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BPDA FAST TRACKS ZONING, DISREGARDING COMMUNITY INPUT

Plan flies in the face of Mayor's promise to protect residents from over-development

With the South Boston Interim Planning Overlay District (IPOD) set to expire on October 31st, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held two public

meetings to discuss the future of zoning in South Boston. The first meeting to discuss these transformative changes to South Boston's zoning was held last Thursday at the Condon School. Due to limited pro-

motion by the BPDA and Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, the meeting was poorly attended. The only print advertisement for these meetings ran last Thursday—the day of the Condon meeting.

Further despise being advertised as a two hour meeting, the Condon meeting lasted less than an hour with only an estimated 35 people in attendance including city officials.

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EDITORIAL

Judge Sinnott Is Right And DA Rollins Is Not

Boston Municipal Court Judge Richard Sinnott is pro law and order. Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins is not. At least that's the way many people see the line dividing these two public officials in the way that they handle their jobs and that includes this newspaper and the overwhelming number of our readers that let us know their thoughts.

No matter what your opinion of what was called the 'Straight Pride Parade' and of those protesting the event is, the issue in this case is that the police were assaulted and at least four of those officers were injured by some of the more violent protesters in the crowd of spectators.

We've all watched these events play out in other cities around the country. Organized mask-wear-

ing radicals travel from other states near and far to wreak havoc at these types of demonstrations. Along with covering their faces like cowards, some bring weapons that they use against those who hold different views, as well as the members of law enforcement who are assigned to keep the peace. People have the right to protest. They do not have the right to attack others.

When elected officials like DA Rollins, take the side of rioters rather than supporting the police doing their duty, it doesn't just send the wrong message, it gives a green light to anarchy. Judge Sinnott understands this and apparently felt it was time to put a stop to it. But when elected officials like Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley actually solicit donations for the legal defense of those accused of



committing violence against police, some begin to question the judgment of the voters who help elect these people to positions of authority.

Both Rollins and Pressley should be ashamed of themselves, and the Massachusetts voters who elected them may want to rethink their choices come next election.

"If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month" Theodore Roosevelt

38th Anniversary of the South Boston Vietnam Memorial Marine Corps General John F. Kelly, Ret., will be the keynote speaker

It's that time of year again. South Boston will celebrate the 38th Anniversary of the South Boston Vietnam Memorial, located in Medal of Honor Park, on Sunday, Sept. 15. As always, a Memorial Mass will be held in St. Brigid Church, 841 East Broadway, South Boston, at 10:30 a.m., followed by an 11:30 a.m. rededication ceremony at the South Boston Vietnam Memorial in Medal of Honor Park on M Street. Retired Marine Corps General John F. Kelly, a Boston native, will be the keynote speaker.

Mayor Marty Walsh, Governor Charlie Baker, and Congressman Stephen Lynch are expected to attend, as well as Medal of Honor Recipients

Thomas G. Kelley (Vietnam) and Ryan M. Pitts (Afghanistan). Also attending the rededication ceremony will be the families of the 25 men from South Boston who were killed in action during the Vietnam War, along with many South Boston Vietnam Veterans.

The South Boston Vietnam Memorial was among America's first formal memorials for Vietnam Veterans – predating the dedication of the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. by 13 months. It honors 25 men from South Boston who gave their lives during the war. South Boston suffered one of the highest losses of men killed in action in the country for a community

of its size. The South Boston Vietnam Memorial was dedicated on Sept. 13, 1981, and a rededication ceremony is held every September.

The 25 men honored on the South Boston Vietnam Memorial are: Joseph J. Agri, LCpl USMC; Charles A. Bazzinotti, 1stLt USA; Richard J. Borovick, SP4 USA; John C. Calhoun, LCpl USMC; John H. Cole, PFC USMC; Paul M. Daley, SP6 USA; Ronald L. Delverde, PFC USMC; Joseph F. Desmond, PFC USMC; Joseph W. Dunn, PFC USMC; Devon M. Enman, Sgt USA; Gene D. Grover, SSgt USMC; Frank C. Hubicsak, PFC USA; Douglas J. Itri, SP5 USA; John P. Jacobs, Cpl USMC; John G. Joyce, Cpl USA; Edward



W. Milan, Sgt USAF; James O'Toole, PFC USA; Burton Peterson, LCpl USMC; Paul H. Sheehan, 1stSgt USMC; James J. Stewart, PFC USMC; Edward Stone, PFC USMC; Edward M. Sullivan, PFC USMC; Joseph Thomas, E. PFC USMC; Donald J. Turner, LCpl USMC; James K. Wheeler, SP6 USA.

As it is each year, this will be a beautiful and very moving event.

In addition to the guest speakers there will be military color guards, pipes and drums and so much more. The public is invited and urged to attend and show its support for the men from South Boston who gave their lives in defense of freedom during the Vietnam War. Please join friends and neighbors and bring the family. Whether you are a new arrival or a long time or former resident, all are welcome.

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John Ciccone

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It was reported by various news agencies and confirmed by a local South Boston family two weeks ago, that the United States Border Patrol has once again set up check points in Northern New Hampshire. From time to time these check points have been established on Routes 93 and 89 south bound and certain other roads coming down from areas near the Canadian border to look for people trying to sneak into the United States. While most Americans who get their cars checked, including the Southie family who filled us in on their experience two weekends ago, are grateful for the job Border Patrol is doing and make it a point to thank them for their service and happily cooperate when stopped, there are the usual whiny types who are upset at this policy and of course, some in the news media are outraged. The question is WHY?

You would think that everyone would be happy that efforts are under way to help shut down the flow of deadly drugs and human trafficking coming over both America's Southern AND Northern borders. It seems that the southern border is getting far too hot for the criminal element invading from Mexico due to the wall being built and all the troops stationed along much of the area, so coming in from Canada is another option they are trying.

To the people and media members who find these checkpoints 'oppressive': Could it be that you want the drugs, the gangs and the human traffickers coming in? If being inconvenienced for a few extra minutes by these checkpoints isn't worth stopping potential dangerous illegal activity, I personally question your motives. To refer to the Border Patrol as 'Nazis', (isn't everyone a Nazi to these people?) because they are doing the job they are being paid and have sworn an

oath to do is ridiculous, but typical of so many on the left.

Over the years, myself and my family, on 2 occasions, have been slowed down by Border Patrol checkpoints on Route 93 heading back to Boston from northern New Hampshire. And just like the South Boston family that was stopped 2 weeks ago, we made it a point to thank these dedicated men and women for their service and for the great job they are doing helping to keep our country safe. This week marks the 18th Anniversary of the 911 attacks. Lax border enforcement would only make the odds greater that another such attack will take place. Those Border Patrol Agents at the highway checkpoints are doing their part to make sure it 'Never Again' happens. I say God Bless them all.

And now, a bit of commentary on the presidential election campaign: If you haven't noticed or don't yet realize that the candidates, just about every one of them running for the democrat party nomination, want to regulate and control every aspect of our lives, maybe you should start paying closer attention to what they are saying. They don't even try to hide that they want to tax everything that takes up space. They want to stop us from eating meat, drinking soda and even whole milk, end air travel, confiscate personal property including guns from law abiding Americans and even certain types of cars, ban cows, force everyone to pay for illegal aliens healthcare, education, housing etc., regulate what words can be used and in some communities, what books can be read. While the cities they control are being turned into crime ridden ghettos, their officials too are busy banning straws and bags and water bottles to deal with the real problems. But what's important to remember is that these candidates who are promising to regulate your lifestyle,

have no intention of giving up their private jets, yachts and walled mansions. If they were ever to gain control of the White House and the US Senate and implement and do what they are vowing to do, they know that when these policies register with the American people, there would likely be a massive, possibly violent backlash. Is it any wonder they want so badly to disarm the American public?

And finally, in the 'What's Racist This Week?' section, it's a boat. The restoration of the 'Mayflower', the full-sized replica of the wooden ship

that the pilgrims from Europe sailed on that was said to have landed at Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts is almost complete and is this week's target of the 'racist' charge. That's right, the ship, which is being restored in Connecticut at the Mystic Seaport is being demonized as racist on social media and we're told by at least one idiot college professor, because there was a lack of 'diversity' among the original crew and passengers when it made its famous trip to America. Is there anything that will not be called racist at some point? Probably not.

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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.

SJC hands Rollins victory in feud with Judge

Boston Magazine's Alyssa Vaughn reports that Suffolk DA Rachael Rollins won a major victory yesterday when SJC Judge Frank Gaziano ruled that Judge Richard Sinnott had "no authority" to ignore Rollins' recommendation not to press charges in the Straight Pride Parade counter-protest controversy.

At WGBH, Eliza Dewey reports Rollins is claiming victory in the dispute and calling Judge Sinnott's behavior "unhinged." Rollins also says the entire affair was a "colossal waste of time," reports Steph Solis at MassLive. But did Rollins win on the legal merits alone? The Globe's Kevin Cullen provides circumstantial evidence that the luck of the Irish may have played a role in Rollins' victory. The Herald's Joe Battenfeld is depressed by the entire anti-prose-

cute affair, going so far as to compare Massachusetts to ... Rhode Island? The cops are still angry at Rollins, too, reports Sean Philip Cotter and Mary Markos at the Herald.

Unmask those protesters, Part II

City Councilor Tim McCarthy is now joining state Sen. Dean Tran in saying that antifa protesters, like those at the recent Straight Pride Parade, shouldn't be allowed to hide their identities behind masks at demonstrations, reports the Herald's Sean Philip Cotter and Universal Hub's Adam Gaffin.

SJC to 'secret courts': Start recording hearings

Since the ruling is connected to a Globe lawsuit and the paper's investigation into 'secret courts,' we'll go with the Globe's Nicole Dungca on this one: "The state's highest court on

Monday ordered district court clerks to audio record all closed-door hearings that vet criminal complaints and regularly gather demographic data on these proceedings, saying such measures are important to promote trust and transparency in the system."

Well, are they or aren't they going to do something about the pot law?

So are they on board or not? The headline on the Globe's story this morning, via Naomi Martin and Dan Adam: "After Fall River bribery indictment, Baker joins calls to change local marijuana rules." But, wait, maybe the governor isn't on board, via the Herald's Mary Markos: "Changes to pot law something to 'consider,' Gov. Baker says." Then there's this headline on Colin Young's SHNS story (pay wall): "Beacon Hill leaders unfamiliar with requested changes to pot law."

On a separate pot-related matter, at least one state entity appears to be acting decisively, via SHNS (pay wall): "State regulators shut down marijuana license."

Massachusetts among states backing antitrust probe of Google

The Washington Post reports that attorneys general for 50 U.S. states and territories have officially announced an antitrust investigation of Google – and SHNS's Michael Norton (pay wall) reports that Attorney General Maura Healey is among those backing the bipartisan effort and its focus on the tech giant's advertising practices.

Baker: Ed-funding reform may have to wait till 2020

Just like the Red Sox: Wait till next year. From SHNS's Chris Lisinsk: "Republican Gov. Charlie Baker hinted in a new interview that a major education funding reform bill eagerly awaited on Beacon Hill may need to wait until next year. In an interview with WGBH's Joe Mathieu that aired Monday, Baker said he believes

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AG HEALEY APPROVES PETITION TO STOP TAXPAYER FUNDED ABORTION



Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey's office approved the proposed language for a constitutional amendment to stop taxpayer funded abortion in Massachusetts. The original petition was filed with the AG's office this July by the Massachusetts Alliance to Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortion with support from Renew Massachusetts Coalition, Massachusetts Family Institute, and Massachusetts Citizens for Life.

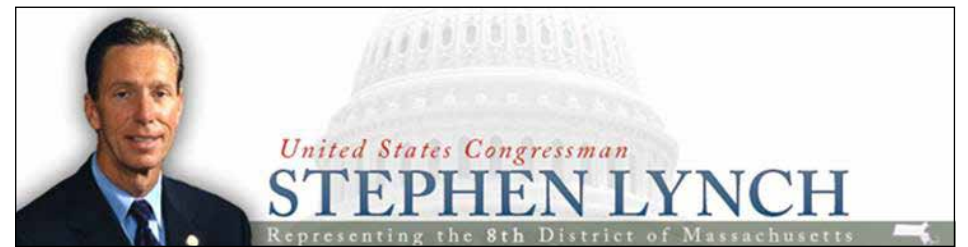
Healey's approval signals the proposed amendment is one step closer to appearing on the November 2022 ballot.

The proposed constitutional amendment states: "Nothing in this Constitution requires the public funding of abortion." If successful, this initiative would overturn a 1981 Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court decision that requires the state to pay for some abortions.

"The Attorney General today certified the petition," said Tom Harvey, president of the Mass. Alliance to Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortion. "Massachusetts taxpayers now have a chance to be heard on whether they think their tax dollars should be used to destroy the smallest and most helpless members of the human family."

Now, the Alliance to Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortion along with Renew Mass. Coalition can move forward with their drive to collect the 80,239 signatures from registered voters necessary to put this amendment on the ballot. The signatures must be submitted to local elections officials by November 20, 2019.

Activists will soon start collecting signatures in every corner of the Commonwealth. For those interested in helping with the signature drive, please contact Robert at Robert@RenewMA-Coalition.org to volunteer.



Chairman Lynch Demands Answers on Russian Sanctions

Rep. Stephen F. Lynch, the Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, sent a letter to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo related to the process by which the Trump Administration chose to impose sanctions on the Russian Federation, as required by the Chemical and Biological Weapons Control and Warfare Elimination (CBW) Act of 1991, following their use of a chemical nerve agent against a political opponent.

"Your Department has claimed on multiple occasions that 'we condemn in the strongest possible terms the use of chemical weapons anywhere, by anyone, under any circumstances,'" Lynch

wrote. "These words ring hollow if they are not enforced through timely, meaningful sanctions and remedial action. I am particularly concerned this may be the case with respect to the Administration's enforcement of the CBW Act against Russia. Specifically, the more than eight-month delay in announcing a second round of sanctions, coupled with the relative ineffectiveness of the sanctions chosen, raises serious questions about the Trump Administration's willingness to hold Russia accountable for its use of chemical weapons and commitment to deter additional chemical weapons use in the future."

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Councilor Ed Flynn And Colleagues Call for Hearing on Short Term Rental Regulations



Boston City Councilors Ed Flynn, Lydia Edwards and Michelle Wu are calling for a hearing regarding implementation of the Short Term Rental Ordinance passed in 2018. The Councilors seek to discuss any potential issues that may exist regarding enforcement of the ordinance and the removal of investor units, as concerned residents have highlighted unregistered units in operation, reportedly ineligible units that have registered with the city, as well as their desire to see any potential loopholes closed.

Passed in June of 2018, the ordinance regulates short term rentals on platforms, such as Airbnb. Only units that are owner-occupied are

eligible for short term rentals. The ordinance would also require short term rentals operators to register their units, apply for a license yearly, and notify the abutters. The ordinance took effect on January 1st, 2019, while units with executed leases as of June 1st, 2018 had until September 1st, 2019 to comply.

The City of Boston recently reached an important settlement with AirBnB that will allow critical enforcement provisions to move forward. This hearing will seek to review the ordinance's implementation and evidence required by the Inspectional Services Department, as well as addressing concerns about potential loopholes to ensure that investor-

owned, short-term rental units are not displacing residents from long-term housing.

"The Short Term Rentals Ordinance and the removal of large corporations from this industry is critical for our city to protect its housing stock and address quality of life issues," said Councilor Flynn. "Constituents throughout my district have stressed the importance of strict enforcement to guard against the negative impacts of short term rental investor units."

"Boston's Short Term Rentals ordinance protects our housing stock from speculative investments while allowing owner-occupants to earn supplemental income," said Councilor Edwards. "As we

implement the ordinance, the city must ensure corporate short term rental practices which violate the letter and the spirit of the law are put to a halt."

"I'm grateful to continue working with Councilor Flynn, Councilor Edwards, and community advocates on taking steps to stabilize our neighborhoods," said Councilor Wu. "Housing affordability is the top concern for residents across the city, and we must not only pass strong protections, but ensure that these rules are being enforced in every neighborhood."

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



The South Boston Chamber of Commerce in partnership with South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation is pleased to announce that the 20th Annual South Boston Street Festival will take place on Saturday, September 14, 2019 On East Broadway between I Street and L Streets. Over the past nineteen years, the festival has grown

significantly and has become South Boston's most highly anticipated events, attracting over 8,500 residents and visitors.

This year's festival will once again feature "The Best of South Boston" including over 100 merchants, restaurants, artists and community organizations, which will fill the festival area from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

FREE Live entertainment will take place on two stages providing festival goers with a fun filled day. Entertainment will include performances by Southie's own Thomas Park Band, amazing country artists – the Houston Bernard Band, along with rising stars and teen sensation X's & O's, and more.

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FREE children's activities include face painters, balloon twisters, caricature artists, and street performers, – be sure to keep an eye out for a roaming band of Pirates.

Alfresco dining and libations will be available at; The Broadway, Café Porto Bello, The Playwright, and Roza Lyons. Enjoy a great selection of take-away food options from some of South Boston's favorite food spots including; Backyard Betty's, Capo,

Fat Baby, Lincoln Tavern, Loco, the Paramount, Publico, Sal's, and more.

Shop until-you-drop – enjoy outstanding one-day-only savings from local retailers including; Best Dressed, Bringing Up Baby, Covet, Deirfiur Home, Habit, Ku De Ta, Southie's Own, Wears + Wares and many more.

Local artists from the South Boston Art's Association including; Dan McCole, Norman Crump, Deb Putnam, and several others will be displaying and offering for sale, one-of-a-kind originals and prints of paintings and photos from South Boston and far beyond.

Be sure to stop by the booths of the South Boston's vital non-profit agencies that will be providing information about their services.

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neighbors across the South Boston community engaged in extensive outreach with flyers and phone calls to raise awareness for Monday's meeting. As a result of those efforts, well over 200 people packed the Tynan School.

At each of these meetings, Mark McGonagle of the BPDA presented their proposal for new dimensional requirements to the Article 68 zoning code applicable to the South Boston neighborhood. These dimensional requirements include 40 foot tall building heights, Floor-to-Area Ratio (FAR) of 2.0 and 1.5 parking spaces per unit. In addition to these dimensions, Article 68 is also zoned for Multi-Family Residential (MRF) structures.

These dimensional requirements were put in place in late 2016 as a result of the South Boston Rezoning Initiative. Upon implementation, developers began to take advantage of loopholes, knocking down single families for multiple-family dwelling units.

One of the goals of that Initiative was to ensure that development fit in with the fabric of the neighborhood while protecting the South Boston community from overdevelopment. However, shortly after new zoning was put in place, a development proposal for 202 M Street demonstrated how developers could approach these new dimensional requirements in the zoning code and how projects under new zoning would fit in with the neighborhood.

That proposal called for the demolition of an existing single family home to be replaced with

a large, eight-unit multi-family building in a neighborhood filled with single, two, and three-family homes. In practical terms, the BPDA's new Article 68 zoning could give property owners the ability to build bigger and taller and likely more units per building than they could before.

Shortly thereafter, at the urging of City Councilor Michael Flaherty, the BPDA established the IPOD in response to community concerns about the shortcomings of Article 68 and give the BPDA and the City of Boston time to re-engage the community and correct the shortcomings of Article 68.

For the last several years, the South Boston community has had the opportunity to experience, learn, and understand how new zoning Article 68 works.

Now, with the BPDA re-engaging the community on Article 68 this past week, the South Boston community and its elected officials weighed in on zoning based on their experiences over these last few years.

The entire South Boston elected delegation, led by City Councilor Flaherty and City Councilor Ed Flynn with the support of Congressman Stephen Lynch, State Senator Nick Collins and State Representative David Biele, declared their desire to see Article 68 changed to include protections for one, two and three-family houses. Although multi-family residential zoning could work for certain parcels in the community, Multi-Family Residential zoning throughout South Boston would not protect existing one, two and three-family homes found throughout the vast

majority of the neighborhood.

The South Boston delegation's letter to BPDA points to neighborhoods zoned with a mix of MFR zoning and three-family zoning which provides for targeted multi-family growth in certain areas while protecting and preserving one, two, and three family homes consistent with the fabric of those communities.

Similarly, in front of a crowd of more than 200 people at the Tynan School, calls from the community to change Article 68 to include protections for existing one, two, and three family housing were met with thunderous applause. Other calls to extend the IPOD indefinitely pending the City of Boston's investigation of the Zoning Board of Appeal had broad support.

At the Tynan, Mark McGonagle indicated that he would bring the feedback and advocacy around expending the IPOD and including three-family zoning back to the BPDA.

However, less than 24-hours later, the BPDA dismissed these positions. On Tuesday, the day after the Tynan meeting, Mark McGonagle reported to the City Point Neighborhood Association that the BPDA would not adopt the positions of the South Boston community or its elected officials.

He also reported that the BPDA would be moving forward with its own zoning plan to CONTINUE to allow for development of multi-family zoning throughout South Boston. Despite the Mayor's commitment to protecting the residents from overdevelopment, it appears that the plan expected to be voted on Thursday by the BPDA could serve to make things worse in residential South Boston.

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Today's letter is following up to a request made on August 5, 2019. To date, the Department has not provided a response. On March 4, 2018, British citizen and former Russian military intelligence officer Sergei Skripal, his daughter, and a police officer were exposed to the nerve agent Novichok. On August 6, 2018, the Department of State determined that the Russian attack met the standard under the CBW Act, and on August 27, 2018, the United States imposed a first round of sanctions on Russia as required by the CBW Act.

In addition to an initial round of sanctions for the use of chemical or biological weapons, the CBW Act requires the President to impose further punitive measures, unless he certifies within three months that the offending government is no longer using chemical or biological weapons, has provided reliable assurances it will refrain from using them in the future, and will allow on-site inspections by internationally recognized, impartial observers to ensure it is not using chemical or biological weapons.

After months of bipartisan prodding and repeated assurances from the Department that additional sanctions were forthcoming, on August 2, 2019, the State Department finally announced that the United States would impose a second round of sanctions on Russia for its use of a "novichok" nerve agent.

"According to former officials from the National Security Council, State Department, and Department of the Treasury, these sanctions, while long-overdue, are 'insignificant' and will 'put barely a scratch' on the Russian economy," Lynch wrote. . . . "Moreover, the restrictions on licensing for exports are excessively 'narrow' and 'limited,' as they apply only to components of chemical and biological weapons. Finally, Russia's reliance on international financial institution assistance is minimal, and the United States 'would have voted against [any such assistance] anyway.'

Chairman Lynch requests that Secretary Pompeo provide all of the previously requested information by September 20, 2019. This includes any and all transcripts, records, or notes related to the President's July 31, 2019, call with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

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the Legislature is working 'in good faith,' but that making changes to the state's foundation budget formula is a significant challenge." Here's the full WGBH interview.

Baker does have a list his top three legislative priorities for this fall, which don't include, needless to say, school funding changes, as SHNS's Michael Norton reports (pay wall).

One thing is clear in a possible Kennedy-Markey showdown: Online polling is here to stay

MassINC Polling Group's Steve Koczela and Rich Parr take a look at recent polls showing U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy III leading U.S. Sen. Ed Markey in a possible primary matchup and conclude: Online polling is here to stay. It's sort of a wonky political-insiders piece, but it's a good wonky political-insiders piece. Btw, from SHNS's Matt Murphy (pay wall): "Spilka, DeLeo stand by Markey in Senate race."

Patriots Derangement Syndrome: Giants fan accused of making**stadium threat after Pats sign Antonio Brown**

The wide and wild world of sports. From CBS Boston: "A New York Giants fan was so angry about the New England Patriots signing Antonio Brown he allegedly issued a threat on Facebook to 'shoot up random people' at Gillette Stadium. Tobias Gray was arrested at his home in East Providence, Rhode Island Sunday. He was handcuffed and wore a Giants jersey and jacket during a court appearance in Providence Monday on unrelated assault charges."



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The Wine Guy

Game Time

Even though it was late Sunday night, it was good to see the Pats back in action—unless you were a Steelers fan. As a famous coach has said on occasion, “they played great ball in all three facets of the game”. It was a great game, but not exactly conducive to having a great spread to go with it. This coming Sunday, though, is the perfect time, not only for great food, but great drink, as well.

Got ribs? Then get a great red blend to with it. **Big Six Whiskey Bourbon Barrel Red, California, (\$16.99)**, is a full-flavored, oaky wine that is lavish in its emphasis on sweet-seeming baking spices and wood smoke in both the aromas and flavors. It feels smooth and velvety on the palate, where the spiciness reverberates with blackberry and milk chocolate for a sweet, tangy finish. This is a natural for many grilled items, but especially for a rack of sweet BBQ-rubbed St. Louis Ribs with some corn on the cob and Boston Baked Beans. All you need is a few touchdowns to make it complete!

Of course, it's still warm enough for a nice white, too. What about a spread of Tacos, Nachos and Burritos with a bottle or two of **Kelleher Family Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, 2017, Oakville, Napa, California (\$27.99)**? My friend, Tom Hyland, who writes for Food and Wine, writes, “Proprietor Don Kelleher produces a sumptuous Cabernet Sauvignon from his Brix Vineyard at his estate. His Sauvignon Blanc is from an organic vineyard in Oakville one



half-mile north of the winery. His daughter, Valerie Kelleher Herzog, recalls that she decided to source fruit locally “to make a Sauvignon Blanc for my father, who is a huge fan of the varietal.” As she notes, “the surprise was a big success!” She is absolutely correct, as this wine presents a finesse and structure that only Napa soil can give. Notes of mountain flowers, lemon zest and honeysuckle combine for a great finish. If you're having friends over for a game, get two bottles—you'll be glad you did!

What would the Fall be without a great Cab? Well, a glass of **Bodega Catena Zapata 2015 Alta Historic Rows Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina, (\$59.99)**, will get you right into the feeling of Fall. Woodsy aromas of black fruit and gingerbread create a friendly nose that lacks exactness. This is bulky on the palate, with dense berry flavors that are minty and oaky; spice and chocolate mint flavors blend with lightly herbal berry notes on the finish. Beef tips, burgers and lamb lollipops will enhance what is already a great red. Get ready for some touchdowns with this beauty!

Can't forget Italians for this time of year and one of my perennial favorites is **Monte Antico Tuscan Red**. It's the classic Tuscan blend—85% Sangiovese, 10% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon and it never fails to please. Notes of caramel and vanilla, along with a surprising level of body and finish make this one a dependable value every year. Have it any time, as the price, around \$12.00 a bottle, is another reason that this wine should always be a part of your fall list of great wines to have.

Let's go, Pats!

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
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300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 8 A Condo	\$3,925,000	6/10/19	5	2.5	1,892
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 3 E Condo	\$2,709,000	6/11/19	4	2	1,406
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 4 E Condo	\$2,498,000	6/11/19	4	2	1,406
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 5 E Condo	\$2,487,349	6/10/19	4	2	1,406
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 5 A Condo	\$2,149,755	6/10/19	2	1.5	1,083
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 7 K Condo	\$2,092,000,	6/10/19	3	1.5	1,046
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 4 R Condo	\$2,034,375	6/10/19	5	2	1,211
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 4 K Condo	\$1,596,010	6/11/19	3	1.5	1,046
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 4 L Condo	\$1,308,000	6/10/19	2	1.5	969
724 East Second St UNIT 3 Condo	\$1,175,000	6/7/19	5	2	1,175
408 West First St UNIT 408 Condo	\$1,080,000	6/10/19	5	2	1,581
150 West Broadway UNIT 311 Condo	\$975,000	6/11/19	4	2	1,130
141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 109 Condo	\$943,000	6/10/19	6	2	1,261
1488 Columbia Rd UNIT3 Condo	\$825,000	6/10/19	4	1.5	1,216



Public Meeting

Seaport Square Notice of Project Change

Monday, September 23

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Society of Arts and Crafts

100 Pier 4 Boulevard, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02210

Project Description:

Joint Impact Advisory Group and Public Meeting for the proposed Notice of Project Change for the Seaport Square development project.

mail to: **Aisling Kerr**

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New Guidelines Expand Dental Care For People With Disabilities

By James T. Brett

Member, National Council on Disability

Good dental health is a critical component of one's overall health, yet remains elusive for many people. Individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities find it particularly challenging to find a dentist who is trained to meet their special needs. As a result, they may forego dental care and be more vulnerable to poor oral health and illness.

That trend may soon change, however, with the recent adoption of new rules and training guidelines for dental schools which could expand access to quality dental care for people with disabilities.

The Council on Dental Accreditation recently approved rules that all U.S. dental schools must include patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities in their curricula and training programs. The National Council on Disability worked diligently on this issue and played a significant role in advocating for these changes.

Prior to the ruling, there were no requirements for dental students to

learn how to work with people with disabilities. As a result, many individuals find it difficult to locate a dentist with this training. Faced with this obstacle, many children and adults with disabilities live for years without proper dental care, leading to a higher incidence of cavities, periodontal disease, and other health problems.

A 2012 study conducted by researchers at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine (published in the Journal of the American Dental Association) found that people with disabilities had worse oral health than the general population. The retrospective analysis involved more than 4,700 case studies. One-third of the study group (32.2%) had untreated cavities and 80.3% had periodontal disease. More than 18% had gingivitis and nearly 11% had missing teeth.

Another study found that more than half of dental and medical school deans stated that their graduates are not properly trained to treat people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities are more likely

to not have had their teeth cleaned in the past five years or never have had their teeth cleaned, compared with those who do not have disabilities.

Advocates have focused on this issue for many years.

The new ruling is positive news for the community of people with disabilities. The requirements should greatly expand the number of specially-trained dentists graduating from dental schools across the country. The changes in curricula and training take effect for orthodontics programs by January 1, 2020, and other programs including pre-doctoral dental, dental hygiene and dental assistant programs, by July 1, 2020.

With an increasing number of trained professionals, people with disabilities will have a better chance of finding a qualified professional in their community.

In a nation where high quality health-care is widely available and is a hallmark of our quality of life, it can be easy to take what is available for granted. For most people, finding a dentist and receiving top quality care is just a phone call away. It may be hard to imagine that for many of our



neighbors, there are obstacles to overcome in their ability to understand and comfortably undergo necessary medical treatment. Removing those obstacles will go a long way in narrowing the access gap to quality care.

The recent action by the Council on Dental Accreditation will certainly make a significant difference in the health and quality of life for people with disabilities. We applaud their work and the resolve the many advocates who have advanced this issue.

Registration for the St. Brigid & Gate of Heaven Parishes Religious Education Program, Kindergarten to 6th Grade 2019-2020

- Registration - Saturday Sept. 14 before the 4PM Mass from 2-4PM and on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019 following the 10:30AM Mass from 11:30 to 12:30PM
- Held in Cushing Hall, (St. Brigid Church Lower Hall on East Broadway).
- Our Sacramental Program is a two-year program in accordance with Archdiocesan Guidelines.
- Please note that parents should enroll their children in the 1st Grade Program in order for their child to receive their Sacrament of First Holy Communion in the 2nd Grade in 2021.
- For those students enrolling in 1st Grade who were not Baptized in either St. Brigid or Gate of Heaven Church, please provide a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate to register.
- Our first class will be held on Sunday morning, Sept. 22, 2019 at 9AM



at South Boston Catholic Academy.

- Any questions, please feel free to phone the Parish Office at 617-268-2122 or visit our website www.GateofHeavenStBrigid.org and fill out our Online Registration Form under "Religious Education."

Gatey and St. Brigid Confirmation Class Schedule



Classes are 4:30PM-7:00PM on Sunday afternoons in Cushing Hall (St. Brigid Church Lower Hall)

Grade 9 – Confirmation III Confirmation Schedule

September 15, 2019 – Retreat, 12-7PM at St. Brigid Church
September 29, 2019 – Confirmation Rehearsal, 12-2PM at Gate of Heaven Church.

October 3, 2019 -Confirmation, 5:30PM at Gate of Heaven Church (Please arrive by 4:45PM)

Grade 8 – Confirmation II Class Schedule

(Will be confirmed Fall 2020)

Classes – October 6 & 27, November 17, December 1, 2019 and January 5 & 26, February 9, March 8 & 29, 2020

Grade 7 – Confirmation I Class Schedule

(Will be confirmed all 2021)

Classes – October 20, November 3 & 24, December 15, 2019 and January 12, February 2, March 1 & 22, April 5, 2020

Health Center Celebrates Expansion & Launch of 'Convenient Care' Services

South Boston Community Health Center invites you to celebrate our new "Convenient Care" center and the expansion of services with a ribbon cutting and community celebration on Thursday, September 19th at 4:00 PM at our 409 West Broadway location. All are welcome to attend. Following the ribbon cutting and dedication, attendees are invited to tour the new space, meet staff members and enjoy refreshments.

The new Convenient Care center will be housed in the first floor space that was formerly leased to Tedeschi Food Shops and will be dedicated to the memory of Daniel D. Gallagher, Esq., a long time South Boston resident, attorney, US Navy veteran and member of the Board of Directors of South Boston Community Health Center. Dan served

as a board member for nearly 20 years, including his tenure as Board President. He had a great knack for searching out committed and dedicated members to join the board. Dan passed in 2015 but the many contributions that he made to the health center live on. It is fitting to have the Convenient Care center dedicated to his memory.

The new Convenient Care center will be open Monday - Thursday from 4 - 8 PM and Saturday from 9-5. Our hope is to complement our current primary care services with additional access and availability and to save our patients the inconvenience and expense of emergency room visits for non-emergency situations. The Convenient Care center will be staffed with Family Medicine providers who can diagnose and treat both adults and

children. We would encourage those who are not currently patients of the health center but would like to use convenient care the services to transfer their care to the health center.

In addition to Convenient Care, Medical Specialties will fill the space during daytime hours. Patients will access a number of specialty services there including Cardiology, Dermatology, Pulmonology, Gastroenterology and Podiatry. An expanded patient Food Pantry has also been moved to a portion of the new space to make free, healthy food more accessible to any patient in need.

South Boston Community Health Center prides itself in offering outstanding patient access. We have designed our appointment system so same-day sick appointments are always available and the wait for a



non-urgent appointment - is usually just 24 hours. At a time when primary care providers are so hard to access, that track record is impressive.

SBCHC provides high quality, convenient care to patients of all ages. The center includes in-house radiology, pharmacy, lab services, dental and eye care in addition to adult, pediatric, family medicine and behavioral health. The center has been caring for the community for nearly a half century. The health center also operates the South Boston Health/Seaport location on Congress Street which opened in 2016 and serves the needs of residents and employees in the South Boston Seaport district.

Teens: Become a South Boston Community Health Center Youth Ambassador!



The South Boston Community Health Center is pleased to announce that fall semester Youth Ambassadors meetings will begin on Tuesday September 17, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m. The location of the meetings is 386 West Broadway - 2nd floor (SBCHC Dental and Eye Care building).

Youth ages 12 - 16 are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn more about joining Youth Ambassadors, a group of teens that are engaged in a wide variety of activities designed to promote a healthy and more fulfilling life. Since 2005, Youth Ambassadors have participated in

community service projects, health related trainings - including a youth anti-vaping initiative, art-based activities and so much more. It is a great way for teens to meet new people and get involved in their community!

Meetings are held every Tuesday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. Applications to become a Youth Ambassador are being accepted September 17 - 24, 2019.

If you would like more information about the Youth Ambassadors program please contact Linda Doran at the South Boston Community Health Center.

617-464-7463 lidoran@sbchc.org

Anton's Cleaners Opens New South Boston Location

Anton's Cleaners, based in Tewksbury, Mass. recently acquired Sturgis Cleaners at 135 West Broadway in South Boston. After 43 years, Sturgis Cleaners' original owner Peter Triantos transitioned leadership of this location to Anton's Cleaners as of August 1, 2019. Anton's named Bo Keo, former manager of the Chelmsford location, the manager of what is now Anton's 42nd location. The acquisition expands Anton's Boston footprint to four locations.

"Development and growth in South Boston are outstanding, thanks to visionary leaders," said Arthur Anton Jr., COO of Anton's Cleaners. "With more than 106 years of experience, it's clear that Anton's Cleaners will take good care of the area working professionals who strive to look their best. We are looking forward to expanding our footprint and relationships in the South Boston neighborhood and provide exceptional customer service, on-site alterations, and innovative services such as the free VIP Express program."

All VIP Express members receive



two free clothing bags, ready-today service, automatic credit card payments, no drop-off/pickup waiting, and monthly savings by email - all at no extra charge. This South Boston Anton's Cleaners provides all work on-premise, including tailoring and alterations with seamstresses on site.

For more information, visit <http://www.antons.com> or contact the South Boston location directly at 617-269-1014.

Gate Of Heaven Had A 'Grilling Good' Time

Hostesses Mary Maiullari, Karen Evans and Mary McCarthy Collins once again delivered a tasty and delightful community event, held on Sunday, September 8, at Gate of Heaven. Starting the morning with the month-

ly coffee and conversation, the team, along with volunteers Eileen Smith, Merry, Nancy and Kevin Conroy, Paul Maiullari, and New Hampshire residents Mike and Natalie served up hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, tossed salad, macaroni and

potato salad and vanilla and chocolate mousse cake, as well as plenty of cold drinks and coffee, to the more than 100 in attendance.

Senator Nick Collins joined head chef Mary Maiullari in flipping a few burgers and hot dogs. Young

families and long-time parishioners mingled and enjoyed each other's company. Fr. Liam offered the grace and Pastor Casey chaperoned his flock. Of particular note, Sunday September 8 was the birthday of the Blessed Mother Mary.



PARADE OF CHAMPIONS



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SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER

Well another year has begun... The kids really enjoyed Opening Night and getting their shirts. It was great soccer weather for the first weekend of play. Welcome to all the players and coaches. And a big thank you to all the sponsors.

REMINDERS:

PLAYERS & PARENTS:

All children must wear shin guards in order to play. Please no big bows in the hair and no hats.

Plases keep away from the nets when the children are playing their game. We know you want to help your child if they are in goal but most kids get distracted. No smoking near the field. Please go outside the park if you want a smoke. Finally, remember to have fun.

COACHES:

If you have the first game of the day, please be at the field early to help set up the field. If you have the last game of the day, please put all the equipment away. Please fill out your score sheets correctly and turn them into the clubhouse (there is a box on the counter), email them to soccerana54@gmail.com or drop them off to Dianne Horne at 373 West 2nd Street by Sunday evening.

Now on to a recap of the games:

UNDER 4 DIVISION:

MASSPORT

The team played a great game. George Younger and Maeve Walsh were the two goal scorers for their team. Owen Quirk and Pippa Keach did a terrific job sharing the goaltending duties. Hope Loy was awesome on offense.

FRENCH FRIES

The French Fries sponsored by the Police Athletic League (PAL) played a superb game playing to a tie. Cash McAndrew kicked one in the net. Mora Rya, Elizabeth Walsh, Emma Donovan, Willa Taylor, Harper Deady, Tommy Ward and Jack Pindell all played an outstanding game.



At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by: Congressman Stephen Lynch, Sullivan's at Castle Island, East Boston Savings Bank, J. F. O'Brien & Sons, Boston Home Inspectors, Councilor Ed Flynn, Lovey's League, City Councilor Michael Flaherty, The South Boston Today and the Coyne-Adams Club.

UNDER 6 DIVISION:

SHILLELAGHS

The Shillelaghs sponsored by Massport played a fantastic game. Greyson Meyers scored four goals and Corey Fenton scored two goals. Corrine Ryan was dazzling on defense. Elizabeth Rodgers was superb on offense. Jane Bennett and Smith Southand were terrific team players.

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Boston Firefighters Credit Union, South Boston Dental Associates, Billy Flaherty's Gang, Veritac Advisors, Jim Cahill Club, Ironworkers Local 7, Stapleton Florist, Yankee Bus Line and Metro Energy.

UNDER 8 DIVISION:

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by, Massport, Michael Perkins Post, Eileen Hennessey J & S Solutions, Southie's Own and Senator Collins Club.

UNDER 12 DIVISION:

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Representative David Biele, Abacus Builders, Wayne Morrison Club and Massport.

GATE OF HEAVEN CYO HOUSE LEAGUE & TRAVEL Basketball Registration At The Walsh Center

Behind the South Boston Court House

Thursday	September 19th	6:00 – 7:00
Friday	September 20th	6:00 – 7:00
Saturday	September 21st	10:00 – 12:00



House League

Boys

Instructional	Grades 1 & 2 Instructional
Midget League	Grades 3 – 6 Midget League
Cadet League	Grades 7 – 9 Cadet League

Girls

Grades 1 & 2
Grades 3 – 6
Grade 7 -12

Once again this year we will have a 5 week pre-season co-ed league for grades 2 – 4 on Saturday afternoons, starting on Saturday, September 28th.

Travel Teams

The vast majority of all travel games will be played on weekends

Boys

Grade 3 – 4
Grade 5 – 6
Grade 7 – 8
16 Under
18 Under



Girls

Grade 3 – 4
Grade 5 – 6
Grade 7 – 8
Grade 9 - 12



We offer more than thirty basketball teams for all age groups. Registration fee is \$30.00 for one or \$50.00 per family. This cover the cost of all our programs. Our house league is open to everyone. All new and old players must register at this time. If you have any questions please call Kevin Lally at 617-943-5238 or email at lally-compound@aol.com everyone makes a team.



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This week, Danny discussed the Antonio Brown signing with NFL Network's Mike Giardi:

(Editor's Note: This conversation took place before a rape accusation against Antonio Brown was made public.)

DANNY PICARD: The biggest story in town is Antonio Brown. Antonio Brown is a Patriot. I don't know where you stand with your opinion as to how smart of a move this is for the Patriots, so let me get your take on it right now. Is this a smart move for the New England Patriots to sign Antonio Brown, given everything we know about Antonio Brown, and even given everything we know about the New England Patriots?

MIKE GIARDI: So, I've thought about this more and more and more, and I would say that I think there's limited risk involved. The only risk here, to me, is money. Because if Antonio Brown comes in and decides to do what he did at the end of his time in Pittsburgh, or what he did in Oakland over the last six months, then he won't be here. They won't tolerate it. They'll cut their losses whenever that is, four weeks in, six weeks in, eight weeks in, whatever it is, they'll move on. But the flip side is, if they get the productive play-

er, the play who's been arguably the best receiver in the league — certainly one of the two or three best receivers in the league for the last five or six years — then it just makes them more talented, deeper, able to withstand injuries at the position. Obviously it continues to help give them another target to erase the Gronk factor and how you fill that hole. Look, I'd be totally lying to you if I told you I loved how this all played out and what he's done. I mean, clearly, his maturity level is seriously lacking. But at the end of the day, they added an extremely talented football player for nothing but money.

DP: My theory is, this signing was either one of two things. Either the Patriots have lost their minds, given Antonio Brown's seemingly crazy personality that we saw the last couple weeks at Oakland Raiders training camp, and just over this past weekend. Either the Patriots have lost their minds, or, this had been talked about with Bill Belichick, Drew Rosenhaus, and Antonio Brown. And I'm leaning towards that theory. That just makes sense to me. That just makes sense that the Patriots, Rosenhaus, and Antonio

Brown had planned on joining forces and coming up with a way on how they could get him out of Oakland. Is that a crazy theory?

MG: Well, so, I reported on Saturday that the Patriots had tried to trade for him in March, when he was made available. At the end of the day, Pittsburgh was just like, "We can't trade him to one of our rivals." And obviously they decided that Oakland was far enough away and they weren't going to see him a ton, a different news cycle, the whole nine yards. So they shipped him out there. But, when you have that conversation, and then you have the relationship that the Patriots have had with Drew Rosenhaus over the years. And don't forget, in March, the Patriots were having conversations with his other client, Rob Gronkowski. When you're having those conversations about one player, it doesn't put everyone else off the table. It's not like you make the phone call and be like, "We're only talking about Gronk." So, it was clear from Rosenhaus' side that the Patriots had interest. At the very least, what they knew was, the Patriots had interest, the Patriots wanted to trade

for you, so if you pop free again, there's a chance that the Patriots will still again be involved. And Bill Belichick just said to us on a conference call, he got a little chippy with us and said, "I wasn't with Pittsburgh or Oakland, so I can't speak to what did or didn't happen." And then, when pressed about it, he said, "You guys all said the same thing about Randy Moss when we did that." As if to say, look how that worked out. So, he's going to take this, bring him in, and judge him how he behaves every day that he's in that building, not what happened in Oakland, not what happened in Pittsburgh. Although, that said, I'm sure in the back of their minds they'll pay closer attention to that sort of stuff, and some of the interactions that he has with personnel and teammates and so forth, just to make sure that it's going the way they want it to go.

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PATRIOTS MAKE BROWN SIGNING OFFICIAL, RELEASE STATEMENT ON RAPE ACCUSATION

SBT Staff

The New England Patriots confirmed the signing of star wide receiver Antonio Brown on Monday.

Brown was released by the Oakland Raiders on Saturday, and just a few hours later it was reported that the Patriots had agreed to terms with Brown on a one-year deal worth up to \$15 million, with \$10 million guaranteed. It was later reported that the Patriots also added an option in 2020, which would be worth \$20 million guaranteed if the team exercises that option.

Unfortunately, that wasn't the biggest Antonio Brown story of the week. On Tuesday night, news broke that Brown was being accused of rape, according to a civil lawsuit filed in the Southern District of Florida.

In that lawsuit, Brown's former trainer, Britney Taylor, has accused Brown of sexually assaulting her on three separate occasions in 2017 and 2018.

Brown denied these allegations in a statement made by his law-

yer, Darren Heitner, on Tuesday night, in which he said Brown "will leave no stone unturned and will aggressively defend himself, including exercising all of his rights in countersuits."

According to a report from ESPN's Adam Schefter, the NFL was "unaware" of the situation until it was reported on Tuesday night. Schefter said the Patriots were also "caught by surprise."

The Patriots released a statement at 11:48 p.m. on Tuesday night, which read, "We are aware of the civil lawsuit that was filed earlier today against Antonio Brown, as well as the response by Antonio's representatives. We take these allegations very seriously. Under no circumstance does this organization condone sexual violence or assault. The league has informed us that they will be investigating. We will have no further comment while that investigation takes place."

Brown has been an extremely controversial figure as of late. That controversy, before Tuesday, was highlighted by his exit

from the Oakland Raiders organization while also forfeiting \$30 million in guaranteed money.

The disgruntled wideout was originally traded to the Raiders in March, as the Pittsburgh Steelers received a third and a fifth round pick in this year's draft. As part of the trade from Pittsburgh to Oakland, Brown also received a reworked contract which gave him \$30 million in guaranteed money.

But Brown's time with the Raiders was filled with unnecessary drama. First, Brown had to work his way back from frostbitten feet after a mishap with a cryo-therapy chamber in France. Then, Brown missed multiple training-camp practices because he couldn't find

a helmet that he liked. When the Raiders eventually fined Brown for the missed time, Brown decided to vent on social media with photos of the letter sent to him by Raiders GM Mike Mayock.

That led to an altercation between Brown and Mayock, which then led to Brown issuing an emotional apology to the team. Once the Raiders accepted the apology and announced that Brown would be good to go for Week 1, Brown took it upon himself to post a YouTube video that revealed a recorded conversation

between him and Raiders coach Jon Gruden, in which Gruden told him to "just play football." Then, the Raiders had reported-

ly looked into a clause that would remove Brown's guaranteed money from his contract, which forced Brown to publicly ask for his release. As a result, Brown was released, forfeiting his \$30 million guaranteed in the process. Hours later, Brown and the Patriots had agreed to a one-year deal.

It's also been reported that the Patriots tried to trade for Brown when the Steelers were shopping him back in March, but Pittsburgh refused to trade Brown to a rival like New England.

Six months later, Brown ends up being a Patriot anyway. But with a rape accusation now hanging over his head, what happens next is anyone's guess.

Tweet of the Week



Welcome to New England, @AB84.



WHAT TO WATCH

NFL Week 2

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

Tampa Bay at Carolina (-6.5)
8:20 P.M. NFL Network

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

New England (-18.5) at Miami
1 P.M. CBS

New Orleans at LA Rams (-2.5)
4:25 P.M. FOX

Philadelphia (-1) at Atlanta
8:20 P.M. NBC

MONDAY, SEPT. 16

Cleveland (-2.5) at NY Jets
8:15 P.M. ESPN

RED SOX FIRE DOMBROWSKI

SBT Staff

The Boston Red Sox announced on Sunday night that the organization has parted ways with president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski.

Dombrowski had one year remaining on his contract, but was notified of the team's decision on Sunday

night after a loss to the New York Yankees, according to a press release on Monday morning.

"Four years ago, we were faced with a critical decision about the direction of the franchise," said Red Sox principal owner John Henry in that press release. "We were extraordinarily fortunate to be able

to bring Dave in to lead baseball operations. With a World Series Championship and three consecutive American League East titles, he has cemented what was already a Hall of Fame career."

Dombrowski signed on with the Red Sox in August of 2015. In his first three full seasons as president of baseball operations, he put together a team that won the American League East three straight years,

which included last year's World Series champions, who won 108 regular-season games.

"Dave will hold a special place in franchise history as a key architect of one of the greatest Red Sox teams ever assembled," said Red Sox chairman Tom Werner in the press release. "His willingness to make bold moves helped deliver our fourth World Series Championship in the 21st century."



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