



MAYOR WALSH BOLSTERS RESOURCES FOR TENANTS AT RISK OF EVICTION

Massachusetts statewide eviction moratorium is slated to end October 17

Building on his commitment to keeping residents in the City of Boston stably housed, Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced steps the City is taking to ensure Bostonians at risk

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EDITORIAL

WE Decide Whether to Celebrate Holidays, Not Government

We've heard people asking if, because of COVID-19, there will be a Halloween this year or even if THEY will cancel Christmas. Ok, let's put the brakes on this now. A statement that's going viral on social media posts pretty much says it all. "The government doesn't run Halloween, Thanksgiving or Christmas, so STOP asking if we're still going to have them." These are words Americans should take to heart.

This year, we were all but told we shouldn't be celebrating St. Patrick's Day,

Easter, Memorial Day and Independence Day. Though many did celebrate and observe these traditions, it was limited, and those who did were frowned upon and even threatened by some government entities (and those who dare not question orders). But those, who believe that the majority of Americans will follow orders forever when issued by over reaching governors and mayors that demand we all plan now to not be allowed to take part in coming holidays and will face 'lock downs if we 'disobey', are misjudging the passion for

freedom and independence of this nation's citizens.

America is not at war with bombs and missiles falling on our cities and towns from the sky, which might require some sort of martial law. There is a virus. We all know that. Some people get sick, almost everyone who does recovers. Yes, we should be cautious and take care of ourselves. But people should not continue to live in fear forever, which many now suspect is what some in the medical field and in elected office crave. And to quote President Trump - "Don't let it domi-

nate our lives."

If people can go to Walmart and Shaw's to shop, exchange money for takeout food and make cash withdrawals at the ATM, children, with proper safety practices, can celebrate Halloween. If we can board crowded airplanes and go to Spin Classes, we can gather with family, whether those families are large or small, to have Thanksgiving dinner together. And if city and state officials can allow Black Lives Matter protests to rage in the streets, we can and surely will celebrate the Christmas and Hanukkah



seasons, including in our churches and synagogues.

So, in answer to those who question if we will be allowed to celebrate the coming holidays – those must be personal decisions and should be made by the individual, not government.

"When I was a kid, my parents moved around a lot, but I always found them" - Rodney Dangerfield

GIRL SCOUTS DELIVER: EXPERIENCES OFFER COMMUNITY, LEADERSHIP, AND FUN



Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEMA) opens registration for new members with a mix of programming that features virtual and in-person meetings and activities.

Girl Scouts offers a place where girls can find community, solidarity, leadership opportunities, and fun, despite the challenging moment we are all collectively living through.

Right now, girls are facing unprecedented challenges of hybrid education, the isolation that comes with social distancing, and some are feeling their families' financial stress as jobs are interrupted or terminated. Moreover, girls are grappling with racial injustice and learning to navigate their role in the future of social equality.

"As a non-profit, youth-serving organization, the opportunities we provide girls and their families is critical to the future of girls' leadership," said Caitriona Taylor, CEO, GSEMA. "Girl Scouts is, as it always has been, the organization best positioned to help girls develop the competencies they need to become the next generation of

leaders that will change the world in big and small ways. We are a diverse organization that stands for empowering ALL girls—in every community, from every background and every ability, and in every economic circumstance—to create the change they want to see in the world."

In particular, Girl Scouts impacts girls' abilities to step outside their comfort zones, manage healthy relationships, and be civically engaged in their communities. Research shows that Girl Scouts across age levels fare better than non-Girl Scouts with regard to five leadership outcomes—all of critical importance in our current reality. Girl Scouts helps girls:

- Develop a strong sense of self
- Display positive values
- Seek challenges and learn from setbacks
- Form and maintain healthy relationships
- Learn to identify and solve problems in their community

New Girl Scout troops are forming now, meeting online and in-person, and spending lots of time exploring the outdoors. Girl Scout membership dues are \$40 per girl (financial aid is available). In-person troop meetings and activities follow current CDC and GSEMA guidelines. To learn more about joining, call 844-306-4736, email customer-care@gsema.org, or visit gsema.org/join.

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And They Call Trump A Hater?

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John Ciccone

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For the last 3 and a half plus years, liberal and leftist intolerance has been on display like never before. While, traditionally, they have been the side that has labeled everyone who disagrees with them in any way as haters, racists, bigots and a long list of other insulting descriptions, all the while it has been they who are guilty of what they call others.

They have taken their lessons from the infamous Nazi Joseph Goebbels, who was Adolph Hitler's Minister of Propaganda who said "Accuse the other side of that which you yourself are guilty of". From so-called 'progressive' elected officials, to the perverted film studios of Hollywood and the spreaders of slanted, biased and Fake News in the media, to the snobbish occupants of liberal neighborhoods, it has been they who paint Middle and Working Class Americans as evil. And while it is who they have always been, the last few years it has become indisputable. But over this last several days it has become more apparent and blatant than ever.

As the presidential election gets closer, the leftists are becoming more desperate to stop the reelection of President Trump. They are melting down, becoming unraveled and the pure, venomous and ugly hatred in their hearts has become exposed like never before.

From the second it was announced that the President and the First Lady were diagnosed with the Covid virus, the haters were all but dancing in the streets. They couldn't even hide their glee as, one by one, Hollywood celebrities began wishing death to the First Couple. News anchors on CNN and other discredited outlets were almost giddy as they made the announcement. Pelosi and crew were celebrating, because they were convinced that this would mean that they might be able to

stop the confirmation of Judge Barrett and might even bring down Trump's poll numbers, which were their main concerns and only concerns.

Hate posts on social media sites by the so-called enlightened segment of the population were mind boggling. Some wished the President and his wife not just death but wanted them to die slowly and in agony. Others wished ill to the Trump children and grandchildren. At least one late night TV host couldn't contain his pleasure. The signs that the haters carried were as vile as can be. The nasty letters and the 'get dead' cards were being mailed. Now bear in mind, this was from the same people who call others haters.

Meanwhile, in numbers that overwhelmed these disgusting excuses for Americans, crowds turned out all across the country and are still turning out by the tens of thousands to wish the First Couple well. The prayer vigils outside of the hospital during the President's stay were something beautiful to see. While some may not have even voted for Trump in 2016, they were still praying for his recovery and it was plain to see that their concern was sincere. The haters are loud, obnoxious, and vile, but they are a tiny minority of who America is made up of. And we can thank God for that.

Turning now to a mention of the Columbus Day holiday and long weekend. Yes, I said Columbus Day, not Indigenous People's day or Autumn Fest or any other foolish name change certain activists are pushing as they tear down statues of Christopher Columbus, as cowardly politicians sit back in fear and allow it. In America, each person, no matter who they are or what their heritage might be, is allowed and invited to share in the celebrations of every holiday. As an American of Italian descent, I and my family members and Italian friends want to keep

the holiday just as it is and there are millions more who feel the same way.

Apparently, when disgruntled activists and idiot college students, egged on by their America hating professors, make a fuss about something and issue demands, everyone is supposed to duck and cover and give them their way. But all of us, no matter who you are should pay close attention. If these activists can tear down statues and cancel from recorded history, anyone they dislike, no group is safe. Because true to form, some other activists will have a problem and make demands to rid us of someone THEY don't like. If they succeed in

eliminating Columbus Day, how long before someone has a problem with a famous Greek and demand that the Greek parade no longer be held in Boston? Seeing success in eliminating historical figures, it may only be a matter of time before some other nuts decide they don't like something about Saint Patrick and want his day gone next.

If someone wants to make 'Indigenous People's day' a thing, start a movement and get it done. There are plenty of other dates on the calendar. Just back off Columbus Day. Don't like Christopher Columbus? Too bad. A lot of us like the holiday just fine the way it is.

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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.

Galvin: 1.6 million people have requested mail-in ballots

GBH's Mike Deehan reports that 1.6 million people in Massachusetts have requested mail-in ballots for the November election and that Secretary of State Bill Galvin hopes many ballots will arrive at people's homes this week. As for total voter turnout, Galvin is looking at a potential record of 3.3 million people casting ballots in the November election, pandemic be damned. Speaking of the November election, here's a nice story, via SHNS's Michael Norton (pay wall): "Mass. Poll Workers to Mask Up With Donated Face Coverings/Furniture Maker AIS Expects to Deliver 22,000 Masks."

Delivery of MBTA's new Orange and Red line cars delayed by at least a year

File under 'Murphy's law.' From the BBJ's Greg Ryan: "A contractor will miss its deadlines for delivering new Red and Orange line cars to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority by a year or more, an agency official

said Monday, keeping outdated cars in service well into 2024." As Ryan notes, the pandemic is only part of the reason for the delivery delays. And as Commonwealth's Bruce Mohl reports, the Chinese manufacturer CRRC Corp. Ltd. faces some hefty fines for not meeting delivery deadlines.

The latest from Essex County: 137 prisoners test positive for COVID-19

Conditions at the Middleton Jail and House of Corrections are far more serious than previously indicated. Deborah Becker at WBUR reports that updated weekend data confirms that 137 out of 889 prisoners have now tested positive for the coronavirus. In related news, from the Enterprise: "Covid-19 outbreak shuts down Plymouth treatment center admissions."

Code crimson: Harvard dismisses three students from dorms after indoor party

The Harvard Crimson reports that Harvard has sent home three fresh-

men for hosting a party with at least three other guests in violation of COVID-19 guidelines. It's the first confirmed case of the school disciplining undergrads for breaking its "residential compact." In other college news, from the Gazette: "UMass Covid cases rising steadily."

Coronavirus snitch hotline: More than 200,000 compliance complaints and counting

The Herald's Joe Dwinell and Erin Tiernan report that more than 200,000 people have now called the state's coronavirus snitch hotline, with compliance complaints ranging from someone spitting on the ground to a dancer at Kittens Gentlemen's Club in Salisbury not wearing a mask. The Herald's Howie Carr sees KGB and Stasi-like forces at work. He's joking. We think.

Stuck in the red: Framingham tees up \$500 fines for party holders

Forget Natick's \$300 fines. The neighboring city of Framingham

remains stubbornly stuck in the state's red-zone for coronavirus cases and officials now say they'll immediately fine any party holders \$500 for COVID compliance violations. City officials have also indefinitely postponed the restart of in-person school openings, Jeanette Hinkle at the MetroWest Daily News reports.

'Flu You Baker': Hundreds protest governor's flu vaccine mandate

He doesn't believe in mandatory protective masks during the pandemic. And the same organizer of yesterday's 'Flu You Baker' rally in Boston also doesn't believe in mandatory flu vaccinations – and hundreds of people were agreeing with Vincent Delaney yesterday, as Steph Solis reports at MassLive.

ICE breakers: Lynn deportation halted as community members block unmarked van

From Guthrie Scrimgeour at the Lynn Item comes the story of an attempted deportation by ICE officers that was halted when community members blocked the unmarked van from leaving until officers agreed to let the detained man go--for now.

Joe Biden Holding Steady According To National Polling

Whether pollsters are getting it right or not, with few, if any exceptions, former Vice President Joe Biden is holding steady, despite efforts to characterize him as 'feeble'. We all know that pollsters and others got it wrong in 2016, but this time around President, not candidate, Donald Trump has a record of decision-making and internationally viewed behavior that



has and will factor heavily in, when the hidden or undecided voter is finalized on November 3rd – or November 6th, when mail in votes are finally tabulated. Some say that Trump supporters are reluctant or afraid to let anyone know that they

support him. That may be true but both parties are on a fundraising binge and organizational 'get out the vote' (GOTV) campaigns underscore how close this election may be, especially in so-called battleground states – Minnesota, Wis-

consin, Michigan and Pennsylvania

Joe Biden's advantage over President Donald Trump has apparently expanded and the former vice president now holds his widest lead of the cycle with less than a month remaining before Election Day, according to a new nationwide CNN Poll conducted by SSRS. Among likely voters, 57% say they back Biden and 41% Trump in the poll that was conducted entirely after the first debate and mostly after the President's coronavirus infection was made public.

Regardless of Biden's national lead, the race for the White House will ultimately come down to a handful of swing states that will drive the outcome in the Electoral College. The former vice president leads in several of those critical battlegrounds, but by more narrow margins than his national advantage. A poll is not a prediction of how the election will ultimately turn out but instead is a snapshot of the race as it currently stands.

Councilor Flynn Files Hearing on Pedestrian Safety, Vision Zero & Resolution Celebrating the Centennial of Disabled American Veterans (DAV)



goal of having zero serious or fatal traffic crashes in the City of Boston. He also filed a resolution celebrating the centennial of Disabled American Veterans (DAV), a non-profit charity that provides service and support for U.S. veterans and their families as they transition from military to civilian life.

Co-sponsored by Council President Kim Janey, this hearing order on pedestrian safety, traffic enforcement, and Vision Zero aims to discuss ways to further improve traffic calming measures such as slower speeds, stricter enforcement, and infrastructure improvements. Recently, a pedestrian was fatally struck by a vehicle near Andrew Square in South Boston, and another pedestrian was struck by a pickup truck at the entrance of the Public Garden when the truck crashed into a stone pillar. Even as we see less traffic during the COVID-19 pan-

demic, some drivers view these less congested roads as a license to speed and put the safety and lives of our neighbors in danger. We therefore need to continue to focus on pedestrian and traffic safety with infrastructure improvements - such as speed humps, raised crosswalks, road diets and rapid flash beacons - that would aid in traffic calming.

Councilor Flynn also filed a resolution recognizing Disabled American Veterans (DAV), a veteran organization that provides professional support and assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services earned through military service. The DAV was founded on Sept. 25, 1920, and chartered by Congress on June 17, 1932 as the official voice of the nation's wartime disabled veterans. It is the largest wartime veterans service organization in the United States, with 1 million service-dis-

abled veterans in membership. This resolution recognizes the significant commitment and contributions that the DAV has made to our veterans, as well as celebrates their 100 years of service in our country.

"Pedestrian safety is one of the most critical issues we face as a city. As we continue to hear about tragic fatalities and serious crashes, we must continue to work together towards the goal of Vision Zero. I want to thank Council President Janey for her partnership on this issue," said Councilor Flynn. "Aside from pedestrian safety, I also want to recognize the tremendous work that the DAV has been doing for our veteran community. The DAV has been an indispensable organization for our disabled veterans, and it deserves recognition for their contributions to our community.

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

Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn is calling for a hearing with Councilor Janey at this week's City Council meeting to discuss ways to improve pedestrian safety, provide better traffic enforcement, and achieve Vision Zero - the

Announcing the first-ever Jack O'Lantern's Halloween Scavenger Hunt!

Due to ongoing concerns about group gatherings and large events amid the pandemic, the South Boston Chamber of Commerce has decided not to organize the annual Trick or Treat on Broadway event this year. While we are all very disappointed, we want to ensure everyone's safety and hope to find new ways to celebrate Halloween.

• In lieu of Trick or Treat on Broadway, the Chamber will hold the

first-ever **Jack O'Lantern's Halloween Scavenger Hunt** throughout the month of October!

• Our friend Jack O'Lantern is being very cheeky this year and is hiding shamrocks in the Halloween decorations. We hope you will help us find them! The Scavenger Hunt is open to all ages, and participants will be entered into weekly raffles to win prizes.

To Play Along:

○ Jack O'Lantern will be hiding shamrocks around South Boston. Businesses and residents can also hide a shamrock in their Halloween Decorations.

○ Residents and businesses can hide a shamrock they already have on hand, or visit www.southbostonchamber.org for a printable one to decorate.

○ Scavenger Hunt Cards will be available at the businesses listed at www.southbostonchamber.org, or print a card from the Chamber website.

○ Check www.southbostonchamber.org or follow the Chamber's social media to find out hints where Jack O'Lantern has hidden sham-



rocks throughout South Boston.

○ Go on the hunt! When you find a shamrock, fill out the Scavenger Hunt Card.

○ When you have found 10 shamrocks, drop your Scavenger Hunt Card off at one of the addresses printed on the card, or email a picture or scan of your card to us at info@

southbostonchamber.org.

○ Each complete Scavenger Hunt Card will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a gift card and goodie bag, starting Friday, October 16. Multiple age-appropriate prizes will be awarded each week.

○ Questions? Please see www.southbostonchamber.org for more details

MAYOR WALSH RELEASES TREE CANOPY ASSESSMENT

Report shows Boston's tree canopy remained stable from 2014 to 2019; investments in trees on City property balanced canopy loss on private property

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the release of the 2014-2019 Tree Canopy Assessment, the result of a year's worth of analysis of high-quality, high-resolution LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) images captured during airplane flyovers of the City. The Boston Parks and Recreation Department commissioned the report to discover which areas have the most potential for increased tree cover, and how the City's canopy cover has changed over time.

The Tree Canopy Assessment report supports efforts to increase access to trees and their benefits in "under-treed" neighborhoods, as a part of the City's commitment to environmental justice, and aligns with Climate Ready Boston, Imagine Boston 2030, and Resilient Boston. Information provided in the report is critical to the creation of the City's first Urban Forest Plan, as well as future policy and planning efforts, including guidelines for tree canopy protection on public, private, and institutional property.

"In Boston, we're committed to growing our tree canopy in an equitable way," said Mayor Walsh. "We know that tree cover improves livability, increases shade which helps make neighborhoods more resilient to the severe heat associated with

climate change; has positive implications for residents' health; and makes our entire city more beautiful. This is a comprehensive report that shows Boston the way forward in increasing our tree canopy, and ensuring an equitable city for all."

Tree Canopy Assessment Report key findings include:

- Boston's tree canopy has remained relatively stable from 2014 to 2019 at 27% of all city land area.

- Tree canopy loss varies from backyard individual tree removal to the clearing of wooded areas for new construction. More tree canopy was lost on residential land than any other land use type.

- Boston's investments in the planting, care, and maintenance of its street trees are paying off, as evidenced by the 23 acres of new tree canopy within the right-of-way.

- Tree planting and preservation efforts are effective and pay greater dividends as trees mature.

- Land use history, decisions by individual property owners, and new construction all play a role in influencing the current state of tree canopy in Boston. Understanding these factors and identifying strategies to mitigate them will help us focus City efforts on addressing disparities in access to green space.

The report is available on boston.gov.



"Through this report and the release of Boston's RFP to create an Urban Forest Plan, Mayor Walsh and the City of Boston are committed to fighting climate change, and ensuring we take tree canopy cover seriously across all our neighborhoods," said Boston Parks and Recreation Department Commissioner Ryan Woods.

On September 28th, the City of Boston released a RFP to create an Urban Forest Plan in Boston as it seeks a partner to develop an equitable vision for the protection and expansion of the City's tree canopy goals. The Urban Forest Plan is an opportunity for Boston to establish a new vision for the City's tree canopy goals that are aligned with the goals of Imagine Boston 2030 and Climate Ready Boston, while also developing the supporting policy and programs for implementation of this vision. The project team will closely coordinate the planning process with ongoing planning and implementation led by Climate Ready Boston in the Environment Department. Ongoing coordination will cohesively integrate the citywide vision for growing a healthy urban forest into other heat resilience strategies. The growth and development of Boston's urban forest will serve to not only reduce urban heat island effect but also improve

the quality of the city's ecology.

In addition to the investment in tree canopy analysis, and the \$500,000 budgeted for the Urban Forest Plan, historic investments in Boston's public spaces this year will also support the hiring of a new arborist and the planting of an additional 1,000 trees, doubling the yearly total to 2,000 trees planted per year.

"I applaud the City of Boston's commitment to maintaining and expanding the urban tree canopy and recognizing its importance to a healthy city. Accurate and regular canopy assessments are essential for evaluating progress and identifying opportunities," said Lucy Hutyra, Associate Professor of Earth & Environment at Boston University. "The report's recommendations will help build consensus and urgency around preventing canopy loss, on both public and private property, and identify key areas for expanding canopy."

The Tree Canopy Assessment is a critical piece of the vision for the City's tree canopy goals, laid out in the Imagine Boston 2030 and Climate Ready Boston planning efforts. Mayor Walsh Climate Ready Boston in 2016, an initiative to develop resilient solutions that will prepare Boston for the effects of climate change: flooding due to sea-level rise, increased storms, and extreme heat.

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MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES BOSTON RACIAL EQUITY FUND STEERING COMMITTEE

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Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the Steering Committee members for the Boston Racial Equity Fund, created to invest in nonprofits and initiatives that empower Boston's Black and Brown residents. The 16-member group consists of Boston leaders in education, the business sector, health and the overall civic life of the city. Its list of desired outcomes includes working to reduce and eliminate the dramatic wealth and opportunity gaps between white families and families of color in the City of Boston.

"We have an opportunity and sense of real urgency to work together, to not only meet pressing needs, but empower communities and individuals to define and lead systemic change," said Mayor Walsh. "The Racial Equity Fund will complement the work that the City of Boston is doing to embed equity into all of City work and to dismantle racism by putting an intentional focus on supporting communities of color and marginalized groups across all departments. I thank all the members of the Steering Committee for leading this work as we continue to make progress on our work to better the lives of our residents now and for generations to come."

The Boston Racial Equity Fund was created in June of this year to increase the safety, wellbeing, equity, and prosperity of the Black and Brown community. The mission of the Fund is to advance racial equity and to dismantle systemic racism in the City of Boston and its enduring effects including economic and health inequities. The Fund will

work to coordinate and amplify philanthropic interest, raising \$10 million as its initial goal and ultimately getting it up to \$50 million.

"This is a significant effort that is tangible and will have a real and enduring positive impact on our communities" said Emerson College President Lee Pelton, chair of the Boston Racial Equity Fund Steering Committee. "We have a very long way to go to end structural racism in our society, and I'm encouraged by this important step forward. We will navigate, as best we can, the need to respond to urgent needs while putting into place efforts and investments for long-term, sustained and continuous improvement. Our objective is to dismantle the stubborn structural racial inequities that prevent folks from fully participating in this evolving experiment we call American democracy."

"Boston is fortunate to have institutions and grassroots organizations that work every day to override decades of disinvestment and tear down obstacles to opportunity that face too many of our residents, particularly Black and Brown Bostonians," said Linda Dorcena Forry, Suffolk Construction's Vice President of Diversity, Inclusion & Community. "In coordination with the New Commonwealth Fund, we are ready to get to work to boost and complement the racial equity efforts being driven by each of our industry sectors."

The Steering Committee members are:

- Lee Pelton, (Chair) Emerson College
- Beth Chandler, YW Boston
- Denella Clark, Boston Arts Academy Foundation
- Dr. Thea L. James, BMC

- Eric Esteves, The Lenny Zakim Fund
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- Steve Tompkins, Suffolk County Sheriff
- Thelma Burns, Community Advocate, formerly ABCD
- Vanessa Calderon-Rosado, Inquilinos Boricuas en Accion (IBA)

The Boston Racial Equity Fund is being staffed and coordinated by the newly-established Equity and Inclusion cabinet, under the leadership of Chief of Equity Dr. Karilyn Crockett. The cabinet works across departments to embed equity into all city work, and actively works to dismantle racism by putting an intentional focus on supporting communities of color and marginalized


groups across all departments, and building equitable governmental structures to sustain this work. The cabinet comprises the following existing departments and agencies, including: Resilience and Racial Equity, Diversity, Human Rights Commission, Women's Advancement, Immigrant Advancement, Language and Communication Access.

As part of its COVID-19 response and recovery efforts, the City created the following emergency relief funds to help Boston's most vulnerable, including the Rental Relief Fund, the Small Business Relief Fund, the Reopen Boston Fund, and the Boston Resiliency Fund, collectively distributing over \$38 million to renters, small businesses and nonprofit organizations in need.

The Boston Racial Equity Fund will initially exist as a program within the Boston Charitable Trust, an existing 501(c)(3) designated trust fund managed by the City of Boston's Treasury Department. For more information on how to make a donation, please visit: boston.gov/raciaequityfund.



The Wine Guy



My Other Favorite River

We've been very lucky with the weather we've had in the past month; one of the nicest Septembers I can remember. I was recently in the Back Bay for a wine event and, looking out on the Charles River, was reminded how important rivers are to some of the world's best wine regions, especially the Russian River.

The Russian River Valley AVA, in California's Sonoma County, is a growing area to some of the best Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay wines in the world.

Like the neighboring Napa Valley, it's "bathed" each evening by the "Pacific mist", which coats the grapes with cool Pacific fog that burns off late each morning. This allows a slow, full growth and a long hang time, which creates full, rich flavors in the grapes.

One of the best-known vineyards in this area is Picket Fence. Their **2018 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, (\$19.99)**, is a classic Sonoma Pinot; Winemaker Alison Crowe describes it as: "a wine with rich aromas of raspberry jam and brandy-macerated cherries. Its luxurious density and beautiful structure are hallmarks of this Russian River Pinot Noir. Round flavors and balanced tannins finish with nuances of vanilla and star anise." Pinot Noir is one of the more versatile red wines as far as food goes, so you might want to try this one with game meats, sweetbreads or a lamb dish.

For more than 40 years, the Merry Edwards vineyards have been producing not only some of the best Pinot Noir from Northern California, but some of the best in the world. Their **Merry Edwards Pinot Noir, Olivet Lane, Russian**

River, 2016, (\$65.00), is savory and sublime; layers of rich fruit reveal themselves quickly. Over the course of an hour, each sip will have different notes and each note is delicious and memorable. A very special wine for special occasions. This wine would pair extremely well with Beef Wellington or Filet Mignon with a Bordelaise reduction.

DeLoach Vineyards, one of Sonoma's oldest, produces one of the best Zinfandels in the entire valley. Their **2016 Riebli Valley Zinfandel, Sonoma County, (\$34.99)**, has very concentrated flavors of blackberry, espresso and licorice, with a strawberry currant finish. This wine drinks really well right now, but can lay down for further aging. It's a natural with a grilled veal chop or New York Strip steak.

Seafood lovers, we haven't forgotten you! The one white that's great all year round is Sauvignon Blanc and the Russian River has a long list of them. One that really typifies the region would be **Selby Winery's 2018 Russian River Sauvignon Blanc, (\$21.99)**. Stainless steel-fermentation, as well as a touch of semillon and muscat, 3% and 2%,

respectively, give this wine a crispness that shows concentrated melon, key lime and citrus notes, with a pleasant finish that will work well with any seafood dish.

One more Sauv Blanc whose brand isn't widely-known (but should be!), is **Cep Sauvignon Blanc, Russian River, Sonoma County, 2019, (\$19.99)**. Winester Reviews says, "This is the kind of wine everyone needs within an arm's reach. Sitting somewhere between the zesty grassiness of New Zealand and the lean and mean profile of Sancerre, this Russian River Sauvignon Blanc displays bright acidity, a tinge of minerality on the finish, and bright citrus fruits that keep your mouth watering and coming back for another sip."

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I Was Just Thinking...



By Kevin Devlin

"I admire Donald J. Trump because he is making America great again. And because he is the best president the United States of America could ever, ever have. And he built the

wall so terrorists couldn't come into in the U.S. Trump is the best person in the world. And that's why I had admire him."

Those are the words of a ten-year-old student from the P.G. Keithley Middle School teacher in Tacoma, Washington, according to Ryan Ledendecker in The Federalist Papers. On October 2, his teacher, Brendan Stanton, instructed his students to write down which computer scientist they most admired. And if they couldn't think of one, they could write about a family member, friend, or someone else who has inspired them in a positive fashion.

So, this student picked President Trump to write about.

But when the teacher saw these words, he flipped out (otherwise known as Trump Derangement Syndrome) and chastised the boy, declaring the president divisive and the spreader of hate. The teacher's hatred for Trump had

indeed been ignited and he just couldn't refrain from controlling his personal feelings in a professional, educational setting.

Fortunately, Elsy Kusander, the student's mother, walked into the room to see what was going on after her son was kicked out of the virtual class activity, and she started to record the teacher's response to her son's words.

"The example that was shared in the chat, which I went ahead and erased for us, was not appropriate right? Especially as that individual has created so much division and hatred between people and specifically spoken hatred to many different individuals, OK?," Stanton said to his students.

Kusander, who is a Honduran immigrant, subsequently called Stanton and demanded to know why her son was punished for expressing his support for the president. At first, Stanton misspoke the truth as they say, but when

Kusander informed him she had recorded his anti-Trump rant, his story changed.

He knew he got caught red-handed.

Attempting to cover his tracks, Stanton rationalized by intimating another student was offended by these pro-Trump remarks and that his personal views didn't influence his decision to delete these remarks and dismiss the student from this assignment.

Which was far from the truth.

Thousands and thousands of incredible teachers nationwide love their students and stick to teaching and not indoctrination.

A good teacher teaches their students "how to think, not what to think."

This teacher's blatant disregard for freedom of expression, freedom of thought, is just one example why parents need to stay vigilant and always be aware of what is going on in their children's classrooms.

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
515 East Seventh St UNIT 2 Condo	\$585,000	8/21/20	4	1	717
542 Dorchester Ave UNIT PH3 Condo	\$875,000	8/10/20	3	2	1,252
859 East First St UNIT 1 Condo	\$819,000	8/17/20	6	2.5	1,555
509 East Eighth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$805,000	8/7/20	5	2	1,141
39 Dorchester St UNIT 9 Condo	\$789,000	8/28/20	5	2	1,223
133 Seaport Boulevard UNIT 921 Condo	\$786,300	8/19/20	2	1	513
594 East Sixth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$759,000	8/14/20	4	2	1,150
345 West Broadway UNIT 4 Condo	\$755,000	8/25/20	4	2	1,006
556 East Sixth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$753,620	8/21/20	4	2	1,074
446 East Sixth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$749,000	8/17/20	3	2	907
161 O St UNIT 3 Condo	\$735,000	8/19/20	4	2	810
366 West Second St UNIT 6 Condo	\$677,000	8/7/20	4	1.5	866
759 East Seventh St UNIT 2 Condo	\$670,000	8/11/20	5	1	1197
51-53 Story St UNIT 3 Condo	\$660,000	8/28/20	5	1	777
703 East Fifth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$650,000	8/28/20	4	1	929
102 Emerson St UNIT 2 Condo	\$625,000	8/14/20	5	1	857
530 Dorchester UNIT 3 Condo	\$615,000	8/28/20	3	1	725
545 East Third St UNIT 3 Condo	\$615,000	8/14/20	3	1.5	802
309 Emerson St UNIT18 Condo	\$610,500	8/12/20	3	1	668



Virtual Public Meeting

Dorchester Bay City

Monday, October 19
6:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/36h3ZSx
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 310 9875

Project Description:

Virtual Kick-Off Public Meeting in connection with the proposed Dorchester Bay City project. This meeting will provide an introduction and overview of the Proposed Project, with subsequent Virtual Public Meetings focusing on specific topics.

Interpretation services (Spanish, Vietnamese, Cape Verdean Creole and Haitian Creole) will be provided. Translation of vital documents is available upon request.

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Close of Comment Period:
11/9/2020

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Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC)

980 Harrison Avenue
Boston, MA 02119

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

The boundaries for the areas being flushed: Boston Harbor to the north, William J. Day Boulevard to the south, Dorchester Avenue to the east and Dorchester Bay to the west.



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.**

The flushing process may cause discolored water and a reduction in pressure. The discoloration of the water will be temporary and is not harmful. If the condition persists, please contact BWSC's 24 Hour Service at (617) 989-7000.

BWSC appreciates your patience as we work to improve the quality of drinking water we will provide to the residents and businesses of Boston.

If you have any questions, contact BWSC's Night Operations Manager at (617) 989-7000 or visit our website @ www.bwsc.org.



Virtual Public Meeting

244 - 284 A Street

Tuesday, October 20
6:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/36A0Xcc
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 161 342 4011

Project Description:

BPDA-hosted Article 80 Virtual Public Meeting to review Ground Floor Uses and Watersheet Activation in connection with the Proposed Project at 244 - 284 A Street in the Fort Point district of the South Boston Waterfront.

Please register in advance for this meeting at the registration link provided above.

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of eviction know their rights and have access to the resources available to them ahead of the end of the statewide eviction moratorium, which ends October 17. The resources include legal support, financial assistance and communications outreach. In addition, on Monday, Mayor Walsh will file an ordinance requiring property owners to include tenants' rights information and resources available when issuing a Notice to Quit, which is the first step in the legal process of eviction.

"Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Boston has made it a priority to provide supports to residents, including housing assistance. Now more than ever, as we get closer to the end of the statewide eviction moratorium, it's vital that we bolster our efforts to keep residents in their homes," said Mayor Walsh.

Legal Support

The City of Boston is enhancing its efforts to ensure that tenants at risk for eviction have better access to legal assistance. The Office of Housing Stability has hired an additional housing court navigator to assist tenants who are beginning the eviction process. Housing court navigators assess the tenant's situation and determine which resources and services would be useful to preserve and stabilize their tenancy. This may include linking them to

financial assistance, housing search, and advocacy organizations. This broader social services approach supports tenants and helps them to access financial assistance from the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) and the Rental Relief Fund.

In addition, the City will contract with Greater Boston Legal Services to add additional attorneys to assist tenants facing eviction. OHS staff will hold multiple weekly virtual clinics for eviction defense following the end of the moratorium.

As part of his legislative agenda, Mayor Walsh supports An Act to Ensure Right to Counsel in Eviction Proceedings, which would provide any low-income tenant facing eviction with a court-appointed attorney for representation. He offered testimony in support of this legislation last July.

Financial Assistance

The Rental Relief Fund will accept new applications after the eviction moratorium ends, with up to \$4,000 in rental assistance is available for eligible tenants. The Rental Relief Fund was established in April 2020 to aid residents who lost their income due to coronavirus and were unable to pay their rent. The City of Boston dedicated \$3 million to the first round of the Fund, and then added an additional \$5 million in June. To date, the Fund has distributed more than \$3 million to more than 900 households.

Communications Outreach

To ensure that the information about the City of Boston's eviction prevention efforts will be received by those most at-risk, the Office of Housing Stability will be conducting a broad outreach and engagement plan. Beginning next week, a mailing encouraging residents to utilize the services available on the Office of Housing Stability (OHS) website will be distributed to 46,000 households in Boston. Households receiving this mailing were identified utilizing a multi-modal analysis that factored in historic eviction data, equity and income in Boston's neighborhoods, and recent data on job loss. The mailing will provide eviction guidance in six languages, including English, Spanish, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Cape Verde Creole and Vietnamese.

In addition to mailing resources, the Office of Housing Stability will be conducting neighborhood community meetings starting in October to share resources on tenants' rights, applying for assistance, and filing for a CDC moratorium declaration.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued a federal eviction moratorium intended to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. The order, ending on December 31, 2020, prevents the evictions of people who lost work as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to be covered by the CDC moratorium, tenants are required to sign and submit a declaration to their landlord

stating that they qualify for protection under the moratorium. The City of Boston has translated this declaration into eleven languages, and posted it on the Office of Housing Stability website so tenants can sign it and send it to their landlord.

The City has also taken steps to enhance programs to help homeowners, many of whom are small landlords, to meet their own financial obligations, make critical repairs, and stay in their homes. The Boston Home Center (BHC) has partnered with the City of Boston's Tax/Title division to reach out to 8,000+ homeowners who owe the City property taxes. This multilingual insert directs homeowners at-risk to the BHC's Foreclosure Prevention and Intervention services. To ensure that homeowners have access to financial assistance for critical home repairs, Mayor Walsh recently announced that the Seniors Save program is increasing grants from \$3,500 to \$8,000 for the total replacement of a heating system for Bostonians older than 60 who meet income eligibility requirements. In addition, the Lead Safe Program is increasing its loan limit from \$8,000 to \$10,000 per unit as a three year deferred forgivable loan, and the Triple Decker program has been merged with the Homeworks program so that now any three unit home can be eligible for up to \$30,000 in a deferred forgivable loan.

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

At the 12pm Mass on Sunday, September 20th, at Gate of Heaven Church, we welcomed five new Catholics into our Church. Charles Akwari and Julian Cooney received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist; and Sonja Eaton, Caleb Ewald, and Ryan McQuaid received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. We are so excited to have them in our Catholic family. We pray for them and for all adults discerning entry into the Church through the RCIA Program. God Bless you all!

This Year's Class:

Every year the Church invites non-Catholic adults* into the RCIA (Rite of

Christian Initiation of Adults), a course of learning and discernment to prepare them for full initiation in the Church. This year our parishes will host a digital course, which will commence on Sunday, October 18th. If you or someone you know has questions or is interested, please email our coordinator Javier Soegaard (southiercia@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office (617-268-2122). *Eligible adults include: 1) Those who have not been baptized; 2) those who have not been baptized in other Christian traditions; and 3) those who were baptized Catholic, but never received Confirmation and Eucharist.



South Boston Native Receives Special Lifetime Achievement Award

On September 20th, Loretta Mirisola received a special Lifetime Achievement Award from Standish Village at Lower Mills, the Assisted Living and Memory Support Community that she calls home. Both staff and family members participated in the outdoor award ceremony that highlighted Loretta's life story and personal achievements.

Raised in South Boston, Mirisola is

a true "southie" native. From Gate of Heaven parish to South Boston High School, Loretta's roots are right here in Boston and the Standish Village community was proud to celebrate her. Mirisola worked as a seamstress making Army uniforms, and at companies like Girl Town College Town and Forecaster of Boston. Today, Loretta is exceedingly proud of her seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Julie Williamson, Standish Village's Executive Director, explained the Lifetime Achievement Award by saying "The award celebrates Loretta's rich life history and lifelong accomplishments. Too many seniors in our society become isolated and anonymous even to their own neighbors, but at Standish we enjoy learning about life stories from residents and their families, and spreading the word about our

great residents." Standish Village offers local seniors service-enriched Assisted Living and a state-of-the-art Compass Memory Support Neighborhood® featuring innovative, research-based programming for those with memory loss developed in affiliation with the Boston University Alzheimer's Disease Center. To learn more about the community, visit <http://www.StandishVillage.com>.



Loretta Mirisola (front, center) poses with family members at her Lifetime Achievement Award Ceremony.



South Boston native Loretta Mirisola poses with her Lifetime Achievement Award.

DCR Recreational Advisory Agency-Managed Ice Rinks

Beginning Wednesday, September 30, 2020, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) opened several agency-managed ice rinks for group rental use in accordance with the Workplace Safety and Re-opening Standards for Businesses and Other Entities Providing Youth and Adult Amateur Sports Activities, Phase III, Step 1, Expansion of Activity Number 1. These ice rinks are the Emmons Horrigan O'Neil Memorial Rink in Charlestown, Murphy Memorial Rink in

South Boston, Devine Memorial Rink in Dorchester, Reilly Memorial Rink in Brighton, and Bajko Memorial Rink in Hyde Park. Additionally, Steriti Memorial Rink (561 Commercial Street, Boston, MA 02109) is scheduled to open on Saturday, November 14, 2020, and the Kelly Outdoor Rink (1 Marbury Terrace, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130) is scheduled to open in mid-December, weather permitting. Furthermore, public skating will be provided in November 2020.



South Boston Catholic Academy News

“Good teachers know how to bring out the best in students.”

From Mrs. Susan Connolly, our Grade K2A Teacher at South Boston Catholic Academy... “It was wonderful to see one of my former kindergarten students, Katelyn Coe. I was touched that she still remembered me after all these years. It is a tremendous privilege to get a chance to see former students after they left school and have all grown up. I am so proud of her success as a Boston Police Officer. It is great to see her giving back to the South Boston community.”

“It is also incredible to see Miss Caroline Gannon back as a teacher where her school career began. She was a strong kindergarten student, kind, fair, and compassionate, and I

see those same qualities as an adult working with her class.”

“As a kindergarten teacher, it is fantastic to watch the tremendous growth your students do throughout the year socially, emotionally, developmentally, and academically. As they grow and leave school, you hope they continue to wonder and learn as they find their place in the world. I am so proud to see Caroline went into education. I know she will be a successful teacher and make a positive difference in many children’s lives.”

From Miss Jean McCarthy, our Grade 1A Teacher at South Boston Catholic Academy... “What a thrill it was for me to see my former student

Katelyn Coe. Twenty years ago, she sat in my first-grade class. Katelyn, I am so proud of the strong woman you have become. Thank you for your hard work and honorable dedication to our community Officer Coe.”

“As a teacher of many years, never did I think that one day I would be teaching with a former student, let alone as my first-grade colleague. Miss Gannon brings passion, knowledge, hard work, and talent to South Boston Catholic Academy. The first graders in her class are so fortunate to have a teacher who possesses these outstanding qualities. I look forward to many years of collaborating with Miss Gannon.

Teaching is an awesome journey!”
What it means to be a teacher...
“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.”

by Albert Einstein

“Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.”

by Rita Pierson

“A teacher affects eternity; no one can tell where his/her influence stops.”
by Henry Adams

“The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery.”

by Mark Van Doren

“Good teachers know how to bring out the best in students.”

by Charles Kuralt



Mrs. Connolly with former K2 student – Katelyn Coe



Miss McCarthy with former 1st grader – Officer Katelyn Coe



Miss McCarthy & Mrs. Connolly with former student Miss Gannon



Mrs. Connolly & aide Mrs. O’Callaghan with K2A



Miss McCarthy with Grade 1A



This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for Week 5 in the NFL:

I went 2-2-1 against the spread in Week 4. My record on the season is now 10-4-1, from when I began making picks in Week 2.

The big question now is, will we even see a Week 5?

I ask that question because, as I ask it, a few more NFL players are testing positive for COVID-19. Most notably, New England Patriots cornerback Stephon Gilmore.

Gilmore's positive test comes just days after Patriots quarterback Cam Newton tested positive, which forced the NFL to push back their Sunday afternoon game in Kansas City to Monday night. A day after that game, Gilmore tested positive.

It's forced the Patriots to shut things down in the middle of the week, as they prepare for a Week 5 game against the Denver Broncos at Gillette Stadium. It's also forced me to wonder if the NFL will even be able to finish the season.

I wonder that because as we get deeper into the fall and closer to the winter, it's expected that Coronavirus cases will rise in the so called "second wave." But will this "second wave" be as dangerous as the first?

Newton was asymptomatic. Gilmore is also said to be asymptomatic. Other players on other teams who

have tested positive have also been said to be asymptomatic. But it's clear that by postponing last week's Steelers vs Titans game because of positive tests, the league is going to take this seriously.

And if they are going to take it seriously, then we have to expect more postponements moving forward, as more players will undoubtedly test positive, given the fact that the NFL is not playing in a "bubble" and the combination of a "second wave" of Coronavirus cases.

Oh well. Even though there are a handful of games off the board due to Coronavirus concerns, I'm still going to make my picks as if there will be football this Sunday. So here are my picks for Week 5:

ARIZONA CARDINALS (-7) over New York Jets

-I was high on the Cardinals entering the season, and even though they're now 2-2 after losing two straight to the Lions and Panthers, I still believe. Arizona heads to New York to take on the 0-4 Jets this Sunday at 1 p.m. The Jets allow 33 points per game, which is third worst in the NFL. That's all I need to see to know that this will be the perfect game for Kyler Murray and the Cardinals to bounce back and

snap a two-game losing skid. I'll take Arizona by two touchdowns.

CINCINNATI BENGALS (+13) over Baltimore Ravens

-You might be somewhat shocked to see that I'm taking the 1-2-1 Bengals on the road over the 3-1 Ravens this Sunday at 1. Well, maybe Cincinnati won't win the game. But in a Baltimore stadium that can't be packed because of Coronavirus, and an AFC North dogfight, I'm expecting this game to be closer than it probably should be. Give me Joe Burrow and the Bengals to find a way to cover the 13-point spread.

NEW YORK GIANTS (+9.5) over Dallas Cowboys

-I have a similar mindset with this pick as I did with the previous Bengals pick. The 0-4 Giants might not go into Dallas on Sunday at 4:25 and win the game, but in a divisional matchup, I expect New York to make it interesting. The 1-3 Cowboys have been a major disappointment thus far, and have lost two straight to the Seahawks and Browns. Without a dramatic comeback win over the Falcons in Week 2, Dallas would be winless like the Giants. Also notable here is that the Cowboys allow 36.5 points per game, which makes them the worst

defense — statistically — in the NFL. I'll take the Giants to cover.

CLEVELAND BROWNS (+1.5) over Indianapolis Colts

-This game is in Cleveland on Sunday at 4:25. Both the Browns and the Colts are 3-1. Both teams have won three straight after losing their Week 1 games. It's basically a pick-em. And I'm picking the Browns to win at home.

LOCK OF THE WEEK: MINNESOTA VIKINGS (+7) over Seattle Seahawks

-It was nearly impossible to pick a "lock" this week, but here we go. My lock is the 1-3 Vikings, who picked up their first win of the season last week by beating the Texans in Houston. They'll now face a different beast in the 4-0 Seahawks in Seattle on Sunday Night Football. But how about this stat? The Seahawks have the worst pass defense in the NFL, allowing 401 pass yards per game. That's wild. I expect the Vikings to keep it close. Give me the points.

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SPORTS TODAY

PATRIOTS' GILMORE TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

SBT Staff

Just a day after their Week 4 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs, another Patriots player has tested positive for Coronavirus. That player is star cornerback Stephon Gilmore.

As a result of Gilmore's positive test, the Patriots canceled their prac-

tice on Wednesday and have shut down their entire football operations, other than essential personnel. They are scheduled to host the Denver Broncos at Gillette Stadium on Sunday at 4:25 p.m.

Gilmore becomes the third Patriots player to test positive for Corona-

virus. Cam Newton was the first, testing positive on Saturday, which forced the NFL to move the Patriots' Week 4 game against Chiefs from Sunday afternoon to Monday night.

Practice squad defensive tackle Bill Murray is the other Patriot who's tested positive.

The Patriots lost to the Chiefs in Kansas City on Monday night. According to reports, the Chiefs' tests all came back negative on Wednesday morning. That doesn't mean Kansas City is out of the woods yet though, as the Coronavirus story in the NFL is certainly not over.



REMINDER: Fenway is an early voting location for Boston residents!

Get all the details: [redsox.com/vote](https://www.redsox.com/vote)

Tweet of the Week



WHAT TO WATCH

NFL THURSDAY, OCT. 8
Tampa Bay (-4.5) at Chicago
8:20 P.M. FOX/NFLN

SUNDAY, OCT. 11
Denver at New England
4:25 P.M. CBS

Minnesota at Seattle (-7)
8:20 P.M. NBC

MONDAY, OCT. 12
LA Chargers at New Orleans (-7.5)
8:15 P.M. ESPN

NBA FRIDAY, OCT. 9
NBA Finals
Gm 5: Miami vs LA Lakers
9 P.M. ABC

SUNDAY, OCT. 11
NBA Finals
Gm 6 (if necessary): LA Lakers vs Miami
7:30 P.M. ABC

PATRIOTS FALL TO CHIEFS AFTER COVID POSTPONEMENT

SBT Staff

The New England Patriots were originally scheduled to take on the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday, but following Cam Newton's positive Coronavirus test on Saturday, the NFL postponed the game until Monday night.

Monday turned into a somewhat wacky day for the Patriots, who flew to Kansas City on Monday morning, and then flew back home to New England immediately after the game, in which they lost to the Chiefs, 26-10.

Brian Hoyer made the start at quarterback for the Patriots, until he was replaced by Jarrett Stidham late in the third quarter. Hoyer was 15-of-24 for 130 pass yards, while throwing one in-

terception and losing a fumble.

Stidham threw the team's only touchdown pass of the game, on his first possession, when he connected with N'Keal Harry in the back corner of the end zone in the fourth quarter, cutting Kansas City's lead to 13-10. But the Chiefs responded with a nine-play, 75-yard touchdown drive to take a 19-10 lead after the missed extra point.

On the first play of the ensuing Patriots possession though, Stidham threw a pick-six on a pass that tipped off Julian Edelman's hands and ended up in the hands of Tyrann Mathieu, who easily ran it down the right sideline and into the end zone for the 25-yard score and a 26-10 lead.

Stidham finished his brief appear-

ance with 5-of-13 passing for 60 yards, one touchdown, and two interceptions.

There was one controversial moment that could've changed the outcome of the game. Late in the second quarter, as the Chiefs had the ball on a 3rd-and-4 at their own 42-yard line, the Patriots put pressure on Patrick Mahomes, which resulted in what looked like a fumble. Patriots linebacker Shilique Calhoun recovered the loose ball and ran it down the sideline as the whistles were blown.

Officials on the field had ruled Mahomes to be sacked, even though he hadn't yet been taken to the ground. Bill Belichick was livid on the sideline, and as he was arguing the call, the Chiefs punted with no challenge from the Patriots.

But according to a postgame pool report with referee Tony Corrente, by rule, the Patriots were not able to challenge the play, "because the play was shut down and stopped prior to the fumble occurring, or prior to him losing control of the football. There was no reviewable aspect of that play."

Corrente explained the early whistle by saying: "I felt that he was being controlled quite a bit prior to him actually going to the ground. And as he was being controlled, other players were coming in at him. And so with those other players baring down on him, a quarterback is considered in the grasp and his forward progress is considered stopped when I feel as though the player's safety is being jeopardized. And that was the case in this instance. So, rather than allow him to get hit by a second and third player, we shut it down and considered it forward progress at that point."



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