



# MA Police Chiefs Want An Equitable Reform Bill

*Bad Officers Need To Be Dealt With; Good Officers Protected*

Massachusetts police chiefs denounced sections of the Legislature’s efforts to increase accountability in policing as “nothing more than a knee-jerk reaction” to faraway events. While the reference to ‘far away events’, belies the fact that police tactics have contributed to deaths, other that George Floyd in Minneapolis,

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# EDITORIAL

## No Lysol? They Panicked. How About No Cops?

To some it seems like forever, but it was just 3 months ago when people were running through store aisles in a near panic because they couldn't find Lysol spray, Sani Wipes and toilet paper. How scared will they be if some time in the near future they can't find a cop because there are none, or at least not enough?

To many, that would be pretty scary, especially with the way thugs and punks, turned rioters, are allowed to get away with an increasing number of crimes by liberal judges and radical DA's like Rachael Rollins. Police officers are being targeted as the

news media and some Democrat politicians are clamoring for what comes pretty close to having the hands of law enforcement tied, their pay cut and budgets for new, much needed equipment cut by millions.

The anti-cop sentiment being pushed by adults in positions of authority who should know better, combined with all the other attacks on the thin blue line that keeps us safe is all contributing to a rapidly declining number of new recruits - young men and women who at one time dreamed of being cops but now are having second thoughts. Add

to this, cowardly politicians looking for ways to make it easier to sue police officers personally and it's a simple thing to understand why there is a lack of new recruits and a big uptick of those currently on the force seriously thinking about taking an early retirement.

So, what happens if the day comes when the police force is stretched too thin to be effective? Do we ask the feds for troops to patrol the streets? Not a good idea. Do we all go out and buy guns? We all know by now that most people already have and in so many cases are now armed to the teeth.



But do we want to have to resort to living in communities turned into bunkers to defend ourselves? The majority would say they would rather not unless forced to. So, what's the solution?

Well, we can all start the

ball rolling by not letting the law makers and decision makers allow themselves to hide from taking a stand in defense of law enforcement. Don't let city, state and county elected officials get off easy when they are bullied by the anti-cop activists with the loud bull horns to turn their backs on police. Make calls, show up for 'Back the Blue' demonstrations, write letters and emails and post on social media that you stand behind our men and women in blue and will not tolerate politicians throwing them under the bus in an effort to appease the radicals.

And let them know that if they don't support our police, they will answer for it at the ballot box. House members at the state house will be debating the 'Police Reform' bill this week. Watch how each member votes very carefully. The future safety of our communities depends on it.

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# The Information Center

## *National Parks and Traffic Lights Are Racist? Who Knew?*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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I've got kind of a mixed bag, touching on several topics this week. First: We might be coming to the end of the line on what the loons on the left side of the political divide are labeling as racist. Not because they are done looking for new things to add, but because there are so few things in the world that have not already been designated with the 'R' word. But not to worry, this week there are two more. If you were planning to visit one or more of America's beautiful National Parks this summer for vacation, you may want to nix those plans. Because yes folks, it has now been announced by ABC News that going to National Parks is racist. Why? Because not enough Black Americans choose to make them their destination according to White liberal journalists.

But this week, we have also learned that 'traffic lights' are now deemed to be racist. Why? Because according to other White liberal journalists; who write for a certain teenage magazine, when pedestrians are given the go ahead to cross the street, it is indicated by the appearance of a human shape in walking motion lit up by white lights. So, this week's targets of what must be condemned and considered evil are our National Parks and Traffic Signals. Who knew? The good news is, the announcement of what is racist should start to taper off fairly soon because well, there just aren't all that many things left.

Hollywood celebrities, forever in the news looking foolish, are the recipients of what many people would classify as 'Karma'. Many 'celebs' have been posting bail for rioters and looters burning down certain cities. In fact, these celebs have donated more than 20 million dollars for legal costs to get

these little anarchists out of jail and have their criminal records erased. Some have actually been praising the rioting – up till now that is.

It was reported this week that some of these Hollywood types are now demanding that special restrictions be put in place that would prohibit protests from taking place in the neighborhoods where these 'stars' reside. It seems, some protesters have been making their way into the 'elite' sections and have actually held protests at the mansions in the land of inflated egos and over paid actors. Now, this certainly can NOT be allowed to continue – right? The rich and famous are supposed to be off limits to the problems of the real world; where celebs feel it's their obligation to scold and lecture the rest of us but should never be subjected to anything unpleasant themselves. Don't you just love it when this happens?

Speaking of rioting and looting, has anyone heard even one Democrat elected official condemn it or speak out against it? Pelosi, Markey, Schumer, Kennedy, Warren etc. are all remaining silent and seem to be content and even pleased at the violence taking place in so many of these Democrat run cities. One of the duties of government is to protect the rights, safety and property of citizens. In the riot plagued cities as we've all seen, police are either being ordered to stand down, or just not even show up as businesses are being looted and burned. When police do show up, they are assaulted and even shot at. Again, not a word from Pelosi and her squad of flying monkeys. So, no condemnation of the rioters and no support for law enforcement. Yet, in the absence of action to stop the riots on the part of

these liberal mayors and governors, President Trump is sending federal police units in to protect federal buildings AND innocent citizens from being attacked since the local authorities won't do it. And it's NOW that Pelosi and other Democrats are speaking out; but still not against the rioters and looters but against the President for taking the action to stop it. They are even filing lawsuits, demanding he withdraw personnel sent in to restore order.

Now let this sink in. Did you ever think we'd see elected officials in

the United States supporting rioting and destruction in American cities and opposing those trying to end it? This, folks, is what the democrat party of today is turning into. If those in positions of authority are still allowed to keep their jobs by the time the next election comes around and are not voted out of office by the citizens of those locations, then those citizens deserve what they have. As for the rest of the American people, you should be paying close attention and vote accordingly in defense of our country.

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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.

### Police reforms: So much to do, so little time

As the Herald's Erin Tiernan reports, there are now three police-reform bills before lawmakers on Beacon Hill. And the question is: Can lawmakers come up with a compromise plan in the waning weeks of the legislative session? The bills have a lot in common, but there are still major differences to resolve, from the thorny issue of qualified immunity for police to the AG's role in future deadly-force inquiries.

The Globe's John Ellement and Matt Stout tackle the AG angle. Commonwealth's Sarah Betancourt reviews the five major issues confronting lawmakers. SHNS's Katie Lannan (pay wall) reports on efforts to change criminal-record expungement measures. The Daily Hampshire Gazette's Dusty Christensen reports on western Massachusetts police unions' opposition to some of the reform proposals.

### Everything else on Beacon Hill: So much to do, so little time

Beacon Hill lawmakers not only have the thorny issue of police reforms to sort out in the waning weeks of the legislative session. They still have to deal with the revenue-hemorrhaging state budget, economic development legislation,

transportation issues and climate change bills, reports SHNS's Matt Murphy. As for climate-change action, from SHNS's Colin Young: "Lawmakers warn it's last call for climate legislation."

### As lawmakers press for Vineyard Wind action, Interior secretary blows into town with his own ideas

CHNS's Colin A. Young (pay wall) reports that 40 state lawmakers have written a letter to the foot-dragging feds in support of the Vineyard Wind project planned for waters south of Martha's Vineyard. And today U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt may well deliver a response, though it may not be the response lawmakers want, with Bernhardt planning to meet with commercial fishing officials who have concerns about the mammoth offshore wind farm, as SHNS's Young reports separately (pay wall).

### Do they come with straws? Baker signs cocktails-to-go bill

The Globe's Janelle Nanos reports that Gov. Charlie Baker has indeed signed legislation allowing pandemic-battered restaurants to sell cocktails-to-go, within certain limits, including having to put drinks in car trunks, not center consoles. This caught our attention: Drinks can be as large as 64 ounces. That's bigger than

two 7-11 Big Gulps combined, if you're keeping track, and we are keeping track.

### From UMass to Emerson College, the higher-ed budget axes are out

MassLive's Ron Chimelis reports on UMass's ongoing budget woes that are leading to major budget cuts across the university system.

Meanwhile, the Globe's Laura Krantz and Deirdre Fernandes report on what other colleges and universities are doing to stem the pandemic-era red ink, including steps being taken at Emerson College and Boston University.

### The new Boston, the old Lowell

The Globe's Joan Vennoch takes a look at the city of Boston's latest transformation, largely through the eyes of Fletcher H. "Flash" Wiley, who has played a pioneering role in pushing Boston to move beyond its racist past. Meanwhile, as Boston slowly changes, Lowell's changes seem to be slower than slow, as evidenced by the mostly white city council's reluctance to declare racism as a public health crisis. The Globe's Stephanie Ebbert has more.

### Driving it home: Push to defund police gets personal in Amherst

Activists pushing for Amherst to cut the town's police budget took their case directly to the

homes of city councilors Monday, with a 20-car parade targeting the homes of councilors who they feel aren't doing enough, Scott Merzbach at the Daily Hampshire Gazette reports.

### In Swampscott, a complicated tale of 'privilege' and politics

Adam Reilly at WGBH takes a deep dive into the state of play in Swampscott, where Selectman Don Hause faces a recall petition push after making comments about Black Lives Matter and white privilege – comments he says have been misconstrued. Hause also says he's learned plenty since making the remarks.

### 'Strike for Black Lives'

From a report at WBUR: "Labor union groups rallied Monday in front of the Massachusetts State House as part of a national day of action meant to protest systemic racism and economic inequality that they say has worsened during the coronavirus pandemic."

### Meanwhile, Whole Foods employees sue over Black Lives Matter mask ban

From Strike for Black Lives to Black Lives Matter, from Universal Hub's Adam Gaffin: "Workers at the Whole Foods stores on River Street and Alewife Parkway – including one who says she was fired from the River Street store on Friday – have filed what they hope will be a class-action discrimination suit against the chain over the issue of being sent home if they show up for work with masks reading 'Black Lives Matter.'"

## Obituary for Evelyn Ciccone

### Evelyn Ann Ciccone of South Boston, MA. September 22nd, 1928 - July 22nd, 2020

Evelyn was the daughter of the late John Baptiste Ciccone and Theresa Marie Ciccone, beloved sister of Edward Ciccone and wife Carol of Braintree, Theresa (Ciccone) Padula and husband, the late Pasquale Padula of South Boston, The late Joseph J. Ciccone and wife Teresa, the late Vincent, James Ciccone and wife Marian, the late John Ciccone and wife Anna, The late Grace (Ciccone) D'Andrea and hus-

band Joseph, the late Jeanette (Ciccone) Hellen and Daniel. She was also the loving and devoted aunt to numerous nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews. Evelyn's interests were travelling to far off places, reading, photography and cooking for family and friends. Spending time with her many family members during holidays and many other occasions was one of her greatest pleasures. Evelyn was well known for her quick wit and sense of humor and deep

concern and caring for family, friends and neighbors. Evelyn was a retiree from her long held position at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and attended Masses at Gate of Heaven Church for many years.

Evelyn Ciccone will be waked at 'The Casper Funeral and Cremation Services, located at 187 Dorchester Street, South Boston, MA on Saturday, July 25th, 2020, from 11am until 2pm.



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On Wednesday, July 22, 2020, the environmental advocacy organization Save the Harbor/Save the Bay released their annual Metropolitan Beaches Water Quality Report Card, using data from the 2019 beach season.

In 2019, weekly water quality testing at Boston’s regional beaches began on May 23. Supplemental daily testing of Constitution Beach, King’s Beach, Malibu Beach, Tenean Beach, and Wollaston Beach began on June 13. Testing concluded on September 1.

These scores reflect the percent of samples that complied with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s single sample limit for bacteria which is the most straightforward way of evaluating beach water quality and potential impacts on human health.

In 2019, the overall water quality safety rating for Boston Harbor’s regional beaches owned by the Commonwealth and managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation was 88%, a decline from the previous year’s score of 94%.

Changes in the intensity and frequency of summer storms often explain the variations we

see on our beaches from year to year. These seasonal variations are why Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is reluctant to draw conclusions from a single year’s sampling results, preferring to rely on the multi-year average we have included in this report.

2019 was one of the wettest years on record for Massachusetts, part of the wettest 12-month stretch in the state’s 124 years of record keeping. Some summer storms dropped a month’s worth of rain in just a few hours. It was a summer of extremes, with July also being the hottest one on record, making beach accessibility even more critical to the region’s residents.

In 2019, four of the region’s 15 public beaches (Carson Beach, M Street Beach, City Point Beach and Pleasure Bay, all in South Boston) achieved a perfect score of 100%, making them the cleanest urban beaches in the nation.

Three area beaches (Nahant Beach, Constitution Beach in East Boston, and Nantasket Beach in Hull) scored between 90% and 97%. Four area beaches (Short Beach in Revere and Winthrop, Revere Beach in Revere, Wollaston Beach in Quincy, and Malibu Beach in Dorchester)

scored between 83% and 88%, while four area beaches (Savin Hill Beach in Dorchester, Winthrop Beach in Winthrop, King’s Beach in Lynn and Swampscott, and Tenean Beach in Dorchester) scored less than 80% in 2019.

One critical weakness of our beach posting and flagging program, where bacteria testing triggers advisories, is that postings are always a day late because beach managers must wait 24 to 36 hours after a sample is collected to obtain test results. Beach water quality may have already changed significantly during this period, and the prior day’s test does not necessarily reflect current conditions.

In 2019, the Department of Public Health made changes to the beach posting protocols, which resulted in 39 additional days when area beaches were incorrectly flagged as unsafe for swimming, including over the 4th of July weekend. While we recognize the importance of protecting public health, the current system is severely flawed and needs to be improved.

Though Save the Harbor/Save the Bay had hoped to resolve this situation before the start of the 2020 beach season, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced public agen-

cies, advocates and other stakeholders to - rightly - direct their attention and resources to other pressing public health concerns.

As Save the Harbor continues to address the impacts of systemic racism that has too often prevented people of color from fully enjoying the benefits of our shared \$5 billion investment in clean water, it is important to note that access to these urban beaches is particularly important to the region’s low-income and BIPOC residents.

Later this year, and early next, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay will host three forums and a conference on the future of our public beaches, to help our community partners in waterfront neighborhoods and beachfront communities address systemic racism, sea level rise, and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, all of which threaten public health and safety.

Working with their policy partners at the MWRA, MADEP and DCR, Save the Harbor will also convene a public meeting of their Beaches Science Advisory Committee, to create a shared understanding and consensus among stakeholders and regulators on how to best address the inadequate and inaccurate posting protocols, to both protect public health and preserve public access to clean water.

In the interim, instead of simply relying on postings and flags, we urge beach goers to also rely on common sense and the multi-year average we have included in this report to decide when and where it is safe to swim. And, when you are on the beach, be sure to wear a mask and observe the guidance for social distancing, to protect yourself and your community from COVID-19.

For more information on this report and the methodology on which it is based, visit [www.savetheharbor.org/reportcard](http://www.savetheharbor.org/reportcard)

Beach	2014-2019 Average	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Pleasure Bay	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	100%	100%
M Street	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Nantasket	99%	97%	100%	98%	100%	100%	98%
City Point	99%	100%	97%	94%	100%	100%	100%
Carson	98%	100%	93%	100%	100%	97%	100%
Nahant	98%	93%	100%	100%	97%	98%	100%
Revere	96%	87%	98%	98%	98%	92%	100%
Winthrop	94%	78%	100%	94%	100%	100%	94%
Constitution	93%	90%	94%	95%	96%	89%	96%
Savin Hill	92%	79%	100%	94%	100%	94%	87%
Wollaston	91%	87%	93%	92%	93%	86%	94%
Short	90%	88%	100%	80%	88%	84%	100%
Malibu	90%	83%	91%	91%	97%	87%	93%
King's	82%	79%	75%	92%	83%	76%	88%
Tenean	80%	67%	78%	81%	92%	71%	95%
All Beaches	93%	88%	94%	94%	96%	91%	96%

# I Was Just Thinking...

By Kevin Devlin



I've been watching quite a bit of TV of late, just like many other people, I assume, since this pandemic took control of our lives, our country, of the world. One channel I've tuned into, and

recorded movies on, is Turner Classic Movies (TCM).

I had the pleasure to watch all five of the Marx Brother's movies. They are timeless and comedically brilliant. These movies are *The Cocoanuts* (1929), *Animal Crackers* (1930), *Monkey Business* (1931), *Horse Feathers* (1932), and *Duck Soup* (1933). For another dose of comedy, I loved watching *Some Like It Hot* (1959) starring Marilyn Monroe, Jack Lemmon, and Tony Curtis. After watching a mob hit, two male musicians (Curtis and Lemmon) disguised as females flee to Florida with an all-female band and the fun begins.

I've also watched the iconic movie, *Casablanca* (1943) and *The Maltese Falcon* (1941) starring Humphrey Bogart. *The Blackboard Jungle* (1955) starring Glenn Ford, a war veteran and a rookie, middle-aged teacher trying to teach in an inner city, unruly school for boys, was an interesting portrayal of juvenile delinquency. *Rebel Without A Cause* (1955) starring James Dean, Natalie Wood, and

Sal Mineo, centered on troubled youth also. And I enjoyed watching the original *Spartacus* (1960) movie again after so many years, starring Kirk Douglas and Tony Curtis. Spartacus (Douglas) a slave leads a violent revolt against the decadent Roman Republic.

Just last week, I watched the classic western, *Rio Bravo*, starring John Wayne, Dean Martin, Walter Brennan, Ricky Nelson, Claude Akins, and Angie Dickinson. During the last action scene of this movie, Sheriff John T. Chance (John Wayne), Colorado (Ricky Nelson), Dude (Dean Martin), and Stumpy (Walter Brennan), the good guys, the law, are in a gunfight with a gang of bad guys, the outlaws. They're outgunned, but Chance and Stumpy discover some dynamite nearby. Stumpy starts throwing dynamite sticks in the air towards the house, as Chance-with his eagle eye-blows up the sticks with his rifle. After one of his throws which wreaks havoc on the house (forcing the bad guys to ultimately surrender) Stumpy yells out to Dude (Dean Martin) and

says, "Hey Dude. How do you like them apples?"

I laughed inside when I heard that line. I was like, wow, that line was in a movie which aired in 1959. I never knew that. The same iconic line used in *Goodwill Hunting* which was released in 1998 starring Matt Damon and the late Robin Williams, was borrowed from that movie decades ago. I subsequently discovered that the phrase, "How do you like them apples?" came into common usage by American soldiers in Europe during World War I. The term may have been code talk for a weapon such as a grenade, making Stumpy's deed of tossing sticks of dynamite at his enemy a little more apropos than Will Hunting's gesture.

So, if you're looking for something to do, tune into TCM (I'm not working for this network) and tune out the world-tune out the daily news and social media for a bit-to recharge your personal batteries, thereby lowering your stress levels for peace of mind.

You won't regret it. I promise.

## DEDHAM SAVINGS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PLEDGES ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES IN WAKE OF CORONAVIRUS IMPACT

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Dedham, MA – The Dedham Savings Community Foundation has pledged \$50,000 in grants to support local food pantries in communities served by the Bank, according to an announcement by Peter Brown, Dedham Savings President & CEO.

This special round of funding is in direct response to COVID-19 and the growing impact it is having on local businesses and individuals. In April, The Foundation donated \$25,000 to local food pantries.

Stated Brown, "Local food pantries are continuing to see an increase in the num-

ber of families requesting food during these unprecedented times. With unemployment at an all-time high, these pantries are vital to our community and those in need. The Dedham Savings Community Foundation board was able to quickly respond to this growing need, and approve this special round of funding."

Noted Mark Ingalls, Dedham Savings Chief Financial Officer, "We are grateful once again to the Foundation Board for their ability to so quickly and unanimously gather around such an important cause. The Board understands that we must serve the most vulnerable populations in our communities that are under a lot of financial stress during the Pandemic."

The twenty selected food pantries have been notified by the Bank and will receive

Foundation grant funds within the week.

### ABOUT DEDHAM SAVINGS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Dedham Savings Community Foundation is a privately funded founda-

tion created by Dedham Savings in 2000 to provide financial support to charitable organizations that serve disadvantaged populations within the Bank's community reinvestment area. These communities include Dedham, Needham, Norwood, Sharon, South Boston, Walpole, and Westwood and contiguous areas. Typical requests are received from schools, libraries, family service organizations and non-profit organizations. The Trustees of the Foundation accept grant requests from community organizations and make awards twice per year.





# House Passes NDAA Which Includes Several Bills By Rep. Lynch



Washington, D.C. – Today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 6395, the William M. Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY 2021, which will help strengthen America's national security. The NDAA includes three bills put forward by U.S. Representative Stephen F. Lynch (MA-08), Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform Subcommittee on National Security, which will help reduce waste and abuse in U.S. wartime contracting, increase transparency of matters related to the U.S. War in Afghanistan and help combat terrorist financing.

"I am very pleased to see three of my bills were included in the NDAA, which will help strengthen oversight of our armed forces and bolster our country's national security and I am grateful for the House Armed Services Committee Chairman Adam Smith's support," said Rep. Lynch. "As we continue to support fledgling democracies with reconstruction and other support contracts overseas, we must do all we can to ensure American taxpayer funds are being spent wisely. My Wartime Contracting Commission Reauthorization Act reestablishes an independent, bipartisan commission that has a proven record in helping reduce waste, fraud and abuse in our overseas contracting. Another one of my bills, the Afghanistan Security and Reconstruction Transparency Act, would require the publication and release of information regarding the performance and progress of stabilization efforts in Afghanistan, which is vital to ensuring mission success. The American people have every right to know the truth about the ongoing war in Afghanistan. Lastly, the United

States must intensify our fight against foreign government corruption and the money laundering that allows terrorist organization to thrive, and my Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Rewards Act will help U.S. authorities combat terrorist financing by establishing a rewards program for whistleblowers."

## ***Wartime Contracting Commission Reauthorization Act***

The Wartime Contracting Commission Reauthorization Act would reauthorize the independent and bipartisan Commission responsible for examining waste, fraud and abuse in U.S. wartime contracting. This bill would reauthorize the Commission on Wartime Contracting and require a final report due to Congress two years after the date of appointment of all eight bipartisan Commission Members. Congress established the Commission on Wartime Contracting in 2008, where it held 25 hearings and issued eight reports on contingency contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, embassy security, the sustainability of reconstruction efforts and Defense Department contractor oversight before it expired in September 2011.

## ***Afghanistan Security and Reconstruction Transparency Act***

The Afghanistan Security and Reconstruction Transparency Act would require the Department of Defense to declassify multiple performance metrics related to the U.S. War in Afghanistan that have been withheld from the American people by the Trump Administration. For years, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) John Sopko has provided the American people and members of Congress with regular quarterly updates about security and reconstruction conditions in Afghanistan. These reports have

included important metrics related to the performance and readiness of the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) and have mapped the relative district-by-district status of areas controlled by the Afghan government in comparison to the districts under Taliban control. The maps of district control have been an important tool in measuring the progress of U.S. and coalition efforts in Afghanistan. Prior to 2017, this information was publicly available, which greatly helped to inform the American public and guide Congressional debate and oversight of the U.S. mission in Afghanistan and enabled Members of Congress to discuss the war's progress with constituents. However, beginning in 2017, the incoming Trump Administration chose to conceal the district control maps and other important information from the American people and has moved to classify, redact, or otherwise restrict the availability of this information to members of Congress. In testimony before Congress, SIGAR Sopko has repeatedly confirmed that these new restrictions do tend to limit Congressional oversight and similarly prevent the American people from being able to meaningfully evaluate for themselves how their money is being spent in Afghanistan.

## ***The Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Rewards Act***

The Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Rewards Act would help U.S. authorities combat terrorist financing and foreign government corruption by establishing a rewards program for whistleblowers. Corrupt foreign officials often use the United States and the international financial system to hide their stolen assets and the proceeds of corruption. As these

assets are disguised and moved through financial institutions, bad actors can funnel these funds to terrorist organizations around the world. The rewards program established by the Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Rewards Act would incentivize individuals to notify the U.S. government of assets in U.S. financial institutions that are linked to foreign corruption, allowing authorities to recover and return these assets and prevent further enabling of foreign corruption and terrorist financing.

H.R. 6395, the William M. Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY 2021, authorizes a 3 percent military pay raise, invests in housing improvements for military member and their families and increases funding to clean up contaminated drinking water on our military bases. The NDAA also includes fixes to expand paid parental leave for certain federal civilian employees originally omitted, initiatives to combat the climate crisis and proactively strengthening our nation's defenses to future pandemics, including with a \$1 billion Pandemic Preparedness and Resilience National Security Fund.

The names of America's military bases should reflect our highest ideals, expressing who we aspire to be as a nation, and in the NDAA the House of Representatives came together on a bipartisan basis to begin the process of changing the names of military bases and infrastructure named after individuals who served in the Confederacy, with the process to be completed in one year. Additionally, the NDAA includes improvements to sexual assault prevention and response programs and develops several key programs to promote and enhance diversity and inclusion programs in our military.

# The Wine Guy Just Chill

It's that time of year when everybody is trying to find ways to beat the heat, so you might want to add these to your list...

The vineyards just inland from the California's Sacramento River Delta, along the banks of the Sacramento River, comprise the Clarksburg AVA, or American Viticultural Area. These areas exist throughout the U.S. and like their counterparts around the world, they impose strict requirements on wines and winemakers to assure consistency and quality. The River Delta channels in cold air and fog from the Pacific Ocean creating a cooling effect in this area. Warm summer days quickly change to chilly evenings and make a great environment for grape growing. One



of the more notable vineyards in the area is *The White Knight*, located in Yolo county's Clarksburg area and one of this vineyard's better wines is *The White Knight Viognier, 2018, (\$13.99)*. The Wine Enthusiast gives it 90 points, saying, "Ripe fruit flavors and a rich texture come to-

gether nicely in this full-bodied wine. Coconut milk, honeydew melon and lemon-zest elements contribute to excellent flavor concentration, while a luxurious texture and lingering finish make the wine memorable".

Many people feel that the drier a white is, the more refreshing it is in the heat of deep Summer. A perfect example of that feeling is *E. Guigal Saint Joseph, "Lieu-dit", (\$14.99)*. This wine has been produced at the northern end of France's Rhone Valley for hundreds of years. It's dry, but has a fruity aftertaste of peaches and lemon zest. Natives have paired it with local seafood, especially scallops and mussels; you should do the same-you won't be sorry.

A vibrant, crisp Sauvignon Blanc with a bouquet that includes Gooseberries & lush tropical fruit and a palate including ripe Gooseberries, green gage plums, and tropical fruits with a slight hint of oak.

For Sauvignon Blanc fans, one of the better bets for refreshment is *Goose Bay Sauvignon Blanc (OU Kosher) 2019, Marlborough, New Zealand, (\$22.99)*. This is a vibrant, crisp Sauvignon Blanc with a bouquet that includes Gooseberries & lush tropical fruit and a palate including ripe Gooseberries, green gage plums, and tropical fruits with a slight hint of oak. It's Kosher and really delicious.

Try it with some salmon on the grille, Caesar Salad or Grilled Chicken with Gooseberry jam topping.

While the Loire Valley may be the viticultural birthplace of Chenin Blanc, the variety has found a second home in South Africa. Representing 18% of the country's total acreage under vine, Chenin Blanc is currently that country's most widely planted grape. Chenin's popularity in the New World originally stemmed from its vigorous, high-yielding vines. In South Africa, Chenin Blanc was used in the semi-sweet Lieberstein (once the world's largest-selling bottled wine), to add acidity to bulk blends or as the base for brandy distillation.

Today, it's the most widely planted grape in the country and one of the best results is *DeMorgenzon Reserve Chenin Blanc 2018, (\$39.99)*. This reserve Chenin Blanc is one of the country's finest- elegant balance, low acidity and a structure that suggests a White Burgundy more than anything else. Flavors of pears, melons and kiwi fruit combine to produce layers of pleasing notes and aromas. Try this one with stuffed Turbot, Veal Francaise or any of your favorite salads.

All great ways to beat the heat!

**Talk To The Wine Guy at**  
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# Picnic on Mars

Celebrate the launch of NASA's Mars rover Perseverance with the ultimate social distancing picnic kit

Outer space (and space in general) is looking pretty good these days. So we're over-the-moon excited to celebrate the launch of NASA's Mars Rover, Perseverance, later this month.

Join us Friday, July 31, on Seaport Common, as we hand out picnic kits to get you red-planet ready from 4:30pm-7:00pm. Think astronaut ice cream, Mars bars, nearly-weightless Seaport swag, and a postcard to send the 140-million miles back home (postage not included).

Once you have your space kit, be

sure to pick up flight rations (known here on Earth as "takeout") from one of our favorite neighborhood spots. Then stick around for some space jams at 5:30pm.

**A few pre-flight notes:**

- Please ensure you are wearing a face covering when you come to pick up your space picnic kit.
- Please maintain 6 feet of distance from others while picnicking.
- If you are waiting to pick up your kit, please use our social distancing markers to remain 6 ft from others in line.

Need inspiration for your flight rations? Here are a few recommendations from the local scientists:

- Shawarma dinner from Aceituna



- Yoki Amor sushi burrito from Yoki Express
- Chicken naan kati roll from Tikkaway
- Cold brew from Caffè Nero

- Boots on the Mooon from Ben & Jerry's

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8 Pacific St UNIT 2 Condo	\$840,000	4/16/20	4	1.5	1,077
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865 East Second St UNIT 2 Condo	\$803,000	4/23/20	6	2	1,050
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38 P St UNIT 2 Condo	\$799,000	4/17/20	5	1.5	928
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- Any activities or uses which would materially alter the pavement outside the 25-foot-wide landscaped area adjacent to A Street;
- Construction of new buildings or additions outside the 25-foot landscaped area adjacent to A Street without an evaluation by a LSP.

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# What to Consider as Dog Adoptions Surge During Pandemic

*Four Tips from Susan Marie, Host of The Doggy Diva Show*

**A**s word grew that people were going to have to shelter-in-place for an unspecified length of time, animal shelters began to empty. Thousands of people realized that they may be lonely during this time of social-distancing from family and friends. In some situations, parents came to the conclusion that their children needed a happy diversion and agreed to add a fur-kid to their family. Whatever the reason, shelters began to empty and animal lovers, like myself, were thrilled. However, families are

seeking guidance on what dog might be right for them. Those who have already added a dog to their family are concerned with how to keep their new pet happy. Below are some points to consider, as you ponder which animal to bring home and what to do once they step their excited paws through your threshold.

1. The coronavirus pandemic will not last forever but adopting your “forever friend” is a lifetime commitment of unconditional love. The first thing to consider is your family’s lifestyle. Are you looking for a dog that is high energy that will join the kids in playful romps in the yard and long runs? Or are you looking for a less active dog who enjoys binge watching TV while you are on Zoom meetings and the kids are in online classes? Do you want your dog to be happy with a leisurely walk after dinner and easy, quiet fun in the home or yard? A senior citizen might consider a smaller senior pup who enjoys cuddling on the sofa and healthy snacks. It is important to keep in mind your pup’s breed, size and temperament when considering what your home and lifestyle can reasonably accommodate. Though the adoption process itself may differ slightly during COVID-19, please feel free to

contact your local shelter and rescue organization and they will gladly help you choose the “forever friend” that is best for your home and family.

2. Consider preparing for the pandemic as you would to prepare for a disaster, like hurricane season. Compile a first aid kit and an emergency kit and for your pet that includes at least two weeks of food and treats, medications, medical records, veterinarian(s) contact information. Also be sure to have all necessary everyday supplies, such as collars, leashes, harnesses and disposable bags. Make sure your dog has ID tags and is microchipped with your current contact information as well as that of an emergency contact outside the area.

3. How much time will you be able to spend with your dog during and after the pandemic? More time spent at home together while you work from home is a great opportunity to bond with your furkid and also increases your availability to train. For some behavioral concerns, including separation anxiety, please contact a professional trainer who may offer online classes. When you return to work, keep in mind who will look after your pup during the day. You may decide to take your pup to doggy day care or hire

a professional pet sitter to visit your home in the morning and afternoon for bathroom breaks and exercise.

4. If adopting is something that you may not be able to commit to at this time, please consider fostering a dog. Contact your local shelter or rescue organization to see if they have a foster plan that better suits your family’s lifestyle. Keep in mind adopting a pet into your family is a lifetime commitment that will change both of your lives “forever.”

For over fifteen years, Susan Marie has been spreading the word about puppy love through her national weekly radio show, The Doggy Diva Show. Susan is also the author of the award-winning Miss Olive children’s book trilogy The Doggy Diva Diaries.



**Police Reform continued from front page**

both here and around the country, the characterization that the Police Reform Bill, now being debated in the House of Representatives, after a Senate version was sent over to it, could be fairly labeled, ‘knee-jerk.’

Although 1000 or more comments and communiques, as testimony, from the public in general and affected stakeholders specifically, have been transmitted to the House Committee managing the Bill, the Senate has taken heat from many sectors because it did not invite stakeholders into the process but for a select handful of those groups that include the ACLU, whose agenda is far reaching when it comes to the principles of ‘policing’.

The Boston Herald reported this statement from Hampden Chief Jeffrey Farnsworth, who heads the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, “Law enforcement in Massachusetts is under attack by a liberal

element that wants to bring change that none of us understand. None of us know what it’s going to look like, but as leaders, we stand here today and say this legislation will not make us safer.” Nearly 100 other police chiefs representing communities from Cape Cod to the Berkshires, supported what other police advocates are saying in opposition to the state Legislature’s efforts to piece together a reform bill by July 31 when the current session ends.

Gov. Charlie Baker along with Senate and House leaders have each pitched their own bills — Chief Farnsworth said the chiefs agree with the core reform in all three. All three would create a civilian-led commission to certify officers — including creating a mechanism to decertify problem cops — for the first time in Massachusetts history. Farnsworth said it’s a change the chiefs have pushed for nearly a decade and criticized lawmakers he said only “rushed” to action in the wake of a

national movement calling for racial justice and police reform spurred by the Memorial Day killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis Police.

The bills also seek to standardize police training, ban chokeholds, place limits on use of force and institute a duty to intervene if officers witness misconduct by colleagues. These are reforms that the chiefs said they aren’t necessarily against.

Lawrence Chief Roy Vasque, who heads the state’s most diverse police department, said “while the Legislature’s efforts are well-intentioned, there is a need for the experts — us in law enforcement — to give our advice.”

The House and Senate bills go further to addressing structural racism and take aim at the ‘qualified immunity’ doctrine, which sometimes shields law enforcement from liability in court if they violate a person’s civil rights. It is also a legal doctrine that prevents all government employees — including police — from being held civilly liable for many on-the-job actions.

Mayor Martin Walsh weighed in earlier this week on the question of qualified immunity saying he opposes the state Senate’s move to cut qualified immunity protections for police officers. “I think that that’s a slippery slope and I think that’s a dangerous slope to go down, and I think there needs to be a better conversation going on with it,” Walsh told reporters in response to a question at a press conference. Walsh said, “I don’t support it as written in the Senate bill, and I think there has to be more conversation around what that means, because the unintended consequences of qualified immunity was that it captured a lot of public employees, and I think we have to be very careful here.”

The Senate passed its version last week and the House is slated to start debate on its bill Wednesday with a vote expected on Thursday. The two branches will have to reach a consensus on a final version before sending a bill to the governor’s desk.





## This week, Danny made his predictions for the 2020 MLB season:

So, here we go. Baseball is about to begin. Finally.

MLB — like every other sport — was put on pause back in March, as it approached Opening Day. Spring Training took place, for the most part, but then Coronavirus forced the league to stop the season before it even officially started.

Now, here we are, four months later, getting ready for a shortened 60-game regular season that will last only two months. How anyone could possibly feel confident in predicting what will happen, correctly, during those 60 games is beyond me. But predictions are what we do. And we have to play with the cards we're dealt.

The first thing about baseball you need to remember is that it's a game of streaks. Hot streaks, cold streaks, they don't just come and go. When they come, they can last a while. And a 60-game season is a very small sample size, given the fact that a normal MLB regular season is 162 games. So, we're taking 102 games off the schedule for each team. How will the players who encounter these streaks — which is all of them — adjust to missing out on 102 games to figure out their swing or their pitching mechanics? We're about to find out.

But perhaps the most intriguing as-

pect to this shortened 2020 MLB season is what's going on in each ballpark during the games: there won't be any fans in attendance.

We already got a taste of what this will look and sound like on TV during the exhibition games earlier this week. I watched a few different broadcasts for different teams. And some ballparks handled the empty stadiums better than others.

For example, I watched a Los Angeles Dodgers game at Dodger Stadium. They added cardboard cutouts of fans behind home plate, which went along with artificial crowd noise.

Then I watched the Red Sox host the Blue Jays at Fenway Park. There were no cardboard cutouts. Just artificial crowd noise and empty red seats behind home plate. I'm OK with the fake crowd noise. But the empty seats behind home plate were tough on the eyes.

If they don't want to put cardboard cutouts of fans in the first 10 rows behind home plate, then the least they could do is cover the empty seats in those first 10 rows with a tarp that has some type of advertisement or logo on it.

I did read somewhere that the Red Sox were thinking of adding cardboard cutouts of fans in the Monster seats,

which would definitely look pretty cool whenever there's a home run hit up there. But they absolutely need to do something behind home plate, because empty red seats will always make it look like a scrimmage.

I do wonder what it will feel like for the players, to play meaningful games with no fans in the building. I assume some players and teams will benefit from empty stadiums.

Some teams — like the Tampa Bay Rays and Oakland Athletics, to name a few — are used to playing in ballparks that don't come close to selling out, even without Coronavirus. Other teams — like the Red Sox and Yankees, to name a few — usually sell out every night under normal circumstances.

Some players thrive in loud, sold-out stadiums. Other players might benefit from no fans in attendance, taking some pressure off.

Either way, it's going to be the most interesting MLB season we've seen in a long time. And let's be honest, regardless of how it looks, we all need to watch a game this summer to take our minds off the chaos that's surrounded us this year.

That being said, here are my division winners, wild card teams, and playoff predictions for the 2020 season and playoffs. Play ball:

AL East: Tampa Bay Rays  
AL Central: Minnesota Twins  
AL West: Houston Astros  
AL Wild Cards:  
New York Yankees over Texas Rangers  
NL East: Washington Nationals  
NL Central: Milwaukee Brewers  
NL West: Los Angeles Dodgers  
NL Wild Cards:  
New York Mets over Chicago Cubs  
ALDS  
Tampa Bay Rays over New York Yankees  
Houston Astros over Minnesota Twins  
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# SPORTS TODAY

## DODGERS, YANKEES THE FAVORITES AS MLB SEASON BEGINS THIS WEEKEND

SBT Staff

**G**ood news for sports fans: daily sports gambling is about to return.

But if you're looking to scratch that itch and place a wager right now, then you might want to check out the odds to win the 2020 World Series, in what could be a wide-open field, given the shortened two-month regular season.

Entering the season, the Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Yankees are the favorites to win it all, both at +400. The Houston Astros have the second-best odds at +1000, followed by the Minnesota Twins at +1600, the Tampa Bay Rays at +1800, and the Atlanta Braves, Cincinnati Reds, and Oakland Athletics all at +2000.

The defending World Series champion Washington Nationals are +2500 to win it again, while here locally, the Boston Red Sox are major underdogs at +5000 to win the World Series.

The Baltimore Orioles and Pittsburgh Pirates are tied for the worst odds, at +30000. No, that extra zero is not a typo.



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Suite Life of Xander & Eddie:  
Had the night off but still at Fenway!

## Tweet of the Week



## DR. FAUCI TO THROW OUT FIRST PITCH IN DC

SBT Staff

**T**he 2020 Major League Baseball season begins this weekend, and a familiar face will be throwing out the first pitch for the first game on Opening Night.

Dr. Anthony Fauci has been given the honors to throw out the ceremonial first pitch as the defending World Series champion Washington Nationals host the New York Yankees to kick off the shortened season.

The season has been shortened and is starting three-and-a-half months late because of the Coronavirus pandemic. Dr. Fauci has been front and center since March, as he's a key member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force.

Dr. Fauci is the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. But he's also a Nationals fan. Here's the official statement from the Nationals.

"The Washington Nationals are thrilled to announce that Nats super-fan, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, has accepted our invitation to throw out the ceremonial first pitch on Opening Day, Thursday, July 23.

"Dr. Fauci has been a true champion for our country during the Covid-19 pandemic and throughout his distinguished career, so it is only fitting that we honor him as we kick off the 2020 season and defend our World Series Championship title."

## WHAT TO WATCH

**MLB FRIDAY, JULY 24**

Opening Day  
Baltimore at Boston  
7:30 P.M. NESN

**SATURDAY, JULY 25**

Baltimore at Boston  
1:35 P.M. NESN

**SUNDAY, JULY 26**

Baltimore at Boston  
1:35 P.M.

**PGA THURS, JULY 23 - SUN, JULY 26**

3M Open  
3 P.M. GOLFC/CBS

**WWE FRIDAY, JULY 24**

Friday Night Smackdown  
8 P.M. FOX

## ZERO POSITIVE COVID TESTS INSIDE NBA BUBBLE

SBT Staff

**W**ith the NBA getting set to resume its season in Orlando next week, the league received some great news on the Coronavirus front.

The NBA and NBAPA announced earlier this week that there were zero positive results from the 346 players that were tested inside the bubble. This comes after the initial tests the week before saw two positive results from 322 players being tested.

The league officially resumes next Thursday night, July 30, with a pair of games televised on TNT.

The Boston Celtics play the following night, Friday, July 31 against the Milwaukee Bucks at 6:30 P.M. on ESPN.

## ANTONIO BROWN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

SBT Staff

**F**ormer Patriots wide receiver Antonio Brown sent out a series of tweets earlier this week announcing his retirement from the game of football.

The first tweet said: "Is it time to walk away i done [check mark emoji] everything in the game ?!"

Approximately five minutes later, Brown followed up that tweet with a second tweet, that read: "at this point the risk is greater than the reward thank you everyone who been part of this journey i sincerely thank you for everything! life goes on 84!"

Brown played in only one NFL game last season. It was his first and last game with the Patriots — a 43-0 Week 2 win over the Dol-

phins in Miami. Brown had a team-high 56 receiving yards and a touchdown. He was released from the team five days later.

As a 32-year-old free agent, Brown still has the ability to be a difference-maker. But his off-the-field issues have prevented another team from signing him.

So while this looks like a retirement right now, it simply could just mean that there are no NFL teams currently interested in the potential headache that he provides.



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