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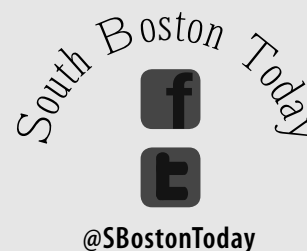
The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) is a complex agency designed not only to protect the environment and our resources, but to protect the public, in general, as well as more importantly, the residents directly affected by projects such as the Edison Power Plant in South Boston.

In response to an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) submitted by the developers of the Edison Power Plant, Secretary Matthew Beaton in a 22-page July 14 letter, with 80 pages of attachments, has affirmed that his office requires a mandatory Draft Envi-

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EDITORIAL

Petty, Senseless But Real

It has been both a beautiful summer in the neighborhood with the weather often being picture perfect, and also a rough one. Rough in the sense that this is the 3rd editorial that it has been our displeasure to write that focuses on crimes committed.

First, there was the vandalism by a few local teens. Then, last week it was the car thefts and, now, the house breaks. Police, media sources and our

neighbors as well, last week, reported that one or more people have been prowling the back yards in search of open windows by which to crawl in and help themselves to the belongings of others.

At least one resident posted on social media how the culprit(s) entered from an open window in the back of the house and were so brazen that they actually exited out the front door with stolen items in hand as the family slept. These

home invaders are apparently skilled in their line of work, but they have chosen a dangerous profession indeed, which could come to an abrupt and not so pretty end. The wrong home is out there. It could just be a matter of time.

Crimes, like those mentioned, above that are being committed here this summer are bad news to be sure. It highlights the need for residents to be vigilant and take the necessary precautions

to safeguard their families, homes and vehicles, as well as working closely with our local police. But when put into perspective, South Boston is still one of the safest areas in the City,, when compared with the number of crimes and the types of crimes in some other sections. While we can take comfort in the data and statistics that back this claim up, letting our guard down is never an option if we are to keep it that way.



“NK should cease any consideration of actions that would lead to the end of its regime and the destruction of its people” - Secretary of Defense James ‘Mad Dog’ Mattis



Letter to the Editor

I am writing to voice my support for Ed Flynn in the upcoming election for Boston City Council. Ed and I have worked closely together for decades with numerous community organizations and on issues like public safety.

I know that Ed is the right person for the job, because he cares about each and every resident in our community, and he will always do the right thing for us. Ed has the experience, the priorities, and the proven record of success to get things done for all residents of District 2 at City Hall. I'm proud to stand with Ed Flynn as our next Boston City Councilor.

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What the President Said and Didn't Say

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
John Ciccone

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

Over the past week to ten days, there has been a lot of debate regarding what President Trump said, what he shouldn't have said and what he should have said. Two main topics brought commentary from major news media personalities, who think THEY run the country as well as from politicians, who in many cases are supposed to be running things, but often do a pretty lousy job of it. The topics high in the news were of course the riots in Charlottesville and the tense situation with North Korea.

First Charlottesville: I voted for Donald Trump and would do it again in a heartbeat, if it was between him and Hillary Clinton. But do I think he should have condemned the radical Nazis and the other White Supremacist organizations involved in the street

brawls? Absolutely. And he was correct in saying the trouble came from many sides, because it did. But Nazis, are you kidding? My father and uncles fought in World War II and came home carrying shrapnel in their bodies their whole lives, while doing their part to stop Hitler and Japan. I have dozens of Jewish friends, some of whom had family members killed in the Holocaust. It's a world view that's evil through and through. The President later did mention the Nazis by name. But it couldn't be clearer as to the selective outrage by cowardly politicians and the news media, when it comes to violent radicals.

These same people, who are furious with Trump about what they said was his reluctance to name names and assign blame to the trouble makers, are the same phonies who do not ever

condemn the actions of the punks and thugs from Black Lives Matter, when they have advocated violence against police with their chants of 'kill the pigs'. Nor do they when the members of ANTIFA set fires, smash windows, burn and stomp on American Flags, assault police and attack anyone they think disagrees with them, while hiding behind masks and often actually carrying ISIS flags.

Not a word of condemnation from Democrat politicians or the press. These leftist radicals, by the way, were just as much involved with causing violence in Charlottesville last weekend, as were the punks displaying Nazi Symbols. But, they were portrayed as the victims. And they are the same 'pundits and politicians, who found nothing wrong with Barak Obama adamantly refusing to use the term

Radical Islamic Terrorists, as they were killing and beheading and boasting about it, while giving the run of the White House to Muslim Brotherhood leaders and infamous race baiters like Al Sharpton.

The other big issue was and still is North Korea. Kim Jong Un has been threatening to 'nuke' America and 'reduce us to ashes' nearly every day for months. Did the media and Democrats in Congress think the President was not going to eventually respond? Especially this President? Yet, when he finally did respond, the bloviating mouthpieces in the press and their trained seals in Congress went ballistic and said it was Trump, who was out of control and dangerous. 'Loons' like Maxine Waters think we should give Kim what he wants and the leftist segment of the

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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.

Mr. President: When the Daily Stormer finds your words acceptable, find other words

You can almost see the Globe's Jeff Jacoby, a conservative and no admirer of the president, shaking his head in wonder at the president's initial reaction to the violence in Charlottesville. As he points out, when the neo-Nazi Daily Stormer finds your words acceptable, you know you have a PR disaster on your hands. Or as Michael Graham, another conservative, puts it at the Herald: "A tip to every person considering a run for public office: If you get a chance to denounce Nazis — take it." Btw: The Globe's Kevin Cullen and Joan Vennoch, and the Herald's Kimberly Atkins, also have good columns on hate speech, free speech, dumb speech, and tardy presidential speech.

How white supremacists try to portray themselves as warm and cuddly constitutionalists

The Globe's Astead Herndon has a good piece on all the rhetorical tactics that far right-wing groups use to come across as just concerned, freedom-loving citizens wanting to exercise, and protect, their constitutional rights. It involves dog whistles too.

'Antifa,' the new 'Benghazi'

Speaking of dog whistles: Antifa, a very loose confederation of anarchists and far left "antifascist" fanatics, is a nasty group of ideological trouble-

makers who most likely were the ones duking it out with right-wing thugs during this past weekend's protest battles in Charlottesville. But as the Washington Post reports, Antifa has become a sort of all-purpose villain for many on the right, a buzzword used to rev up the troops, sort of the new 'Benghazi' rallying cry of the right, so to speak. Unfortunately, if Saturday's conservative rally goes through in Boston, Antifa morons will probably be there too, ready to rumble, clad in their face-mask costumes, and the alt-right media will be there using them as newscast backdrops.

Holocaust Memorial vandalized -- again

It went more than 20 years without any vandalism, but times have changed. From CBS Boston (with video): "For the second time this summer, the Holocaust Memorial in Boston has been vandalized. Boston Police say a 17-year-old boy from Malden allegedly used a rock to smash a glass panel at the memorial on Union Street Monday night. The suspect was detained by two bystanders until police arrived at the scene."

Critics rail against T's approval of daily Foxboro station stops

From Bruce Mohl at CommonWealth: "The MBTA's oversight board on Monday approved two, year-long pilot projects expanding the transit authority's operations — one that adds limited, early morning buses to help workers start into work in Boston as

early as 4 a.m. and the other extending daily commuter rail service between South Station and Gillette Stadium in Foxborough." As the Herald's Matt Stout reporters, critics aren't happy about the daily service to Foxboro, saying that it could hurt ridership elsewhere and that it's a sweetheart deal for New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft.

Bernie and Phyl's comes back with new 'Banned in Boston' ads on the T

After an earlier ad campaign was deemed as too sexually suggestive for the MBTA, Bernie and Phyl's is back with a new T ad campaign: "Banned in Boston." Patrick Ronan at the Brockton Enterprise has the details on the old and the new advertisements.

Could Jay Leno, Paula Poundstone or Steve Carrell win Tsongas' Congressional seat next year?

WGBH's David Bernstein thinks it may be the Year of the Outsider when it comes to who might emerge the winner of U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas' House seat next year. He makes a good argument the electorate, left and right, is in no mood for more of the same. Just for the fun of it, he browsed through social media and came up with a list of celebrities with ties to the district. Hey, if Kidd Rock can run for Congress, why not Jay Leno, Tom Bergeron, Paula Poundstone, Steve Carrell, Peter Gammons or Chris Evans here? Start spreading the rumors.

Eldridge: 'Our worst fears about casinos are coming to fruition'

It may be a small thing. But state Sen. Jamie Eldridge says the 4 a.m. liquor license provision that was snuck into the state budget for casinos is just

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‘Unite Here’ Local 26 Endorse Council Candidate Ed Flynn



Ed Flynn, a candidate for Boston City Council District 2, has earned the key endorsement of UNITE HERE Local 26 with thousands of working class members in the hotel and restaurant industries. This endorsement is another indication of Flynn’s impressive support from local community-based organizations, including the Chinese Progressive Political Action (CPPA) organization, and most recently the Massachusetts Nurses Association. With over 30 local labor unions, with many members living and voting in District 2, Flynn has built important momentum in the weeks leading up to the September 26 primary.

Flynn said, “I am proud to have the support of Boston’s Local 26 -- a union that has fought hard for working families throughout the district. As your City Councilor, I will work on behalf of all residents and communities in District 2 to ensure that our streets are safe, that our kids can go to great public schools, that our seniors have access to services and programming, and that we’re tackling quality of life issues like traffic, transportation,

and housing.”

In addition to the unions and community-based organizations supporting Flynn, he has also been endorsed by Congressman Stephen F. Lynch, Suffolk Superior Court Clerk Michael J. Donovan, State Representative Nick Collins, Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty, and Suffolk Supreme Judicial Court Clerk Maura Doyle.

About Ed Flynn

Ed Flynn is a lifelong resident of District 2, where he has been deeply involved as a youth sports coach, veterans’ advocate, and community activist. In addition to being an active Boston Public Schools parent at the Josiah Quincy School in Chinatown, Ed is a member of the Cityside Neighborhood Association, South Boston Citizens’ Association, Ward 7 Democratic Committee, and VFW Fitzgerald Post.

Ed served on active duty in the Persian Gulf on two deployments and overseas in the Navy Reserves, helping to coordinate disaster relief in Haiti. Ed and his wife, Kristen, are raising their children, Caroline and Stephen, in South Boston.

Michele Wu Statement on Charlottesville And Boston Rally



Boston City Council President Michelle Wu released the following statement: “I condemn in the strongest possible terms the hate-fueled violence by white supremacists that took place this weekend in Charlottesville, VA. Make no mistake, this was a despicable act of domestic terrorism. My heart goes out to the victims and their families.

“While unfortunately this kind of hate is not new in our country, our values and founding principles require us to do better. When we say there is no place for hate here, we do so knowing that we have to take action to remove the foothold that white nationalists and white supremacists currently have.

“We also have to recognize that these hate groups are not limited in their membership to any one city, state, or region. Boston has offered

opportunity and security to people of many different backgrounds. We strive to do better, and to be more inclusive, every day. But we are not perfect, and we are not immune. The event planned for Saturday August 19th demonstrates that. We are facing a pivotal moment when we must decide who speaks for our City. We may not be able to deny hate groups the ability to speak, but we can drown them out with voices that are stronger and more numerous. We can overwhelm their hatred with our own collective love.

“Ignoring these groups has allowed them to fester and flourish in the dark. The dangerous rhetoric of President Donald Trump’s campaign and administration has made them feel secure spewing their hatred out in the open. They are preparing to stand in one of Boston’s

most sacred places, on land that has belonged to the public collectively for over 350 years, and to tarnish it with views that disgust us. Therefore, we must prepare ourselves to show them -- peacefully, lovingly -- that their views are not “common”; that they have no place on the Boston Common; that this City welcomes immigrants, people of color, people of different religions, ethnic identities, sexual orientations, and gender identities.

“The Boston I love is the Boston that used the Common to protest tyranny in the 1700s, protest slavery in the 1800s, rally for civil rights in the 1900s, and rally at the Women’s March just this year. One rally by hate groups will not destroy that legacy of progress. Boston is stronger than that. And that is what we must demonstrate to the world on Saturday.”



BPDA Board approves final Imagine Boston 2030 Document

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Board of Directors approved one new development project and one Notice of Project Change (NPC) at the August board meeting. The new project represents 9 residential units, nearly 24,000 square feet, \$6M in devel-

opment and will create 16 direct jobs once constructed.

The Board voted to adopt Imagine Boston 2030, the first citywide plan in over 50 years. Imagine Boston 2030, which has been underway since fall of 2015 and has been shaped by the input of over 15,000 residents of Boston,

is a comprehensive vision to boost quality of life, equity and resilience in every neighborhood across the city. Mayor Walsh officially unveiled the plan on July 11 in Upham's Corner. The plan outlines how Boston is experiencing an economic and population boom, and, while that growth presents challenges, it also presents the opportunity to provide additional pathways for economic mobility and avenues to improve quality of life throughout the City, while boosting affordability and resilience. It identifies major initiatives to expand opportunity for all Bostonians, support a vibrant economy, enhance quality of life, and prepare for climate change.

The Board meeting also included a presentation of BPDA's first ever report on the Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP), the City's program to leverage private development to preserve access to affordable housing opportunities in all of Boston's neighborhoods, was formally presented to the Board on Thursday evening. As a result of the Inclusionary Development Policy and other efforts, under the Walsh Administration, affordable/income-restricted housing production has increased from an average of 290 units per year before the introduction of IDP, to an average of 605 per year over the last three years. 2016 was a record year, with \$23.7 million paid to the IDP Fund, representing 24 percent of all payments made since the inception of the program. In addition, \$42.8 million in new funds were committed to the fund in connection with 2016 BPDA Board approved projects.

Development Project

Condos, retail approved for Dorchester's 110 Savin Hill Avenue
Live: 9 Housing Units, One Fully Accessible Unit

Work: 40 Construction Jobs, 3 Commercial Spaces, \$3 Million Investment, Grocer / Restaurant / Retail
Connect: \$10,000 Community Benefits, St. Mary's Center for Women and Children, Neighborhood Market

Project Size: 23,984 square feet

The approval of the 110 Savin Hill Avenue project will yield the construction of a two-building, mixed-use development totaling approximately 23,984 square feet. One building will be a three-story, commercial retail structure and the second building will be a three-story, residential structure. The second building will contain nine condominium units. In addition, there will be garage parking for up to 13 spaces with access via Sydney Street. Bicycle storage and a trash/recycling room will be located within the ground-level of the buildings. As currently proposed, the nine condominium units will consist entirely of market rate housing units. There will be one handicapped-accessible one-bedroom unit, six two-bedroom units, and two three-bedroom units.

Notice of Project Change

South Boston's 340 West Second Street approved for change from rental to ownership units
Live: 29 Housing Units, 4 Affordable Units

Work: 100 Construction Jobs
Connect: 1,000 square feet of Commercial Space

Project Size: 46,527 square feet

As originally proposed in 2013, the 340 West Second Street project included 29 residential rental units, one commercial unit, 43 parking spaces, and related site improvements. Now, the board has approved a request to construct the projects as homeownership units, rather than rental units. The change from rental to homeownership does not affect the number of units, the building mass, or increase the floor area ratio or the number of parking spaces.

The project will include four units created as IDP homeownership units, of which two will be made affordable to households earning no more than 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) and two will be made affordable to households earning no more than 100% of the AMI, as based on the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.



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Thousands answer the call, but Red Cross blood shortage continues

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Thousands of people have responded to the emergency call for blood and platelet donations issued by the American Red Cross in early July, but there continues to be a critical summer blood shortage. Eligible donors of all types are urgently needed.

After issuing the emergency call, the Red Cross has experienced a 30 percent increase in blood donation appointments through mid-July. About half of the appointments were scheduled by donors using the free Blood Donor App or at redcrossblood.org. Despite this improvement, blood products are still being distributed to hospitals as fast as donations are coming in, so more donations are needed to meet patient needs and replenish the blood supply.

"The blood supply is like a cell phone battery, it constantly needs recharging," said Kelly Isenor, external communications manager of the Massachusetts Blood Services Region. "We sincerely appreciate those who have responded to the call to help save lives and encourage those who haven't to consider rolling up a sleeve and give the gift of life. It only takes about an hour but can mean a lifetime for patients."

Nearly 61,000 fewer blood donations than needed were given through the Red Cross in May and June, prompting the emergency call for donations in early July. The shortfall was the equivalent of the Red Cross not receiving any blood donations for more than four days.

How to help

To schedule an appointment to donate, use the Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donation ap-

pointments and completion of a RapidPass online health history questionnaire are encouraged to help reduce the time it takes to donate.

As a special thank you, those who come out to give blood or platelets with the Red Cross July 26 through Aug. 31 will be emailed a \$5 Target eGiftCard™.*

Who blood and platelet donations help

Blood shortages could lead to delays in patient care, something Arthur Bourget learned firsthand after being diagnosed with leukemia in July 2007. When he arrived for his second blood transfusion, he was told the blood he needed was not available. He waited eight hours for blood to arrive and to receive the transfusion he needed that day.

"One thing that I committed to my wife was that I was going to beat leukemia, no matter what, and I was going to do that," said Bourget. "But what I wasn't going to be able to do was survive without the blood that I needed."

Bourget went into remission following a successful treatment plan, which included 28 blood and 34 platelet transfusions. He has been a faithful advocate for blood donations ever since.

"If it wasn't for the generosity of volunteer blood donors, I would not be here today," he said. "My daughter would not have a father, and my wife would not have a husband. Thank you and please give blood. You may never know the life you have saved, but I guarantee they will never forget you."

What to know about giving blood

To make an appointment or more information, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call

1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

About the American Red Cross

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Planned Parenthood Endorses Mike Kelley for District 2 City Council

Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts announced their endorsement of Mike Kelley in the race for Boston's District 2 City Council seat. In the past month, Candidate Kelley has also received the endorsements of Attorney General Maura Healey and State Senator Linda Dorcea-Forry.

"Mike's record supporting smart sexual and reproductive health policies, and working in the LGBTQ community is unquestionable. For decades, he has supported reproductive rights, worked to combat the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, and advocated tirelessly for the LGBTQ community. His steadfast advocacy has helped create a more inclusive healthier city, and is why PPAF believes he is the best candidate to become District 2's next City Councilor," said Michael Falcone, PPAF's public affairs director.

He continued: "Given the attacks on women's rights and health care access coming from top leaders in the federal government, it is crucial we have local leaders who will protect the health, wellbeing and basic rights of everyone. We're supporting Mike because we know he will always be a strong voice for the people of Boston on the City Council."

"I'm honored to have the endorsement of the Advocacy Fund. Not only do Planned Parenthood health centers provide essential services to our neighborhood which help to improve the health of the entire community, but its political arm is also a vocal advocate for equality and civil rights. All issues which I will fight for every day as City Councilor," Candidate Kelley said in response to Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts' endorsement.

And in reference to his growing list of campaign supporters, he added: "I've tried my best to be a voice for those that need to be heard, and should I be fortunate enough to win this election, I will strive to put the people of District 2 and Boston first."

Old Harbor Reunion September 24th – Florian Hall

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

Whether it's called Old Harbor Village or Maryellen McCormack Development, those, who were born and raised within the neatly placed buildings within the confines and even those who may not have originated there but spent their teens and twenties 'hanging out' there, possess a special bond with each other that has withstood the test of time. That goes for people of every age group and generation. And it is this special bond that has prompted a group of current Old Harbor residents and Old Harbor alumni to come together and organize a reunion that should be quite a gathering.

The saying on the initial announcement reads "Let's raise the roof, before they raze the Old Harbor". These words were chosen in response to rumors that the development will one day be torn down and rebuilt into something that has a good chance of being unfamiliar and unrecognizable.

Whether this actually takes place or not, and when it may actually happen, remains to be seen. But the committee is taking no chances, so they are planning a party and everyone is invited.

The date is Sunday, September 24th from 1-5 pm and it will be held at Florian Hall. For the price of a \$25 ticket, there will be light refreshments and entertainment, all in the planning stages right now. But the best part of all, there will be a gathering of some of the best people in the world to enjoy each other's company, share stories and beautiful memories and of course have a well-deserved party.

Watch for updates and more announcements in upcoming issues of South Boston Today and on the SBT social media sites such as Face Book and Twitter, as the date approaches for what promises to be one of the best social events in recent memory.

Remember, the Old Harbor Reunion will be here before you know it. And it will be something you don't want to miss.



Old Harbor Reunion

Let's raise the roof before they raze the Old Harbor!

Sunday

September 24, 2017

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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ronmental Impact Report (DEIR). He further advised the developers of the myriad requirements necessary to be satisfied before the State can or will act on its application for relief from the Designated Port Area regulations and restrictions. There are 10 DPAs, so designated, to promote water-dependent industrial uses.

Also referenced in the letter was the role of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA). The development falls under the Article 80 process and will be proposed as a Planned Development Area (PDA), which essentially changes zoning without the public scrutiny that the Zoning Board of Appeals process affords the neighborhood affected. Furthermore, the project requires an Order of Conditions from the Boston Conservation Commission (BCC), a Transportation Access Plan Agreement (TAPA) and Construction Management Plan approval from the Boston Transportation Department.

This site was identified for mixed-use development by Mayor Martin Walsh's Imagine Boston Initiative. Of note, the

site is located within the *South Boston Marine Economy Reserve Subdistrict of the Harborpark Dorchester Bay/ Neponset River Waterfront District and the Restricted Parking Overlay District (RPOD)*. **Who knew!**


Interestingly, the EOEEA has framed the project as being constructed in 8 development blocks of varying heights from 60 feet to 220 feet. As to its environmental impacts, the plan calls for adding 2.7 acres of impervious (water-resistant) area, alter 93,000 square feet of Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), and create 4 acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands. The developer's ENF has indicated that vehicle trips to and from the planned office, retail and residential uses will generate 20,370 new 'unadjusted' average daily trips (adt), which, when 'adjusted' to reflect the use of alternative modes of transportation such as transit or walking, is reduced to 10,250 adt. There will be Green House Gas (GHG) emissions associated with the consumption of fossil fuels by both power generation and gasoline. Often overlooked, but of significance, is that project uses will consume 329,890 gal-

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515 East First St UNIT 5 Condo	\$1,175,000	6/23/17	4	2.5	1750
309 E St UNIT 23 Condo	\$915,000	6/16/17	3	2	1132
584 East Thirs St UNIT 302 Condo	\$880,000	6/23/17	5	2	1298
91 Old Harbor St UNIT 2 Condo	\$849,000	6/20/17	5	2	1300
141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 412 Condo	\$775,000	6/23/17	3	1	1113
846 East Fifth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$760,000	6/21/17	5	2	1124
462 East Seventh St UNIT 1 Condo	\$750,008	6/23/17	5	2.5	1330
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Carroll Center for the Blind Receives Liberty Mutual Foundation Grant

The Carroll Center for the Blind announced the launch of a project to evaluate the Follett software system used by the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for its family web portal, to ensure accessibility for students and parents with visual impairment and other disabilities. The project has been made possible through a grant from the Liberty Mutual Foundation.

In addition to working directly with individuals who have visual impairments, the Carroll Center helps schools, companies, government agencies, web developers, and other organizations make website coding and design changes to improve accessibility for the blind and visually impaired.

Over the next 12 months, the Carroll Center's Accessibility Services Team will analyze Follett's Aspen Student Information System (SIS), a platform that allows parents to engage in their child's education through access to classroom schedules, assignments, grades, attendance and other academic data. Follett's Aspen SIS is used by the BPS and other Massachusetts school districts.

"We are grateful for the Liberty Mutual Foundation's generous support for this assessment of a key web portal for Boston schoolchildren," said Gregory J. Donnelly, president and CEO of the Carroll Center for the Blind. "Ensuring equal access at such a fundamental level as student information will have a profound impact on the school community – not only for families with visual impairments but those with cognitive or physical challenges."

Following Web Content Accessibility Guidelines,

the Carroll Center team of web evaluators will work to identify any issues that prevent disabled students and their parents from independently navigating and interacting with SIS content in a way that is substantially equal to the experience of students and parents without disabilities. About 20 percent of the BPS student population has disabilities, including children with visual impairments.

"The Boston Public Schools is excited to partner with the Carroll Center for the Blind to examine the accessibility of the Student Information System for our blind and visually impaired community members. Ensuring everyone has equitable access to critical information about their children's education is a major priority of BPS," said Boston Public Schools Superintendent Tommy Chang. "We want to thank Liberty Mutual for providing the funding to drive this important initiative. We look forward to receiving the recommendations from the review and working with our vendor to make any necessary improvements to our family web-based portal."

The Liberty Mutual Foundation, the umbrella platform for all of Liberty Mutual Insurance's charitable work, awarded a grant of \$28,000 to support the Carroll Center's web accessibility evaluation for the Boston Public Schools. The foundation is a longtime supporter of the Carroll Center's mission, funding various programs since an initial gift in 1981. Liberty Mutual employees volunteer their time for an annual spring clean-up of the Carroll Center's historic campus.

"The Carroll Center is a pioneering organization



The Carroll Center
FOR THE BLIND

– for decades it's been at the forefront of services to those who are blind and those with limited vision," said Liberty Mutual Foundation President Melissa MacDonnell. "It is so rewarding to have two organizations that we support, the Carroll Center and Boston Public Schools, collaborate in order to better inform students and families with disabilities about the resources of the public school system. We are committed to supporting our nonprofit partners as they strive to promote access and our grant to support this project is one of the 26 grants totaling \$630,000 we have made this year alone to guarantee full accessibility."

The BPS project culminates with a summary of findings and recommended remedies from the Carroll Center's web evaluators, along with a demonstration of how people who use assistive technologies interact with digital content.

About the Carroll Center for the Blind

Established in 1936, the Carroll Center for the Blind empowers those who are blind and visually impaired to achieve independence and to lead a fulfilling life. The nonprofit organization provides services for individuals of all ages including vision rehabilitation services, vocational and transition programs, assistive technology training, educational support, services for seniors, and an optical shop. For more information, visit www.carroll.org.

Window into the State House

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a small example of how the industry will keep growing and growing in political clout in Massachusetts, thanks largely to campaign donations. You know what? He's right! It's happened in every other state where gambling has recently been introduced.

Uber and Lyft expand their market share at Logan

CommonWealth's Bruce Mohl has a piece on how ride-sharing companies, including Uber and Lyft, are increasing their market share among carriers transporting people to and from Logan Airport, but the taxi industry and mass transit seem to be holding their own. We could be wrong, but it sure looks like Uber and Lyft are merely limbering up before dinner. Or as the Globe's Adam Vaccaro puts it: "Taxis are still king at Logan International Airport,

but maybe not for much longer."

Why the cab industry is dying: Waiting 20 years to get a taxi license on Nantucket

Speaking of the taxi industry, two decades after first applying for a coveted taxi license on Nantucket, Neville Richen, now 73, is still waiting to get a license from town officials, reports the Cape Cod Times. It's a classic micro-example of an overregulated industry that's resisted change for decades – and now the industry is unraveling.

Berklee neighbors up in arms over armed campus police

The Globe's Laura Krantz reports that some residents in the Fenway area are furious that the Berklee College of Music has proceeded with arming campus police without prior community consultation.

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lons per day (gpd) of water and generate 299,900 gpd of wastewater.

The acronyms don't stop there. The project requires a determination of no hazard to air navigation from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater General Permit from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and may require a permit for the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). Oh! Let's not forget the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC)

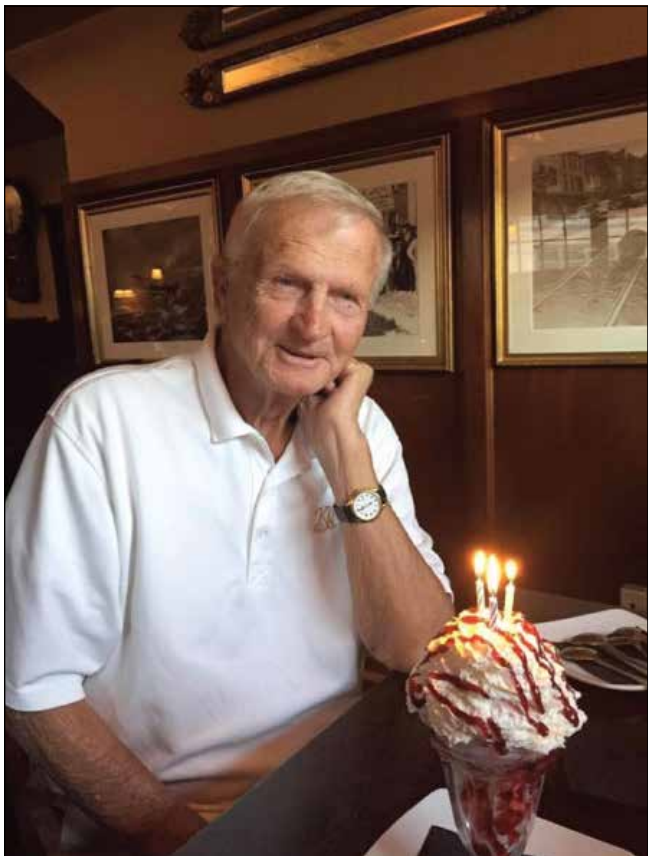
Secretary Beaton's Office has reviewed the alternatives that accompanied the ENF that include a no-build - leave it as is - which is essentially deemed a non-option and an Alternative B, which would be a re-use of existing buildings with 3.2 acres of impervious land, limited public

access, an increase in parking spaces and reductions, by half, in water consumption, GHG, waste, and vehicle trips. Given that, the EEOEA strongly encouraged the developers to review an alternative that "employs passive design principles in the residential buildings to minimize GHG emissions and enhance the resiliency of the project to the effects of climate change".

EEOEA has stated that the DEIR should provide a detailed comparison of the alternatives, including detailed descriptions and plans of each. It should compare the environmental impacts of each alternative with respect to trip generation, traffic operations, pedestrian and bicycle access, water use, wastewater generation, impervious area, tidelands, wetlands resource areas and GHG emissions.

Looks like there is a lot of exhausting and exhaustive work left to do. Stay Tuned.

Southie Celebrates 85 Years of Harry Uhlman



SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Brian P. Wallace

On Saturday, September 23rd at 7:00 at the Boston Teacher's Union Hall people from all walks of life from Southie, and formerly from Southie, will come together to honor a celebrated man named Harry Uhlman.

For those of you who don't know Harry, that is your loss. For those who have been touched by Harry's generosity, community activism, political acumen and huge heart, there is no place you should be on September 23rd other than the Teachers Union Hall. There will be a great night of entertainment, auction items, camaraderie and an old Southie feel.

Best of all, every penny raised that night will go directly to a

program that Harry has been involved with since its inception "The Special Kids Program." Since his days as a football star at Southie High, Harry has been a one-man army giving back to the community. Whether it is his famous "Uhlman Trips" or his outings for special needs kids, Harry always has been in the forefront.

He has forgotten more than some people will ever know about giving back. Much like our dear friend Joe 'Dodo' Nee, there is one word that is not in his vocabulary, and that word is NO. No matter how big or how small the task, if it is helping someone's lot in life, Harry is there.

He is a mentor to Jack Hart and served as treasurer

throughout Jack's political career. We don't know half the people Harry has helped in is 85 years, because he never spoke about them. Believe me, there were many. Harry never once asked for anything. He is the consummate "to give is better than to receive" guy. And who better to devote your time, money and talents to than special needs kids. They, like Harry, never ask for anything.

The best part of the Harry Uhlman 85th Birthday Party on September 23rd is that all the money raised will benefit those kids that Harry loves, and has done so much for. It will be a special night for a special man. Hope you can make. Doors open up at 7:00PM.

The Wine Guy

Value All Around!

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - The Wine Guy

Since we're now in the "home stretch" of the summer, I thought it might be helpful to start looking at some great reds to reach for as the weather starts to get cooler. These wines are not only great-tasting and versatile with food, they are also not going to dent your budget!

The Purple Wine Company, located in the Napa Valley, makes a number of great wines under the very capable management of its Senior Winemaker, Antonio Trevino.

One of his best, for both flavor and value, is *Avalon Cabernet Sauvignon, California, 2015*, (\$10.99). The wine is made each year by blending grapes from three of California's best areas:

- Lodi: Adds the Yum Factor represented in wines from warm growing regions. Lodi's East Side vineyards' red soil and Mediterranean climate produce rich wines with plush tannins.
- Paso Robles: Our Paso Robles vineyard selections add powerful elegance as well as dark fruit flavors and deep crimson color.

- Monterey County: Monterey's cooler climate adds bright red fruit and light herbal tones as well as acidity. This cab is versatile; you can have it with everything from burgers to pasta with red sauce, Mexican or BBQ. If you're going to a party, bring an extra bottle! And if it's a special occasion, they also make a 100% Napa Cab for around \$18.00 a bottle and, believe me, it tastes a lot more expensive than it costs!

Paso Robles county is, in my humble opinion, one of the great value spots in California today. Overshadowed by Napa and Sonoma counties, it's been shining over the last few years, with big and bold reds and lots of good value. One in particular, is *Straphanger Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2014 vintage (\$12.99)* is typical PR: great, deep color, structure and finish you'd expect at a higher price point and a perfect match for grilled shrimp, veal parm or many kinds of Tapas dishes.

Further north, in Washington State's Columbia Valley, there are Merlots being made that are values for a simple reason: they've been



overshadowed by the area's Cabernets. One great example is the *2015 Waterbrook Merlot, Columbia Valley, (\$14.99)*. With this one, you get cherry blossom aromas with bright acidity, bringing forward fresh flavors of red delicious apple and sweet pomegranate. A subtle finish of mixed red fruits round out this full-bodied wine. If you're thinking about a late summer prime rib or salmon on the grille, this wine is a great complement.

Finally, going all the way down the Pacific Coast, Chile's Colchagua Valley is one of the most prolific wine-growing regions in the Western Hemisphere. One of the oldest names in the area, *Los Vascos*, has been a collaboration

between two of the most famous families in the wine and spirits business-the Rothschilds, of wine and finance fame, and the LaPostolle family, owners of Grand Marnier. In addition to the Los Vascos main brand, they make a Cabernet Grand Reserve. The blend is similar to their much more expensive Bordeaux wines-85% Cabernet, 5% each of Syrah, Carmenere and Malbec. This wine, currently available from the 2014 vintage is drinking really well right now, but it's big, big cab; open it an hour or so before drinking. At around \$17.99 a bottle, it's a tremendous value for the money.

Ask The Wine Guy anything at jdris8888@gmail.com



1. 550 kids from youth development and community groups in South Boston, Braintree, Lynn, Jamaica Plain, the South End, and Dorchester splashed into the water at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's 7th Annual Youth Beach Bash & Splash to celebrate summer and clean water on DCR's Carson Beach in South Boston.

2. Caption: 46 kids from the South Boston Neighborhood House Preschool Program enjoyed fishing, fish printing, beach games, art on the shore, face painting and more with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's summer staff and storytelling pirates at the Youth Beach Bash and Splash on Carson Beach.

3. 12 kids from the St. Peter Academy enjoyed fishing, fish printing, beach games, art on the shore, face painting and more with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's summer staff and storytelling pirates at the Youth Beach Bash and Splash on Carson Beach.



South Boston Kids Make A Big Splash on Boston Harbor

On Friday, August 4th, 550 kids from youth development and community groups in South Boston, Braintree, Lynn, Jamaica Plain, the South End, and Dorchester joined Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for their 7th Annual Youth Beach Bash & Splash to celebrate summer and clean water on DCR's Carson Beach in South Boston.

135 kids from South Boston, including kids from South Boston Neighborhood House and St. Peter Academy were a part of the group as they enjoyed fishing, fish printing, beach games, art on the shore, face painting and more with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's summer staff and storytelling pirates.

At noon, the fun moved from the beach to the water, as all the kids

splashed in the cool, clean water of Boston Harbor on the cleanest urban beach in the nation. "Ten years ago, this beach was closed 1 out of every 5 days in the summer," said Bruce Berman, Director of Strategy and Communications for Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. "Today, thanks to all our hard work and advocacy kids and families from all over the region can count on clean water at Carson Beach, which is now safe for swimming nearly every day. After the Splash, volunteers from Goulston & Storrs hosted a cookout on the beach, and the fun continued throughout the afternoon.

"There is no better way to celebrate summer and clean water than with 550 kids, 1000 hot dogs, and one big Splash" said Chris Mancini, Vice

President of Operations and Programs at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay.

"Thanks to our partners at the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Greater Boston YMCAs and Boston EMS for helping to make this a safe and fun event."

"Boston Harbor, our region's public beaches and the harbor islands are spectacular urban natural resources which belong to these kids and their communities," said Save the Harbor's President Patricia A. Foley. "It is a privilege to share what we have accomplished together with the region's kids and families through free events and programs like this."

Save the Harbor's free youth environmental education and family programs are made possible

with Leadership Grants from Bay State Cruise Company, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, The Boston Foundation, The Coca-Cola Foundation, Distrigas/ENGIE.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is a non-profit public-interest environmental advocacy organization for Boston Harbor, whose mission is to restore and protect Boston Harbor, the Boston Harbor Islands, our region's beaches and the marine environment and share them with the public for everyone to enjoy.

For more information about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, visit their website at www.savetheharbor.org, their blog Sea, Sand & Sky at www.blog.savetheharbor.org or follow savetheharbor on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Youth Soccer Coaches Meeting Thursday, August 17th



There is a coach's meeting to hand out rosters on Thursday, August 17th at 6 pm at the Curley Recreation Center in the senior's card room at the M Street entrance to hand out rosters for the 2017 season.

All coaches must attend. At this time, coaches will

receive their team rosters for the upcoming season.

Remember the season starts on Thursday September 7th with the "PARADE OF CHAMPIONS" and the games start Saturday September 9th AND Sunday September 10th. Any questions 617-269-7930 and leave message.



Ask a Foot & Ankle Surgeon: Why Does My Heel Hurt?

Dr. Michael T. Ambroziak, DPM, FACFAS
Foot & Ankle Surgeon
from Michigan
Fellow Member of the
American College of Foot
and Ankle Surgeons

One of the most common questions I am asked by my patients is, "Why does my heel hurt?"

While there can be many reasons for heel pain, we as foot and ankle surgeons categorize heel pain into four major causes: plantar fasciitis, Achil-

les tendonitis, bursitis and nerve pain. Diagnosing the specific issue depends on the exact location of the pain and how the pain affects the mechanical movement of the leg.

The most common cause of the heel pain is plantar fasciitis, which is an inflammation of the band of tissue (the plantar fascia) that extends from the heel to the toes. When patients suffer from this ailment, the fascia becomes irritated and then inflamed resulting in heel pain or pain in the arch of the foot. Plantar fascia pain is a tell-tale sign there are mechanical issues going on in how the foot works. We typically treat plantar fasciitis first with non-surgical strategies, such as stretching exercises; rest; shoe pads and footwear modifications; orthotic devices; night splints and injection therapy. While most patients respond well to conservative treatments, some require surgery to correct the problem.

Achilles tendonitis, or the inflammation of the Achilles tendon, can also be a cause of heel pain. We often see this "overuse" condition in our athletic patients who play high-impact sports, such as basketball or tennis. They often have a sudden increase of repetitive activity involving the Achilles tendon, which puts too much stress on the tendon too quickly, leading to micro-injuries of the tendon. To treat Achilles tendonitis, we often immobilize the foot with a walking boot or cast; and also use physical therapy, orthotics and ice to help repair the tendon. If the tendon is severely damaged or if non-

surgical treatments don't work, surgery may be necessary.

Another cause of heel pain commonly seen is bursitis, where the "fat pad" of the heel exhibits redness and swelling from inflammation of the small fluid-filled sac inside the heel, called the bursa. The bursa, which protects the heel from friction, can become inflamed from repetitive motion or irritation from shoes. In the case of bursitis, the heel and the toes are most often affected. Treatment may include resting the foot, ice and anti-inflammatory drug therapy, padding and corticosteroid injections to reduce the inflammation and relieve pain. Surgery may be necessary if conservative methods do not provide relief.

Finally, a somewhat less common cause of heel pain is nerve pain. When the nerves are involved, it feels more like a burning or electrical pain shooting or radiating down the foot from the heel, typically toward the toes. A patient will often tell me their heel "burns." There are medications that may help with nerve pain, but in this instance, the patient tends to need nerve decompression surgery, a procedure to help "un-trap" the nerve causing the pain. These patients tend to have several misdiagnoses before they visit with a foot and ankle surgeon to correctly remedy their pain.

Whatever your heel pain, I always encourage people to see a foot and ankle surgeon for a proper diagnosis. We specialize in only the foot and ankle and our training helps us effectively get to the bottom of what is

ailing our patients

To find a foot and ankle surgeon near you, visit FootHealthFacts.org, the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeon's patient education website or by talking with your family physician, diabetes educator or nurse practitioner for a referral to a local foot and ankle surgeon.

Dr. Michael Ambroziak, DPM, FACFAS, a foot and ankle surgeon with offices in Bay City and West Branch, Michigan, has been in private practice since 1996. He is board-certified in foot surgery by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery. Dr. Ambroziak is a Fellow Member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeon and a Diplomat, American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery. He is also a lecturer at foot and ankle surgical conferences nationwide.

About ACFAS

The American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons is a professional society of more than 7,400 foot and ankle surgeons. Founded in 1942, the College's mission is to promote research and provide continuing education for the foot and ankle surgical specialty, and to educate the general public on foot health and conditions of the foot and ankle through its patient education website, FootHealthFacts.org.

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population in the country is actually taking North Korea's side over that of the United States.

But this North Korea flare up was different than all those in the past. This time instead of being appeased and placated with money and technology deals, the American President fired back with a threat of his own, basically stating that if you try to attack the United States or its allies, North Korea will cease to exist. He followed that with a massive show of military muscle. And what do you know?

Lil' Kim backed down, and a few days ago stated that well, ok, so we won't attack Guam after all. It seems he has realized that he's no longer dealing with Obama, W or Clinton.

Kim Jong Un is a known brutal dictator, who routinely imprisons, tortures, starves and murders his own people, if they disagree with him in the slightest, and has been blackmailing parts of the world, including the US, since he assumed power. And the fact that there are those in our country who would actually side with someone like this is pretty

much all the proof needed to show how hatred for Trump totally consumes every fiber of their bodies and overrides all else.

The news media in America has lost all credibility with the American people. They are no longer believed, nor are they trusted. It's apparent to nearly everyone with the capacity to think for themselves that pushing its agenda is the goal of the media, and they don't even really try to hide it any longer. Unfortunately, there are a few lawmakers in Washington, who are in the same league.

August is Tree Check Month

Help Stop the Invasive Asian Long-horned Beetle in its Tracks

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) wants to remind Massachusetts residents that August is Tree Check Month. This is the best time to spot the round, drill-like holes made by the Asian long-horned beetle (ALB), a highly destructive invasive pest that destroys trees. Worcester County residents should be particularly watchful, as they are fighting an active beetle infestation that has resulted in the loss of more than 36,074 trees to date.

"If you love trees, now is the time to take 10 minutes and go outside and look for the signs of this invasive pest," said Josie Ryan, APHIS' national operations manager for the ALB eradication program. "Look for round holes the size of a dime or smaller in tree trunks and branches. If you see them or black beetles that have long antennae with black and white bands, report them immediately."

The Asian long-horned beetle has the potential to destroy millions of acres of America's treasured hardwoods, including maple, birch, elm, willow, ash and poplar trees. Unfortunately, there is currently no cure to save infested trees. They need to be removed to keep the beetle from

spreading to nearby trees, as well as to protect homes and other personal property, since infested trees will die and can drop branches.

"Trees infested by the beetle weaken and die over time and are more likely to fall or lose branches during high winds and storms," added Ryan. "Since we're in hurricane season, it's wise to remove trees sooner than later. It's possible to get rid of this destructive pest, but we need the public's help to do so. To date, the beetle has been eradicated from Illinois and New Jersey."

The beetle is slow to spread on its own during the early stages of an infestation, so early detection and reporting are critical to containing it. People can also help by not moving firewood from areas quarantined because of the ALB, which can transport the beetle hidden inside to new locations.

The beetle has distinctive markings that are easy to recognize:

- Long antennae with black and white bands, longer than the insect's body.
- A shiny, jet-black body, about 1" to 1 ½" long, with white spots.
- Six legs with possible bluish-colored feet.

Signs of infestation include:

- Round exit holes, about the size

of a dime or smaller, in tree trunks and branches.

- Shallow oval or round scars in the bark, where the adult beetle has chewed an egg site.
 - Sawdust-like material, called frass, on the ground around the tree or in the branches.
 - Dead branches or limbs falling from an otherwise healthy-looking tree.
- After seeing signs of the beetle:
- Make note of what was found and where. Take a photo, if possible.
 - Try to capture the insect by placing it in a container and freezing it. Doing so will preserve it for easier identification.
 - Report findings by calling 1-866-702-9938 or completing an online form at www.AsianLonghornedBeetle.com.

The ALB was first detected in the United States in Brooklyn, New York, in 1996. It is believed to have come from wooden packing material used in cargo shipments from China. Since then, it has led to the loss of more than 160,000 trees.

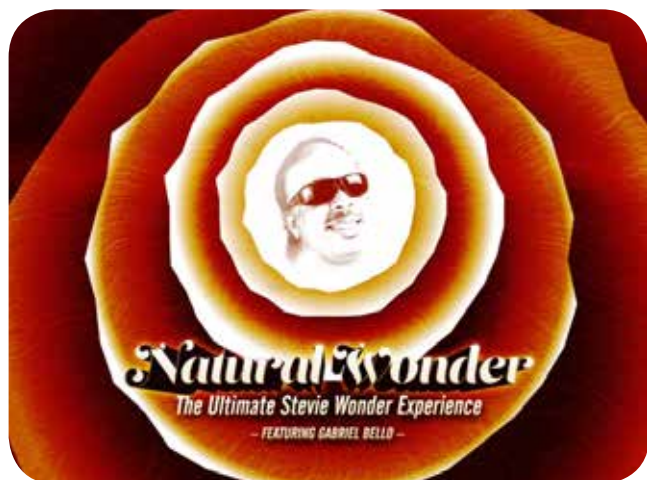
For more information about the Asian long-horned beetle, ways to keep it from spreading and eradication program activities, visit www.AsianLonghornedBeetle.com and www.HungryPests.com. For local



inquiries or to be forwarded to your State Plant Health Director, call 1-866-702-9938.

More About ALB Eradication Efforts

The Asian Long-horned Beetle Eradication Program began in 1996 as a cooperative effort between Federal and State agencies. Together, these partnering agencies establish quarantines to restrict the movement of regulated commerce materials, inspect trees from the ground and air, remove infested and high-risk trees within a quarantine area, and conduct research to improve eradication methods. To date, APHIS and its partners have successfully eliminated the beetle in Illinois, New Jersey, portions of New York (Manhattan, Staten Island and Islip) and in Boston, Massachusetts. Current infestations are being fought in New York (Kings, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties), Ohio (Clermont County) and Massachusetts (Worcester County).



STEVIE WONDER NIGHT AT CITY HALL PLAZA AUGUST 23

Natural Wonder will celebrate the music of the legendary Stevie Wonder at the Dorothy Curran Wednesday Night Concert Series at City Hall Plaza on August 23 at 7 p.m.

Natural Wonder is a spectacular touring concert show designed to bring the glorious live experience of legendary musician Stevie Wonder to all generations of music fans. Led by #1 Billboard-ranked vocalist, producer and multi-instrumentalist Gabriel Bello, Natural Wonder rolls into City Hall Plaza with the full band experience complete with a crack rhythm section and full-fledged horn ensemble channeling the energy and artistry that has made Stevie Wonder an icon across decades and genres.

Whether it's Motown-era hits like "Signed, Sealed, Delivered" and "My Cherie Amour," fusion-flavored 70s platters like "Master Blaster" and "Do I Do," the genius of "Songs in the Key of Life," the signature harmonica solo of "Isn't She Lovely," or Stevie's mod-

ern masterpieces like "My Love is on Fire," Bello and the industry veterans who comprise Natural Wonder recreate the look, feel, and sound of a Stevie set with all the musicianship necessary to thrill audiences with a seemingly unending barrage of hit songs that span the Wonder catalog.

The Dorothy Curran Wednesday Night Concert Series closes August 30 with the classic Philly soul of Harold Melvin's Blue Notes. The series is presented by Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment, and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with title sponsor Bank of America. Additional support is provided by media sponsor the Boston Herald, night sponsor AARP Massachusetts, and Polar Beverages.

For more information, please call (617) 635-4505 or visit the Parks Department online at boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation or facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment.



This week, Danny previewed this weekend's WWE SummerSlam:

First of all, I know what you're thinking.

"SummerSlam? Really, Danny?"

To quote Kurt Angle, "Oh it's true, it's damn true."

The 2017 edition of WWE SummerSlam is this Sunday in Brooklyn. It's one of the company's four major events, which, we used to call "pay-per-views." Now, the WWE showcases these events on their own network. So, whether or not you still call SummerSlam a "pay-per-view," it's still one of the biggest events of the year, along with the Royal Rumble, Survivor Series, and of course, WrestleMania.

You don't have to be a WWE season-ticket holder to show some interest in the four, major pay-per-views (sorry, it just feels weird calling them anything other than "pay-per-views"). WrestleMania and the Royal Rumble are the top two on my list, but SummerSlam is definitely more eventful than Survivor Series these days.

And now, with the brand split -- "Raw" and "Smackdown" are once again treated as two separate organizations -- the four, major pay-per-views are a way to combine all of the WWE's talent onto a single card. And I'm excited to watch it.

That doesn't mean I'm no longer interested in the Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics, or Bruins. I am. But right now, it's a good time to take a deep breath and enjoy something on a Sunday before we spend the next five-plus months dissecting the NFL season on Sundays.

I'm not going to preview the entire card. So, I just picked out a few matches that I'll be interested in, more than the others:

John Cena vs Baron Corbin

-I don't hate Cena like some, but I do have to say, I have no idea what they should do with him, now that he's returned. He fought Rusev again at the last pay-per-view. Now he's taking on Corbin, who also isn't one of the bigger names. The storyline seems a little too forced, and it shows that they're struggling to find a good angle for him, as long as they want him to remain a face. If they ever agreed to a Cena heel turn, then it would open the door for a few great storylines until his next title shot. But I'm not putting my money on that heel turn. So while Cena's storylines lately have been tough to watch, it's still Cena, and the interest in his matches is always there.

Sheamus & Cesaro (Raw Tag Team Champions) vs Dean Ambrose and Seth Rollins

-I don't see how Ambrose and Rollins don't win the Tag Team titles at SummerSlam. But if they do, it won't be the most intriguing storyline here. That might come later in the night, or at some point in the near future, if Roman Reigns re-joins them as "The Shield." Reigns has a title shot later in the night, and if Ambrose and Rollins win the Tag Team titles, perhaps they come down to help Reigns win his too. Also, if there's one thing the WWE is missing, it's a good old-fashioned stable. Maybe we were spoiled with groups like "Degeneration X" and "nWo" in the past, but a "Shield" reunion would make things interesting, especially if they had the WWE Universal Championship and Tag Team titles on their side. Also, if Kenny Omega leaves New Japan Pro Wrestling (NJPW) for the WWE before January's Royal Rumble, you could also have a few "Bullet Club" members join forces in Omega, A.J. Styles, and Finn Balor. The "Bullet Club" is a popular stable in NJPW that resembles the nWo. Their presence in WWE would be the biggest thing that pro wrestling has seen in a while. But the thought of that is a reminder that Reigns, Rollins, and Ambrose are all better off as members of the Shield. I'll be interested to see if there's a re-

union -- or at least a hint at a possible reunion -- at SummerSlam.

Jinder Mahal (WWE Champion) vs Shinsuke Nakamura

-Nakamura came to the WWE as one of the bigger names in NJPW. For anyone who doesn't know much about NJPW's "strong style," Nakamura is somebody you should want to watch. I think Nakamura wins the title here, which would probably result in the largest pop of the night from the crowd.

Brock Lesnar (Universal Champion) vs Roman Reigns vs Samoa Joe vs Braun Strowman

-This is a "Fatal 4-Way" match, and Lesnar can lose the title even if he's not the one who gets pinned. I can't see Samoa Joe or Braun Strowman winning here, and the fact that Paul Heyman's stipulation -- if Lesnar loses he'll leave the WWE -- was thrown out just days after Jon "Bones" Jones challenged Lesnar to a UFC superfight, I'll be curious to see if this will be Lesnar's send-off to that UFC superfight. I think Rollins takes it. As I said previously, it will be better if the Shield helps him win.

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