



MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP AT KEY CITY OF BOSTON DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced new leadership at several key City of Boston departments, including Boston Transportation, Elections, Inspectional Services and Property Management.

“I am incredibly proud to welcome these individuals into these important leadership posts,” said Mayor Walsh. “The work of each of these departments is crucial to our overall mission of serving the residents of Boston in

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EDITORIAL

Summer Has Finally Arrived, Time to Kick Back and Enjoy

A famous quote by author Sam Keen states that “Summer-time is when laziness finds respectability”. Well, we’re not really sure how many of our neighbors have time to be lazy; with jobs, family responsibilities and a never-ending line up of repairs to the house, back yards for those who have them and any number of unexpected tasks that pop up. Our time is often limited. But if free time does show itself, summer is the season to make the most of it and enjoy life.

Our winter was cold, our spring was wet and also cold, but now, the long-awaited nice weather is here as this week officially marks the beginning of summer. But we all know

this. You don’t need to read about it in a South Boston Today editorial. But it is nice on occasion to reflect on how good South Bostonians have it, considering we live in an inner-city neighborhood. While beautiful locations in the mountains and distance beaches await vacationers, even when we are not on vacation, locally we have our own recreational resources that are the envy of residents in so many other cities. Here, we have 3 miles of public sandy beaches; which recent tests have now shown come with cool and yes, clean ocean water. There are beautiful manicured and landscaped parks and ball field that cater to nearly ev-



ery outdoor sport.

It was not so long ago, that South Boston was a place to be avoided by some who looked down their noses at our community. Now however, some

of those same people will pay any price to live here as they have discovered all that our location has to offer. And this is the season for all of us to get outdoors and enjoy it.

“Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought.” - John F. Kennedy

‘Go Green’ with South Boston Farmers Market

South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (SBND) announces its annual Go Green Day at the South Boston Farmers Market from 12 to 6 p.m. Monday, June 24. Activities throughout this year’s Go Green Day will help market visitors learn how they can reduce waste and have a positive impact on the environment while saving energy and money.

Shoppers can win special prizes playing Go Green Jeopardy with SBND, learn about how Boston Area Gleaners brings surplus crops to local families in need, find out how to sign up for a free home energy audit, and hear from Greeno-

vate Boston how the city is working to adapt to and mitigate climate change in South Boston. From 12 to 3 p.m. the New England Aquarium will lead ecological education lessons, More Than Words will return with their mobile bookstore, and market favorites Jan and Lou Borelli will play live music. Boston Medical Center Health Plan and East Boston Savings Bank will also be on hand with giveaways.

All of this is in addition to the variety of fresh lettuce, tomatoes, herbs, strawberries, and baked goods courtesy of the Massachusetts-based Freitas Farm and Wenger’s Farms. Be sure to stop by the market manager’s tent to pick up a reusable bag and our loyalty market card! The South Boston Farmers Market is located at 446 West Broadway (in front of the municipal parking lot) and runs

from 12 to 6 p.m. every Monday through October. Farmers accept EBT/SNAP, WIC, and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Coupons, and has the Healthy Incentive SNAP match program (HIP) available for EBT/SNAP users.

For more information about vendors, programming or sponsorship, or to learn about joining the farmers market committee, visit our website (<http://sbndc.org/south-boston-farmers-market/>), or find us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SouthieFarmersMkt/>), Instagram (@sbfarmersmarket) and Twitter (@SBFarmersMkt).

SBND is a local non-profit that has successfully developed over 200 units of affordable housing in the community. SBND also provides support to the South Boston Street Festival, the Christmas and Spring Strolls, and Southie Trees.



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To Vaccinate or Not?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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A big issue in the news as of late is vaccinations and whether it should be mandatory for a child to get those protective shots. There are differing opinions on this subject, as some strongly believe that for the benefit of all, every child must be forced to be vaccinated regardless of the concerns of the parents whether for health and safety reasons or religious beliefs. Some elected officials, like New York's Governor Andrew Cuomo are signing laws making it a crime for a parent to refuse to allow their children to be immunized. Yet many resistant parents in that state call Cuomo's actions inconsistent. On one hand, Cuomo is encouraging thousands of illegal immigrants to pour into his state and wants to allow the children of those immigrants to enter the schools. Yet, these migrant children come in unvetted and often bring diseases with them; diseases that have been all but eliminated in America. So, while the laws mandating vaccinations for American kids come with a fine and possible jail time for parents who will not comply, those arriving illegally get a pass and measles, for example, continue to spread throughout that state and other states, as well.

Americans for the most part do not like to be told what to do by an intrusive government, especially when it comes to raising their children. This is but one of the reasons there is so much resistance to this law. But concern about the safety

of some of these vaccines has been raised by people in the medical field, as well. Factor in strong religious beliefs as a cause for unwillingness to obey such a mandate and those in opposition should not be considered criminals and face prison time. Personally, I think it's wise for children to get those shots. But everyone has the right to their strongly held views and beliefs.

While on the topic of illegal immigration, it was announced that Florida Governor Ron Desantis has just signed legislation that bans all cities and towns in that state from becoming Sanctuary Cities and Sanctuary Towns. Without a doubt, there will be other states following his lead. And it seems a week doesn't go by without the State of California announcing yet another lunatic decree. This latest touch of insanity is that, even though 'Cali' is a financial basket case with citizens and businesses fleeing in droves, illegal immigrants will now be given free healthcare, while the taxpaying citizens, who have to pay for their healthcare, will be forced to foot the bill. At this rate, with the mass exodus taking place by fed up residents, there may not be any taxpayers left in the state to pay the bills.

This week also saw the revelation of still more setbacks to the claims by Climate Change alarmists that are causing so many Americans to question it all. It was just 3 years ago

that the public was told that the Great Lakes were shrinking and could one day disappear. The water levels in those massive and beautiful lakes were dropping, due to the effects of Global Warming. Last week though, it was reported that the water levels are rising rapidly and, in some locations, actually spilling over onto the land.

A little scientific research shows that the water level in the Great Lakes has been rising and falling for thousands

of years. It is apparently just nature taking its course and will probably continue to do so for thousand more years. So, it seems the Lakes will not be disappearing anytime soon. And that's a bit of good news, maybe not so much for the alarmists who live on grant money, but it's good news for those Americans and Canadians, who depend on the Lakes for commerce, their water supply and some darn good sports fishing.

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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.

Bayside Expo developers buy Santander site for \$110M

This is an interesting development over by UMass-Boston. From Jennifer Smith at the Dorchester Reporter: “The developers of the former Bayside Expo Center site are expanding their footprint around Columbia Point. Accordia Partners and Ares Capital closed on the 2 Morrissey Blvd. property, currently home to a Santander Bank, on Monday. ... According to Suffolk Registry of Deeds records, the new owners of 2 Morrissey paid \$110,000,000 for the parcels, which include five buildings and a total of 425,000 rentable square feet.” Speaking of developments, Tim Logan at the Globe has an update on the planned redevelopment of the Suffolk Downs racetrack – and how residents and developers don’t exactly see eye to eye on what can and should be built at the site after the racetrack officially closes this summer.

T rejects Walsh’s call for fare hike freeze in wake of derailment

Mayor Marty Walsh was on the Twitter warpath yesterday, demanding that the T put off a planned fare hike next month until train service is fully restored after last week’s Red Line derailment, reports the Globe’s Matt Stout and the Herald’s Sean Philip Cotter. Transit officials have rejected the demand.

Walsh has also called for the city to have greater say in T operations – and this one could get interesting on Beacon Hill over coming months with the current oversight board’s term set to expire next year.

Btw: Bruce Mohl at Commonwealth magazine reports how the T is now focusing on the train itself as the possible cause of the Rail Line derailment. Meanwhile, from SHNS’s Chris Lisinski (pay wall): “MBTA also launching systemwide safety review.” Finally, from the Globe’s Joan

Vennoch: “Wanted for the T: more urgency and empathy from Baker.”

The Beacon Hill abortion debate: Not as ‘cut and dry’ as it appears

Pro- and anti-abortion activists descended on the State House yesterday for a public hearing on legislation that would expand abortion rights in Massachusetts – with plenty of passionate and sometimes over-the-top rhetoric flying around. MassLive’s Shira Schoenberg and the Globe’s Stephanie Ebbert have the details.

But WGBH’s Mike Deehan reports that the “politics of the bill, and what an eventual law may look like, aren’t as cut and dry” as portrayed by opposing sides in the debate. Think: “Moderate to conservative Democrats.” And one can add, via Shira Schoenberg at MassLive, a certain pro-choice corner-office occupant: “Gov. Charlie Baker ‘concerned’ about ROE Act’s expansion of abortion access.”

Councilor Flynn thanked the people of South Boston and our city for their dedication to our communities at several events last week; including the McGrath and Richard families at the opening of Martin’s Park at the South Boston Waterfront, the dedicated parents, teachers, and students at the Annual Flag Day ceremonies at the Condon School, and the Friends of Stephanie Ufring and Rep. David Biele at the “Walk for Lovey”.



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June 07, 2019

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June 20, 2019

MAYOR WALSH AND COUNCILOR JOSH ZAKIM ANNOUNCE AMENDMENTS TO BOSTON TRUST ACT

Updated City ordinance clarifies roles of local law enforcement officials and federal immigration laws

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Councilor Josh Zakim announced amendments to the “Boston Trust Act”, a City ordinance that delineates the work of local law enforcement officials and federal immigration laws. Originally passed unanimously by the City Council and signed into law by Mayor Walsh in 2014, the updated ordinance furthers its original intent of ensuring immigrant integration and advancement by reassuring that local authorities shall not detain someone solely on civil immigration detainer requests or administrative warrants, and shall not transfer someone to immigration authorities unless ordered by judicial authorities.

“At a time when our federal government keeps drafting cruel policy changes targeting immigrants, in Boston we solely believe in keeping families together and providing them with opportunities so they can fully live their lives,” said Mayor Walsh. “Our Boston Police Department has done a notable job in abiding by the Trust Act, but changes in the law and the national rhetoric has made it necessary for us to update the original ordinance. This updated Trust Act further clarifies the roles of our officers, while keeping our residents’ safety as the main goal. I thank Councilor Zakim for his collaboration and thorough review of the ordinance.”

“Passing the Trust Act in 2014 was a proud moment for the City of Boston,” Councilor Josh Zakim said. “In the 5 years since, immigrants have been scapegoated and attacked by so-called leaders in this country. These updates to the Trust Act that Mayor Walsh and I are announcing today, are an example of how Boston continues to stand up for our values. Our City’s resources and law enforcement personnel should be used to protect Bostonians, not to enforce failed federal immigration policy. I look forward to working with Mayor Walsh, my colleagues on the Council, and advocates in the community to enact these amendments swiftly.”

A civil immigration detainer request is a request by federal immigration officers to local law enforcement officials to maintain custody of someone and advise federal officials prior to their re-

lease. Since the signing of the Boston Trust Act, the Boston Police Department has submitted a report to the City Clerk with the number of civil immigration detainer requests received; the number of individuals that City law enforcement officials detained; the number of individuals transferred to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody; and the total cost reimbursements received from the federal government.

Reports from the Boston Police Department show that in 2017 and 2018, ICE lodged 68 and 107 civil immigration detainer requests respectively, which all were given access to bail by BPD and were not transferred to ICE custody. Those that did not post bail were transported to the court for arraignment, moving out of BPD’s authority. The updated ordinance keeps requiring the department to report this information, including the reasons for civil immigration detainer requests.

The Boston Trust Act preceded the *Lunn v. Commonwealth* case where the Supreme Judicial Court ruled that Massachusetts and its municipalities do not have the authority under state law to honor civil immigration detainer requests. The updated Boston Trust Act maintains its main clause: local law enforcement shall not detain a person solely on the basis of a civil immigration detainer request issued by a federal immigration officer, or an administrative warrant issued by a federal immigration officer.

The Boston Trust Act codifies that local law enforcement officials enforce state laws and local ordinances. Further clarifying their roles with federal immigration laws, the updated Boston Trust Act directs that City and department personnel and funds shall not be used to interrogate, detain, or arrest persons solely for immigration enforcement purposes, which are federal responsibilities, including:

- *Inquiring of an individual’s immigration status;
- *Detaining someone solely on the basis of a civil immigration detainer request;
- *Providing personal information regarding a person’s release date to ICE solely for the purpose of enforcing civil violations of U.S. immigration laws;



*Making arrests on the basis of ICE administrative warrants, and;

*Performing the functions of an immigration officer.

The ordinance builds on Boston’s immigrant advancement work and its efforts to mitigate the impact of federal immigration restrictions on the City’s immigrants. Since the start of the Trump’s Administration reform on the immigration system, Mayor Walsh has been opposed to proposed changes to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, the termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS), the proposed redefinition of “public charge,” and HUD’s proposed rule to expel from

public housing mixed-status families paying prorated rent.

Mayor Walsh recently included \$50,000 in his FY20 Budget proposal dedicated to the Greater Boston Immigrant Defense Fund, a public-private partnership that works to increase education and access to legal services to defend its many immigrant communities, refugees, and temporary status holders. Originally designed as a two-year pilot, the Fund demonstrated that Boston residents make up the largest percentage of the cases opened among the 38 cities and towns served by the Defense Fund. City funds included in the FY20 Budget will jumpstart the third year of the Fund.

New Leadership continued from front page

the best way we can, and through these new appointments I look forward to our continued work ahead in making progress on our goals.”

Mayor Walsh tapped William Christopher to serve as Special Advisor to the Mayor, where his first project will focus on managing the services provided to Melnea Cass and Massachusetts Avenue. Christopher formerly served as Commissioner of the Inspectional Services Department (ISD), a position he has held for five years, charged with administering and enforcing building, housing, health, sanitation and safety regulations mandated by City and State governments. Under Christopher’s leadership, ISD streamlined permitting, doubled hearing capacity at the ZBA and increased transparency in all aspects of the permitting process. Christopher has worked for the City of Boston since 1990s in different capacities, including as an Assistant Director for Architecture and Engineering in the Department of Neighborhood Development and for nearly five years at Public Facilities. He is a registered architect in the state of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire and a national member of the National Council of Architectural Registration Board. Christopher earned his bachelor’s degree in Architecture from the Boston Architectural Center.

Dion Irish has been appointed to serve as the Commissioner of Inspectional Services, following Christopher’s transition. Irish has served the City of Boston for 25 years in various leadership positions, most recently as the Commissioner for the Elections Department, overseeing the implementation of two successful cycles of early voting, the

administration of 11 elections and a citywide review of precincts and address assignments. Prior to working for the Elections Department, Irish worked at the Inspectional Services Department for 17 years, serving as Assistant Commissioner/Director of Housing Inspections, where he helped establish nationally recognized programs such as Breathe Easy At Home (BEAH), Rental Property Registration, and the state-wide comprehensive certification training for housing inspectors (MPHIT). Irish earned a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from Boston University, a Master of Urban Affairs from Boston University, and a Master of Public Administration from Suffolk University.

Following the transition of Dion Irish to Inspectional Services, Mayor Walsh has tapped Eneida Tavares to serve as Interim Commissioner for the Elections Department. Tavares has worked for three years in the Elections Department as a Senior Data Analyst, where she oversaw the successful implementation of a new election management software. She has spent the past 14 years in public service, beginning her career in election management for the City of Newton, where she served as Assistant City Clerk and oversaw the administration of all state, federal and municipal elections. Tavares was born in Praia, Cabo Verde, but has been a resident of Boston for the last 30 years.

Mayor Walsh also named Gregory Rooney as Interim Commissioner of the Boston Transportation Department, which works to advance a safe and equitable public transportation network, considering pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, passengers and everyone who takes public transportation. Rooney has worked for the City of Boston for 25 years, and

formerly served as Commissioner of the City’s Property Management Department, where he led the City’s management, maintenance, repairs and security for the City’s municipal buildings. Before working at Property Management, Rooney served for nine years at the Boston Transportation Department, where he worked as the Director of Parking Management. Prior to that role, Rooney worked as the Deputy Commissioner of Transportation for the former Commission on Affairs of the Elderly, where he oversaw all transportation-related issues to ensure that the needs of Boston’s older residents were addressed. Rooney earned his bachelor’s of science in Political Science from Northeastern University, and a Master of Public Administration from Northeastern University.

Following the transition of Gregory Rooney to the Boston Transportation Department, Mayor Walsh tapped Indira Alvarez to serve as Interim Commissioner for the Property Management Department. Alvarez formerly served as the Chief of Staff for the City’s Inspectional Services Department (ISD), and as the Assistant Commissioner of ISD, as well as a Housing Manager in charge of the proactive inspection program for 12 years. She earned a bachelor’s degree in Management of Human Services from the University of Massachusetts Boston and a Master’s Degree in Urban Affairs from Boston University. She has worked as a public servant for over 20 years in the areas of social work, community liaison, code enforcement and policy implementation. Alvarez was born and raised in Panama, Central America, and is bilingual in Spanish and English.



Names of City Leadership

1. William “Buddy” Christopher
2. Dion Irish
3. Eneida Irish
4. Gregory Rooney
5. Indira Alvarez

SEN. COLLINS ADVANCES PROPOSAL FOR INCREASED TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATION REVENUE

MA General Court Votes to Allow 4% Surcharge on Incomes More than \$1 Million



Last week, State Senator Nick Collins joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts General Court for a special Constitutional

Convention, in which the House and Senate voted together to advance a proposal that would raise new revenues specifically for transportation and education investments. The proposal, commonly known as the “Fair Share Amendment”, would amend the constitution to allow for a 4% surcharge on incomes in excess of \$1 million.

The State Department of Revenue estimates that this change would generate an additional \$2.2 billion in revenue annually, making funds available for significant investments

in public transportation, roads, bridges, and schools. This vote marks the first step in giving voters the opportunity to weigh in on the proposal in a referendum in 2022.

“This is a bold step forward to addressing the serious transportation and education crises in our Commonwealth,” said State Senator Nick Collins. “With the MBTA’s state-of-good-repair backlog approaching \$10 billion, we need to raise significant new revenues to make game-changing investments that will drastically improve service, increase ridership, and

enhance customer satisfaction. While our economic growth has benefited some, many have been left behind. Most taxes in this state are regressive, costing low and middle-income earners much more by percentage of income. This proposal would ask those at the very top to pay their ‘fair-share’ to help continue our economic growth, improve our regional transportation network, and ensure that everyone has access to an excellent education.”

The proposal was approved by a vote of 147-48, with more than 75% of legislators voting in favor. The proposal must now be approved again by a legislative vote in 2021, and approved by voters in a state-wide referendum in order to modify the state constitution.

James Brett Receives Honorary Degree

On Saturday, May 4, New England Council President & CEO James T. Brett received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letter from Beacon College, the first accredited baccalaureate institution dedicated to educating primarily students with learning disabilities and learning differences.

“Learning is a lifelong experience, and some of our most important lessons are learned from ‘teachers’ who are simply folks we live and work with,” said Mr. Brett in his remarks to the 85 graduates of the class of 2019, the largest in the school’s history. Beacon College offers academic and per-

sonal support services that help each student achieve his/her goals, and recognizes the need for personalized attention and unique learning styles.

Mr. Brett, a Dorchester resident, has served as the President & CEO of The New England Council, a non-partisan business organization representing businesses and organizations throughout the six New England states, since 1996. Prior to joining the Council, he served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for over 15 years. Throughout his career, Mr. Brett has been an outspoken and tireless advocate for people with intellectual disabilities. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Massachusetts Governor’s Commission on Intellectual Disability, the Chairman of the Massachusetts Disabled Persons Protection Commission, and was recently re-appointed by Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi to serve a second term on the National Council on Disability. Mr. Brett is the past President of the



2019 Beacon College honorary degree recipient James Brett and Beacon College President George J. Hagerty

Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health.

In his remarks, Mr. Brett celebrated the life of his brother, Jack, who was challenged with disabilities from birth, and the impact that had

on his time as a public servant and advocate. “Whether [Jack] knew it or not, his simple presence underscored to me and others, in an emphatic way, why it was worth running for office in the first place.”

A Message From Father Flavin

For the past 32 years, I have been privileged to serve as a priest in so many wonderful places and have been blessed to serve with you in South Boston. God has certainly blessed me with amazing opportunities. Cardinal Sean has granted me time for Sabbatical beginning July 1st, 2019. A Sabbatical is a time to

be renewed and refreshed for ministry and is a regular opportunity offered to priests in the Church.

I step away from our collaborative with confidence and hope in our staff, who are committed to the long-term sustainability in our parishes. The foundation for planning our future is firm and over the next years, the Pastoral Staff,

and Parish Pastoral and Finance Council, will continue the good work we have begun. My current assignments have many wonderful leaders and I know the good work we have begun will be brought to completion with God’s help.

Thank you for your prayerful support.
Fr. Flavin



The Wine Guy

Some Different Whites For Summer



notes of mango, peaches and pears, with some citrus in the background. Since this wine was fermented in oak, you'll notice that the balance and acidity are both crisp and pronounced, with a rounded finish.

Ch. de la Chesnaie Muscadet, Sevre Et Maine, Loire Valley, France, 2018, (\$15.99). Made famous in Muscadet, a gently rolling, Atlantic-dominated countryside on the eastern edge of the Loire, Melon de Bourgogne is actually the most planted grape variety in the Loire Valley. But the best of it comes from Muscadet Sevre et Maine, a subzone west of the city of Nantes, which is part of the larger Pays Nantais. You should try this varietal with any kind of light and flaky fish, chicken or veal and especially with oysters on the half shell.

Nicosia Grillo, 2016, Sicily, Italy, (\$112.99), is made from a Sicilian white grape variety most famous for its role in the island's fortified Marsala wines. It is still widely planted on the island, despite Marsala's fall from fashion, and is now used most commonly in a variety of still white wines, both varietal and blended.

Grillo, when vinified to a high standard, makes a fresh, light white wine with nutty, fruit-driven flavors that include lemon and apple. This wine typically has an intense straw-yellow color, with a nose of citrus fruit and aromatic herbs. On the palate, it offers a soft, refreshing and lingering taste, which pairs perfectly with seafood, shellfish and lobster, as well as vegetables and fresh or soft cheeses.

Another white that has really grown in popularity in the last few

Everyone who drinks wine, even occasionally, knows Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. Why not take a look at other whites that, while not as well known, are also outstanding in their own right?

Sculpterra, 2017, Heroe Viognier, Paso Robles, California, (\$22.00), is an outstanding example of this varietal and it's from one of the best value regions in California. While this is a white wine with a lot of Chardonnay traits, the biggest difference is the high ABV, (15.3%), unusual in a California white still wine, but great in this case, as it lends itself to lots of spicy food pairings- Thai, Chinese, Indian and Mexican, for example. This one has



years in North America is Albarino from Spain. Albarino wine ("albarreen-yo") is a high-quality, light-bodied white that grows mostly in Spain and Portugal. It's loved for its high acidity, refreshing citrus flavors, dry taste, and subtle saltiness. For seafood lovers, Albarino is a fantastic choice for pairing with dishes like ceviche, fish tacos, seafood pasta, and shrimp. *Paco & Lola Albarino, 2017, Rias Baixas, Spain, (\$17.99),* is a wine that deserves extended sniffing in your glass. It has a strong aromatic intensity which is the result of higher levels of two aromatic compound groups called terpenes and thiols. You'll notice aromas of lemons, limes, pear, grapefruit, honeysuckle, nectarine, and occasionally orange zest and beeswax, as well as subtle smells of freshly wetted granite and Thai basil. When you taste Albarino, you'll instantly enjoy its mouth-watering acidity, somewhat weighty mid-palate, saltiness, and long, tingly finish that often has a subtle, bitter note (almost like grapefruit pith).

Ngumu Chenin Blanc, 2018, Western Cape, South Africa, (\$22.99), comes from the hillsides

where lions once roamed, the vineyards of the Western Cape now flourish. Ngumu, the Swahili word for 'Complex', is a series of wines that celebrate the terroir and wine-making traditions of this region. Notes of nectarine, orange, and white flower lead up to a mineral finish on this well-balanced chenin blanc. In South Africa, they often have it with grilled Wildebeest; since we're fresh out around here, (unless Stop & Shop is holding out on me), you might want to have some Pulled Pork with Potato Salad. It's really great with this wine and you don't have to hunt for the meat.

Jaume Serra Cristalino Brut Cava, NV, Penedes, Spain, (\$9.99), is a versatile Spanish sparkling wine, made using the Traditional Method, in which the secondary fermentation produces the sparkling wine's bubbles which occurs in the bottle. Its fresh, toasty nose, beautiful citrus, green apple and mineral flavors, supple, lively mouthfeel, and clean, crisp finish make it a real "go-to" celebratory wine. Enjoy it on its own and with sushi, seafood, fried foods and Asian dishes.

Talk To The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com

BILLIE JO ROGERS-RYAN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL DEDICATION

The BCYF Tynan Community Center Women's Basketball League was officially dedicated in memory of Billie Jo Rogers-Ryan last week. The Tynan Staff, as well as Commissioner Allison Baker, felt this would be a way to keep Billie Jo's memory alive for years to come.

As a young teen, Billie Jo and many of her friends participated in various programs and leagues at the BCYF Tynan. Billie Jo excelled in basketball as a power point guard, had an amazing shot and was never afraid to take it to the hoop. Her relentless dedication to

the game had her at the Tynan daily, perfecting her fundamental skills. One of her memorable accomplishments was capturing the Girls 15 & Under BNBL City Wide Championship back in 1985.

Billie Jo passed away on October 10, 2017 after a 4 year courageous battle with Breast Cancer. She leaves behind her husband Danny, daughter Isabella, mother Donna, father Gary, and brother Gary Jr., as well as many dear friends and relatives. She will be remembered for the impeccable smile that would light up the room, and her loyalty to family and friends.



Left to right; Mary Nee Loftus, Isabella Ryan, Pauline Buonopane, Kathy Davis



Left to right; Gary Bolles Jr., (brother), Gary Bolles (father), Donna Bolles (mother), Isabella Ryan (daughter), and Danny Ryan (husband).

Her memory will live on in the South Boston community, especially in the

hearts of her husband Danny, and beautiful daughter Isabella.



Community Meeting

PLAN: Newmarket

Wednesday, June 26

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

40 Enterprise Street

The Pipefitters United Association of Boston
Boston MA, 02125

Thursday, June 27

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

1000 Massachusetts Ave

La Alianza Hispana
Boston MA, 02118

PLAN: Newmarket, The 21st Century Economy Initiative

Following from the recommendations of Imagine Boston 2030, this initiative will lay the groundwork for Newmarket as a 21st Century jobs center. With land use as its primary focus, the initiative will also consider public realm, mobility, arts and culture, climate resilience, public health, and open space contributions to a successful future jobs center. Please join this public meeting to learn more about the upcoming process. The open-house style meeting will be held on two occasions (with the same content at each meeting).

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

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Congratulations to Commissioner Joe Finn, recipient of our Community Hero Award 2019
A special Thank you to The Cronin Group and the Convention Center for hosting us and Tom Tinlin our Auctioneer

Flag Retirement Ceremony at Castle Island

Last week, June 14th, was Flag Day. The Scottish American Military Society conducted a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Fort Independence at Castle Island. It began at 11am sharp on the parade grounds within the fort itself and the public, as always, was not only invited, but welcomed and encouraged to attend and be part of this wonderful patriotic event.

The Flag Retirement Ceremony is held twice a year in South Boston, always at Fort Independence. It happens on Veteran's Day and on Flag Day. It's an impressive ceremony that puts on display the proper way to dispose of old, faded, worn or tattered American flags. They are folded and then incin-

erated in a special outside furnace. It's all performed in accordance with the US Flag code. This particular ceremony was dedicated to the 16 military chaplains whose names are inscribed on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial 'The Wall', in Washington DC. Two of the Chaplains were posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor: Lt. Vincent Robert Copadanno and MAJ Charles J. Watters.

The Scottish American Military Society has offered its thanks and appreciation to the staff of the Conservation and Recreation Department (DCR) for their continued support. Also participation in the ceremony was of course the Castle Island Association. CIA President Bill Spain is always on

site for these very impressive events and the organization does an excellent job making the preparations. Also, on hand to participate were The Paul J. Saunders American Legion Post, the Thomas Fitzgerald Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, George and Ann Marie Martin of the Taggarts Pipes and Drums, Stuart Paul of the Scots Highland Pipe and Drums and Rolling Thunder MA Chapter 2. Taps was played by Tommy Florentino.

This year there were many young school children in attendance from Braintree and Weymouth and they learned firsthand from Bill Wolfe from the Scottish American Military Society about what the American Flag means to our country and why, when

it is time to retire existing banners, it is always done with such respect and in this beautiful ceremony. John Scannell, a WWII Veteran sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem and Sister Florence led the opening prayer. Sandwiches, chips and fruit were served after the ceremony.

If you have never been part of a Flag Retirement Ceremony, you should make it a point to attend the next one to witness and be part of this inspiring experience. For those who have been to or been part of one before, you know how very special these ceremonies are. The Scottish American Military Society hopes as many people as possible will attend and show support as everyone is invited.



Harold “Emo” Barron Honored On His Fields Of Dreams For Others

“Practice the way you want to play. No practice, No play.” A man of few words, but these words from Emo were powerful ones. “The World of Baseball in South Boston will never be the same without Emo.”, a tearful Peggy O’Brien said.

For over six decades, Harold “Emo, Don’t Call Me Elmer” Barron

coached in the South Boston Babe Ruth League. He began coaching in this league in 1957 and this spring he was entering his sixty-third season. During his long and storied Babe Ruth career, he coached and mentored over two thousand South Boston players, two of whom are now our state senator Nick Collins and state representative David Biele, who participated in the ceremony on Babe Ruth Field at Moakley Park this past Saturday. He was an original coach in the Southie Babe Ruth League and was inducted into the Eastern Massachusetts Babe Ruth Hall of Fame for his commitment to this sport. He even made time to coach Gate of Heaven basketball.

Emo lived a long life and lived it well. He didn’t waste energy wasting time. He will be missed for his dedi-

cation to this community, his love for sports, and his love for the young athletes he mentored throughout the years. “Emo was truly a great coach,” said Paul Dumas, who played on Emo’s first team in 1957 and is a past president of Southie Babe Ruth. “He was one of the best that I ever known and or witnessed.” “Baseball was the life and passion of Harold “Emo” Barron Jr.”, said George Lally, an International Board Member of Babe Ruth Baseball and a former president of the South Boston Babe Ruth League.

Beyond South Boston his coaching style was brought to basketball and baseball at the Gavin School, where he was also a teacher and his teams were perennial champions. He also coached baseball and basketball at Archbishop William High School, basketball at Millis High School. Multi-talented

Emo taught water-skiing at Club Med, as well as taught many South Boston teenagers. He even became an airplane pilot in his 70’s.

Nick Collins said, “Emo was a great coach and teacher. He taught us how to focus on the fundamentals of the game and showed us how to build a foundation of skills that you’d need to draw on in game situations. South Boston is better off because of his over 60 years of service to the community. He will be sorely missed. Kevin Lally South Boston Babe Ruth League President remarked, “ I know that for the rest of my life, when I am at the Babe Ruth League Fields and as I look down at the third base coach’s box, I will always see Emo standing there waving a player home – Well, God was as third base and he waved Emo home. Rest in peace my good friend.”



Left to right: Senator Nick Collins, David King, Willy Fitz, Bobby McGarrell, Mike Tallent, Kevin Lally, , Timmy Mahoney and State Representative David Biele.



Mark Matanes, Southie Babe Ruth Graduate and currently the Eastern Ma. Director of Babe Ruth Baseball



12 Year Old Ronan Manning Finishes 'Best Buddies Challenge' Bike Race

It is often said that the kids of today are just too self-centered. They care only about themselves and what they can get handed to them. Well sure, that can be said of some of them, but not most and certainly not about 12-year-old South Bostonian Ronan Manning. If the name sounds familiar, it should. He's the boy; no, make that 'young man' who organized the very successful effort to have school supplies donated to children, who would otherwise not get all they needed in their classrooms. He didn't just do it once; he did it two

years in a row. Each time, he put in a lot of hard work, got the neighborhood involved, including adults and other kids as well and spent nearly all of his spare time, after school and weekends, making sure he got what was needed. He then made sure it was distributed to the schools where the need was the greatest. He also had the help of his younger sister Keira, who is 9 years old and attends South Boston Catholic Academy.

Recently, he managed to pull off another amazing accomplishment and, as expected, it was on behalf of and for the benefit of others. He took part in the annual 'Best Buddies Challenge'. For those not familiar with this very prestigious event, it's a bicycle race that raises money to assist intellectually challenged children and kids with other disabilities. This is a cause that is important to Ronan, which will help these kids get jobs in the future. Ronan was part of the group that rode 100 miles over some tough terrain. This is a route and race that is tough to handle even for many trained adult bicyclists. For a child of 12 years old to be able to participate, finish and finish well is an incredible athletic

feat. The race started in Boston with more than 2000 riders and the winding course finished near the Kennedy Family compound in Hyannis.

This is a grueling race when the weather is good, but on this day the temperature was in the 50's, the rain was coming down like a water fall and the wind was howling. But though the elements were against him, Ronan refused to quit. It's what he trained for and most importantly, it was for a good cause. This was a charity ride that he planned to finish, and he did it with in time.

Riding along with Ronan was his dad, Dan Manning, who has become an accomplished bicyclist in his own right in recent years. Ronan had asked his Dad if they could do this race together and the answer was an enthusiastic 'Yes'. What a great activity for a father and son to be part of together. Dan was there all the way urging on his son from start to finish. And, there to encourage Ronan and his dad Dan was Richard Fries. Fries is Director of Cycling Experience, which plays a major role in putting together and running the Best Buddies Challenge. South Boston Today had the opportu-

nity to speak with him to get his take on Ronan's success. There could be no doubt how impressed he was with what Ronan was able to do. Fries was amazed at how Ronan could reach way down deep, tap into his reserves and use every bit of his physical strength and endurance, and also his amazing mental discipline. It took everything he could muster to push on across that 100-mile race, but quitting was not an option for young Ronan. Said Richard Fries – "What Ronan did was almost beyond comprehension. He is one determined young man".

We asked Ronan if he would be taking on the challenges working for other good causes and without hesitation, he would because he feels he can always do more. Ronan will be attending Boston College High School's Arupe Division in the fall. Once again, congratulations are in order for Ronan Manning for all the wonderful charity work he does to benefit others. The saying 'A man for others' certainly describes this caring young man. Also to be praised is his father who was right there with his son working hard for the same cause and encouraging this great kid every mile of the way.



McDonough Sailing Center Fundraiser A Success

South Boston native and Everyman, Robert Ryan, is the new President of the Harry McDonough Sailing Center (HMSC) and expressed his appreciation for

the tremendous support given at the fundraising event held on June 13 at the Center located at Pleasure Bay, Castle Island. He gave a lot of credit to past president Bill Higgins Jr. and also thanked volunteers like Robert Pacitti, and the host committee.

The weather was windy and rainy last Thursday but that did not stop the show, as they say. The white tent was filled with white linen tables illuminated with candles and the music of Thomas Park. Papa George LoCascio was manning the grill,

flipping the burgers and dogs like only he can and feeding the crowd.

Director Katie Mulvey was on hand as well as Thadine Brown from the Mayor's Office, representing Community Preservation Agency (CPA). The newly purchased dock is a new wave docking system from Can Docks in Canada. "It's a safe structure, no splintering and with safety being the number one priority. It's the best," said Robert Ryan. The dock was purchased with CPA funding and they gave a big 'shout out' to the Mayor.

Southie's own Major Andrew Lee, USMC and long-time supporter of the HMSC was asked to do the honors of cutting the ribbon for the new dock. Liberty Bay Credit Union representatives were in attendance to show their support for the Sailing Center. John McDonough, son of Harry McDonough, was there to inspect the dock and represent the McDonough family. Elected officials and their staff were on hand to support the Sailing Center and its new President, as well as wishing them a successful season.



BCYF Tynan Happenings

Last week we had our youth basketball championship game. The two teams in the championship game were the Nets and the Wizards and they did not disappoint. In the first half, both teams were trading baskets back and forth at the end of the half we had a tie game at 21 apiece.

The beginning of the second half, both teams kept it tight till the Nets took an eight point lead, the biggest either team had all game. The Wizards would make that lead disappear quickly with Evan pierce leading his team back. With the Wizards making a strong push and taking the lead, the momentum looked like it was going their way till Ryan Alexander stepped up and took a big charge and got the Nets the momentum they needed to

get his team back on track. As the game was getting close to ending, both teams kept trading baskets till Evan Pierce hit a big three to put the Wizards up by three. The Nets would come down and miss their chance of tying the game and would have to foul with only 8 seconds left. Evan Pierce would miss the 1 and 1 and Brayden Buckley got the rebound for the Nets and came down the court and put up a three as time would expire and the game tying shot would just miss.

The final score was Wizards 42 and Nets 39. Scoring for the Nets was Ryan Alexander (13), Brayden Buckley (11), Anthony Frallicciardi (11) and Ryan and Shane Collins both had two apiece. Also on the Nets were, Bobby Rehm, Jack Kane, Robert McEachern, Haley Alexander, and Griffin Brooks. Scoring



for the Wizards was Evan Pierce (32) Eddie Mercado (7) Sammy Flood (3). Also, on the Wizards were, Robert Caberal, Jake Rae, Ronan Foley, and Sarah Doyle. It was good to see a lot of the kids improve a lot since last year and we hope to have everyone back for another great season next year. See pictures!

The wiffleball league played on Tuesdays & Thursday is going well. Wiffleball is played in gyms, school yards and street corners throughout



Souithie. It's a staple here in the neighborhood for generations. During July and August, the Tynan will hold some tournaments and cookouts on the school grounds to display the talent of our youngsters.

South Boston Summer Collaborative Summer Camp @ the bcyf tynan will start on July 8th. The tynan will provide more field trips this year along with many fun activities! If you haven't registered yet there is still time to sign up.

South Boston Resident Fatuma Hussein Is Valedictorian Of Madison Park High School

Earns Full Scholarship To Northeastern University

Fatuma Hussein of South Boston is graduating from Madison Park Technical Vocational High School as Valedictorian of her class of 140 students. Hussein, who will be attending Northeastern University in the fall on a full scholarship, is one of many success stories at Madison Park, which offers all of its students the skills needed to fill Boston's in-demand careers.

With access to unique training partnerships and college-level courses, students like Fatuma Hussein have the option to decide their own path. Hussein has benefited from the multitude of resources at Madison Park; a school where she says, "all the opportunities that have come, have come because of Madison." Due to the dual-enrollment program offered by Madison Park, Hussein attended classes at Bunker Hill Community College, while receiving training in the high school's Medical and Health Assistant programs.

"We create life-changing opportunities for students by offering innovative programs and partnerships that set students up for a lifetime of success, without going into debt," said Kevin McCaskill, Executive Director at Madison Park. "Our students have real-world, market-



able skills and partnerships with Boston's biggest employers. And no matter what a student's trade is, they know that, after graduation, something outstanding is going to happen in their future."

Next year's incoming class will be Madison Park's largest in a decade, pushing total enrollment over 1,000 students - up from 860 this year. The incoming

freshmen will join this year's graduates as students who are learning skills that provide training to be cosmetologists, web developers, chefs, nursing, graphic designers and dental assistants. In addition, this fall, Madison Park will offer its 20th vocation, heating and air conditioning.

About the Madison Park Technical Vocational High School:

Madison Park High School is the only technical vocational high school in the Boston area to provide students with the skills they need to succeed in today's world. Vocational Programs offered at our school include Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Printing, Graphics Communications, Health Assisting, Electrical and much more.



The NBA offseason is in full swing, and there are plenty of big names available. Though, because of serious leg injuries to both Kevin Durant and Klay Thompson in the NBA Finals, it might lead to less drama this summer. Or maybe it won't. Rumors continue to swirl about some of the best players in the league, and who knows, by the time you see this, perhaps some of those rumored signings will be made official. The Anthony Davis trade to Los Angeles could've changed some things with regards to free agency, but only time will tell. In the meantime, allow me to predict where a few of the top available NBA free agents will end up:

KAWHI LEONARD: Los Angeles Clippers

-Let's start with the NBA Finals MVP. Leonard is a beast, and will most likely be opting out of the final year of his contract. I'd be very surprised if Leonard then decided to stay in Toronto. And it might have nothing to do with the city or the Raptors organization. It might just be that Leonard had already made up his mind about where he wants to spend the rest of his career. Much like LeBron James,

Leonard might just want to live in Los Angeles.

Now, that doesn't mean Leonard will be signing with the Lakers. For one, the Lakers probably can't even afford to sign Leonard after the trade for AD. And two, Leonard has reportedly expressed serious interest in the Clippers. And where there's smoke, there's fire. I'd put my money on Leonard being in a Clippers uniform next season.

KEVIN DURANT: Golden State Warriors

-That's right, I think Durant is staying in Golden State. It's not how I felt two weeks ago, but since he ruptured his Achilles in the NBA Finals, I've been forced to change my tune on this one. So much so, that maybe Durant's name doesn't even belong on this list, because I don't even think he'll become a free agent this summer. I think Durant will just pick up his 2019-20 player option, which will pay him \$31.5 million. And then he can become a free agent next summer.

We all thought Durant was good as gone from Golden State after this season. But if he's going to miss most of next season recovering from Achilles surgery, then

why would he waste a year of a max contract when he could just pick up his player option and then sign with the New York Knicks next offseason? What, you mean to tell me that the Knicks wouldn't give Durant a max deal next summer? Of course they would. And they should. And Durant should not make that move until after next season, because of the injury.

KLAY THOMPSON: Golden State Warriors

-Like Durant, Thompson suffered an unfortunate leg injury in the NBA Finals. Thompson tore his ACL in Game 6, but I'm not sure that changes much. He's an unrestricted free agent, and I expect the Warriors to offer him the max, which would certainly keep him around. Even with the ACL injury, this is an easy decision for both Golden State and Thompson. He's not going anywhere.

KYRIE IRVING: Los Angeles Lakers

-Irving is expected to opt out of the final year of his current contract and become an unrestricted free agent. Reports have him linked to the Brooklyn Nets, which makes absolutely no sense. If Irving wants the largest contract

possible, he'd re-sign with the Celtics. If he wants the best chance to win a championship with a team that's looking for an All-Star point guard, he'd sign with the Lakers. What exactly does Brooklyn do for him? I really don't know.

By the time you read this, maybe him signing with the Nets will be made official. But I won't lie, if that does happen, I'll be shocked. I've been telling you for a while now that I believe he'll end up in LA. And that was before they traded for AD. The only issue there would be that the Lakers might need Irving to take a little less money to play there. Then again, I'm sure there's something the Lakers could do in order to make the money work long-term. If you're LA, you find a way. If you're Irving, I don't know how you say no to both the Celtics and Lakers and then end up going to the Brooklyn Nets.

So I'm sticking with my guns on this one. Kyrie will be a Laker next season.

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SPORTS TODAY

BLOCKBUSTER TRADE SENDS AD TO LAKERS

SBT Staff

Anthony Davis got his wish.

After demanding a trade from New Orleans this past season, the 26-year-old All-Star center was officially dealt to the Los Angeles Lakers on Saturday in a blockbuster deal with the Pelicans.

In return, New Orleans received Lonzo Ball, Brandon Ingram, Josh Hart, and three first-round picks in the trade, including No. 4 overall in this year's NBA Draft, which is this week.

That means the Pelicans will have the No. 1 and No. 4 over-

all picks in the draft, with the expectation that they'll select Zion Williamson at No. 1.

The Lakers will now have to see if Davis will waive his \$4 million trade bonus. If he does, then they'll have \$27.7 million in cap space this offseason.

Davis is entering the final year of his contract. His agent had made it well known that the only two teams Davis was interested in signing with next summer were the Lakers and New York Knicks.

The Celtics were reportedly in communication with the Pelicans about trading for Davis before he was shipped to LA, but without Davis committing to a contract extension in Boston, C's president of basketball operations Danny Ainge was unwilling to part ways with Jayson Tatum.

HORFORD DECLINES 2019 OPTION WITH CELTICS, WILL TEST FREE AGENCY

SBT Staff

Boston Celtics big man Al Horford has reportedly declined his \$30 million player option for the 2019-20 season, making him an unrestricted free agent.

Initial reports indicated that both Horford and the Celtics were interested in agreeing to a new three-year deal, which was consistent to previous reports about

Horford's future in Boston that came out towards the end of the season.

But it's since been reported that Horford's agent and the Celtics are not close on the terms of a new contract, meaning Horford's time in Boston could be done.

Horford, 33, averaged 13.6 points per game, 6.7 rebounds per game, and 1.3 blocks per game in 68 games in 2018-19. His name had been linked to rumors regarding a potential sign-and-trade with Houston, that would've sent 25-year-old center Clint Capela to the Celtics.

Tweet of the Week



Earvin Magic Johnson
@MagicJohnson

Great job by Owner Jeanie Buss bringing Anthony Davis to the Lakers! Laker Nation, the Lakers are back in a championship hunt! Congratulations to the entire organization. I know LeBron James has a big smile on his face. I'm loving this!!

4:34 PM - 15 Jun 2019

WHAT TO WATCH

NBA THURSDAY, JUNE 20

NBA Draft
7 P.M. ESPN

MLB FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Toronto at Boston
7:10 P.M. NESN

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Toronto at Boston
4:05 P.M. NESN

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Toronto at Boston
1:05 P.M. NESN

WWE SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Stomping Grounds
7 P.M. WWE Network/PPV

RAPTORS WIN NBA CHAMPIONSHIP, LEONARD NAMED MVP

SBT Staff

The Toronto Raptors held their championship parade on Monday, with an estimated 1.5 million people pouring into the streets of downtown Toronto to celebrate the first Canadian title in the four major sports since 1993, when the Montreal Canadiens won the Stanley Cup and the Toronto Blue Jays won the World Series.

Toronto won the NBA Championship after defeating the

Warriors in Game 6 in Golden State. Kawhi Leonard was named NBA Finals MVP for the second time in his career.

Now, the question in Toronto becomes, "What does Kawhi do?"

Leonard is expected to opt out of the final year of his contract and become an unrestricted free agent. Rumors have him interested in going to Los Angeles to play for the Clippers. Raptors fans would love for him to stay in Canada.

The Raptors traded for Leonard and Danny Green last summer, in a blockbuster deal that sent DeMar DeRozan, Jakob Poeltl and a protected first-round pick to the San Antonio Spurs.

Toronto won 58 games in 2018-19, which is one less win than they had the year before without Leonard and Green. But that number became meaningless late last week when the Raptors won their first NBA Championship.

BLUES WIN STANLEY CUP IN BOSTON

SBT Staff

The St. Louis Blues are Stanley Cup champions, thanks to a 4-1 win over the Boston Bruins at the TD Garden in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Final last week.

Blues forward Ryan O'Reilly won the Conn Smythe Trophy, which is given to the most valuable player of the entire playoffs.

It's a brutally disappointing end to the season for Boston, as the Bruins won Game 6 in St. Louis to force a Game 7 back in their own building. And in the first 20 minutes of that Game 7, the B's dominated the game, but

could not put a puck in the net to show for it.

Instead, it was St. Louis who scored first, on an O'Reilly re-direction with just over three minutes left in the first period. Then, with eight seconds left in the first, Alex Pietrangolo beat Tuukka Rask to make it 2-0 Blues heading into the first intermission.

The Bruins then allowed two goals in the third period and trailed 4-0 until Matt Grzelcyk scored to make it 4-1 with two minutes left in the game.

It was too little too late at that point, and the Blues became the second team in the last seven years to hoist the Stanley Cup in Boston, as the Chicago Blackhawks won the Cup at the Garden in 2013.



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