker before the 2019-20 season to a four-year, \$141 million deal — the largest contract in franchise history at the time. The NBA trade deadline is March 25.

RED SOX ANNOUNCE FAN SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR SPRING TRAINING GAMES AT JETBLUE PARK

SBT Staff

The Boston Red Sox released their COVID-19 safety protocols for Spring Training this week, and if you're looking to take a trip to Florida to watch the team in action, here's what you'll need to know about games at JetBlue Park in Fort Myers:

Digital Game Tickets, Online Parking Passes, and Contactless Entry & Payment Options

To help reduce contact throughout the game-day experience, all fans will be issued a digital ticket through MLB's Ballpark App, and parking pass sales will be available online. Entry to JetBlue Park will include contactless ticket

scanning. All bags are prohibited with limited exceptions to accommodate medical needs and diaper bags. Metal detector settings will allow fans to keep common items like cell phones and key rings on during entry. No food and beverage sales will be conducted in the seating bowl. Contactless payment options will be available at all concession stands and merchandise points of sale. Mastercard is the preferred contactless payment option of the Boston Red Sox.

Physical Distancing and Face Coverings

Face coverings are required in all areas of JetBlue Park for both staff and guests ages 2 and up, with limited

exceptions for those actively eating or drinking in their ticketed seat location. JetBlue Park will operate at approximately 24 percent of its normal capacity, allowing for physically distanced "pods" comprised primarily of 2-4 seats. In addition to having at least six feet between ticketed fans in the seating bowl, buffer zones will be created around the dugouts and bullpens to eliminate direct access to player areas (autographs are not permitted). Medical teams will be on site at all times and a dedicated isolation area will be available for fans experiencing potential COVID-19 symptoms.

Sanitation Stations and Enhanced

Cleaning Protocols

Fans will have access to sanitation stations, provided by Lysol, located at all entrances throughout the concourses, and in all restrooms. An enhanced daily cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitation protocol at the ballpark will include frequent cleaning of high touch areas such as countertops, railings, doorknobs, and elevators, as well as increased cleaning of restrooms during games. All interior areas of the ballpark will be disinfected nightly.

Information about JetBlue Park fan safety protocols and procedures for the 2021 exhibition season can be found at redsox.com/healthandsafety.



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