

Most Landlords And Tenants Get Along Just Fine!

It's the bad landlords and bad tenants that need to be scrutinized and dealt with. Housing Court judges, with too many cases before them, tend to kick the proverbial can down the road, causing more problems, ultimately. Inspectional services departments are overloaded with requests for building permits and have no staff to follow up on housing complaints. Furthermore, regulations already in place are rarely enforced by the agencies charged with enforcement. The debacle at Mass and Cass adds to the overload factor.

So, expediency and political narratives take hold and waving the magic wand of 'rent control/stabilization' does little more than activate single-minded advocates, who couldn't care less if the economics of what they promote might implode a tenuous housing market. Numbers don't lie and mortgage contraction and limited rent subsidies are very real challenges for all parties.

Mayor Michelle Wu's core campaign pledge of legislating the re-institution of rent control in some modified version sailed through the Boston City Council unanimously,

thus creating some sort of political cover for all involved – councilors and the mayor. Some progressive councilors, who, if they disagree, are afraid to have to defend themselves against the 'woke progressives' currently dominating the council, led by avowed democrat socialist Kendra Lara. Then there is the mayor who holds the purse that has the funds for district projects that she doles out, strategically. Others, who are the moderate voices, have to pick their battles and had decided that this is not one of them, praying that the MA legislature would deep-six it.

In any event, it looks like legislative leaders are balking. And unless the home rule petition is approved, the only option may be a ballot question, which will give zealous tenant activists something to do rather than tend to their own personal needs - that often fall by the wayside - and cause harried landlords to have to spend thousands if not millions of dollars fighting with competing facts and innuendo.

There has been skepticism all along about the Legislature's interest in opening the door to rent control,
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PUBLIC NOTICE: OPEN DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF MCCA PARCELS ON D & E STREET

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority will host community discussions regarding the future of MCCA owned parcels on D & E Street by the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC) on the following dates:

May 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Condon School

May 23, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at District Hall Boston

MCCA officials will be presenting and available to answer questions.

EDITORIAL

Has The Time Come For Resident Parking For Our Local Merchants?

Speaking with some of the business owners in the neighborhood, you'll find that many of them have a problem that so far, has no solution: Where to park if they don't actually live here.

Resident Parking has its supporters but also some opponents. Some like it, some don't. But in some cases it can be a problem for business owners, many of whom may not be South Boston residents but have been with us for years and have generously supported our community.

The resident parking rules as they stand now have been detrimental to some of them. For example, local business owners, especially along Broadway who have been here for decades, even generations, constantly get ticketed and fined for not having a resident sticker on their vehicles. They don't have them, because they can't get them since they aren't actually residents. These are folks who own stores and shops, pay taxes to the city but still get penalized, sometimes daily, for not having that

sticker on their window.

Perhaps City Hall could look into the possibility of coming up with parking waivers in the form of a placard for our loyal local merchants, even if it's just for the hours that they are open for business. Realistically, local shop owners could, if they wanted to, open their stores in other towns, but instead, choose to bring their business here; and in so many cases, provide jobs to residents. Allowing them to at least park here while they're working and open for business

(if they can find a spot) without getting that bright orange surprise under their wiper blade could be a nice gesture. It might be at least something to consider, and it would give an added incentive to remain here in South Boston.

As was stated above, they often own the buildings that their businesses are located in and pay property taxes like any property-owning resident. For those merchants who rent their locations they pay to work here as well, and the rents are staggering. The con-

nection between our longtime merchants and businesspeople and residents is mutually beneficial. The businesses make a living and residents have the convenience of shopping locally for the goods and services available without the inconvenience of having to drive or commute out of the neighborhood.

Providing some sort of parking waiver or passes to our local merchants is an idea that has been suggested in the past but has gone nowhere. Maybe the time has come to revisit that idea.

Haymakers for Hope's 12th Annual 'Rock 'N Rumble' Boxing Charity Event

Local Amateur Boxers Step into the Ring and Challenge their Opponents as they Fight for a Cure in Boston's New Premier Music Hall, including South Boston's own Jacob Provenzano.

Everyday individuals will transform into fighters with a shared goal of knocking out cancer in Haymakers for Hope's twelfth annual 'Rock 'N Rumble' charity boxing event at Fenway's New MGM Music Hall on Thursday, May 11, 2023. Tickets, ringside tables, and sponsorships are now on sale for the event.

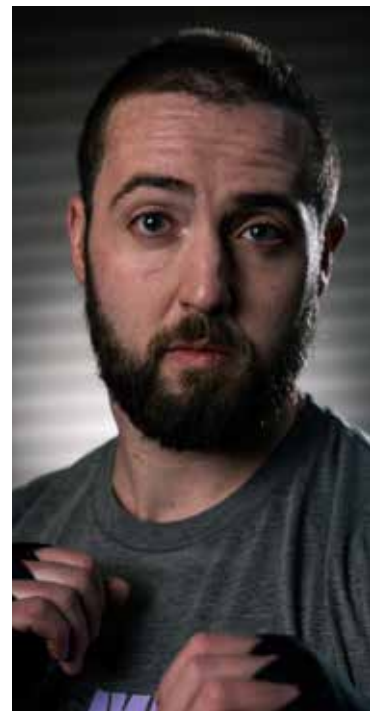
Thirty-two courageous boxing enthusiasts living and working in and around the Boston area will compete against equally-skilled opponents to help raise money for cancer research, awareness,

survivorship and care. In preparation for the big event, each fighter is strategically paired with a boxing gym and coach to guide them through the vigorous four-month training cycle. All participants train both individually and within small intimate groups, learning the fundamentals of the sweet science while creating lasting bonds with their colleagues, trainers and sometimes even their opponent.

Since its inaugural event in 2011, Haymakers for Hope has raised more than \$22 million for cancer-related non-profit organizations, while transforming more than 1,000 ordinary participants into

extraordinary amateur fighters. This year's group of fighters have raised over \$543,000 and counting.

Haymakers for Hope "Rock 'N Rumble" fights are scheduled for three two-minute rounds, and the entire boxing card is sanctioned by USA Boxing. Individual tickets start at \$85 and are available for purchase at www.haymakersforhope.org. Sponsorships and ringside tables including dinner are available at <https://info.haymakersforhope.org/rock-n-rumble-xii-sponsorship-opportunities>.



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36 States Now Require IDs To Vote - But Not Massachusetts

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One of the ongoing topics of debate and controversy as well, over the years, especially during the last decade is Voter ID – the requirement that everyone must produce an official identification before being allowed to vote in an election. The argument FOR showing an ID is that it will make it far more difficult to commit voter fraud. With all the many cases of vote tampering that have been discovered and confirmed in recent elections, it should be a no brainer to implement the policy everywhere. The argument AGAINST voter ID laws alleges that it would be discriminatory and aimed at Minorities who would find it more difficult to get an ID and therefore would suppress their votes.

And yet, with the exception of the race baiters like Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson, AOC and other fraudulent civil rights activists, along with liberal politicians and their media allies, minority voters disagree.

Every poll taken shows, without a doubt, that Americans of every racial background are in favor of requiring that an ID be produced before voting. And it's not even close. The number in favor hovers between 78-83%. A majority of Democrat voters even agree as well. But the liberals in command of the Democrat Party don't care. They continue to try to block every voter ID law whenever and wherever they are proposed. But thankfully, they are losing that battle. North Carolina 2 weeks ago became the 36th state to require an ID in some form to be able to vote. Though the overwhelming number of people in that state are in favor, like everywhere else, Democrat Party operatives have been successful in blocking it in that state's courts – until now. The North

Carolina State Supreme Court has now said that requiring an ID to vote is not unconstitutional as the opponents have claimed.

The bogus claim by liberals that racial minorities may not be capable of obtaining an ID is insulting to people of color and they've made it known. They maintain that they are as capable as anyone else of getting one and resent those who claim they are not. And they are justified in that resentment and shameless pandering of those who make those racist claims. Those states requiring IDs are even issuing government IDs to vote at no charge.

The case for requiring an ID has been made over and over but bears repeating as often as necessary: Identification is needed at banks, to board planes at airports, to cash a check, to obtain hunting and fishing licenses, to buy a gun, to apply for a job and get into a college, to enter a courthouse, to rent or buy a car, book a hotel room or a trip and pretty much everywhere else where business is conducted. Voting in an election is just as important as most of those things mentioned. If people are able to obtain an ID for most everything else, they can definitely get one to vote in an election.

Now let's be honest, is there anyone so naïve that they don't understand what the real motive for opposition to requiring an ID to vote is? Whether they admit it or not, it's pretty much a given as to who opposes it and why. Voter ID laws make it that much more difficult to cheat in an election. And by the way, it's a federal offense to commit voter fraud/vote tampering. Some of those who HAVE been caught have been sent to jail for it. Unfortunately, some get away with it even after being caught and far too many aren't caught at all.

When voting machines consistently break down only in certain precincts, 'missing' ballots turn up 2 or 3 days after the polls close and change the outcome of the original count, when people who have been dead for many years miraculously show up to vote it's pretty evident that there's a problem and a big one. By the way, In Virginia, it has just been discovered that more than 19,000 dead people are still on the list as active voters and yes, strangely enough, some of them have continued to vote in elections. Very mysterious, don't you think? But what isn't surprising is

that there is actually some political opposition to efforts to purge the deceased from the list. Can you guess by which political party?

The good news is that real efforts are being made to make sure that our country has fair and honest elections going forward, especially after what's been happening around the country. As was stated, there are currently 36 states which now require ID to vote, and more will be joining that list. Will Massachusetts be getting on board anytime soon? I'm just guessing, but my prediction is that cows will grow wings and begin flying before that happens.

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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.

The State House Is At It Again – Hiding Our Money, Perhaps?

The Legislature, sensing it could lose a legal battle, has options to unravel a controversial tax rebate law. A House plan to dole out equal rebates under Chapter 62F is under fire, deemed “unconstitutional” by business groups in a recent letter to Democratic leaders.

But lawmakers have other mechanisms ready that could keep them out of the courtroom. Several bills filed this session would repeal 62F entirely (H2744, S1797). Another would establish a commission to study 62F (HD4119). Both options would not violate the state constitution, Elizabeth Mahoney, vice president of policy and government affairs for the Massachusetts High Technology Council told MASsterList.

The House could also opt to change the formula that caps the allowable state tax growth to make it more or less likely that 62F would be triggered. The High-Tech Council — the same business group behind a successful lawsuit that derailed a 2018 attempt to pass the millionaire tax voters just approved last year — would

oppose any change made “without public debate,” Mahoney said. Lawyers say the current House plan effectively creates different tax rates in violation of the flat income tax rate spelled out in the state Constitution. Budget watchdog Doug Howgate of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation said it’s becoming “increasingly unlikely” 62F will even be triggered this year as collections have slimmed but told MASsterList that “the jury is still out.”

The 1986 voter-approved referendum mandates refunds when tax revenue collections exceed an allowable threshold tied to wage and salary growth. The House’s 62F shakeup is an attempt to make refunds “fairer” in a state facing an affordability crisis, Speaker Ronald Mariano told reporters following its approval by members in its annual budget. Recent studies name Massachusetts as the third most expensive state to live in. The proposed change still needs agreement from the Senate and a signature from Gov. Maura Healey to take effect. It’s something opponents are trying to avoid altogether. “We hope the Senate understands the con-

stitutional concern and does not include this provision in any bill that they do,” Mahoney said, noting that was the goal of the council’s warning letter.

A Senate Ways and Means Committee spokesman said Wednesday the annual budget release and a tax relief bill would come “soon” but declined to lock down a timeline.

Healey makes pitch for massive offshore wind farm

State officials want to make a splash with the next offshore wind project, seeking a company to build a new farm that could produce more than a quarter of Massachusetts’ annual electricity demand, reports Chris Van Buskirk for The Boston Herald. The push for a wind energy project that would be New England’s largest is backed by Gov. Maura Healey who said the state is “all-in on offshore wind and ready to be the industry’s hub.” Not everyone is happy.

No surprises: Boston special elections primaries mark decision for open House seats

Primaries in special elections will presumably be the end for

two Boston races. The 9th Suffolk District seat went to John Moran with 1,751 votes, or 85 percent of the ballots cast, according to unofficial election results posted on the city’s website, reports The Boston Globe. The 10th Suffolk District will go to Bill MacGregor of West Roxbury, former chief of staff for former Boston city councilor Matt O’Malley, who placed first in a three-way race. The primary contests were held to fill the vacancies of former Representatives Jon Santiago and Edward F. Coppinger, with special general elections to follow on May 30.

No extension on health insurance enrollment deadline despite cyberattack disrupting website

Health insurance for roughly 460,000 state workers is in the crosshairs of a cyberattack on Harvard Pilgrim Health Care’s website. Officials tell Cassie McGrath of the Boston Business Journal that the deadline for open enrollment period will not be extended past Wednesday for employees looking to make changes to their benefits for fiscal 2024, which begins on July 1.

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but that wariness seemed to become something closer to outright antipathy. WBUR’s Steve Brown reported that the home-rule petition, filed by first-term Boston state Rep. Sam Montañó, has drawn no cosponsors thus far. What’s more, House Majority Leader Mike Moran of Brighton pointed to the fact that the House overwhelmingly rejected reinstating rent control as part of an economic development bill, back in 2020.

“A lot of members will say, ‘What is the point of even bringing this up?’, because the overwhelming

majority of us took a position on this two years ago,” Moran told Brown. “Do we bring it up every two years? There are other things we can talk about with regard to housing. Why are we letting this take up oxygen?”

As the top deputy to House Speaker Ron Mariano, it seems safe to assume that Moran’s views reflect those of the Speaker. The bill has been assigned to the Joint Committee on Housing, but there appears to be no rush to schedule a hearing for it.

As reported in Commonwealth Magazine, Sen. Lydia Edwards, an East Boston Democrat and co-chair

of the housing committee, said, “My focus right now is on taxes and the budget,” She said there’s a lot that can be done in those two areas to help address the housing crisis for renters, as well as would-be homeowners, citing the proposed increase in the state tax deduction for renters and funding for public housing as examples. “If it’s this summer, I’d be surprised. It might be this fall,” Edwards said of a hearing date on the Boston bill.

Edwards has not staked out a position on the Boston home-rule bill. The comments from Moran and Edwards, key players in the bill’s for-

tunes on Beacon Hill, can’t be very comforting to Wu — they are both close political allies of the Mayor. It’s worth noting that House Ways and Means chair Aaron Michlewitz of the North End, another key Wu ally, voted against the 2020 amendment to restore rent control.

It is fair to assume that Mayor Wu and her activist allies will regroup on strategy going forward, but Wu has a litany of competing political agenda items to deal with. How much political capital does she have, and how much of it will she risk attempting to push this boulder up a steep hill.

MAYOR WU, BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATE INAUGURAL BOSTON FIRE CADET CLASS

Cadet Program designed to help ensure sworn members of Boston Fire Department better represent City demographics

Mayor Michelle Wu today announced members of the Boston Fire Department's inaugural Boston Fire Cadet class. From 10 neighborhoods and communities, the first class of cadets represents Mayor Wu's commitment to growing a workforce that represents the neighborhoods and communities the City serves. Modeled after the Boston Police Cadet Program, fire cadets hold paid, benefitted, civilian positions within the Boston Fire Department (BFD), receiving cooperative education with classroom and on-the-job training; exposure to firefighting tools and apparatuses; EMS, CPR, and Firefighter I trainings; and mentorship opportunities across the department. The inaugural class totals 32 individuals. Sixty-nine percent of the class comes from underrepresented communities - nine women and 17 people of color. The Cadet Program launched with three weeks of pre-academy training, which started April 24.

"The new Fire Cadet Program will provide opportunities for young people from our communities to learn the skills, values, and work ethic needed to succeed in the fire service," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This important pathway connecting our communities to jobs with the best fire department in the country has been a long time coming, and I'm grateful to Commissioner

Burke and our team for making this a priority. We've seen tremendous success with the Boston Police Department's cadet program over several years. By investing in the next generation of firefighters, we are building a more representative fire department and creating a safer and stronger Boston for all."

"It is an honor to welcome the first ever Fire Cadets to the Boston Fire Department," said Fire Commissioner Paul Burke. "Their skill sets and backgrounds represent every neighborhood in the City of Boston. We look forward to turning this diverse group of women and men into Boston Firefighters. Thank you, Mayor Wu, for your hard work and persistence in making this program a reality."

The current state-mandated civil service requirements give preference to populations already overrepresented within BFD regardless of Civil Service Exam scores. The cadet program is designed to expand opportunities for underrepresented populations to join the yearly Firefighter Academy class. Following completion of the two-year cadet program, graduates may be eligible for admission into the Boston Fire Academy, a requirement to become a sworn member of the Boston Fire Department. The program is key to ensuring the firefighter rank becomes more representative of the City's demographics. Currently, 1.2 percent of Boston firefighters identify as women and 26.8 percent identify as



people of color. The City's population between the ages of 18-34 is 51.8 percent women and 50.6 percent people of color.

"We have worked long and hard over the years for the Cadet Program," said Alector Tavares, President of the Boston Vulcans. "We are excited to see this dream come to fruition. The inaugural class has a tremendous representation from all over the City; we are committed to partnering with the Fire Department for outreach and strategic initiatives with the goal of reaching more candidates from underrepresented communities."

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OUTDOOR VENUE AND BEER GARDEN OPENING ON BOSTON COMMON



Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department today announced the opening on May 4 of a new seasonal performance space and outdoor beer garden offering music, food, and beverages on Boston Common, the country's first public park. The City of Boston released an Request For Proposals (RFP) in January 2023 calling for vendors with experience running a successful food and beverage service program to operate and manage a hospitality destination that would enhance the southeast corner of the park. Emerson College UnCommon Stage and the Trillium Garden on the Common were selected and will occupy the corner of the park at Tremont and Boylston Streets near the Boylston Street MBTA station. The venue will open on May 4 and run through November 1.

"This new performance venue and

beer garden on Boston Common will activate the historic park, and our Downtown, with performances that represent all of our residents of Boston and a new, beautiful outdoor gathering space for all," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "The City is proud to partner with Emerson College and two family-owned local businesses - Trillium Brewing and Taqueria El Barrio - to bring new joy and renewal to Downtown Boston."

On Thursday, May 4 at 5:15 p.m., Mayor Wu will join the Parks and Recreation Department, Emerson College and Trillium Brewing, and community members for a ribbon cutting celebrating the opening of the venue.

The partnership between the Boston Parks and Recreation Department (BPRD) and Emerson College is aligned with the recently released Boston Common Master Plan, which

called for introducing new activities to reimagine underutilized spaces in the park. The performance venue will serve as a vital addition to Boston's economy, by providing an outdoor, curated entertainment stage to the oldest public park in the country. The venue is located in close proximity to "The Embrace." This opening builds off Mayor Wu's commitment to creating a welcoming and thriving Downtown for residents, workers, and visitors alike.

"The Boston Common, or the 'People's Park,' is a crucial historic central gathering space in our city," said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "The new partnership with Emerson College and Trillium is creating a space that allows people to connect with each other while supporting local artists in

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I Was Just Thinking...



by Kevin Devlin

Racism is a big issue these days. Not necessarily with most Americans people but surely with certain elements of the ruling elite and the Looney Left. Sure, racism isn't dead and probably never will be. Some people just can't help themselves. They'd rather hate someone who is different from them. Yes, they are ignorant. But racist beliefs are not hiding behind every corner to the degree some would want us to believe, because they are frauds, who have only embraced such extreme positions to further their ideological goals, nay schemes.

Ironically, we've come a very long way to heal the wounds of racial di-

vide, but we are supposed to believe America is worse today than it was yesterday. That is a lie, a myth.

Everything is not racist.

Most people are not racist.

We are all human beings. We have the inalienable right to happiness and liberty. We live. We die. We all bleed red.

I lived in two great neighborhoods, Savin Hill and Southie, for a total of sixty-five years. Sure, there were haters and racists, but most people have good hearts and only want the best for their fellow human beings.

I was recently sent an email from a lifelong South Bostonian who wanted to share a story with me which I want to share (verbatim) with you.

He wrote, "I was a kid, maybe 13 years old, living on Patterson Way, in the Old Colony Projects. I believe I was in the 8th Grade at Boston Latin School. I had many friends at this school and one Friday afternoon, after

school, some were invited to Southie to enjoy themselves playing sports. While playing, a pair of brothers came over to us and started calling us names and referred to one of my friends as the "N" word. Then one of the brothers showed a knife. I protected my friends and, finally, the brothers left. I walked my friends to the Andrew Square train station, so that they would be safe on their way home.

Fast forward approximately 35 years. One of my sons was a pupil at BLS, and one day had a substitute teacher for one of his classes. The teacher was taking attendance. When he came to my son's last name, he asked my son if he was related to me. And my son told the teacher that I was his father. Once said, the teacher stopped taking attendance, and relayed a story about a kid he used to go to school with, defended him, and he never forgot it.

My son came home that day and

relayed the story of this teacher. I shed a tear, thinking something I did made a lasting impression on a person 35 years later. I just thought that you might appreciate this story...and oh, by the way, the kid's name was Melvin King Jr."

I believe this story was worthy of your time.

It was heartwarming, reinforcing the humanistic philosophy within me that most people are honorable and fair-minded. That they would rather love others rather than hate them. That they would prefer to include others rather than to exclude them. That they would respect others rather than disrespect them. And defend others by not allowing the angry Mob to abuse them.

The measure of a good man or woman is not what he or she looks like but what they hold as self-evident Truths, evidenced not by words but by deeds and what resides comfortably and with decency within their wholesome hearts.



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Applicants must be ages 18 to 25, hold a high school diploma or equivalent certificate, currently reside in the City of Boston and have maintained residency for the last three years, and possess a valid Massachusetts Drivers License with a good driving record. Cadets were selected following a thorough and rigorous interview process, including a phone screen and traditional job interview; a fitness evaluation; a background check, with the cadets selected and approved by Commissioner Paul Burke.

The Fire Cadet Program was created following passage of a home rule petition sponsored by State Representative Chynah Tyler. "I am so glad to have stood on the front lines to ensure that this opportunity is actually obtainable for those who

traditionally have a challenging pathway becoming a firefighter here in Boston just for being who they are - oftentimes that is Black, Latino and people of color," said State Representative Chynah Tyler. "I look forward to working with the City to continue to remove these barriers through the awareness, strength, and conditioning that the cadet program will provide."

"This is a great opportunity for our young people, especially young women and people of color, to receive firefighting and EMS training and mentorship, which will help them succeed and better serve our communities in the future," said Council President Ed Flynn. "The development of this cadet program is critical to ensuring that Boston will have a steady stream of trained young people who reflect the com-

munities that they serve to continue this important work of public safety in our City."

"As Chair of the Public Safety Committee, I am thrilled to see the Boston Fire Cadet Class become a reality," said Councilor Michael Flaherty. "It will be an important asset to the City to be able to recruit young people from all neighborhoods in the City to hopefully then serve on the finest fire department in the country."

Of the 32-member cadet class, two completed the Boston Fire Teen Academy, a SuccessLink youth summer job. The Fire Teen Academy is designed to provide a safe environment where teens can engage with firefighters and first responders to be exposed to fire services and career exploration in public safety. Graduates of the Boston Teen Academy



who applied for the Cadet Program, with a complete application, were guaranteed an interview.

The following individual is a South Boston resident and member of the first Boston Fire Cadet Program.

* **Alexis LaMonica, South Boston**

Councilors Flynn and Flaherty Community Meeting On Off-leash Dogs at M Street Park

Following an incident in April in which a four year old girl was bitten by an off-leash dog at Medal of Honor Park, or M Street Park, Council President Flynn and Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty will be hosting a community meeting in South Boston on Thursday, May 10th at 6pm at M Street Park to address the issue of off-leash dogs.

Boston Police C-6 Captain Joseph Boyle, Boston Animal Control Director Alexis Trzcinski, and officials from the Boston Parks Department will also be present at the community meeting. The South Boston community is invited to attend and share their experiences and concerns. The meeting will also discuss potential solutions and enforcement to this serious issue.



“We all love our dogs and pets, but at the same time we have many families with young children who use the Medal of Honor Park. It is important for their safety, and the peace of mind of parents and neighbors, that dog owners and dog walkers please keep their dogs on a leash to prevent these incidents from happening,” said Council President Flynn. “We also have a dog park located nearby right down the hill on First Street at the Thomas J. Butler

Park that was built for this exact purpose. I strongly encourage dog owners and walkers to be a good neighbor and utilize this park for both the enjoyment of their pets, as well as the safety of our residents and children.”

“The safety of our residents and particularly our children is of the utmost importance and I implore dog owners to follow the leash law and utilize the dog park located on First Street. Let’s start the conversation about the potential for another dog park or dog run in the neighborhood given the increasing necessity,” said Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty.

For more information, please contact Council President Flynn’s office at 617-635-3203 and Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

Catholic Charities Labouré Center Honored South Boston’s Tom Tinlin

Catholic Charities Labouré Center honored Tom Tinlin, a two-time brain aneurysm survivor and former state and City of Boston leader, at its 39th annual Spring Reception on Thursday, April 27, at the Exchange Conference Center in Boston.

Tinlin, a longtime supporter of the Labouré Center, received the Jack Shaughnessy Service Award, which was established in memory of the late well-known Catholic philanthropist. The award is presented annually to someone who has shown exceptional dedication and service to the Labouré Center and the Boston community. Former Boston and US Secretary of Labor Mayor Martin J. Walsh, now the executive director of the National Hockey League Players’ Association, assisted the Shaughnessy Family in presenting the Jack Shaughnessy Service Award to Tinlin. Ken Casey of the Dropkick Murphys, who accepted the service award last year on behalf of the band’s The Claddagh Fund, and Boston City Councilor Erin Murphy, were also in attendance.

“Tom Tinlin is an inspiration and a dedicated community leader. We are incredibly grateful for Tom’s steadfast support over the years,” said Catholic Charities Boston President and CEO Kevin M. MacKenzie. “His hard work and dedication

have been integral to the success and mission of Catholic Charities Labouré Center as it serves Boston residents in need.”

“The Labouré Center has a long history of doing amazing work to help our community, and I’m proud to play a part in that,” said Tom Tinlin. “I am humbled and extremely honored to receive this award.” Tinlin, whose public service career for the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts spanned three decades, was instrumental in helping the Labouré Center undertake a massive construction project to move the center to its current location on West Broadway to broaden its scope of services. Tinlin continues to be a vocal champion for the center and a beloved auctioneer for many South Boston events, including Catholic Charities Labouré Spring Reception.

Tinlin suffered a ruptured brain aneurysm in 2017. After undergoing three brain surgeries in the last six years, he became involved in spreading awareness, advocacy, and support. Currently, he is Chairman of the Board of the Brain Aneurysm Foundation (BAF), founded 30 years ago in Boston, and is the world’s largest funder of private brain aneurysm research.

Tinlin is also one of the 15% of patients with more than one aneu-

rysm. He had a second unruptured aneurysm treated on November 1, 2022. Until then, it was considered inoperable, but through fundraising and research, his life was saved again. In 2019, Tinlin and his family had their first annual 18 for 18 Tinlin Family Golf Tournament to benefit the BAF’s on-going awareness and support. As the tournament continues to grow, the gross amount raised will be over \$1 million after this year’s game.

Tinlin, the former commissioner of the Boston Transportation Department, is now an Associate Principal at Boston-based transportation consulting firm Howard Stein Hudson. He also serves as a Director of the City of Boston Credit Union, Zoo New England, The Shawn Thornton Foundation, and the Children’s Trust. Tinlin, his wife Heather, and their children Thomas and Grace live in South Boston.



Labouré Center Advisory Board Chair: Matthew Wells, Labouré Center Advisory Board Member: Casey Shaughnessy, Former Labouré Center Director: Sister Maryadele Robinson, Event Honoree: Tom Tinlin and Former Mayor of Boston and Former US Labor Secretary: Martin J. Walsh

The Wine Guy

In The South

While it's been unseasonably cold here this spring, in the south of France, the weather has been perfect; in fact, many of the resorts have reported record-high bookings. As well, many of the vineyards are also saying that their vines are flowering early- a good sign for lots of good weather ahead. The following are some of the consistently best wines to be enjoyed there- and here, too...

Aix Rose 2022, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence, France, (\$22.99) is a

hypnotizing salmon pink color with notes of strawberry, watermelon, peach, and subtle floral hints. This wine has a pronounced minerality in its long and precise finish. It's a blend of 60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 20% Cinsault, which gives it a light effervescence, suggesting a Champagne-like body. You can pair this one with salmon, lobster, light salads and grilled chicken. James Suckling has given it 90 points, describing it as, "Pale peach-colored rosé with aro-

mas of roses, strawberries, melon and cream. Medium-bodied, creamy and fresh. Perfumed and pretty."

Chateau Minuty Prestige Rose 2022, Rosé, Cotes de Provence, France, (\$26.99). Sourced primarily from two Minuty estate vineyards, one in Saint-Tropez influenced by the marine proximity and one in Viduban, more continental and planted to vines with an average age of 25 years. This is the most structured and expressive of all the Minuty wines. Pleasant minerality and great freshness. The blend of 60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Cinsault and 10% Rolle give it a structure that's greater than most other wines from this region; Wilfred Wong from Wine.com has given it 93 points, saying: "The 2022 Minuty Prestige Rosé is precise and appealing. This wine excels with aromas and flavors of sandalwood, honeydew, and mineral notes. Pair this with a platter of lightly grilled shellfish.

Wine & Spirits says: "At first, this wine's pineapple-core waxiness dominates its ripe fruit. With some air, though, bitter aperitivo-herb scents lighten it, the flavors coalescing into cherry pit. It's mouthwatering and would garner compliments around the pool or at a high-end dinner party."

La Vidaubanaise Cotes de Provence Le Provençal Rose, 2022, Provence, France, (\$22.99). La Vidaubanaise Cotes de Provence Rose offers an inviting bouquet of red currants, strawberries, and melon. It's delicate, yet flavorful on the palate with a long, refreshing finish. This is



an ideal wine with lighter summer fare such as salads, pasta, grilled meats; it's also exceptional with any seafood on the grill.

Staying in southern regions, but moving west, some of the most interesting wines in the last twenty-plus years have come from Santa Barbera, California. **The 2021 Chardonnay, Santa Barbara County, California, (23.99)** is a beautiful example of the Au Bon Climat style. The flinty, stony aromas stand out, while in the background is an intriguing spice note of clove and nutmeg from surlies barrel aging in somewhat neutral, Francois

Freres barrels for 10 months. Flavors and aromas of citrus and stone fruit are finished with a beautiful lemon/lime zest note. The wine is intense, but light on its feet and is built to complement food, not to overwhelm it.

Santa Barbara County has the climate and terroir that allows Au Bon Climat to consistently make balanced and lively Chardonnays year after year. The wine keeps on evolving from delicious and fresh at release, to a richer, more complex wine with age. This one is not only delicious now but will drink very well for the next 10 years...if you can wait.

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our country's first public park."

"UnCommon Stage and the Trillium Garden on the Common are perfect spots to grab a bite or spend time with friends and family," said Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods. "The activation also creates a new revenue stream that will help support our recreational programs for youth and adults citywide."

The 5,000 square foot performance space, designed by Elkus Manfredi Architects, will feature daily entertainment and programming at the Emerson College UnCommon Stage. Performances will range from local musicians and WERS 88.9 broadcasts to DJs, comedy shows, book readings and more.

"The Emerson College UnCommon Stage and Trillium's Garden on the Common will create an exciting, new destination for those

working and living in the Downtown Boston area as well as for visitors to the city," said Emerson College Interim President William Gilligan. "It will showcase the best the City has to offer culturally, with a stellar local brewer, in a unique outdoor space."

The Trillium Garden on the Common will be open Wednesday and Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from noon to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m. The outdoor garden, which seats more than 400, is open to all and will offer a variety of beverages and food by Taqueria El Barrio.


"The City of Boston has been committed to building a stronger, more vibrant, and more welcoming downtown," said Kara Elliott-Ortega, Chief of Arts and Culture. "Creating opportunities to experience arts and culture in the Boston Common is an excellent way to draw residents and visitors in, foster

creative expression, and spread joy."

"We're looking at creative ways to bring Boston residents and visitors downtown to replace some of the vibrancy and foot traffic we lost due to the pandemic. But given the outsized role of arts and culture in Boston's economy, this addition will positively impact the economic health of the entire city," said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion.

"We know that positive activity in a park pushes out negative activity and behavior," said Liz Vizza, the Friends of the Public Garden President. "This new attraction will bring more people to this part of the Common while the income generated will support projects such as the Brewer Fountain activation."

Additional information about entertainment and performances can be found on the Emerson College UnCommon Stage website here.



Virtual Public Meeting

617 Dorchester Ave f/k/a 20 Boston St


May 10, 2023

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/617DorAve

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 161 107 0319



Project Proponent:

Mark Little

Project Description:

The information at this meeting is crucial to you as a City of Boston resident, and stakeholder. Interpreting services are available to communicate the content of these documents at no additional cost to you. If you require translation services, please contact the following: Tyler.C.Ross@boston.gov. The meeting is scheduled for 4/5/2023. Please request interpreting services no later than 5 days before the meeting date.

Meeting of the general public to review 617 Dorchester Ave f/k/a 20 Boston St.

This meeting will be focused on the proposed 617 Dorchester Ave f/k/a 20 Boston St project. Please note that this is a Public Meeting. The meeting will begin with a 45-minute presentation of the project by the development team, followed by 45-minutes of public Q&A.

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Compass on the Bay Awarded Purple Flag for Dementia Care™ Accreditation

First Community Outside of CT to Achieve Honor

Compass on the Bay, a memory support assisted living community managed by Senior Living Residences, has earned the Purple Flag for Dementia Care™ accreditation.

The community held a flag raising ceremony on April 27, 2023 to commemorate the achievement. In attendance were State Senator Nick Collins and Boston City Councilor Mike Flaherty, Tadd Clelland, President & CEO of Senior Living Residences (SLR) and Christopher Carter, President of Connecticut Assisted Living Association (CALA) as well as the community's staff, residents, family members, and local eldercare professionals.

"We're proud to have Compass on the Bay fly the Purple Flag for Dementia Care™ at their community," said Carter. "Compass is a senior living provider who has demonstrated great leadership not only in the area of memory care, but also in the field of senior living more broadly."

"We're very proud of Compass. It's a great place for the residents and

families to be able to continue to be connected with great service. And the standard of excellence that they're continuing to provide makes us very proud. This designation, and flying this flag, is going to represent that. When we drive by, we're going to be thinking about that," said Senator Collins at the ceremony. "It also reminds us how much more we need to do to support this field."

Senator Collins read from an official citation which he presented to Caity Burke, Executive Director of Compass on the Bay. "The Massachusetts Senate hereby extends its congratulations to Compass on the Bay in recognition of your receiving the Purple Flag for Dementia Care™ accreditation for services provided to South Boston's senior community and for your care for those with Alzheimer's disease and dementia."

"It's an honor to be here on behalf of my colleagues in government," said Councilman Flaherty who also presented Burke with a citation on

behalf of Mayor Michelle Wu and City Hall. "I can attest that this award is legit. This is a legit award because I've seen firsthand the great care that you provide for my Dad."

"The folks that are doing the real work, they're here in front of us and behind us," Flaherty continued. "Elected officials get to come and recognize folks and take pictures, but it's the people that work in this building day in and day out, take great care of our loved ones... I couldn't be more proud of this establishment being in our community here in South Boston."

"Personally, I am so proud that Compass is not only a Purple Flag-accredited community but the first one in the state of Massachusetts," said Burke. "The Purple Flag accreditation, like our own Right Values Mission, is not just a recognition of the outstanding work we have been doing in our community, but it is also a promise to continue going above and beyond for our residents and ensuring they have the best quality of life. I want to

thank my team. It is their dedication to bettering the lives of Compass on the Bay's wonderful residents that we are really celebrating today."

"For Compass on the Bay to be accredited with the Purple Flag is a great honor," said Clelland. "During the accreditation process, it became clear rather quickly that our values are aligned. Through [Purple Flag's] endeavors to create an accreditation for memory care programs, you have raised the bar for an entire industry."

Compass on the Bay is the 8th organization to receive a Purple Flag accreditation, the first provider in the state of Massachusetts.

A celebratory luncheon was held after the event with a huge shout out to Chef Ken and the wonderful food he prepared. Compass On The Bay is made up of family whether your management, staff or resident and South Boston appreciates and is proud to have you as part of our community. —South Boston Today

ABOUT COMPASS ON THE BAY

Compass on the Bay in South Boston is an assisted living community dedicated exclusively to those with memory loss featuring Compass Memory Support, a renowned, research-based treatment program for those with dementia, from Mild Cognitive Impairment to Alzheimer's disease and other dementia-causing diseases. The community is professionally managed by Senior Living Residences of Braintree, MA. Learn more at www.CompassontheBay.com.

ABOUT PURPLE FLAG FOR DEMENTIA CARE™

Purple Flag for Dementia Care™ is an accreditation program developed to recognize excellence and drive continuous improvement in the quality of services provided by those who care for individuals living with Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias. Purple Flag for Dementia Care™ originated through

a collaboration between the Institute for Senior Living Education (ISLE), the Connecticut Assisted Living Association (CALA), and the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter in an advisory capacity. Upon approval, providers receive the distinctive purple flag as a symbol that communicates their commitment to leadership in the field of memory care. To learn more about Purple Flag and for media inquiries, please contact Chris Carter at cpcarter@ctassistedliving.com.



Pictured from left to right: Boston City Councillor Mike Flaherty; Christopher Carter, President of Connecticut Assisted Living Association (CALA); Tadd Clelland, President and CEO of Senior Living Residences; Caity Burke, Executive Director at Compass on the Bay; and State Senator Nick Collins





Hearts, Hugs & Hope: A Virtual Alzheimer’s Support Group Offered by Compass on the Bay

May 18, 2023, 6:00 pm.
Dealing with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia isn’t easy, so it is helpful to share your concerns and personal experiences with others who completely understand what you’re going through.

You will also learn about proven strategies to help you better care for your family member. This group will be held in conjunction with our sister community, Standish Village. Call 617-268-5450 or email Director of Community Relations Dean Tricarico

at dtricarico@compassonthebay.com for more information and to register for the virtual meeting.
This is a virtual event sponsored by Compass on the Bay Assisted Living and Memory Support Community, 1380 Columbia Road, South Boston.



St. Peter Academy

Glow Day in Kindergarten 2 with Mrs. Heseck

The Kindergarten 2 Classroom kicked off the Month of May with their first ever Glow Party! The students spent the day reviewing Math and ELA concepts they have learned throughout the year while “glowing”. They used high-

lighter markers with black light to write in glowing style. The students have made tremendous progress in their learning, and all their hard work paid off. Thank you to the K2 Parents for your donation of the “glow” items to assist with the party. The

celebration was extra special as it was Mrs. Heseck’s Birthday too!

St. Peter Academy is accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. 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 (School Year and Full Year Programs), Kindergarten and grades 1-6. Financial Aid Available. Two Scholarships will be offered this year for applicants for Grades 1 through 6. You may request scholarship information from the Front Office (spa@stpeteracademy.com). Appointments for individual virtual tours can be made by contacting Maria Blasi, at 617-268-0750 or by emailing spa@StPeterAcademy.com.



South Boston Catholic Academy News

Great Classroom Work 3rd Grade!

Learning about Fractions:
In Ms. Stephanie Olsen’s 3A Class, her students were introduced to fractions through an engaging game of Kahoot! They learned how to break a shape into fractions and new math vocabulary such as unit fractions, numerators, and denominators. Even better, at the end of the game the class broke out into a round of applause when their classmate won the game!

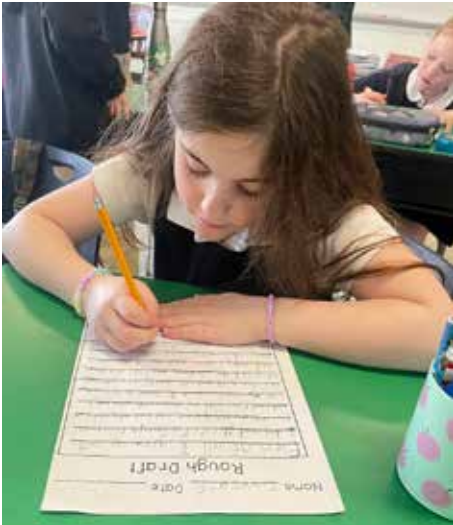
Writing Project:
3A also just finished up an opinion writing unit. In their project they read about the difference between cats and dogs to decide which one they liked better. They used graphic organizers to gather their thoughts. Then, they practiced stating their opinion, giving a reason why, and an example of their reasoning. Once they finished their graphic organizers, they wrote rough drafts. When

editing their drafts, they focused on using transition words to make their paragraph cohesive! Ms. Olsen is very proud of the consistent hard work and determination!

3B Store:
In Ms. Juliana Sammarco’s 3B Class, her students were given a task to make a product ONLY made of paper. They had to come up with a price for their product as well as a slogan and a short commercial as to why other students should buy their product. There were lots of items being sold and 3B had a wonderful time creating and doing this in class project!

Book Report:
3B did such a great job with their cereal book report. They created a title for their cereal based on the book. On the borders of their boxes they added the main characters, setting, problem and solution. The back of the box also had some sort of game or puzzle related to their book. 3B were so creative when coming up with their cereal boxes and enjoyed making them!

New families are welcome to email our admissions team at: admissions@sbcatholicacademy.org for more info. about South Boston Catholic Academy.





This week, Danny shared his thoughts on the 2023 NFL Draft and reacted to the Patriots' picks:

The 2023 NFL Draft had its moments, but there didn't seem to be anything too crazy that happened. Alabama quarterback Bryce Young went No. 1 overall to the Carolina Panthers, as expected. Ohio State quarterback C.J. Stroud went No. 2 overall to the Houston Texans.

Florida quarterback Anthony Richardson was the third quarterback taken, as he was drafted by the Indianapolis Colts with the No. 4 pick. The only real drama came in the form of Kentucky quarterback Will Levis being left in the green room undrafted in Round 1, only to be taken with the second pick in the second round, by the Tennessee Titans.

From a Patriots perspective, the Pats traded their No. 14 overall pick to the Steelers. New England dropped down to No. 17 overall with the trade, and drafted Oregon cornerback Christian Gonzalez. The Patriots made a total of 12 picks in this year's draft, with their first three picks being defensive players. They also traded up in the fourth round to take a kicker, while also drafting a punter later on in the sixth round.

Given all the talk about the Patriots' offense and how it needs to be much better in 2023 than it was

in 2022, I was a little shocked to see Bill Belichick focus on defense in the first three rounds. I at least thought he would draft an offensive lineman by Round 3. But oh well. I guess we're all going to really have to rely on new offensive coordinator Bill O'Brien to right the ship.

That said, there isn't enough time to break down all 12 Patriots draft picks. And to be completely honest, you don't want my analysis on any of these kids. I'm definitely not an NFL draft expert, and so I won't pretend to be one. So here's the pre-draft scouting report for the Patriots' picks in the first three rounds, from NFL.com's head draft analyst Chad Reuter:

Christian Gonzalez (Rd. 1, 17 overall, CB, Oregon)

-Gonzalez was a four-star recruit when he signed with Colorado out of The Colony High School in Texas, where he starred on offense, defense and special teams. Gonzalez started all six games of the Buffaloes' 2020 season (25 tackles, five pass breakups) and all 12 contests in 2021 (53 tackles, 5.5 for loss, five pass breakups), earning honorable mention All-Pac-12 accolades. Cornerbacks coach Demetrice Martin moved from Colorado to Oregon

after the season and Gonzalez followed suit, starring for the Ducks in 2022. He was a first-team All-Pac-12 pick after leading Oregon with four interceptions and seven pass breakups, posting 50 tackles and blocking a kick in 12 starts. Gonzalez opted out of the team's bowl game. His father, Hector, is a former UTEP basketball player who played semiprofessionally in Colombia. Gonzalez's older sisters are former All-American track stars Samantha (Miami) and Melissa (Texas), who is married to NFL quarterback David Blough.

Keion White (Rd. 2, 46 overall, DE, Georgia Tech)

-The three-star recruit from Garner, North Carolina, began his career at Old Dominion as a tight end, starting eight games as a redshirt freshman in 2018 (11-124-11.3 receiving). His transition to defensive end in 2019 went quite well, as he tied the school-record with 19 tackles for loss (3.5 sacks) among his 62 tackles in 12 starts. White was not able to follow up that second-team All-Conference USA effort with the Monarchs in 2020, however, as the football team did not play that fall due to COVID-19 concerns. He transferred to Georgia Tech for

2021, making four tackles in four games after missing the start of the year due to injury. White came up big in his final season, earning third-team All-ACC notice by leading the Yellow Jackets with 14 tackles for loss and 7.5 sacks among his 54 total stops in 12 starts.

Marte Mapu (Rd. 3, 76 overall, LB, Sacramento State)

-Mapu starred at Hawthorne High School in California before heading to Sacramento State in 2017, redshirting his first year with the program. He played in five games in 2018 (six tackles) and 11 games in 2019 (18 tackles, one interception, two starts). The team did not play in 2020 due to COVID-19 concerns. Mapu earned second-team All-Big Sky Conference accolades the next fall after leading the Hornets with four interceptions and 10 pass breakups (also posting 65 tackles, 5.5 for loss in 12 starts). He was a first-team Associated Press FCS All-American and the Big Sky Conference Defensive Player of the Year in 2022, filling the stat sheet in 13 starts (76 tackles, 6.5 for loss, two interceptions, four pass breakups, one blocked kick).

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SPORTS TODAY

BRUINS' HISTORIC SEASON ENDS IN SHOCKING FASHION

SBT Staff

The 2022-23 Boston Bruins will be known for a lot of things. But unfortunately, one of those things will not be playoff success.

After setting the NHL record for wins and points in a regular season, the dominant Bruins were eliminated in the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs last weekend, losing to the Florida Panthers in seven games.

The Panthers entered the playoffs with the least amount of points out of any playoff team in both the Eastern and Western Conference. But on Sunday, Panthers forward Carter Verhaeghe wristed a game-winning shot over the left shoulder of Jeremy Swayman in overtime of Game 7 at the TD Garden, ending Boston's season a whole lot earlier than anyone expected.

"I guess the words that come to mind right now: disappointment, confusion," said Bruins coach Jim Montgomery during his press conference immediately after the game. "And then I would say the other part is if you start looking at the season, it was an honor to coach that group. I know we didn't get to where we wanted, I get that, but their professionalism, their work ethic, their commitment to being pros, it was a

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joy to be around."

What made the Bruins' first-round loss even more shocking, was the fact that they took a 3-1 series lead after a 6-2 win in Florida in Game 4.

But in Game 5 back in Boston, Panthers forward Matthew Tkachuk took advantage of a Bruins miscue behind their own net in overtime, and put home the game-winner, forcing a Game 6 back in Florida.

In Game 6, the Bruins blew two separate leads in the third period alone, and lost to the Panthers, 7-5, creating an anything-can-happen Game 7 at the TD Garden.

Linus Ullmark made the first six starts of the series, but the B's switched it up and went with Swayman in Game 7. And late in that Game 7, it looked as if the switch worked.

David Pastrnak scored his fifth goal of the series just four minutes into the third period, putting Boston up 3-2. But with a minute to play in the game, Panthers defenseman Brandon Montour snuck one past Swayman to tie the game at 3-3 and send it to overtime.

Midway through that overtime, Verhaeghe scored to end the Bruins' season.

A few days after the loss, the Bruins met with the media for

one final day of access before they head home for the off-season. One of the most asked questions was about the future of veterans Patrice Bergeron and David Krejci. Neither Bergeron or Krejci revealed their plans for next season.

Bergeron turns 38 in July. He signed a one-year deal with the Bruins last offseason. After Sunday's Game 7 loss, Bergeron shared an emotional moment with Brad Marchand on the ice, before blowing a kiss to the crowd as he exited to the dressing room.

It certainly had the feel of a "goodbye," but Bergeron said he still isn't sure what his plans are. "The emotions are still hard," said Bergeron. "The scars will be there for a while . . . it's too early right now to even make a sound decision [about my future]. I really want to make sure I make the right call . . . I don't know how long it's gonna take."

Krejci also signed a one-year deal with the Bruins last offseason. He turned 37 last month. With regards to his future, his mind was in the same place as Bergeron's.

"There's lots to think about," said Krejci. "I'm gonna go home soon, talk to my family but definitely gonna make a decision soon

WHAT TO WATCH

NBA FRIDAY, MAY 5
Eastern Conference Semifinals
Gm 3: Boston at Philadelphia
7:30 P.M. ESPN

SUNDAY, MAY 7
Eastern Conference Semifinals
Gm 4: Boston at Philadelphia
3:30 P.M. ESPN

TUESDAY, MAY 9
Eastern Conference Semifinals
Gm 5: Philadelphia at Boston
TBD TNT

MLB SATURDAY, MAY 6
Boston at Philadelphia
7:15 P.M. FOX

SUNDAY, MAY 7
Boston at Philadelphia
1:35 P.M. NESN

WWE SATURDAY, MAY 6
Backlash
8 P.M. Peacock

. . . I want to get away because everything is really raw right now. I don't want to make any decision that I'm gonna regret."

The Bruins won 65 games and had 135 points in the regular season. So the feeling of having unfinished business will certainly be a factor as the organization looks ahead to 2023-24.

"Kind of numb still," said defenseman Charlie McAvoy during his final media session of the year. "It's hard to really put it into words right now . . . it's so fresh, it's hard to even put into words what went wrong or where it wrong. It's the ultimate disappointment right now."

"It's tough," said Marchand. "You sit and dwell at the opportunity lost and how things played out. It doesn't get any easier and I'm sure it won't for a while."



Mayor Michelle Wu's **NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOURS**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Join Mayor Wu and City staff for conversation, coffee, and more!



Bay Village/Chinatown | Tuesday, May 2
Elliot Norton Park, 295 Tremont St.

Roslindale | Wednesday, May 3
Fallon Field, 910 South St.

Roxbury | Friday, May 5
Marcella Playground, 260 Highland St.

South Boston | Wednesday, May 10
A Street Park, 135-141 A St.

Dorchester | Friday, May 12
Doherty-Gibson Playground (Town Field)
1545 Dorchester Ave.

East Boston | Wednesday, May 17
Noyes Playground, 86 Boardman St.

Downtown/West End | Friday, May 19
City Hall Plaza, 1 City Hall Sq.

Allston-Brighton | Monday, May 22
Brighton Common, 30 Chestnut Hill Ave.

North End | Wednesday, May 24
Langone Park, 529 Commercial St.

South End | Thursday, May 25
Hayes Park, 158 Warren Ave.

Charlestown | Wednesday, May 31
McCarthy/Edwards Playground
10 Eden St.

Hyde Park | Thursday, June 1
Amatucci Playground, 1460 Hyde Park Ave.

Mattapan | Thursday, June 8
Hunt-Almont Park, 40 Almont St.

Fenway/Kenmore | Tuesday, June 13
Symphony Community Park, 30 Edgerly Rd.

West Roxbury | Wednesday, June 14
Billings Field, 369 LaGrange St.

Jamaica Plain | Friday, June 16
Mozart Street Playground, 10 Mozart St.

Mission Hill | Tuesday, June 20
Mission Hill Playground, 1497 Tremont St.

Back Bay/Beacon Hill | Wednesday, June 21
Commonwealth Avenue Mall, 15 Commonwealth Ave.
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