

College Opportunity Knocks With An Offer Hard To Refuse.



All Boston residents are now eligible for tuition-free schooling at six community colleges – regardless of their age, income, or immigration status – under a new plan announced by the city government. City officials announced the expansion of its “Tuition-Free Community College Plan (TFCC)”. The program provides funding for up to three years of tuition and fees at six partner institutions. The funding also covers up to \$250 per semester in related costs, like textbooks and transportation, and debt up to \$2,500 for “students with an outstanding balance at a partner college that is preventing a student from re-enrolling at that college.”

On a parallel track, debate is ongoing on Beacon Hill regarding in state tuition for undocumented students. Currently, in Massachusetts, students with DACA or Temporary Protected Status (TPS) qualify for in-state

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EDITORIAL

Memorial Day Is Special For Patriots Across Our Nation

What special meaning and significance does Memorial Day weekend hold for people would probably depend on who you asked. Surely, it signals what many consider the unofficial start to the summer season. Weather permitting, folks look forward to it as a time to perhaps get away for the long weekend on a trip to the beach or the mountains. Backyard family barbecues and cookouts are always popular as are gatherings with friends for parties etc. Perhaps you'll stay local

and relax at home and catch a game or two on TV and enjoy that much deserved extra day off on Monday.

To a lot of South Bostonians and patriots all across America, it could be one or more of the above. To us, and people who live in other traditional, what most would consider patriotic communities around the country, it means all of the above, yes, but something else as well. It means something far more important than our own personal creature comforts and fun.

Memorial Day is set

aside to remember and to honor America's heroes who served in our country's armed forces and put their lives on the line. Many of those brave men and women lost those lives so that all of us could enjoy the freedom and liberty that our Nation's Founding Fathers envisioned for us when, with guidance from God, they drew up that amazing document called the Constitution of the United States.

South Boston has many sons and daughters who never returned from fighting our country's battles.

On a per capita scale, there may not be another community anywhere that had more. Many people will, this weekend make that solemn journey to a cemetery where a family member is buried and place a wreath or some flowers at a grave site, say a prayer or two and remember those heroes laid to rest. Others will attend a special Church Service, proudly display Old Glory or attend a Memorial Day dedication or parade. All the other activities that come with warm weather and sunshine are part of the

tradition as well of course.

But as Americans, at least in the opinion of South Bostonians, and all proud Americans, remembering and honoring our veterans; especially those who are no longer among us, should always remain the most important reason for this holiday. We owe it to those heroes to never forget the sacrifices made on our behalf. It makes us proud that so many of our neighbors never have and never will forget.

From all of here at South Boston Today, Happy Memorial Day.

"The willingness of our veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our eternal gratitude." - Jeffrey Miller

South Boston Remembrance and Tradition For Memorial Day

The Thomas J. Fitzgerald VFW Post 561 invites the South Boston community to join them in their annual Memorial Day Services.

When: Sunday, May 28, 2023

Time: 9:00AM - Assembly at Post Headquarters located at 715 East Fourth Street

9:30AM - Parade/March to Medal of Honor Park for the laying of the wreath ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial.

Bring a flag and line the parade route to remember those who are no longer with us. God Bless.



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America Needs To Draw That Line in Concrete, Not In Sand

John Ciccone

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Here's a quote that's going viral nationwide and in Canada that speaks volumes about the mindset of people who blindly follow the Climate Change/Global Warming scaremongers and hypocrites: "Half the people in the country believe that if you give up your car, your stove and eat bugs, because people who take private jets to Davos and other 'Climate Conferences' told you to, it will make the weather better".

Yes, there are some Americans who still, to this day, actually obediently, tow the line of people like Obama, Gore, Barbara Streisand, John Kerry, the Clintons and an assortment of Hollywood phonies who absolutely will not do anything that they demand the rest of us do. And many people seem to be just fine with that. They scold us about fossil fuels destroying the planet and causing the oceans to rise because of melting ice caps. Soon, they whine, rising ocean levels from melting ice caps will cause our coastal towns and cities to be under water and destroyed. They say this with straight faces while buying ocean front mansions on Martha's Vineyard and other exclusive coastal locations. The latest case in point is that of multi-billionaire Jeff Bezos; another climate crusader celebrating his engagement by taking his bride to someday be on a long ocean cruise on his new, fossil fuel guzzling "Super Yacht". And here again, there are still people who hang on his every word and obey his every demand.

The Climate Crusaders are like modern day Shepherds keeping their flocks in line and they don't even need sheep dogs to keep the sheep obeying.

And then there are the "Woke" censors and cancellers. The Woke mob is now cautioning viewers with warnings on screen urging viewer discretion before western movie reruns. At the beginning of

the show, the following warning appears: "This program contains outdated cultural depictions. Viewer discretion is advised" Heaven forbid, snow flake viewers might be horrified by cowboys tipping their hats when a woman passes by, hold open a door for them and show hardworking American pioneers of the Old West. There is also an ongoing campaign now by these people to rewrite classic books that THEY feel might offend people with how and what was written back then. No matter what you think of actor Tom Hanks, he did step forward and oppose this. He too now has a statement in this regard that speaks to what these woke censors are trying to do and it too has gone viral. It follows: "Let ME decide what I'm offended by and what I'm NOT offended by. I would be against reading any book from any era that says, 'Abridged due to modern sensitivities'". And we see the same thing happening with movie sequels, many by Disney, that rewrites the scripts of the beloved classics to make them less 'offensive' to the frail and overly sensitive. Just about all of these woke remakes have been huge flops at the box office because of this. People want to be entertained – not lectured and indoctrinated by leftist propaganda.

The same people pushing to eliminate all the original content from classic movies, novels and songs played on the radio, are also the same ones tearing down statues of George Washington, Abe Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson. They're just fine with songs on the radio or on Spotify that contain so many F-Bombs that if you took them all out, the songs would last 10 seconds or less. They are the very same activists demanding streets, parks and buildings be renamed. Their goal is of course to erase American

history and rewrite it to fit their Woke agenda and ideology. This is what Communists and Nazis do, leading up to them taking over foreign countries.

What I've mentioned above are just some of the things that the cancel culture fanatics are trying to eliminate, while at the same time, working hard to replace it all with their rewritten history, the racist Critical Race Theory, hatred of our country, sexualizing of children in elementary schools with pornography in school libraries and Drag shows in the classrooms.

What we as Americans should never do is sit back and let them have their way. The Woke mob is small but noisy.

They have the media on their side and most liberal politicians. The overwhelming majority in this country is growing pretty tired of their campaign to destroy our country. But being tired of them should never result in showing fatigue in opposing them. Each dangerous and/or ridiculous thing they try to force down the throats of the American public should be met with strong opposition that will stop them in their tracks. We have the numbers, we have the power and if we have the will, we can take this country back from the enemy within. Drawing a 'Red Line' or a 'Line in the Sand' won't do. The line must be drawn in Concrete and held.

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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.

State Budget Watchdogs

Budget watchdogs bent on shining a little light on a budget process that's conducted largely out of public view on Beacon Hill are bringing Bay Staters a debate recap in real-time as the Senate digs in this week. Senators added \$29.1 million in spending on Tuesday as they began to wade through 1,049 proposed amendments after introducing a \$55.8 billion spending bill on Monday, according to a breakdown by the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation.

"Like in the House, the focus of the first full day of

Senate debate was local projects, with more than 200 earmarks adopted contributing to \$29.1 million in total spending added," MTF President Douglas Howgate said. But those votes — taken largely in lock-step — happened with little open discussion, as has become the norm on Beacon Hill. It's a practice that has drawn frequent criticism from open government advocates.

Hundreds of amendments were yea'd or nay'd in massive bundles passed via voice votes. Hidden among nixed local earmarks on Tuesday, the Senate quietly shot down a

proposal to authorize an online lottery and an attempt to make payroll data public from the state's quasi-public agencies. Paul Craney of the right-leaning Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance has said it's a practice that can't even be called debate and leaves voters in the dark. He pointed to a bundled amendment passed with no discussion last month in the House that would dole out a 25 percent raise to governor's councilors, upping their annual salaries from \$36,025 to \$45,025.

Senators still have 542 amendments to consider as

the process continues to unfold this week. The House added roughly \$120 million in spending during debate before unanimously passing a \$56.2 billion budget. Already the two chambers have a major sticking point to hash out in conference committee — another closed-door process — the question of bringing state lottery sales online. House members unanimously passed the proposal last month as a core funding mechanism to help stabilize strapped early child-care providers. Senators rejected an amendment within the first hour of debate.



PUBLIC NOTICE: OPEN DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF MCCA PARCELS ON D & E STREET

On Thursday, June 8 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority will host a community discussion at CRISPR Therapeutics regarding the future of MCCA owned parcels on D & E Streets by the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC).

MCCA officials will be presenting and available to answer questions.

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Thank you to the brave
men and women who have
made the ultimate sacrifice

In Flanders Fields

BY JOHN MCCRAE

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Remembrance of Memorial Day

As you visit the cemetery on this Memorial Day please do not remove the coins you may see left upon the headstones, they have a special significance.

The Meaning of Coins On A Headstone

A penny, you stopped and paid your respects.
A nickel, you attended bootcamp with them.
A dime, you served in the armed forces with them.
A quarter, you were with the soldier when they were KIA.





I Was Just Thinking...



by Kevin Devlin

“Our flag doesn’t fly because the wind blows it, it flies with the last breath of every soldier who died defending it.” (Unknown)

This upcoming weekend we will celebrate the Memorial Day holiday once again. It is often considered the unofficial beginning of summer fun includ-

ing family cookouts and initial trips to local beaches, while many other people visit cemeteries and attend memorials to mourn and pay homage to our fallen soldiers.

Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day is a federal holiday honoring and grieving the loss of our brave warriors who died serving our country. The first national observance of this holiday occurred on May 30, 1868. Initially known as Decoration Day, this holiday was proclaimed by Commander in Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic honoring Union soldiers who died in the Civil War.

Beginning with New York in 1873, official recognition of this holiday spread among the states, and by 1890, every Union state had adopted it. Then, subsequent to the occurrence of the two world wars, this holiday became a solemn day to commemorate all members of the United States military who bravely fought and unselfishly died to defend their country. In 1971, Congress in 1971 proclaimed this holiday as Me-

morial Day, changing its observance to the last Monday in May.

Besides gathering with friends and family alike to have barbecues in your backyard or taking trips to the beach, Memorial Day is indeed a time to reflect on those brave armed forces service members who sacrificed their lives so that we could continue to enjoy ours in a free and democratic society.

“I don’t have to tell you how fragile this precious gift of freedom is. Every time we hear, watch, or read the news, we are reminded that liberty is a rare commodity in this world,” said the late President Ronald Reagan.

He was right.

It is a “rare commodity” fragile in nature that needs to be protected from those who wish to steal it from us.

Freedom is not free and sadly to protect this natural right, we suffer sacrifices which sear our souls leaving indelible marks of sorrow.

Thomas Jefferson, one of our Founding Fathers, declared, “Eternal

vigilance is the price of freedom.”

Which means being prepared and willing to protect our Freedom from those who wish to destroy our democratic way of life. Which means sacrifice, and in many instances, the ultimate sacrifice.

“Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty,” said the late President John F. Kennedy.

I salute the brave men and women throughout our history who bravely fought and died for our country.

Their bravery is beyond doubt, and quite frankly beyond my imagination to comprehend the horror, suffering, and death, they experienced while defending their beliefs. While protecting and defending us.

We owe our Freedom, our way of life to every single one of them.

May God Bless them for eternity as we proclaim our eternal gratitude for their unselfish deeds of heroism.

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tuition, but undocumented students don’t – no matter how long they’ve lived here. And all of these students, including DACA and TPS holders, are ineligible for federal or state financial aid.

A day ago, The state Senate decided to move forward with a plan to allow some undocumented immigrants to qualify for in-state tuition at state schools after an amendment to remove the proposal was rejected following speeches from several Democratic lawmakers. Quincy State Senator John Keenan told his colleagues that if you had asked him the same question 13 years ago, he would not support in-state tuition for undocumented students.

Keenan said he used to tell constituents that the issue of immigration was best handled by the federal government and not the state. “I hung on for many years to the hope that the federal government would do something,” he said. “With each passing year, my hope and faith that the federal government would solve this diminished.”

Senator Marc Pacheco of Fall River said he too, has had to change his mind on the issue, after talking to business leaders and employers, all of whom are struggling to find workers. Pacheco pointed out that of every 100 open jobs in the state, there are less than 63 people available to fill it. “We hear every day, from local companies and businesses, of every size and industry, in every community, they are facing unprecedented challenges because they can’t find workers,” he said.

The Senate’s plan is not included in the House budget and may not survive any conference committee-made concession struck between the two branches.

The reality is that an educated resident, undocumented, DACA or otherwise, has merit as part of a long-term solution to the needs of the local and regional economies, and as a key element to any path to citizenship. Concurrently, the Commonwealth’s elected leaders need to also address tax relief proposals to engender confidence from the business sector and continue to expand job growth, which is on a positive track.

Boston has taken a lead role in addressing this phenomenon. Bostonians will be eligible for free tuition at Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology, Bunker Hill Community College, Massasoit Community College, MassBay Community College, Roxbury Community College and Urban College of Boston.

Potential students won’t need to fill out a separate application for the program, just the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. Undocumented immigrants and students who have DACA status or Temporary Protected Status will not need to complete the FAFSA to be eligible for the program. Any associate’s degree or “short-term certificate program” at a partner institution will be eligible for the funding, according to a fact sheet published by the Boston government. Students who are already enrolled at a participating school are not eligible for the plan, which needs to be addressed at the State level, also.

“Costs should not be a barrier to higher education,” said Boston Mayor Michelle Wu in a tweet Wednesday.

The program “will continue to help more residents afford, attend & complete college.” Massachusetts congresswoman Ayanna Pressley also voiced excitement for the expansion on Twitter, at the time of the announcement. “Expanding Boston’s free community college program will help remove economic barriers to higher education,” she said. “I am proud to have secured this federal funding to support students pursuing a college degree & help address the college affordability crisis.”

TFCC students can enroll in associate degree or certificate programs at any of the following institutions:

-Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology (BFIT)*

-Bunker Hill Community College (At this time, Bunker Hill Community College has exhausted its TFCC funding for the 2023-2024 school year.)

-Massasoit Community College

-MassBay Community College

-Roxbury Community College-


*There are limited TFCC slots available at BFIT.

The need to reduce costs for residents and citizens, who are already enrolled in community colleges and struggle with paying their way, is a political challenge for those who want to address equal opportunity. Advocacy for the average citizen is the responsibility of all elected leaders, but efforts to highlight this underlying inequality, is overshadowed by the zeal being focused on the immigrant population that is growing by the day.

The Story of the Poppy


The poppy flower only grows in the absence of other flowers and only in ground that has been churned. In perhaps the best-known poem of World War 1, when Dr. John McCrae observed poppies growing between the crosses on the soldiers’ graves, it inspired him to write the poem In Flanders Fields. The poppy has since become known as “The Flower of Remembrance” and is worn in memory of our veterans.





“On Memorial Day, we remember those brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. May God bless our fallen heroes and their families, and let us always remember those who served and gave their lives for us and the freedoms we enjoy.”

David Biele
State Representative
4th Suffolk District





“On this solemn Memorial Day, we honor those who have made the Supreme Sacrifice for our nation to preserve freedom and democracy throughout the world.”

Council President Ed Flynn District 2



Memorial Day

Let us remember those who courageously gave their lives for our Country.



City Councilor At-Large
Erin Murphy



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To our men and women in uniform...
past, present and future
God bless you,
and thank you.



Castle Island Association



Let us remember and appreciate those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country and our Gold Star families left behind.

I wish you all a peaceful Memorial Day,
Michael Flaherty
City Councilor At-Large



The Wine Guy On The Edge

Chile, on the western side of South America, is an unusual country in many respects, not least its very unique shape. Forming part of almost all of western South America, the country is host to a wide array of climates, giving it an ability to produce solid harvests of many crops, including a large number of wine grapes that continue to improve each season, giving an impressive lineup of wines. Among its best are its Sauvignon Blanc wines, many of them

rivaling the best that France or New Zealand have to offer; here are several worth your consideration....

Vina Koyle Costa La Fleur, San Antonio Valley, Chile, (\$19.99). Produced in the San Antonio Valley, this wine is everything you would want in a Sauvignon Blanc: well-structured, mineral, crisp and acidic with a very long finish; notes of grapefruit, lemon peel and ginger, as well as tropical fruit. Enjoy this one with oysters, grilled fish, sushi and sashimi. Certified organic.

Matetic Vineyards EQ, Coastal Sauvignon Blanc, 2020, (\$20.99). EQ stands for equilibrium, the Spanish word for balance, and this wine, both fresh and ripe, is a good example. Lemony and bright, with subtle citrus fruit notes, a long finish and an underlying minerality, this is a very elegant expression of Sauvignon Blanc. Certified organic.

Viña Morande Gran Reserva Sauvignon Blanc, 2020, (\$21.99). Aromas of fresh herbs, honey, and citrus



fruits; on the palate there are cut grass and green pepper vegetal notes reminiscent of a New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. Elegant and structured, from aging in French foudres and concrete egg-shaped tanks, with a persistence on the palate. A great choice with spicy barbecued foods.

Montes Wines Limited Selection, Sauvignon Blanc, 2021, (\$15.99). Hailing from Leyda Valley vineyards with views of the sea, this refreshing, lemony Sauvignon Blanc could be taken for one from New Zealand with its bright and flashy fruit and grassy herbaceousness. 13.5% ABV. I think

you'll find this one really stands out with grilled chicken, Cherrystone Clams or Asian Fusion dishes.

Viña Garcés Silva Amayna Sauvignon Blanc, 2020, (\$24.99). Another Leyda Valley wine, but this example offers more subtle aromas and flavors and a fuller body. On the palate, it has a distinctive profile of crisp acidity, with lemon-lime and mineral notes.

Some of the more established labels available in the U.S. are not resting on their laurels, however. **Concha Y Toro Gran Reserva Sauvignon Blanc, (\$18.99)** is made from cooler vineyards near riverbanks in Chile, where the company carefully selects its grapes to make the highest quality wines with an emphasis on freshness: Serie Riberras, Gran Reserva. Lying close to the mouth of the Rapel River, and perched high above the gorge, their Sauvignon Blanc vineyards deliver a juicy, mouth filling, lime-forward and clean mineral wine.

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Thank you & God Bless, Fr. Boyle and Deacon Tucker!

Cardinal Sean O'Malley has appointed our Parochial Vicar, Father

Christopher Boyle, to St. Agnes Parish and St. Camilla Parishes in Arlington, MA. In addition,

as Parochial Vicar to the Catholic Parishes of Arlington, Father Boyle will be the Priest Chaplain to the students at Arlington Catholic High School. We thank Father Boyle for his ministry to our Parishes and his ministry to the Young Adults of our community.

Thank you, Deacon Tucker

Redding, SJ. Deacon Tucker has been with us since September and will be Ordained to the Jesuit Order in New Orleans on June 10. We thank him for his ministry to our Parishes these past eight months and wish him well. With Our prayers and support! God Bless both Father Boyle and Deacon Tucker!





Virtual Public Meeting

South Boston Transportation Action Plan

June 6, 2023

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/SBTAPGuide

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 160 070 3797



Project Description:

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) and Boston Transportation Department (BTD) released A Guide to South Boston's Transportation Planning and the Development Review Process. This guide will help residents better participate in the South Boston Transportation Action Plan (SBTAP) and the processes for proposed development projects in their neighborhood.

At the public meeting, the SBTAP project team will present on how transportation safety improvements are implemented through planning and development, and what kinds of interventions are used to improve the safety and comfort on City streets. There will be an opportunity for public comments and questions after the presentation.

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary



Virtual Public Meeting

34 B St, South Boston

June 5, 2023

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/34Bsouthie

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 160 115 4832



Project Proponent:

Joe Hassel

Project Description:

The information at this meeting is crucial to you as a City of Boston resident, and stakeholder. Interpreting services are available to communicate the content of these documents at no additional cost to you. If you require translation services, please contact the following: Tyler.C.Ross@boston.gov. The meeting is scheduled for 6/5/2023. Please request interpreting services no later than 5 days before the meeting date.

Meeting of the general public to review the proposed 34 B st, South Boston project proposal.

Please note that this is a Public Meeting. The meeting will begin with a 45-minute presentation of the project by the development team, followed by 45-minutes of public Q&A.

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South Boston Catholic Academy News

Thank You, Fr. Boyle!

On Thursday, May 18, the 2nd grade students in the South Boston Catholic Academy did a wonderful job leading us in the school Mass for Ascension Thursday as Greeters, Readers and bringing up the gifts of bread, wine, and water to the Altar. The SBCA Children's Choir sounded amazing! The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ commemo-

rates the Christian belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. Following the account of Acts 1:3 that the risen Jesus appeared for 40 days prior to his Ascension, Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter. Father Christopher Boyle, our Parochial Vicar was the Celebrant at this Mass.

We all wish Father Boyle the very

best as he will be leaving us and has been appointed to St. Agnes Parish and St. Camilla Parishes in Arlington, MA. In addition, as Parochial Vicar to the Catholic Parishes of Arlington, and he will be the Priest Chaplain to the students at Arlington Catholic High School. After the Mass, Dr. Civian, our Principal, handed Father Boyle many cards and Thank You notes from the SBCA students wishing him well and everyone applauded him. He was so grateful for the well wishes from the students, families, faculty and staff of SBCA. Miss Keough's

2nd Graders put together a book for Father Boyle wishing him well. "How lucky we were to have a priest like you! SBCA will miss you! We are thankful for all you have taught us during your time in South Boston." Love, Ms. Keough's 2nd Grade Class. All of us at SBCA are sad to see him go, but so excited for him and his next adventure! Thank you and God Bless you always, Father Boyle! New families are welcome to email our admissions team at: admissions@sbcatholicacademy.org for more info about South Boston Catholic Academy.



St. Peter Academy

Science at SPA

SPA students love learning about Science! Grades K2, 1 and 2 grouped together, having cooperative discussions learning about seeds and plants. In small groups manned with our magnifying glasses we took to searching out mini orange and red pepper seeds,

tomato seeds, cucumber seeds and flower petals/heads. We also cut open an avocado to see what was inside. Some brave souls even tried to take a bite of the avocado. Thoughts and observations were shared and expressed for a lively conversation. The classes have planted many

seeds and will continue to keep an eye on our plants as they continue to grow. Our butterflies have arrived, stay tuned as we follow their transformation and the butterfly release party in our playground.

St. Peter Academy is accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. St. Peter Academy is 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 (School Year and Full Year Programs), Kindergarten and grades 1-6. Financial Aid Available. Two Scholarships will be offered this year for applicants for Grades 1 through 6. You may request scholarship information from the Front Office (spa@stpeteracademy.com). Appointments for individual virtual tours can be made by contacting Maria Blasi, at 617-268-0750 or by emailing spa@StPeterAcademy.com.





This week, Danny shared his thoughts on some of the top stories in the sports world:

What, you thought Tom Brady was going to become an owner of the Las Vegas Raiders and I wasn't going to talk about it? Come on now. You know me better than that.

Pending approval of the other NFL owners, Brady will have an equity stake in the team that he was supposed to join, instead of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, back in 2020.

Don't remember this story? Well, let me refresh your memory.

Last summer, during a UFC pay-per-view event, Rob Gronkowski and the rest of the Gronkowski family hosted a special "watch-along" broadcast on ESPN during the fights. On the show, UFC president Dana White joined them as a guest, and he told a story about what Brady's post-Patriot future should've looked like, explaining how both Brady and Gronkowski were "really close" to joining the Raiders, before they eventually ended up in Tampa Bay.

In fact, White said he was the one who originally coordinated the deal, before it fell through because Jon Gruden didn't want it. "I worked to put that deal together, for Brady and Gronk to come to the Raiders," said White on ESPN last August while

talking to the Gronkowski family. "And it was almost a done deal. And at the last minute, Gruden blew the deal up and said that he didn't want him. All hell broke loose, man. It was crazy. "Brady was already looking at houses," added White. "It wasn't being said yet that Gronk was coming. So, Las Vegas would've had Brady and Gronk the year that the Bucs won the Super Bowl, except Gruden blew the deal up . . . There's so much story that goes along with this behind the scenes. I was never going to tell that story until Gronk just said it. Let me tell ya, Brady was not happy."

Well, now Brady is retired — again — and he is an owner of the same Raiders team he was once supposed to play for. Interestingly enough, the two quarterbacks on the Raiders' roster right now are former Patriots: Jimmy Garoppolo and Brian Hoyer. And their head coach is former Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels. Garoppolo signed a three-year, \$67.5 million deal with the Raiders in March, after Derek Carr left Vegas to sign with the New Orleans Saints. Garoppolo's deal includes \$34 million in guarantees, so, the Raiders aren't expected to be openly pursuing an-

other quarterback to replace him.

Under that logic, it would seem silly to try and connect the dots between Brady's new ownership stake and a potential return to the field. However, if we're talking logic here, then it's only logical to consider Garoppolo's injury history. Connect those dots with the fact that Brady is now the best quarterback in the organization — even if he is retired — and you get a conspiracy theory for the ages. Is Brady waiting out an inevitable Garoppolo injury to come out of retirement and reunite with McDaniels and finally play for the team he wanted to play for after his Patriots career in the first place?

Seems somewhat crazy to think about, obviously. But, if we're all being honest with ourselves here, do we really think that Brady isn't going to stay in shape, just in case? Of course, league owners would have to approve of a Brady player/owner dynamic. But if they rejected it, then Brady and Davis could always work out a deal to "sell" his ownership stake. But come one, would the NFL really allow its owners to get in the way of that storyline? I don't think so.

After all, Brady might still be playing quarterback for the Raid-

ers if Gruden didn't kill the original deal several years ago. Here's more from White, where he doubled down on his story in the post-UFC 278 press conference. "I didn't want to talk about that, no, but [Gronk] sort of sucked me into it on live TV," said White. "Ya, it's true. I talked Brady into playing for the Raiders. And Gronk was coming with him. They were negotiating the deal, and they were really close to getting it done, and then Gruden pulled the deal, and Brady was not happy about it. Neither was I. And that's that. He went to the Buccaneers and won the Super Bowl.

"I own a [expletive] box there," added White. "I wanted Brady, you know what I mean? Crazy, but ya, it's true. And I thought that I would never tell that story publicly . . . It would've been amazing for the city, and it would've been amazing for the Raiders . . . I'm sure [Raiders owner] Mark Davis is real happy to hear this story." Davis and Brady are now business partners.

And suddenly, the "Thank You Tom Game" at Gillette Stadium next season just got a whole lot more interesting.

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SPORTS TODAY

CELTICS WIN GAME 4 IN MIAMI, FORCE GAME 5 BACK IN BOSTON

SBT Staff

It felt as if the Boston Celtics were sleepwalking through the first three games of the Eastern Conference Finals, but on Tuesday night in Miami, they finally woke up.

After falling behind 3-0 in the series, the Celtics stayed alive by winning Game 4 in Miami, 116-99, to force a Game 5 back home at the TD Garden on Thursday night. If the C's are able to win that, then Game 6 will be on Saturday night in Miami. If necessary, a Game 7 would be back in Boston on Monday.

If Jayson Tatum continues to have the killer instinct he had in the second half of a must-win Game 4, then extending the series

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to a Game 6 is certainly possible.

Tatum finished Game 4 with a game-high 33 points and 11 rebounds. He was three assists away from a triple-double. Tatum was 4-for-9 from three-point range, and was 14-for-22 from the field. He only had 14 points in Game 3.

Along with Tatum's second-half dominance, the Celtics' offense also benefited from some stingy defense, forcing the Heat to turn the ball over 15 times in the game.

Sometimes, your best offense, is a good defense, and the Celtics proved that in a huge Game 4 win.

"A lot of times when you get to this point down 3-0, you see locker rooms and teams start to

go in the other direction," Jaylen Brown told the media after the win. "We wanted to make sure that we stayed together. We wanted to make sure that we looked each other in the eye and came out today and put our best foot forward, and I'm proud of our group for doing that because you see teams with their back against the wall and you see they just collapse. You didn't see that tonight. You saw us come together, play defense, make the right plays, and I feel like that shows a lot about our character, especially in a game where everything is on the line and everything had gone wrong in the last couple of games."

Heading into a must-win Game 4 and trying to avoid a sweep,

WHAT TO WATCH

NBA THURSDAY, MAY 25

Eastern Conference Finals

Gm 5: Miami at Boston

8:30 P.M. TNT

SATURDAY, MAY 27

Eastern Conference Finals

Gm 6 (if necessary): Boston at Miami

8:30 P.M. TNT

MONDAY, MAY 29

Eastern Conference Finals

Gm 7 (if necessary): Miami at Boston

8:30 P.M. TNT

MLB FRIDAY, MAY 26

Boston at Arizona

9:40 P.M. NESN

SATURDAY, MAY 27

Boston at Arizona

7:15 P.M. FOX

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Boston at Arizona

4:10 P.M. NESN

the Celtics' had no choice but to steal the mindset of the 2004 Boston Red Sox, who came from behind down 3-0 in the ALCS to beat the New York Yankees in seven games to advance to the World Series.

Before Game 4, Smart told reporters, "Don't let us win tonight." After the game, smart continued to speak with confidence.

"We were just playing Celtics basketball on the defensive end," Marcus Smart said after the Game 4 win. "Everybody was helping one another. We were going to take it. We weren't leaving it up for grabs as much as we usually did and it showed tonight. That's just how we've got to continue to play."

BRADY BUYS OWNERSHIP STAKE IN RAIDERS

Tom Brady is now a minority owner of the Las Vegas Raiders.

Brady has agreed to buy a minority share of the organization, which was confirmed by owner Mark Davis in an ESPN report this week.

In a phone call to ESPN's Paul Gutierrez, David said, "We're excited for Tom to join the Raiders, and it's exciting because he will be

just the third player in the history of the National Football League to become an owner."

The other two are George Halas and Jerry Richardson.

In order for the deal to become official, at least 24 NFL owners must approve Brady's ownership stake in the Raiders.

The move raises some eye-

brows, as Brady was connected to the Raiders in a story recently told by both Dana White and Rob Gronkowski. The story was that Brady had an agreement with Davis to play for the Raiders before going to Tampa Bay, but Jon Gruden ruined the deal. And instead, Brady went on to win a Super Bowl with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Brady retired for a second time this offseason, but you could make the argument that he's now the best quarterback in the Raiders organization. Their current quarterbacks are Jimmy Garoppolo and Brian Hoyer.

If Brady wanted to come out of retirement again and still maintain his ownership stake, it would need to be approved by NFL owners.

Don't expect this story to go away anytime soon.

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9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

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Elliot Norton Park, 295 Tremont St.

Roslindale | Wednesday, May 3
Fallon Field, 910 South St.

Roxbury | Friday, May 5
Marcella Playground, 260 Highland St.

South Boston | Wednesday, May 10
A Street Park, 135-141 A St.

Dorchester | Friday, May 12
Doherty-Gibson Playground (Town Field)
1545 Dorchester Ave.

East Boston | Wednesday, May 17
Noyes Playground, 86 Boardman St.

Downtown/West End | Friday, May 19
City Hall Plaza, 1 City Hall Sq.

Allston-Brighton | Monday, May 22
Brighton Common, 30 Chestnut Hill Ave.

North End | Wednesday, May 24
Langone Park, 529 Commercial St.

South End | Thursday, May 25
Hayes Park, 158 Warren Ave.

Charlestown | Wednesday, May 31
McCarthy/Edwards Playground
10 Eden St.

Hyde Park | Thursday, June 1
Amatucci Playground, 1460 Hyde Park Ave.

Mattapan | Thursday, June 8
Hunt-Almont Park, 40 Almont St.

Fenway/Kenmore | Tuesday, June 13
Symphony Community Park, 30 Edgerly Rd.

West Roxbury | Wednesday, June 14
Billings Field, 369 LaGrange St.

Jamaica Plain | Friday, June 16
Mozart Street Playground, 10 Mozart St.

Mission Hill | Tuesday, June 20
Mission Hill Playground, 1497 Tremont St.

Back Bay/Beacon Hill | Wednesday, June 21
Commonwealth Avenue Mall, 15 Commonwealth Ave.
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