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Life Science Companies Making Breakthroughs

Recently, Governor Charlie Baker signed 'An Act providing continued investment in the life sciences industry in the Commonwealth' to invest up to \$623 million in bond authorization and tax credits over five years in education, research and development, and workforce training.

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EDITORIAL

Want to Vote in our Elections? Become a Citizen

“**S**top. Just stop. Please, just stop the nonsense.” These are the words of a reader, who wrote in regarding the proposal by members of the Boston City Council to allow legal non-citizens to vote in Boston’s elections. She echoes the views of so many others who have had enough of what they are calling out of control political correctness and pandering. The goal of the proposal, according to City Council

President Andrea Campbell is to make the election process “more inclusive”. But many aren’t buying it and suspect that this is just a ploy to increase the voter base of the party in power. Said one writer “If Council President Campbell thought for a minute that giving the vote to non-citizens would increase the numbers of people in the city who would vote for moderate or conservative candidates and ballot questions, there is no way such a

proposal would ever see the light of day”. And let’s be clear, Americans everywhere, certainly those who reside in Boston, are well aware that there are those in positions of power, who would give the vote to people here illegally as well. But one step at a time – right? Voting in American elections is one of the privileges that come with citizenship. If those non-citizens here illegally; whether they are from Africa, Asia, Latin America



or Europe want to make the effort to become citizens, we say go for it and all power to them. Let them put the time in, go through the process

like the millions of legal immigrants before them did. Then, just like every American, they too will have the privilege of voting.

“Nobody is going to give a damn in July, if you lost a game in March” – Earl Weaver

Letter To Editor

On Tuesday, September 4th, we will be voting to elect our next State Representative, and I will be proud to cast my vote for David Biele. David has lived in this community his entire life, and he understands the issues facing its residents. The thing that sets David apart in this election is his commitment to giving back through his work with local non-profits and charities, like the Labouré Center, South Boston Special Kids and Young Adults, and the

South Boston Boys & Girls Club. When David worked for Rep. Nick Collins, he was a regular presence at community meetings and worked collaboratively with neighborhood associations and civic groups. I know that David will always put the needs of our community first, because that is what he’s done for years. I hope you’ll join me in supporting David Biele to be our next State Representative!

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Brett Kavanaugh or Mother Teresa: It Would Make No Difference

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
John Ciccone

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

It really wouldn't matter who the president nominated for the vacant seat on the US Supreme Court and virtually every thinking American, whether you are for or against Trump knows it. Charles Schumer, Dick Durbin, Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders and the rest of the 'resistance' would still be melting down in the streets and in front of the TV cameras. Saint Michael the Archangel could have been the pick and the opposition would be furiously smearing him, his relatives, and any livestock he may have owned during his time on earth.

The protesters, ready to act up in the streets the second the pick was announced, were said to be carrying 4 signs, each sign with a different name of the 4 finalists, so that whoever it was, they'd be ready. In this case, it was Judge Brett Kavanaugh. But as was stated above, it could have been Mother Teresa and the protesters would be equally outraged – the state of mind so many 'progressives' are in 24/7, because the nomination was made by a president these people hate so much.

And now it's time to settle in, make some popcorn, pour yourself some cold lemonade and watch the show. Watch the insanity that has become the left's trademark. They will yell and curse and spit and, in some cases, throw rocks and set fires. They may even 'scream helplessly into the sky' again. Remember that spectacle? They will make threats and tell lies –

lots and lots of lies about Kavanaugh. They will attack his wife and young daughters. They will hysterically blame the nominee for every negative thing under the sun. He has made a pact with the devil. When he was 8 years old, he dropped a candy wrapper on the ground and didn't pick it up (That could be the lead story on CNN when the confirmation hearings start up).

If confirmed, he will bring on famines and plagues, earthquakes and floods and it will be the end of civilization as we know it. There will be Nazis and fascists parachuting from the sky to put children in prisons and gas all the puppies. This is how these people react, when they don't get their way and they grow more insane by the day. It's who they are. But in the end, Kavanaugh will most likely be confirmed, causing the resistance to once again retreat to their safe spaces, lick their wounds and plan for the next issue to be outraged about, which will probably take but a minute or two. And this is why they continue to lose and alienate more of the American public by the day. Because the American people have grown tired and fed up with it all and have pretty much reached their limit with childish antics, venom filled rants and constantly exploding heads.

Since Senator Elizabeth Warren's name was mentioned above, I'm curious as to why she didn't take President Trump up on what I consider an offer too good to refuse. He

announced last week that he would donate, out of his personal funds, \$1million to the charity of her choice, if she would take a DNA test to confirm whether or not she really is part American Indian. If it were me, and someone made an offer like that to prove the validity of a claim I had made, and my claim was in fact accurate, I would jump at the chance. I would love to be able to divide a million in cash among St.

Jude's, The Shriner's Hospital, the Salvation Army, my two churches and the Marian Manor. Think of all the good that money could do for worthy causes. So again, my question is why, if the senator's claim about her heritage is legitimate, not take the president up on his offer? It would be a win/win for her. She would be helping the charity of her choice and taking a cool million from the bank account of a man she clearly despises.

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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.

District attorney races: Dull and ignored no more

Shira Schoenberg at MassLive reports that there are more contested races for district attorney in 2018 than at any time in recent memory in Massachusetts. Of the state's 11 districts, there are contested races in five, two of which will be decided in the Sept. 4 Democratic primary. It's a shame not all of them are contested, but progress is progress.

Phillip Martin at WGBH, meanwhile, reports how the ACLU, via its 'What a Difference a DA Makes' campaign, is pushing to raise voter awareness about DA races in general – and it most definitely seems to be working in Suffolk County.

Meanwhile, it's the 'year of the women' in legislative races

In a companion piece at MassLive, Shira Schoenberg also reports that there are about 105 women running for the state Legislature this year, compared to approximately 85 women each of the last two election years. This year's figure doesn't count possible write-in candidates.

Questions 1, 2 and 3 all set: Nurse staff levels, Citizens United override and transgender rights

Secretary of State Bill Galvin's office has officially assigned the numbers for this fall's three statewide ballot questions, reports SHNS's Andy Metzger at the Lowell Sun. They are: Question 1, the mandatory nurse staffing question pushed by nurse unions; Question 2, which asks voters to create a commission that would seek an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to override the Citizens United campaign-finance ruling by the Supreme Court; and Question 3, which seeks to overturn the state's new

transgender-rights law. Questions 1 and 3 are the biggies.

The BBJ's Jessica Bartlett has more on what's expected to be a very expensive fight over Question 1. The AP at WBUR has more on all three ballot questions.

Citizens not happy about non-citizens voting in Boston

Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell's proposal to let non-citizens vote in city elections is getting panned by residents who believe the idea is 'watering down' what it means to be an American, reports the Herald's Antonio Planas. The council takes up the controversial proposal at a hearing today. Campbell is saying that her voting idea applies only to visa and green card holders, legal permanent residents and those under Temporary Protected Statute.

Let the Supreme Court confirmation brawl begin

To get the big news out of the way first, via NYT: "President Trump on Monday nominated Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh, a politically connected member of Washington's conservative legal establishment, to fill Justice Anthony M. Kennedy's seat on the Supreme Court, setting up an epic confirmation battle and potentially cementing the court's rightward tilt for a generation."

Here are some interesting tidbits and stories related to Trump's pick and the coming confirmation battle over Kavanaugh:

-- U.S. Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey of Massachusetts are already no votes and are urging others to reject Kavanaugh's nomination (NBC Boston).

-- Judge Thomas M. Hardiman, a Waltham native, obviously didn't get the nod.

-- Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican, had

previously warned Trump that Kavanaugh might be the hardest of the candidates under consideration to be confirmed (see NYT piece).

-- The Globe's Liz Goodwin says that those pinning their hopes on U.S. Susan Collins opposing the nomination are probably going to be disappointed.

-- The Globe's James Pindell takes a look at the six players who may hold the key to whether Kavanaugh is confirmed.

-- The Globe's Jeff Jacoby has piece on how not to fix the Senate confirmation process, such as resurrecting FDR's old court-packing idea.

-- Akhil Reed Amar, a professor at Yale Law School, says the nomination of Kavanaugh is actually "President Trump's finest hour, his classiest move" (NYT op-ed). Not that his endorsement or idea for a confirmation "compromise" will stop the coming battle. They won't.

House plans to pass economic development bill – perhaps with a sales-tax holiday goodie

The House today plans to approve the \$610 million economic development bill that was originally filed by Gov. Charlie Baker this spring, reports SHNS's Michael Norton at the Worcester Business Journal. Christian Wade at the Gloucester Times reports that House Speaker Robert DeLeo is signaling lawmakers may go along with a plan to hold a sales-tax holiday this summer after all – and there just so happens to be several sales-tax-holiday amendments tacked to the economic development bill.

Btw: The Globe's Jon Chesto also reports that the same bill includes \$100 million for a major upgrade to the Black Falcon terminal in Boston, as part of a Massport move to further boost the booming cruise-ship business.

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Thoughts On Rescue Of Thai Soccer Team

By The SBT Staff

There is seldom anything that the entire world can come together on. Planet Earth's more than 6 billion people have different cultures and they hold different views on just about everything. History tells us that these differences very often turn to open hostility towards each other and probably always will.

Country vs. country, region vs. region, unity among members of the human race is a rare occurrence. But, every so often, something happens that brings us all together where everyone or at least most, are all pulling together for the same outcome. And so, it was last week as people from all over the world watched with held breath, the ordeal and the rescue efforts being made to save the lives of the young Thai soccer players and their coach.

It was lead story on every news channel, on radio and across social media on every continent. The story tugged at the heart strings of billions of people as their hopes and prayers were directed to not only the boys trapped in those caves but also for the rescuers who frantically did everything in their power to save them.

Every diver, every member of the military and yes, there were American military members on site to assist as well and especially to those Thai Navy Seals, who like our own Seals made it crystal clear that failure was not an option when given a mission. Without hesitation, they put their own lives on the line to get those trapped in the caves out alive. The world will long remember the name of Saman Gunan, the member of the Thai Navy Seal team who lost his own life in his effort to bring oxygen to those trapped below. Talk to any member of a Seal Team and they will tell you that they are an expendable resource in performing their duties



and accomplishing their assigned goal. They will use all of their great skills to survive, but their priority is to accomplish that mission, save the lives they have sworn to protect, even if it means losing their own in the effort. These are what real heroes are.

During the days the boys and their coach were trapped in the caves, the odds did not look good. There was no guarantee they would make it out alive. But by all accounts, they hung in there and maintained an impressive discipline as they waited for their rescuers. If they weren't a tight knit team before, they sure are now.

President John F. Kennedy's definition of courage was 'Grace Under Pressure'. It was apparent that the young members of the Thai soccer team and their coach and certainly the rescue teams who would not accept defeat understand that definition of courage. They all deserve very special praise. And when it was over, the world breathed a collective sigh of relief and let out one big, rare unified cheer. Prayers were answered in a huge way and the world will not soon forget.

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10 Fan Pier Boulevard To Be Built For Mass Mutual Boston Campus

Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. unveiled architectural renderings of 10 Fan Pier Boulevard, a 17-story commercial tower located at Fan Pier on Boston's Waterfront. The building will serve as MassMutual's new Boston campus, as the company expands its presence in the city and across Massachusetts. MassMutual is working with The Fallon Company to develop the build-to-suit tower that enhances the streetscape of the mixed-use neighborhood with a unique, undulating façade.

Located in the dynamic Seaport District, the new tower will offer 310,000 square feet of waterfront commercial space including prime, ground-floor retail opportunities and a 5,900 square foot outdoor public plaza facing the marina. The tower design includes an architecturally striking rounded exterior wall, outdoor and rooftop terraces, and a distinct glass façade with faceted panels set in different planes to accentuate the building's curvature and capture the shifting reflections of sunlight and shadow throughout the day.

"We look forward to growing our presence in one of the state's most exciting and vibrant areas and building our campus at Fan Pier, which will be a standout piece of architecture in the city," said Roger Crandall, MassMutual Chairman, President & CEO. "Our location in the Seaport will offer our employees proximity to the city's amenities, allow us to tap into its ex-



pansive talent pool and innovative spirit, and better position us to best serve our policyowners for generations to come."

Designed by award-winning, Boston-based Elkus Manfredi Architects, 10 Fan Pier Boulevard's curvature and tiered terrace levels add visual interest and fit harmoniously with the neighboring buildings at One Marina Park Drive and 50 Liberty Drive. In addition to the curvaceous façade, the LEED-certified building will feature:

- * A two-story lobby that serves as the entry point to the building, with 19,500-square-foot commercial floorplates running up through the 12th floor
- * Landscaped terraces offering sweeping views of Boston's Harbor located on the 13th floor and rooftop,
- * An elegant water feature designed by landscape architect Richard Burck Associates to mimic the crashing of waves, creating parallels

with Fan Pier's waterfront setting, will be the central component of the outdoor space at ground level, located along the Harborwalk pedestrian path and across from the Institute of Contemporary Art and the Public Green on Marina Park Drive

"10 Fan Pier Boulevard provides a fresh perspective on commercial design in the Seaport," said David Manfredi, Elkus Manfredi Architects CEO and Founding Principal. "The curvaceous façade adds visual interest to the neighborhood and beautifully draws inspiration from the movement and feeling of the harbor it reflects, a characteristic further reinforced by the building's flowing landscape design and signature water feature, while mirroring the vitality of Fan Pier."

Spanning 21 acres and nine city blocks, Fan Pier encompasses three million square feet of commercial and residential real estate, ample public spaces, a world-class marina, din-

ing and retail destinations, and direct access to a variety of transportation options on Boston's waterfront.

The new Boston campus is an integral part of MassMutual's plan to expand and reinvest in Massachusetts over the next several years, as announced earlier this year. MassMutual's headquarters will remain in Springfield, Mass., and the company is in the process of consolidating certain facilities in other parts of the country. The 167-year-old mutual life insurance company will be growing its operations in the Commonwealth, increasing its Massachusetts workforce by approximately 70 percent by adding 2,000 jobs in the state and investing nearly \$300 million into the Commonwealth. To learn more about MassMutual's employment opportunities, visit <https://www.massmutual.com/about-us/careers>.

The Fallon Company is a privately held commercial real estate owner and developer headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts. Founded by Joseph F. Fallon in 1993, The Fallon Company has developed over \$4 billion in real estate, representing more than six million square feet of property. They are proudly recognized as a leader in mixed-use urban development and one of the most active private developers on the East Coast. Fallon brings to their projects a unique focus on large-scale urban design geared toward transforming neighborhoods into cohesive, community-driven environments



Flynn Holds South Boston Office Hours

Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn will take his Neighborhood Office Hours program to the Cranberry Cafe, located at 704 East Broadway, this Saturday, July 14th from 1pm-2:30pm. Residents are encouraged to bring constituent and neighborhood issues directly to Councilor Flynn and his staff.

"As City Councilor, it is important for me to continue this pro-

gram and bring City Hall services to each of our neighborhoods. Oftentimes, people are unable to take the time from work or too busy to travel into the city to deal with a particular issue. This is an opportunity for us to come to the neighborhood over the weekend and hear from our residents directly about their concerns regarding our parks, public safety, development, and our libraries," said Flynn. "My belief is that ev-

ery part of District 2 deserves to be treated with respect and dignity, as well as having the same access to basic city services as everyone else. I will continue to bring City Hall services to each of our neighborhoods."

For more information regarding future neighborhood office hours or constituent service issues, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 or Ed.Flynn@Boston.Gov.

Ward Committees Endorse David Biele For State Representative

Greeted by a swarm of union workers holding signs in support of candidate David Biele, members of the Ward 6 and Ward 7 committees met at the Curley Recreation Center to hear from the two candidates for the open State Representative seat vacated by newly elected State Senator Nick Collins. The ward committees

are made up of local democrats elected in 2016 during the presidential primary, also known as Super Tuesday. Elections are held statewide, and the town and ward committees are elected every four years. The forum was also open to the public.

Matt Rusteika, who recently left his position in the Office of Energy Resources for the Com-

monwealth, and David Biele, who has taken a leave from his job as an attorney in the MA Department of Public Utilities, were given the opportunity to present their credentials to the members of the two South Boston ward committees that cover the Fourth Suffolk District. The purpose for the meeting was to seek its endorsement.

Each candidate had the opportunity to make an opening statement and then answer questions both

from the forum hosts, Clerk Michael Donovan and Bob O'Shea, Ward 6 chair, before taking questions from the general committee membership.

David Biele stated that he grew up on East Second Street, attended Saint Peter Elementary School, Boston Latin School, Boston College and Boston College Law School. Biele, touting his background as an attorney and former member of Rep. Nick Collins staff and as an intern in Congressman Stephen Lynch's office, while attending law school, stressed the

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From Left to Right. Candidate David Biele, Mary McCarthy Collins Ward 7 Chair, Candidate Matt Rusteika, Bob O'Shea Ward 6 Chair and Mike Donovan, Ward Committee Election Commissioner.



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The Wine Guy

Lighten Up!

I know, I know; I seem to always start these columns with a reference to the weather, but wine, weather and their enjoyment, at any given time of the year, are interdependent. It's never too hot or too cold for wine, it's always a good time for a wine that works with the weather you're in.

Right now, for the hot and humid weather, here are a few to consider:

Candoni, 2016 Pinot Grigio, Provincia di Pavia IGP, (\$12.99) has a silvery straw color, with aromas and flavors of apricot, honeycomb, limestone, and dried fruits and nuts with a satiny, vibrant, fruity light-to-medium body. Add a graceful, complex, medium-long raspberry-lime zest, and Turkish delight finish with fine, fruit tannins and no oak. A beautiful, delicate, serious expres-

sion of pinot grigio.

Pinot Gris is the same grape as Pinot Grigio, but when a wine is identified as a Pinot Gris, it is generally a more full-bodied, more complex, more age-worthy wine. The best examples of Pinot Gris come from Alsace in northeastern France and Oregon. These wines have excellent weight on the palate, good acidity and ripe apple and pear fruit with a distinct spiciness and a dry finish. Most examples are aged only in steel, but some producers in Alsace will age Pinot Gris in large, older wooden casks, which can add a touch of spice as well as additional texture.

Some of the best in the world come from Hugel et fils. The Hugel Classic Pinot Gris 2014, (\$22.99), this wine has quite a deep, intense color, with pronounced straw yellow hints, it is nicely bright, with silky tears that run tightly down the side of the glass. The bouquet is soft and supple, intense, characteristically open and expressive, with fully ripe fruit notes, apricot, greengage, licorice stick, a touch of buttery brioche, sesame seed, pistachio and fresh hazelnut. The wine fills the mouth, it is rich and well-constructed, suave, velvety, soft and almost juicy, with a nice long aromatic finish.

If you're looking for a white with less sweetness, look for Schug 2017



Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma Coast, (\$25.99) This well-balanced Sauvignon Blanc is sourced from cooler vineyards in the southern end of the Sonoma Coast AVA. The Hi-Vista vineyard in western Carneros and the Grossi vineyard north of Petaluma contribute spice and bright tangy acidity. The Leveroni vineyard south of Sonoma contributes the unique floral character of the Sauvignon "musque" clone, with lush fruit flavors reminiscent of melon, honeysuckle and grapefruit.

These flavors are enhanced by the creamy richness of fermentation and aging on the yeast in older (neutral) casks. It finishes with a lively acidity that makes it an ideal accom-

paniment to a wide range of soups, salads and shellfish dishes.

If you're looking to go sparkling, look for a bottle of Albino Armani Prosecco, NV, Casa Belfi Colfondo, (\$21.99). This one has aromas of bread dough, toasted hazelnut, pressed wildflowers and an earthy whiff of brimstone, giving it a crisp palate, along with citrus and yellow apple notes. Made with grapes cultivated according to biodynamic farming practices and fermented with wild yeasts, it's a fascinating expression of Prosecco that will please everyone.

Hope everyone is enjoying a beautiful Summer!

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importance of being able to work collaboratively with the delegation of elected officials representing South Boston.

Matt Rusteika stated that he attended Saint Brigid School,

Boston College High School and Brown University. Rusteika, recalling his family history and that he and his family are now living in the same house he was raised in on M Street, talked about the struggle to keep families in South

Boston giving the rising cost of housing. He highlighted his role in coordinating the Mass Save program for the Commonwealth and its benefit to homeowners.

Each candidate expressed concern over the rapid development of the South Boston neighborhood and the impact on affordability and the pressure on public transportation. Notwithstanding that it is a city of Boston matter by and large, Rusteika focused on rallying neighborhood resistance to development, while Biele pointed out that his first taste of development impact was right across the street from his home. He stated that his main focus would be on the state agencies that have overriding oversight on the institutional impact of Massport, the Convention Center, the

MBTA and UMass Boston.

The evening got a little testy with Biele questioning Rusteika on his support for then Congressman Ed Markey of Malden over Congressman Stephen Lynch of South Boston during the 2013 special election for the US Senate. In response, Rusteika took exception but seemed at a loss to explain his support for Markey.

After the forum, a vote was taken by members of Ward 6 and Ward 7 respectively with the result being the unanimous endorsement of David Biele. South Boston Today anticipates upcoming forums and will publish the dates, as the information and schedule become available. The primary election date is scheduled for September 4, the day after Labor Day.



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9 Atlantic Street Single Family	\$902,000	3/30/18	8	2.5	1980
126 Tudor St UNIT H Condo	\$550,000	3/26/18	4	1	846
161 O St UNIT 1 Condo	\$530,000	3/29/18	4	1	819
193 West Fifth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$525,000	3/30/18	4	1	625
506 East Eighth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$510,000	3/29/18	5	1	918
754 East Fourth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$507,500	3/30/18	3	1	731
12 Loring St UNIT 2 Condo	\$500,000	3/29/18	4	1	549
609-611 Dorchester Ave UNIT R2 Condo	\$490,000	3/28/18	5	1	782
185 West Seventh St UNIT 3 Condo	\$436,000	3/30/18	4	1	600

Boston Police On The Job Reported Crimes Last Weekend

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

The summer heat often brings an uptick in crime, no matter which city you reside in. Boston is fortunate that the crime rate here is so much lower than in many other cities around the nation. But police still have their hands full and definitely earn their pay, especially in the warm summer months.

Here is the unofficial report by the Boston Police regarding the number and certain types of crimes reported during the 72-hour period last weekend from Friday, July 6th, 10am until Monday, July 9th, 10am.

Homicides – 1, non-fatal shootings - 2, non-fatal stabbings – 5.

Street Robberies - 6, Commercial Robberies – 2. Bank Robberies - 0, Other Robberies – 1

Vehicle Theft – 9 (Vehicle Recoveries

– 7), Vehicle Break-ins – 11 Residential Break-ins - 20, Commercial Break-ins - 4

These are just some of the crimes Boston Police have had to deal with during last weekend. They do an excellent job by any standard and, by their professionalism, keep the crime rate to a minimum in the city, while so many other municipalities have a difficult time keeping things under control.

But, as has been stated on these pages many times before, they need the help of the public. As always, if you see something suspicious or out of the ordinary that looks like it could be a crime in progress or something in the planning stages, use your phone and call 911. The police encourage this, and it very often helps their response time. The faster the police become alerted to a situation, the more quickly they can react, and it could help save a life.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

regarding the

Day Boulevard Targeted Safety Improvement Project
(State Police Driveway to Farragut Road)

Wednesday, July 18, 2018 - 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Curley Community Center

1663 Columbia Rd, South Boston, MA

A public information meeting will be held regarding proposed targeted safety improvements along William J. Day Boulevard from the State Police Driveway to Farragut Road. A Road Safety Audit (RSA) of the corridor was conducted in February 2018; these safety improvements will focus on implementing the recommendations identified in the RSA for the corridor.

The Curley Center is accessible. To request language or access accommodations, please contact MassDOT's director of Civil Rights at 857-368-8580, TTD/TTY 857-368-0603, Fax 857-368-0602 or by email at MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us.

Please share this notice with others who may be interested in the project.

Charity Begins At Home

By Ray Flynn

It has been my experiences growing up, that people are more inclined to support the underdog than the powerful. At least, that's how my neighbors and I always felt. Catholic immigrants faced discrimination and oppression when they arrived on these shores, especially from Ireland. Unfortunately, after great struggle, Irish-Americans have been reluctant to remind future generations of the religious and economic persecutions they faced.

Call it pride, I guess. We don't see 'No Catholics Need Apply' help wanted signs anymore in downtown store windows, but I still hear stories coming from many young adults today, who can't afford education or get a secure job. And they have no political power anymore.

I'd like to tell you a chapter in that history that I never forgot. And one like other groups, I would never stop being mindful of or defend. Here's a little story which is particularly critical today, as it was over 150 years ago in Boston.

One day in December 1818, a crowd numbering 1,000 gathered at the Granary Burying Ground near the Boston Common. Proceeding south, and then east, they covered nearly two miles before reaching their destination in South Boston, arriving at a small piece of land purchased days before by Bishop Jean Cheverus. They carried with them the remains of their beloved Father Francis Matignon, who for 26 years helped establish the Catholic community in Boston, and it was here, at the first Catholic burying ground in Boston, that he would be laid to rest.

Father Matignon arrived in Boston on August 20, 1792, and found the small Catholic population there fighting amongst itself over which of two priests should lead



them, and the non-Catholic population leery of their presence. He overcame these initial difficulties, healing the Catholic community, and seeing them become accepted members of the community. His obituary reads, "With meekness and humility he disarmed the proud; with prudence, learning and wisdom, he met the captious and slanderous; and so gentle and so just was his course, that even the censorious forgot to watch him, and the malicious were too cunning to attack one armed so strong in honesty."

While the local situation improved, Father Matignon's responsibility as leader of the Boston mission extended well beyond the city limits, encompassing all Catholics in New England. Realizing the task was more than one priest could handle, he sought assistance by inviting a fellow countryman to join him, Father Jean Cheverus. Together, they would come to be recognized as the founders of the Diocese of Boston.

Largely through their charitable works, the two priests helped the Catholic population gain acceptance among their fellow Bostonians. As a sign of their growing numbers and stature, they constructed the first Catholic church in New England, the Church of

the Holy Cross, in 1803. In 1808, the Boston mission had grown significantly, and so Pope Pius VII elevated it to the Diocese of Boston, intending to name Father Matignon its first bishop to reward him for his work there. He refused, citing his age and ailments, recommending Father Cheverus instead, and it was he who was ordained as the first bishop of Boston in 1810.

When Father Matignon died on September 19, 1818, his funeral was held at the Church of the Holy Cross, and he was interred in the tomb of John Magner, a prominent Irish businessman, at the Granary Burying Ground. At the time Catholics were usually buried in one of the three public burial grounds within the city limits, but Bishop Cheverus set about finding a resting place more befitting for his dear friend and colleague. He successfully petitioned the Boston Board of Health for permission to establish a Catholic burial ground in the city, and subsequently purchased land in South Boston on December 9, 1818, reinterring the remains Father Matignon there several days later.

The following year, construction of a mortuary chapel over Father Matignon's tomb commenced in early May and was dedicated on July 4, 1819. It is believed to be the work of architect Charles Bullfinch, who designed the Massachusetts State House, Church of the Holy Cross, and completed the United States Capitol building. Both the chapel and cemetery were dedicated to Saint Augustine in honor of an Augustinian priest, Father Philip Lariscy, who raised funds to complete the project.

Originally intended as a small mortuary chapel, it has grown over the past 200 years, reflecting changes that have taken place in the surrounding neighborhood of South Boston. In the decades following Father Matignon's death, South Boston saw an influx of Irish Catholic immigrants, often settling there to work the furnaces that fueled the local glasswork industry.

Mass was held weekly at the

chapel by a priest sent from the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Franklin Street, but it would soon prove inadequate for the growing numbers in attendance, prompting Bishop Cheverus' successor, Bishop Benedict Fenwick, to expand the chapel. Work included the additions of a choir and sacristy, and mounting the cover of Matignon's tomb on a wall behind the altar, before rededicating the chapel on October 16, 1831.

The chapel would be the sole place of worship for South Boston Catholics until the dedication of Saints Peter and Paul Church in 1845, and in the 1860s served as the home of Saint Augustine parish when it was created, until the new parish church was constructed. The gravestones have stories to tell. Despite the great progress made in the previous half century, several cholera epidemics through the mid-nineteenth century revived anti-Catholic sentiments. It was the custom of the Irish Catholics to process with the deceased from the funeral service to their final resting place that raised accusations that by carrying the body through the streets they were spreading the disease. Bishop Fenwick urged local Catholics bury their dead in Saint Augustine, away from the burial grounds in the city center, to ease the tension.

Many buried within the chapel walls have unique stories to tell. Father Alexander Sherwood Healy was born in Georgia and, his mother being a former slave, was sent north for better opportunities in life. He later served as rector at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, and was pastor of Saint James, Boston, when he suddenly died in 1875. Also within the chapel is Patrick Donahoe, who purchased an early iteration of The Pilot in 1834, serving as editor until his death in 1901. There is even a legend that Father Lariscy buried several pirates within the grounds in 1819.

Throughout its history, the

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Lt. Morgan O'Brien Makes It Three

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence O'Brien are pleased to announce the commissioning of their son, Morgan F. X. O'Brien as a 2nd Lt. in the United States Marine Corps. Morgan was commissioned on Saturday, May 26, 2018. He graduated from Boston College High School and is a 2018 graduate of UMass Lowell. Morgan will attend The Basic School in Quantico, VA before attending USMC flight school.

Pictured with Morgan are his siblings, Brigid and Padraig. All three grew up on East Eighth Street in South Boston and attended St. Brigid School. Brigid graduated from Boston Latin School. She is a 2014 graduate of Fordham University NROTC and is a LT and Surface Warfare Officer in the USN stationed in San Diego,

CA aboard the LSD USS Comstock. Like Morgan, Padraig graduated from Boston College High School. He received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned in 2015. Padraig is a LTJG and nuclear engineer in the USN stationed in Norfolk, VA aboard the nuclear submarine USS Washington.

The ceremony was held aboard the USS Constitution. The oath of office was administered to Morgan by his sister, LT Brigid O'Brien, USN and the officer's sword was presented to Morgan by his brother LTJG Padraig O'Brien, USN.

South Boston Today and all of South Boston admires and congratulates the O'Briens and pray that they stay safe during their service to our country. Godspeed!



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chapel and cemetery have gone through cycles of decay and repair, the latter coming most often during anniversary celebrations. After Bishop Fenwick's expansion in 1831, it received major repairs in the 1860s when it served Saint Augustine parish, and again before the 75th Anniversary in 1894. More work was completed over 15 months leading up to the 125th Anniversary in 1944, including the restoration of 170 gravestones, and extensive work was undertaken throughout much of the 1980s when it was named to the National Register of Historic Places (1987).

Saint Augustine Chapel is now the oldest Catholic church or chapel in Massachusetts, and has been actively used as a place of worship since its dedication nearly 200 years ago. As we approach yet another anniversary, it is our mission to break the cycle of decay and repair, and ensure the site receives regular maintenance for years to come. We appeal for those interested to join the newly formed Friends of Saint Augustine Cemetery and make a small

contribution to help sustain this historic Catholic site in South Boston. St. Augustine's Chapel is a symbol of the oppression and discrimination Catholics still face even if some powerful and well-connected don't want to admit it. They are no longer committed in supporting our own values and traditions but only those causes that are more politically popular in the elite culture.

Well it's time we got back to supporting our own causes, and our children's schools, and our old and run-down Churches is a good place to begin. Charity begins at home. Let's get back to basics.

Ray Flynn is the former Mayor of Boston and U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican.

MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES WINNING PROJECTS

Fifth year of youth participation serves as a national model



Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the three winning projects of the Youth Lead the Change vote, a participatory budgeting process where young Bostonians ages 12-25 decide how to allocate \$1 million of the City's Capital Plan. This vote is the fifth time that the City has engaged young Boston residents in the budgetary process and is the first initiative of its kind in the nation.

"Youth Lead the Change creates a

process to engage young people all over Boston in the City's budgeting decisions," said Mayor Walsh. "Young people are working together, polling their peers, and addressing the issues that matter most to them. In addition to empowering young people today, we are cultivating a generation of Boston youth who are not only passionate, but also have the tools and knowledge to shape the future."

"Empowering youth to bring about tangible change is essential to building up our communities," said Chief of Health and Human Services, Marty Martinez. "Through this participatory budgeting process, young people evaluate the needs of their community and collectively decide on allocating critical resources that create positive change for themselves and for the city."

The Mayor's Youth Council partnered with youth organizations to write the rules and oversee the implementation of the process. Voting polls were stationed at local train stations, youth centers and school buildings for the city-wide vote

and votes could be submitted online. 3,461 eligible votes came in from Boston's youngest populations. This year, young people conducted extra outreach to engage LGBTQ youth, homeless youth, undocumented residents, and court or gang involved youth.

The winning Youth Lead the Change projects for 2018 are:

- First Place: Fans In Schools - Install fans in schools that lack central air conditioning to provide a more comfortable learning environment in the summer.
- Second Place: Youth WiFi Lounge - Create an accessible youth WiFi lounge in Boston City Hall for students to be able to connect with other students, collaborate on youth initiatives and projects, gain access to city agencies, and apply for youth jobs. This space will have access to Wicked Free WiFi, laptops, desktops, and meeting space.
- Third Place: Add Solar Panels To Buildings - Place solar panels on city-owned property to help save money in the long term as we combat climate change and lose oil and fossil fuel reserves.

"Participating in YLC gives young people a voice in government and the opportunity to connect with their neighborhood and select capital projects that can help make Boston a better and safer city," said Vikiana Petit-Homme, age 16, Youth Director of Youth Lead the Change. Vikiana recently shared the success of Youth Lead the Change with Mayors around the country at the US Conference of Mayors Boston gathering.

Past projects selected for funding have included expanding Wicked Free WiFi, installing water bottle refilling stations at parks and placing newer trash cans and recycling bins in select neighborhoods. Youth Lead the Change (YLC) is managed by Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) Division of Youth Engagement and Employment, in close collaboration with a steering committee comprised of community and youth serving organizations. To learn more about Youth Lead the Change, visit youth.boston.gov or contact the BCYF Division of Youth Engagement and Employment at 617-635-4202.

Life Sciences continued from front page

tary Michael Heffernan and Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash.

The five-year, \$473 million bond authorization in the proposal provides capital funding that will enable the state to strengthen the ecosystem through collaborations that maximize third-party investments and sharpen the Commonwealth's competitive edge.

The funding will continue to be managed by the MLSC with a focus on regional investments that spur workforce and economic development and enrich learning and experiential opportunities for young people in Massachusetts. Since its inception, \$350 million in public investments have supported R&D infrastructure and facilities that are available for partnership with industry. For

every public dollar invested in these facilities, the life sciences industry has invested \$1.67 alongside. This infrastructure creates space for new partnerships, seeds startups, and supports new translational research capacities.

While the Commonwealth does its part, companies like Cambridge based Biogen, for example, as seeing breakthroughs, in this case in Alzheimer's disease. Biogen just saw a gain of \$12 billion in market value on Friday after announcing promising results from a trial of one of its experimental Alzheimer's disease drugs, marking a dose of good news in the daunting field.

Biogen and its partner, Japanese pharmaceutical company Eisai Co., announced late Thursday that patients who received the drug saw a reduction in amyloid — a protein whose buildup in the brain has been linked to cognitive decline

— after 18 months of treatment, compared to those on a placebo.

The trial also represents a rare success in Alzheimer's drug research. The field has been marked by a series of high-profile failures in late-stage trials, with one large drug maker after another coming up short in recent years.

"The reason Massachusetts is the best place in the world for life sciences is because government is a true partner," said MassBio President and CEO Robert K. Coughlin. "We are committed to working the life sciences initiative keeps Massachusetts on top, benefits workers at all levels, and brings new opportunities across the state."

The tax incentive program provides a cost-effective way of attracting new and relocating companies to the Commonwealth while also ensuring that the state retains current commercial activ-

ity and captures investments from future growth. "This bill ensures continued growth in our economy and advances biomedical research while affirming Massachusetts strong commitment to life sciences. Importantly, it continues funding for the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center which is critical to our work at Dana-Farber. Working together, we are truly pushing the pace of progress in cancer science," said Laurie H. Glimcher, president and chief executive officer of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

"As a company that has grown up in Massachusetts' world-class innovation ecosystem, Vertex is proof that meaningful investments in the future of our industry will result in life-changing medical advancements," said Dr. Jeffrey Leiden, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Vertex.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Free Cruise to Georges Island

On July 10th, 17 young people from PBHA South Boston Outreach Summer set sail to Georges Island on Bay State Cruise Company's flagship Provincetown II for one of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's free All Access Boston Harbor cruises. These youth and teens enjoyed a day filled with fun, fishing, environmental exploration and songs and stories of the sea. Over the course of the summer, All Access Boston Harbor will connect more than 10,000 youth and teens to the Boston Harbor Islands from more than 100 youth development and community organizations.

Save the Harbor's free trips connect young people from all Boston's neighborhoods and from 40 cities and towns across the region to the Boston Harbor Islands State and National Park where they learn the history of Boston Harbor and the Harbor cleanup, explore all the islands have to offer, and enjoy Boston's spectacular urban natural resources. "What a great way to spend a summer day," said Bruce Berman,

Director of Strategy and Communications at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. "The Harbor Islands are truly Boston's treasure, and we're certain that the 200,000 kids and families that have attended these free trips since we began them in 2002 would agree." On the island, kids from Phillips Brooks House explored the maze of passageways at Fort Warren, a historic landmark used for coastal defense during the Civil War, with Save the Harbor's Youth Environmental Education staff. The docks on the island offered fantastic fishing spots while the parade ground offered the perfect space for sports, games and other healthy outdoor activities.

"At Save the Harbor/Save the Bay we are particularly proud to serve as the Boston Harbor Connection for a generation of young people," said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay President, Patricia Foley. "The best way we can 'save the harbor' is to share the harbor with the public."

These free programs have introduced more than 200,000 young people to Boston Harbor and the Islands

since they began in 2002. Save the Harbor/Save the Bay looks forward to their most exciting summer yet on the water with free activities, such as the All Access trips, that share Boston Harbor with thousands of residents across Boston.

"All of us at Save the Harbor want to thank our partners at Bay State Cruise Company, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, The Boston Foundation, The Coca-Cola Foundation, and Distrigas/ENGIE for the Leadership Grants that make our youth environmental education and family programs possible," said Berman from the wheelhouse. "Special thanks as well to everyone who joined us on the cruise, and the hundreds of individual donors for their generosity and to our partners at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Metropolitan Beaches Commission, the Boston Centers for Youth and Families and the YMCA of Greater Boston for their support," said Berman. "It means the world to us and all of those we serve."



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 their social @savetheharbor.



Mayor Martin J. Walsh will host Boston's second annual summer kick off on the City Hall Plaza front lawn. Plaza Palooza will welcome summer to City Hall, and include lawn games, music provided by 103.3 AMP Radio, food for purchase, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission water truck, the Boston Police Department "Operation Hoodie" ice cream truck and the Boston's mobile City Hall To Go truck.

In addition to welcoming resi-

dents and visitors to City Hall Plaza to enjoy summer, the City's Summer Eats program will provide free lunches to students in Boston. Interim Boston Public Schools Superintendent Laura Perille will be on hand at 12:45 p.m. to distribute lunches to students. The program, which has over 100 locations throughout Boston, provides nutritious lunches to young people under the age of 18.

Friday's celebration, hosted in coordination with the city's Property Management Department, will welcome Boston residents and visitors to City Hall Plaza for the remainder of the outdoor season. The event is free and open to all.

WHEN: Friday, July 13, 2018

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m

**WHERE: Boston City Hall Plaza
1 City Hall Square**

For attendees, City Hall Plaza is accessible by MBTA via Haymarket (Orange and Green), State Street (Orange and Blue) or Government Center (Blue and Green).

BCYF Neighborhood Block Parties Kick Off July 19

Mark your calendar and bring your friends and family to a fun and free Neighborhood Block Party! Select Thursday nights in July and August from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., the BCYF Neighborhood Block Parties will offer a variety of free activities including music, a cook-out, snow cones, activities, face painting, swimming (as indicated below), and resource tables from many City of Boston departments. These departments will have lots of great information to share and giveaways.

This summer's schedule is as follows:

July 19 - South Boston: Condon Community Center, 200 "D" Street (swimming)

July 26 - Jamaica Plain: Hennigan Community Center, 200 Heath Street (swimming)

Aug 9 - South End: Blackstone Community Center, 50 West Brook-

line Street (swimming)

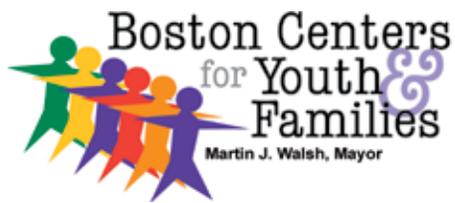
Aug 23 - Roslindale: Menino Community Center, 125 Brookway Road

In the case of rain or other weather issues, please check BCYF's social media pages (@BCYFCenters) for updates. The Block Parties are generously supported by the Foundation for BCYF.

About Boston Centers for Youth and Families

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is the City of Boston's largest youth and human service agency. BCYF operates 36 community centers in Boston that offer a variety of engaging and enriching programs for people of all ages created through community input and need. BCYF also oversees citywide programs including the nationally-recognized violence intervention and prevention Streetworker Program, the GIRLS Initiative, Camp Joy special needs program and many aquatic offerings.

Tynan Happenings



The BCYF Tynan Community Center has always recognized and regarded the importance of education amongst its youth members. It has, for many years, offered academic assistance to students within the community. Each year, a number of BCYF Tynan kids go on to graduate from high school or college, making the Tynan staff proud of their accomplishments. We would like to share some of these recent accomplishments.

Jacqueline Czar has just graduated from Archbishop Williams High School and will be attending Framingham State University this fall, with a concentration in Criminal Justice. She aspires to be a police officer and keep the city safe. Jackie has been attending the BCYF Tynan for about 12 years. She participates in a number of our athletic leagues/tournaments, she has worked in our youth employment program, and she is a constant presence in our new teen center. Jackie is an excellent role model to our younger members and is always around to lend a helping hand here at the Tynan. She already serves as one of South Boston's finest.

Jake Donovan is a new graduate of Boston College High School. He will be attending Saint Michael's in Vermont this fall as a business major. Jake is an active member of our teen program and also served on our youth council. Many of his ideas helped to design our



new teen center. He also served on our "Youth Venture" team, which was a youth entrepreneurship opportunity that partnered BCYF with The United Way. Jake will make a great businessman one day.

Claire Farma is our third featured "Tynan graduate." Claire has graduated from the John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science and will be attending the University of Maine, where she will be majoring in Communications. Claire also served on the Tynan "Youth Venture" team and had a strong presence along with many excellent ideas. Communications will be right up her alley. She exhibits both intelligence and confidence and I am trusting that she will be a very successful woman one day.

Haley Dillon is one of our older Tynan "kids." Haley just graduated from the University of Maine in Orono, where she majored in Communications. Haley spent a lot of time here at the Tynan and never forgot

her roots. She quoted, "I spent my childhood at the Tynan and it helped me to get where I am today." She participated in various Tynan activities, ranging from BNBL to Zumba to Girls' Group and more. Haley is such a positive presence and never forgot to stop by and say hello during her college breaks. She was a participant in the Tynan Math tutoring program during her high school career at Boston Latin Academy. She now just accepted a position in the "MTP-Management Trainee Program" at Sherwin Williams and we could not be happier for her.

Hannah Powers is another college success story. Hannah has been attending the Tynan Community Center for at least a decade. She participates in our "new" 17 and up Women's Basketball League and stops in to say hello whenever she is in the neighborhood, walking with her beautiful new baby girl, Karly. Hannah was just pinned from the

radiography program at Roxbury Community College. and is a special success story considering she was able to graduate while balancing the task of new motherhood. Hannah said, "I've always felt that the Tynan was a second home to me. I'm so glad that kids have a place like this to go to." We are very proud of her accomplishments.

Matt Prokop is our last college graduate. Matt studied at Assumption College, home of the greyhounds, where he played basketball for two years. Before Assumption, there was never a week that went by that Matt wasn't in our gym shooting around. Matt started out at Assumption as a Biology major and made the switch to focus on Human Services. He worked in our camp for a couple of years and now just accepted a position with Serur Agencies, as a producer of life insurance. Matt is a great kid all around and we are lucky to have him as one of our own up at the Tynan.



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

I hope everybody enjoyed their Fourth of July. Apologies for no content last week, but wow, what a week it was.

The biggest story was obviously LeBron James signing a multi-year contract with the Los Angeles Lakers. It's not the biggest story because it's a surprise. It's the biggest story because it's the best player in the NBA leaving Cleveland for the second time and heading to the already-stacked Western Conference to join one of the most prestigious organizations in the league.

It was no secret that James was likely to land in LA because he has a home 30 minutes from the Staples Center. We've been talking about that for nearly two years. But I always told you that the Lakers would be a much bigger risk than the Clippers, because if James cares so much about his legacy — and he does — then what will it say about his legacy if he can't win a championship with the championship-or-bust Lakers? You almost have to win at least one in that organization if you're James. But it obviously won't be easy. Between Golden State, Houston, and Oklahoma City, the West is a dogfight.

The only thing I can say is, James

and the Lakers must have a plan for next offseason. Maybe it's a free agent like Karl-Anthony Towns or Klay Thompson. Maybe it's a trade for someone like Anthony Davis. Who knows. But it has to be something. Because James needs to win a championship with the Lakers.

One of the other big stories was Brock Lesnar returning to the UFC after Daniel Cormier knocked out Stipe Miocic to win the heavyweight championship. Lesnar didn't fight anyone. But he did enter the octagon during the post-fight, after Cormier called out Lesnar, who was in the stands watching.

Lesnar answered the call and got in Cormier's face, pushing Cormier in what felt like a very scripted moment for everybody involved. Then, Lesnar got on the mic and ripped into Cormier and the entire UFC heavyweight division. Needless to say, it feels like Lesnar and Cormier will be fighting at some point in the near future, which is somewhat strange because Lesnar is currently the WWE Universal Champion, aka, the top dog in the WWE.

There's a WWE pay-per-view this Sunday. Lesnar, as the company's top dog, is not on the card. The next major

event — and one of WWE's biggest — is SummerSlam on Aug. 19. It's rumored that Lesnar will defend his Universal championship then, but it's not known as to whether or not he'll lose the title and then leave professional wrestling for good in order to focus on a UFC fight with Cormier.

Another note related to the potential timing of a Lesnar vs Cormier fight is that Cormier has revealed he's dealing with a broken finger, which might take a few months to heal. So there's a lot going on here. But what's clear — to me, at least — is that Dana White and Vince McMahon are once again in cahoots. How many times have I tried to tell you all that?

It's called cross-promotion. It's also called smart business, for both sides. I don't know how many WWE fans who hate the idea of Lesnar showing up in an octagon as a WWE Universal champion, but there's no doubt that there are plenty of UFC fans who despise the thought of professional wrestling creeping into their "real" product.

At the end of the day, White is trying to make more money today than he did yesterday, and if it means attracting the WWE audience to make that happen, then I don't have any problem with it at

ll, and neither should you. All you need to know is that Lesnar and Cormier will one day step in to the octagon either later this year or at some point in 2019, and they will have a fight that won't be predetermined.

So let them cross-promote. Let them stage more face-to-face confrontations. They should even have Cormier show up on Monday Night Raw. Heck, why not have Cormier show up at SummerSlam and cost Lesnar the Universal championship, leading to a UFC fight. That's right, I want Paul Heyman introducing Lesnar in the Octagon afterwards in Las Vegas.

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PAUL HEYMAN..."

Then have the rematch at WrestleMania in a steel cage. White and McMahon should continue to cross-promote the hell out of this thing, because if they do, it will be the biggest storyline in sports and entertainment for a long time.

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- ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE (NO COPIES EXCEPT FOR THE F TEAM)
- COPY OF JUNE 2018 REPORT CARD (WILL COLLECT LATER) NOT REQUIRED FOR THE F TEAM.
- REGISTRATION FEE: \$150 FOR A – E TEAMS
- REGISTRATION FEE: \$100 FOR F TEAM
- REGISTRATION FEE DECREASES BY \$25 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD
- CHEERLEADING UNIFORM DEPOSIT IS \$75 (DUE BY AUGUST 1)
- FOOTBALL AGES 5 - 14.
- CHEERLEADING AGES 5 - 15.



* REGISTRATION CLOSES JULY 31ST