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Flynn: Constituents are fed up

With slob construction workers banging away early in the morning

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City Councilor Ed Flynn (South Boston, South End, Chinatown, Downtown) wants to do something about construction workers he says are starting earlier finishing later than allowed and leaving the streets they work on a mess.

In a request for a formal hearing on the matter, Flynn says constituents "have reported construction taking place outside of the permitted hours of 7am-6pm; early in the morning, late in the evening, or on the weekend and holidays without a permit at all."

He adds that South End residents are fed up with the large number of exemptions being granted for before- and after-hour "emergency" work, while residents in Chinatown and South Boston are concerned about "security and safety in all phases of development at construction sites, damages to neighboring properties, the need for adherence to approved plans, and suitable rodent control."

The council as a whole hears Flynn's request at its regular Wednesday meeting, which starts at noon in the council's fifth-floor chambers in City Hall. If the rest of the council agrees, Flynn, a council committee with schedule a formal hearing to dig into the issue.

Crime

Male Suspect Turns Himself In

Investigation Update: At about 4:05 PM on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, officers at the front desk of District D-4 (South End) arrested a male who had turned himself in for an assault and battery which took place on February 9, 2019 in the area of Harrison Avenue and Fay Street. The individual, identified as Michael Kenney, 40-years-old, of Weymouth was placed under arrest for a warrant out of Boston Municipal Court for charges of Assault and Battery Causing Serious Bodily Injury and Assault and Battery.

The facts of the original incident are as follows: The original facts and circumstances surrounding the incident are as follows: At about 2:45 AM on Saturday, February 9, 2019, officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) responded to a radio call for a person screaming for help in the area of Harrison Avenue and Fay Street in the South End. On arrival, officers observed an adult male victim lying on the ground in a semi-conscious state. The male was then transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries. Officers spoke to witnesses on scene who provided a description of a group of three white male suspects who were alleged to have assaulted the victim, punching him multiple times, before slamming him into the ground. Officers canvassed the area for the suspects to no avail.

Suspect arrested in Bloom Couture robbery may be tied to other break-ins

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

The Sunday, February 17 arrest of a suspect in the January 29 break-in at Bloom Couture Floral Studio, 769 Tremont Street, may hold the key to a rash of break-ins and robberies on that same at other South End businesses. Several other neighborhood shops were broken into on January 29, including Table and Tulip, 461 Shawmut Avenue; Orinoco: A Latin Kitchen, 477 Shawmut Avenue; and Andy's Cleaners, 1679 Washington Street, where windows were smashed and the cash register was stolen.

An employee who opened Bloom Couture shortly after 9:00 AM on January 29, called Boston Police Department (BPD) to report an apparent break-in. Detectives from D-4 arrived on the scene at 9:20 AM to find damage to the rear door and door jamb as well as to the cash register, confirming the break-in.

The detectives recovered a fingerprint from the cash register and images from the store's security camera that led to the February 17 arrest of Luis Mercado, 44, in the vicinity of the shelter at 112 Southampton Street.

As he was being taken into custody, Mercado reportedly told officers, "I'm all done. This is it." While Mercado was charged

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ASK DOG LADY

Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

First, let me say I love your column and enjoy reading it in the South End News.

We have a beautiful part American Staffordshire terrier (Lady) that we got at Northeast Animal Shelter. She is approximately four-years-old and about 62 pounds. She was two years old when we got her and we know she had had a litter of puppies. She is a wonderful dog and a great companion to my wife and me. We take her to places where she can run off-leash and she loves running around, weather permitting. On the leash, we give her two nice long walks every day. I know we need to spend a little more time training her to come to us because occasionally when we let her off the leash, she will not come back until she is good and ready even though we can see her and call her.

But that's another issue. Today I am writing to ask you about a quirky thing she does. We think she loves to ride in the car because she jumps right in when we lead her to it but, oddly, she whines practically the whole time she is in the car. Sometime it's just a small whine and sometimes she is more vocal. She does not seem nervous or upset and loves to stick her head out the window while riding.

We are perplexed at this strange behavior and are considering not taking her in the car anymore, which we would rather not have to do. Your thoughts and input would be appreciated.

— Bob

Dear Bob,

Hmmm. Dog Lady thinks you've reversed the priority order of your questions. A dog that doesn't come when called seems a much more serious problem than a dog who whines in the car. Have you seen the Geico ad about the little piggie that cried all the way home? Seems that's the situation in the car. Lady whines because she can. If she doesn't seem otherwise disturbed, she's fine. Please don't ban her from the car just because of a little noise-making.

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Boston Ward 4 Dems February Meeting

The Ward 4 Dems will be hearing from Liza Ryan of the Massachusetts Immigration and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, Enid Eckstein from the PILOT working group, and local elected officials. The Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee is responsible for the affairs of the Democratic Party in Ward 4, which includes the South End and Fenway neighborhoods.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19, at 6-8 PM, at the South End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 685 Tremont St, Boston.

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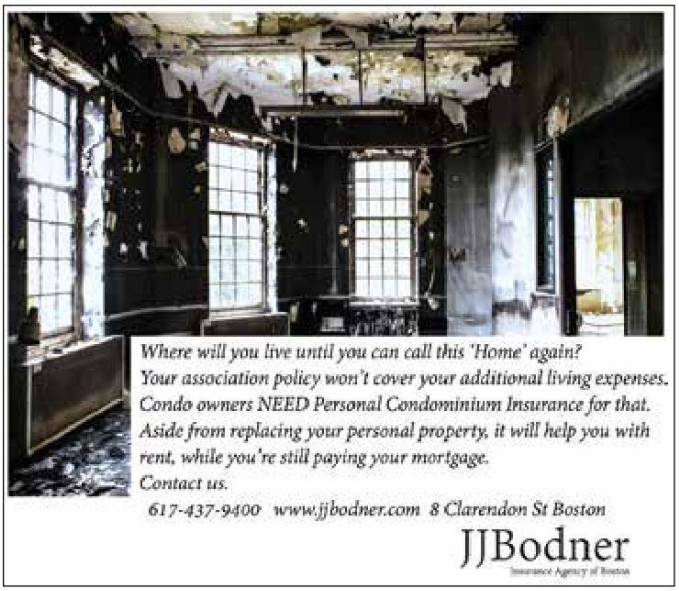

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Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee

Monday, March 4
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

980 Harrison Ave
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2nd Floor Training Room
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Event Description

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee (RSMPOC) was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. Since the 2016 launch of PLAN: Dudley Square, RSMPOC meetings also include progress reports on that initiative. All meetings are open to the public and community input is desired. RSMPOC meetings are held in the evening the first Monday of the month at the Boston Water & Sewer Commission (BWSC) in the 2nd Floor Training Room. Free parking is available in the BWSC parking lot. For more information about the RSMPOC and the public meeting, please visit our webpage at: bit.ly/theRSMPOC.

Please come join your neighbors and the City of Boston to help shape the future of the neighborhood!

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Dog Lady

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Dear Dog Lady,

How do I tell if my dog likes me? My one-year-old Australian shepherd, Buddy, doesn't look at me with the same adoring eyes as my other dogs have done.

—Marianne

Dear Marianne,

Our dogs are not punitive creatures by nature. They love indiscriminately. If Buddy is even-tempered, comes when called and is unafraid to eat out of your hand, you can assume your dog trusts you and is fond of you.

At 1, your pet is still a pup and the bonding process is not complete. You probably don't look adoringly at Buddy either. As the two of you grow closer and become more attached to each other, the eyes might begin to mirror the deepening relationship. Dog Lady's terrier, keeps his counsel. He doesn't stare adoringly either. Anyway, we humans tend to interpret canine facial expressions as we want to see them. Be good to Buddy. The adoring eyes will follow.

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BCYF Quincy Community Center, 885 Washington St., (617)635-5129

South End Youth Baseball, southendbaseball.com

South End Soccer, southendsoccer.org, southendsoccer@gmail.com

South End Football, leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=southendpw

St. Stephen's Youth Program, 419 Shawmut Avenue. (617)262-9070

Center for Teen Empowerment, 384 Warren Street (617)536-4266 x 312, teenempowerment.org

United South End Settlements, 566 Columbus Ave., (617)536-8610, uses.org

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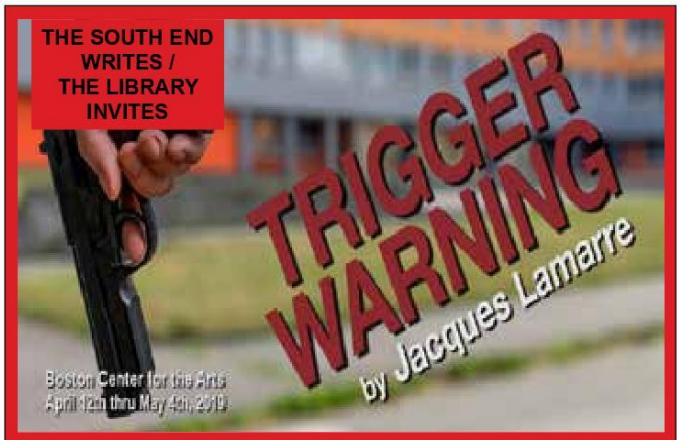

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School of Rock Delivers

School of Rock,
National tour presented by Broadway in Boston at Opera House, Boston, through February 24. BroadwayinBoston.com or 800-982-2787

By Jules Becker

Think of prep school substitute teacher Dewey Finn in "School of Rock" as a 21st century musical variation on Harold Hill in "The Music Man." Anyone family with the high energy, often hilarious Jack Black movie of the former(2003) knows that Dewey, like River City school band-leading Hill, is a clever charismatic con man—one who knows more about making his Horace Green Academy classroom exciting than teaching students about music.

If you loved the film's stirring if somewhat thin plot, very positive message of diversity and understanding and appealing musical segments, you will be rocking in your seat at an above average tour that captures the fectious spirit of its Broadway predecessor (a best musical nominee running through at the Winter Garden).

Sporting one of Andrew Lloyd Webber's better recent scores—with evocative lyrics by Glenn Slater, "School of Rock"—as in the film—takes would be rock and roll star Dewey on a madcap odyssey to self-realization.

That odyssey begins with an impulsive decision by the jobless hero to take on the substitute job meant for his best friend Ned. As Dewey seems to improvise his classroom techniques, he proceeds to elude questions from standards-conscious Horace Green principal Rosalie about his methods. Even so, he succeeds in encouraging his students to rise to the challenges of their respective voices and musical instruments.

Eventually his very bright students become a unified ensemble whose rewarding musical performance demonstrates self-empowerment even as it impresses their parents. Those parents include an African-American businessman and a doting gay couple.

Musical buffs will appreciate the fact that the young actors who portray the students in "School of Rock" actually play their instruments—and very well, for that matter. Notably Mystic Inscho plays a mean lead guitar as Zack—who introduces his own composition, and Leanne Parks the same on bass as Katie.

Theo Mitchell-Penner has the right passion on keyboard as intense Leonard, while Cameron Trueblood is properly hard-driving on drums as Freddy. In "The Music Man," their counterparts simply make enough sounds to satisfy their own parents about Hill's credibility leading them as band leader.

By contrast, both shows are similar with regard to romance. Where Hill falls in love with River City's Marian the librarian in "The Music Man," Dewey and Rosalie share an unlikely but delightfully convincing romance in "School of Rock."

Another essential difference between "The Music Man" and "School of Rock" involves the young people being generally more supportive characters in the former and the students actually become more and more important in the latter as its title suggests. Character wise, "School of Rock" could do with more individually developed parents and faculty members with connected songs.

Even so, director Laurence Connor gives smartly balanced attention to Dewey and the students' respective challenges and blossoming as characters. Merritt David Janes (Gary Trainor at some performances) is properly expansive and likeable as Dewey. He fully convinces firing up the class—especially on the snappy number "Stick It to the Man."

Credit: Matthew Murphy

Lexie Dorsett Sharp moves smoothly from a restrained principal to a date comfortable with both Dewey and the music of Stevie Nicks. Her vibrant delivery of the beautiful solo "Where Did the Rock Go?" is a true highlight.

Camille de La Cruz—who finds ostensibly diffident Tomika's niche as the class' lead singer—movingly sings "Amazing Grace" in a rendition deservedly receiving extended applause. Layne Roate has the right early reserve and nerdy body language as Ned.

As the Horace Green students arrive at the Battle of the Bands, Dewey heartily reminds them, "We came here to rock." To borrow from the show's soulful score, the entire cast climb to the top of Mount Rock.

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Crime

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with unarmed breaking and entering into a building (nighttime) and arraigned in Boston Municipal Court on Tuesday, February 19, the investigation remains active, according to bpdnews.com.

At his arraignment, Mercado was held without bail until April 19, due to another charge against him. On April 19, Mercado will be eligible to post $1,000 cash bail. If he does post bail, he will have to wear a GPS device and be under curfew from 8:00 PM-7:00 AM.

Contacted for comment on the aftermath of the break-in, Table and Tulip owner Andrea Halliday said, "He didn't get anything. There was nothing here to take." Neighbors and customers have rallied around Halliday since the break-in.

"Everyone has been very supportive," Halliday said. Peter Moutafis of Andy's Cleaners told Fox 25 News that while he only lost three dollars in the older-model cash register, the real expense is fixing the windows, which have been broken twice before. Andres Branger, owner and manager of Orinoco, also said that although the theft loss was only $10 and a bottle of wine, the $1,000 cost of fixing the back door is "a headache."

Like Halliday, Branger has been buoyed by the kind words of his clientele. "Frequent customers and friends have been very supportive and demonstrative in their concern. A common thread was hearing of the drug problem as the root of all or most similar incidents in the neighborhood," Branger said.

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