



Tufts Medical Center And Nurses To Meet On Friday


A federal mediator is bringing Tufts Medical Center and its union nurses back to the negotiating table this Friday to try to avoid a one-day strike of its 1,200 nurses and subsequent four-day lockout.

This situation could pose a “having your cake and eat it too” dilemma for politicians, especially Democrats. Can you support the needs of nurses, even if, as hospital administrators say that money and benefits the nurses are looking for add to soaring health care costs? It’s fair to say that nurses are beloved and administrators are not. Nurses need to push and administrators need to push back.

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Let's Make Summertime Linger

Independence Day has now come and gone. There are actually some who insist that once the Fourth of July is over, so too is summer. Ah, no. What it means is that summertime is in full swing with two more months of warm weather, sunshine and longer days to enjoy.

You don't need South Boston Today to tell you that in this part of the country, the winters are long and

spring and autumn are often a bit too rainy. But July and August can be and usually are beautiful months to enjoy all those great outdoor activities that so many of us think about during the rest of the year.

Let's not rush it. Summertime goes by fast enough. It's our time to kick back, relax and have a great time. Here's wishing and hoping everyone gets a chance to take advantage of it.



"It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one" - George Washington

L.T.E. Letter to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR,

I look forward each week to John Ciccone's Information Center commentaries. His column provides much needed information and commentary that readers can not often get in the mainstream print and broadcast media. I remember years ago, say over 40 years ago when South Boston residents could find their unfiltered information from the Boston News Digest for which I did commentaries as a much younger writer.

Ciccone's latest commen-

tary on the drug scourge plaguing our urban neighborhoods and the sales tax holiday brought home two important issues. One the uptick in drugs and drug-related deaths and the usual foolishness of our elected folks on Beacon Hill who stopped representing the people decades ago. On the subject of drugs destroying the lives of so many in our communities, the last thing we need are safe zones to shoot up your drugs with medical personnel standing by as monitors in case something goes wrong.

We need to be helping folks free themselves from

addiction and not giving them a comfy place to shoot up. I heard one addict recently in a newspaper story tell the committee she was speaking to that earlier in the week she overdosed and thinks safe zones are medically necessary. I think not. People have to start taking responsibility for their own stupid acts. It is not someone else's job to do for you.

As far as the annual Sales Tax holiday weekend every August, I think it is a good idea for consumers and Bay State businesses. Last year our solons dissed the idea and I am sure the State

of New Hampshire without a Sales Tax love Beacon Hill for its actions. When it comes to Massachusetts, it is the norm to raise taxes which is why our solons want a 28 percent tax on marijuana when the law goes into effect. I am sure when the liberals collect their signatures for the fair tax proposal aka Millionaires Tax, the Legislature will quietly let this ballot question to make the 2018 election.

How many times in the past has the graduated state income tax idea gone on the ballot? Each time the voters have rejected the idea but it doesn't stop liberals from trying again and again. This time no one is

whispering 'grad tax' they are talking FAIR tax or Millionaire's tax. Everyone wants FAIR and using class warfare is just another ploy to get the Middle Working Folks to vote against their best interests.

Bottom Line; Never buy the idea that taxes are good for us. Remember that every time our Beacon Hill voices never speak for us when it comes to their own pay raises. Say NO to the FAIR tax because it really isn't fair. Start dealing with our drug epidemic and don't go soft with the Safe Zone plan.

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Be Careful What You Wish For

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“Words mean things” This statement is often made by syndicated radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh, who is said to have more than 30 million listeners on over 600 radio stations including American Armed Forces radio. And while some might respond with ‘of course words mean things’, Limbaugh’s meaning of it is a bit different than how it sounds. He specifically refers to what has been labelled as ‘hate speech’ when he makes his case.

The left leaning segment of the population has developed a tactic of labelling as ‘hate speech’ anything and everything they don’t agree with. Anything the majority of Americans say is ‘hit’ with this label. It seems that lately, anything blue collar or working class Americans, especially those who live

in the country’s heartland, some ethnic neighborhoods or anyone espousing a Conservative political opinion, say is deemed hateful, because their views do not tow the liberal line. Disagree with Hollywood activists, some civil rights leaders, members of the mainstream media or leftist politicians and you are called a ‘hater’. They do this for the purpose of silencing those with different political viewpoints. They consistently accuse Republicans in general and President Trump in particular of using ‘hate speech’. But looking at the big picture, those who accuse others of hateful speech are often the guiltiest of the act themselves.

A review of relatively few of the many examples follows:

The hideous Broadway Play ‘Shakespeare in the Park’ shows Trump being assassinated; Cathy Griffin poses with

the severed head of Trump; the fading singer Madonna said she wants to blow up the White House; Booze-soaked actor Charlie Sheen said he wants God to kill Trump; Has-been actor Mickey Rourke wants to beat Trump with a baseball bat; Weirdo actor Johnny Depp talks about assassinating Trump; The Democrat party official caught on audio 2 weeks ago saying he was glad Republican Congressman Scalisi was shot and wished he had died; Actor Rob Reiner urges open warfare to combat the Trump agenda; Actor John Cusack stated the following just last week: “You’re dead Trump, get yourself buried”; Then of course there is Rosie O’Donnell, who’s crazy and bizarre threatening statements are too numerous to list.

Also on the above list are the nutty college professors urging students to

riot and to shout down and ban any speakers they disagree with on campus. There is the likes of late night TV personality Stephen Colbert who’s sick and obscene references to the president disgusted millions of viewers and there are so many more. The aforementioned people are the ones accusing Conservatives of committing hate speech.

Most recently we have the case of MSNBC TV hosts Joe Scarborough and his wife Mika attempting to pull off the same type of thing. This silly pair has been attacking President Trump with hateful personal rants day after day on their show for months. When Trump finally responds with some personal attacks of his own, ‘Joe and Mika’ are shocked, play the victims, and all but go into the fetal position calling Trumps tweets, yup,

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Eleven states, including Massachusetts, failed to pass budgets on Friday

Fyi: Eleven states across the country, including Massachusetts, couldn't reach budget agreements heading into the new fiscal year on July 1, reports the Associated Press's Jeffrey Collins at WBUR. To the Bay State's credit, lawmakers passed a temporary budget, knowing a permanent budget deal wasn't likely late last week. That wasn't the case in other states, such as Maine and New Jersey, where they've experienced partial government shutdowns.

No Gidget spotted: Chris Christie caught lounging on state beach he closed over budget spat

It doesn't quite rise to Booze Cruise levels of infamy, but N.J. Gov. Chris Christie, locked in a budget battle with lawmakers in the Garden State, was caught via aerial photos lounging on a deserted state beach -- near his taxpayer-provided summer beach house -- that was closed to the public due to a partial government shutdown, as reported at NJ.com. The NY Post is loving it. No Gidget-like incident involved, so he should survive the affair.

Setti's two-edged anti-Beacon Hill sword

Btw: Democratic gubernatorial candidate Setti Warren's harsh criticism of Beacon Hill lawmakers (read: fellow Democrats) for putting together a "secretly crafted budget" full of "tricks, gimmicks and fiscal sleights of hand" may play well on the campaign trail. But it could end up hurting him if he's ever elected and has to deal with those lawmakers, writes the Herald's Hillary Chabot. That's a huge "if" in our book.

McGovern's push to remove Trump under 25th Amendment: Doomed or well timed?

We thought invoking the 25th Amendment removal clause only

happens in episodes of the TV series '24.' But some Dems, including U.S. Rep. Jim McGovern of Worcester, are indeed pushing for a creation of an oversight commission tasked with determining President Trump's fitness to serve in office, as outlined in the 25th Amendment. The Herald's Kimberly Atkins thinks the move is misguided, though the subject of the 25th Amendment did cross our minds after the president's release of his CCN WrestleMania video over the weekend, as the NYT reports (with video).

Baker on Trump's 'Morning Joe' tweets: 'Inexcusable, inappropriate, appalling'

Before Donald Trump's off-the-charts CNN WrestleMania tweet over the weekend, you may recall he was obsessed with all things 'Morning Joe,' tweeting up a storm and drawing widespread criticism. Gov. Baker's reaction to the 'Morning Joe' tweets: "Inexcusable, inappropriate, appalling." SHNS's Matt Murphy has the details at the Milford Daily News. Separately: Some Republicans running for office in Massachusetts don't think Trump's antics will hurt their campaigns, the Herald reports. We'll see how many of them openly embrace Trump next year. We suspect there won't be many.

Schilling for prez, 2024?

Seven more years of Curt Schilling speculation? We're not sure we can take it. Anyway, Esquire's Timothy Bella takes a deep dive into the still-murky political ambitions of the former Red Sox pitcher and current Bretibart talker and learns he owns a goat named Palin, has diagnosed himself with a mild form of autism and has fantasized about being his party's next standard bearer after Donald Trump. But it sounds to us as if Schilling has decided he's not running against U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren in 2018.

Fed letter rekindles tribe's Taunton casino hopes

Just when it looked like the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe was down to its last few chips in its bid to win the right to open a casino in Taunton, a letter from the U.S. Department of the Interior has brought renewed hope for a jackpot. Charles Winokoor of the Taunton Gazette reports the feds still want a chance to review the tribe's request to use an alternative avenue to have land in Taunton and Mashpee placed into reservation.

Lawmakers target 'patent trolls' harassing state companies

A trio of bills before the Legislature are taking aim at so-called 'patent trolls' who are basically running shakedown schemes by claiming companies have violated intellectual property laws, reports Andy Rosen at the Globe. State Sen. Eric P. Lesser, an East Longmeadow Democrat who is sponsoring one of the bills, called the activities of patent trolls "a silent tax" on innovation.

Tufts Medical CEO calls union threat 'appalling,' blasts payment disparities

Nurses at Tufts Medical Center have set July 12 as a strike target date if a new contract isn't signed -- and Michael Wagner, CEO of Tufts Medical Center and Floating Hospital for Children, says a union threat to inflict maximum "economic harm" on Tufts is "appalling." He says the center simply can't afford union demands for pay parity with other teaching hospitals, noting that insurers only reimburse Tufts 72 cents for every dollar they pay Brigham & Women's and Boston Children's Hospital.

Meanwhile, does a Tufts-nurses showdown put Dems in a political pickle?

From Jordan Graham and Brian Dowling at the Herald: "Bay State Democrats will be faced with a political conundrum when they

weigh in on an impending nurses strike at Tufts Medical Center that is bringing together two issues close to their hearts: supporting working families impacted by soaring health care costs and fighting for union labor, analysts say."

MBTA's WiFi project derailed for 30 days

Amid growing local opposition and confusion over who's doing what on the fiber-optic front at the T, the MBTA has decided to put its \$140 million commuter rail WiFi project on hold for 30 days while it sorts things out and tries to get feedback from interested parties, reports Bruce Mohl at Commonwealth.

Ashkenazy adds South Station to its growing portfolio

New York-based Ashkenazy Acquisition Corp., which already owns the ground lease for Boston's Faneuil Hall Marketplace and operates Union Station in Washington, D.C., has purchased the long-term lease for another iconic Boston property: South Station, writes the BBJ's Catherine Carlock.

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Independence Day Weekend in South Boston: Warm, Sunny and Festive

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

The Independence Day/4th of July Holiday has come and gone for 2017, but what a long weekend it was in South Boston. It was hot, humid, sticky, sunny, hazy at times with the ever-present threat of a thunder shower mixed in to give

it that typical early summer feel. To paraphrase the lyrics from a well-known old song "It was a hot time in the old town last week". And that it was, but it wasn't just the weather that kept things hot. There were a lot of people, who decided to stay local out enjoying themselves doing any number of fun and entertaining things

on the extra-long weekend that some were fortunate to have off.

Area beaches at times were jammed with swimmers and sun worshippers alike. Off shore, the water was filled with all kinds of watercraft from the silent sail boat to the noisier and fast powerboats. There were wind surfers, kite surfers, paddle boarders and kayakers. Even the occasional Jet Ski was seen rocketing among the choppy waters of Boston Harbor. The tradition of jumping and diving off the fences at K Street Beach lives on as local kids took advantage of the cool refreshing water when the tide was high.

Along the Causeway and the sidewalks around Day Blvd hundreds of walkers and joggers and even a lone rollerblader could be seen making good use of the smooth paved walkways. Restaurants were doing a brisk business both in South Boston proper and along the waterfront where ice cold beer and mixed drinks (sodas for the kids) were being consumed at a brisk rate as the nice weather brought on that extra level of thirst and the desire to quench it.

Crowds flocked to Castle Island.

And of course, on the night of the 4th itself, one of the most impressive fireworks displays that Boston has ever put on could be seen from many areas of South Boston. If you were fortunate to be on one of the many roof decks, you had a great view. But there was also the option of heading to the Esplanade itself where you got to see and hear the Boston Pops play their annual concert to the delight of thousands.

Many a South Boston back yard turned into family and neighbor friendly barbecues where the food and drink was plentiful, the atmosphere was festive and the music and laughter were loud and happy with people just enjoying this, the biggest and most celebrated uniquely American holiday of the year.

All things considered, just as it is all over America, Independence Day and the long weekend that came with it was celebrated in South Boston in a big way with enthusiasm and high energy and a big dose of patriotism. And judging by the reaction and reviews by area residents, it was all just one big, fun filled extra-long bash and a great way to mark the founding of our country.



MassDOT RMV Announces New Service Center Operation Hours Warm, Sunny and Festive

The Baker-Polito Administration's Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) announced today that beginning on Monday, July 3, the RMV will standardize its hours of operation in Service Centers across the Commonwealth.

The Registry is changing its hours of operation after having analyzed data on the key time frames in which customers frequently conduct their business at RMV Service Centers. The Registry identified that the majority of customers choose to conduct their business from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The new hours will provide a more

consistent delivery of service and enhanced support for customers visiting Service Centers to complete registry transactions.

General Hours

- RMV General Business Hours will change to Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

RMV Suspension Hearings

- Registry Suspension Hearings will be available for customers from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at RMV Service Centers in Boston, Braintree, Fall River, Lawrence, Springfield, Wilmington, and Worcester.

- The RMV Pittsfield Service Center will conduct Suspension Hearings on

Wednesdays only, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- The RMV South Yarmouth Service Center will conduct Suspension Hearings on Mondays and Tuesdays only, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Road Tests

- Road Tests will be scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Exceptions:

- The RMV Service Centers in Attleboro, Martha's Vineyard and North Adams will be open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and will be closed daily from noon to 1:00 p.m.

- o Please note: The Attleboro RMV Service Center's new mid-day closure is a change from current operating hours.

- The RMV Service Centers in Natick and Nantucket will be open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and will be closed daily from noon to 1:00 p.m.

- The Haverhill Service Center will continue to be open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more Service Center information, visit www.MassRMV.com; and for the latest Registry updates, follow the RMV on Twitter @MassRMV.

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you guessed it – hate speech.

The reality is that those on the left who consistently call others, racists, bigots, homophobes, xenophobes, intolerant and all the other labels they are so quick to throw around at people they don't like or agree with are in fact the ones, who are really deserving of those same labels. They are the true haters and are the one's guilty of using the 'hate speech'.

Lately we hear the full-throated calls from the political left demanding and threatening a revolution or a civil war, because they don't like the direction the country has taken politically. But those calling for these things should be careful what they wish for. Because here again, the reality is that they are way out of their league. The majority of Americans will wait only so long and let things go only so far and put up with only so much from the radicals who seem to be striving to bring down this country. If that line is ever crossed, it won't go well for those radicals. They may want to tread carefully.

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF SITING BOARD
JURISDICTION PURSUANT TO 980 C.M.R. § 2.09**

EFSB 17-03 Harbor Electric Energy Company

On June 9, 2017, Harbor Electric Energy Company (the “Company” or “HEEC”) petitioned the Energy Facilities Siting Board (the “Siting Board”), pursuant to 980 C.M.R. § 2.09, for a determination that HEEC’s proposal to replace an existing 4.15-mile, 115-kilovolt (“kV”) submarine cable (the “Existing Cable”) that runs from the NSTAR Electric Company (“NSTAR Electric”) K Street Substation in South Boston, Massachusetts, across the seabed of Boston Harbor, to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (“MWRA”) wastewater treatment facility on Deer Island, with a new cable and ancillary equipment, is not subject to the Siting Board’s jurisdiction (the “Petition”). The Company is proposing to replace the Existing Cable with a new line of similar length, voltage and operating characteristics (“Proposed Line”) along a new underground and submarine route to the MWRA facility, as well as to install associated electrical facilities and equipment at the K Street Substation and at HEEC’s substation on Deer Island to accommodate the Proposed Line (together, the “Project”). The Siting Board has docketed the proceeding as EFSB 17-03.

Pursuant to Massachusetts law, G.L. c. 164, §§ 69G, 69H and 69J, Siting Board approval is required prior to the construction of energy facilities under its jurisdiction. Jurisdictional energy facilities include any new electric transmission line having a design rating of 69 kV or more and which is one mile or more in length in a new transmission corridor, as well as equipment that is ancillary to such line. The Petition asserts that the Proposed Line is a distribution line and not a transmission line within the meaning of the Siting Board’s statutes and implementing regulations. The Company asserts that, although the Proposed Line will be operated at 115 kV which is typically considered transmission voltage, all other operating characteristics of the Proposed Line support its classification as a distribution facility and therefore not subject to the Siting Board’s jurisdiction.

The Proposed Line will consist of two underground segments and one underwater segment, as follows: (1) underground from K Street Substation to Conley Terminal in South Boston (“Segment One”); (2) underground across Massport’s Conley Terminal property (“Segment Two”); and (3) submarine from Conley Terminal to the landfall at Deer Island (“Segment Three”). Detailed alignments of the Proposed Line have not been finalized. HEEC will select a final alignment for Segment One based on: (1) whether there is room in the street to accommodate the Proposed Line; (2) minimizing the length of cable in high-traffic areas such as Summer Street; and (3) the Company’s ability to secure the necessary property rights. The final alignment for Segment Two (across Conley Terminal) will be confirmed in consultation with Massport. The final alignment for Segment Three will be determined in consultation with environmental agencies such as the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Division, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Siting Board will review the Petition, pursuant to 980 C.M.R. § 2.09, to determine whether the Project is within the Siting Board’s jurisdiction.

A copy of the Company’s Petition is available on the Siting Board’s Website, <http://www.mass.gov/eea/energy-utilities-clean-tech/energy-facilities-siting-board/> and in hard-copy format for public inspection at the offices of the Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts.

Any person may submit written legal argument, comments or other information regarding the Petition no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, July 14, 2017, to:

Robert J. Shea, Presiding Officer,
Energy Facilities Siting Board,
One South Station,
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A copy of any legal **argument, comments or other information** submitted to the Siting Board must also be filed with the Company’s counsel, David S. Rosenzweig, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110.

Comments should be submitted to the Siting Board in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and to the Presiding Officer at Robert.J.Shea@State.MA.US or (2) CD-ROM. The text of the email or the CD-ROM label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 17-03); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in Microsoft Word.

Data or spread sheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. The Siting Board strongly encourages filers to avoid submitting scanned files but will accept them for posting when an alternative version does not exist in electronic format. All written pleadings or comments will be posted on the Siting Board’s website, <http://www.mass.gov/eea/energy-utilities-clean-tech/energy-facilities-siting-board/>.

Any person desiring further information regarding this Notice may contact the Presiding Officer at the address or telephone number below:

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Are South Bostonians Habitual Jay Walkers?

SBT Staff Report

Lately, there have been stories in the media about the rampant ‘Jay Walking’ that takes place in Boston as opposed to most other places around the country. This is felt to be the cause of the relatively high number of injuries suffered by pedestrians in this city when compared to other congested areas. The Boston Globe recently ran a story quoting numbers. For example, in Boston, there are 193 pedestrians on average who are injured per 100,000 residents while Denver’s numbers are 39 per and Seattle has 89 per. To quote Boston’s traffic commissioner and South Boston resident Tom Tinlin from that same Globe article: “... people are making some bad choices....” Tom is absolutely right. On a busy day in Boston, if you choose to jay walk, you could get slammed by an oncoming vehicle driven by

someone who might not be paying attention or who just might not expect to see someone crossing the street where they shouldn’t be.

Perhaps people should be more careful and follow the anti jay walking law, which by the way will get you a whopping one dollar fine for not following it. That’s right - a buck, that is if it were ever to be enforced. But let’s face it, our police have a lot more to do than go around busting people for not staying in the cross walks when crossing the street. But, a question that has been asked a few times of South Boston Today by our readers is “Why, in South Boston, are there so few cross walks?” And that’s a good question. Let’s do a reality check. Take East Broadway for example. On most of it, there are cross walks at the intersections only; just like most other streets in our neighborhood. With the exception of the added crossing lines that

take you from Stop and Shop to Rite-Aid, if a person is at a store in the middle of the block and needs to get to a location directly across the street and was to obey the Jay walking law to the letter, he or she would have to trek all the way to the end of the block; possibly one hundred feet or more, when the destination is actually only 25 feet away as the crow flies.

Let’s look at the side streets. To obey the law, can you imagine someone who lives on E. Fifth St. whose car is parked directly across from their house walking all the way down to L St. to walk between the lines to get on the opposite side? Family members would have them committed. To travel the shortest distance between two points is far too tempting; especially if you’re on your lunch hour or running late to pick up the kids at school. So you just make that direct bee line which saves you time and energy and kind of makes sense. But then again, it could get you hurt as well. Doing this sometimes causes the pedestrian

to have to sprint to get across in the face of oncoming traffic. It also can cause drivers to have to slam on their brakes. Tempers have been known to flare and the occasional harsh words to be uttered, fingers to be displayed or even punches to fly. Not a good scene.

So a follow-up to the question of why are there so few cross walks in South Boston could be: ‘Wouldn’t it make sense and make things safer all around for the city to create more crossing areas?’ If adding even one additional cross walk, say in the middle of each block could be done, it might make things a bit safer and there would be less reason to Jay Walk. Now we know that adding more crossing areas won’t end the act of jay walking. But it just might cut it down a bit and maybe save a life or two.

We welcome reader feedback on this story. If you have an opinion on this, please share it with us. Input and advice from city officials regarding the possibilities of adding more crossing areas is welcome as well.

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By Jamie Driscoll - The Wine Guy

My outside thermometer reading in the high 80's, it's time to really enjoy those wines fitting in warm and even hot weather.

One of my favorite brands both for consistently great wines and price points that always give great value is Napa Valley's Franciscan Vineyards. Janet Myers and her team produce wines that are substantial, but not overwhelming, either in character or price and one of her latest, the 2012 Franciscan Chardonnay, makes

for great tastes with a pleasantly long finish that can complement fresh fruit and cheese, chicken on the grille or linguine with white clam sauce, to name a few.

(Chardonnay, 2012, Franciscan Vineyards, Napa County, California).

Another warm weather favorite is Pinot Grigio and one that I tasted recently reminded me of the Pinots from Italy's Alto Adige region, in the foothills of the Dolomite Mountains, although the closest thing to mountains you can see from Ramspeck Vineyards are the taller foothills of the Napa Valley. Located just next door in Lake County, this very Italian-

style wine is one of several made by Gerry and Linda Rowland and I think you'll find that it delivers on every count-structure, balance, acidity and finish-look out, Santa Margherita!

(Pinot Grigio 2012, Ramspeck Cellars, Lake County, California).

One of the warmest spots in all of Italy, in fact, in all of Europe, is Sicily, where even in the winter months, the temperature rarely drops below 50 degrees. For generations, this island at the bottom of Italy made mostly unremarkable wine for the "Bulk" market-reds and whites in big glass jugs. In the last thirty years, however, things have changed and very

much for the better.

One of the best examples of this change is a wine called Inzolia, made from a grape by the same name. It's fragrant and light, like Pinot Grigio, but has some body to it, like a good Chardonnay and one of the best examples I know of is Terre di Giumara's 2012 Inzolia. It's just refreshing and elegant at the same time and its structure almost urges not to hurry, but to settle back and enjoy- a classically Italian characteristic. This is the one that you want to have along the ocean or waterfront along with a cool breeze in the early evening – hopefully...because it's time.

Tufts Medical Nurses... continued from front page

Tufts Medical Center enjoys a solid reputation for the quality of its health care delivery and its provides service to the South Boston and surrounding neighborhoods. Seen in the shadow of the mega-hospitals, it knows that it needs to nurture that reputation to stay competitive.

Most argue that politics shouldn't enter into it. Unions in general, however, are facing pressure in every sector. Public employees benefit from the political card and the security of government's ability to tax. Hospitals and others have no ready to make source of revenue.

Nurses deserve the same respect as the public first responders because they are vital to the health care and public safety ecosystem.

Republicans tend to use these dilemmas to push back on unions. They say that when costs for hospitals go up, the cost for health care goes up.

In a statement, Tufts nurses announced they've told the hospital they will go on strike July 12 after a months-long negotiation over a new contract stalled last month. In a statement, Mary Havlicek Cornacchia, a nurse and bargaining unit co-chairwoman for the Massachusetts Nurses Association, said one of the biggest concerns is staffing levels as well as patient safety, sal-

ary and lack of resources.

It has been reported that Tufts is working with a staffing agency to hire about 300 replacement nurses who have experience giving complex care. Although Tufts employs more than 1,200 union nurses, only a fraction of them work at any given time, the hospital noted, so 300 replacements will be sufficient. The staffing agency, U.S. Nursing, is recruiting temps from across the country to work if the strike occurs at Tufts. The company is advertising pay of \$65 an hour for qualified nurses who travel to work in Massachusetts, and \$500 bonuses for those who refer other nurses.

The state Department of Public Health is in touch with hospital officials about the planned strike. "The department is committed to ensuring the highest levels of patient care and safety at Tufts Medical Center," spokesman Tom Lyons said in a statement. "We have been working closely with hospital leadership to prepare for the possibility of the MNA strike, and we will continue to monitor the situation throughout the coming days to ensure patients receive safe, effective, and high-quality care." In 2011, the last possible nurses' strike was avoided when a settlement was reached just hours before it was supposed to begin.

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91 Old harbor St UNIT 3	\$899,000	5/25/17	5	2	1300
275 Old Colony UNIT 1	\$785,000	5/24/17	4	2	1231
437 D St UNIT 6G	\$769,000	5/25/17	2	1	1217
346 Congress St UNIT 216	\$720,000	5/25/17	3	1	788
77 bOld Harbor St UNIT 1	\$695,000	5/19/17	5	2	1165
9 West Broadway214	\$670,000	5/25/17	5	1.5	818
725 East Sixth St UNIT 2	\$660,000	5/23/17	4	2	1044
160 West Broadway UNIT 306	\$600,000	5/19/17	4	1	834
468 East Eighth St UNIT 3	\$580,000	5/19/17	5	1	1010
673 East Second St UNIT 3	\$575,000	5/19/17	3	1	728
21 Sanger St UNIT 2	\$570,000	5/19/17	4	1	817
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Tuesday July 25, 2017

As part of the Public Involvement Process for the site at 900 East First Street, Massport will host a public information meeting about the remediation and assessment activities for this site. The site is tracked by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) under Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-00257. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on the continued cleanup of the site pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP).

The meeting will be held in the Senior Lunch Room of the Curley Community Center located at 1663 Columbia Road, South Boston, on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Please use the M Street entrance.

Copies of the assessment and remediation documents are available for review at the South Boston Public Library and MassDEP, Northeast Regional Office, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01876 or on-line at http://public.dep.state.ma.us/wsc_viewer/.

Interested parties may also submit written questions or concerns to James Stolecki at Massport’s Environmental Management Unit Office, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, MA 02128 or by e-mail at jstolecki@massport.com.

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State Representative, Nick Collins



Mayor Walsh Hosts Medal of Honor Park Preview

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

Nothing like a ‘Coffee Hour’ with Mayor Marty Walsh to bring out a crowd and when the venue is the nearly completed Medal Of Honor Park at M Street, well it’s just a perfect setting.

Joined by a host of dignitaries

including Parks Commissioner Chris Cook, State Representative Nick Collins, City Councilors Michael Flaherty, Bill Linehan and Annissa Essabi George as well as District Two City Councilor Candidates; Ed Flynn, Michael Kelley, Cory Dinopoulos and Joe Kedartas, the Mayor’s team served up coffee,

fresh fruit and pastry with plants as a giveaway, a Dunkin Donuts Raffle Box and a most important, Suggestion Box.

Designed to make it safe and fun for the families that frequent the Park, it has also been designed to enhance the experience of those who appreciate the sacrifices of our sons

and daughters. While a splash pad is there for the toddlers and younger children to keep cool on the hot, steamy days of summer, and concerts will be revived such as the one featuring Soul City Band, July 19th at 7:00PM, the features relative to the Medal of Honor aspect includes

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City Councilor At Large – Michael Flaherty



L to R; Rep Collins, Councilor Flaherty, Mayor Walsh, Councilor Annissa Essaibi George



District Two City Councilor – Bill Linehan



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a design that will enhance the procession from memorial entrance, improve the lighting of monument, new benches for park users and maintaining the space for the classic ‘traveling wall’ of honor.

It took a while and still isn’t quite finished, but Medal of Honor Park at M Street is open and able to be used. Nearly a year in the making, the renovations are nearly complete and a large crowd of residents showed up last week on a beautiful early summer morning to attend the Mayor’s coffee hour and soft opening, so-called.

Some state of the art playground equipment has been installed along with some pretty nice landscaping to

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District 2 City Councilor Candidates



Ed Flynn



Corey Dinopoulos



Michael Kelley



Joe Kedartas



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make the area look a lot more attractive than it probably ever has in the past. But it wasn't just the appearance that was to be a priority. Safety was an even bigger target since this will be

an area that will be the destination of many families with their young children looking for a place to play and to relax and to enjoy life in the city.

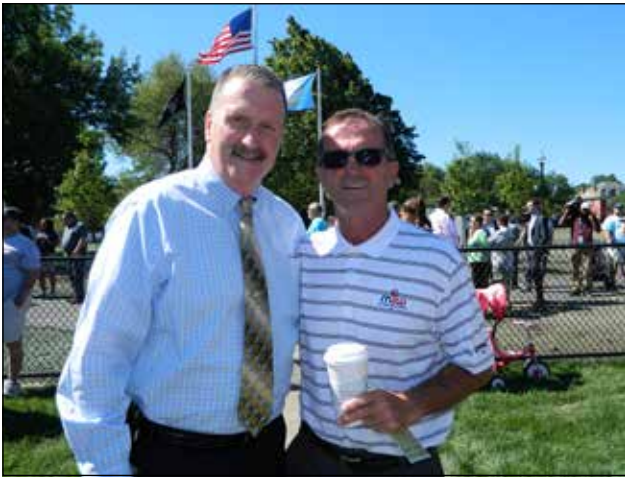
Some residents expressed concern that the structures could have

been constructed to provide more safety for the children. However, it was stated by officials that there is still more to be done in the renovation process but that the park was able to be used during

the completion stages.

Medal of Honor Park is a unique type of recreation area which caters to both passive and active activities. It will be touted as a beckoning attrac-

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tion for residents of all ages. It's also the site of the South Boston Vietnam Memorial; one of the prides of this community which gave the city even more incentive to make this area a show piece.

South Boston is fortunate to have so many fine parks and playgrounds in the area and a renovated Medal of Honor Park, with all the upgrades that are now a part of it will fit right in.



The Red Sox Showcase, powered by T-Mobile, will be touring New England all summer long featuring fun games and challenges that bring Fenway Park to your local community!



The Red Sox Showcase, powered by T-Mobile, features pitching accuracy stations, a Green Monster selfie station, Giant Jenga and the Red Sox Virtual Reality.

The Green Monster Visits South Boston

Join the Red Sox on Saturday, July 15 and Sunday, July 16 as the Red Sox Showcase will be visiting South Boston from 8:00am

to 8:00pm. The Red Sox are taking Fenway Park on the road with their mobile baseball experience, the "Red Sox Showcase, powered

by T-Mobile." The Green Monster-inspired truck features interactive baseball activities letting kids and families get into the game and experience baseball like the pros.

Some key visuals that you can expect to see include:

- Kids and adults taking batting practice inside the batting cage;

and test their pitching accuracy at various stations

- Families playing giant Jenga
- Children sprinting in the steal 2nd base challenge
- Red Sox fans getting a behind-the-scenes experience of spring training through the Red Sox virtual reality experience



L Street Running Club Fall Marathon Training Program

The L Street Running Club will be kicking off their Fall Marathon Training program on July 16th, 2017. Runners of all abilities can check out our website at www.lstreet.org. More information will be announced shortly.

TYNAN HAPPENINGS

Boston Centers for Youth & Families
Martin J. Walsh, Mayor

FUN-IN-THE-SUN CAMP

Our (7) week summer camp will begin Monday, July 10th. The program is for 7-13 year olds and is Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m. There are slots still available for anyone still interested.

It is an onsite program with daily arts & crafts, recreational activities, Condon pool swim, board games, various off-site field trips, as well as weekly special events. Please call or stop by the Community Center Office for further information.



This week, Danny was joined by Brandon Wahlberg to discuss the NBA offseason:

DANNY PICARD: I talked to you, and we did a show together before the NBA Draft. And we had already known that the Celtics traded down from No. 1 overall to No. 3 overall. So now that the draft has come and gone, the Celtics took Jayson Tatum out of Duke, at No. 3 overall. What did you think of the draft for the Celtics?

BRANDON WAHLBERG: Like I said when the trade first happened, I liked the trade, because I think if they took Markelle Fultz, the back court would have been too crowded, and it would have lowered the trade value of some of the other guards. Tatum, I think, is going to fit perfectly. He can play the three, a little bit of the four. He's going to be the most offensive-ready guy coming out of the draft, which is what they need. They need a guy that can create their own shot. And the fact that you're getting an extra first-round pick out of it just makes me happy. I hope it makes a lot of other Celtics fans happy too. I originally thought Josh Jackson would have been a little

better of a pick, just because of how athletic he is. But I mean, Tatum has played on big stages for years. He's been on Team USA since he was, I want to say, 14 or 15 years old. He played well at Duke, and now he's coming to the Celtics, and it's a huge stage. The Garden is packed every night. So I think Tatum might have been a better pick, just for the fit with the Celtics.

DP: Now we get into free agency. And a lot of the talk in this town is of Gordon Hayward. How do you feel about that, if that goes down?

BW: I'd love it. At the end of last season, the Celtics had one guy that could create their own shot, and that was Isaiah Thomas. So, bringing in Hayward is really a no-lose situation. No, he's not a marquee player like LeBron or Durant. He's not close to that level, but, it just makes the Celtics so much more dangerous with more than one guy who can create their own shot.

DP: Some other big moves already this offseason. Chris Paul goes to the Houston

Rockets. And now, I look at the Clippers, and I see them moving pieces out like Chris Paul, and there are trade rumors for DeAndre Jordan, I look at them and think the Clippers are getting set to do something big next offseason. And I think it's LeBron James.

BW: I had a feeling you were going to say that. That's definitely what they're unloading for. I don't see why they wouldn't be. Because they already know that they're not going to compete with Golden State, the way they were. So, I think you're right. I think that's exactly what they're trying to do, unload some cap space for a player like LeBron James and maybe even another free agent next offseason.

DP: You want to know a couple other free agents next year? DeMarcus Cousins, Paul George, and I throw out another one that might rattle your cage, Isaiah Thomas. After this Chris Paul trade went down, I tweeted, "Everybody out there is acting like LeBron James isn't signing with the Clippers next year." And some of

the tweets I got back included a story from the other day, in which it said that a source close to LeBron said he would never play for the Clippers. People took that and they ran with it, and they ruled out the Clippers. I'll believe it when I see it. The rumors that he is going to leave Cleveland next offseason and go to LA, I think those could be real. He owns a house 30 minutes from the Staples Center. You think he would go to the Lakers? There's no way, right?

BW: I could see him going to either, but I don't see how everyone can be ruling out the Clippers already. That just seems foolish to me.

DP: Why would he want to play in Kobe's shadow? Or Magic? He can't match what those guys did for the Lakers? If LeBron can do anything in LA, you know what he can do that would be special? Get the Clippers a championship.

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