Body Cameras On Boston Police

With no police officer volunteers coming forward, Mayor Martin Walsh and Commissioner William Evans notified 100 officers on Wednesday that they have been selected to participate in the city’s body camera pilot program, after a delay in initiating the program because of union negotiations and the unanticipated lack of volunteers.

Speaking during the monthly “Ask the Commissioner” segment on WGBH-FM’s Boston Public Radio on Tuesday, Boston Police Commissioner William B. Evans said that An...

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EDITORIAL

“Tolerance”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

The recent arrests of Democratic extremists for destroying “Trump” political signs, one of whom struck a 76-year-old veteran while fleeing, is not an aberration. It’s business as usual for the party of “Tolerance” this election cycle. Rather than depend on some cold, clinical, scientific study, a self-described Liberal-left documentary film maker decided to rely on his own simple two step experiment.

Step 1, was to go to the Republican Convention and stand outside with a homemade sign proclaiming, “I Heart Hillary”. He surreptitiously filmed what happened, which was that attendees, many dressed in “Trump” hats and shirts, laughed, smiled, took pictures with arms around him, high fived him.

Step 2 was to repeat the process at the Democratic Convention. Only this time with an, “I Heart Trump” sign. Almost immediately, a middle aged “flower child” in tie-dyed dress spit on him. This was followed by a shouting crowd surrounding, jostling and showering him with obscenities.

The “lame stream” media will never show it, but it can probably be googled for your own opinion. When one side uses violence, it’s an attack. When the other side uses violence to defend itself, it becomes war. Neither position is political and certainly not “tolerant”.

Letter to the Editor

Respect For Southie
TO THE EDITOR,

I love reading my copy of South Boston Today every week. It keeps me up to date on what is happening in a community that I have been involved with going back some 40 years to when Judge Garrity rolled into town and gave us forced busing and the destruction of Boston’s public school system. It tore neighborhoods apart, pitted people against one another, and ended up hurting children’s chances of getting a good education in a safe environment.

Liberals never admitted their gross mistakes in this matter and South Boston and Charlestown folks were painted racists by those intent on social engineering of our society. I met lots of great community leaders, who were solely concerned for the health, well-being and education of their children and grandkids. I mention a few. Eddie Shallow from Dorchester’s Clam Point, still going strong. There’s John Ciccone from South Boston Today. The late Charlie Ross and the late Jim DiPerri, all of whom I met when I was still 20-something from Charlestown.

Over the years for some-one not from Southie, I have met many great lifelong friends. Jim’s son, Father Jim DiPerri, I met when he was a kid back in those early years of the busing struggle. He became a lifelong friend too. By the way, when it comes to the late Jim DiPerri, He was near fluent in Gaelic for a Gaelic-Garlic guy. Sadly, I, on the other hand, only know the bad words in both Italian and Gaelic. After all, they are the easiest words to remember, as well as the gestures that go along with the words. Keep up the good work at South Boston Today. Sincerely, SAL GIARRATANI, EAST BOSTON

This Week’s Poll:

Do you think Boston Police should wear body cameras?

YES?

or

NO?

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The above question is being asked frequently now by fans of professional football, especially after last week’s decision by the National Football League regarding a request by the Dallas Cowboy’s organization. Some of you are aware that the players on the ‘Cowboy’s Team, players of all races, had requested permission to add an embroidered patch to their uniforms and a decal to their helmets in honor and in memory of the Dallas Police officers that were killed in the terror shooting in that city several weeks back. Per a decision from the NFL, the request was denied. This decision stunned many, particularly in light of what happened during this year’s Super Bowl, when the entertainer known as ‘Beyoncé’ and her backup singers and dancers put on what a majority of Americans considered to be a disgraceful anti-police performance during the halftime show. The NFL apparently had no problem with the anti-cop rhetoric that was spewed from the stage with millions of people watching, but a show of support for slain officers murdered in the line of duty while protecting innocent people was unacceptable? This begs the question once again: What is happening to the NFL and maybe even more important; just who is running this organization and what is their agenda? With each passing season, the National Football League and sports media outlets like ESPN are becoming more political with a left wing slant, as far as many sports fans are concerned. Catering and bowing to radical ideologies that are out of the American mainstream, especially American Sports fans, is causing a widening rift between the organizations and the very fans that support professional sports with their hard earned dollars. Could it be long before the fans start making their feelings known at the box office and with ‘Pay per View’ TV by just not showing up and /or subscribing? It just might take a big financial hit to make the NFL and ESPN and others realize that keeping politics out of sports could be in their best interest going into the future. Though I love the state of Texas, I was never a huge Dallas Cowboys follower. But seeing the honor that they just tried to give those fallen Dallas police officers, heroes all, I think many more of us have just became fans.

If you’re a regular reader of this column, you by now know that I enjoy making fun of the childlike protests of many college students. There is a certain percentage of students on many of America’s campuses that are acting like spoiled, over sensitive, fragile little snowflakes that go into meltdown at the slightest offense. If an unkind word or an opinion that differs from theirs is uttered, they run to take shelter in their ‘safe spaces’ and then ‘trauma counselors’ are rushed in to

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Healey says no to higher office run

In her first sit-down interview since sparking controversy over her crackdown on the sale of “copycat” assault weapons, Attorney General Maura Healey tells Sharman Sachetti of Fox25 she has “absolutely” ruled out running for higher office. Asked if she would run for re-election, she said, “I love what I’m doing. I’m hoping to do it to the best of my ability every day.” Healey also defended her assault-weapons edict and said suggestions it was motivated by a desire to raise her political profile “couldn’t be further from the truth,” Fox25 reports. “I’m trying to do my job,” Healey said of her assault-weapon decision. “This is a matter of public safety. This is a matter of my responsibility. My authority as attorney general.”

Cautionary tale for Boston: Pennsylvania AG resigns after convicted for leaking grand jury info

Every now and then in Boston a controversy erupts over the leaking of damaging grand jury information, such as what happened this past spring in a case tied to the ongoing fed probe of City Hall. Nancy Gertner and Jack Corrigan wrote a Globe op-ed deploiring the practice of strategically timed grand jury leaks, especially by prosecutors. In a completely separate case, it turns out that Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen G. Kane, a Democrat, is now resigning after being convicted of leaking grand jury information and then lying about it, the NYT reports. It’s a nasty little affair, involving pornographic emails, political rivalries and even Jerry Sandusky, the ex-Penn State football coach accused of sexual abuse, reports the Washington Post.

But the lesson for Boston is: When it comes to grand juries, you better shut up. Police furious over Boston Globe cartoon

Police unions and others are upset over a cartoon about police shootings of black men that appeared on the opinion pages of Monday’s Boston Globe, reports Dan Kennedy at the Boston Globe. The Globe’s editorial-page editor is standing by the syndicated cartoon by Mike Luckovich of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The Globe’s letters-to-the-editor section was jammed this morning with letters from police union officials and other readers defending police and harshly criticizing the cartoon.

Evans: Cops will be assigned body cams and, btw, Ed Davis is a turncoat

Boston police commissioner William Evans, in an interview with Boston Public Radio yesterday, said 100 officers have been randomly assigned to a mandatory body camera program, slated to begin next month, because no officers voluntarily stepped forward to participate in the pilot program, reports Tori Bedford at WGBH. Training could start as early as next week. “They’ll probably challenge us,” Evans said of union members, “but that’s what the union does, they look out for their membership.”

Bonus news from the interview: Evans also slammed former Boston police commissioner Ed Davis for siding with the police union, as well as apparently siding with ride-hailing companies on the issue of fingerprinting drivers. “Here’s a guy who said that the ‘gold standard’ of fingerprinting was the best way to go, and obviously someone paid him to say something else,” Evans said of Davis. “Obviously I’m a little disappointed that he gets involved in some of this dialogue, when the major city chiefs in Massachusetts all support it, I support it, and obviously he forgets where he came from.” Ouch.

Unhealthy finances: State’s top three health insurers lose combined $201 million

The state’s three biggest insurers -- Blue Cross, Harvard Pilgrim and Tufts Health -- reported combined operating losses of $201 million in the first six months of 2016, with the plans blaming the federal Affordable Care Act, the cost of prescription drugs and other factors for their financial hemorrhaging, reports the Boston Globe’s Jessica Bartlett. Blue Cross’s losses were actually down compared to last year, but still stood at $98.3 million. HP and Tufts both saw increases in their losses. All in all, the losses, both this year and last, are huge. Care to guess who will pay for the shortfalls in the end?

CLF report paints New Bedford as one vast environmental wasteland

Bold prediction: The New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce ain’t going to like the Conservation Law Foundation’s new report on the Whaling City, which CLF depicts as caught in a “vicious cycle” of pollution and economic hardship, as reported by ShNS’s Andy Metzger (pay wall). A harbor polluted with PCBs. Schools built over toxic pollutants. Five hundred other sites that are known to contain hazardous materials. If you guessed CLF is using the report as way to pressure public officials to take action on a wide variety of issues (some of which go way beyond the environmental field), you’d be right.

No word yet from the New Bedford chamber, but Mayor Jon Mitchell is dismissing the report, saying it “harden breaks news” and doesn’t focus on the “tremendous progress” the city has made on environmental issues, though one city council member said New Bedford indeed needs an “environmental czar,” reports Curt Brown at SouthCoast Today.
“A Choice”

Note: talk back to Brian by email at bmahoney@southbostontoday.com

Reading Between The Lines

“A Choice”

Today’s column first appeared 8-8-13 and is reprinted to mark the anniversary of the murder of Amy Lord and to recognize the importance of being involved in your community and watching out for each other. “Lest We Forget”

Although this column has an e-mail address, those who know me realize I am next to useless regarding the operation of computers and e-mails. After attending a long scheduled meeting last Monday night, I arrived at the Tynan School about 45 minutes after that meeting started which, of course, meant I couldn’t squeeze in and I took the unusual step of looking for feedback, online. I had help, naturally.

The comments I found were wide ranging. Many thought the meeting helpful, informative and needed. Some thought it was a “dog and pony” show. Some complained that a couple of people wanted to turn the discussion to important, but unrelated, issues.

One site I caught, saddened me. It seemed the majority of respondents preferred to engage in offering a critique of those in attendance, instead of solutions to the awful tragedy. Sly innuendo about appearance, financial status, probable education and articulation seemed to be a common back and forth theme. Ridicule and contempt, rather than thoughtful conversation for common ground and compromise seemed to be standard operating procedure for these anonymous denigrators. Show some courage. Take out an ad and tell your neighbors to their face the contempt that you feel for them. You have a choice. That’s what courage is about - doing the hard thing when there’s an easy way out. We throw around the words courage and hero all the time. So much so that the words lose their meaning. An athlete making $5 or more million a year limps during a game and an announcer will laud his “courage”.

Back a few years ago, I coached Pop Warner football and Little League baseball. Two of the kids I coached were brothers. Their dad was one of those dedicated parents, always there with their kids at practice and games. Not one of those psycho “Jimmy Piersall-Karl Malden” type parents. A nice easy going guy sitting in the stands, just watching or always ready to lend a hand. Ninety degree weather and the coach (Me) forgets water, this dad would be gone and back in a flash with frosty H2O.

It isn’t easy for a union carpenter to balance work with his kids schedule, but South Shore or North, afternoon or evening, he would always find a way, covered with saw dust or not, to make the game. That’s why I wasn’t surprised or shocked when I heard his name. If anything I was proud to say we’re friends. Confirmed in my original feeling that Charley was a good guy, I just didn’t know how brave a guy he was. We probably don’t know that about many people. Not all are given the test.

When Charley heard the screams, he could have chosen to stay in his house. When his eyes saw what his mind couldn’t believe he had a choice to leave. Even when he screamed “stop punching that girl” and his subconscious mind made him realize these punches were actually knife thrusts he refused to back down. And when the monster slyly tried to approach with a story of “some white dude was beating her”, Charley instead stood his ground and answered “no, it was you attacking her”.

Now, it was the monster with the choice. Attack or flee. In the true manner of cowards the world over, he fled. Now Charley Reddy, a lifelong South Bostonian, didn’t know if the victim was a new “yuppie” or an actual knife-wielding killer, unarmed, like Charley did. We are only being asked to talk TO your neighbor instead of talking ABOUT them.

The rest of us aren’t being asked to face a knife-wielding killer, unarmed, like Charley did. We are only being asked to talk TO your neighbor instead of talking ABOUT them.

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McCormack Housing To Get Security Upgrades

In the aftermath of the shooting Monday night on Gavin Way in the Mary Ellen McCormack Housing Development, leaving a 15-year-old boy critically wounded and area families on edge, residents should expect continued serious security upgrades. When interviewed, BHA Administrator William McGonagle pointed to newly installed exterior lighting throughout the development put in place last year as evidence that his office takes the issue of tenant security very seriously. After consulting with Mayor Walsh, he also anticipates the installation of security cameras in key locations.

The Boston Police Department has also stepped up its presence. The Mary Ellen McCormack development has a fixed patrol for the first time this summer, with officers on site 24 hours a day. The housing authority also has its own 20 officer security force.

Police say the 15-year-old boy was in a car when he was shot at the Mary Ellen McCormick development on Gavin Way this past Thursday night. Surrounded by a teeming crowd of 100-plus supporters representing a mosaic of different ethnicities, elected offices and organizations gathered together in celebration of his birthday, Sheriff Tompkins was delivered an emphatic statement of support by Mayor Walsh.

“When you look around the room and see the diversity, and when you look at the elected officials and consider the diversity of the neighborhoods that they represent, you see the respect that this man has from the community,” said Mayor Walsh. “I knew Steve from the work that he did with his predecessor and I got to know him even better as Sheriff after I was elected as Mayor, and I’ve watched what he’s done with the office. In the past, the job of the sheriff was to take people who were sent to prison, hold them for their sentence, and then open the door and send them on their way. When Sheriff Tompkins came into office, he began working to ensure that people left prison better than they were when they came in. He’s making our streets better and he’s making our neighborhoods better. He’s making an impact across the city and throughout the county, and I’m working to make sure that we send him back into office.”

Returning the sentiment, Sheriff Tompkins spoke about his great appreciation of the endorsement and about the man who had given it.

“This mayor in his first term, following in the footsteps of a 20-year incumbent, has rolled up his sleeves and taken this city into the 21st century,” said Sheriff Tompkins. “Mayor Walsh and I share a couple of things in common,” he continued. “Life wasn’t easy for either of us as we were coming up. But, we both grew up remembering where we came from and wanting to make life easier for those around us based on our experiences. “Together, we are working mightily to make this city, this county and this state the safest and most vibrant place to raise our children to be successful. I am so honored and appreciative to have his endorsement, but, even more importantly, I’m honored to have his friendship.”

Appointed to the position in 2013, Sheriff Tompkins won election in 2014 as a first-time candidate with over 83% of the vote. As the Sheriff of Suffolk County, Tompkins manages all operations at the Suffolk County House of Correction, the Nashua Street Jail and the Civil Process Division. In addition to providing care, custody and rehabilitative support for inmates and pretrial detainees, Tompkins also oversees a management, security, and administrative staff of over 1,000. Sheriff Tompkins holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Communications from Boston College and a Master’s Degree in Public Affairs from the University of Massachusetts.
Healthcare workers at South Boston Community Health Center have reached an agreement with health center leaders to accelerate the timeline for workers to earn a living wage.

Health center leaders and healthcare workers from 1199SEIU previously agreed to a two-year contract in 2014, but announced a contract extension that ensures a faster path to a $15 starting wage, bringing many employees up to $14.50 as of June 1, 2016 and finalizing an increase to $15 in 2017. Workers voted overwhelmingly to ratify the new contract on July 28.

“The new contract is an important victory for the dedicated healthcare workers at South Boston Community Health Center who deliver quality care to some of our most vulnerable residents,” said Tyrék D. Lee, Sr., Executive Vice President of 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East. “Because of low wages, these workers are often faced with difficult decisions like choosing between paying rent and buying food for their families. Now, they have secured a faster path to a living wage that allows them to better provide for their families while con-

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coddle them. That the majority of students are embarrassed and pretty much disgusted with the antics of these fragile, pampered souls is well known. But recent reports are showing that there is a backlash coming now from college alumni as well, as donations to many universities are shrinking and in some cases all but drying up.

People, who have over the years been generous donors to these universities, now often refer to them as ‘glorified daycare centers’. When students disrupt campuses, protesting silly things such as Halloween costumes, macroaggressions, supposed white privilege and demand all speech they find unacceptable to their delicate sensitivities be banned, generous alumni tend to become less enthusiastic about writing checks to those schools. When easily intimidated administrators at those institutions grovel and bow down to every demand, each one more ridiculous than the next, donors are not happy. Even the New York Times has reported that some alumni have actually written these schools out of their wills, while others have simply cut off the cash flow altogether.

Of course, the New York Times can’t understand why so many alumni are refusing to keep the donations coming. The ‘Times’ calls it an ‘unexpected aftershock of the campus disruptions of the past academic year’. Unexpected? This speaks volumes as to just how out of touch so many media outlets actually are. To which one Conservative website responds: “You think you can continuously show hordes of spoiled, whiney, over privileged malcontents crying about Halloween costumes and safe spaces and people who used to attend those schools aren’t going to be embarrassed by the display?”

With the direction this is heading, soon it might be necessary for colleges that continue to indulge cry baby student protestors to start running bake sales in order to stay afloat financially because the generosity of some alumni apparently has its limits.
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Continuing to provide great patient care.”

The contract will be extended to September 30, 2018, and any employee currently making less than $15 will see their wages increased to a $15 living wage by November 2017.

• Over 35 health center workers who earn less than $14.50 an hour prior will receive a 4% wage increase over the two-year contract.

“We know that the rising costs of living here in Boston, the new contract is critical to securing wages that allow healthcare workers like me to take care of our everyday expenses,” said Anes-tine Bentick, who has worked for 14 years as a Lead Medical Assistant at South Boston Community Health Center. “South Boston Community Health Center is an integral part of the community and provides great care to many of our city’s low-income residents. These expedited wage increases will ensure that caregivers like us can feel secure too.”

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On Thursday, August 11th, Family Friendly “M” Street Beach was jamming to the tunes of many local teen artists thanks to the BCYF Curley & Condon Community Centers with MusicBall. This is the 5th annual Beach Jam and it keeps getting bigger each year. The rocking beach party brought out attendees of all ages, from our seniors to our babes. The Boston Police ice cream truck was out front with long lines, hot dogs were grilling, popcorn was popping and faces were being painted on this warm, perfect night in South Boston. Thank you BCYF and all the volunteers!
Tynan Fun in the Sun Wiffleball Classic

On a warm, sunny day in South Boston, the campers at the local Tynan Fun in the Sun program used the heat to their own advantage. They originally planned to play a quick four-on-four game, but once one of them realized they had a rope in their backpack, they thought it would be a great way to make a field. On the side of the Tynan, across from the Gate of Heaven church, the campers began to think of ideas to perfect their new ballpark. Across the whole concrete field, ropes outlined the foul poles, along with the fences for homeruns. In addition to that, there were ropes that represented the audience in different parts of the ballpark. On the third base line, there was a V.I.P. section where the senior camp personnel got to sit. Behind home plate were general admission seats for other junior counselors and campers. After the whole stadium was set up with a bullpen and bleachers, it was time to finally hear the words we all love to hear, “Play ball!”

At 1:05pm with all campers from the program in attendance and in their seats patiently waiting, camp director Chris Devine threw out the first pitch to Stephen Flynn, a perfect strike, down the middle of the plate. Stephen Flynn and Evan O’Connor were the two team captains. Evan represented the Chicago Cubs, while Stephen picked the Red Sox as his team. Each team consisted of four players with two counselors on each. The starting pitcher for the Red Sox was Stephen Flynn. With an infield consisting of counselor Aaron Mulligan, Jonathan Walsh, Robert Wisniewski and Bobby Rehm. Flynn sure had some defensive talent behind him. The wiffle ball game began with a single by Evan O’Connor, right up the middle. Batting second, Tynan camp counselor Joey Maiullari, stepped up to the plate. With the spotlight on him and everyone in the crowd watching, Joey used the first pitch to drive deep and way back into center field for a two-run homer. The first inning was owned by the Cubs who were sparked by a long, two run homerun. Walsh finished the game with 4 runs batted in. Then, in the bottom of the second inning, down 5 runs, the Red Sox topped the Chicago Cubs in four innings 9-8. Walsh finished the game with 3 homeruns and 7 RBIs. Arlauskas cracked 2 homeruns with 4 RBIs. Maiullari smashed 3 homeruns and batted in 4 RBIs.

The Cubs consisted of two counselors, Joey Maiullari and James Arlauskas, and three kids, Evan O’Connor, Ryan MacDonald, Alec Burkett and Anderson Wisniewski. After one inning, the Cubs were winning 2-0, as Ryan Macdonald pitched a stellar shut-out inning. In the top of the second with two pitches, Walsh found one he liked, which he drove all the way back to the concrete behind the fence in left field for a three run homerun. Flynn sprinted around the bases to score another run. Walsh cut the deficit to two.

With Robert Wisniewski and counselor Jack Feeney on base, Stephen Flynn doubled to drive in another run. Walsh once again came up to the plate to slug a hard hit single to win the game in heroic fashion. Red Sox as his team. Each team consisted of four players with two counselors on each. The starting pitcher for the Red Sox was Stephen Flynn. With an infield consisting of counselor Aaron Mulligan, Jonathan Walsh, Robert Wisniewski and Bobby Rehm. Flynn sure had some defensive talent behind him. The wiffle ball game began with a single by Evan O’Connor, right up the middle. Batting second, Tynan camp counselor Joey Maiullari, stepped up to the plate. With the spotlight on him and everyone in the crowd watching, Joey used the first pitch to drive deep and way back into center field for a two-run homer. The first inning was owned by the Cubs who were sparked by a long, two run homerun. Walsh finished the game with 4 runs batted in. Then, in the bottom of the second inning, down 5 runs, the Red Sox topped the Chicago Cubs in four innings 9-8. Walsh finished the game with 3 homeruns and 7 RBIs. Arlauskas cracked 2 homeruns with 4 RBIs. Maiullari smashed 3 homeruns and batted in 4 RBIs.

As a Tynan camp counselor, I would like to thank John Lydon and also a special thanks to the Tynan Council for the chance to share these great memories with the campers. This wiffle ball game was really a highlight of my summer and I would like to thank everyone who participated and watched. As we approach the final few weeks of the program, I hope to see more fun games like this to keep everyone entertained. Lastly, I would love to give a special shout out to our campers of the week.
Local Youth Win Fishing Tournament

12 charter boats and 50 teens caught striped bass to 39 inches, bluefish to 15lbs and big black sea bass and scup in the 6th Annual Fan Pier Youth Fishing Tournament to benefit Save the Harbor/Save the Bay on August 11th.

This year’s tournament raised more than $10,000 to support Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s youth environmental education programs, which have connected more than 125,000 underserved youth and teens from more than 100 youth development organizations in 40 communities to Boston Harbor and the Boston Harbor Islands since they began in 2002.

This year the young anglers followed tournament host Joe Fallon’s advice that “This is not about fishing, it’s about catching”, as they spent the day reeling in striped bass, bluefish, black sea bass and scup in Boston Harbor, Quincy Bay and the Boston Harbor Islands State and National Park.

“Thanks to The Fallon Company and Fan Pier, to Marine Max / Russo Marine, 3A Marine, Circle Furniture, Boston Yacht Haven, Fishing Finatics and all the captains who donated their time and energy to make this year’s tournament so much fun for so many kids,” said Save the Harbor’s BayWatcher and spokesman Bruce Berman, as he prepared smoked bluefish pate, striped bass sashimi and scup and black sea bass ceviche to share with the kids. “What a great way to spend a summer day.”

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American Woman Kim Rhode Ties Olympic Medal Win Record

Michael Phelps is amazing, but he wasn’t the only one making history at this year’s Summer Olympics in Brazil. Kim Rhodes, an American woman from California has tied the all-time record for winning a medal in six consecutive Olympics. Rhodes doesn’t swim laps in a pool, sprint by the competition in the track and field events or propel herself from bar to bar in the gymnastic contests. Kim Rhodes touts a shotgun and has been impressing Olympic judges in the Skeet Shooting competition since she was 16 years old. She’s 37 years old now and shows no signs of slowing down.

Rhodes is a mother, a wife and an everyday American, who, when she’s not spending time with her family or winning trophies at her sport also likes to play ‘Pokémon Go’ and even ‘Clash of Clans’. But every 4 years at the summer Olympics, no matter what part of the world they are being held she shows up and brings back medals that she wins for Team USA. After this year’s gathering in Rio, she now boasts 3 Gold, a Silver and 2 Bronze. And all of them won by demonstrating her incredible skill at Skeet Shooting.

In Rio this year, she finished 2nd in the qualifying round to move to the semi Finals, where she hit 14 of 16 flying targets. Competition Skeet shooting is a sport where 2 targets at a time are released at very fast speed and the object is to hit both of them with shotgun blasts. Not an easy task for anyone. Rhode then wound up in a 3-way tie with her USA Team mate Meghan Craft and Ru Wei of China. When the competition was over, Rhode won the Bronze and became the first woman in Olympic history to win medals in 6 consecutive Olympics, equaled only by a male member of the Italian shooting team several years prior.

Interviewed after her event she was ecstatic. She said the following: “Standing up there on the Olympic Podium – it’s addictive.” “It has me coming back again and again. I think every emotion hits you at once. You want to run, scream, cry and just don’t know which one to do first. It doesn’t matter if it’s Gold, Silver or Bronze – It’s the journey.”

Kim Rhode works and trains hard for the medals she wins at the Olympics every 4 years. She’s proud to be part of Team USA and to be able to represent the country she loves so much. America is proud of her as well. Her competitive spirit, drive and her patriotism is an inspiration to Americans everywhere who are as proud of her as she is of living in the best country in the world.
Be careful what you wish for, because you just might get it. Even in the National Football League.

That’s what several NFL owners should be thinking this week, as their commissioner continues to pound his chest over his rights in the CBA. Yes, Roger Goodell is back at it again. This time, he’s coming down on four players — Green Bay Packers linebackers Clay Matthews and Julius Peppers, Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison, and free agent defensive end Mike Neal — for their failure to cooperate in a PED investigation.

The NFL wrote a letter to the NFLPA earlier this week, announcing that each player will be suspended if they don’t interview with the league by Aug. 25, regarding its investigation of an Al Jazeera report, which claimed that Matthews, Peppers, Harrison, and Neal received performance-enhancing drugs. Meanwhile, the NFLPA has advised all four players to refuse such interviews.

The report was released in December, but the NFL is just getting around to investigating those allegations made by Charlie Sly. Peyton Manning was also named in the report, but the NFL is just getting around to investigating those allegations made by Charlie Sly. Manning was “fully cooperative” in the investigation, which included “witness interviews, a review of relevant records and other materials, online research, and laboratory analysis and review.”

Now, you might be thinking, “Why don’t these four players just do what Manning did and go through with the interview process?” Well, my question is, why wasn’t Manning’s portion of the investigation made public?

The NFL makes it seem like all they care about is “full cooperation” when it comes to possible suspensions and the “integrity of the game.” You don’t have to go back any further than Deflategate, and how the league was upset that Tom Brady “destroyed” his cell phone. The league had no problem going after Brady and making that investigation as public and newsworthy as it could be. Goodell seemingly rallied around the idea that Brady wasn’t fully cooperative, and look how that has turned out.

Now, Goodell seems ready to pounce on several NFL players who he believes are also not being fully cooperative, even though each of these four players turned in sworn affidavits last month. Those affidavits were rejected by the league. And instead, Goodell wants each player to take part in an in-person interview.

From a player’s perspective, why would you trust Goodell and his investigation process after how he handled Deflategate?

From an owner’s perspective, why can’t the league just accept each player’s affidavit and hold off on any type of punishment until it finds the player guilty of using PEDs?

To each, the players and the owners, I say: Tough.

Right now, Goodell is on a power trip. He won his Deflategate battle and has Brady accepting and serving a four-game suspension. But the reason I don’t feel bad for any player or owner involved in this PED investigation and the unfairness that may ensue, is that, they let the league’s punishment process come to this.

The players agreed to a CBA that makes Goodell the judge, jury, and executioner. And the owners did more than just enable the commissioner during his fight against Brady, the Patriots, and the air pressure in footballs.

For that reason, throughout Deflategate, I continued to call out the owners. I advised them to give up the fight, because if Brady can be wronged by the commissioner the way he was, then it can happen to anyone. You’re seeing that now with the league’s threat to suspend four players for a failure to cooperate.

Is there any evidence to support Sly’s claims in the Al Jazeera report that these four players received PEDs? If there is, the NFL should use that as its reason to dish out suspensions. But if there’s no sufficient evidence, then I’m sure there will be a few players and owners who are unhappy about how the commissioner came down with the hammer.

But all Goodell will do is tell you that it’s his right in the CBA to do everything he can to protect the integrity of the game, even if his lawyers admit in a court of law that they have no direct evidence to prove those players guilty.

Sound familiar? To the rest of the NFL — owners and players — it should. Because it’s called Deflategate, and while Brady was getting hammered and treated unfairly, mostly everyone else in the league either stayed silent or called him a cheater.

So, again, be careful what you wish for. Because right now, the NFL is getting just that.

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