

# Brown says he's frustrated by pace of stimulus spending

## Sits down with Menino

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U.S. Senator-elect Scott Brown said this week he was frustrated with the pace of the state's economic stimulus spending, charging that Gov. Deval Patrick had not been funneling the funds fast enough. "The governor has a lot of stimulus money and he hasn't released it," Brown said.

The Wrentham Republican said on Tuesday that he would meet with Patrick today and "respectfully suggest" that the state deploy spending under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act more quickly.

Brown's remarks, his most direct criticism of Patrick since the Senate election a week ago, came after a sitdown with Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, whose successful reelection effort last year Brown said he had offered to endorse.

Patrick has repeatedly emphasized the positive economic impacts of stimulus spending, holding many public events around the state to showcase stimulus projects even as debate swirls over whether the spending is adding jobs or just papering over state government deficits.

On Tuesday, the governor said Brown had his facts wrong, and said the administration had strategized to slow down spending on projects where waiting could leverage additional funding and more jobs.

In October, Patrick said the ARRA funds had "created or retained" 23,533 jobs. Patrick communications director Kyle Sullivan said on Tuesday that state agencies had awarded \$3.1 billion of the \$4.3 billion they have received under ARRA, and spent \$2.4 billion of that. Direct benefits like unemployment insurance, nutrition assistance and Medicaid have received \$1.7 billion of that pool, and \$675 million has gone toward programs and infrastructure projects through state agencies, Sullivan said.

The Brown-Menino event was one of several the senator-elect has held with leading Democrats in recent days, emblematic of his status as the lone GOP statewide officeholder. Speaking to reporters at the Parkman House on Beacon Street, Brown said he and Menino discussed summer jobs for teens and port security, and both pledged to work together despite partisan differences.

"That's the past," said Menino, who endorsed Attorney General Martha Coakley over Brown. "When you're an elected official, you represent all the people."

Brown aides said the date of his swearing-in remained unclear, although Feb. 11 has loomed as one possibility. Brown said, "I don't even have a business card yet."

Brown said he had offered to endorse the mayor in his reelection campaign last year but "he didn't need it."

Brown later met with African American ministers and community activists in Roxbury.

# Boyle named B-3 captain

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"As people ask why you would remove Captain Russell given his team's performance, I have to tell them unfortunately that your policy is to ignore my perspective on policing in my district despite the fact that I am elected by the same people who elect the mayor and

have lived and worked in the district for over forty five years," Turner wrote.

Elaine Driscoll, a Davis spokeswoman, said the commissioner "appreciates his feedback. All personnel changes were made in the best interest of the department. Commis-

sioner Davis is confident that newly promoted Captain John Davin has the experience and leadership skills necessary to implement the Police Commissioner's priorities of engaging the community, reducing crime, and managing an efficient district station."

## 'Homes for Troops' fete Saturday at Florian Hall

Hundreds are expected to turn out on Saturday for a first-time fundraiser in Dorchester to benefit Homes For Our Troops, a nonprofit organization that builds houses for severely injured veterans returning home from service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The event will be held at Florian Hall from 7 p.m. to midnight and

will feature a D.J., raffles, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door.

The fundraiser is being organized by Jeanine McInnis and her sister, Christine McGuiggan. Jeanine's husband, Dan McInnis, is also working on the event.

The Taunton-based Homes for Our Troops is

a nonprofit organization, founded in 2004 by contractor John Gonsalves that builds handicap-accessible homes designed to accommodate the veteran's disabilities.

*Those interested in donating raffle prizes or make other donations should contact Dan at 617-875-4270 or Jeanine at 617-875-4280.*

# On The Record



Young students in the Boston Family Boat Builders (BFBB) program take a moment out from their creative work to pose for a photo. BFBB brings real world experiences and academic skills to excite young people about learning, offering year round courses in the interesting world of boats. The students learn the history of the maritime industry coupled with the actual skills of math, physical construction and teamwork in the building of a boat. (l-r) Khelijah Bethel -10, Ashley DeOlmos - 10, Dimmone Marshall - 11, Nick Thompson - 19, Stedman Sweeney - 12. Photo © Don West

## Mt. Washington Bank is seeking city help to sell off C.F. Donovan's

The Boston Licensing Board today will consider a request from Mt. Washington Bank to hold off revocation of C.F. Donovan's liquor license so it can try to sell it and recoup some of its losses.

A bank attorney told the board on Monday the bank has taken control of the restaurant's assets, which include the property at 112 Savin Hill Ave. and the liquor license. Liquor licenses can command a premium in Boston because state law limits the number available in the city.

The board can revoke licenses for non-use – and is in the process of revoking owner Arthur Donovan's for a never-opened restaurant in Hyde Park. The bank, however, thinks it can sell the license, but

not quickly, because Donovan filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in November and that effectively freezes any assets related to the business until a bankruptcy judge disposes of the case.

Because of that, the bank asked the board to hold off any action on license revocation until after the bankruptcy matter is settled. Bank officials have said they tried to help Donovan stay afloat, but that they could do no more after he filed for bankruptcy. They have said they are optimistic they can sell the location and license to somebody who will open a new restaurant there.

– ADAM GAFFIN

## Board vows to shut Uphams Corner bar

The Boston Licensing Board said this week that it will seek to shut Cataloni's, 10 Hancock

St., after police described a Nov. 28 incident in which a woman was arrested inside the bar on charges of selling cocaine to bar patrons.

This was only the latest in a series of cocaine-related events at the bar - police records show coke-related arrests on June 24 and June 9 - and board Chairman Daniel Pokaski said he'd had enough. Pokaski said he would vote at

a meeting Thursday to revoke the bar's license immediately.

"This is a drug bazaar out of control," Pokaski said. "Public safety demands it to be closed immediately. This place has gone beyond the pale."

Board member Michael Connolly said he agreed the bar should be shut but indicated he would vote to let its owners try to sell the license

first. The third member, Suzanne Ianello, had no comment on the bar.

Pokaski would not even let attorneys for the bar attempt to make a case at the meeting. "Your client doesn't seem to think that drug dealing on a regular basis in a licensed premise is bad as long as they buy a drink," he told them.

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