

“SORRY, I WASN’T BORN IN A BATHTUB IN SOUTH BOSTON”

Says A Hilco Executive Vice President after Edison meeting last Monday night

This week, hundreds filed into the Tynan for a public meeting to discuss the latest development proposal for the former Boston Edison Power Plant. For over three years, the

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Michael Flaherty has consistently called for increased access to treatment on-demand for those suffering from substance-abuse disorders and mental health issues, along with advocating for expansion of resources for community health centers across Boston.

Michael Flaherty has called for closing the academic achievement gap by supporting the Student Opportunity Act and introducing an optional Year 13 to prepare students for college and beyond.

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EDITORIAL

South Boston Provides a Safe Halloween Environment

Though Halloween is celebrated by many people of all ages, it's especially a time the kids look forward to. Great care goes into that big decision of which costume to choose; whether it's of the store bought or homemade variety. South Bostonians are fortunate that we live in a town that encourages the festive atmosphere of the season, while making sure priority is given to ensuring the safety of local children.

It's nice and very much appreciated that we have organizations like the South Boston Chamber of Commerce and participating businesses and the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation working together to put on what has become that wonderful tradition known as 'Trick or Treat on Broadway' (Halloween Night, October 31st 4-6pm).

Here, the kids, usually accompanied by adult family members and neighbors get to Trick or Treat along Southie's main shopping area in safety and are the beneficiaries of the generosity of our local merchants who provide those much sought after sugary treats.

And who can forget the Castle Island Association's 'Children's Magical Halloween Castle' at Fort Independence. It's become an attraction not to be missed each year for thousands. This is an event that is unique to South Boston and is truly something to experience. And here too, fun was the theme and safety was the priority.

Parents can take comfort knowing that their children can be part of great Halloween fun in an environment that is safe and secure, because dedicated community-minded adults have as their goal to make it so. And that should make all of us happy and proud.



"If I was two faced, would I be wearing this one?" - Abraham Lincoln

Paul 'Skud' Skudris, You Will Be Missed

SBT Staff Report

It was with heavy hearts and sadness that the South Boston Community learned of the untimely passing of Paul Skudris, affectionately known as 'Skud' to his many friends, neighbors and customers – admirers all. Skud owned and operated the Galley Diner on P Street in Southie since 1995. His obituary stated that "he loved to cook and could feed an army" and he demonstrated that consistently over his nearly 25 years at the 'Galley', which has become a landmark to locals and visitors alike. It came as no surprise to anyone that his

favorite holiday was Thanksgiving when he would always prepare a feast. He also loved Christmas Time and enjoyed playing Santa Claus and of course, also cooking up a storm.

Boston Magazine named The Galley 'Best Diner' because of the excellent food under Skud's direction. Well known food critic Anthony Bourdain once said of 'The Galley' – Here, one could experience what corned beef hash and eggs should taste like.

But there was much more to Paul Skudris than just the excellent food he prepared and the great way



he ran his unique diner. He was a welcoming personality that made every customer feel comfortable and that they belonged in his place. His personality was such that in addition to the good food folks always experi-

enced eating at The Galley, customers just wanted to keep on returning to speak with and socialize with a genuinely good and decent guy who had a kind word for everyone.

He will be missed, of that

there is no doubt. Thank you 'Skud' for the years of service and devotion to the South Boston Community. You are in the thoughts and prayers of all. You may be gone from this life, but you will never be forgotten.

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The World is a Better Place With al-Baghdadi Gone But Some So-Called 'Americans' Are Not Happy

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at jjiccone@southbostontoday.com

The top news of the week was of course the elimination of the biggest terrorist in the world – Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. To show his memory the respect it deserves, on this page, I'll refer to him as 'The Bag'. I won't rehash the whole beautifully planned and carried out military operation, by now we've all watched and read about the reports and how it went off. President Trump gave the green light to get him. And US Special Forces, the best in the world, did the job with a precision raid. It was magnificent and just what 'The Bag' had coming. What I'll comment on is the sick reaction by so many of those on the left side of the American political divide.

Now bear in mind, The Bag, the founder and leader of ISIS, has been the brutal and vicious terrorist responsible for beheadings, the butchering of Christians, Jews and even other Muslims; men, women and children. He has ordered entire cities, towns and villages wiped out. He has tortured, maimed and murdered tens of thousands of people and his goal was to eventually kill every American and Jewish person, worldwide.

In Hollywood, actress Jamie Lee Curtis and several other airhead 'celebrities', are sympathetic to 'The Bag' and are horrified at the way he was killed. Said Curtis, "He may have died like a coward, but even cowards feel pain". And of course, she chastised President Trump for being happy that he was dead. The News Media couldn't wait to jump in as well. The Washington Post referred to The Bag not as the evil murderer he was, but as they called him – an 'Austere

Religious Scholar'. One network attacked the President because he took part of the credit for the raid, saying he had nothing to do with it, then on the same show, lambasted him as some sort of devil because he was responsible for killing this father of three children.

Nancy Pelosi and some of the other Socialist fanatics in the democrat party, took a short break from their never ending 'investigate Trump' frenzy, and were furious that the President didn't consult with them before he ordered the raid. But Trump wanted this operation to succeed so as he said, he didn't tell them because he didn't want the plans to be 'leaked', as they probably would have been. 'The Bag' may have got a warning from some congressional office to get out quick and terrorists would have been waiting to ambush the American strike team. Good call by the President. And as one pundit put it, can we really rule out Pelosi, Elizabeth Warren, AOC and the rest of the coven demanding an investigation of the President for not reading 'The Bag' his rights? It's unfortunate that the anger toward President Donald Trump is so intense by those on the left, that they may even have preferred that the raid never happened, or, even worse, that it failed, so this President could not get credit for ordering a job well done. They are that sick and that consumed with hate.

I'll close this week by highlighting some more of the silly lunacy taking place around the country by 'progressives'. What's racist this week? Math. That's right, at public schools in Seattle, Washington, math has now been classified as

'racist, dehumanizing, and oppressive' to "marginalized persons". Jack O Lanterns are racist. As we've all seen, these Halloween symbols now come in many colors besides orange. They are also blue, pink, purple, green etc. But the black ones are of course racist. Retail outlet 'Bed Bath and Beyond' took them off their shelves because of the racism accusations. Using good grammar and getting good grades in school is now racist and said to be a product of 'White Supremacy'. This revelation comes

from a group of college professors (shocker). And speaking of colleges, Oxford University in England, will now prohibit 'clapping' to show approval. Why? Because the rapid hand movements and the sound of clapping might set off anxiety to some students and cause them to be 'triggered'. We could have a field day making fun of all these declarations and the strange and bizarre reasoning that prompts them, but I won't, at least not this week because well, there are just no words.

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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.

DeLeo to seek another term as speaker, assorted liars be damned

SHNS's Michael Norton (pay wall) and Shira Schoenberg at MassLive report that, yes, House Speaker Robert DeLeo says he has every intention of running for speaker again in 2021 – and sounds like he expects to win, again. Unless a majority of members tend to side with people like former state Rep. Jay Kaufman, who tells CommonWealth magazine that DeLeo once threatened to strip him of a committee chairmanship if he didn't go along with a long-ago tax plan. In a statement, DeLeo says that Kaufman's claim is "flat-out false" and that he's "a liar."

Thinking big: Commuter group backs \$29B 'full transformation' of rail system

CommonWealth magazine's Bruce Mohl reports that a commuter rail advisory group is endorsing the broadest and most expensive option on the table for transforming the T's rail system: A nearly \$29 billion plan for a "full transformation"

to an electrified regional rail system offering riders more frequent service during the day. "We need to think bold," says Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee, a former co-chairman of the Legislature's Transportation Committee. But here's the big question for this and other transit plans, via SHNS's Chris Lisinski: "Who Will Pay?"

Going for it: Lynch pursues chairmanship of committee at center of impeachment

From SHNS's Matt Murphy (pay wall): "U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch said Monday evening that he would be running for the chairmanship of the House Oversight and Reform Committee, a panel he has sat on for 18 years and one at the center of the House's impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump."

The Globe's Laura Krantz has more on Lynch's pursuit of the chairmanship, which opened up following the recent death of U.S. Rep. Elijah Cum-

tings of Baltimore.

Local elections: Paying the price for supporting more housing?

As they say, all politics are local – and in many Massachusetts communities that means the politics of housing. The Globe's Tim Logan reports that housing has become a major issue in area local elections this fall – and elected leaders who have previously pledged to build more housing are suddenly facing challengers or potential successors with different views.

We're tempted to say this a classic suburban issue, but a report at Universal Hub indicates that housing is an issue almost everywhere: "In Allston/Brighton race, Cashman would get tough on local colleges, Breadon would make developers build more affordable housing."

'The most competitive contest the city has seen in a decade'

Speaking of local elections, the Globe's

Milton Valencia has a good story this morning on the battle for the four at-large city council seats in Boston – and specifically the fourth seat that's not expected to be won by an incumbent. And it's totally up for grabs, thanks to an influx of political newcomers in the race. Meanwhile, at the district level, the Herald's Jacklyn Cashman writes about the partisan Democrat-versus-Republican clash in District 8 – and what constitutes and doesn't constitute an endorsement.

Healey's office concedes: Bodyworks bill needs more work

The elephant in the room on this bill is a certain owner of a professional sports team in Boston. But we won't get into that now. Shira Schoenberg at MassLive reports that Attorney General Maura Healey's office is conceding that legislation meant to crack down on human trafficking and the sex industry within the bodyworks industry could end up hurting other businesses, so her office will redraft the bill.

The rewrite comes after a rather spirited State House hearing yesterday on the legislation, with Reiki, Qigong and even yoga practitioners saying the legislation would drive many legitimate healers out of business, as Schoenberg and the Herald's Mary Markos report.

REP. BIELE, HOUSE PASS HISTORIC EDUCATION FUNDING BILL

Student Opportunity Act will invest \$1.5 billion in public education

BOSTON – Last week, State Representative David Biele and his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives unanimously passed historic legislation that invests \$1.5 billion into the Commonwealth's public education system.

Known as The Student Opportunity Act, the legislation invests funding and resources in public school districts that serve high concentrations of low-income students, like the Boston Public School system, in order to address disparities in student achievement.

The bill modernizes the K-12 public education funding and fully implements the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission, providing an estimated \$1.4 billion in new Chapter 70 aid. Under the legislation, the City of Boston is projected to receive an additional \$115 million for public

education under Chapter 70 over the next several years.

"We have a responsibility to invest in our youth, their education, and their future," said Rep. Biele. "This landmark legislation will help ensure that Boston Public Schools, and public schools across the state, have the necessary resources to provide high-quality education to students regardless of income level or zip code, giving our students the tools they need to succeed and thrive."

The legislation addresses the needs of districts educating high concentrations of low-income students, like Boston Public Schools, by:

- Providing additional funding based on the share of low-income students in each district;
- Returning the definition of low-income to 185% of the Federal Poverty



Level, as opposed to the 133% level that has been used in recent years; and

- Increasing special education enrollment and cost assumptions to more accurately reflect district enrollment and costs

The bill provides additional state financial support to help public schools and communities deliver a high-quality education to students by:

- Fully funding charter tuition

reimbursements, which provide transitional aid to help districts when students leave to attend charter schools, within a three-year timetable;

- Expanding the special education circuit breaker, which reimburses districts for extraordinary special education costs, to include transportation costs in addition to instructional costs, phased in over four years; and

- Lifting the annual cap on Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) spending for school building construction/renovation by \$150 million (from \$600 million to \$800 million), enabling the MSBA to accept more projects across the state into its funding pipeline.

The legislation also requires school districts to develop and make publicly available plans for closing gaps in student performance. These plans will include specific goals and metrics to track success.

The bill now heads to conference committee.

Councilors Flynn, Edwards & Wu Hearing on Short Term Rental Regulations



Boston City Councilors Ed Flynn, Lydia Edwards and Michelle Wu will hold a hearing regarding implementation of the Short Term Rental (Airbnb) Ordinance on **Thursday, November 14th at 1pm in the Iannella Chamber at Boston City Hall.** The hearing will be held by the Committee on Housing and Community Development, chaired by Councilor Edwards. The aim of the hearing is to discuss any potential issues or loopholes that may exist regarding enforcement of the ordinance and the removal of investor units or large corporations. Specifically, constituents have called attention to Primary Residence criteria used as proof of owner occupancy to register with the city, as well as attempts by large companies to convert units to executive suites.

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 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 originally had until September 1st, 2019 to comply. The City of Boston subsequently reached an important settlement with Airbnb that will allow critical enforcement provisions to move forward, including the removal of listings by units that are not registered with the City by December 1st.

Concerned residents have highlighted unregistered units in operation, reportedly ineligible units that have registered with the city, as well as investor units attempting to convert to executive suites and continue operating. 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 long-term residents.

"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 non-owner occupied, 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, Councilor Edwards' office at 617-635-3200, or at Lydia.Edwards@Boston.gov, or Councilor Wu's office at 617-635-3115, or at Michelle.Wu@Boston.gov.



Boston, MA - With the election upon us next Tuesday, Nov. 5th, I would like to extend my best wishes to my neighbors, friends, and constituents and to thank you for the hospitality you have extended to my family, my staff and I at civic meetings and events across our district. I have had the pleasure of meeting many new neighbors and becoming reacquainted with so many longtime friends. I have worked hard every day for our residents and respectfully ask for your vote on Nov. 5th.

Throughout this term, I have used my position of public trust to speak out on many important issues through City Council Hearings, community meetings, press releases and letters, social media platforms, with our civic groups and at neighborhood office hours. As the Boston City Councilor for District 2, my focus has always remained on public safety, housing stability & affordability, and social & economic justice for our residents and families.

In terms of public safety, I have been a strong advocate for the safety of pedestrians and all on our roads. I created a 12 point plan and held hearings to advocate for traffic calming measures through infrastructure improvements, slower speeds and increased enforcement. I also called for hearings to be held on TNCs (Uber/Lyft), and held hearings on gas leaks and natural gas infrastructure in our city, domestic violence and sexual assault, and stray voltage harmful to our pets and residents.

When it comes to housing, I called for and held hearings with Councilor Michael Flaherty on affordable housing and the Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) so that it can be updated to help keep working families in Boston. I will hold a hearing on November 14th regarding the implementation of the Short-Term Rental (Airbnb) ordinance to ensure investor units and large corporations are no longer operating in the city. I passed an ordinance with Councilor Lydia Edwards to help seniors who have fallen behind on their property taxes to pay with reduced interest and on more affordable terms. I continue to advocate for 3 Family zoning in areas of the district to maintain the character of our neighborhoods.

I have always stood with our working families seeking fair & living wages, affordable healthcare, safe working conditions and a secure retirement. Whether it was United Steelworkers during the National Grid lockout, Unite Here Local 26 at Marriot Hotels or most recently at Battery Wharf, UFCW 1445 at Stop & Shop or Macy's, my family and I were proud to stand with organized labor. I also joined workers and advocates fighting against wage theft.

In addition, I held hearings regarding accessibility issues for persons with disabilities in the City of Boston. With accessibility and inclusion in mind, I continue to advocate for language access programs at BPS, and my staff posts social media messages in Spanish and Chinese.

Government serves us best when it addresses the concerns of its citizens & civic organizations seriously. I have not just listened to your concerns, but have been out front and taken the lead on issues affecting our basic government services. I promise to continue to advocate on behalf of the people of District 2. I thank you for your support and respectfully ask for your vote on Tuesday, November 5th. I will continue to listen to your feedback, be accessible, and work hard to deliver results for all of our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor, District 2

Edison continued from front page

Boston Planning & Development Agency have hosted public meetings to discuss the future use of the site. This past summer, the development team of Hilco/Redgate put forth two proposals for the site: commercial/retail option and a mixed-use option.

On Monday, the Hilco/Redgate development team made clear their intention to move forward with the mixed-use proposal for approximately 1.78 million square feet of space, which includes hundreds of luxury housing units as well as hotel space. The heights of several buildings in this recent proposal will be approximately 190 feet—although the development team did not have specific heights.

The proposal to include housing at the former Boston Edison has been a source of contention because the area is not zoned for residential housing. A further obstacle is the existence of a deed restriction that prohibits any housing from being built at the former Boston Edison. Held by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Massport negotiated the deed restriction with Exelon in 2014. Hilco/Redgate bought the former Boston Edison with these restrictions on housing in place.

Over \$850 million in state and federal funds has been invested in Conley Terminal, brought in by Congressman Stephen Lynch and Nick Collins, the State Representative at the time. The International Longshoremen Association opposes housing at the site because of nega-

tive impacts to Conley Terminal. Located next to the former Boston Edison, Conley Terminal and the Butler Bypass Corridor have an economic impact of over \$8.2 billion, supporting thousands of businesses throughout Massachusetts. The Port also supports over 9,000 direct jobs, making it one of the largest employers in the state.

The members of the Longshoremen, many who come from South Boston families, spoke about the negative impacts of luxury housing being built so close to an active port—referencing decreased hours and productivity at Moran Terminal in Charlestown, when housing was built next door. Their fear is that luxury housing at the Edison will have a similar effect on Conley and jeopardize those investments and productivity. The Teamsters Local 25, raised similar concerns at a meeting this summer.

Resident concerns again focused on the size and density of the proposal, transportation impacts, as well as environmental impacts from a contaminated power plant. One resident spoke about the overdevelopment of South Boston and the negative impacts to the neighborhood's quality of life from this type of density. Others asked about the commercial/retail proposal.

One individual questioned Redgate about its involvement as a formal advisor for the 2014 Massport Strategic Plan, which highlighted the need for long-term protections of the Conley Terminal from negative impacts of residential development, leading to the deed restriction that prohibits housing at

the former Edison, the very restriction that Redgate, as owners, now wants lifted.

Support for the current housing proposal came largely from members of the Boston Building Trades and local 26, representing hotel workers. However, one resident and member from Local 17 Sheet Metal Workers stated that the current proposal for the site needs to be further scaled back from its size and density.

Rep. David Biele, who was in attendance, informed the crowd that Redgate/Hilco had signed a project labor agreement which guaranteed that any project built by Redgate/Hilco at the former Edison would pay prevailing wages, and that the project labor agreement applied to any project at the site—whether commercial/retail or mixed-use. Rep. Biele stated that there are challenges to any development at the former Edison, given its proximity to Conley Terminal, and would set a precedent for the First Street Corridor with long-term impacts on the neighborhood.

Sen. Nick Collins was also in attendance, and rounded out concerns about the negative impacts to transportation, traffic, and Conley Terminal from the size and density of the current housing proposal. Sen. Collins also raised concerns about the lack of open space in the project, commenting that the current open space proposal would be under water based on projections by the Redgate/Hilco development team and contrasted the lack of open space with other projects in South Boston that have permanent green space/open space.

At the end of the meeting, one individual asked why a commercial/retail project could not go forward at the former Edison, stating it would accomplish two goals—addressing concerns about the impacts of housing on Conley while creating jobs for the trades.

Following the meeting, one South Boston woman was speaking with Hilco Executive Ben Spera about having a commercial/retail only project at the former Edison and about other projects by Hilco. Then, Mr. Andrew Chused, Executive

Vice President at Hilco Redevelopment Partners, interjected himself into the conversation and stated he could “build as high as he wanted for a commercial project”, referencing an Amazon-like tower and asked, rhetorically, if that would make the community happy.

Mr. Chused then volunteered the comment that their project in Baltimore moved forward despite community concerns and brought in “quality jobs, quality buildings, and quality people.” When asked about his definition of “quality people,” Mr. Chused mentioned highly-educated individuals with high-paying salaries. Mr. Chused was asked if he was from Baltimore and said no. When asked where he was from, he said Massachusetts. The South Boston woman then asked, “So, where in Massachusetts?” and Mr. Chused responded “it doesn’t matter... I’m sorry. I wasn’t born in a bathtub in South Boston.”

In terms of next steps, Redgate/Hilco hopes to start construction on this proposal as early as next year. The development expressed a desire to bypass the City of Boston’s demolition delay for this project because of the number of meetings that have already taken place. The development team will also pursue a planned development area for this location, which will spot-zone this project by overriding the underlying zoning. One local woman replied that there should be as many meetings as necessary to get this project right.

The comment period is open through November 8, 2019. Residents should direct comments to the BPDA and local elected officials:

And as far as forming an opinion about how the development team views the residents of South Boston... We’ll leave it to the good people of South Boston to decide.

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Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty is proud to announce endorsements from a diverse coalition of elected officials, activists, and labor unions. First among these is Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh. Mayor Walsh cited the experience Michael brings to the Council along with his dedication to addressing the needs of diverse constituencies across the city. Michael has also been endorsed by Congressman Stephen Lynch, Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins, several members of Boston’s delegation at the Massachusetts State House, and many of his Boston City Council colleagues.

Michael also has strong support from organized labor, including endorsements from 35 labor unions. These unions include Boston teachers, policemen, firemen, and some of the largest trade unions in the Greater Boston region.

“As a former member of Teamsters Local #25, I have always been guided by union consciousness and have never failed to support organized labor, including, when necessary, on the picket lines,” said Michael. “I will never forget the lessons I learned growing up in a Union household. It taught me that every worker deserves representation, and is entitled to the fundamental rights of collective bargaining and workplace dignity. I am committed to those principles as a City Councilor At-large and am proud to stand with working families. ”

Michael has also been endorsed by

The Boston Globe, Planned Parenthood, The Environmental League of Massachusetts, and the Ward 5, 9, and 15 Democratic Committees.

“I am proud to be supported by the people and organizations that are on the front lines of the fight for equity for all Bostonians,” said Michael. “Those endorsing me have a wide range of backgrounds and priorities, but where they can all agree is that Michael Flaherty is the right choice for Boston. With this in mind, I humbly ask for your support on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th.”

To learn more about Councilor Michael F. Flaherty and his work, please visit his website at www.michaelflaherty.com or call his campaign team at 617-752-4243.

The full list of endorsements is as follows:

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The Wine Guy All Saints



Happy All Hallows Eve! Since tomorrow is All Saints Day, I thought it would be appropriate to look at some wines associated with the names of saints. The tradition of naming things and places after saints goes as far back as the time of the first saints themselves. For example, **Boston** is a locational name from Lincolnshire, England which means Botwulf's Stone or Botwulf's tun (tun is an Old English word for a hamlet or small town). It refers to Botolph, the English saint of travelers and farmers. There are numerous spelling variations of his name such as Botolph, Botulph, Botwulf and Botulf.

St. Urbans Hof - Nik Weis St. Urbans Hof Dry Riesling, 2018, (\$16.99), is a Riesling wine from the Mosel region in Germany that's been growing grapes since the time of St. Urban in the 3rd century. Urban was a bishop from eastern

France who fled the country and landed in the vineyards of the area that bears his name.

The family-owned estate was founded by Nicolaus Weis in 1947 and has been managed by third generation family member, Nik Weis, since 1997. The estate has been part of the Verband Deutscher Prädikatsweingüter (VDP) since 2000 and is known for producing a range of Riesling wines from well-known vineyards including Piesporter Goldtröpfchen, Leiwener Laurentiuslay and Ockfener Bockstein.

The wines from this area are typically dry and are served with pork and chicken dishes, as well as local specialties, like Schnitzel. You'll find this wine has tasty floral and fruit notes of jasmine, peaches and lemon zest that provide a crisp, medium-bodied finish. Have a couple of bottles on hand for Thanksgiving, both before and during dinner.

Saint Morand of Cluny began his religious life as a friar in the famous Abbey and was revered by the locals for fasting through the entirety of Lent with just some grapes from a small vineyard he kept. Legend has it that today, wines from Alsace, Burgundy and Champagne all have vines from that small vineyard. **St. Morand NV, (\$19.99)**, is a semi-sweet white blend from South Africa, brilliant pale gold with attractive fragrances of rose petals, tropical fruits, Turkish delight and spice,



as well as succulent white peach and pineapple flavours that finish softly sweet, but still crisp and fresh. Delicious served well chilled on its own or with oriental spiced dishes and mild Indian curries, peri-peri prawns, calamari and summer salads.

A little closer to home, in the Pacific Northwest, the vineyards and wines of **Chateau Ste. Michelle** have a great variety and quality of wines. Though you probably know them best for the labels of their entry-level wines that we see everywhere, you might want to go up a level and try their **Ethos Reserve** wines. **2016 Ethos Reserve Late Harvest Muscat Canelli, Columbia Valley, (\$35.00)**, The Ethos Late Harvest Muscat is a rich, decadent wine with intense aromas of apricot, peaches, and baking spices. Layers of concentrated flavors are

wonderfully balanced with natural acidity and a pure, luscious finish. This one is perfect for dessert; maybe an Apple Cobbler laced with Apple Schnapps. Chilled or over the rocks, this is not your typical dessert white; the bottles are only 375ml., so plan on more than one -you'll be glad you did!

A wine that you can have before, during and after dinner is **Domaine Ste. Michelle Brut, NV, (\$15.99)**. Not too dry or sweet, Michelle Brut is a palate-pleasing sparkling wine that delivers aromas and flavors of apples and citrus with a light, toasty finish, from a blend of 63% Chardonnay, 19% Pinot Noir, 18% Pinot Gris, all from vineyards dedicated to this sparkling beauty.

A great way to toast All Saints' Night this Friday!

Talk To The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com

More Drug Busts in Southie

SBT Staff Report

Both the Boston Police and Federal Law Enforcement personnel (DEA) are receiving high praise for a job well done after what is said to be two major drug busts last Thursday.

Edward Kneif, age 47, was arrested for allegedly dealing drugs including Heroin and Fentanyl. Kneif lives at 501 East Broadway, in South Boston.

In a separate bust, two suspects were arrested for also dealing drugs. In this raid, the suspects were said to be in possession with intent to

sell quantities of GHB which is also called a 'Date Rape' substance as well as Fentanyl, Methamphetamine and Crack-Cocaine. The names of the suspects arrested in this bust were Edward Hamill, age 37 who lives at 50 West Broadway and David Maxwell, age 53, who resides at 5 Mohawk Street. This raid was named 'Operation Tomahawk' by law enforcement. Boston Police and DEA agents; armed with warrants actually broke down the door of Hamill's apartment to get in.

Maxwell was hit with a \$500,000 bail and Hamill's bail was set at

\$200,000. Police staked out the addresses after receiving complaints from neighbors about what they believed was large scale drug dealing going on from these addresses. Both Maxwell and Hamill have pleaded Not Guilty to the charges.

In addition to the drugs taken from the addresses, nearly \$50,000 in cash was confiscated as well as what is believed to be approximately \$1,800 in counterfeit money. There was also a handgun removed from the scene.


As was stated above, law enforcement was made aware of the suspected drug dealing activity by

neighbors tipping them off. Police have always emphasized how important it is to receive these tips from residents. The cooperation between people in the neighborhood and police is essential to putting an end to dangerous illegal activity and have repeated the request that "If you see something, say something."



Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
546 East Fourth Street Three Family	\$2,100,000	7/18/19	17	3	4,092
150 West Broadway UNIT PH1 Condo	\$1,450,000	7/18/19	5	2.5	1,664
141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 509 Condo	\$890,000	7/25/19	3	1	1,116
141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 511 Condo	\$864,000	7/25/19	3	1	1,032
464 East Seventh St UNIT 2 Condo	\$860,000	7/19/19	4	2	1,412
80 A St UNIT 3 Condo	\$855,500	7/24/19	4	2	1,199
230 Bowen St UNIT 2 Condo	\$850,000	7/19/19	5	2	1,063
49 L Str UNIT 1 Condo	\$849,500	7/19/19	4	2	1,126
45 West Broadway UNIT 301 Condo	\$839,000	7/18/19	4	1	877
364 East Eighth St UNIT 364 Condo	\$779,000	7/24/19	5	1F 2H	1,668
346 Congress St UNIT 417 Condo	\$752,500	7/25/19	1	1.5	739
703 East Fifth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$749,000	7/25/19	4	1.5	1,139
366 Broadway UNIT 4 Condo	\$700,000	7/24/19	5	1	948
372 Athens St UNIT 3 Condo	\$527,500	7/24/19	3	1	604
204 West Ninth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$500,000	7/19/19	4	1	665




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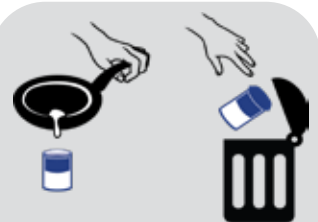
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235 Old Colony Ave. (Washington Village)

Monday, November 18
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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 Washington Village Property Owner LLC, c/o Samuels & Associates and DJ Properties LLC (the "Proponent") proposes to construct one building in place of the approved Buildings A and B, with approximately 214 residential units, approximately 20,500 sf of ground floor retail space, and approximately 58 parking spaces, of which 50 will be located in the building on the ground floor and 8 will be located on-street, and public open space. If approved, the NPC will be the first amendment to the development plan for Planned Development Area (PDA) No. 107.

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You're Invited: Community Meeting November 20 About BCYF Curley Community Center Renovations



Please join Boston Centers for Youth & Families, and the City of Boston's Public Facilities Department to continue the discussion about upcoming renovations to the BCYF Curley Community Center in South Boston on Wednesday, Novem-

ber 20 at 6 p.m. This meeting will share space design ideas and big visions based on feedback that was provided by the community at the September meeting and over 200 online and paper surveys that were filled out following the meeting. The Walsh Administra-

tion's investment to the center will include a \$15 million-dollar major renovation of the existing building that supports re-programming the interior space and provides resilient protection from future sea level rise.

The meeting will be held at BCYF

Curley Community Center, M Street entrance, 1663 Columbia Road, South Boston.

Remember To Turn Clocks Back One Hour Sunday And To Change the Batteries in Smoke Detectors

SBT Staff Report

A Reminder: This Sunday is the day that we turn back the clocks one hour. Daylight Savings Time comes to an end officially at 11:59:59 PM on Saturday, November 2nd. Eastern Standard Time begins at Midnight or 12 AM on Sunday, November 3rd. If you are someone who craves

that extra hour of sleep, short lived as it will be, this will be good news. However, if you are in the majority nationwide who likes having that extra daylight, well, you are out of luck till next year when Daylight Savings Time returns.

The changing of the clocks is also a good time to remember to change the batteries in your smoke

detectors. As we all know, batteries don't last forever and for safety reasons it's always a good idea to replace them at least twice each year with new ones. Alkaline batteries are suggested since they have a longer life.

The time on Tech Devices such as computers, cell phones, tablets etc. is usually changed automatically.



Clothing Donation Service for South Boston



Big Brother Big Foundation will be in South Boston on Saturday Nov 2nd, collecting donations of clothing and shoes in the parking lot, at Laboure Center, 275 West Broadway.

We'll be there 9 am-2 pm or until the truck fills up. Our pickup is free, easy and supports Big Brothers Big Sisters, who provide at-risk girls and boys with a professionally supported mentor that helps change that child's life forever. BBBS supports thou-

sands of kids throughout MA, including those in South Boston.

Special thanks to Jake Bombard and Molly McPherson of the Laboure Center.

Please call us at 800-483-5503 or email donate@bbbsfoundation.org if you have questions.

Optum Employees and Teens from 'Camp Harbor View' Help Local Homeless Women

As winter approaches and the temperatures begin to fall in Boston, help has arrived for those experiencing homelessness. The aid is in the form of 1,000 hygiene kits that were donated and delivered Oct. 23 to Rosie's Place, a local Boston area homeless shelter for poor and homeless women. The hygiene kits include Purell wipes, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks, granola bars, combs, deodorant and feminine hygiene products. The kits were donated by

Optum, a health services and technology company located in Boston, who coordinated a team of local volunteers to assemble, package and deliver the hygiene kits to Rosie's Place.

More than a dozen 11th and 12th graders in Camp Harbor View's Leader in Training Program as well as clients and employees from Optum joined forces to assemble and deliver the hygiene kits and show their support to help women served by Rosie's Place. "We appreciate the wonderful donation and time put in by Optum employees, their clients and the teens at Camp Harbor View," said Alyssa Schoppee Rosie's Place. "The kits make a big difference for the people we serve."

The activity also served as an important lesson in community leadership for participants in Camp Harbor View's Leader in Training Program, a year-round lead-

ership development program for high school age youth in Boston. "We appreciate the opportunity to partner with Optum clients and volunteers, alongside our Leaders in Training, to assemble these kits for the women of Rosie's Place," Jenny Callahan, director of operations & partnerships at Camp Harbor View said. "At Camp Harbor View, we encourage young people to lead by example and be active participants in their communities."

Women and children are the fastest growing population experiencing homelessness, with 15 percent of Massachusetts children living in poverty. Rosie's Place provides meals and shelter to poor and homeless women as well as wide-ranging support, including housing and education services. "Working with at-risk youth at Camp Harbor View to support Rosie's Place, is an opportunity to have

meaningful experiences with the youth participants while helping the homeless in Boston with their basic needs," said Melissa Brown, an Optum senior director, whose team spearheaded the effort to recruit Optum client and colleague. "We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Boston community on this important project, and we know the supplies will be put to good use by Rosie's Place."



St. Peter Academy Halloween Happenings

Another Awesome Spooktacular Event in the Books!

By Maria Blasi

On Friday October 25th the St. Peter Academy Community Room and

Playground were transformed into a Halloween Spooktacular! It was a Harry Potter theme with some creepy ghoulish décor thrown in. A wonderful time was had by all from our Toddlers to Grandparents that came and joined in the festivities! The students will be marching in the annual Parade on October 31st with a visit to

the residents of Marian Manor. So long October we have a fabulous month!

St. Peter Academy is an independent, community-based private school and serves students from ages 15 months through grade 6. SPA is currently accepting applications for the limited spaces available in the year-round toddler

program (beginning at age 15 months) and for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and grades 1-6. Join us for our Open House November 5th 9:00 – 11:30 am.

Appointments for individual tours can be made by contacting the Main Office at 617-268-0750 or by emailing SPA@StPeterAcademy.com.



REMINDER!! Blood Drive in Memory of James 'Jim' Kelly This Saturday

The Annual American Red Cross Blood Drive in Memory of James M. 'Jim' Kelly, will be held this Saturday, November 2nd at the South Boston Catholic Academy building at the Corner of P Street and

E, Broadway. This event has over the years collected more than a thousand pints of blood and has been credited with saving more than 500 lives. The blood drive will be co-sponsored by The American Red Cross and the fam-

ily of Jim Kelly and will take place in the downstairs area at the school between the hours of 9:30 am and 2:30 pm. Please join in for this wonderful cause in honor of the memory of this great man – Jim Kelly.



37th Annual Children's Halloween Castle at Ft. Independence Enjoyed By Thousands

The annual Children's Magical Halloween Castle sponsored by the hard working and creative members of the Castle Island Association ran into a bit of bad weather this year. What is usually a 2 day event, had to be cut back to just Saturday this time because of a raging rain storm with high winds. But the crowds for that one day made up for it in size and enthusiasm. More than 5000 people showed up to marvel at this unique event that had the young ghosts, goblins and super heroes thrilled to the max.

Fort Independence at Castle Island, as always, was transformed into an elaborate haunted castle

and it delighted the kids and their parents with spectacular Halloween special effects and decorations. This year they even added a new scary room that brought chills to the celebrants and many appreciative smiles with lots of Halloween fun. There was live interaction, haunted story time, magic shows, snacks and drinks for everyone as the holiday traditions were mixed in with this historical landmark. But the theme of the day, as is always the case was enjoyment. The happy screams and laughter of the huge crowds made it even more exciting. And the costumes were just incredible.

There were witches and bears,

dragons and clowns and even George Washington made an appearance. Some of the costumes were store bought, others were handmade with great care but all of them were impressive and festive.

The Castle Island Association's Children's Halloween Castle is a long standing tradition, now in its 37th year and getting better each season. It attracts people from as far away as Maine and Connecticut. In fact, former South Bostonians currently living in Florida have been known to make the trip north just to be part of the Halloween fun. And why not? The members of the CIA put their hearts and souls into making this event an experience

to remember and one that is worth returning for year after year by people of every age.

CIA President Bill Spain was pleased and proud as he should be and even though Sunday was rained out, he was happy that thousands of people were able to enjoy this wonderful event.

Each year the dedicated volunteers at the Castle Island Association work long and hard to make this truly a magnificent event. They spend the weeks prior preparing Fort Independence to ensure that everything is perfect and it always is. Their efforts and desire to make it all go off perfectly deserve very special praise.





Gate of Heaven and St. Brigid Parishes with St. Augustine Chapel News

Welcome Deacon Matthew Stewart, SJ!

Like Father Patrick Nolan and Father Adam Rosinski, Deacon Matthew Stewart is a Jesuit who will be assisting us at

Masses, Baptisms, and Weddings until he is ordained a priest next June. Deacon Matt, from the USA Central and Southern Province of the Society of Jesus, as been a Jesuit for 10 years. As a Jesuit, he has lived in rural southwest Louisiana, on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota, New York City, Denver, and now in Boston. He loves teaching and hopes to get back in the classroom after his priestly ordination in June. He is currently at Boston College, studying liturgical and sacramental theology. In addition to theology, he has studied philosophy (at Fordham Universality) and music (choral conducting at

the Universality of Denver).

Before entering the Jesuits, he taught theology and music in high schools, coached racquetball, worked on theater productions, and served as Director of Campus Ministry. When he is not reading theology books, he loves to cook, watch movies, and watch hockey. He heard so many good things from Father Pat Nolan, SJ and Father Adam Rosinski, SJ about St. Brigid & Gate of Heaven, so he is thrilled to be here this year. "I'm very much looking forward to getting to know the good people of Southie!"

The parishioners, families, friends

and children from the Religious Education Program and South Boston Catholic Academy that came to this month's 10:30 Family Mass at St. Brigid Church had a chance to welcome Deacon Matt. Father Pat Nolan was the celebrant at this Mass. Deacon Matt said a wonderful homily with help from three children who he asked come up to alter to help him with his homily. Everyone had a chance to meet and talk with Deacon Matt at the Coffee and Refreshment Get Together in Cushing Hall, downstairs in St. Brigid Church, following the Mass. Welcome Deacon Matt!



South Boston Catholic Academy News

We welcome our new Student Council!

We are happy to welcome the new Student Council members for the 2019-2020 at South Boston Catholic

Academy. The students will spend the year focusing on being leaders of their community and will be running school wide volunteer and fundraising opportunities. They had a great kick off start to the year by hosting a Breast Cancer Awareness Tag Day and selling pink ribbons for \$1. All the money and donations will go towards the Ellie Fund out of Needham. This organization helps support patients with services such as transportation, housekeeping, childcare, groceries

and meal care. All money raised will be donated to help find a cure. We want to thank Ms. Meghan Logue, our Guidance Counselor, for all her help and guidance with our Sixth Grade Student Council Officers and all our Class Representatives. Thank you to all our students, families, faculty, staff and to everyone who helped with this very special fundraiser.

South Boston Catholic Academy (www.SBCatholicAcademy.org) is currently accepting applications for

all classes PreSchool-Grade 6. All are welcome to come to our school Open House on Thursday, November 14th, 2019 from 9AM to 1PM. We have Before School and After School Programs available and high acceptance rate to Parochial, Private, and Boston Exam Schools. Please contact: Mrs. Jamie Brown, our Vice Principal, with any questions or for a tour of the School at j.brown@sbatholicacademy.org or phone 617-268-2326 for more information.





This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for Week 9 in the NFL:

I went 4-1 against the spread in Week 8, giving me a 7-3 record over the last two weeks with my NFL picks.

Here are my picks for Week 9:
CHICAGO BEARS (+4.5) over Philadelphia Eagles

-What in the world is going on with the Bears? They've lost three straight and are 3-4 on the season, including 1-3 at home. Still, their defense ranks tied for fifth in the NFL, allowing just 17 points per game. So the problem is their offense, which scores just 18 points per game. Ouch. Is Mitch Trubisky the answer at quarterback in Chicago? Probably not, but the Bears say they're sticking with him for this one Sunday at 1 p.m. in Philadelphia against a 4-4 Eagles team that's coming off a big bounce-back win in Buffalo last Sunday. But are the Eagles really "back"? I'm not so sure about that one. I think they beat a Bills team whose record is somewhat deceiving. The Bills aren't that good. Neither is Philly. I'm taking Chicago to go on the road and get a bounce-back win of their own. If they don't win, the Bears should still keep it competitive and cover the spread in a close game. I'll take the points.

NEW YORK JETS (-3) over Miami Dolphins

-I know what you're thinking. Danny, why would you pick this game? Well, because it's kind of a tough week. But also, because picking against the 0-7 Dolphins is just the thing to do. Usually Miami is a heavy underdog. But against a 1-6 Jets team, the spread is only three points. That means New York doesn't have to blow them out to cover. This game is in Miami Sunday at 1, and it's a short week for the Dolphins, who lost to the Steelers in Pittsburgh on Monday night. The Jets are coming off back-to-back losses to the New England Patriots and Jacksonville Jaguars, after picking up their first win a few weeks ago against the Dallas Cowboys. The Jets were involved in plenty of trade rumors before Tuesday's trade deadline, but they didn't pull the trigger, which could make for some hurt feelings. But should the Jets still be able to beat Miami? Of course. And they will, by more than three points.

OAKLAND RAIDERS (-2.5) over Detroit Lions

-The 3-4 Raiders lost a close three-point game to the Houston Texans last Sunday, and they covered for me as seven-point dog. If Oakland has shown anything at all this season, it's

that they're talented enough to put up a fight as a young team being led by a veteran coach. The Raiders should benefit from being at home in this one, Sunday at 4:05, against a 3-3-1 Lions team that's coming off a win over the new York Giants. With an over/under of 50, I expect this to be a high-scoring affair. Less than a three-point spread? I'll take the home team to get back to .500 with a three-point win. Give me the Raiders.

CLEVELAND BROWNS (-3) over Denver Broncos

-The Cleveland Browns. My goodness. At the end of the day, Cleveland is just gonna Cleveland. The 2-5 Browns have lost three straight and are coming off a loss to the Patriots last Sunday. Their coach is a boob. Their top wide receiver is a clown. I actually like their quarterback a lot, but not even Baker Mayfield can't save this group. Luckily for the Browns, they play the 2-6 Broncos on Sunday. It's in Denver at 4:25. The Broncos have lost two straight, and they recently traded Emmanuel Sanders to the San Francisco 49ers. Also, quarterback Joe Flacco has been ruled out with an injury, meaning Brandon Allen will be Denver's sixth starting QB since 2017. Who? Exactly. I'll take the Browns to win, and possibly win big.

LOCK OF THE WEEK: NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (-3.5) over Baltimore Ravens

-It's the game of the week on NBC's Sunday Night Football, as it should be. The 8-0 Patriots travel to Baltimore to take on the 5-2 Ravens. Baltimore is coming off the bye, while the Patriots are playing their last game before the bye. I don't expect Tom Brady and Bill Belichick to be looking ahead to their week off, so I don't expect the Patriots to lose this game. The Ravens have won three straight, and you're going to get a lot of the NFL analysts predicting a Baltimore upset in this one. But I just don't see it. New England's defense allows just seven points per game. That's crazy. And they've created 25 turnovers in eight games, which is the most in the league. Perhaps Baltimore keeps it interesting for a little bit, but I expect the Patriots to pull away at some point by forcing a couple late turnovers when Lamar Jackson tries to get nuts. Patriots by 10.

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SPORTS TODAY

REPORT: RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BRADY AND BELICHICK IS 'TERRIFIC'

SBT Staff

As the 8-0 Patriots prepare for their Sunday Night Football game in Baltimore, the top story isn't about New England's potential path to perfection this season. Instead, the focus of the national media continues to be on Tom Brady's future, and more specifically, what he's going to do next season.

ESPN NFL insider Adam Schefter got the ball rolling by proclaiming on the Monday Night Football pregame show two weeks ago that Brady was preparing to leave New England after this season. He even doubled down on that theory the next day on the same network. But that was just Schefter's opinion.

This past Sunday, Schefter released a more factual report, which is something we're used to seeing from Schefter:

Tweet of the Week



Earvin Magic Johnson

@MagicJohnson



Congratulations to Bill Belichick for becoming the 3rd NFL head coach to win 300 games!

er: facts, not opinion. The headline of the report read, "Sources on Brady's future with Patriots: Relationships with Kraft, Belichick key draws."

Perhaps he buried the lede. Six paragraphs in, Schefter quoted a source that was "familiar with the situation that awaits the Patriots and Brady," who described the current relationship between coach and quarterback.

"I can tell you this: The working relationship with Tom and Bill right now is terrific," the source told Schefter.

In his latest weekly radio interview with Jim Gray on Westwood One, Brady seemed to be somewhat irked by the continued discussion about his

plans for next season, claiming that all the hype is simply "speculation."

"None of it is brought on by the things I've said," said Brady. "Again, I said last week, nothing has changed with my status of my team and my standing. I've really been focused on my job. A lot of the hype, a lot of the media speculation is just that. It's probably that time of year where you don't need to focus so much on the wins and losses. You start focusing on a lot of other things. The media has a right to do that. I certainly don't. I'm focused on what I need to do this year. We're off to a good start. I want to capital-

WHAT TO WATCH

NFL Week 9

THURSDAY, OCT. 31

San Francisco (-9.5) at Arizona
8:20 P.M. FOX/NFL Network

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

New England (-3.5) at Baltimore
8:20 P.M. NBC

MONDAY, NOV. 4

Dallas (-7) at NY Giants
8:15 P.M. ESPN

NBA

FRIDAY, NOV. 1

New York at Boston
7:30 P.M. NBCSB

NHL

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

Ottawa at Boston
7 P.M. NESN

RED SOX HIRE BLOOM AS CHIEF BASEBALL OFFICER, PROMOTE O'HALLORAN TO GM

SBT Staff

The Boston Red Sox announced this week that they've hired Chaim Bloom as the team's Chief Baseball Officer.

Bloom, 36, spent the last 15 years in the Tampa Bay Rays organization, including the last three years as the Rays' Senior Vice President of Baseball Operations

During his introductory press conference at Fenway Park on Monday afternoon, Bloom announced that he was promoting Brian O'Halloran and making him the

new Red Sox general manager. O'Halloran previously held the role of Executive Vice President and assistant general manager.

In a press release sent out by the Red Sox on Monday morning, the team described Bloom's role as being "responsible for all baseball operations matters."

"We believe Chaim is exactly the right person to lead the Boston Red Sox baseball operation based on a number of attributes we sought in this process," said Red Sox Principal Owner John Henry in a statement announcing Bloom's hiring. "We had done ex-

haustive work narrowing down candidates. That work led us to Chaim, who was the first executive invited to Boston for an interview. He made a strong impression on all of us and validated our initial research that he was the one to lead our baseball operation."

Bloom is a Philadelphia native, and graduated from Yale University in 2004 with a degree in Classics (Latin). He began his baseball career as a baseball operations intern with the San Diego Padres and as a legal/corporate-partnerships intern with Major League Baseball.

ize here in the second half of the year. That's where I am personally.

"I'm the only one who knows how I feel," added Brady later in the segment. "I've said on countless times now that I'm in a great place personally, professionally. I love the organization I'm playing for. I look forward to the second half of the season."

The Patriots will have their bye week after Sunday night's Week 9 game against the Ravens. After the Week 10 bye, the Pats will play in Philadelphia, at home against Dallas, in Houston, at home against Kansas City, in Cincinnati, and at home against Buffalo and Miami.

"It is an incredible honor to have the opportunity to lead the Red Sox baseball operations department," said Bloom in a statement. "The talent and dedication of our staff, and the culture that they represent, are remarkable. I'm excited to work with them to take this organization to new heights, and humbled by the faith that John, Tom [Werner], and Sam [Kennedy] have in what we will accomplish together. The bond between the Red Sox and our fans is second to none, and my family and I are eager to make New England our home."



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