



Remote Learning? Our Children Need To Socialize Too.

SBT Staff Report

Remote learning is where the student and the educator are not physically present in a traditional classroom environment. Information is relayed through technology, such as discussion boards, video conferencing, and online assessments. In a child's formative years, education is not only about learning reading, writing and arithmetic, it is about learning how to communicate in a social, close encounter setting.

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EDITORIAL

Parents Please, Pay Attention To What The Schools Are Teaching

For the most part, the kids are back to school. Whether in person classes or remote learning from home, the lessons have begun, and the teaching is moving forward. The question is, 'exactly what are the students being taught and what do these lessons consist of? And whether the teachers, the school administrators, or the school departments themselves approve of it or not, parents

have every right and even a duty, to be aware of what those lessons consist of. Yes, this newspaper has editorialized on this subject before.

But, as the reports keep coming in about increasing political indoctrination taking place in certain school systems across America, we don't believe we can emphasize enough or remind parents too many times, that monitoring what is being put out for student consump-

tion in your child's schools should be a priority.

We're not saying that most schools are pushing indoctrination over education. They are not. But it has been proven without a doubt that some of them are and a number of those are no longer even trying to hide it. In fact, they are defending it.

Americans are now realizing that many colleges and universities have, for years, been bombarding

students, their captive audiences, with anti-American propaganda and the results of this are evident in how so many of those graduates and undergraduates think. Many have been taught that our country is the world's biggest evil and, unfortunately, those students with a limited capacity to think for themselves or who are easily manipulated and influenced have fallen for it. What America does NOT need, is



for this kind of teaching to on in our grade schools. So, parents please, get involved and let the schools know that you are paying close attention. Our nation's future depends on it.

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the Fall" - F. Scott Fitzgerald

Fast-Tracking a COVID-19 Vaccine

By Matthew R. Bailey

The speed with which coronavirus research has progressed is a tribute to the ingenuity of scientists, the potential of public-private partnerships and some unsung heroes.

More than 125 potential vaccines are in development seven months after the world first learned of coronavirus. We can thank research. Take the work at biotechnology company Inovio. Preclinical studies of its vaccine, designated INO-4800, revealed a strong immune response in mice, among others.

Researchers at the Jenner Institute at Oxford University in the United Kingdom teamed up with pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca to develop a vaccine called ChAdOx1 nCoV-19. After provok-

ing an immune response in a trial involving lab animals, ChAdOx1 is now undergoing human trials that are yielding promising results. The vaccine produced antibodies and T-cells capable of fighting the virus in test subjects. Another trial, which will distribute ChAdOx1 to over 30,000 participants, is set to begin in August. Researchers are aiming for a mass-producible vaccine that can generate antibodies with a single dose. Boston's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center is teaming up with Johnson & Johnson on a vaccine called Ad26.COV2-S.

Humane research is helping answer a question that has worried scientists since COVID-19 appeared. If someone gets the disease, will they develop immunity? In another study, the Beth Israel researchers exposed nine specimens

to the virus. All recovered and developed antibodies. All enjoyed nearly full protection when re-exposed more than a month later. The U.S. government is supporting these partnerships through "Operation Warp Speed," an effort to get successful vaccines produced and distributed by 2021. The federal money will fund production facilities and the manufacture of vials and syringes while vaccines are in development, rather than waiting until final approval.

Europe is also home to several coronavirus vaccine candidates. BioNTech, a German company, teamed up with Pfizer to develop four candidates under their BNT-162 mRNA-based vaccine program, all of which showed strong efficacy in animal trials. The two partners are working to produce millions of doses by the end of 2020 and more than 1 billion by the end of 2021.

Given the urgency of develop-

ing a vaccine, some people, have argued scientists should skip trials in animals and proceed directly to humans. But the Food and Drug Administration requires robust data showing a vaccine is safe before the agency will permit researchers to administer it to patients.

As Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, has noted, "There are diseases in which you vaccinate someone, they get infected with what you are trying to protect them with, and you actually enhance the infection." We need to evaluate whether candidate vaccines deliver immunity -- or unwittingly make the virus more infectious. The scientific campaign to defeat the coronavirus begins with human ingenuity and humane animal research. And it will end with victory.

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A New Supreme Court Justice? How Low Will The Opposition Go?

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Brace yourselves folks. We all know what's coming. Because of the recent death of Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg, President Trump has the opportunity to place yet a third justice on the highest court in the land. It's his constitutional right to do so. But having the right to do so, which is part of his job doesn't matter. The other side is preparing its onslaught of hate and character assassination for whomever he nominates. If Mother Teresa were still living and Trump nominated her, the Left would be running TV ads and organizing a scorched earth campaign accusing her of sexual assault, treason and racism and probably come up with a half dozen witnesses, who would testify that they saw her drown a basket full of new born puppies. It's how they operate. We saw just how evil and vicious they were with their attacks on Justice Kavanaugh. With Kavanaugh, they pulled out all the stops with no proof of anything. They even attacked his wife and young daughter and harassed them at their home. Since then, some of those who testified to his alleged wrong doings have admitted to making it up. The lying witnesses should be serving prison time rather than being put on pedestals as heroes by the news media and Hollywood elites.

Yes, they went after Kavanaugh with a vengeance like demons from Hell. The Left was desperate then and even more desperate now to salvage what's left of their dwindling power in the federal court system from top to bottom. President Trump has nominated nearly 300 new federal judges and has pretty much changed the direction of the federal judiciary for generations to come. It's the Right direction in more ways than just one. And now, with the possibility of a third Supreme Court

seat to be occupied with another one of his picks, the liberal Democrat leftist are at their wits end. They are already threatening violence, and some are saying they will burn down the country. They are harassing the families of US Senators at their homes. They are urging their supporters to begin rioting again and implying that no method, including violence, is off the table.

So, pay close attention to what is about to take place. Be a witness to the sleazy, nasty, petty, and destructive tactics that the President's enemies are about to unleash on the country, if they don't get their way. Yes, pay close attention to what they are about to do and then, come November 3rd, cast your vote accordingly. It will all be up to us, the American people, to decide if we want to live in a country run by screaming, child-like crazies who have been displaying a total disrespect and a hatred for our country and the rule of law, or will we put an end to it and prove to those who would rather see America burned to the ground that they will not take control - not now and not ever, no matter how much they threaten and demand.

And now a mention of the 'Emmy Awards': What is being classified by many as just a bunch of self-centered egotists in a room congratulating each other is in a free fall in popularity. Each year, the ratings for this ridiculous side show drop even more than the previous year's record low. The TV viewership is so small now, the show is in a battle for ratings with the Bird Watching Network, as many people say they would rather watch grass grow in January than be scolded by the insufferable bores on stage. Next year, if these Hollywood award shows even survive, they'll probably have to fill the live audience seats with cardboard cutouts of people and

add an applause soundtrack like pro sports is doing during the virus.

And you can't really feel bad for these actors/actresses, who are watching their popularity and influence sink like the Titanic. They know Americans are turning away from them and against them, because they are tired of being lectured and made fun of. But these so called 'celebrities' just can't help themselves. They continue to insult and belittle the country and real and everyday people. If you don't believe, think, act, vote and live like they do, you are targets of their ridicule

and hate. This year was no different. Of course, President Trump was a big target. They also attacked Christians, and people who live in Middle America, with their nasty remarks. It was just more proof of how clueless they are. But maybe they've been spending too much time on Jeffrey Epstein's Island, in the company of other perverts, and believe that what went on there was normal. They might want to brace themselves too, because the full list of names who 'vacationed' there is set to be released any day now. Then watch the howling begin.

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Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education. We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

The Ginsburg aftermath, Part II: Oh, it's getting uglier, all right

The death of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg continues to dominate the national and (to a lesser extent) state news as talk intensifies about scorched-earth, take-no-prisoners, court-packing etc. tactics aimed at filling, or not filling, her position before the November election. The Globe's Jess Bidgood and Liz Goodwin try to get a handle on the raging political battle sparked by Ginsburg's death.

Meanwhile, from the Globe's Joan Vennoch: "AOC will fight fire with fire on Supreme Court nominee." But from the Herald's Joe Battenfeld: "Democrats' desperate Supreme Court tactics could backfire on Joe Biden."

There are local skirmish lines being formed in races across the state. From WBUR's Anthony Brooks: "How The Battle Over Replacing Ruth Bader Ginsburg Is Shaping Massachusetts Politics." From Sarah Betancourt at CommonWealth magazine: "Groups urge ROE Act passage to honor Ginsburg." GBH's Michael Deehan has more on the ROE Act push on Beacon Hill.

Tufts center: State's budget crisis may not be as dire as thought

No budgetgeddom? Perhaps not, or at least it may only be a mini-budgetgeddom. SHNS's Michael Norton reports that Tufts University's Center for State Policy Analysis is predicting a tough budget year ahead for the state, but it may not be nearly as bad as previously forecasted, based on recent encouraging tax-collection data. The Tufts report is somewhat at odds with Senate Ways and Means Committee Chairman Michael Rodrigues's recent dire warnings of a multibillion-dollar budget hole (SHNS).

'T targets white, wealthier riders with service cuts'

SHNS's Chris Lisinski and CommonWealth's Bruce Mohl report that the MBTA is reluctantly, very reluctantly, sharpening the proverbial budget-cutting knife due to the loss of ridership revenues during the pandemic – and it looks as though "white, wealthier riders" will feel the hit most, as the T struggles to maintain services for low-income and minority riders, many of whom don't have non-T transportation options.

State to low-risk virus communities: Get back to in-person classes

So why didn't they do this sooner? WBUR's Max Larkin and

MassLive's Michael Bonner report that the Massachusetts Department of Education is pressuring 16 communities and school districts with low coronavirus test rates to return to in-person classes. It's definitely an escalation in the push for in-person learning, but it's not a mandate, as far as we can tell.

Still, the push may have yielded some results. Pittsfield schools announced they would move toward bringing students back to classrooms in a hybrid model by the end of October, Amanda Burke at the Berkshire Eagle reports.

Parents and teen charged over house party that forced Lincoln-Sudbury to go all-remote

They weren't bluffing. NBC Boston and the Globe's Travis Andersen report that Sudbury police have indeed filed charges against the parents and their teen kid over a recent large bash attended by scores of high-school student – a bash that forced Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High to go all-remote learning earlier this month. The names and specific charges haven't been released yet.

Report: Sex-solicitation charges against Kraft likely to be dropped

Speaking of police charges: No video, no case. From the AP's Terry Spencer: "Florida prosecutors said Monday that they won't appeal a court's decision blocking video that allegedly shows New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft paying for massage parlor sex, making it likely the charges against him will be dropped." Kraft's high-priced attorneys certainly earned their pay on this one.

Question 1: Who knew an auto-repair referendum was ultimately about predators and terrorists?

The Globe's Matt Stout and CommonWealth's Shira Schoenberg report on the wild charges and counter-charges flying in the battle over the Question 1 "Right to Repair" auto referendum, a battle involving millions of dollars in ads and vehement disagreement on almost every point in the debate. But no mention of zombies (yet).

'Madame Speaker'? Clark's rapid rise has people talking

Is 'Madame Speaker' in her future? As U.S. Rep. Katherine Clark gathers support for her bid to become assistant speaker--the number four leadership role among House Democrats--Callum Borchers at WBUR traces her rapid rise into the leadership ranks and finds plenty of pols both in Washington and back in the Bay State who think she could be leading the delegation and wielding the speaker's gavel before long.

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Michelle Wu Raises Over \$100,000 in Grassroots Donations Since Announcement

One week ago, Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu announced her candidacy for the 2021 Boston Mayoral election in a video released in English, Spanish and Mandarin. Wu launched her people-powered campaign to bring new leadership to Boston's executive office by hosting a series of community events in different neighborhoods to engage with Boston residents.

"We're building a movement to empower organizing and nurture activism across every community," said Michelle Wu. Since launching her campaign last week, Michelle Wu has received broad support from communities across every zip code in Boston sparking grassroots momentum that led to \$100,000 raised in the first two days of her candidacy. Michelle's mayoral campaign received over 2,300 individual donations within the first week, with educators and students being the most common occupation of supporters.

Today, Wu announced her core campaign staff in a tweet, naming Mary Lou Akai-Ferguson as Campaign Manager, Jessicah Pierre as Press Secretary, Anthony Davis Jr. as Organizing Director, Vicki Dzindzichashvili as Operations Director, and Anshi Moreno as Grassroots Fundraising Director. "We are committed to solving our deepest challenges through



building community and working in coalition to deliver bold, systemic change and make Boston a city for everyone," said Wu.

REP. BIELE SUPPORTS PASSAGE OF JOBS BILL TO SPUR ECONOMY AMID PANDEMIC

Legislation invests in housing and legalizes sports betting

Faced with an economy afflicted by COVID-19, **State Representative David Biele** recently joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in passing legislation to spur economic growth by legalizing sports gaming, supporting business and work force development, facilitating housing development and authorizing more than \$450 million in state grant funding.

“This legislation will help support and provide much-needed relief to businesses that have been adversely impacted by COVID-19, like restaurants, tourism, arts and culture,” said **Rep. Biele**. “As we continue to find ways to bolster our economy, this bill will support businesses, help create jobs and foster work force development through innovative policies and targeted investments.”

The bill authorizes the Housing

Choice concept, reducing the voting requirement for a range of housing-related zoning changes, such as affordable housing and multi-family housing, from a two-thirds threshold to a simple majority at the local level. Previously, only 74 communities in Massachusetts had adopted Housing Choice, including the City of Boston, to support the creation of workforce housing and multi-family housing. The legislation also increases the low-income housing tax credit from \$20 million to \$40 million.

The bill initiates a system for legal sports gaming in Massachusetts and allows the independent Massachusetts Gaming Commission to grant in-person licenses to existing casinos and racing facilities. Mobile applications and casinos are also eligible to receive mobile gaming licenses. In addition to licensing fees, the state will receive 15% of all sports betting proceeds

-- \$50 million annually. The proceeds will be distributed as follows:

- 40% to a workforce development fund for at-risk youth;
- 30% to a Distressed Restaurant Fund that would help over 1,000 restaurants pay for things like rent, payroll, and PPE for a period of two years;
- 10% to youth development initiatives, including scholarships and after-school programs (raised to 25% after January 2023);
- 10% to Local Aid (raised to 25% after January 2023); and
- 9% to Public Health, including gambling addiction.

The bill also authorizes \$459 million in bond funding, including:

- \$35 million for small business loans and \$15 million for microbusinesses through the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation;
- \$10 million for travel/tourism capital improvements;



- \$10 million for manufacturing grants;
- \$55 million for grants through Mass Development for planning activities and redevelopment of blighted or abandoned properties;
- \$40 million neighborhood stabilization and preservation under the Department of Housing and Community Development; and
- \$30M for a PPP loan type program run by the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation that directs funding to businesses impacted by COVID-19 but did not receive federal assistance.

The bill passed the House of Representatives on a 156-3 vote and is being debated in conference committee.



Massport Awards Annual Butler Memorial Scholarship

South Boston graduate receives award for college

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) announced the recipient of the annual scholarship honoring the memory of Tommy Butler, the long-time Massport Director of Government and Community Affairs and son of South Boston. The

2020 Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship was awarded to South Boston resident Mary Pecevich.

“Mary has followed Tommy Butler’s example through her community service,” said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. “She has proved to be a strong leader and she has used her personal experiences to make a difference in her community. We wish her the best in the years to come.”

The Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a student who resides in South Boston, is graduating from high school and has been accepted to an accredited college or university. Butler was the former mayor of the South Boston Boys Club, Youth Counselor and then Director of Little City Hall in Charlestown, former president of the South Boston Citizens Association and member of the South Boston Irish American Society. When he arrived at Massport in 1987 as a manager of intergovernmental relations, he was a licensed social worker who had worked in the

Boston Juvenile Court, and for the City of Boston.

Pecevich is a graduate of Boston Latin School and is attending University of New Hampshire. She has volunteered her time at the Laboure Center, Camp Sunshine and the Harry McDonough Sailing Center.

To be considered for the Thomas J. Butler Scholarship, students are required to have a minimum 3.0 grade point average and submit an essay of 1,000 words describing their career interests or how their community service has affected their outlook on life. In her essay, Mary wrote, “Community is the basis of all humanity; it ties us together creating a deeper sense of purpose within.”

Applications are judged by a committee made up of Massport employees and a representative of the Butler family. Students interested in applying for the 2021 scholarship should visit www.massport.com/scholarships for eligibility requirements.

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It is where social norms are developed as part of a child's behavior both at the time and in the future.

Many experts contend that the expansive nature of social media, in and of itself, has stunted the social development of young persons because their actions, both good and bad, are often bereft of the consequences that set the boundaries of behavior. Not seeing other students and faculty in person is having an impact, and even contributes to anxiety, nervousness, and worry. The abrupt change in lifestyle, not limited to online lessons, has left many students struggling with how to succeed academically.

However, Boston and the country are dealing with an unprecedented period in history that has and will have direct, indirect, and unpredictable effect on an already compromised generation of youth. The word 'compromised' is used because it is fair to aver that this generation suffers exceptional levels of anxiety, addiction, confusion, uncertainty or distraction personally, as well as unhappiness and frustration with what the future has in store. Nonetheless, parents and students have to deal with the reality that Covid-19 presents them and the world.

As to reality, roughly one third of the states recommend the specific minimum and maximum number of hours that students should be engaged in remote learning. These guidelines vary, but generally are progressive through the grade levels, starting with about 30 minutes a day for preschoolers and going up to 3-4 hours a day for high school students.

What States Require and/or Recommend on Remote Learning Instruction

- 17 states recommend specific minimum/maximum times for students to be in remote instruction.
- 32 have taken steps to release districts from day or hour requirements on instructional time.
- 22 recommend that teachers hold office hours when they're available to students and parents.

Attendance

- 20 states don't require districts to track and/or report attendance to the state during closures, though 6 of these have suggested or requested that

districts track attendance internally.

- 18 have directed districts to continue tracking.

Grading and Promotion

- 16 states suggest or mandate "do no harm" approach to grading, recommending that grades given during the pandemic shouldn't negatively affect a student's academic standing.

- Most states don't address promotion or say it's a local decision; 11 have policies that encourage promotion to the next grade.

Special populations

- All states have addressed how to provide special education during the closures, but only 37 states provide guidance and/or specific educational resources for English-language learners.

Source: Education Week Analysis

An Overview of a Remote Learning Plan

Remote learning is designed to achieve the same learning outcomes as the in-person learning environment with the goal of accelerating learning outcomes for students that includes defining a consistent set of expectations and structures for both on-site learning and our remote learning. Ideally remote learning would take place Mondays through Fridays and will have an official start time with an established routine for each day in an attempt to provide a full instructional day.

For the K-5 grades, a morning meeting of remote learners will be held each day "to build community. A meeting will be held at the end of the day for students "to reconnect learning, ask questions, and understand what's coming in the next day. All K-8 students will be expected to engage in all subject areas either through live or recorded lessons. The live lessons would be recorded so that students have an opportunity to listen to or watch them at different times, if they are not able to make the scheduled time. Students can be released to watch the videos on their own, and teachers can use that time to engage and support students in small groups. Social-emotional learning, mindfulness, and community building are integrated into core instructional content.

In addition, students will be provided opportunities to do independent and collaborative engagement tasks that are aligned to classroom instruction, such as collaborative brainstorming, interactive videos, peer feedback, and book clubs. Students would be expected to turn in

work assignments through an online platform. The deadlines for turning in assignments will have some flexibility, but students will be expected to do the work and demonstrate that they have mastered the material and meet learning targets. Students would receive feedback on their engagement and learning, and they will also receive grades. With the grading policies the same for students in the remote learning pathway as those in the in-person learning pathway. An Academic Support Hotline would be available to students and families.

Here is a **sample schedule** for a remote learning day. The sample schedules are as follows:

Grades K-5, Sample Schedule:

- Live interactions
- Morning Meeting and Social-Emotional Check-in and Learning at 9 a.m.
- Afternoon Class Check-In at 3 p.m.
- Students will engage in daily instruction in all content areas including: Math, English Language Arts, Social Studies/Science, the Arts, Computer Science or Library.
- The schedule will vary based upon the school and the grade.
- Instruction will be in the form of shorter lessons with opportunities for small group time while students are working independently.
- PE & Fine Arts are provided at a designated time daily for grade levels and will be recorded for later viewing.

Grade 6-8, Sample Schedule

- Live interactions and classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 3:35 p.m.
- Students will engage in daily instruction in all content areas including: Math, English Language Arts, Social Studies/Science, the Arts, Advisory/World Language, and PE. Note: some classes may not occur daily to reduce the number of class meetings per day. In this situation, students will have longer class sessions than classes that meet daily.
- Instruction will be in the form of shorter lessons with opportunities for small group time while students are working independently.
- Class schedules will vary depending upon the student's grade level, school, and specials rotation.

Window continued from page 4**Grubhub et gang order up a lobbying campaign to block delivery-fee caps**

The Globe's Jon Chesto reports that Grubhub, DoorDash and Uber-Eats are lobbying away on Beacon Hill to eighty-six legislation that would put a 15 percent cap on delivery-fee commissions during the pandemic, a cap restaurateurs say they desperately need.

Report: Falmouth could abandon iconic coastal road within 30 years due to rising seas

And, yes, it includes large swaths of the current Falmouth Road Race course. From WCAI's Eve Zuckoff: "A new report sets a timeline for Falmouth to make a historic retreat from its iconic Surf Drive coastal roadway in the face of sea level rise, flooding, and other impacts of climate change. Within thirty years, the picturesque road could be abandoned."

Double reverse: UMass announces intent to play fall football after all

They're following the leaders in a new direction. UMass Amherst

says it will stage a fall football season after all, in part because there may be no teams to play against if the season is pushed to the spring, Mike Moran at the Daily Hampshire Gazette reports. UMass says it has had just two positive results from more than 2,500 coronavirus tests connected to the football program.

Joe Kennedy III's super campaign donation: Thanks, Dad

We all knew money was probably flowing from one clan

account to another, but not this amount. From the Herald's Lisa Kashinsky: "Joseph Kennedy II dumped \$2 million from his old campaign coffers into the super PAC backing his son's bid to unseat U.S. Sen. Edward Markey, FEC filings show, confirming the speculation that became a major point of contention in the final weeks of the primary." The Globe's Stephanie Ebbert has more on the family-friendly transaction first reported by Politico's Stephanie Murray.

Councilors Flynn and Breadon Held Hearing on Pest Control and Illegal Dumping

Boston City Councilors Ed Flynn and Liz Breadon held a hearing this week to discuss issues relating to pest control and illegal dumping in the City of Boston. The hearing was sponsored by Councilor Ed Flynn and Councilor Breadon, and was chaired by Councilor Flynn in the Committee for City and Neighborhood Services. The hearing brought together city officials and community advocates, together they discussed measures that the city has been taking to respond to the recent uptick in rodent activities and preventing illegal dumping, as well as other ways to improve on these issues.



The hearing was held on Tuesday, September 22nd, and was attended by officials from Boston's Inspectional Services Department (ISD) and Code Enforcement, as well as representatives from the Asian American Civic Association (AACA) in Chinatown, and the Allston Civic Association. Councilors Flynn and Breadon emphasized the importance of rodent control, and City Councilors in attendance have noted the increased reports of rodent infestations and activities in recent months in the city.



City officials noted that other cities have seen similar uptick in pests due to the pandemic, since rodent food sources are being moved from commercial areas to residential areas. ISD officials have been responding to this by stepping up on inspections and enforcement, dropping flyers on impacted areas about how to properly dispose of trash, and looking at methods such as using dry ice to kill rats. Officials emphasized the importance of properly disposing trash in curbing rodent activities, and encouraged res-

idents to use 311 to report cases so ISD can better track the cases and activities. Advocates from AACA and the Allston Civic Association noted that rodents and illegal dumping have long been issues for their neighborhoods, and suggested higher penalty fees for violators, more public education and enforcement to address these issues.

"Pest control and prevention of illegal dumping have always been important quality of life issues for our residents, and with the pandemic, it's even more important that we keep our neighborhoods clean and healthy," said Councilor Flynn. "I'm grateful for the work that our city employees and community advocates are doing in remedying these issues. I want to thank Councilor Breadon for her partnership, and everyone for participating in this productive hearing. I look forward to continuing working on these issues."

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

MAYOR WALSH, BOSTON EMS CELEBRATE NEW EMT GRADUATES

Mayor Martin J. Walsh joined Boston EMS to celebrate the graduation of 10 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) recruits in a socially distanced, outdoor ceremony at LoPresti Park in East Boston. This graduating class will be assigned to 911 ambulances, strengthening the City of Boston's Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

"In our lifetime, we've never seen a crisis quite like the COVID-19 pandemic. And through it all, the men and women at Boston EMS have been on the front lines, leading the City's response with incredible courage and passion," said Mayor Walsh. "I'm proud to be here to congratulate the men and women graduating today as they join the best emergency medical services department in the country."

Today's ceremony formally acknowledges 10 recruits' successful completion of a rigorous post-hire training program for EMTs at Boston EMS. Already state-certified EMTs prior to hire, this graduating class, completed an additional seven months of classroom and field training. Known as "Recruit Class 2020-1," the recruits were trained in a variety of life-threatening emergency

situations, including active shooter incidents, hazardous materials exposure, transportation accidents, recovery services, human trafficking and mass casualty incidents. The training program also included a month-long reassignment to assist with the City of Boston's COVID-19 pandemic response, supporting field operations, dispatch operations and enhanced disinfectant procedures.

"Their rigorous training academy began when the City only had one confirmed case of COVID-19 and it continued through the surge of the pandemic in Boston. This recruit class has seen firsthand the courage, passion and heart it takes to do this job," said Boston EMS Chief James Hooley. "Welcome to Boston EMS. You are serving in historic times and you are ready."

This academy class responded to nearly 1,400 9-1-1 calls during their training. Those emergency incidents included baby deliveries, cardiac arrests, motor vehicle accidents, shootings, stabbings, strokes, overdoses and more. With guidance from seasoned EMT field training officers, recruits are not only prepared to care for patients, regardless of the circumstances, they



Jocelyn Brandao, a life-long Boston resident, sworn in as a Boston EMS Emergency Medical Technician during today's ceremony in East Boston. (Mayor's Office photo by Jeremiah Robinson)

also now understand the level of care, clinical excellence and professionalism expected of Boston EMS EMTs.

Boston EMS is one of the busiest municipal EMS providers in New England, responding to more than 125,000 emergency medical incidents per year. As a bureau of the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), Boston EMS is committed to serving Boston's residents through clinical excellence, emergency planning and preparedness, and community outreach.

In his FY20 budget, Mayor Walsh added four EMTs to promote diversity and recruitment as well as resources to expand the capacity of Boston

EMS's Community Assistance Team, also known as Squad 80. Squad 80 is a two-person team that travels in a non-transport vehicle and answers calls where patients have a low frequency of being transported to the emergency room, making more ambulances available for priority calls that need to get patients to the hospital. It also connects people to our recovery or homeless services and other city programs. In FY21, Mayor Walsh is investing in seven new ambulances, as well as new portable radios to support coordination and communication, new body armor to protect EMTs and Paramedics and new AEDs for patient care.

The Wine Guy

What's For Dessert?



Since just about all of these columns have been about wines that go well both before and during a meal, I thought it might be a good change of pace to look at some suggestions for the other end of things - dessert.

To find out more about a dessert wine that's among the fastest-growing in this category world-wide, we'll start in an unlikely area-Canada and upper New York state - the

"Finger Lakes" region to be exact. These areas are producing some of the finest "Ice Wines" in the world. The term, "Ice Wine" comes from Eiswein, a German dessert wine, made from grapes that are picked literally when the first frost or, "ice" is on them. This type of white wine is very sweet and usually syrupy and is especially good in cooler weather with warm desserts like apple cobbler. The grapes must be picked by hand and the whole process is very labor-intensive, so, as you might guess, this type of wine is not cheap; however, if you're looking for a special treat, you should try some.

Inniskillin, Canada's first estate winery, began in 1984 and has vineyards in both the eastern and western parts of the country. Their **2015 Inniskillin Riesling Ice Wine, (\$45.00, 200ml.)** is a classic. Layers of fruit notes, especially mango and peach, are enhanced by a naturally high acidity. Don't be put off by the smaller size of the bottle, by the way; the concentration of these wines is in a category of its own! In

addition to warm desserts mentioned earlier, cold fruit tarts are also well-paired with this one.

Just south of the Canadian border, the Finger Lakes region offers its own version, made from not only the Riesling grape, but the popular French-American hybrid, Vidal. A great (and relatively inexpensive) example is made by Knapp Vineyards, using an artificially induced freezing method. The **Knapp 2014 Vidal Blanc Ice Wine, (\$19.99, 200ml.)**, is honey-like in both color and texture, with fruit and a slight nuttiness on the finish. This one is especially good with chocolate-dipped fruits and mousse.

Going back to where it all began, in the vineyards of Germany and Austria, there are Eiswein sections in almost every vineyard, but the vast majority produce only enough for domestic consumption. Makers that distribute globally include Dr. Loosen vineyards, one of the country's largest. Their **2012 Riesling Eiswein, (\$40.00, 187ml.)**. Is intense in both its concentration and



finish, with notes of apricot and pear on a long finish, due to the brisk acidity of the thick juice.

Further east, in Austria's Kremstal region, on the upper Danube, the **Nigl 2015 Gruner Veltliner Eiswein, (\$49.00, 375 ml.)** offers a more citrus-based wine. Notes of orange and lemon peel on the nose give way to a slightly kiwifruit-based palate and a long finish that's a bit salty at the end, which is typical of the grape style.

So, the next time someone says, "what's for dessert?" at your table, make a move from the ordinary and serve one of these!

Talk To The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com

I Was Just Thinking...



By Kevin Devlin

Politicians and media types need to stop stoking the fires of unrest in this country. We don't need them encouraging rioters by declaring on national television that people will do what people do. We don't need them saying there will be hell to pay and people are playing with fire, if they don't get what they want. We don't need them attacking our institutions.

This is scary and those who use these heinous tactics, those who incite others to act in such an unlawful man-

ner, better be aware the Mob is never satisfied. These same political leaders and media folk say they're defending democracy, yet they embrace anarchy as an evil tool to assist their message of compliance or suffer their wrath. This is irresponsible, despicable, dangerous, and threatening behavior. It must stop.

They need to re-think their positions, reimagine if I dare say. When they do, they need to tell these unruly elements to simmer down and start acting like responsible adults. And they need to start acting responsibly themselves.

So, to move the point forward. if someone breaks the law, there must be consequences. Otherwise, people will continue to act in an unlawful manner and laugh at those who adhere to the rule of law.

I applaud Florida Governor Ron DeSantis (R) for leading the way against this madness by proposing the "Combating Violence, Disorder, and Looting and Law Enforcement Act." The proposed legislation is aimed at

detering rioters and looters "while protecting law enforcement against punitive action for defending themselves and public order, as well as non-police citizens acting in self-defense."

The legislation "would target violent assemblies, destruction of monuments, blocking of public roadways, and harassing of citizens - all rampant behavior of Antifa and BLM mobs that have gone undeterred and unpunished until now."

If adopted, it would be a "third-degree felony to be part of an assembly of seven or more people causing damage or injuring people or to obstruct and block motorists during an unpermitted demonstration." The bill protects motorists from any liability for death or injury to mob members if the individual is clearly fleeing to safety. The bill also makes it a second-degree felony under Florida law to topple monuments. It criminalizes disorderly assemblies targeting citizens at restaurants or at other public places.

Addressing catch and release, it would be a mandatory six-month sentence for attacking a police officer. The proposal offers sentencing enhancements "for those who assault officers,

throw objects at civilians or officers, and for individuals presents for out of state while participating in a disorderly assembly." The proposed bill bars these offenders from being bailed out until the first court hearing.

The proposal has a provision for the state to defund those cities that defund the police and if any government workers or teachers participate in rioters, they could be lose their government benefits and make them ineligible for state employment if they are convicted of any crimes cited in this bill. This bill would also charge funders and organizers of violent riots with RICO charges.

And finally, "rather than debating ending sovereign immunity for police" this bill "would end sovereign immunity for government officials who fail to protect the people by allowing victims of the rioters to sue the government when it is grossly negligent in protecting lives and property."

I only wish our leaders in Congress would pass this type of legislation nationwide to suppress the violence, instead of inciting it, as they now do in such a callous manner, with their media buddies.

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
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133 Seaport Blvd UNIT 618 Condo	\$1,875,000	7/23/20	5	2.5	1,064
133 Seaport Blvd UNIT 1816 Condo	\$1,605,000	7/10/20	4	1	837
473 East Fifth Street Three Family	\$1,500,000	7/31/20	13	3	1925
133 Seaport Blvd UNIT 1910 Condo	\$1,400,000	7/21/20	3	1.5	789
21 Wormwood St UNIT 214 Condo	\$1,349,000	7/15/20	6	2	1,540
160 K Street Two Family	\$1,275,000	7/31/20020	10	4	2,200
319 A St UNIT 311 Condo	\$942,000	8/5/20	4	1	820
655 East Sixth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$915,000	7/28/20	4	2	1,170
4 Dixfield Street Single Family	\$864,168	8/6/20	8	2.2	1,800
117 West Third St UNIT 2 Condo	\$775,000	8/3/20	5	2	965
102 Old Harbor UNIT G Condo	\$719,000	8/3/20	3	3	1,118
339 E St UNIT 1 Condo	\$610,000	8/3/20	4	1	683
52 O St UNIT 2 Condo	\$607,000	8/3/20	6	1	910
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Wednesday, October 7
6:00 PM

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WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE

Boston Water and Sewer Commission will commence Water Main Flushing in the South Boston area starting:

October 11, 2020 through November 18, 2020

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The purpose of the Water Main Flushing Program is to improve drinking water quality for residents and businesses.

Water Main flushing will take place between the hours of **10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.**

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Gate of Heaven and St. Brigid Parishes with St. Augustine Chapel News Congratulations to this year's First Holy Communion Class!

Congratulations to all the students of South Boston Catholic Academy and our Parish Religious Education Program who received the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at Gate of Heaven Church. This First Holy Communion Mass was postponed in May due to Covid-19. The presider at this Mass was our Pastor, Father Robert Casey. Father Casey was joined by our Parochial Vicar, Father Christopher Boyle and Monsignor Liam Bergin in celebrating this Mass. Thank you to our parents and teachers who helped to prepare the children for this Sacrament. Special thanks to Dr. Helenann Civian, Principal of South Boston Catholic Academy and Mrs. Joan Dixon, 2nd Grade Religious Education Teacher for the work they do throughout the year to ensure that everyone is ready for this Sacrament. God's Blessings on all these wonderful children!



Welcome Deacon Danny Gustafson!



Welcome to Deacon Danny Gustafson, SJ to our Parishes. Every year we welcome a Jesuit Deacon who is completing studies at Boston College. Deacon Danny will be assisting at Masses, preaching and assisting with Baptisms and Marriages. Danny Gustafson, SJ was born and raised in Sioux Falls, SD. He went to Georgetown University in Washington, DC with aspirations of going

into politics, but got to know the Jesuits on campus and wound up joining them after he graduated in 2011. After taking vows in 2013 he earned a Master's Degree in Philosophy at Loyola University Chicago, taught high school at Fordham Prep in the Bronx, and is now in his third and final year of theology studies at Boston College. He is very excited to get involved at Gate of Heaven and St. Brigid Parishes.





This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for Week 3 in the NFL:

I went 4-1 against the spread in Week 2. My only loss was the Minnesota Vikings as a 3-point underdog in Indianapolis. The Vikings lost to the Colts 28-11, so that was a huge disappointment in what could've been a perfect week of picks.

Now, it's on to Week 3. And you know it's a strange season because I've yet to feel confident about a Patriots spread, which is why I actually bet against them last Sunday, taking the Seahawks as a 4-point favorite in Seattle on Sunday Night Football. The Seahawks won the game 35-30, so that's a cover.

This week, the Patriots are a 6-point favorite at home against the Las Vegas Raiders. The Raiders offense has looked great so far, but I could see a Bill Belichick defense stopping a Derek Carr led offense in its tracks in Foxboro. But I'm still not sold on what New England's new-look offense has to offer. So I'm just staying away.

Here are my picks for Week 3:

HOUSTON TEXANS (+4) over Pittsburgh Steelers

-The 2-0 Steelers host the 0-2 Texans on Sunday at 1 p.m. So far, Ben Roethlisberger's return

has been a promising sign for Pittsburgh. On the other end, Houston's offense is still trying to find its identity in the absence of star receiver DeAndre Hopkins, who was traded to the Cardinals in the offseason. Looking at these two teams' schedules though, the Texans had a tough go of it out of the gate, having to face two of the toughest teams in the league in the Chiefs and Ravens, while the Steelers had to play the Giants and Broncos. I'm picking Houston here because I don't think they'll start the season 0-3, and even if I'm wrong, I certainly don't think they'll lose by more than a field goal. So give me the points.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS (+2.5) over Tennessee Titans

-My thought process with this pick is similar to the previous Texans pick. Minnesota has begun the season 0-2, and I really don't think they're bad enough to start off with an 0-3 record. Meanwhile, Tennessee is 2-0, and I don't see the Titans being dominant enough to be a favorite on the road in Minnesota Sunday at 1. The Vikings know this is a must-win game in their own building. And they have the top-

to-bottom talent to play like it in Week 3 and win their first game of the season. I'll take Minnesota as a home dog with everything on the line.

DETROIT LIONS (+6) over Arizona Cardinals

-Once again, I'm picking an 0-2 team over a 2-0 team. And once again, it's a similar thought process as the previous two picks. The 2-0 Cardinals host the 0-2 Lions on Sunday at 4:25, and while I'm extremely high on Kyler Murray and Arizona this season, Matthew Stafford and Detroit are already playing for their season in Week 3. Even Lions coach Matt Patricia has to know that if the Lions lose this game and start off 0-3, he'll immediately be on the hot seat, if he's not already after an 0-2 start. At the very least, I expect the Lions to battle all game long and keep this one close, so the the 6 points here is huge. That spread might end up being +7 or higher by the time they kick off. This was almost my lock. I'm taking the points.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (+3.5) over Baltimore Ravens

-This is Monday Night Football in Baltimore, and quite possibly

a preview of the AFC Championship. Both teams are off to a 2-0 start, and I could see either team winning this game. It's unfortunate for the Ravens that they can't pack the stadium for this one, and that we'll certainly work in Patrick Mahomes' favor. Even if the Chiefs lose, I think they'll keep it tight. That half point is huge, so I'm taking it before it goes down to -3, or even -2.5. Give me Kansas City to cover.

LOCK OF THE WEEK: TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (-6) over Denver Broncos

-Tom Brady picked up his first win as a Buccaneer last week. Now the 1-1 Bucs head to Denver to take on the banged up 0-2 Broncos on Sunday at 4:25. Denver QB Drew Lock will miss the game with a shoulder injury, so Jeff Driskel is expected to make the start. Brady vs Driskel. Who so you think I'm taking? Bucs by 10.

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SPORTS TODAY

PATRIOTS LOOK TO BOUNCE BACK AFTER LOSS TO SEAHAWKS

SBT Staff

The New England Patriots suffered their first loss of the season on Sunday night, falling to the Seahawks, 35-30, in Seattle.

Cam Newton had a chance to score the game-winning touchdown on the final play of the game, but his 1st-and-goal rushing attempt from the 1-yard line was stuffed by the Seahawks defense as time expired.

Newton finished the game 30-of-44 for 397 pass yards, one touchdown, and one interception. He also ran for 47 yards on 11 carries, which included two rushing touchdowns.

Julian Edelman also put up big

numbers in the loss, making eight catches for 179 yards.

Now, the Patriots return home for Week 3, where they'll host the 2-0 Las Vegas Raiders this Sunday at 1 p.m. New England is a 6.5-point favorite.

The Raiders are coming off an impressive 34-24 win over the New Orleans Saints on Monday Night Football to open up their new stadium in their new city of Las Vegas. In Week 1, the Raiders went into Carolina and beat the Panthers, 34-30.

Vegas is led by quarterback Derek Carr, who has yet to throw an interception through the first two games of the season. Carr has

seemingly found a new favorite target in 28-year-old tight end Darren Waller, who was targeted 16 times in Monday night's win over the Saints.

Waller finished the game with 12 catches for 103 yards and a touchdown. The week before, he had six catches for 45 yards.

Sunday's game against the Raiders will be the first of three straight games against AFC West opponents for the Patriots. After Las Vegas, New England will travel to Kansas City in Week 4, and then return home to host Denver in Week 5, all before the Week 6 bye.

Tweet of the Week

The Big Ten Conference announced today the schedule for the 2020 football season, including an eight-game Conference-only schedule starting the weekend of October 24 plus a ninth game for all 14 teams during a newly created Big Ten Champions Week the weekend of December 19.



WHAT TO WATCH

NFL SUNDAY, SEPT. 27
Las Vegas at New England (-6.5)
1 P.M. CBS

Tampa Bay (-6) at Denver
4:25 P.M. FOX

Green Bay at New Orleans (-3)
8:20 P.M. NBC

MONDAY, SEPT. 28
Kansas City at Baltimore (-3.5)
8:15 P.M. ESPN

NBA FRIDAY, SEPT. 25
Eastern Conference Finals
Gm 5: Miami vs Boston
8:30 P.M. ESPN

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27
Eastern Conference Finals
Gm 6: Boston vs Miami
7:30 P.M. ESPN

NFL FINES COACHES FOR NOT WEARING MASKS

SBT Staff

If you've been watching the NFL the last two weeks, you'll notice that coaches are all wearing masks on the sidelines. And if you've been paying attention to any of the Coronavirus safety protocols that have been put in place over the last six months, then you'll also notice that NFL coaches wearing masks on the sidelines presents the same type of contradictions that the rest of the country has experienced away from the football field.

Coaches have to wear masks, but players don't. How exactly does that make any sense?

The only justification for that would be that NFL coaches are older than the players, and Coronavirus has been proven to have a more serious effect on older people.

Still, it seems like that should be up for each coach to decide, since it's the players on the field who are doing the least amount of social distancing at the line of scrimmage. But the NFL doesn't see it that way, as it has fined several coaches this week for failing to wear their masks properly for their entire Week 2 games.

According to ESPN, Seahawks coach Pete Carroll, 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan, and Broncos coach Vic Fangio were each fined \$100,000 and their teams were each fined \$250,000.

More fines are expected, as Raiders coach Jon Gruden and Saints coach Sean Payton were both seen without masks at times during Monday Night Football.

RED SOX TO FINISH DISAPPOINTING 2020 SEASON ON SUNDAY

SBT Staff

That was quick. On Sunday afternoon, the Boston Red Sox will wrap up their Covid-shortened 2020 season as they take on the Braves in Atlanta.

Major League Baseball didn't begin this year's regular season until late July, thanks to the Coronavirus

pandemic. In what is usually a 162-game season, this season saw just 60 games on the schedule. And for the Red Sox, 60 games is all they'll get.

Entering the final week of the regular season, the Red Sox have one of the worst records in the league, a good 14 games under .500, and last

place in the AL East.

The 2021 season can't get here soon enough. Barring another pandemic shutdown, Boston will open next season at Fenway Park with two three-game series against the Baltimore Orioles and Tampa Bay Rays, beginning with Baltimore on Opening Day on Thursday, April 1.



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