



Independence Forever!

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John Adams thought that Independence Day would be celebrated “as the Day of Deliverance,” with “solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty” as well as “Pomp and Parade, with Shows, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.”

Adams wrote this to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776. He predicted that “The Second Day of July 1776 will be the most memorable Epochal, in the History of America.”

Adams was wrong about the date, but not about the way we celebrate Independence Day - parades and fire-

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Americans Deserve A Party And We Will Have One

As we prepare to celebrate our nation's birthday next week, we only have to look at the turmoil on our southern border to have confirmed what we all should know: America is the most desirable country on the planet as millions; -perhaps even billions - of people around the world would love to come here.

Of course, the United State could not possibly accommodate them all, nor should we try. We are a nation of

laws with borders and those who want to enter should only do so legally.

For those of us fortunate enough to call ourselves Americans, we have much to be proud of. There is virtually no place else on earth where citizens have as much freedom and the great liberties that we are blessed with. We owe this to the foresight of our Founding Fathers, who in their wisdom and grit, put in motion the successful effort to throw off

the backward shackles of Europe, which kept colonial America subservient to it. Credit, as well, to our military heroes throughout our history, who fought and sacrificed so much to protect and preserve that freedom and those liberties.

Next Wednesday is a holiday that every proud American should be a part of. Enjoy the parades, the fireworks, the concerts and all the other wonderful activities that make this time of year so

special. As our nation becomes awash in a sea of Red, White and Blue next week, we can proudly celebrate and

be thankful for all we have here. From all of us at South Boston Today - Happy '4th' and God Bless America!



"From every mountainside, Let Freedom Ring" – Samuel F. Smith – "America"

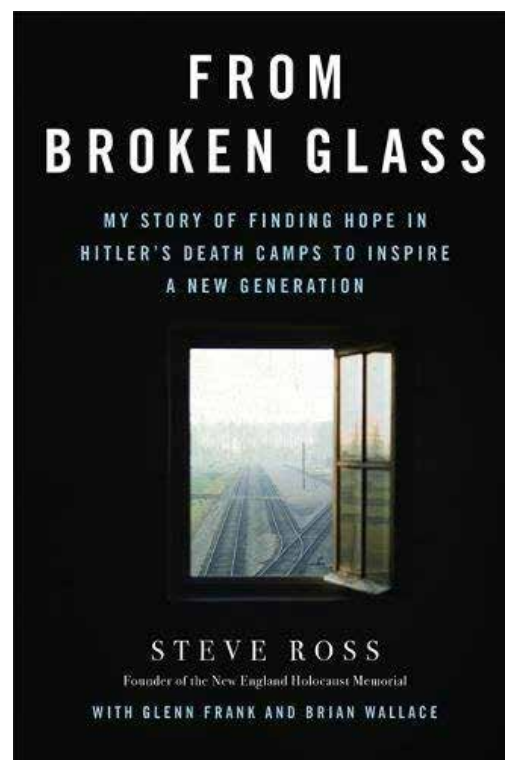
'FROM BROKEN GLASS' GOES INTERNATIONAL

He started out as a youth worker at Old Harbor and Columbia Point, after his horrific five-year experience in the Hitler death camps from the time he was 8 to 13 years of age. The story was told to Brian Wallace and Attorney Glen Frank, who turned the story into a best-selling book, which will be the subject of a segment on the Today Show in the near future.

'From Broken Glass' was the number one book on Amazon last week and was optioned by major publishers in Italy, Spain,

Czech Republic, which includes Russia, France and England so far. The book, last week, was subject of a major positive review by the Washington Post and Publishers Weekly.

"The only way I ever thought I would get on the Today Show was to sneak in," Brian Wallace kidded. "This book has been an incredible team effort by Glen Frank, Mike Ross, Alan Eisner and of course Steve Ross. It is available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble and all other bookstores, libraries and media outlets everywhere.




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As Independence Day Approaches, Let's Celebrate America's Birthday with Pride

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Wow! Did it come fast or what? It seems we were just in the deep freeze of winter and now we are preparing to celebrate the '4th'. The Independence Day holiday is by far one of the biggest and best times of the year to those of us who proudly consider ourselves 'flag wavers'.

When you filter out the vitriol, the whining, and the gnashing of teeth by our nation's detractors and malcontents - and the haters in Washington DC and in Hollywood - who have made it clear that they will be working for those coming here illegally now, and not for American citizens, our countrymen and women are proud to be Americans. And the Independence Day weekend gives us the chance to celebrate the fact that we live in the greatest and most unique nation the world has ever known. The weather usually cooperates and is warm and sunny and there are great outdoor activities happening all around us to make it even better.

In addition to the great summer temperatures, this holiday brings with it so much more. The red, white and blue of our flag flying everywhere you look, the concerts, the parades, the fireworks are exciting and heartwarming. The ceremonies being held to observe the sacrifices that those who came before us and into the present day made and are still making are patriotic to the core. It reminds us how truly fortunate we are to live here.

This is a time to enjoy the

cherished traditions that we as Americans have been observing for over 200 years and continue to enjoy so much. It's also a time to reinforce our commitment to never allow enemies, foreign or home grown, to accomplish their goal and take away those liberties and the freedom we should all cherish.

Our amazing Founding Fathers in their wisdom and with guidance from God had a vision of what a great and prosperous nation should look like. They worked long and hard to put together that incredible document - the Constitution of the United States - which has guided us through all the good times and bad and still does so today. They sacrificed much to get our nation to where it is today.

There are some who say, and even some who hope, that America's best days are in the past. But most of us disagree. American patriots are freedom loving and rugged individualists who are determined that as great as our country was and is, it will be greater still in the years to come because proud Americans won't have it any other way.

And yet, along with all the ceremony, pomp and circumstance that is still part of the tradition of Independence Day there are the other traditions that we can take part in and enjoy, if we so choose. Why not get out and indulge in everything else this holiday has to offer. Some will travel to a Cape Cod or a Rhode Island beach. Others might decide to take a trip to the Mountains of New Hampshire or

Maine. If you stay local, there are 3 miles of beautiful beaches in South Boston along with parks for baseball, softball and other sports. There are the concert and fireworks at the Esplanade as well and so much more.

Back yard gatherings with family, friends or neighbors will be happening everywhere or maybe you'd prefer to just stay at home and enjoy that much deserved day off from work. Whatever you choose to do and however you

decide to celebrate, it's America's birthday. We are Americans and we deserve a party and will surely have one.

Let no one ruin or disrupt the celebration of our magnificent heritage and independence. And doing so with Old Glory proudly waving in the summer breeze will make it that much better and help put you in the spirit even more. At least it will for us 'flag wavers'; so proud to be Americans and we make no apologies for it.

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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.

Local pundits debate civility in politics

Re civility, or lack thereof, in politics these days: The Globe's Renée Graham takes a fight-fire-with-fire approach towards Democratic civility in the age of Trump. The Globe's Michael Cohen takes the old he-started-it position. The Herald's Howie Carr, typically, prefers a take-no-prisoners approach, even when two Democrats effectively respond they don't like either the fight-fire-with-fire or he-started-it approaches towards civility in politics.

Partners switches 100,000 employees and relatives to its own insurance firm, leaving Blue Cross in the dust

Now this is market clout, as exhibited by a giant institution frequently criticized for unfairly flexing its market-clout muscles in Massachusetts: Partners HealthCare is switching all its employees and family members – 100,000 of them -- from Blue Cross Blue Shield to its very own Neighborhood Health Plan, reports Priyanka Dayal McCluskey.

Here's our questions: Will Partners now start allowing non-Partners employees who are currently signed up with Neighborhood Health to use Partners' vast network of hospitals and doctors? Current Neighborhood Health customers are frequently told they're excluded from the Partners network. And will their Neighborhood premium rates be the same as Partners' employees? Just wondering.

Baker on huge Methuen police payouts: 'There's simply no precedent for the numbers'

Count Gov. Charlie Baker among those who think paying police captains in Methuen nearly a half-million dollars each is a bit too much. Gintautas Dumcius at MassLive has the details. Btw: It turns out Kiera Blessing at the Eagle-Tribune was the first to report on the outrageous pay packages in Methuen, not a certain other publication.

Let's make a deal: Raise Up will drop minimum-wage referendum -- if Baker signs 'grand bargain'

From SHNS's Colin Young at the

Greenville Recorder: "The coalition of more than 100 labor, community and faith-based groups behind a proposed ballot question to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour has agreed to drop that question from the ballot – if Gov. Charlie Baker signs a compromise bill that would accomplish the same goal." The governor has signaled he might sign it. But you never know. We'll see.

Worcester-area public transit sees nation's steepest ridership drop

Talk about trending in the wrong direction. Ridership on the Worcester Regional Transit Authority system is down 13 percent so far this year, more than twice the next-largest drop among similar systems in the state and one of the steepest declines in the nation, Cyrus Moulton reports in the Telegram. Consultants told the authority's board the drop was likely due to a fare hike put in place last summer to cover a budget deficit, but Moulton notes that the number of missed bus trips

on the system is also up almost 25 percent year-over-year.

Political earthquake in NY: Bigwig Dem upset by BU grad, tremors felt in Mass.

From the NYT: "Representative Joseph Crowley of New York, once seen as a possible successor to Nancy Pelosi as Democratic leader of the House, suffered a shocking primary defeat on Tuesday, the most significant loss for a Democratic incumbent in more than a decade, and one that will reverberate across the party and the country. Mr. Crowley was defeated by a 28-year-old political newcomer, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a former organizer for Bernie Sanders's presidential campaign, who had declared it was time for generational, racial and ideological change."

The Globe's Alana Levene reports that Ocasio-Cortez was a "strong voice for social justice" while attending Boston University.

Obviously, local Democratic incumbents facing primary challenges must be a little nervous this morning, including, first and foremost, U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano, who's facing a tough primary fight against City Councilor Ayanna Pressley. But U.S. Richard Neal is also facing a primary challenge, via Tahirha Amatul-Wadud, as is U.S. Reps. Joseph Kennedy, et gang, etc.

Biele to Prioritize Roadway Safety and Traffic Congestion

Will advocate for increased safety and state funding

David Biele, a candidate for State Representative for the 4th Suffolk District, this week announced his public safety and traffic priorities, calling for investments in our roadways. As part of his campaign, Biele has spoken with residents about improving the efficiency and reliability of transportation, especially as the City of Boston continues to grow.

Biele stated, "Over the course of the campaign, I have spoken with residents and parents who are concerned with pedestrian safety along the streets of South Boston, especially Day Boulevard, Farragut Road, and L Street. There is a real

public safety risk from speeding motor vehicles and cut-through traffic for individuals and families. We have seen too far many accidents at these intersections involving individuals who only want to cross the street to use our beaches, parks, and fields."

Biele continued, "I've also spoken with residents who are concerned with the increasing amount of traffic on our streets, especially in areas like Kosciuszko Circle, A Street, Dorchester Avenue, Preble Street, L Street, and Old Colony Avenue, which negatively impact the quality of life in our neighborhoods."

He concluded, "The Commonwealth has authorized \$25 million to

implement transportation improvements. As your next State Representative, I will push our state agencies to spend that money on priorities in residential South Boston, like traffic signals and traffic calming measures on Day Boulevard and Farragut Road and improvements at bottlenecks like Kosciuszko Circle, before spending money on business priorities down the Waterfront. Money has been authorized for these safety and transportation measures, and we need to make sure it is spent in our neighborhood to address the roadway safety and traffic concerns on our streets."

Biele is a lifelong resident of South Boston where he has been deeply engaged with local community-based organizations. He serves as president of the Harry McDonough Sailing Center, board member of the South Boston Boys & Girls Club, and is actively involved with South Boston Special

Kids and Young Adults and TEAM Mentoring Program through Catholic Charities' Labouré Center. Biele was a longtime staffer to Nick Collins in his State Representative Office, working on policy, legislation, and constituent services. He is a graduate of Boston Latin School, Boston College, and Boston College Law School.



PARKING TICKET FINE INCREASES EFFECTIVE MONDAY, JULY 2, 2018

Overnight towing for street cleaning will end, daytime towing for street cleaning will continue

Fines will be increased effective Monday, July 2, 2018, for parking in violation of eleven City of Boston parking regulations. The fines to be increased reflect those violations that most negatively impact Boston residents, are most frequently violated, and are a source of traffic congestion and safety issues on Boston's streets. Also effective July 2nd, vehicles parked in violation of the City's posted overnight street cleaning program, where street cleaning begins at or after midnight and ends no later than 7 AM, will no longer be towed. However, vehicles parked illegally at these locations will be subject to an increased parking violation fine of \$90. Vehicles parked in violation of the daytime street cleaning program will continue to receive parking tickets with a fine of \$40 and will continue to be subject to towing by a private contractor which results in additional fees.

"Parking regulations are a crucial component of urban transportation systems and abiding by them helps considerably to keep streets safe, functioning and equitable," said Boston Transportation Department Commissioner Gina N. Fiandaca. "For instance, safety is improved when hydrants, wheelchair ramps and snow emergency lanes are not blocked; traffic congestion is eased when vehicles are not double-parked or left in no parking zones; and the parking needs of residents, businesses and visitors can best be balanced when drivers refrain from parking illegally in both resident parking and loading zones, as well as from monopolizing short-term parking availability at meters. Boston drivers are strongly encouraged to voluntarily comply with all posted parking regulations and help BTM to maintain the safety of our roadways."

The parking violation fines to be increased are as follows.

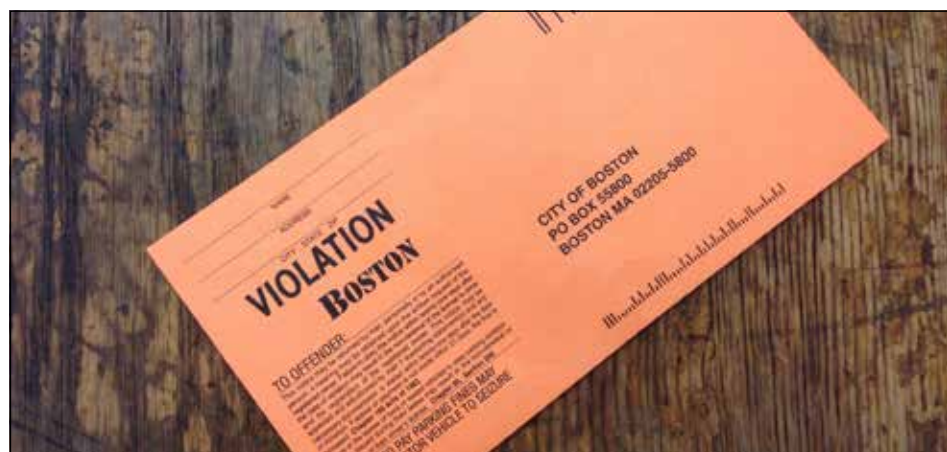
- **Resident Parking, from \$40 to \$60**
- **Overnight Street Cleaning (Ticket But No Tow), from \$40 to \$90**
- **Loading Zone, from \$55 to \$90**
- **No Parking Zone A, from \$55 to \$90**
- **No Parking Zone B, from \$25 to \$55**
- **Double Parking Zone A, from \$45 to \$55**
- **Double Parking Zone B, from \$30 to \$35**

- **No Stopping or Standing, from \$75 to \$90**
- **Meter Fee Unpaid, from \$25 to \$40**
- **Over Meter Time Limit, from \$25 to \$40**
- **Over Posted Time Limit, from \$25 to \$40**

In City of Boston fiscal year 2017, over 1.3 million parking tickets were issued in Boston. Yet, BTM continues to receive requests for parking enforcement. In the first ten months of fiscal year 2018, over 33,000 parking enforcement related requests were received through the City's 311 system.

Revenue generated from the increased parking fines will be invested in the continued implementation of transportation priorities established in Go Boston 2030, the City's long term transportation plan. An unprecedented public engagement process helped to identify 58 projects and policies prioritized in the plan. The projects and policies work toward a complete streets design to Boston's roadways that serves all users whether people choose to travel by foot, by car, by bike, or by MBTA and other forms of public transit. The revenue generated will also allow for the staffing of 20 positions within BTM. Specific Go Boston initiatives to be undertaken as a result of these funds are as follows.

- **Vision Zero safety enhancements** including constructing additional Neighborhood Slow Streets zones and protected bike lanes, and fixing the most challenging intersections.
- **Advancing Boston's strategic bike network** by building out high quality bike infrastructure.
- **Creating Boston's first Transit Team** to work with the MBTA to improve public transit. Among other responsibilities, the Transit Team will design exclusive bus lanes and implement traffic signal improvements to benefit mass transit.
- **Building a better pedestrian network** through the Walkable Streets program.
- **Filling missing bike and pedestrian connections** to parks and paths through the Green Links Program. Three are currently underway: the Roxbury-Fenway Connector linking the Southwest Corridor and the Emerald Necklace; the Roslindale Gateway Path; and a



multi-use path connecting Fenway and Yawkey Stations.

- **Advancing the use of adaptive traffic signal technology.** BTM is currently working with MassDOT to pilot this technology in the Seaport District.
- **Expanding the Performance Parking Program** to all City of Boston parking meters.
- **Developing policies and programs** focused on Transportation Network Companies, electric vehicles and autonomous vehicles.

- **Working with local transportation associations and developers** to manage privately funded street improvements to directly benefit the surrounding neighborhood
- **Dedicating additional revenue** toward the Parking Meter Fund to support neighborhood transportation projects.

For more information on Go Boston 2030 see: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/transportation/go-boston-2030#vision-and-action-plan>



Public Meeting

69 A Street

Tuesday, July 10

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

200 D Street

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Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE), Inc.

Project Description:

The Proponent proposes modifications and a reduction in scope of the previously approved project including: removal of the rear addition to the existing building, and a reduction in stories being added to the top of the existing building from three (3) to two (2). The new building would serve as the flagship corporate office for CIEE, Inc., a domestic non-profit organization in the field of international education and study abroad programming.

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Flynn Talks Pedestrian Safety with Neighbor



Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn met with residents regarding pedestrian safety at the corner of Farragut Road & East Broadway following a recent crash at the intersection. Invited by neighbors, Flynn took the opportunity to be accessible and responsive to their concerns about public

safety. Flynn relayed that pedestrian safety and making our roads safe for all is a top priority for him as the City Councilor. In particular, Flynn expressed concern for the elderly, the disabled and children.

"I think about my parents walking around South Boston with my nephew and how difficult it can be

for them to cross the street," said Flynn. "Like a lot of families, we come down here to Evans Field to see our son play baseball or to play street hockey in the Donny Higgins Tournament today." Flynn informed neighbors of ongoing talks with Boston Police and Commissioner Evans, the Dept. of Public Works and Commissioner Fiandaca at the Transportation Dept. regarding short-term and long-term steps to improve safety in South Boston. Flynn stated that Transportation would perform a study this week on Farragut Road to monitor the number of cars and speed. Vision Zero policies have also been discussed, like more Speed Boards in the community to provide motorist feedback.

Flynn captured the sentiment of the crowd in noting how fortunate it was to not have more serious injuries from the crash. "We're all thankful to see Katie Donovan with her family here. We wish you and your son the best in your recovery."

Topics of conversation shifted to cut-through traffic from Day

Blvd, slowing down traffic on Day Blvd, narrowing Farragut Road to slow down traffic, bumping out the sidewalk to improve the visibility of stop signs there, increased Pedestrian Crossing signs or blinking signs, STOP/PED XING written in the pavement on the road, the need for a comprehensive study, reducing the speed limit even further in certain areas in the community, greater enforcement for violations by cars and trucks, installing traffic cameras, speed bumps or rumble strips, as well as more discussion on the city's Vision Zero initiative.

Flynn said, "This is just a first step in what I hope will lead to improved safety for our residents and their families. Thank you to Mayor Walsh, Congressman Lynch, Councilor At-Large Flaherty and Senator Collins for their leadership on this issue. I will continue to work with my colleagues and relevant City of Boston departments on this endeavor. "For more information or constituent service issues, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 or Ed.Flynn@Boston.Gov."

James T. Brett Receives MAMH Lifetime Achievement Award

A lifelong advocate, James Brett, president and CEO of The New England Council, is known throughout the state, as well as national organizations, for his commitment to improving the quality of life for people with intellectual and physical disabilities. Brett, a former board president of the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, was recently honored by the organization as the recipient of the Michael and Kitty Dukakis Lifetime Achievement Award.

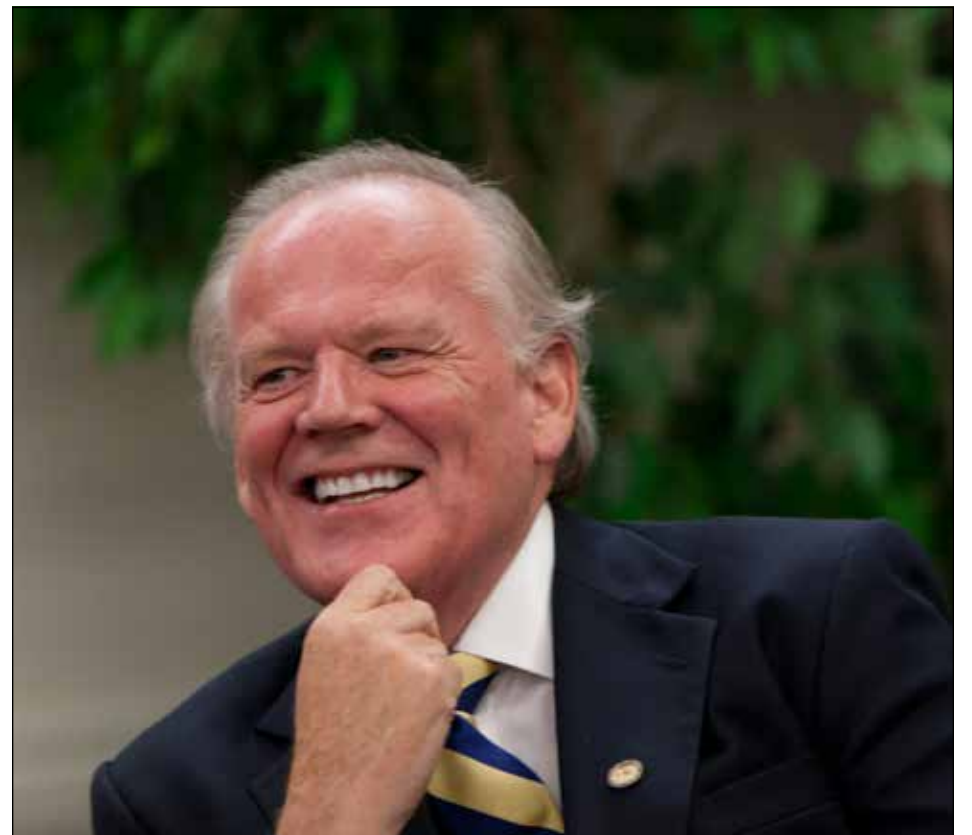
"I am so pleased to receive this special recognition," Brett said. "The Massachusetts Association for Mental Health has a long tradition of serving people with disabilities, and helping them access the social and economic programs and supports that enable so many people to achieve a high quality of life. I am proud to be recognized by the Asso-

ciation. Their mission and work is an inspiration for all of us working on these important issues."

At the New England Council, he launched a collaboration between business and higher education to advocate for access to employment for people with disabilities. At the University of Massachusetts-Boston, he raised funds to establish a permanent position to research and study the use of technology to help more people with disabilities enter the workforce.

Prior to joining the New England Council, Brett served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for more than 15 years. Throughout his career in the public and private sectors, and in his volunteer work, he has continued to be a tireless advocate for people with disabilities.

In 2016, Congress appointed Brett to the National Council on Disability. He is also chairman of



the Governor's Commission on Intellectual Disability and serves as the chairperson of the Massachusetts Disabled Persons Protection Commission. On a national level,

he has served in a volunteer capacity on the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities under both President Bush and President Obama.

Two From MA Selected to Serve On Old Ironsides

SBT Staff Report

Each year at this time and as Independence Day approaches, the thoughts of many South Boston locals turn to all the history that was made in this part of the country. One of the biggest and most famous pieces of our history is of course America's and in fact the world's oldest still commissioned war ship the 'USS Constitution'. The 220-year-old ship, named by George Washington himself, and affectionately nick named 'Old Ironsides' because of the famous battles it fought in against great odds and prevailed, has always been a favorite of South Bostonians when, for years, we get the thrill of seeing it make its annual turn around in the harbor with ship's cannons blazing.

This year, two Massachusetts na-

tives have received the honor of being part of the handpicked US Navy crew and they could not be more proud. Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeffrey Hammerman, an electrician's mate originally from the town of Winthrop and Commander John Bender, who is second in command of the ship will be part of the 77-person navy crew. Said Hammerman "I'm honored to have been selected to serve on America's oldest warship that is so rich in history and successfully held off the British Navy during the War of 1812. I have always had the instinct to do something different". Cmdr Bender stated that for him "it's a once in a lifetime opportunity".

Hammerman and Bender along with every naval personnel member on board go through rigorous training and studies in the field of American Naval History in the age of sail. This

enables them to be experts in the area of educating the public about the topic as the ship receives hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

Old Ironsides is a featured destination for tourists when visiting the Boston Freedom Trail. The ship and its highly professional crew offer community outreach and education and tours on a regularly scheduled basis to all who have a desire to learn about this part of America's rich history.

As of this July 4th, The United States of America will be 242 years old and still standing as proud and as strong as ever and so too is Old Ironsides. If you are one of the few South Bostonians who still have not taken the tour of the USS Constitution it is highly recommended you do. It will be like a walk back in time to a different era that helped shape this nation. It will be an experience



you'll not soon; if ever forget and something that can be enjoyed by the entire family. For information on tours and schedules you can call 617-242-2543 or log onto constitution.events@navy.mil

(Note: Some of the information for this article was sent in by the US Navy office of Community Outreach. South Boston Today thanks the US Navy for reaching out to this newspaper and we sincerely thank them for their service to our country.)

LINDA DORAN NAMED UNSUNG HEROINE BY MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (MCSW)

Nominated by Senator Nick Collins



Linda Doran of South Boston was honored as a member of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women's 2018 class of Unsung Heroines. State Senator Nick Collins recommended Doran for this recognition because of her dedication to youth in the South Boston community. Doran was honored with 130 other Unsung Heroines for her outstanding contributions to the South Boston Youth Ambassadors in a ceremony on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 in the Great Hall at the State House in Boston.

"I am excited the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women selected Linda Doran as a 2018 Unsung Heroine," said Senator Nick Collins. Her work with the South Boston Youth Ambassadors is critical to the lives of our young people and impacts the entire South Boston neighborhood," concluded Senator Collins.

Linda Doran was born in South Boston where she continues to live and raise her family. She is an active member of the commu-

nity who has made many outstanding contributions to South Boston, particularly on the lives of young people. In 2005, she started the South Boston Youth Ambassadors program. The Youth Ambassadors is a non-profit program run by the South Boston Community Health Center that consists of youth from ages from 12-18. This program partners with adults from the neighborhood to demonstrate that young people care and can be active members in the community. Doran organizes and engages

youth in art projects, community service and hurricane relief trips, neighborhood clean-ups and more. Her hard work and dedication has impacted many young lives in South Boston, making her a terrific choice for the 2018 Unsung Heroine Recognition.

The Unsung Heroines are women who don't make the news, but make the difference. They are the women who use their time, talent and enthusiasm to enrich the lives of others and make a difference in their neighborhoods, cities and towns.



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works, sporting events, games, “Guns, Bells, Bonfires”, as well as solemn acts of devotion. Adams saw the importance of the date and the many ways Americans would celebrate.

In the early 1990s, I met with a group of students from the Czech Republic, who arrived for a tour of the United States on July 3. They were worried when they learned that they would arrive the day before our great patriotic holiday. Growing up under a Communist regime, they learned to dread the forced patriotic devotion and crashing boredom of their country’s anniversary days. Our Fourth of July astonished them. There were appropriate markers of the day’s historical importance, and reminders of the sacrifices made to sustain independence. But these were not the grim parades of military might. What struck them most was that people they saw were

having a good time.

Independence is something to celebrate. It is what allows us still to enjoy July 4, and the other days of the year. Adams knew this, when he wrote to Abigail on July 3, 1776. He knew that achieving independence would not be easy. “I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. —yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, even although we should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not.”

It would be a sacrifice his generation would make for those to come.

Why July 2? We know that July 4 is the great anniversary day. On July 2, Congress had voted to declare Independence; on July 4, Congress

adopted the formal Declaration of Independence. For Adams, the fact was more important than the statement. On the afternoon of July 4, after Congress adopted the Declaration, which explained why it had declared the United States to be independent, it voted to have the Declaration printed and circulated throughout the American states. John Dunlap, a Philadelphia printer, received the draft—not the familiar parchment copy which reposes in the National Archives, but a simple draft of Congress’s Declaration. He set the text in type, and at the top, in bold letters, three lines stand out: “IN CONGRESS. July 4, 1776” “DECLARATION,” and “UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.”

This document, Dunlap’s printed version, gives us an anniversary date—July 4—and a name for the new country: The United States of America. It was meant to be read aloud, and publicly proclaimed throughout the land. On July 9, it reached New York, where Washington had it read to his army at the tip of Manhattan Island; his troops hearing the bold declaration could see in the distance British and German soldiers disembarking on Staten Island, the largest military force the British, up to that point, had ever sent abroad, coming to suppress their rebellion. After hearing Independence proclaimed, the soldiers and New York citizens tore down a statue of George III, melting it down to make bullets.

The Declaration reached Boston on Thursday, July 18. Thomas Crafts read it from the Old State House balcony. As he concluded, the crowd cheered, “God Save our American States,” gave three cheers, church bells rang, guns fired, “and every face appeared joyful,” Abigail Adams reported. Then the crowd took the royal coat of arms down from every public building and burned them in the middle of King Street. “Thus, ends royal Authority in this State,” Abigail wrote, “and all the people shall say Amen.”

Amen—but what was next? After forcing the British out of Boston, and declaring Independence, the Americans had a tough year. The British took New York easily, and would hold it for the next seven years. By the end of the following summer the British would also occupy Philadelphia. The

British would not return to the Boston area, which had been heavily fortified during the siege. “I think of nothing but fortifying Boston Harbor,” John wrote to Abigail in March, just a few weeks after the British had evacuated Boston. “I want more Cannon than are to be had,” and he wanted the harbor islands fortified.

The British destroyed the fort on Castle Island on their way out of Boston. Congress rejected Massachusetts’ request for aid in rebuilding the Castle William, but Abigail reported that six hundred men met every morning to rebuild it. The war shifted out of Boston. But Massachusetts still sent men to the war—in fact, a third of the men who served in the Continental Army came from Massachusetts.

Fortifying Castle Island seemed less pressing until 1798, when France went to war against the United States. France was at war with England in the 1790s, and wanted the United States—recipients of French aid during the Revolution—to join in. The United States proclaimed neutrality, and France began to capture American merchant ships.

President Adams sent diplomats to France, who were told bluntly that before any negotiations could begin, the Americans would have to bribe a series of French bureaucrats. President Adams vowed that he would never send another diplomat to France, unless the French would receive him as the emissary of an independent people. In 1776, John Adams had thought of nothing but fortifying the harbor islands against the British; now, as President, he thought of nothing but fortifying the entire coast. Castle William, which had languished since the men of Boston rebuilt it twenty years earlier, now was fortified again against a new enemy. President Adams gave the fortification a new name, Fort Independence.

That same year, the USS CONSTITUTION had its first fight, against the French in the West Indies. Built in the North End in the 1790s, the CONSTITUTION is the oldest commissioned warship still afloat in the world. At noon on July 4, if you venture out to Castle Island, you will see the ship fire a salute to the flag on Fort Independence, and gunners on Castle Island will return the salute to American in-

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT		Docket No. SU15P1957PM	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
In the matter of: Dolores Donovan Of: South Boston, MA		Protected Person/Disabled Person/Respondent	
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the 2nd Account account(s) of Anita Palmaccio of Lancaster, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.		Suffolk Probate and Family Court. 24 New Chardon Street Boston MA, 02114	
<p>You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/05/2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).</p> <p>Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.</p> <p>You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.</p>			
<p>IMPORTANT NOTICE</p> <p>The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs, or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.</p>			
<p>WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.</p> <p>Date: June 04, 2018</p> <p>Register of Probate</p>			
<p>ORDER OF NOTICE</p> <p>It is ORDERED that a copy of this citation be:</p> <p>Served in hand to Dolores Donovan by a disinterested person at least Fourteen (14) days prior to the return date; and</p> <p>Served on the Department of Developmental Services and/or the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs, if interested, and served on all other interested persons entitled to notice pursuant to G.L. c. 190B, §§1-401, at least Fourteen (14) days prior to the return date by delivering in hand or by mailing by certified, registered, or first-class mail as described in G.L. c. 190B, §1-401; or by publishing a copy of the citation once in South Boston Online South Boston, MA publication to be at least Seven (7) days prior to the return date, if necessary. See Rule 6 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court</p> <p>See Standing Order 03-09 on Sufficiency of Proof of Notice</p>			
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Suffolk Superior Civil Court

Congratulations Graduates!

South Boston Catholic Academy concluded their school year with a closing Mass on June 14, 2018, in which the first graders did a terrific job as greeters, readers and bringing the gifts up to the altar. Our Pastor, Father Robert Casey was the celebrant and our Parochial Vicar, Father Tom Olson, was a concelebrant and our SBCCA Children's Choir provided the won-

derful music.

We also had a celebration for Grade 6. We enjoy recognizing the accomplishments of our sixth graders who each have impressive school placements for the seventh grade. Many students will be flooding the halls of BLS, BLA, BC High, CM, Ursuline, Archbishop Williams and more. We wish all the Sixth Graders the very best!

The school closed, on Friday, June 15, 2018, with an Award Ceremony in the gym where students who embodied the school's mission of "Faith, Family and Academic Excellence" were recognized.

Thank you to all of the donors and families who made our Awards Ceremony possible. We also acknowledged and congratulated all our K2 students who will be Grade 1 students in September! We are so proud of our students and all of their accomplishments.

We wish all of our students, families, faculty and staff a joyful summer and look forward to seeing our favorite faces back here in the fall, as well as, welcoming new students and families to our growing school family.

South Boston Catholic Academy (www.SBCatholicAcademy.org) is currently enrolling for 2018-2019 School Year. Please call the school to set up a tour at 617-268-2326 or email Mrs. Jamie Brown, Assistant Principal, at j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org.



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dependence and the men and women who have made it possible.

John Adams had been invited to attend the celebrations in Washington on July 4, 1826. (But at the age of ninety was too feeble to leave his home in Quincy). He had also declined an invitation to speak at the

local celebration in Quincy. The Quincy organizers asked if Adams would like them to read a statement at their commemoration. Knowing this might be his last public words, Adams wanted them to count. He and his generation had achieved independence; the next generations would have to defend it. He gave

his statement:

"Independence Forever!"

They waited. Would he like to add more?

"Not a word."

Adams could hear the celebrations on July 4, 1826—the "Pomp and Parade, with Shows, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells" he had predicted fifty

years earlier. We can still hear them, and see the fireworks and illuminations. We also know what has made this celebration possible, from one end of the continent to the other.

Robert J. Allison is President of the South Boston Historical Society and Chair of the History Department at Suffolk University.

St. Peter Academy Spring Show Gets Rave Reviews!

Last Wednesday, after weeks of rehearsal, the students at St. Peter Academy put on a spectacular show at the Lawn on D for families and the community. The youngest students performed some of their favorites, including the toddler hit, “Baby Shark”. The other toddler rooms brought down the house with performances of “Heigh Ho” and “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” Older

students performed choreographed dances to a number of Disney hits including “Never Had a Friend Like Me”, “Under the Sea”, and “Hakuna Matata”. The sixth graders were a hit with their self-choreographed number! Following with show, David Biele, an alumnus of St. Peter School, presented the sixth-grade students and offered words of wisdom, as they head off the Boston Latin Academy,

Catholic Memorial, and the British School of Boston. The day ended with a lovely meal provided by the Lawn on D and lots of good times with friends and family. What a fantastic way to celebrate St. Peter Academy’s fourteenth year serving the South Boston community! St. Peter Academy in an independent, community-based private school and serves students from

ages 15 months through grade 6. SPA is currently accepting applications for the limited spaces available in the year-round toddler program (beginning at age 15 months) and for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and grades 1-5. Appointments for individual tours can be made by contacting the Main Office at 617-268-0750 or by emailing SPA@StPeterAcademy.com. Join us!



Blue Barbecue At Powers Apartments A Big Success

PHOTO CREDIT: Jake Manning

Last week, the second in a series of 3 ‘Blue Barbecues’ were held, this time at the Monsignor Powers apartments on L Street. The police from BPD Area C-6 put on what was clearly a feast, as great food cooked on open grills pleased the

taste buds of at least 70 local seniors. This event was initiated by the BPD’s Community Service Department from C-6 under the direction of Sgt. Steve McNeill and Captain Joseph Boyle. The goal of the Blue Barbecues is to help the local police and the neighborhood’s seniors get to know each

other better in a simple and fun venue and of course together consume some terrific food. There was music playing throughout the event and everyone was enjoying each other’s company. Good stories and helpful and innovative ideas were shared between police and civilians. The seniors were reassured

that their concerns and well-being are top priorities to law enforcement, as police carryout their duties throughout South Boston and the rest of the city. It was a great time and it was a fun day and the good relationship, mutual respect and the bonds between residents and police became even stronger.



4th Annual Donny Higgins Memorial Tournament

A Great Event Honored the Memory of a Great Man

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

The tradition lives on. That tradition is, of course, the event known as the Annual Donny Higgins Memorial Street Hockey Tournament. Last weekend, the 4th Annual went off with the usual precision and high intensity enthusiasm predicted. This is an event that honors the memory of the late Donny Higgins in a manner that he would be happy with and honored by, because it always brings together huge crowds of people to enjoy a festive, wholesome and exciting weekend with the major emphasis on people having fun – lots of fun.

As you know, Donny Higgins was a young man who was taken from this life at far too early an age. This good guy dedicated his heart and soul to helping other people. He followed in the foot-

steps of his Dad, Bill Higgins Sr. and his Mom, Rachael Cappuccio Higgins, who have always been and still are so active in providing good opportunities to neighborhood youth.

Donny was the ultimate family man, who was always happy but especially happy when doing for family, friends, neighbors and even strangers. Quick with a smile and friendly disposition, he had legions of good friends who considered him part of THEIR family. These friends were so close to him and were at such a loss at his passing that they decided to do all they could to keep his memory alive. They formed the group called The Friends of Donny Higgins and created a Memorial Fund in his name that continues to this day to do good deeds by helping a wide variety of youth organizations. Last weekend's hockey tournament was an event to give back to the neighborhood that Donny loved so

much. To quote one young participant – "It was a Blast!"

More than just hockey, it was also a festival with music, games, arts and crafts, face painting, plenty to eat and drink for everyone and all of it free of charge to the hundreds who turned out to be part of the experience. More than 160 kids, ages 6-16, years old, including both boys and girls, put their incredible athletic talent on display to the thrill of the spectators. And each player got to wear and keep their game shirts paid for by the generosity of Perry DiNatale. The competition was fierce, but everyone was having a good time.

As the hours passed it was clear that things could not be going any better. It was perfect in every way. South Boston Today had the opportunity to speak with members of the Higgins Family. Bill Higgins Sr. and his wife Rachael, who were on site throughout and

could not be more pleased. They credited the success of the event to the hard work of the members of the Friends of Donny Higgins Committee including people like Joe Burke, Cathy Carter, Paul Kostas and others, all of whom are the backbone of the effort to make it go so well.

The committee members and the other volunteers give so much of themselves unselfishly for this good cause and, of course, the generous sponsors of the event that go over and above to help make this a truly 'top shelf' festival. Bill went on to make mention of all the many youth organizations that the Friends of Donny Higgins Memorial Fund helps. It's a large and impressive list. And it's fitting that the rink was named after Donny, as it was one of his goals to get it built.

We spoke also with Bill Higgins Jr., Donny's older brother, who

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was overwhelmed with gratitude with the way that everything was going and for the support for his brother's memory that remains so strong even after all these years. He mentioned how the Boston Bruins organization, which always takes a big interest in this annual tournament, sent down representatives from the team, as well as a huge pallet filled with brand new, top of the line street hockey equipment for the kids to keep. They even sent along 'Blades', the

Bruin's mascot who was having a great time hanging out with all the kids and mingling with the crowd.

Bill Higgins Jr. also mentioned that this year's 4th Annual 'Winter Gala', The Donny Higgins Memorial Fund's only fundraiser will be on February 23rd and tickets have already gone on sale for this biggest and best social event of the year. It will once again be at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel. To purchase tickets early, log onto www.donnyhiggins.com. The money

raised at this spectacular gala go to helping fund all those many youth organizations.

Sunday afternoon, when the tournament came to an end, it was clear that everyone, participants and spectators alike had a great time. There was a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment and a feeling that once again something good and meaningful had just taken place in South Boston. A true hero of the neighborhood had been honored in the most positive of ways.

Nearly every neighborhood around the country is fortunate to have their own heroes. People like Donny and the Higgins family, who have as their goal to make life better for their friends and neighbors and strive to make their community a good place to live, are a blessing. South Boston has long been a place that perhaps has more such people than most. Donny Higgins definitely has earned a special place in Heaven. Even after all these years, he is greatly missed and always will be.

Clerk Michael J. Donovan Support Still Strong

A dedicated public official with a smooth running, customer friendly court clerk's office, Michael Joseph Donovan, Esq. enjoyed the company of

over 100 friends and supporters of his stellar career. When people, like his dear friends Mayor Marty Walsh and Councilor Ed Flynn, introduce him

as the longest serving elected official in the Commonwealth, Clerk Donovan follows up by saying, "longest serving and active" with emphasis on the "active". And,

judging by the size and quality of the crowd in attendance at his recent fundraising reception at local restaurant Publico in support of his re-election as the Clerk of the Superior Court for Civil Business in
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This week, ,
Danny shared his
thoughts on some
of the top stories
in the sports world:

The Boston Bruins are in a good spot. If you've been watching them, you don't need me to tell you that. But off the ice, there are other indications that the organization is currently a winning one.

That's because the B's have been on the list of the two of the biggest free agents in the league this off-season. First, it was Ilya Kovalchuk, who ended up signing a three-year deal with the Los Angeles Kings at \$6.25 million per year. Before he signed though, Kovalchuk showed interest in Vegas, San Jose, and Boston. But missing out on the 35-year-old Kovalchuk as he returns to the NHL after playing the last few seasons in the KHL isn't the type of loss that will affect the direction of the franchise. Kovalchuk hasn't played in the NHL since the 2012-13 season with the New Jersey Devils. Sure, he was tearing it up in Russia, but the NHL is obviously a different game.

The other good news is that the Bruins have also drawn the attention of free agent John Tavares, who's spent all nine seasons of his NHL career thus far with the New York Islanders. The Islanders are still a possibility for Tavares, but it's good to know that he also wants to talk to the Bruins, as well as

several other teams. If you lined them up against a wall and had to pick one over the other, you'd take Tavares over Kovalchuk. That's more of a praise for Tavares than it is a knock on Kovalchuk. And as I write this, Tavares has still not made his decision.

Even if the B's miss out on Tavares, at least they know that they're now a potential destination for big-name players who want to win. That's exactly what the message would be if Tavares actually chose to sign with the Bruins. He'd be letting the hockey world know that the B's are one of the favorites to hoist the Stanley Cup next season and seasons beyond. Because one advantage that the Islanders have over the Bruins is that they can offer Tavares an eight-year deal, while every other team in the league can only offer him a seven-year contract.

At 27 years old — he turns 28 in September — nobody can blame Tavares for looking at all his options before committing to the Islanders for eight more seasons. But at the same time, given what we already know about the Bruins' current roster, if Tavares chooses seven years in Boston, nobody will blame him either.

—It's funny when the same people

who tell us to enjoy the Tavares-to-Boston rumors then tell us that Kawhi Leonard in a Celtics uniform is a pipe dream. I've been on the record the last few weeks saying that, if I'm Danny Ainge, I'm at least kicking the tires on finding a way to trade for Leonard. When Leonard's name came up towards the end of the season, I initially was out on him, but that was mainly because people were saying that the Celtics would have to trade Jayson Tatum to San Antonio in order to make it happen. And I'll go on the record once again to tell you that I'm out on any trade that includes Tatum. Not happening. He's untouchable. Tatum isn't going anywhere. And in order to land Leonard, he might not have to.

Reports say that the Spurs are not going to trade Leonard to a Western Conference team, which makes sense in a way. But it also takes some leverage away from the Spurs. And the Spurs had already lost leverage when Leonard let the whole world know that he didn't want to play in San Antonio anymore.

The one thing that the Spurs have going for them is that, in the NBA, you need to match salaries to make a trade. Leonard has one year left

on his deal that's worth \$20 million, with a \$21 million player option for the following year. So San Antonio needs to get something for him. If you're the Celtics, it all comes down to Kyrie Irving. What is Irving saying behind the scenes? Does he really not want to have any conversation at all about re-signing in Boston next summer? Is Irving showing any signs that he actually wants to be a Celtic for the rest of his career?

Ainge traded for Irving. Irving didn't necessarily choose the Celtics. So the idea that Irving could opt out and leave Boston next summer to go to a destination of his choice isn't all that crazy. And if Ainge thinks that's a strong possibility, shouldn't he be trying to move Irving now? The top priority should be keeping Irving long-term. But if he has other plans, then it needs to be addressed that he and Leonard have the same exact contract, and that a one-for-one swap would work.

Just something to keep in mind.

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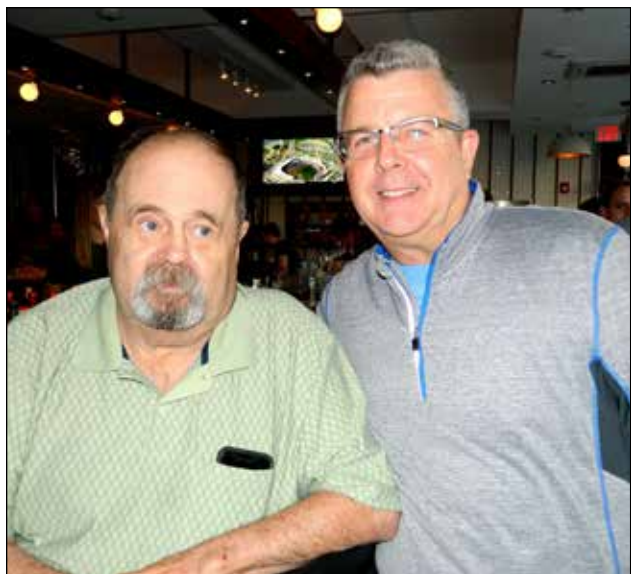
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Suffolk County, his tenure is sure to be extended another six years. Donovan was joined by Walsh and many elected officials.

Donovan's office has raised the standards in all aspects of his role as the face of justice for ordinary citizens who need their rights protected. When he is not tending to

his duties, Donovan is known not only for his community involvement in sports and neighborhood activities, but he is a staunch supporter of the traditions that make

his neighborhood and others in Boston the best in urban America.

The word "active" is apropos as the adjective that best describes both his work and volunteer schedules.