



South Boston's WWII Memorial Defaced

And What's Being Done About it?

News always spreads fast in South Boston, but the news about our World War II Memorial being vandalized spread across the neighborhood and beyond

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EDITORIAL

Was The WWII Memorial Targeted For What It Represents?

If you ask most locals why they think our World War II Memorial was defaced earlier this week, they would tell you they suspect it was targeted for what it stands for. This newspaper has been inundated with calls, letters, emails and social media posts saying they are not convinced it was just rowdy visitors in town for the holiday that had too much to drink. The belief by the overwhelming majority of those who contacted us say they are pretty

sure it was deliberately targeted, because it was a symbol of what gives most of us pride in country and community.

We only have to look at what's been taking place around the country by out of control thugs, who feel that if they see a symbol that they personally dislike and disagree with, all they have to do is demand those symbols be removed and they can get their way. And if they don't get their way, they are also convinced they

are entitled and have the right to destroy them. The fact that these disgruntled thugs HAVE been getting their way and getting away with it these last couple of years, because people in positions of authority are too cowardly to stand up to them and in some cases agree with the thugs, only encourages more of it.

Someone doesn't like a statue of a historical military figure or one standing in a church courtyard or the name of a street, a plaque on

a building, or our FLAG, it must come down. This is the mentality running wild by a vocal and dangerous few in this nation and is actually enabled by those who should know better.

Our war memorials are sacred to South Bostonians, current and former, as well as to every American who loves this country. The names engraved on them are those of 'True American Heroes'. The time to tolerate those, whose values are so twisted that they would vandalize



this or any other symbol of American pride, as well as those who by their silence and cowardice enable and encourage these actions, must come to an end now.

"The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day He created Spring" - Bern Williams

A Twist Of Fate

Always a strong voice and a steady hand in the community, John Mullen USMC, wore the designation, 'veteran', as a badge of honor, symbolized by his Thomas Fitzgerald Post service cap. An active participant is all things related to veterans over the years, from the annual Memorial Day March to Mass and Exercises, the Vietnam Memorial and Services to the launching, along with fellow veteran and activist the late Brian Mahoney, of the Veteran's Express, Mullen, 89, passed away this week.

The ironic twist of fate is noted here, in that his death

coincides with the disgraceful vandalism of the World War II Memorial located at the entrance to the Pleasure Bay walkway. News stations and media outlets around the country have descended on the South Boston neighborhood to gauge reaction and witness the collective efforts to deal with this egregious act. It is a memorial that Mr. Mullen passionately helped to bring to fruition.

The groundbreaking happened in 2002 with the City of Boston's Edward Ingersoll Browne Trust Fund providing a \$150,000 grant that was soon matched by a fundraising committee organized by



Mr. Mullen and members and friends of the Fitzgerald Post 561 VFW. Designed by architect Robert Shure, who has been on site assisting in the clean-up efforts, the memorial lists, in alphabetical order,

each veteran's name and the branch of service.

The symbolism of the timing of this desecration and Mr. Mullen's death is poignant in its actuality. Family and friends have expressed their relief that

he had passed before the vandalism was reported and believe that divine intervention played a role in sparing him from the anguish that would he would feel that the assault on democracy had arrived at his doorstep.

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The Parade, The Breakfast And The Pride In Our War Memorials

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Well, South Boston survived another St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day and for the most part, it turned out well. Kudos to State Senator Nick Collins for a job well done at the breakfast. He kept it classy and respectful, while still being a good time. It was nice to see that, with the exception of Senator Edward Markey, who can't seem to control his pettiness, the event did not turn into a nasty anti-Trump hate fest, as could have been the case had it been run by someone less capable. That's not to say that there were no good jabs being thrown around; directed at deserving politicians and about current issues, that is after all part of the fun of the breakfast. But it was done with good humor and in good taste. Personally, I feel that the fact that Elizabeth Warren was a no show made it even better.

And then it was off to the parade. The crowds were massive in many parts of the neighborhood. In some locations, people were standing ten or more deep. Yes, there were hordes of wandering celebrants, often having had a bit too much to drink. But, Police kept things well under control and had to make far fewer arrests than in some past years.

The South Boston Allied War Veterans put together a great parade and should be commended for the hard work they put in, as always, to bring in an outstanding and huge lineup of participants. The kids in the crowd loved the fire trucks and the military units, and though the colonial minute-men marchers' musket fire startled them, the roars of approval were

raucous and appreciated.

As we all are now aware, the day after the festivities brought some bad news. Our World War II Memorial on Day Blvd. had been vandalized and badly damaged. Few people believe that it was the work of visiting drunken celebrants and virtually no one believes it was the work of locals. No, most believe it was the calculated work of anti-American/anti-military leftist punks, who wanted to send a loud and clear message of protest. People of that ilk are well aware of what war memorials honoring our veterans who gave their lives for this country mean to the residents of patriotic communities like South Boston. They oppose everything our nation stands for and take every opportunity to tear our cherished monuments and symbols down. Do I have proof of this? Not yet. I'm expressing my opinion on this and what seems to be the opinion of many, both within and outside of this neighborhood, who are furious at what happened also have said they believe. It was also reported that similar type vandalism occurred on war memorials at Mount Hope Cemetery in Mattapan.,

It's hoped that if those who defaced the monument are caught by police, they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law – no slaps on the wrists, no leniency from the court. And of course, we all know that there are many who wish that they had been caught in the act by neighborhood people and had received a heavy taste of street justice for their crimes. So many creative methods of that style of justice have been suggest-

ed and most cannot be printed in a family newspaper. The anger and desire to cause harm to people, who would do what they did is highly illegal, yet understandable.

In the aftermath of this incident, neighborhood people along with so many supporters from outside the community from far and wide have come together to do their part to restore the memorial and make it as it should be - a beautiful and proud symbol that honors true American heroes who gave

all so that the rest of us can live in freedom.

Like South Boston's other war memorials and war memorials all across this nation, our World War II Memorial stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made by the men and women in uniform, who from the time our country began, right through the present day, tower in stature and greatness far and above the cowards, who sneak around in the darkness of night to deface and disrespect their memory.

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REP. BIELE MAKES HOUSING TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY

Co-sponsored legislation to provide relief from high costs of housing

With over 5,000 bills filed in the Massachusetts legislature this session, Representative David Biele has cosponsored and supported several pieces of legislation to address the high costs of housing in Boston and to protect senior residents.

- An Act regarding state income tax credit for renting unsubsidized properties at below market rents. This legislation would provide property owners with a tax credit for renting units at below market rents;
- An Act relative to low income housing eligibility for disabled veterans. This bill would exempt veterans' disability payments from being counted toward eligibility for housing;
- An Act relative to the just cause eviction of elderly lessees. This bill would prohibit landlords from evicting elderly residents over the age of

75 without just cause; and

- An Act providing tax relief for rent burdened individuals and families. This bill would allow residents who make less than 100% of the average median income to make tax deductions on rent payments, up to \$4,100.

"Increasing housing costs are one the biggest quality of life issues facing residents in Boston, if not the biggest, and it is important to look at ways to provide relief for residents" said Rep. Biele. "I am proud to support these bills which incentivize property owners to charge below market rents for private units by providing tax credits, provide financial relief to working families and veterans when it comes to housing costs, and protect elderly residents from being evicted from their homes without just cause."

These bills have been referred to



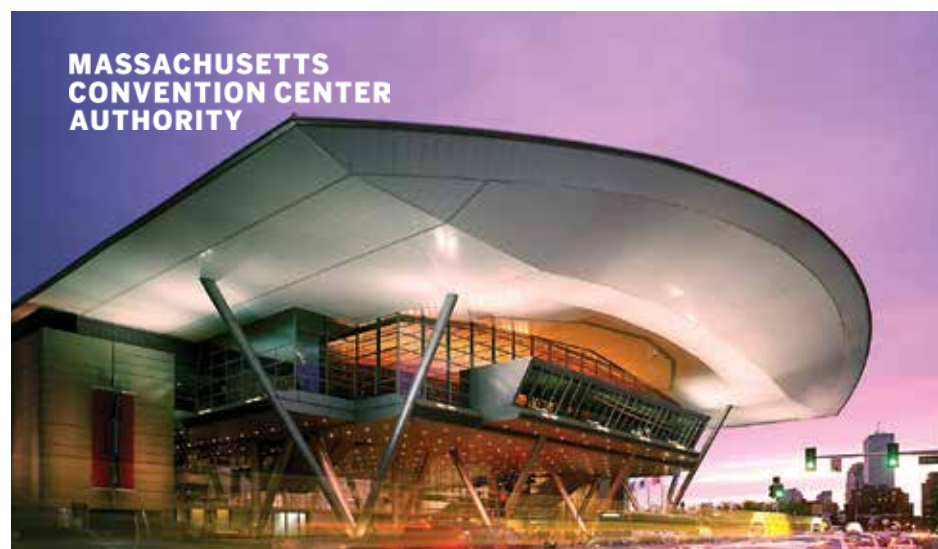
the Joint Committee on Housing and Joint Committee on Judiciary for consideration and will have public hearings this session.



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In the matter of: Van T Pham Of: South Boston, MA		RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person	
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by: Ha T Pham of South Boston, MA, in the above captioned matter alleging that Van T Pham is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Ha T Pham of South Boston, MA, (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.		Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston MA, 02114	
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.			
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 04, 2019 Register of Probate			
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Senator Nick Collins Delivers

The reviews continue to come in that this year's St. Patrick's Day Breakfast was a successful debut by the new host, Senator Nick Collins.

In a prelude to the live event, the gathering was warmed up by emcee, Clerk Mike Donovan. He introduced the several speakers, who addressed the attendees with important messages. They included by Chief Marshal John Beatty, emphasizing respect for the traditions, Police Commissioner Will Gross, in his Irish brogue, emphasizing public safety and community (he also claims to be 2% Irish). Entertainment was provided by Bob Fowkes and Curragh's Fancy and by Celtic Classics, fiddlers Alanna and Julia Tryder, accompanied by Liam Hart on keyboard.

In a show of harmony, Senator Collins was introduced by his former colleague and predecessor host, former Senator Linda Dorcea Forry. Collins arrived to the tune of "If you're Irish come into the parlor there's a welcome there

for you". Grace and the invocation were delivered by Bishop William Dickerson II of the Greater Love Tabernacle in Dorchester and Reverend Father Joe White, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. The national anthem of Ireland was sung by Cambridge Police Deputy Superintendent Pauline Wells and the United States national anthem was sung by parade chairman and Veteran, Brian Bishop.

The location of the event at the Raymond L. Flynn Cruiseport received rave reviews and those in attendance said it was the most comfortable they have ever felt at this event. Not surprisingly, the Mayor and former Ambassador himself along with his wife Cathy were beaming. The theme of history and the influence of immigrants over generations was underscored by the multicultural and multi-ethnic attendees from across the 1st Suffolk Senate District, as well as political leaders from around the Commonwealth, who joined their colleagues in government to enjoy the St. Patrick's and Evacuation Day festivities. A tribute to Irish immigrants was on display courtesy of John McColgan, the City of Boston Archivist and his staff.

With a raucous crowd already pumped up, Collins, admittedly not a comic, chose to regale the crowd with his rendition of Hamilton's



signature song, "You'll Be Back" directed at Governor Charlie Baker's presumed British roots. Although the Governor reminded folks that his mother, the late Elizabeth Ghormley, was solid Irish. .

Congressman Stephen Lynch, City Councilors Michael Flaherty, Ed Flynn and Frank Baker, as well as Rep. David Biele combined for entertaining song and political barbs. Also on the dais were Senate President Karen Spilka, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, and Senator Edward Markey, Congresswoman Ayanna

Pressley and City Council president Andrea Campbell. A host of colleagues from the Senate, House of Representatives and City Hall were also on hand.

One of two highlights was a personal video message from former Vice President Joe Biden recalling Collins support of his short-lived presidential run in 2007. He also warmly greeted Mayor Marty Walsh, Congressman Steven Lynch and others and wishing he was there. The other was the powerful tenor voice

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John McColgan, Boston's Archivist, Recognized For Moving Irish Immigrant Exhibit

Last Sunday, John McColgan and the Boston City Archives Team unveiled an enduring exhibit on Irish Immigrants in the City of Boston at the Annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast. A collection of historical photographs, documents, and statistics, the exhibit is entitled "The Irish and Boston: An Immigrant Saga."

Featuring 14 panels ranging from the waves

of immigrant arrivals, to the Great Hunger, to the Irish rise to power in Boston, the collection mesmerized viewers and set the stage for the St. Patrick's Day celebration. It also recognized the parallels among immigrants from all countries that came and continue to come to Boston, "contributing significantly to Boston's business growth,

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Irish Minister Richard Bruton recently spoke to the New England Council at an event in Boston. In the photo: Bill Hart from Rosscarbery, Cork County; Irish Ambassador to the U.S. Daniel Mulhall; Irish Minister Richard Bruton; Jim Brett, New England Council; and John Beatty, 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade Chief Marshal



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with the speed of light. It was first met with disbelief. Who would do such a thing was the question most asked? Then the anger and sadness set in, as residents made the trek to the beach to see for themselves what every Southie social media site had reported. People took photos and video and shared them with friends and family who then shared them as well. Nearly every major news media outlet in the city picked up on it and they, too, descended on the area to cover the story. The other big question is – WHY?

This past Monday morning residents woke to find the beautiful memorial covered in dark oil. The perpetrators got all the sections and even the benches and plaques surrounding it. It was deliberate, it was no accident. Residents who discovered it immediately called police and our local elected officials also quickly arrived on site. Residents, among them Rob Ryan, Bob Ferrara, Ned Morrissey and others, rushed down, as soon as they got the word, and all joined in and tried to remove the oil, but it was not to be; at least not yet.

It was a thick and greasy substance and it had already seeped into the granite and it was resisting every attempt to clean it with common household and even the industrial cleaner that people were using. Later in the day, equipment such as pressure washers and other machinery was brought in for the job, but still, little progress was being made because the oily substance was so deeply absorbed and resistant. Yet no one on site was willing to give up on the effort. They continued to work for hours in the cleaning attempt.

State Representative David Biele, on the seen for hours, worked in cooperation with State Senator Nick Collins contacting DCR and other state officials to get cleanup crews there as soon as possible.

This was clearly a priority to everyone. Congressman Stephen Lynch and City Councilors Ed Flynn, a US Navy veteran himself and City Councilor Mike Flaherty were working as well to bring in resources. The Massachusetts State Police were combing the area looking for any hint or clue that might lead to the identity of who was responsible.

The next day, Tuesday, the effort continued. At 9am, there was a meeting at the location where again, cleanup crews, volunteers, elected officials, the original architect and designer Robert Shurer, state, city and private agencies and throngs of on-lookers were set to get back to work. Even the news media returned to report on the progress. It was clear to all by now that it would take professionals with specific equipment to join in if the efforts were to be successful and they too were there.

But then another group arrived that warmed the hearts of everyone on the scene. The K-1 students from the Perry Elementary school and their teachers showed up, carrying and waving American Flags and together with all the adults who were there, recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The students then had a history lesson at the site and were told by their teachers how the people named on the memorial gave their lives to keep our country free. It was impressive and wonderful to watch.

The WW II memorial has been here for nearly 20 years. And though from time to time there has been minor damage caused to it, sometimes by severe weather conditions, other times by careless litterbugs, nothing could compare with what had happened to it last weekend. Getting the monument built took a lot of time, effort, money and a lot of love. A committee was formed by local residents. The efforts included fundraising, bringing in the best landscapers and taking bids from the most reputable designers and builders of such memorials and of course, the

finest materials were used in the process to make sure it would and will stand the test of time.

As Tuesday progressed, calls by people from far and wide offering to help in any way they could were coming in. People from as far away as New Hampshire, Maine and even 2 people from Texas called to offer their expertise and support. This story has clearly touched a nerve, as well as people's hearts and souls.

Everyone wanted to lend a hand. Francisco Urena, Secretary of Veteran's Services was there as was Tom Butler from Massport, Tom Lyons, who has always been active and in command of veteran's issues, John 'Bubba' Maddox from the MBTA with news that the 'T' would be providing special coating for the monument's surface once it had been restored which would protect it from future vandalism. The 'T' might also consider covering all of South Boston's monuments with the same substance Maddox stated. One observer/volunteer stated that this is becoming almost like a joint effort with near military precision, which would be fitting. Former Mayor Ray Flynn was there helping as was Anthony Gilardi. There seemed to be no end to the folks turning out to help rectify the terrible wrong that had been done.

It was noted by many that the very weekend the monument was defaced, John Mullen, who served in the United States Marine Corps in WW II, part of that 'Greatest Generation', had passed away. John Mullen was very instrumental in getting the memorial built and helped oversee the entire process from start to finish. John, with the enormous help of then DCR commissioner David Balfour who pulled out all the stops on behalf of Southie's veterans, paved the way with permits and assisted with the planning. It's believed that John Mullen probably

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didn't know of what had happened before he passed. It would have greatly saddened him if he did.

Among the ideas being floated to head off any future attempts to vandalize this and our other war memorials are surveillance cameras and increased lighting. Though it's hoped that an attack like this will never again take place, it's always best to be prepared. Most people don't believe that this was a random act of vandalism, nor do some officials.

It's thought to have been a targeted attack directed specifically, because of what the memorial stands for. The consensus all around the community seemed to be that those responsible must be dealt with and dealt with severely. If anyone has any information that might lead to the identities of the vandals who did this, they are asked to call the State Police at 617-740-7710.

This effort will be ongoing and it's a cooperative effort to be sure by those so hurt and angered

by what happened. And as so often happens, no matter how bad an occurrence is, something positive can be found. In response to the outpouring of help and support that this incident brought out, State Representative David Biele put it perfectly when he stated the following "Whenever the darkness strikes, the light always rises up to meet it." The spirit of South Bostonians has once again confirmed those sentiments as so many good folks have come together for a common cause.

The Wine Guy

Are We There Yet?

Even though still wearing winter coats and scarves would suggest otherwise, yesterday was the first day of Spring. As the weather gets warmer, the wine you choose usually gets lighter and colder. When the warm hits, (hopefully soon), you'll want to have one or more of these handy.

2018 A to Z wineworks Chardonnay, Oregon, (\$15.99). This Chardonnay radiates with a beauti-

ful shine in the glass and notes of lemongrass, key lime, honey, pear and white peach. Deeper aromas of grapefruit, honeydew, pineapple and graham crackers come through and the broad palate is fresh with vibrant acidity exhibiting all the characteristics of a true cool climate wine with aromatics and flavors in perfect harmony. Modest in alcohol, the 2018 A to Z Chardonnay is a standout food-friendly wine, finishing in a round and generous manner. Shellfish, seafood and Tuscan wings on the grill all come to mind.

2017 Penfolds Koonunga Hills Chardonnay, Southwest Australia, (\$15.99), reflects Penfolds' multi-region, multi-vineyard blending policy, which enables winemakers to source the best parcels of fruit to produce consistently high-quality wines from each vintage. A light to medium bodied Chardonnay with distinctive primary fruit characters, sustained intensity and a subtle underlay of moderate oak. This wine has been produced since 1991

and though it's a relatively large production wine, it typically drinks longer than most; the producer says it will gain in quality through 2021. Might be a good addition to your Easter table.

Château de Tracy 2017 Pouilly-Fumé, Loire Valley, France, (\$21.99), is a consistent winner and justifiably so. The vineyard of the fortress of Château de Tracy has been owned by the d'Assay family for 600 years; in French terms, they've settled in and probably will stay around. They've produced a rich, well-balanced wine with a strong herbal element as well as apple, citrus and spice. Still a young wine bursting with fruit, it will be better when it softens. Cheese and seafood dishes are naturals with this one.

2017 Decoy Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc, California, (\$19.99). Duckhorn Vineyards has been crafting Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc since 1982 and while the 2017 vintage was very strong



for Sonoma County in general. Decoy's white wines are real standouts. This bright and aromatic wine offers enticing layers of lemon and lime zest, as well as lovely notes of honeydew and nectarine. On the palate, refreshing acidity mingles with a subtle undercurrent of sweet fruit that carries through to a refreshing, vibrant finish. It's lightness and balance make it a great choice for a wide range of foods, especially lamb and ham.

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Wallace's 'Final Confession' Gets TV Debut Sunday in Chicago



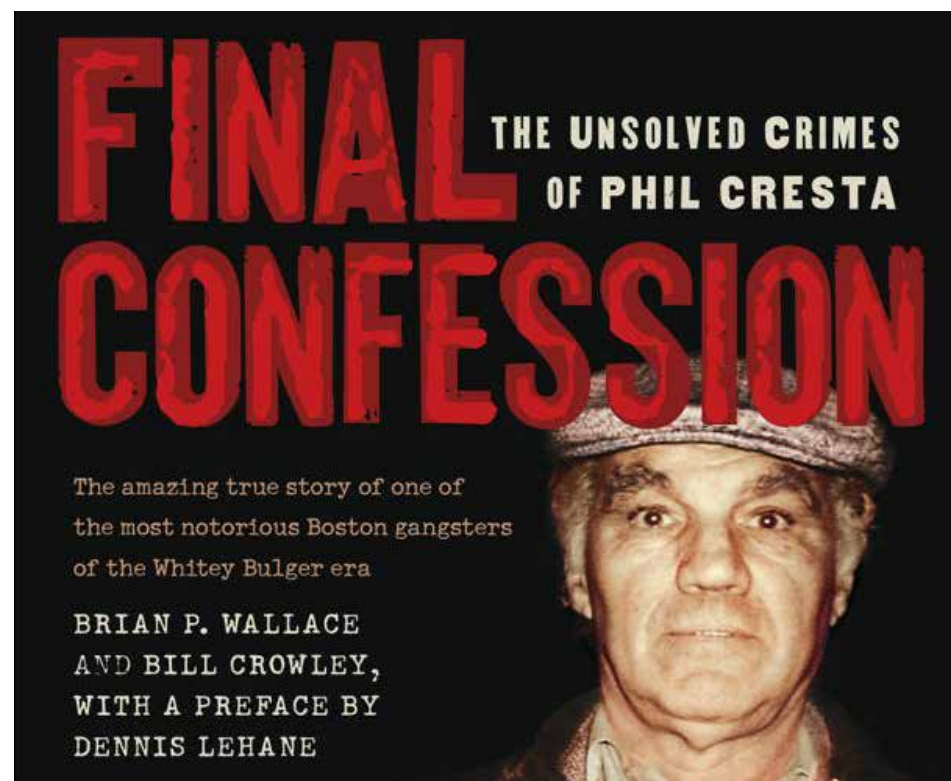
It might have taken 20 years, but Brian Wallace never gave up on his first book "Final Confession", which Howie Carr, yes that Howie Carr, called the most underrated crime novel in Boston's history comparing it to "The Friends of Eddie Coyle. "I never gave up on it, because everyone who read it said it should be a Television series or a movie and although it was a hard and winding road it now looks like it will be both."

Final Confession came out in 2000

and within a week was optioned by George Tillman, who had just made a very successful movie called "Men of Honor" with Robert DeNiro, Cuba Gooding Jr. Charlize Theron, and Hal Holbrook. He brought his production crew and screenwriter to Boston for four days and was committed to film Final Confession in Boston. Then he asked Wallace 'who ran the Film Bureau in Mass.' Wallace then made a call to then Senator Steve Lynch and was told that Governor Swift cut the Film Bureau out of the budget. Tillman, who had DeNiro attached, told Wallace that they couldn't make the movie without a Film Bureau. He went back to Hollywood and became rich making the three Barbershop movies.

Next came Ellen Pompeo of Grey's Anatomy. She optioned "Final Confession" but her production company couldn't decide whether to make it a TV show or a movie, so they did neither. Now it will be both.

Along came Larry Potash from WGN-TV, who read Final Confession years ago and loved it. He has a show on WGN called Backstory and he did a




mini documentary on the book, which will air this Sunday night on his station. It will be streamed at that time. He also contacted his agents at United Talent Agency and next thing you know they called Brian's agent in Boston and they signed a collaborative deal to make the Final Confession movie.

UTA is a big player in Hollywood with a lineup of stars they represent, including Angelina Jolie, Harrison

Ford, Gwyneth Paltrow, Bryan Cranston, Channing Tatum, Chris Pratt, Anthony Hopkins, Paul Giamatti, Edward Norton, James Franco, Will Ferrell, Mark Ruffalo and Patrick Dempsey to name a few. So, after 20 years it looks like Brian Wallace's dreams will come true. So, don't quit, don't ever quit on your dreams. This son of South Boston, Brian Wallace, thanks you for all the support.

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31 Dorchester St UNIT 31 Condo	\$1,060,000	1/2/19	5	2	1,581
346 Congress St UNIT 509 Condo	\$1,020,000	1/4/19	5	2	1,039
844 East Fourth St UNIT 4 Condo	\$950,000	1/3/19	6	2	1,313
862 East Second St UNIT 7 Condo	\$920,000	1/14/19	4	2	1,198
1 Leonard Place UNIT 3 Condo	\$850,000	1/4/19	5	2	1,163
279 West Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$839,000	1/2/19	5	2	1,094
21 Wormwood St UNIT 423 Condo	\$640,000	1/15/19	2	1	775
84 H St UNIT 2 Condo	\$575,000	1/4/19	4	1	815
86 O St UNIT 2 Condo	\$510,000	1/9/19	4	1	674
137 Dorchester St UNIT 3C Condo	\$425,000	1/15/19	3	1	620
523 East Second St UNIT 5 Condo	\$405,000	1/4/19	3	1	442
351 Dorchester St UNIT 1	\$349,000	1/11/19	4	1	586

Public Meeting

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Public Meeting to discuss the Notice of Project Change for the Innovation Square at Northern Avenue project, which was received by the BPDA on March 15th, 2019.

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South Boston Parade 2019

SBT Staff Report

For more than 2 hours at any given point along the route, the 2019 St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day Parade thrilled the hundreds of thousands of spectators of every age. The sounds of bag-

pipes and drums filled the air, along with the pungent smell of gunpowder fired from the muskets of the proud Colonial Minutemen.

The fire trucks, the horses, the magnificent military contingents and colorful and talented high school bands that came from close by and

from far away kept the excitement going nonstop. The tempo was definitely upbeat, and the people loved it. American and Irish flags were flying everywhere, and the smiling faces of the kids added something special to the day. South Boston was a sea of green and red white and blue.

The South Boston Allied War Veterans Council did a fantastic job

as they always do, putting together a procession that all could be proud of. Lead by this year's Chief Marshal John Beatty, it was one for the record books. It took a lot of work, by a lot of dedicated people to organize and run what is considered to be the second biggest St. Patrick's Day parade in the world but it was all worth it. Congratulations for a job well done.



Evacuation Day Honored and Celebrated At The Dorchester Heights

As impressive as the presence of political leaders, South Boston High School's ROTC color guard, Minuteman re-enactors and the straight-backed soldier playing taps, nothing compares to the image of weathered veterans and bright-eyed grammar school students standing with South Bostonians honoring history.

As the Minutemen fired three shots

into the air at Dorchester Heights, the tribute began on the 243th anniversary of Evacuation Day. The holiday, officially observed in Suffolk County, commemorates the withdrawal of British forces from Boston on March 17, 1776, in the early stages of the Revolutionary War. American troops had brought cannons from Fort Ticonderoga in New York to fortify Dorchester Heights, eventually caus-

ing the British to retreat.

South Boston Citizens Association President Thomas McGrath opened the ceremonies by thanking all of the volunteers who helped make the near month-long efforts by the community to keep the spirit of this holiday alive. Chief Marshall John Beatty led the pledge of allegiance and a tip of the cap was given to Kelly Mahoney and Brian Mahoney

Jr. in recognition of the role that the late Brian Mahoney had played during this and other events during what he called his "high holiday".

One attendee remarked that, "Nothing compares to being here on the Heights yourself. To see these views of the city and of Boston Harbor makes you realize what an incredible feat it was for the colonists who fortified this hill."





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Gatey's CYO State Champions

By Kevin Devlin and Sean Monahan

On Saturday, March 16, at Malden Catholic High School, the Gate of Heaven CYO boys' 16 and under travel basketball team, defeated Saint Mary of Franklin, 46-34, to capture the 2019 CYO state championship.

It was a long road to the title game but the Gatey players stayed

focused throughout the championship, playoff run. In their first state, playoff game, Gatey battled back from a sixteen-point halftime deficit to defeat Natick Catholic, 59-48. In the second game, Gatey knocked off the number one seed, Saint Joseph of Needham (15-0), by rallying from seventeen points down with 7:30 left on the game clock, to win the game, 63-55.

In the championship finale, the Malden Catholic gym was packed with Gatey fans which inspired the local team. Tied at the half, Gatey's defensive press in the second half helped them realize

victory. Kevin Cully netted twelve points including two three-pointers. Braeden Kennedy had eleven points including one three-point and Chris Fitzgerald had seven points (one trey). Paddy Craddock and Mike Brook had five points apiece, while James Arlauskas contributed four points.

Gate of Heaven CYO Athletic Director, Kevin Lally, was proud of this squad and happy for the continued success of the hoop program. "These kids never gave up," Lally said. "They played with heart, hustle, and determination throughout the entire tournament and came home with

the championship trophy. For the championship game, the gym was packed with over 250 Gatey fans which also helped our kids to continue digging away for the win. It was great to see so many Gatey fans there cheering on the players.

"This is the fifth year in a row that Gate of Heaven has won at least one state title," Lally added. "Our teams have now won thirteen state championship titles in the last nine years. That's certainly impressive...and says a lot about the players and coaches who have a winning attitude predicated on hard work and dedication to the game."



Winning the CYO state championship is the Gate of Heaven CYO basketball team, coached by Matthew Hogan and Billy Watson. The players are; Kevin Cully, Jack McGinn, Ryan Hogan, Paddy Craddock, James Arlauskas, Chris Fitzgerald, Braeden Kennedy, Michael Brooks, and Jack Matthews. Also pictured is Kevin Lally, Gate of Heaven's CYO Athletic Director, Sean Monahan, Gatey's instructional and midget basketball league commissioner, as well as indefatigable Gavin Foundation representative, Ron "Cheech" Maciejewski.

Collins Breakfast continued from page 5 of Paul Byrum, of Celtic Thunder fame, who delivered a soul-soothing "Danny Boy" and a heart-pounding, "Ireland" to cap off the event.

The announcers and broadcasters of NECN and others who were interviewed on television expressed how impressed they were with how

smoothly the event went, and the performance by Senator Collins on his first time under this kind of pressure. One senior citizen remarked that, "It was one of the classiest breakfast events in memory".

Congratulation Senator Nick Collins. You did your friends, family, neighborhood and district proud.

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employment, and tax revenue, as well as its rich cultural diversity".

"I was at a loss for words at the scope and presentation of the exhibit curated by John and his team," said Senator Collins. "Their exhibit helped set the stage for the St Patrick's Day Breakfast, but it also highlighted that

immigrants are not our enemies, they are our neighbors, our friends, they are us. I can't thank the Archives enough for this impactful collection, and I hope everyone in the City has an opportunity to see it."

The exhibit will soon be displayed in Boston City Hall, where it will be open to visitors and the public.

St. Peter Academy Gets Its Green On

By Lisa Gilbert, Principal of St. Peter Academy

The saying goes that everybody is Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Even with a maiden name like Nucci, clearly not an Irish surname, I have to say it's

true. Last Friday, two days before St. Patrick's Day, St. Peter Academy celebrated all things Irish, by wearing green in solidarity with Ireland and its heritage. Normally, our students wear a school uniform.

But on this day, they were able to wear free dress. We call these free dress days, Tag Days, and the "price of admission" is a \$2.00 donation to a charitable cause.

This month's donation will be going

to an organization called Irish Hearts for Orphans, sponsored by Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos, a charitable organization that provides homes for orphans and abandoned children in Latin America (<https://www.nph.org/>). We had fun wearing our green and knowing that our donations are going to a worthwhile cause. In the popular song, When Irish Eyes are Smiling, it says, "For your smile is a part of the love in your heart, and it makes even sunshine more brightly." The students and teachers at St. Peter Academy hope we can make the lives of orphans a little brighter with our smiles and our actions.

St. Peter Academy is 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 1-6. Join us!

Appointments for individual tours can be made by contacting the Main Office at 617-268-0750 or by emailing SPA@StPeterAcademy.com.



Annual Taste of South Boston

The South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (South Boston NDC) will hold its 17th Annual Taste of South Boston on Sunday April 7, 2019, from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Seaport Hotel in the Plaza Ballroom. This event has become one of the city's premier food events. For an entrance fee of only \$55 in advance (\$65 at the door), attendees can sample unlimited culinary specialties from South Boston's top restaurants, taste a great selection of wines from Al's

Liquors and samples of the latest brews from Harpoon Brewery. Attendees will enjoy live jazz music while bidding on outstanding silent auction items and partaking in exciting raffles.

This year's event boasts an outstanding selection of restaurants from the traditional South Boston neighborhood, the South Boston Waterfront and the Fort Point areas. Joining us this year will be Backyard Betty's, Gather, JP Licks, Temazcal Tequila Cantina, and Menton.

Returning again this year are perennial favorites including: American Provisions, Café Porto Bello, Capo, Cranberry Café, Fat Baby, Legal Harborside, Loco Taqueria & Oyster Bar, Local 149, Lola 42,

Lucky's Lounge, No Name Restaurant, Publico Street Bistro & Garden, Roza Lyons, Sweet Tooth Boston, TAMO Bistro & Bar, The Broadway, The Playwright, Tony C's Seaport, The Smoke Shop BBQ and Worden Hall.

The Taste of South Boston is the annual fundraiser for the South Boston NDC, a non-profit developer of affordable housing in the community. This year, South Boston NDC will complete 16 units of workforce housing at 206 West Broadway. Additionally, construction has begun at O'Connor Way for 46 apartments for low income seniors.

Proceeds from this evening's event will support the South Boston NDC's mission to provide affordable housing for working people, families, elderly, and veterans in the community. South Boston NDC also manages the South Boston Farmers

Market, Southie Trees, and several high profile community events, including the South Boston Street Festival, the South Boston Christmas Stroll, and the South Boston Spring Stroll. Support of this event will help SBNDP to continue to provide affordable housing and economic opportunities in the neighborhood.

Tickets can be purchased online at: www.tasteofsouthboston.com or at the office of South Boston NDC located at 273 D Street, South Boston. For general inquiries, email SBNDP at: info@tasteofsouthboston.com.



Mr. Iceman Roofing Club Hoop Champions

Defeat Quietman Club to capture men's hoop league title

By Kevin Devlin

On Tuesday evening, March 12, at the Tynan Community Center gymnasium, the Mr. Iceman Roofing Club defeated the Quietman Golf Tournament Club, 64-56, to win the South Boston Basketball Association men's winter

league championship. South Boston Today's co-MVP's were sharpshooter, Chris Feeney, who knocked down six three-pointers, and Jared Blandino, who was six for six from the free throw line, netting 22 points.

During the first five minutes of the game, the Iceman Club went on impressive 17-2 run to take an ostensible commanding lead. Then the Quietman Club responded with a 22-6 run to take their first lead of the game, 24-23. The Quietman Club trailed 25-24 at the break. In the second half, the Iceman Club came out running and gunning again, going on a 16-4 run to take a 41-28 lead. But there was plenty of fight left in the Quietman Club, and with 1:26 left on the game clock, they trailed by only four, 60-56. However,

the Iceman Club was determined not to let this one slip through the cracks, after having two commanding leads, and held off their foe, during the final minute of the game, to go home winners.

For the Quietman Club, John Costello had a stellar game, scoring 24 points, including six three-pointers. Miscal Vilsant had 14 points, Marty Ridge had 8 points and John Hines finished with 6 points. To round out the scoring for the 2019 champions, David Blandino had 10 points, James Blandino had 6, and Gill Ward contributed 5 points towards the victory. It was an exciting championship tilt for the local men's league, which is overseen by the indefatigable Eddie "Wilt" Curran, commissioner of the league. "It was another tremendous season

at the Tynan ending with a great, final game," said Curran. "The games were hard-fought and the talent level which is high was on display throughout the entire season.

"I would like to thank the Tynan Community Center staff for the use of the gym," Curran added. "Tynan Program Supervisor Kathy Davis and her staff are the best in my book.

"I also want to thank the sponsors," he concluded. "Without their support, this league, which is dedicated to the memory of the late John "Injun" Horan, wouldn't exist today. These winter-season sponsors were the Quietman Golf Committee, Ed Killeen's S.B. Team, the Luxury Box Barber Shop, Mr. Iceman Roofing Company, and the Robert Sullivan Insurance Agency.

Commissioner Curran is looking for men's hoop teams to play in the summer league on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The games are played at the Michael Pano basketball courts located within "M" Street Park. Games begin in May and those interested can contact Ed Curran at eddiecurran@outlook.com

This summer also marks the 30th anniversary of the league so Commissioner Curran wants to make it a memorable one and hopes more local businesses will help out monetarily to realize this.



South Boston Basketball Association men's winter league champions, the Mr. Iceman Roofing Club. The players are: Pat Pickup, Gill Ward, James Blandino, Jared Blandino, David Blandino, Shane Losi, Chris Feeney, and Charlie Connors.



South Boston Basketball Association men's winter league finalists, the Quietman Golf Tournament Club. The players are: Ed "Wilt" Curran, Joey Chapin, John Hynes, Scott Lewis, John Costello, Marty Ridge, Mike Lee, and Miscal Vilsant (not pictured: Jeff Powers).



Certified (IAABO) basketball officials, Victor Baldassari (left) and David Shaw, did a tremendous job officiating the championship game.

South Boston Catholic Academy News

On Wednesday, March 6, 2019 the students at South Boston Catholic Academy celebrated a special Ash Wednesday Mass, when we started our Lenten Journey as we focus on Jesus' life on earth, prepare for the coming of Easter and reflect on what Jesus did for us all. Father Daniel Hennessey, Vocations Director for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, was the celebrant at this Mass and the members of the South Boston Catholic Academy Girls and Boys Sixth Grade Basketball teams did a wonderful job participating at this Mass, as well as, our South Boston Catholic Academy Children's Choir. Father Tom Olson, Parochial Vicar, visited the Early Childhood students to discuss Lent and give out ashes. We have been discussing the season of Lent with all our students. We want to say a special congratulations

to the South Boston Catholic Academy Girls and Boys Sixth Grade Basketball team and to their coach, Mrs. Patricia Coleman, on another great year of basketball!

This past week the students at South Boston Catholic Academy had chance to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and learn all about St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland and the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Boston. St. Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to the people of Ireland and teaching us all about how much God loves us all. We hope everyone had a wonderful St. Patrick's Day!

On Friday, March 15, everyone had a chance to wear green in honor of St. Patrick. Some of the students made very imaginative and unique traps in hopes of capturing a leprechaun. Legend has it that if they are captured by a human, they often

grant three wishes in exchange for their freedom.

We are now accepting applications online for the 2019-2020 School Year. To learn more about what makes South Boston Catholic Academy so special join us for a tour on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9am. For more information, please email Mrs. Jamie Brown, Assistant Principal at j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org or visit our school website <http://www.sbcatholicacademy.org/> or phone 617-268-2326.





This week, Danny pondered what the future holds for Conor McGregor:

Is the Conor McGregor love-fest over yet?

Don't get me wrong, McGregor is as polarizing an individual as they come. There's no denying that. But sometimes the obsession with him is a little much. Mainly because he can sometimes be too much. And his act can get old, quick.

Cue the losers who will read that and say, "Oh yeah, Danny? I bet you wouldn't say that to his face!"

No [expletive].

What I would say to his face, though, is that he should take my advice and leave UFC for good and go straight to the WWE. That's right, I said it. McGregor should go to the WWE.

As I watched McGregor parade around Boston during St. Patrick's Day weekend, I couldn't help but wonder, "Would he be dropping the puck at the Bruins game, or would he be causing chaos at Sunday's parade had he beaten Khabib Nurmagomedov in his last UFC fight in October?"

Probably not. Why? Because his trip to Boston wasn't about promoting his next fight. It was about one thing and one thing only: promoting his "Proper Twelve" Irish whiskey brand.

I'm sure he loves St. Patrick's Day. And what better place to celebrate St. Patrick's Day than right here in Boston? But it's not like this is the first St. Patrick's Day. McGregor saw a perfect opportunity to promote his whiskey brand — a brand that has a lot less to do with fighting than the last call at Murphy's Law on a Saturday night might lead you to believe.

McGregor is an entertainer. He always has been. And he continued to prove that last weekend before he was told to take a hard left on L Street and leave the parade because of the chaos he was creating on Broadway.

Again, he was promoting his whiskey brand. He used his fame to once again stir the pot of gold he's been carrying around for quite some time now. And it became more evident than ever before that the fight game is no longer his only priority.

There's a reason for that. McGregor — as over the top and obnoxious as I find him to be most of the time — is a very smart guy. He's not just polarizing. He's polarizing in a calculated manner. He knows when he can get a rise out of the

masses. He understands when he's moving the needle. And he takes that momentum and makes the most of it, arguably better than anyone in the history of sports and entertainment has ever done.

It's all led to an extremely successful brand. The McGregor brand, not the whiskey brand. I have no idea what the sales have been for "Proper Twelve."

The McGregor brand is still strong. But it's not as strong as it once was. How do I know that? Because had he not tapped out to Khabib, he wouldn't have been running around Boston all weekend promoting his whiskey brand. He probably would've been preparing to defend his lightweight championship against either Khabib in a rematch or against current No. 1 contender Tony Ferguson.

McGregor is not doing that, because he lost. In fact, if you take into account his loss to Floyd Mayweather in the boxing ring, McGregor has lost his last two fights, and has lost three of his last five.

It's safe to say that McGregor's next fight is a must-win, if he wants to keep his mystique alive, and keep his fight brand strong.

There's really only one place he can control that though. And it's in the WWE.

If you laugh at the thought of McGregor in professional wrestling, then you haven't been paying attention. At next month's WrestleMania 35 at a sold out MetLife Stadium, the co-main events involve two of the biggest names in UFC history: Ronda Rousey and Brock Lesnar.

Both Rousey and Lesnar hold the WWE's top championships. And Rousey might even close out WrestleMania in just her second year in the company, which is probably the top accomplishment in the business.

So it's not like the WWE is where UFC stars go to die. It's actually the complete opposite. It's where they go to strengthen their brand to prevent it from dying.

This past weekend, while McGregor paraded around Boston as a walking alcohol advertisement, one thing was clear.

He should give Vince McMahon a call as soon as possible.

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SPORTS TODAY

REPORT: BETTS REJECTED \$200 MILLION EXTENSION

SBT Staff



Amidst reports of Mike Trout's \$430 million deal, Joel Sherman of the New York Post reported on Tuesday that Red Sox outfielder Mookie Betts has rejected several contract offers made by the Boston Red Sox over the last two years.

According to Sherman, a source said that Betts rejected an eight-year, \$200 million deal after the 2017 season. That would roughly come out to the same average annual value as Bryce Harper's 13-year, \$330 million deal.

Betts is under contract and arbitration eligible through the 2020 season. Now that Trout will no longer be part of that same free-agent class, all eyes will be on Betts after the 2020 season.

At 26 years old, Betts is a year younger than Trout and will be 28 years old if and when he hits free agency. Turning down a contract that's worth less than \$300 million at this point would seem like nothing more than common sense. In fact, any offer less than a total of \$300 million right now should seem like a slap in the face.

The Red Sox and Betts avoided arbitration this winter by agreeing to a one-year, \$20 million deal for 2019. If the reigning American League MVP puts together another MVP-caliber season in 2019, then he'll most likely make even more in arbitration next winter, before free agency begins the winter after that.

PATRIOTS RE-SIGN RYAN ALLEN

SBT Staff



The Patriots and Ryan Allen have agreed to a one-year deal that will keep the 29-year-old punter in New England for the 2019 NFL season. Allen was a free agent, but the Patriots will keep him around for at least a seventh season, after first signing him as an undrafted free agent back in 2013.

Allen has spent six seasons in New England, and has put a total of 153 punts inside the 20-yard line in 96 games, with 34 touchbacks.

He was used five times in Super Bowl LIII, pinning three of those five punts inside the Los Angeles Rams' 10-yard line, in a 13-3 Patriots win.

In other cities, a move like this might not seem like such a big deal. But here in New England, holding onto a key piece of the special teams is something that can't be overlooked, considering how much stock Bill Belichick puts into "all phases of the game."

Tweet of the Week



Isaiah Thomas
@isaiahthomas

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Thank you for making this night so special. All love forever Boston!
#ThatSLOWgrind



TROUT SIGNS LARGEST DEAL IN SPORTS HISTORY

SBT Staff

Just when you thought Bryce Harper and Manny Machado were the biggest winners this offseason, Mike Trout goes and one-ups them both.

According to reports, Trout and the Los Angeles Angels have agreed to a 12-year, \$430 million extension. It is the largest contract in the history of professional sports.

The average annual salary comes out to \$36 million per year, which bests Zack Greinke's average annual salary of \$34 million per year.

Trout's deal is just the latest mega contract to be dished out by an MLB team in the last month.

Harper agreed to a 13-year, \$330 million deal with the Philadelphia Phillies a few weeks ago, and just before that, Machado signed a 10-year, \$300 million deal with the San Diego Padres.

WHAT TO WATCH

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Boston at Charlotte
6 P.M. CSN

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

San Antonio at Boston
7:30 P.M. CSN/NBATV

NHL SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Boston at Florida
7 P.M. NESN

MONDAY, MARCH 25

Boston at Tampa Bay
7:30 P.M. NESN

MLB SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Pittsburgh vs Boston
1:05 P.M. NESN



Also, Colorado third baseman Nolan Arenado agreed to an eight-year, \$260 million contract at the end of February.

Trout, 27, would've been a free agent after the 2020 season. Instead, the Angels have ripped up the final two years of his previous deal and will now keep him in LA through the 2030 season.

The two-time American League MVP set career highs in OPS (1.088), on-base percentage (.460), and walks (122) during the 2018 season, in which he played 140 games. In eight years in the majors — all with the Angels — Trout has a career batting average of .307 and a career OPS of .990.

Trout has only played in three Post-season games — all in 2014 — going 1-for-12 with a solo home run and three walks, as his Angels got swept in the ALDS by the Kansas City Royals.



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