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# EDITORIAL

## Overturning the Sentence of the Marathon Bomber Boggles the Mind

**D**isbelief and anger were the emotions many felt last week when it was announced that convicted Boston Marathon Bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev had his death sentence overturned by a federal appeals. Even people who have never been big supporters of Capital Punishment were conflicted about the decision; some stating that if anyone deserved the death penalty,

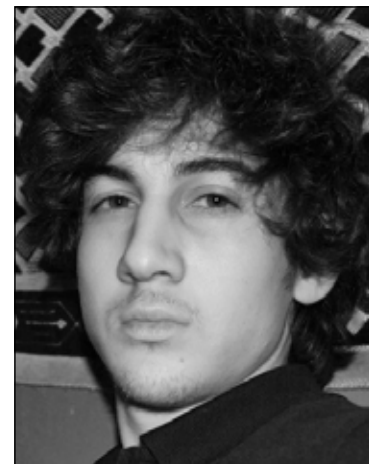
it was a monster like Tsarnaev.

That such a person, who clearly; in collusion with his deceased brother, took great pains and much time to plot and plan this terrorist attack which injured; maimed and even killed innocent Americans; including an 8 year old child would be given any consideration at all once his guilt was proven beyond a shadow of a doubt, boggles the minds of most decent

law abiding citizens.

The goal was to kill as many people as possible on a street packed with defenseless spectators gathered to celebrate one of Boston's biggest and best attended events. It was to make a statement pushing a sick ideology which seeks the destruction of not only the United States of America but all of Western Civilization. The cold callousness with which this attack was car-

ried out was pure evil, and yet, the court said that this terrorist may not have been treated fairly leading up to and during his trial and therefore his sentence should be overturned. The message this sends is to encourage more such attacks by emboldened fanatics in the future. If and when more such attacks do occur, those responsible for overturning Tsarnaev's sentence bear much of the responsibility.



*“If liar’s pants really did catch on fire, watching the news would be a lot more fun” - Author Unknown*

## Neighbors Concerned about Underage Drinking at Medal of Honor Park

**A**ccording to neighbors in the area of Medal of Honor Park between M and N Streets, there has been an increase in public drinking by local teens at the park and, in particular, in the children's playground that has been set up for mostly 2- 8 year olds to enjoy with their parents. As if the underage drinking wasn't problem enough, with the noise at different hours of the night, when the teens do leave, there is a mess of litter and broken glass bottles left behind that could cause serious injury to a small child.

In recent years, teen drinking was often noticed in the area of I Street and East First Street leading down to the walkway near the channel by Pappas Way. But there seems to be a new generation of teenagers who prefer doing their drinking at Medal of



Honor Park and it has area neighbors there concerned as well.

In South Boston, as is the case in most other neighborhoods with a sizable population of teens, underage drinking is a common occurrence. Being a common practice doesn't excuse it, but offending teens would gain more respect from neighbors if they at least found a place away from where small children play and certainly, if they picked up and took away

their empties when they leave.

South Boston is a community which has a tradition of showing its pride. Exhibiting pride in one's community isn't reserved just for adults. It's up to this town's young people as well to play a part in keeping South Boston a clean and safe place. Neighbors have also mentioned that there is a floodlight directed at the playground that is not operational. They are asking local officials to have it repaired.



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## *Is It Possible For The News Media's Credibility To Go Any Lower?*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

*Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at [jciccone@southbostontoday.com](mailto:jciccone@southbostontoday.com)*

I couldn't resist starting this week's column off with a saying that is so fitting that we even used it for this week's paper's 'weekly quote'. "If Liar's pants really did catch on fire, watching the news would be a lot more fun". It's fitting because of new polling that came out this week that shows that the news media's ratings continue to drop and the amount of people who actually believe and trust what the main stream news media outlets report has fallen even lower than the dismal levels they had just a few months ago. And one of the most amazing things about these poll results is that the surveys were conducted by organizations that are said to collude with liberal news outlets to mislead readers even more than the outlets do themselves. This suggests to me that the results are even worse than reported.

A question to be asked is can you really blame people for no longer trusting what the press and the big tech social media companies are feeding the public and claiming as fact? Seldom does a week go by that CNN isn't caught in another 'fake news' report. They have Don Lemon. Could there be a bigger racist anywhere? Well, maybe. Fared Zakaria might have even Don Lemon beat. MSNBC is staffed by lunatics, who are more suited to a circus side show than being TV anchors. Rachael Maddow? Al Sharpton? , Lyn' Brian Williams?, The husband and wife and unintentional comedy team of Brzezinski and Scarborough?

Keith Olberman?

As an aside to what's happening over at MSNBC, at least one of their producers has had enough of that bias trash heap. She made the following statement on her way out the door after submitting her resignation ".....the media is a cancer that stokes national division". Wow! When even one of their own is disgusted with them, it must be bad. The New York Times would be a big hit in Communist China and The Washington Post is right behind them trying to push their leftist agendas as real news. And it's not just those just mentioned. The news outlets are staffed overwhelmingly by admitted leftists, who mix their warped ideology in with their reporting. It's so blatant, they don't even deny it any longer. And yet, they are indignant, outraged and butt hurt, when these surveys inform them that people just don't believe what they report any longer. But given the fact that even when they learn this, they still don't change their corrupt ways, they really don't care. Because they are, now, so committed to bringing down the United States of America and making it into a Socialist dump, that they're just going to keep on trying.

And let's be clear. It's not just what the media reports and how they report it, it's what they don't and won't report that makes them just as dishonest. When rioters take to the streets in so many of these democrat-run cities and initiate the trouble by pelting the police

with bricks and bottles, and try to hit them with bats and shine lasers into their eyes to try to blind them, the press releases the edited parts of the video that shows police chasing them away defending themselves and leaving out the part where they were being assaulted by thugs. Then, we hear from reporters that these rioters and looters and anarchists are just concerned, unarmed, peaceful protesters marching for social and racial justice, when the live

unedited video from spectators proves otherwise.

So, the question to be asked once again on this page: Is it worth even having the news media, if they are going to blatantly lie and slant what is happening in an effort to deliberately mislead the public? Americans depend on, or, used to depend on the news to keep us informed by presenting the facts. It doesn't do that any longer. So, the follow up question is – what good are they now?

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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.

### Qualified police immunity: It's not exactly what you think

You may think you know what "qualified police immunity" is all about, as lawmakers debate police reforms on Beacon Hill. However, as Ally Jarmanning at WBUR shows, the contentious legal issue is more complicated than both critics and supporters may suppose. •

### Boston's latest racial equity push has a familiar ring to it

It seems like deja vu all over again for Atyia Martin, who a few years ago helped draft racial-equity recommendations for the city of Boston, long before recent BLM protests, and now very similar ideas are resurfacing at City Hall. Will they meet the same languishing fate? Adam Reilly at WGBH has the details.

### 'Floating restaurant' idea grounded for now

The restaurant actually doesn't float. It's a platform hoisted in the air by a crane. Whatever, it's not going to fly or float as proposed in Boston, not during a pandemic, as the BBJ's Greg Ryan reports.

Back to the future: Experts urge rollback to Phase 2 reopening amid rising virus cases

Alarmed at the recent rise in coronavirus cases in Massachusetts, some epidemiologists are urging the state to roll back its Phase 3 reopening guidelines to stricter Phase 2 rules - or risk another surge in cases just as schools plan to reopen next month. The Globe's Dasai Moore and Kay Lazar and the Herald's Alexi Cohan have more. Will Gov. Charlie Baker take such drastic action? On WBZ's

Keller at Large over the weekend, State House News Service CEO Craig Sandler said he believes the Republican governor will probably impose some new restrictions. The question is: How many new restrictions?

Another teachers' union calls for remote-first reopening

On another pandemic front, this follows a recent pronouncement by the Massachusetts Teachers Association. From the AP's Mark Pratt at WBUR: "Another major teacher's union in Massachusetts called Monday for remote-only lessons to continue for at least the first few weeks of the new school year because of the rising levels of COVID-19 transmission in the state. The American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts, the state's second-largest teachers' union, also raised concerns about delays in obtaining test results."

## Rep. Lynch Amendment In House-Passed Spending Bill Provides Additional Funding To Repatriate American POWs And MIA



The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 7617, Defense, Commerce, Justice, Science, Energy and Water Development, Financial Services and General Government, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2021. This legislation comprises six appropriations bills to fund nine Departments and nu-

merous federal agencies. Included in the spending bill is an amendment proposed by U.S. Representative Stephen F. Lynch (MA-08), Chairman of the National Security Subcommittee, to provide an additional funding to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), which is tasked with locating and repatriating the remains of American servicemembers.

"I am extremely pleased that my bipartisan amendment to provide additional funding to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) has been included in this spending package. As Chairman of the National Security Subcommittee I have had the opportunity to meet with the men and women of the DPAA at their headquarters and skeletal identification laboratory at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and to conduct oversight at their recovery missions in Vietnam, the Korean Peninsula and the Philippines.

There is a solemn and sacred duty that we owe to these families to find POW and Missing in Action service members who never made it home - and it is one that we must fulfill. This additional funding will help the DPAA continue its mission to find and recover over 82,000 POW/MIA service members around the world since World War II. This is an issue that transcends party lines and I appreciate that Representatives Jody Hice of Georgia and Mark Green of Tennessee joined me in cosponsoring this amendment."

H.R. 7617 includes six of the eight remaining appropriations bills: Department of Defense; Commerce-Justice-Science; Energy and Water; Financial Services and General Government; Labor-Health and Human Services-Education; and Transportation-Housing and Urban Development. Representative Lynch's amendment would provide an additional \$5 million to the DPAA.

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# SEN. COLLINS, REP. BIELE SECURE \$14.6 MILLION FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN BOSTON

Recently, **State Senator Nick Collins** and **State Representative David Biele** joined their colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature in passing legislation to fund roadway infrastructure projects across the Commonwealth under the state's Chapter 90 program.

The bill allocates \$200 million projects involving municipal roadways and bridges. The City of Boston will receive over \$14.6 million in funding for local streets and roadways for fiscal year 2021.

The Chapter 90 bill distributes state funds to cities and towns for roadway infrastructure projects

such as resurfacing, sidewalks, traffic control, lighting and drainage. After receiving funding from the state, local municipalities decide how to utilize state funding.

"This funding reflects our commitment to supporting the City of Boston with the resources they need to improve pedestrian crossings, sidewalks, handicap access, and traffic calming measures," said **Senator Collins**.

"As we continue to fight for resources during these unprecedented times, these funds will support projects to improve the safety and reliability of streets and sidewalks in the City of Boston," said **Rep. Biele**. "It



is crucial that we continue to invest in transportation, and I was proud to join my colleagues in securing funds for local roadway improvements."



The bill passed both the Massachusetts State Senate and the House of Representatives and has been signed into law by Governor Baker.

## Councilors Flynn & Flaherty Announce COVID-19 Testing at Moakley Park



Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn and Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty announced a new COVID-19 pop-up testing site over the next two weeks at Moakley Park in South Boston, part of the City of Boston's ongoing efforts to promote and increase testing capacity for residents. These pop up testing sites over several weeks in South Boston are being done in partnership with the Boston Public Health Commission and Health & Human Services Chief Marty Martinez, Mayor Marty Walsh, Congressman Stephen Lynch, Senator Nick

Collins, and State Representative David Biele as well.

This new pop-up testing site is located in tents along Old Colony Ave near 1187 Columbia Road, in proximity to the Joe Moakley Park Tennis Courts. Testing at this site will now run from Wednesday, August 5th to Saturday, August 8th; then again from Tuesday, August 11th to Saturday, August 15th. Hours range Tuesday-Friday from 2pm-7pm, while both Saturdays will run from 10am-3pm.

Testing is available to residents regardless of symptoms at no cost. In the interest of time, residents



may pre-register at 617-568-4500. No appointment is necessary; however, on site registration is required to receive testing results. Testing will be provided by East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, in partnership with Harbor Health. Previous testing sites recently coordinated by the South Boston Community Health Center included one this week outside the Condon Community Center, along with testing last week outside the Tierney Community Center.

"I encourage my friends and neighbors to get tested for COVID-19 to allow our public health

officials to isolate and treat those infected by the virus. Mass testing is one of the most important tools we have to limit its spread; along with contact tracing, wearing masks, physical distancing, avoiding crowds, and washing hands frequently," said Councilor Flynn. "I want to thank the South Boston Community Health Center, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center and Harbor Health for providing this critical public service and outreach."

"As we continue to tailor our COVID-19 response to meet the needs of our communities, one of the most critically important things we can do is to provide easy access to testing," said Councilor Flaherty. "Thanks to this unified effort between state and local government and our community health centers, we are better positioned to provide more widely available testing. I highly encourage anyone who thinks for any reason that they may need to be tested, to take advantage of this free resource. Please do not hesitate-- for your own health and safety and for that of your community."

For more information, please contact East Boston Neighborhood Health Center at 617-568-4500, or visit <https://ebnhc.org/en/visitorpatient-info/covid-19/covid-19-testing.html>.

# 30th Anniversary of the Disabilities Law Highlights Need to Modernize National Policy

By James T. Brett

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The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) turns 30 this past month, and it's important to consider how we are either helping or failing people with disabilities as a matter of national policy.

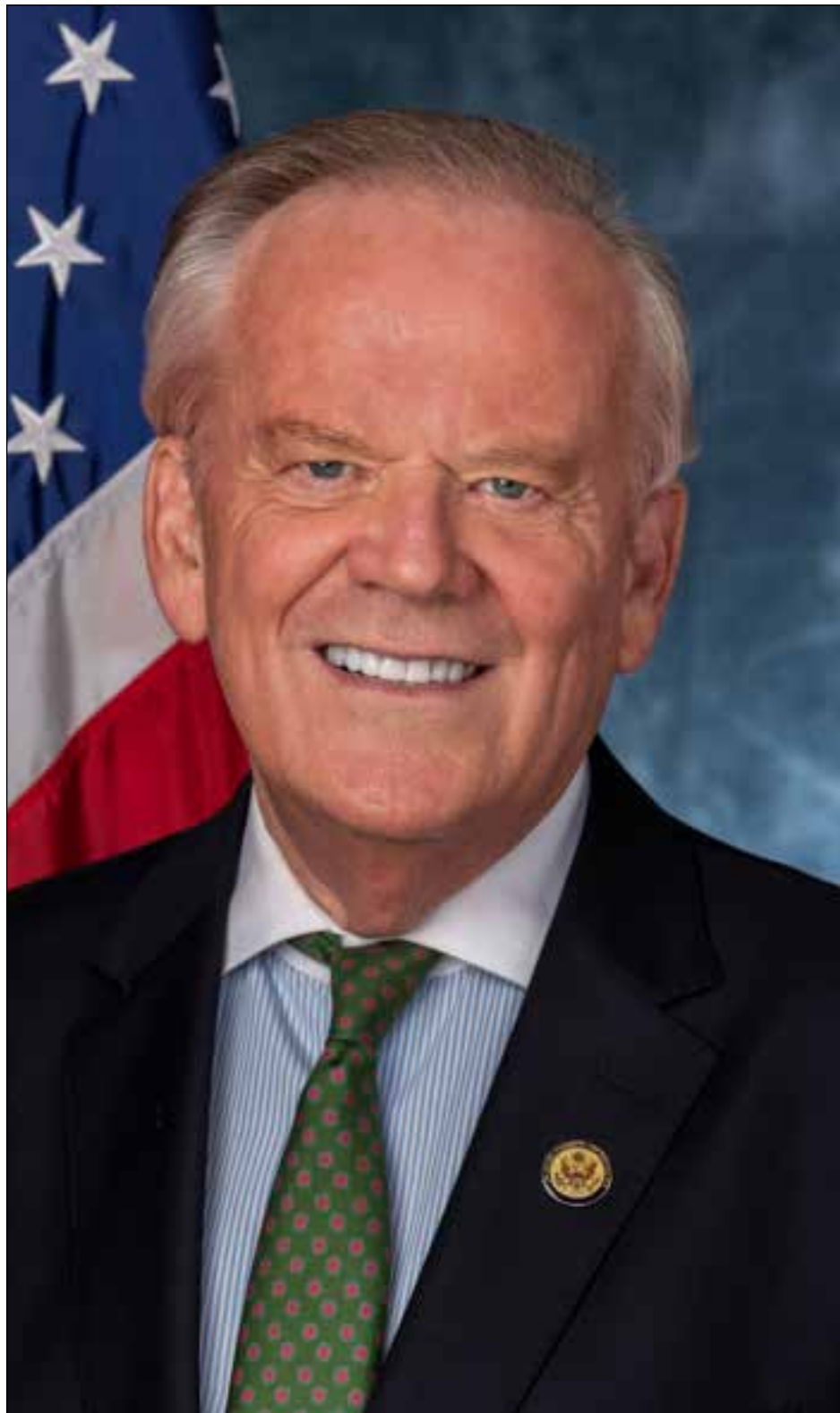
Consider these facts. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, on average, only 19 percent of people with disabilities were employed during the 9-year period between 2009 and 2018, compared to more than 65 percent of people without disabilities.

In 2018, 16.7 percent of young adults with disabilities hadn't attained a high school diploma, compared to 7.7 percent of their peers without disabilities. 15.6 percent of people with disabilities had a Bachelor's degree or more, versus 38.4 percent of people without disabilities.

For those with disabilities who are 30 or under – the “ADA generation,” as they've been called – the relative youth of the disability community's major civil rights law means they've grown up with far higher expectations for themselves than their older counterparts, and we owe them a different future.

I speak from experience. My older brother, Jack, was born with significant intellectual and developmental disabilities in 1934 when the concept of investing in a person with a disability was essentially unheard of.

After all, it was only in 1975 that people with disabilities secured the federal right to a public education. Only in 1976 that they gained the right to attend college. Only in 1979 that Virginia stopped forcibly sterilizing people with disabilities (other states stopped short times before). And only in 2010 that Congress mandated devices and services like smart phones and emergency alerts must be accessible to people



with disabilities..

It has only been relatively recently that people with disabilities have secured major rights that the nondisabled take for granted.

It's not entirely surprising, then, that many of our national policies and programs for people with disabilities have yet to catch up with these civil rights gains and seismic shifts in expectations, and are still rooted in the vestiges of bygone eras.

of-pocket. Further, Medicaid eligibility is predicated on poverty. If my brother, helped by Medicaid services, were to have found a job and worked too many hours, he'd have lost eligibility for the very services that enabled him to get the job in the first place.

Medicaid policy dictates that people with disabilities should only receive these vital services if they're willing to remain impoverished; that they must choose to be healthy or productive and not both.

Social Security is 85 years old. Receiving these benefits is often the difference between extreme poverty and low-income living. Yet eligibility hinges on an arcane definition of disability that equates disability with an inability to work. Eligibility also requires people have extremely limited assets. We discourage people with disabilities from saving for emergencies, never mind a brighter future. It's easy to see why many refer to Social Security as a poverty trap.

People with disabilities make up approximately 12 percent of the U.S. working-age population; however, they account for more than half of those living in long-term poverty. This should be a gut check for how much work is left to be done.

On this 30th anniversary of the ADA, we can't gloss over the fact that our national policies and programs are contributing to promises deferred for people with disabilities. We should instead seize on the opportunity to modernize policies that are painfully out of sync with what people with disabilities in America want and need today – services and supports that facilitate employment rather than discourage it.

James T. Brett is the President & CEO of The New England Council, and serves as Vice Chair of the National Council on Disability (NCD), the independent federal agency that called for and authored the first draft of the Americans with Disabilities Act. [www.ncd.gov](http://www.ncd.gov).

Medicaid is 55 years old. For someone like my brother Jack, Medicaid provides personal care services that can be an absolute gamechanger for getting ready for a job each day; for being able to have an independent life in the community; and to fully participate.

However, most long-term services and supports are not available through private insurance plans and are far too expensive to afford out-

# Boston Public Schools Announces Exam School Admissions Criteria Working Group

*Parents, educators and community leaders will advise the district on exam school admissions for 2021 - 2022 school year*



**B**oston Public Schools (BPS) Superintendent Brenda Cassellius today announced the membership of a new Exam School Admissions Criteria Working Group. The Boston School Committee discussed the appointment of the group at the July 22, 2020 meeting to make recommendations regarding the 2020 - 2021 admissions criteria for the district's three exam schools (for students who would start at an exam school in September 2021), in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on student learning.

The Working Group is charged with developing and submitting a recommendation to the Superintendent on revised exam school admissions criteria for the school year starting in September 2021. The three BPS exam schools are Boston Latin Academy, Boston Latin School, and John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science.

The membership of the Working Group includes:

- Samuel Acevedo, Opportunity and Achievement Gap Task Force Co-Chair
- Acacia Aguirre, John D. O'Bryant parent
- Michael Contompasis, Former Boston Latin School Headmaster and Former BPS Interim Superintendent
- Matt Cregor, on behalf of NAACP
- Tanya Freeman-Wisdom, John D. O'Bryant Head of School
- Katherine Grassa, Curley K-8 Principal
- Zena Lum, Boston Latin Academy parent
- Rachel Skerritt, Boston Latin School, Head of School

"The Boston School Committee appreciates the Superintendent's focus on equity in forming this Working Group to address the urgent needs presented by the current pandemic," said Boston School Committee Chairperson Michael Loconto. "This Working Group is composed of deeply experienced and dedicated educators, parents, alumni and commu-

nity advocates from across Boston, and we thank them for taking on this delicate task on behalf of our kids."

The Working Group will hold its first meeting next week and will submit recommendations to the Superintendent by September 21, 2020. The eight-member Working Group will be facilitated by Monica Roberts, BPS Chief of Student, Family, and Community Advancement. Members were selected based on their knowledge and expertise and have agreed to serve through the completion of the charge, and possibly beyond. The Working Group will be supported by staff from the Office of Data and Accountability, the Office of Equity, and Welcome Services who are most knowledgeable about the exam schools' admission process, criteria, and related efforts.

"In this time, as we examine all policies with an antiracist lens and with equity at the forefront, I am looking forward to a thoughtful

and thorough discussion on exam school admissions with the goal of ensuring our Black and Brown students have the same opportunity and access. I'm grateful to this Working Group for dedicating their time to ensure we have a fair process," said Superintendent Cassellius. "We must continue to do everything we can to ensure the COVID-19 pandemic does not prevent our students from access to the education they deserve."

All three exam schools serve students in grades 7-12. BPS provides the admissions exam for students interested in attending the exam schools in the fall of each year. The test is available to all Boston residents in grades 6, 8, and 9. BPS recently entered into a contract with a new testing vendor to address identified issues with equity and bias with the previous test. In addition to the test, a student's grade point average is considered as part of the admissions process. The district adopted a pass/fail grading system during the period of remote learning at the close of the 2019-2020 academic year, which impacts the calculation of grade point averages used in the current admissions process.

BPS has taken several steps over the years to increase equitable access to the exam schools. The district administered the entrance exam to BPS sixth-grade students in their home schools for the first time in 2019. This change allowed students to take the test in a familiar environment and have the test administered by educators they know. Previously, students taking the entrance test had to travel to one of a handful of testing locations on a Saturday morning.

BPS has also addressed equitable access and student representation at the exam schools by creating and expanding the BPS entrance test prep program, Exam School Initiative (ESI), which focuses on serving Black, Latinx, English Learner, and economically disadvantaged students. With the support of Mayor Walsh and the Boston Latin School Association, the ESI program expanded from serving 400 students in 2014 to serving 775 in 2019.

# The Wine Guy Dog Days



It was a pretty hot July and it looks as though it's going to continue right through to at least Labor Day; it's probably as good a time as any to look at some Rose wines—what the French sometimes call, "the pink relief". The most popular regions for these wines are in the south and west of the country—places with names like Tavel and d'Anjou. If you want to beat the heat the way the French and the rest of Europe do, try some of the following.

Like many Rose wines, **Ch. de Nages, Nimes, Rose Vieilles Vignes, (\$16.99)**, comes from the

area around Avignon, in the Rhone Valley. It has strong notes of strawberries and blackberries, along with a more subtle, spicy feel on the nose. The finish is light, fruity and refreshing—just the way it's supposed to be. This wine—and others like it—are usually non-vintage, since the grapes used to make them can come from the juice of several harvests; they're blended for color and taste from several varieties. You can have this one for sipping by itself, or with salads, deserts and a wide array of grilled meats, poultry, and seafood.

Another popular Rose wine, **Tendance Caladoc Rose, (\$12.99)**, from the Rhone Valley, is more full-bodied than most, with strong notes of red berries and mountain flowers. The French have it almost exclusively with seafood, especially shellfish, like coquilles St Jacques, smoked Salmon; it's especially good with boiled Lobster.

Of course, France isn't the only place to find great Rose wines; as Drizly recently noted, **Sonoma-Cutrer Rosé of Pinot Noir, (\$22.99)**, "In a sea of Grenache-based roses, this 100% Pinot Noir

blusher out of the Russian River Valley really stands out. A bright acidity and notes of strawberry, grapefruit, and watermelon make it beautifully refreshing by the pool or for a lingering day of relaxation in the garden." Even if you don't have a pool or a garden to walk through, this is definitely one of those wines for the "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer".

By the way, France isn't the only place to find really delicious sparkling rose wines, either; again, look no further than Sonoma to fill the bill. **Flowers Sonoma Coast Rose, 2018, (\$35.99)**, is making delectable, highly-drinkable pink wines. This bottle out of Sonoma goes down silky smooth with hints of strawberry, citrus, and stone fruit that will have you refilling glass after glass. Try it with some fried Nantucket Scallops or Oysters on the half shell—always delicious combinations.

**Channing Daughters Rosato di Cabernet Franc, (\$18.99)**, is from the Channing Daughters winery in Bridgehampton, New York. While I would recommend all of the rosés by Channing Daughters (the vine-



yard makes over a dozen single varieties), and each one is incredibly unique, this one jumps out at you with a crisp, firm fruitiness that's unusual for a Rose wine. Try it with a Caesar salad, salad Nicoise or even a Capeses—it accompanies all of them with a tangy, rich nose and subtly fruit-filled finish.

Finishing up where we started, **Chateau Minuty M 19, (\$21.99)**, a light and smooth rosé, is another wine sourced from Côtes de Provence in France, a hotspot for pink wine lovers. The crisp blend of Grenache, Cinsault, and Syrah grapes also has a hint of peach and red currant, giving it a fruity aroma and a pleasant finish that works really well with stronger cheeses and all the fruits of summer.

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## Parenting...continued from front page

As bureaucrats try to figure out the best solution to a unprecedented educational challenge, families are frightened. Add to that reality, the City of Boston is asking teachers, nurses and administrators to be engaged in an educational setting that forces social distancing on student age groups for whom social proximity is as much a part of their formative experience as the curriculum.

Mayor Martin Walsh has defended his school district's approach to reopening as Boston Public Schools focuses in on a hybrid model as the district looks to reopen amid the coronavirus pandemic. The Mayor has spoken in recent weeks about the school district working on three plans — one for all-in-person schools, one for all-remote and one that's a hybrid model — however all but rejecting the all-in-person version. "We know we will not start

school this year with all-in-person learning — that's a given," Walsh said to reporters recently.

Walsh and Superintendent Brenda Cassellius indicated that a hybrid model would be their preferred route at this point, though the district is working on an all-remote plan, too, both for any parents who want to opt their kids out of in-school learning, and in the eventuality that going back to schools is deemed unsafe.

The potential lesson plan laid out by Boston school officials last week would divide students into two groups. One group would be in-person on Monday and Tuesday and would learn remotely for the rest of the week — while the other group would be in-person on Thursday and Friday, and learn remote the rest of the week. Any parents who want to would be able to opt out of in-person learning. Cassellius, who stressed the community meetings she's held, said BPS

crews are working on the school buildings to get them ready.

The plan has drawn criticism from several quarters. Some teachers have slammed the plan to simultaneously teach in-person and remote classes as "unsustainable." Nurses have rallied outside of City Hall, and parents have complained about being left out of the process. Asked about it at the press conference, Walsh pushed back on criticism, saying "this should not become an issue" and "let's not get political on this." "You're not being ignored here in Boston," Walsh said, reiterating several times, "we have not made a final decision on reopening."

Both he and Cassellius acknowledged "real concerns" by nurses, teachers and parents. The mayor said there will not be a final decision until right before the school year begins. He said he is asking the school district to send him a "more concrete" plan in the next

two weeks but did not wish to put an arbitrary deadline on it. He emphasized his hope for there to be an element of in-person learning, as long as it's safely possible. "The learning gap is growing every day that they're away from their teachers and away from their classrooms," the mayor said of Boston's students, who last were in classrooms in March. "Some of our families have the resources to make home learning work. Many of our families in Boston don't have those resources."

All involved acknowledge the unprecedented health related impact of the Covid pandemic facing everyone globally. However, the efficacy of this decision by the Boston Public Schools and the Mayor will have direct, enduring and residual impacts on a vulnerable segment of the population, given the deterioration of the economy that until now held much promise.

What's a parent to do?



# Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
362-364 West Broadway Condo	\$1,945,000	6/5/20	5	2.5	2,405
133 Seaport Blvd UNIT 623 Condo	\$1,755,600	6/8/20	4	2	1,249
150 Dorchester Ave UNIT 501 Condo	\$1,580,000	6/9/20	5	2	2,075
355 Congress St UNIT 503 Condo	\$1,300,000	6/10/20	4	2	1,156
133 Seaport Blvd UNIT 1615 Condo	\$1,170,000	6/9/20	3	1	800
545 East Third St UNIT 9 Condo	\$1,025,000	6/10/20	5	2.5	1,383
425 East Sixth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$970,000	6/1/20	5	3	2,011
495 East Fourth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$940,000	6/3/20	4	2.5	1,461
55 I St UNIT 3 Condo	\$899,000	6/12/20	6	2.5	1,753
198 West Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$780,000	6/15/20	4	1.5	959
198 West Sixth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$745,000	6/15/20	5	2	930
33 Sleeper St UNIT 201 Condo	\$630,000	6/12/20	2	1	887
790 East Fourth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$575,000	6/4/20	3	1	736
75 Preble Street Single Family	\$569,000	6/9/20	4	1	708
39 Story St UNIT 3 Condo	\$569,000	6/17/20	4	1	608
436 West Second St UNIT 1 Condo	\$545,000	6/2/20	4	1	676
35 Fay St UNIT LG-56 Lot of Land	\$120,000	6/1/20			

## Massport Supports Summer Jobs for South Boston Students

Annual program has given local students opportunities since 1991

South Boston students were able to experience a change of pace and scenery while also gaining some valuable skills this summer through the Massachusetts Port Authority's Community Summer Jobs Program. Now in its 29th year, Massport's program supported 40 South Boston high school and college students in summer jobs with community organizations.

This summer, 279 area high school and college students will earn a paycheck through our Community Summer Jobs Program. Massport is funding summer jobs at 7 South Boston organizations including: Condon Community Center, Curley Community Center, Harry McDonough Sailing Center, South Boston Boys & Girls Club, South Boston Neighborhood House, the Stretch Walsh Center and the Tynan Community Center.

Massport's Community Summer Jobs Program is designed to help civic and social service agencies by providing funds to support youth employment in neighboring communities including: Charles-

town, Chelsea, East Boston, Revere, South Boston, Winthrop, Bedford, Concord, Lexington, Lincoln and Worcester.

"During these challenging times, we strive to be a good neighbor by supporting the youth in our surrounding communities," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "Creating work opportunities for these young people allows them to gain hands-on experience and give back to the communities in which they live."

Participating organizations are responsible for recruiting, interviewing, hiring and supervising student employees. Since Massport's Community Summer Jobs Program started in 1991, thousands of summer jobs have been funded providing local high school and college students with the opportunity to gain important job skills while serving their community.

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Tynan Community Center employees and program participants

# New Street Hockey Court Will Be Dedicated To John 'Jackie' O'Brien

*Saturday, August 15th at 10am – Moakley Park*



The new street hockey court located at Moakley Park will be dedicated on Saturday, August 15th at 10:00am in honor of one South Boston's true community heroes. It will be named in honor of John 'Jackie' O'Brien.

The dedication will be highlighted by the First 'Danglefest Street Hockey Tournament' to be played on site at the rink which will carry the official name of the John 'Jackie' O'Brien Street Hockey Court once the dedication is made on the 15th of August. This is an event that is open to the public and welcomes all.

Jackie O'Brien has been a well known and well loved part of the South Boston Community for generations. He grew up at 186 Dorchester Street. He was a graduate of St. Augustine's Grammar School and later, in 1959, graduated from South Boston High School where he played center in front of his good friend Ray Flynn who was the team's quarterback. And to this day, he considers himself a proud member of the 'Mustangs'.

As a boy, Jackie O'Brien, like so

many other Southie kids, spent much of his free time at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club and participated in the wide variety of activities the club had to offer, where he continued to add to the large number of close friends; many of them lifelong. Jackie is well known for his generosity and willingness to give back to the neighborhood that gave him so much and played a major part in his life. He has been a generous supporter of the Boys and Girls Club, South Boston Little league, South Boston Youth Soccer, South Boston Youth Hockey, South Boston Pop Warner Football and many other youth oriented programs. He also has been a big supporter of Labour Center, Medicine Wheel Productions, The South Boston Vietnam Memorial, St. Augustine's Church and Chapel Restoration, Julie's Family Learning and this is just a partial list of all the wonderful programs, charities and good causes that John 'Jackie' O'Brien has helped over so many years.

Bob Ferrara, also well known for his dedication to the youth of the neighborhood had this to say about Jackie O'Brien – "Jackie O'Brien is truly a great South Bostonian, not only for his dedication to and support of youth programs for years across the entire community, but for all the untold favors and good deeds that he quietly did without any fanfare or recognition. A well deserved dedication to another kid from the neighborhood that grew up here and never forgot where he came from!" "He can often be seen in front of the skating rink wearing his Red Sox hat, jacket and sun glasses, basking in the sun in front of the Francis L. Murphy Rink gazing out at the Lagoon, hanging out with his pal John Shea; his best friend from St. Augustine's Grammar School, Frankie, Dennis, Jimbo, Mike and Pat and whoever else visits for the day" Concluded Bob Ferrara.

The dedication on August 15th should prove to be an exciting event. Of course there will be fast moving street hockey action on the brand new court as the participants in the Danglefest Street Hockey Tournament will provide, but the biggest draw will be for a grateful neighborhood to honor and help celebrate this truly great man; John 'Jackie' O'Brien who by all accounts is one of the warmest, kindest, most caring and generous people to ever walk the streets of South Boston. Those who know him personally and



those who may have only heard of the good deeds he has done and the people he has helped are asked to attend. He will be happy to see and greet you all. And once again – Everyone is invited.

Note: T-Shirts will be sold the day of the event and tournament for \$10. For safe 'social distancing' a pre-order and donation venmo account has been set up. Please put sizes in memo or you may pay via venmo or cash the day of the event @John-OBrien-187

All proceeds will be going to the event, the dedication and selected South Boston youth clubs and teams

# I Was Just Thinking...

By Kevin Devlin



I don't know about you, but it seems to me that America has been taking a beating for what

now seems like a long time. When the New Year rang in, in general, life was good and America prosperous, but then the virus struck. Americans started to die. Our economy was shut down. We were asked to shelter in place, to social distance to fight the spread of this deadly, invisible foe.

Then the death of George Floyd sent shockwaves throughout the land. Americans were shocked at what happened to this man at the hands of a few dirty cops. This behavior cannot be tolerated, we all thought. It will not be tolerated. Something must be done so it doesn't happen again. We were all on the same page.

Calls for justice and racial equality were shouted from the rooftops. Calls for police reform became the focal point of protests throughout the nation. But then the peaceful protests were summarily hijacked by

riots, deadly ones at that. Anarchy and Destruction reared its ugly head. Unity was short-lived. Disunity ruled the day. And Despair blanketed our dreams.

Instead of being united in purpose and resolved to continue our fight together against the virus, we argued, and continue to argue. We argue about who is to blame for the deaths from the pandemic, who has the right answers about what should be done next, how the virus should be medically treated. We argue about interpretations, realistic and nonsensical, of what constitutes protests vis-a-vis the riots. Everyone declares they have the right answers, yet questions linger.

We are in an economic meltdown not witnessed since the Great Depression. Back then, the Great Depression and the concomitant ills of the Dust Bowl, the latter being brought about by a combination of severe drought

and poor farming techniques in the Great Plains of the 1930's, ushered in social, political, and economic upheaval, just like COVID-19, the death of George Floyd, and the ensuing mixed responses, peaceful and unlawful, have done today. All of which, of course, has caused incredible suffering to countless Americans, then and now.

But we shall never surrender and will remain steadfast in our resolve to weather this storm.

The American spirit will rise-up more determined and uplifted as never before.

We will seek Justice.

Befriend Happiness.

Embrace Equality.

Stand United.

And in the end, we shall smile once again.

One for all, all for one.

Because that's what Americans do.

## PARKS DEPARTMENT SUMMER SPORTS CENTERS EXTENDED TO AUGUST 28



Martin J. Walsh, Mayor

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that with the gradual return of activities to City parks the 2020 White Stadium, East Boston, and **South Boston Sports Centers** are being extended through August 28.

The Sports Centers offer free summer camp alternatives to Boston youth who might otherwise have no opportunity to attend such programming. Each location offers instruction in a number of popular sports through Friday, August 28. All Sports Centers are offered free of charge to Boston residents and open to boys and girls ages 7 to 14. Parents may register

their children for just one week or the entire summer.

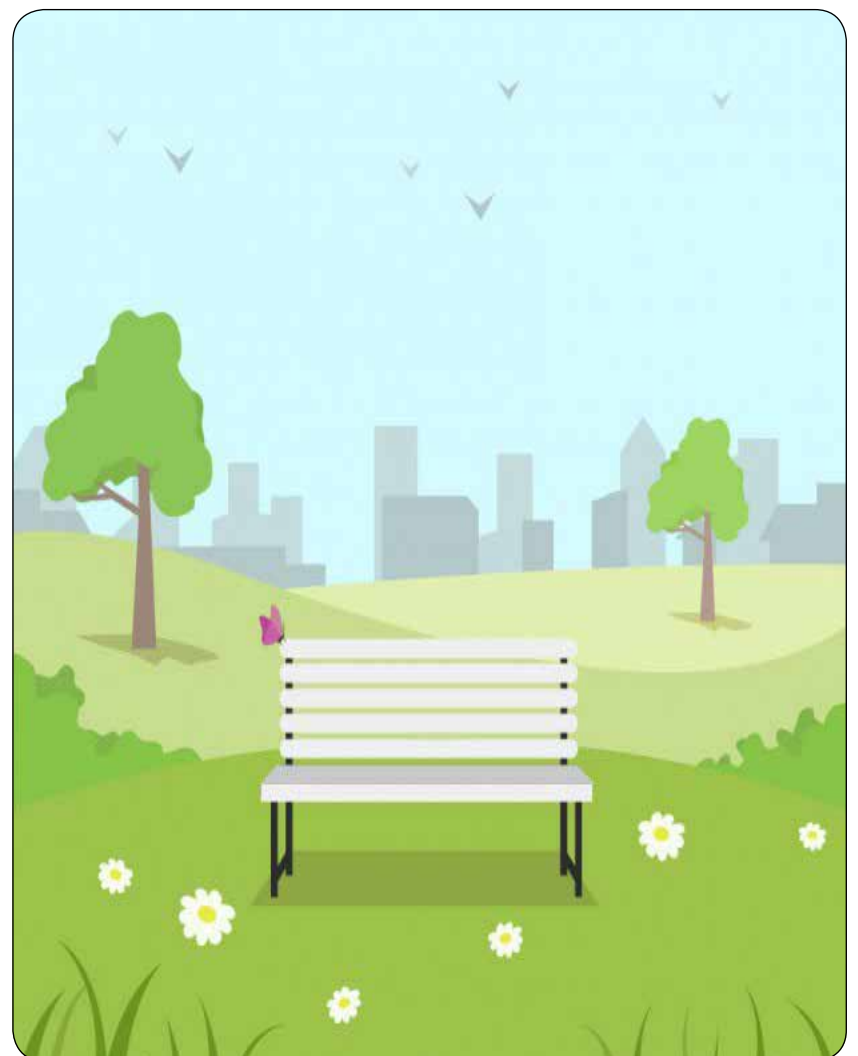
The Sports Centers are operated in accordance with current public health guidelines. Children and staff wear face coverings and maintain six feet of social distance at all times, activities are organized in groups of ten or fewer, and programs are held completely outdoors.

For more information about the White Stadium Sports Center serving Jamaica Plain and Roxbury, please call (617) 961-3084 or email [woodley.auguste@boston.gov](mailto:woodley.auguste@boston.gov).

For more information about the East Boston Sports Center at East Boston Memorial Stadium, please call (617) 961-3083 or email [damien.margardo@boston.gov](mailto:damien.margardo@boston.gov).

For more information about the South Boston Sports Center at M Street Park, please call (617) 961-3039 or email [marvick.afonso@boston.gov](mailto:marvick.afonso@boston.gov).

Please note that lunch will be provided but participants must provide their own transportation. Pre-registration is required for both groups and individuals. For more information or to register online please go to [boston.gov/sports](http://boston.gov/sports).



# M STREET SOFTBALL – NEVER A DULL MOMENT

By Mark Senna

**W**earing the commissioner’s hat in this league is never an easy task but last week it was especially difficult. On Monday, the lights went out during the late game so naturally my phone lights up with calls from the coaches asking about rules and how the game will be finalized. On Tuesday, “team A” began complaining about the style of pitching “team B” was employing. The umpire was caught in the middle so again, my phone lights up with calls from angry coaches. Wednesday, a new umpire was working his very first game at M Street. One of the teams says he missed a call and blew the game for them – again, my phone is a buzz with text messages and calls from the umpire, coach, and umpire chief.

Thursday arrives, I’m at the field and things are going smoothly for the first hour. Just after 7pm an

18-wheeler truck driver decides to try and make a left hand turn on M Street from East Second Street. Not surprisingly, it didn’t work out for him and caused quite the scene at the park. Arguing between the driver and residents could be heard, the fire department was called, the police had the road blocked off, and Boston Water & Sewer workers were called to remove a hydrant. It was a chaotic scene all unraveling just feet away from the field where a game was being played. Then Friday rolls around...just before our first game is played, I receive another notice from the city permitting folks. They basically stated that they are getting complaints from residents about league personnel not following social distancing rules at other fields within the city limits. “If this continues, then we are going to have to shut you all down.” Oh, what a week!

Heading into our third week of this compacted nine-week season, the Braves (3-1) are in first place in the Larry Lucas division with the defending champion Pat Simpson Club just off the pace (2-1-1). In the Buckey Feeney division, it’s Roza Lyons (3-1) and VMT (3-1) have set the pace at the top while the DRC club (2-1) is just a tick behind. In the Sam Moran division, it’s the red hot Fat Baby (2-1) squad and the Banshee (2-1) that are tied at the top of the standings.

Highlight games from last week saw the Pastoral squad squeeze out a victory against the Southside Tavern, 7-6. A sixth inning triple by Matt Lynch proved to be the game-winning hit. Lincoln Tavern and the Pirates needed extra innings to determine a winner in their game on Monday. It was Lincoln’s Dan Kemp who delivered with a two out double and then scored on a RBI hit by Conor Gleason. The Dorchester Brew Crew edged the Ballers on Tuesday, 4-3. Glen Parsons picked up the win on the mound as he threw seven impressive innings.

Wednesday’s action saw the Bomber’s Chris Santos belt a two out single in a tied game with two outs in the bottom of the seventh against DRC. Dan McKenna then delivered the winning hit with a RBI triple, 12-11. Pastoral won their second in a row when they ripped thirty hits (30!) in an 18-13 win over the Silk Worms. That might be a league record for most hits in a game.

Fat Baby’s pitcher Gil Ward tossed a three hit shutout on Thursday over the VMT club. Keith Savage (HR, triple, with 5 RBI), Larry Longo (triple, HR, 3 RBI), and Kyle Capaldo (3 hits, 3 runs) were the run producers. The Lincoln Tavern came from three runs behind to steal a win away from the STATS in the bottom of the seventh inning. A two run single by Chris Boyd tied the game and James Kelly won it

two batters later, 10-9.

On Friday, the Silk Worms won their first game of the season as they edged the Playwright, 7-6. The Playwright had two runners on in the seventh with no outs but couldn’t push a run across the plate against pitcher Sean Livingston. Also on Friday, the ever-resilient Kekambas rallied to score two late runs to tie the score against the Simpson Club, 8-8. Then pitcher David Kurey saved his best for last as he cruised through the last inning to preserve the tie.

It was great to see former M Street Softball playoff MVP, John McGrath, at the park last week. McGrath won championships with United Cleaners (1988), Teamster’s Pub (1989), and the Sam Moran Club.

In closing, Sean Moyer of the Silk Worms has set the “excuse” bar very high for any of us players who are dealing with an injury and can’t play. Moyer rolled his ankle rounding first base after just hitting a single against the Pastoral club on Wednesday night. Well, normally this type of injury would sideline a player. Not Moyer! Two nights later, there he was behind the plate wearing a knee high plastic cast while catching for his club. Dedication? Craziiness?

That will wrap up a very busy and challenging week of softball at this address. M Street Softball games are played Monday through Friday starting at 6pm, 7:30, and 9pm. Have a great week everyone!



Chris Neff and his ball field crew have the field looking great.



Sean Moyer playing through injury



## This week, Danny reacted to a tough start for the Boston Red Sox in 2020:

**W**e're two weeks into the shortened 2020 Major League Baseball season, and the Boston Red Sox are one of the worst teams in all of baseball.

Entering Wednesday night's series finale in Tampa Bay, the Red Sox had a 3-8 record and were in last place in the American League East. Last weekend, they were swept by the Yankees in New York in three games. They've yet to win a series. And it's not like there's a ton of hope that things get better anytime soon.

That's mainly because their pitching stinks. I mean, it's horrible. There's really not much else you can say about it. Everyone knows. The fans know. The front office knows. The coaching staff knows. The players know.

And what can you really do? Not much!

Chris Sale and David Price were the team's best starters. Price was traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers in the Mookie Betts deal — but Price wouldn't have even been playing this season anyways, as he chose to opt out because of coronavirus concerns. And Sale is out for the season after undergoing

Tommy John surgery that we all knew was coming.

They didn't bring back Rick Porcello. Though, I'm not sure how much he wouldn't helped, as he was lit up his first two starts for the New York Mets this season. Porcello is 0-1 with a 13.50 ERA in those two starts.

And then you have Eduardo Rodriguez, who was supposed to be the Red Sox' Opening Day starter in the absence of Sale, Price, and Porcello. But then Rodriguez was shut down before the start of the season because he became infected with Coronavirus. Now, Rodriguez is done for the entire season because of a heart issue that he's dealing with as the result of Coronavirus.

So, really, the only established starting pitcher the Red Sox have is Nathan Eovaldi. And Eovaldi has been ok. In his three starts so far, Eovaldi is 1-1 with a 3.94 ERA. But he needs to be better.

Still, even if Eovaldi turned in a Cy Young caliber season in 2020, I'm not sure it would even make a difference. That's how questionable the rest of the starting rotation is.

Some might be saying, "Well

maybe they shouldn't have traded Betts!" That would be a lazy argument. The Betts trade was more about Betts wanting to test free agency no matter what, and the Red Sox making sure they don't lose him for nothing.

Sure, Betts just ended up signing a 12-year, \$365 million contract extension with the Dodgers that will pay him \$30 million per year, which is a lot less than what everyone thought he was going to get when we were having this conversation eight months ago. But it shouldn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that Betts and his agent had to make a tough decision based on the new factors at play: COVID-19.

If it was business as usual in America, and if Major League Baseball was around 100 games into a normal season, Betts would not have signed that contract. And if he did, it would not have been for only \$365 million.

These are uncertain times. Perhaps the most uncertain of times that we've ever seen. And if somebody is going to offer you that much money with this much uncertainty, then you'd be a fool not to take it, I don't care what

your initial free agent strategy was. Betts is no fool, so he took it.

At a time in which millions of Americans are begging for an extension on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, Betts is offered a cool \$365 million for playing a game. Not a bad deal.

Some look at that as a bad deal for the Red Sox. Well, if you think the Red Sox should've predicted a pandemic eight months ago, then you have some wild expectations for your baseball team.

Either way, the Betts' absence is not why the Red Sox are one of the worst teams in baseball right now. The Red Sox are one of the worst teams in baseball right now because they can't pitch.

It'd be nice if Sale and Rodriguez were healthy. Then this would be a much different conversation. But they're not. And because of that, the Red Sox stink.

I'm on to 2021.

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# SPORTS TODAY

## BRUINS APPEAR TO REMOVE BOSTON POLICE LOGO FROM PLAYER'S SHIRT

SBT Staff

As professional sports resume, many players and organizations are using their large platforms to raise awareness for social justice issues, and more specifically, the fight for racial equality.

The Boston Bruins are no exception. Just before the NHL's restart, the Bruins organization released a statement on social media on behalf of the players.

"Over the past several months we have been trying to educate ourselves and learn more about racial injustice in our country and around the world," the statement read. "As a team we have decided to lock arms during the playing of the United States and Canadian Anthems as a sign of solidarity with the Black community.

"This action is solely intended to be a positive sign of support for the Black community, and a way for us to use our platform to help end racism."

All of this comes in the wake of the



**Dwayne Johnson** @TheRock · Aug 3  
With my trail blazing partner @DanyGarciaCo & Red Bird Capital, we have acquired the XFL.  
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**Tweet of the Week**



murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer.

The Bruins and their players have a strong relationship with the Boston Police Department, or at least, they did.

Days after the Bruins released their racial injustice statement on behalf of the players, the organization's social-media team appeared to have photoshopped and deleted a Boston Police Department logo on the shirt of Bruins forward Charlie Coyle, on the team's instagram account.

The deleted image started to get attention after an online report by Turtleboy Sports pointed out the removed logo on the left chest of Coyle's t-shirt. This also came days after Bruins goaltender Tuukka Rask did an interview on NBC Sports

while wearing a Boston Police hat.

When Bruins reporter Matt Porter from the Boston Globe tweeted out an image of Rask wearing the hat in the interview while also trying to create a contradiction to the team's racial injustice message, Bruins forward Brad Marchand responded to that reporter by tweeting: "Are you [expletive] serious Porter... this here is why you are part of the problem."

Marchand has since deleted that tweet.

Whether or not the Bruins forced Marchand to delete the tweet is unclear. What is clear though is that the Bruins do not currently want their players to be publicly affiliated with the Boston Police Department.

## WHAT TO WATCH

**MLB FRIDAY, AUG. 7**  
Toronto at Boston  
7:30 P.M. NESN

**SATURDAY, AUG. 8**  
Toronto at Boston  
7:30 P.M. NESN

**SUNDAY, AUG. 9**  
Toronto at Boston  
1:35 P.M. NESN

**NBA FRIDAY, AUG. 7**  
Boston vs Toronto  
9 P.M. TNT

**SUNDAY, AUG. 9**  
Orlando vs Boston  
3:30 P.M. NBCSB

**NHL SUNDAY, AUG. 9**  
Boston vs Washington  
TBD

## RODRIGUEZ SHUT DOWN FOR SEASON

SBT Staff

Boston Red Sox starter Eduardo Rodriguez has been shut down for the entire 2020 season because of a heart issue he developed as a result of his Coronavirus infection.

Rodriguez, 27, has been diagnosed with myocarditis, which is a serious inflammation of the heart.

He was scheduled to be the Red Sox' Opening Day starter, but had tested positive for Coronavirus just before the season began. Rodriguez returned to team workouts for a week, but was then shut down again after an MRI revealed the myocarditis.

According to Rodriguez' doctors, 10-20 percent of those infected with Coronavirus have later been diagnosed with the same heart issue.

## CARDINALS BECOME SECOND TEAM WITH COVID OUTBREAK

SBT Staff

The St. Louis Cardinals became Major League Baseball's second team to see a Coronavirus outbreak, forcing the league to postpone nine of their games this week.

All-Star catcher Yadier Molina is the latest Cardinals player to test positive, making the announcement on social media Tuesday.

"Good morning, I am saddened to have tested positive for COVID-19, even after

following the prevention recommendations," said Molina. "I'll do everything in my power to get back ASAP for Cardinals fans, St. Louis City and my teammates. As I recover, I request that you respect my and my family's privacy during my absence from the team. Blessings!"

MLB announced this week that 13 members of the Cardinals organization had tested positive late last week. It comes after the Miami Marlins saw 20 members of their organization test positive, forcing the league to

postpone all seven of their games last week.

It was reported by MLB Network that some Cardinals players were seen at a casino in Milwaukee before they were supposed to begin their series with the Brewers.

Commissioner Rob Manfred has also reportedly threatened to shut down the entire season if teams do not do a better job of managing Coronavirus, according to those familiar with recent conversations between Manfred and MLBPA executive director Tony Clark.

MLB's shortened 60-game season began on July 23.



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