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**A Very Merry Christmas
to our Readers and Advertisers
from the staff of the Post-Gazette**



51st Annual North End Boston Christmas Fund Luncheon

The 51st Annual North End Christmas Fund Luncheon was held at St. Joseph Society Hall at St. Leonard Church in the North End on Thursday, December 14th to a sold-out crowd.

The annual fundraiser in the North End provides Christmas gifts to elders and families from the community who would otherwise be unable to enjoy the holiday season due to financial difficulty, poor health, family situations, or lost employment.

An Appreciation Award was presented to St. Joseph Society accepted by Jim Martorano and President Eddie Summers.

The Annual Fred Carangelo Humanitarian Award given every year in memory of Fred Carangelo was presented to Marie Salvati for all her years of community service.

"Today, we honor a woman who has lived her entire life in the North End and who helps this community. Marie gives of herself and continues to help whenever asked", said Chairman Ted Tomasone.

This annual award was started in 1994 after the passing of a man who started this luncheon in the 1980s. A man who gave of himself entirely to this community while fighting muscular



Robert "Ted" Tomasone presenting Marie Salvati with the Annual Fred Carangelo Humanitarian Award

dystrophy. I witnessed him day in and day out never complaining and ALWAYS, ALWAYS thinking of the North End community and how he can make it better. This award is named in memory of Fred Carangelo and

for everything he stood for.

The 51st Annual Christmas Fund Luncheon could not be possible without the generous donations of the follow-

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

AG Andrea Campbell Takes on Easy Knock

East Knock, a fast-growing company that specializes in purchasing homes from cash-strapped homeowners and renting them back to them, often at much higher prices, has agreed to change its business practices in a settlement, according to the office of Attorney General Andrea Campbell. The settlement resolves allegations that Easy Knock engaged in an unfair and deceptive "equity-skimming scheme" that involved purchasing the homes at "bargain-basement prices". After buying these homes, Easy Knock then rented the property back to the former owners, at times for unfair rents in violation of the state consumer protection law known as Chapter 93. The AG's office will also make a payment of \$200,000 to the state.

Ski Resort Uphill Battle

A California ski resort's owners have plans to erect a 20-foot statue of the Blessed Virgin and the idea isn't going over so well with the local-yocals. The Mt. Shasta Ski Park in McCloud will build the platform for the effigy atop Douglas Butte this season and construct the statue by summer, the resort announced. According to a Facebook posting, the idea of this statue was "very important" to the owner and her late husband.

However, folks in the area say the statue would offend those who aren't Christian, and a petition with nearly 1,700 signatures aims to stop the construction of this statue. Any thoughts out there on this proposed statue? Let me know at sal.giarratani@gmail.com, I am interested in your thoughts on this matter.

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Advisory: Holiday Travel

**No Construction Activities During Holiday Weekends;
HOV Lane from Boston to Quincy Will Open Early,
No Scheduled Closure of Sumner Tunnel**

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is encouraging members of the public to plan for upcoming holiday travel by recognizing that traffic volumes and the number of travelers on public transportation are anticipated to be higher than normal. Motorists and public transportation customers should check websites for real-time travel information on major statewide roads, MBTA schedule information and the weather forecast before leaving home.

The MassDOT Highway Division is taking several steps to ensure safe and efficient travel on roadways and will be shutting down scheduled construction activities from 5:00 a.m. on Friday, December 22, until 5:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 26, and from 5:00 a.m. on Friday, December 29, until 5:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2.

In addition, the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane on I-93 between Boston and Quincy will extend its afternoon hours by opening at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 21, and at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 22, as well as at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 28, and at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 29. The HOV lane will be closed on Monday, December 25, with deployment resuming on Tuesday, December 26, and on Monday, January 1, with deployment resuming on Tuesday, January 2.

MassDOT will not be closing the Sumner Tunnel the weekend of December 22 or the weekend of December 29 due to anticipated high traffic volume on roadways nearby. Scheduled construction work will not occur on the weekends of Friday, December 22, through Monday,

December 25, and Friday, December 29, through Monday, January 1, 2024.

MassDOT strongly urges all drivers to minimize distractions by turning off or putting away cell phones, traveling the posted speed limit, driving sober and devoting full attention to what is ahead on the road. MassDOT encourages travelers to make an extra effort to be courteous on the roads and report to law enforcement any reckless driving.

Due to increased travel in and out of Logan Airport, the Sumner Tunnel swing lane will not be deployed on Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1, with normal deployment resuming at 5:00 a.m. the following days.

For travelers getting to and from Logan Airport in Boston, please note:

1). Please see the MBTA's helpful online user guide on using T services to and from Logan Airport: www.mbta.com/Logan

2). MBTA Silver Line provides service between South Station and Logan's terminals. Outbound service from Logan Airport to the South Boston Seaport District and South Station is free.

3). Silver Line 1 (SL1) service to Logan is every 8 to 17 minutes, depending on the time of day (and stops at all terminals): https://cdn.mbta.com/sites/default/files/media/route_pdfs/batch_6665/741-742-743-S4-P3.pdf


4). Silver Line 3 (SL3) operates every 5 to 17 minutes (depending on time of day) and stops at Airport station: https://cdn.mbta.com/sites/default/files/media/route_pdfs/batch_6665/741-742-743-S4-P3.pdf

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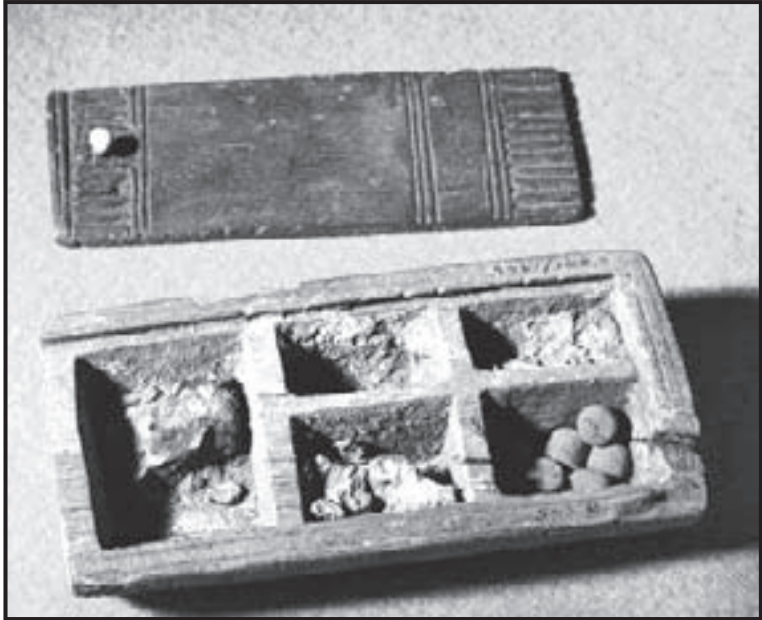
Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

A weekly column highlighting some of the more interesting aspects of our ancestry . . . our lineage . . . our roots.



FUCUS



Fucus is the name that was given to the cosmetic which the Greek and Roman ladies used to paint their cheeks and eyebrows. The use of cosmetics became very general among the Greek ladies and probably came into fashion because of their sedentary life style, which removed much of the natural color from their complexions. We are told that the

practice of using cosmetics is one of great antiquity and probably started with the ancient Ionians, where it prevailed from the earliest times. They didn't paint their faces when at home, but reserved it for times when they traveled, or wished to appear more captivating.

The cosmetic that was used to provide a fair complexion

was made from white lead, while the rouge was made from vegetable reds. Red lead and mineral alkali were also used. The eyebrows and eyelids were stained black, with a kind of burnt solution that is still being used by some ladies from other countries. A soot preparation was also used but this could never hold up against tears or perspiration and at times generated some very humorous situations.

Among the Roman ladies, the art of painting the complexion was carried to a greater extent than with the Greeks. The Romans even used a blue color to paint the veins on their temples and their favorite rouge was made from a variety of moss. All of the above is mere child's play compared to the following preparations or remedies which are taken from authentic sources, so help me Hannah (or henna).

Ass's milk was used to remove wrinkles from the face and make the skin white and soft. Poppaea, the wife of Nero, always kept enough she-asses around for her bath supply. White lead and butter was used for skin eruptions and ulcers on the face were treated with the afterbirth of a calf (yuck). Another good remedy to give whiteness to the skin and smooth away wrinkles was to boil the hoof of a white bull-calf for 40 days, then apply to the face with a linen cloth. Bull's dung was used to bring a rosy color to the cheeks, as did an extract made from crocodile's intestines. Red spots and discolorations of the skin were removed by using calf's dung kneaded by hand with oil and gum.

Any kind of skin fungus was cured by the application of the gooey substance made from the genitals of calves, dissolved in vinegar and native sulphur. The whole mess was stirred with a fig branch before application ... and folks, that's my tip for the day.

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Spit on It

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5). MBTA Blue Line provides subway service between points in Boston, north of Boston and Airport Station: <https://www.mbta.com/schedules/Blue/line>

Water transportation is also available from Downtown Boston and the Logan dock: <https://www.mbta.com/schedules/Boat-F1/timetable>

6). Massport provides free shuttle service to and from all terminals; the airport rental car center and the MBTA Blue Line Station.

7). Logan Express serves 5 locations including Peabody, Framingham, Woburn, Braintree, and Back Bay.

8). Private bus lines provide service to New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Southeastern MA and Cape Cod (<https://www.massport.com/logan-airport/to-from-logan/transportation-options/ground-transportation/>). There are also taxi and Ride App options.

For full MBTA service information on Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day, please visit www.mbta.com/holidays.

Customers are also advised that Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) offices are closed for the designated state holidays of Christmas on Monday, December 25, and New Year's Day on Monday, January 1. Please visit at any hour of the day the RMV online at www.mass.gov/rmv to perform many transactions. In addition, AAA members can conduct many RMV services at numerous AAA branch office locations in Massachusetts during AAA normal business hours.

Massport is expecting an increase in passengers at Boston Logan International Airport during the upcoming weeks and suggests passengers allow extra time to get to Logan and through security. Extra staff will be on hand to help passengers and families who may not have traveled recently. Massport continues to

recommend passengers arrive two hours early for domestic flights and three hours early for international. There is also ongoing construction at the airport and Massport is advising passengers to please drive carefully and follow any detour signs.

Massport is urging passengers to use public transportation, rather than their own personal vehicles, to get to and from Logan, such as the MBTA Blue and Silver Line and Logan Express service from Braintree, Framingham, Woburn, Peabody, and Back Bay. For those taking Logan Express, Massport recommends passengers be dropped off at the sites as parking may be limited

Passengers can now download the free FlyLogan app to access information about the airport, flight status, purchase Logan Express tickets, reserve parking, order food for pick up, among other services.

Massport also encourages passengers to check the [TSA.gov](https://www.tsa.gov) website for a full list of items that can and cannot be taken onboard, including holiday food items and wrapped gifts.


For more information about Logan Airport, please visit www.massport.com/logan-airport/. For traffic and road conditions, drivers may use the following options to make decisions:

Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit www.mass511.com to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.

Follow [@MassDOT](https://twitter.com/MassDOT) on X, (formerly known as Twitter), to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

MassDOT, the MBTA, and Massport wish all members of the public a safe and enjoyable holiday.



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December 28, 2017 - December 28, 2021

Remembering
Sal Balsamo
*Life changed six years ago when
God called you home.
Nothing is the same,
but thank you for all the
incredible memories and the positive impact
you had on so many people.
You were an extraordinary man in every way.
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In Loving Memory of



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*Though you are no longer
in our lives to share,
in our hearts you'll always be.
Never Forgotten, Forever Loved*
Greatly Missed
Your Family

Joanna A. Ricciuti



May She Rest In Peace

Joanna A. Ricciuti, age 79, of Medford passed away on Wednesday, December 13th, surrounded by her loving family. Born and raised in Quincy, she was the daughter of the late James J. and Anita J. (Lorbati) Ricciuti. Joanna worked for many years as a bookkeeper alongside her significant other, the late Thomas Zazzara. She lived in Medford since 1988, and enjoyed visiting and working in Boston's North End. Joanna's favorite pastimes were shopping (even if she returned most of what she bought) and helping with her grandchildren.

Joanna was the devoted mother of Robert J. Turner and his fiancé, Kristy Logue of Medford, and Jacqueline Hadaya of Malden. She was the loving grandmother of Jalie Cuoco, Justin A. Hadaya and Jackson C. Hadaya. Joanna was the dear sister of Carole Corner and her husband Richard of Canton, Anita L. Ricciuti-Coolen and her husband Harry of Mesa, Arizona, and Elise Nagy of Hull. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be private. As an expression of sympathy, contributions may be sent in Joanna's name, "In honor of Justin A. Hadaya" to DUP15Q Alliance, online at www.DUP15Q.org.

In Loving Memory of Peter R. Nobile

First Anniversary

December 21, 2022 - December 21, 2023

*Your memory is our keepsake
With which we will never part
God has you in his keeping
We have you in our hearts*



East Boston Chamber of Commerce Announces

50/50 Raffle & 2023 Deck the Windows Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

The East Boston Chamber of Commerce co-hosted with Veronica Robles Cultural Center the annual holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 9th. All winners were announced at the Holiday Bazaar. The Chamber's 2023 Deck the Windows holiday decorating contest was held over the weekdays of December 6 to 8. Businesses participated by decorating their storefront windows with decorations of the season and by having their decorations photographed and submitted to the Chamber. From the many decorations and out of 80 participants, three winners were chosen (first, second, and third place) as the best decorated windows by an East Boston business in 2023. Certificates will be awarded to the three winners along with a congratulatory letter from the East Boston Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, the 1st place winner will receive \$300 (Three Hundred

Dollars.) The 2nd place winner will receive \$200 (Two Hundred Dollars.) And 3rd place winner will receive \$100 (One Hundred Dollars.) The Chamber would like to thank each and every business in East Boston for their decorating, beautifying, and demonstrating the spirit of the holidays in our community.

Congratulations to:

- 1st Prize winner – El Valle de La Sultana Market on Bennington Street
- 2nd Prize winner – Taco Mex at Maverick Square
- 3rd Prize winner – Mario Real Estate Century 21 on Bennington Street

Also, the Chamber's 50/50 raffle winner was drawn for a prize of over \$1,800 (One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars.) The prize winner was Martha Bernal-Gamba.

The awardees will be recognized in person by the Chamber in the coming week.

ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center Meditation Workshop

The ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) was pleased to offer an artful meditation workshop to Amy Lowell seniors to kick off the holiday season. Artful Meditation Workshops was created in 2018 as a way to help Consultant Jan Gadson Louissaint deal with the trauma of surviving breast cancer. Each silk flower arrangement she created brought joy and encouraged her healing. Silk floral arrangements and workshops have proven to help participants learn new skills, decrease social isolation, and experience creativity and a sense of joy.

The group enjoyed making holiday arrangements in mason jars while Motown music played in the background. There was time for meditation,



mindfulness, and reflection, accompanied by music and light refreshments. Special thanks go to the City of Boston's Age Strong Commission for

funding this project through an Expanding Engagement grant.

"Flowers don't tell, they show."
– Stephanie Skeem

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

A Cozy Christmas, a Nice Natale

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

The magical season known as midwinter is upon us! The shortest day of the year, also known as the winter solstice, descended upon the world this past Thursday, the 21st of December. On the days surrounding the solstice, I can sense the darkness enveloping me like a thick velvet cloak, veiling the world in a perpetual state of dusk. However, I do not mind the darkness, as I view it as a necessary and intriguing spoke on the wheel of the year. These are the nights when stars appear sharp and bright against the inky black sky, their light sending diamond-like spangles flitting across the frost below. The darkness also imbues the winter solstice with a profound significance: now that the date has passed, we know that the sun will remain for longer periods in the sky, bringing its much-awaited warmth and its sweet, luminous blaze. For this reason, Christmas — with its focus on candles and crackling yule logs and electric light displays — occurs during the darkest time of the year. Religiously, Christmas represents the light arriving to the world in the form of Jesus's Nativity, while metaphorically the radiant decorations of Christmas signify the return of the sun after the solstice. Due to the complex symbolism comprising this holiday and its traditions, I revel in Christmas customs which emphasize the literal and figurative lights of my life. Whether enjoying age-old recipes or exchanging gifts with loved ones, I most appreciate Christmas when the glow of family and tradition encircle me.

Many of my family's much-loved holiday customs revolve around food. Food forms an ancient and essential part of the Italian Christmas Eve feast known as *la Vigilia di Natale*, which my family celebrates every year. *La Vigilia di Natale*, or "Christmas vigil," is traditionally a meatless meal in Italy, a vestige from the era in which Christmas Eve was considered a fast day in preparation for Jesus's birth on the following day. Therefore, many Italian families trim their tables with seafood dishes for *la Vigilia*. I am always excited to plan fish recipes with my mother



for *la Vigilia*; in the past, we served sole bursting with a buttery shrimp stuffing and a delectable smoked salmon quiche. This year, my mother will prepare a creamy seafood lasagna laden with shrimp and scallops. However, my favorite component of Christmas cooking involves the plethora of desserts that fill my family's kitchens. A great number of traditional Italian desserts have become inextricably linked with Christmas and remain an indispensable part of my holiday celebrations. My father would always bring home a cylindrical cardboard box of *panettone* home right before Christmas. *Panettone*, whose name means "great bread," is a sweet bread studded with dried fruit and candied peel. I am not a huge fan of the taste of *panettone*, but I appreciate its time-honored symbolism in the Italian Christmas festivities. I hold the nostalgic *struffoli*, a dessert my grandmother has been making since I was little, in high esteem. *Struffoli* are deep-fried spheres of dough soaked in honey, then arranged into the shape of a tree or wreath and sprinkled with colorful nonpareils. *Struffoli* are a fun, whimsical way to celebrate the childlike wonder of the holiday season. I also make a lemon tart every year to cap off our *la Vigilia* meal and honor the citrus fruits seasonal during the winter. Collectively, these desserts stand in the exquisite tapestry of love and family that characterize my Christmas memories.

Indeed, I believe that family forms the crux of Christmas joy. The true meaning of Christmas derives from the sensation of comfort and peace that envelops a person when surrounded by loved ones. I cannot imagine Christmas without my family. Our Christmas traditions, from the *la Vigilia* meal to opening presents at midnight, strengthen our familial bonds. When my family plays a silly board game on Christmas Eve, our merriment and laughter create a barrier of delight against the darkness and chill air outside, filling the room with the warmth of our love. Opening gifts — which my family does at midnight, according to old Italian lore, while huddled under the multicolored glow of the Christmas tree lights — provides me with yet another way to relish time with my loved ones. I adore the looks of happiness and delight that fill my family members' and friends' faces when they open a present selected or crafted with thoughtfulness

and care. That moment of love and understanding is the real significance of gift-giving, not materialistic gain. No matter what traditions typify your Christmas, it remains important to approach them with joy, selflessness, and a true appreciation for the people in your life. Midwinter celebrations like Christmas developed as a response to the frigid and dark days of the winter solstice. At a time when nature seems barren and gelid, lively festivities serve to honor the abundance of past harvests and reinforce the convivial strength of community and family, offering hope that life will cycle on as surely as the sun will once again shine in the sky. An old Italian aphorism states that no one should be left alone on Christmas, which is why we should strive to do good deeds on behalf of those who are lonely or separated from their families during the holidays, including the sick, the poor and those in the military. After all, a family includes more than just blood relations, and the Christmas spirit of generosity and goodwill is too joyous to be contained in small numbers.

This Christmas, I will continue to honor the traditions that have become an intrinsic part of my family. Whether these traditions consist of enjoying *struffoli* or opening gifts at midnight, they link me to the world of my ancestors and their enduring values and spirituality. However, I also plan on paying attention to the true significance of all these beloved customs. For I have found that lurking behind Christmas traditions, no matter their culture of origin, is the universal need for love. Love for family, love for the wisdom of our forebears, the love which inspires us to improve our local and global communities, the love of Jesus and the Holy Family, the love for the sun which grows ever bigger in the sky — all these myriad facets of love imbue Christmas with its indelible complexity. So on Christmas, as you partake in your own special traditions, take heed of the love which surrounds you, and which you can provide to others. You will find that this love can warm even the frostiest night, and that it will carry you through the wonders of the New Year and beyond.

Merry Christmas! *Buon Natale!*

Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz is a high school history teacher. She appreciates any comments and suggestions about Italian holidays and folklore at adicenso89@gmail.com.

THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



Thoughts on Christmas 2023

Our nation is going through hard times as I pen this commentary. Fifty years ago, during our celebration of the American Bicentennial, we still looked like a nation of people with common purpose but today from every angle taken, we are a nation celebrating our differences. This is not good, not good at all. Our motto used to be one out of many, now it seems like it's everyone for themselves. We need a common core of values. We still had them back in 1975-76 when we looked back with pride at our nation's history. We never said we were perfect because we weren't. However, our goal was always to learn from our past and grow forward as one people.

Fifty years ago, I was a young American who didn't look back in disgust. I looked back and was reminded how we started and how much we have improved into a better nation today and hopefully even a better place tomorrow.

According to those who woke anti-racists who focus on every blemish they can find, America is inherently racist and will never get better.

I stand opposed to those who support X Kendi's outlook on America and of the 1619 Project. There is no nation

on this planet that has better represented its people, all its people, than America. We aren't perfect yet and probably never will be. However, the road we travel today is probably the best road to be traveling on than any other nation near or far from us.

Someday, at the rate we are going, even George Washington might get cancelled out of existence. Thomas Jefferson might go before him. No one from our past is safe and; guess what, no one from today is safe either.

Holding holiday celebrations for Electeds of Color may sound to some like a nothing-burger but it isn't. We are a government of, for and by the people. All the people, not no-color people, not colorful people, ALL the people.

We need to stand together against those who would split us apart for their own nefarious goals whatever they are. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all regardless of your race, creed, DNA, sex, gender, or anything else.

We have two choices going forward. We can stand together or we can drive each other insane. My choice is always for more sanity. Hopefully, 2024 will be a good year for us. That's what I'm hoping for, how 'bout you?



Merry Christmas
from

The Pirandello Lyceum

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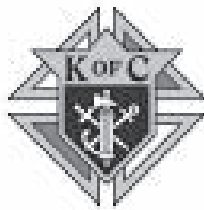
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North Market Building Study Report



The Boston Landmarks Commission has posted a study report on the proposed designation of the North Market Building as a Landmark under Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

Designed by Alexander Parris in consultation with Asher Benjamin, North Market is the northernmost range of stores in a complex of three detached granite blocks, with Faneuil Hall Market (currently known as Quincy Market) at the center and South Market to the south. One of the most impressive and large-scaled market complexes built in the United States during the first half of the 19th century, the blocks are also significant as early examples of the Greek Revival style and monumental granite construction in Boston, encompassing Boston's first substantial civic improvement project following its incorporation as a city in 1822.

North Market has been in continuous commercial use since its completion in 1825. The multi-building block was originally used for wholesale and retail activity, warehouse storage, and small offices. North Market retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

Recognition of North Market's historic and architectural significance, and its importance to the three-block complex as a whole, accelerated during the urban renewal era of the 1960s and early 1970. During that period, local, regional, and national organizations mobilized to ensure preservation of the complex. The subsequent restoration and adaptive reuse project was completed in the 1970s to national acclaim.

This study report contains Standards and Criteria which have been prepared to guide future physical changes to the property in order to protect its integrity and character.

Read the North Market Building Study Report at <https://www.boston.gov/news/north-market-building-study-report>

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by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

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He continued to minister to the faithful and labored in his mission for 10 years, during that time he would eagerly speak out against the anti-Catholic powers of the state.

Father Almond returned to the dangers of England in 1602 as a secular priest and administered to the faithful there. He was arrested in 1608, and



Almond had said that “whosoever had killed a king, and were afterward penitent ... and did confess the same to a priest, might have absolution”. This allegation served as reason to execute him.

Before his death, he prayed, distributed alms to the poor, and gave his final oration, concluding with these words: “To use this life well is the pathway through death to everlasting life”. During his final speech on the scaffold he condemned regicide, discussed the nature of grace and true repentance, and said that he conceded as much authority to King James as to any Christian prince.

John Almond was hanged, drawn, and quartered on December 5, 1612 at Tyburn, London, England. The Feast Day of Saint John Almond is December 5th. He is also one of the Forty Martyrs of England whose Feast Day is October 25th.

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A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Cicero (Marcus Tullius) was born to a wealthy family on January 3, 106 BC. After serving in the military, he studied Roman law and went on to be elected to each of Rome's principal offices, becoming the youngest citizen to attain the highest rank of consul without coming from a political family. He was a writer, statesman, and was considered ancient Rome's greatest orator.

Cicero's influence on the Latin language was immense. He wrote more than three-quarters of the existing Latin literature that is known to have published in his lifetime, and it has been said that subsequent prose was either a reaction against or a return to his style, not only in Latin but in European languages up to the 19th century. Cicero introduced into Latin the arguments of the chief schools of Hellenistic philosophy. He was also an adept scholar of philosophy as well as a skilled translator.

Though he was an accomplished orator and successful lawyer, Cicero believed his political career was his most important achievement.



It was during his consulship that the Catiline conspiracy attempted to overthrow the government through an attack on the city by outside forces, and Cicero suppressed the revolt by summarily and controversially executing five conspirators without trial.

During the chaotic middle period of the first century BC, marked by civil wars and the dictatorship of Julius Caesar, Cicero championed a return to the traditional republican government. Following Caesar's death, Cicero became an enemy of Mark Antony in the ensuing

power struggle, attacking him in a series of speeches. He was denounced as an enemy of the state by the Second Triumvirate and consequently executed on their behalf in 43 BC, having been intercepted during an attempted flight from Italy. His severed hands and head were then, as a final revenge of Mark Antony, displayed on the Rostra, the speakers' platform at the Forum, in Rome.

Cicero remained loyal to the Roman Republic during his career. He viewed the informal alliance known as the First Triumvirate to be in direct opposition to the principles of the republic and authority of the Senate. He wrote many works relating to philosophy, such as On the Republic, On Invention, and On the Orator. He established himself as a prolific Roman author. He also made many speeches and wrote letters that have been preserved, allowing the modern world to gain knowledge of the politics and culture of Cicero's era.

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The Salvati Family - Anthony Salvati, Maria Sidman, Joe Salvati, Marie Salvati, Gail Orenberg, and Sharon Salvati



Appreciation Award was presented to St. Joseph Society accepted by St. Joseph Society President Eddie Summers and Jim Martorano (L-R) Jim Martorano, Vinny Scibelli, CEO of the North End Waterfront Health Center, Ted Tomasone and Eddie Summers.



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Joe Salvati, great granddaughter Olivia and daughter Sharon

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**APPLE SEED:
SPECIAL EDITION (Blu-ray)
VCI Indie**

Prince McCoy, now a worn down man in his 40s, living far from both the small idyllic east coast town of *Apple Seed* where he grew up and all the dreams he once had, finds himself suddenly without a home, a girlfriend and as of 4:32 PM, without a living father. Holding his childhood bank responsible for the foreclosure on their properties and his father’s demise, Prince in a final desperate go-out-on-his-sword move makes the choice to drive across the country to make his small town bank pay. With a 1967 Mustang, a loaded gun and not much else, Prince has to rely on the help of an eccentric 80 something year old hitchhiker named Carl Robbins he meets on the edge of town. With a bucket list mission of his own drafted out on a napkin, they cross paths with a struggling singer, a lonely waitress, a teenage runaway and even the love of Prince’s life he once let get away, the road continues to unfold before them, as do their own fears and struggles within. After a late-night brawl with some Midwest bar locals, Carl reveals to his younger companion, Prince, that he is actually only days removed from a 40-year prison sentence he served for robbing a bank himself. As the pair move closer and closer to Prince’s final destination, having to rely on their feet and even freight trains to get them there, Carl’s past begins to look more and more like Prince’s future. Facing the teller he robbed, a partner in crime he left near dying on the street many years ago and finally another man that he left as a young child to a rather lonely world, Carl’s own destiny begins to close in on him as well. The men may not be as far apart as they once thought, have one final crossroad to face together in Apple Seed before their journeys are finished....

**KILL BUTTERFLY KILL
(Blu-ray)
Cauldron Films**

Years after being assaulted, a young woman seeks bloody revenge on the five men responsible. She is aided by a retired hitman sympathetic to her plight and a group of like-minded girlfriends. One by one, each of the creeps are caught in a trap and done away with, but her final quarry has a few tricks up his sleeve, leading to a violent climactic confrontation. *Kill Butterfly Kill (aka Underground Wife)* is a prime example of the so-called ‘Black Movie’, an exploitation sub-genre popular during the early 1980s in Taiwan. Though cheaply made, these were stylish and potent action films with often socially conscious aims and two feet planted firmly in the gutter.

**THE FIFTH THORACIC
VERTEBRA (DVD)
IndiePix Films**

After a mysterious mold starts spreading across the surface of an abandoned mattress, a sentient creature begins to take shape from within. Feasting on its unsuspecting victims’ vertebrae while they rest, the

creature grows stronger, finding nourishment not only in the bones and sinew it assimilates, but also in the hopes, fears, and emotions of all those it encounters. The director Syeyoung Park explains: “Where do all the promises, curses, scraps and unfinished business go when a relationship ends? In this film, these abstract lumps hardened to create a mold on the bed two lovers once occupied. This film journeys to the end of the mold-covered bed’s petty life, and the many different lovers it meets on the way. If we keep to the journey, the hope is that we might be able to catch a glimpse of where all these bits and scraps, promises and curses end up and what is awaiting them there.”

**BILLY IDOL –
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MVDvisual**

Punk icon Billy Idol makes history by playing the first ever concert in front of the Hoover Dam. A spectacular special event, immortalized for the big screen: legendary punk icon Billy Idol makes history by playing the first ever concert in front of the world famous Hoover Dam. Kicking off his sell-out 2023 North American spring and summer tour, the once in a lifetime performance, which illuminated the surrounding Black Canyon of the Colorado River and the Mike O’Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge, features a career-spanning run of chart-topping hits including ‘Dancing with Myself’, ‘Eyes Without a Face’, ‘Rebel Yell’ and ‘White Wedding.’ One of the most recognizable faces and voices of rock’n’roll, the hell-raising rock star is joined on stage by his longtime band, including his collaborator and lead guitarist of over 40 years, Steve Stevens, with special guest stars including The Kills’ Alison Mosshart, former Sex Pistols guitarist Steve Jones, and No Doubt bassist Tony Kanal.

**THE FIFTH THORACIC
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Does the most widely used weed killer in the world cause cancer? *Into the Weeds* follows the riveting story of grounds-keeper Lee Johnson and his fight for justice against agro-chemical giant, Monsanto (now Bayer), the manufacturer of Roundup herbicide. In 2015, the International Agency for Research on Cancer classified glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup, as “probably carcinogenic to humans.” A year later, Lee Johnson filed a lawsuit claiming the Ranger Pro, a commercial-grade variant of Roundup, was a substantial contributing factor in causing his Non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. Blending interviews, testimonials, trial footage, news coverage and vérité, the film follows the progression of this groundbreaking lawsuit, while also stepping back to consider the systemic impact of glyphosate-based herbicides on human health, our food system, and his biodiversity in our planet.

The time has come, the walrus said,
TO TALK OF MANY THINGS
of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani



While driving on Route 139 on the Pembroke/ Marshfield line I stopped to fill up my tank with the gasoline pump price was down to \$2.95.

**THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE
OF 1914**

Recently, Anthony T. Guerriero, both historian and MassPort’s Dep. Director of Community Relations and Federal Affairs, presented a lecture on The Christmas Truce of 1914 at the East Boston Branch Liberty on December 7. The turnout was large as many folks aren’t even aware of this spontaneous event. This event showed how even on the battlefield with opposite armies at each other’s throats, they could all temporarily put aside their arms and animosity for a brief Christmas respite. With all the fighting going on in the world today, wouldn’t it be nice

to see a return of the Truce of 1914 even if for but one day. Nothing is impossible when the good becomes more powerful than the bad. Maybe, it might be a good idea to look up The Truce of 1914 and read what happened back then. We can always learn something from history, can’t we?

**TIS A CHARLIE BROWN
CHRISTMAS
AGAIN AND AGAIN**

APPLE TV+ is making *A Charlie Brown Christmas* free to nonsubscribers for this weekend, Saturday and Sunday. We all could use a dose of Charlie Brown and Linus. I saw that cartoon photo of Linus talking to Charlie about his odd-looking little tree and telling Charlie, “I never thought it was such a bad little tree. It’s not bad at all, really. Maybe it just needs a little love.” Tis the season to be Charlie, Linus, Lucy, etc.

**LATE ’60s AND THE
MOODY BLUES**

Two of my favorite Moody Blues tunes came out in 1967 when I was 19 years old. The first was entitled “Tuesday Afternoon” in early 67 and the second was “Nights of White Satin,” in late 1967. This past

week while listening to Sirius XM Channel 26 Classic Vinyl, it played the long version of “Tuesday Afternoon” which was well over 5 mins long. You’ll never hear that on broadcast radio.

**THE BACKSTORY OF
LED ZEPPELIN**

Before there was Led Zeppelin, there were the Yardbirds. When those birds disappeared Led Zeppelin rose from their ashes. Eric Clayton was a part of both before neither. Led Zeppelin is my go to music driving home in rush hour.

The other day while listening to 88.9 WERS, the station was playing “The Battle of Evermore,” a long tune. You know, you have to be a baby booming rocker to understand this tune about the eternal battle between good and evil. I still can’t figure out if the battle is ever over or if anyone ever wins this battle.



Heather O’Brien and Sal Giarratani at the Eastie Elves Celebration at the Logan Hyatt Hotel

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Docket No. MI23C1315CA

**In the Matter of
PLATON PETER PEREPELKIN
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Platon Peter Perepelkin of Somerville, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Platon Alexander Belmont**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 09, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.**

**Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court.**

Date: December 12, 2023
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 12/22/2023

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Docket No. SU23P2727EA

**Estate of
FRANK F. CHIN**

Date of Death: October 09, 2023

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Mark F. Chin of Lexington, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Mark F. Chin of Lexington, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Run dates: 12/22, 12/29, 2023 - 1/05/2024

Mayor Michelle Wu Announces Transformative Redevelopment of Boston Public Library’s West End Branch to Include Housing

The City of Boston has Tentatively Designated the Development Team to Rebuild the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library and Create 119 New Units of Income-Restricted Housing

Mayor Michelle Wu, the Mayor’s Office of Housing, and the Boston Public Library (BPL) announced that the City of Boston’s Public Facilities Commission has tentatively designated the development team of Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH) and Caste Capital to redevelop the West End branch of the Boston Public Library on Cambridge Street. The renovation will include a new two-story branch library and 119 income-restricted units of housing above the library through the Housing with Public Assets initiative, an innovative new program designed to maximize the use of municipal properties for the public good.

“The Mayor’s Office of Housing is very appreciative of both the Beacon Hill and West End communities. They were supportive of combining housing with a new branch library and have played an active role in shaping the RFP and associated design criteria,” said Chief Sheila Dillon. “The response to the RFP was significant, with many talented development teams submitting high-quality proposals. We look forward to working with POAH, Caste Capital, and the community to shape this development proposal.”

The chosen development team was designated by the Public Facilities Commission for their experience in sustainable and community-centric development projects. The proposed project involves transforming the parcel into a mixed-use development with 119 transit-oriented, income-restricted apartments above the library space, along with open space and amenities for library visitors, building residents, and the public. The goal of the project is not only to expand the library’s size and offerings, but also to address the growing demand to create more income-restricted housing. The development team will prioritize community input, including the needs and preferences of residents, to create an inclusive environment for all. The new building will be all-electric and designed to minimize the carbon footprint of both the housing and library, in alignment with the City of Boston’s climate goals and commitment to sustainability.

“POAH has been invested in the West End since 2012 when we acquired The Blackstone Apartments, a key senior affordable housing resource in a rapidly developing neighborhood,” said Aaron Gornstein, President and CEO of Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH). “We are excited to further expand

access to affordable housing in a neighborhood of opportunity that once housed generations of diverse, lower-income Bostonians. The new development at 151 Cambridge Street will be a community resource, underpinned by a re-envisioned library and a sustainable, inter-generational affordable housing community.”

The 119 units of affordable housing will include a mix of bedroom sizes, from studios to three-bedroom units. The high proportion of family-sized units in this proposal was a key factor in its selection and a key community objective for the development. Of the 119 residences, 40 apartments will be affordable to households earning up to 30 percent of Area Median Income (AMI), and 79 apartments will be designated for households earning up to 80 percent of AMI.

“The West End Library project will not only revitalize the West End and Beacon Hill neighborhoods but also leave a lasting impact on the entire Greater Boston community, said Patrick Kimble, Founder and Managing Partner for Caste Capital. “Through our partnership with the Mayor’s Office of Housing and the Boston Public Library to develop a new library branch and much-needed affordable housing supply, we aim to combat the pressing affordable housing crisis that impacts countless Boston residents from diverse backgrounds. This endeavor represents our unwavering commitment to creating a public asset that uplifts and empowers individuals from all walks of life. Together, we will shape a brighter future for Boston, where everyone has access to quality housing and vital educational resources.”

Twenty of the most deeply affordable apartments will be created using a dedicated subsidy, in partnership with the Boston Housing Authority, which allows new public housing to be built. The new development will also include a courtyard, multiple residential amenity spaces, and a shared plaza with the neighboring Otis House museum, library, and archives.

The new development will result in a new, two-floor branch library – approximately 70 percent larger than the size of the current branch – to serve the West End community. The design of the new space will be informed by a comprehensive programming study, which was carried out by the BPL in conjunction with the City’s Public Facilities Department, the Mayor’s Office of Housing, and Ann Beha Architects. The

study identified potential new additions to the branch’s offerings, including a new community room, a space reserved for teens, an updated outdoor space, and a learning lab, along with updated technology and audio-visual capabilities.

“As library leaders, we are charged to use all of our resources to serve the public. I can think of no higher level of public service than to co-locate a public library and its critical offerings together with affordable housing,” said David Leonard, President of the Boston Public Library. “In continued partnership with the Mayor’s Office of Housing, we are also looking forward to additional projects that co-locate library services with housing, including in Upham’s Corner and Chinatown. The Housing with Public Assets initiative uses current City-owned land to its highest and best use, and we are extremely proud to be a part of it.”

The Boston Public Library and Mayor’s Office of Housing, along with the Public Facilities Department and other City departments, co-hosted nine public meetings to set clear expectations for what a mixed-use building at this location could be. The participation of multiple community groups, including the West End Civic Association, Beacon Hill Civic Association, Historic New England, and others was essential to laying out a compelling vision. All told, eight different applicants responded to the Request for Proposals, demonstrating the rare and exciting opportunity to deliver multiple public benefits to the neighborhood. All the respondents presented their designs to the community over the summer, with extensive public input factoring into the evaluation and selection.

“The BHCA is very excited to see this important project move to its next phase,” said Meghan Awe, Chair of the Beacon Hill Civic Association. “Converting the West End Library to a mixed-use building with affordable housing was hatched by three former leaders of BHCA. The BHCA has long been a strong supporter of this project and appreciates the spirit of transparency and thoughtful collaboration that the City has displayed through Senior Development Officer, Joe Backer of the Mayor’s Office of Housing. The BHCA looks forward to continuing to work with the City and seeing the project through to completion.”

“The West End Civic Association appreciates the work that went into selecting a developer for the West End Library, including the extensive community input included during this phase of the process,” said Sebastian A. Belfanti, President of the West End Civic Association. “We are pleased that the City selected a project the Association’s Board and planning committee approved of, and are excited to see how the project develops from this point. We look forward to continuing clear and open public

dialogue as this innovative project moves forward.”

The City’s *Housing With Public Assets* program seeks to build low- and moderate- income housing above municipal assets. The program explores ways to build housing above City properties such as libraries, police stations, fire stations, and parking lots, as a way to maximize the utility of those locations while maintaining and improving the core functions of those properties. The program is one of many initiatives spearheaded by the Mayor’s Office of Housing and the Housing Innovation Lab in recent years to address the housing crisis, including the *Acquisition Opportunity Program*, the *Additional Dwelling Unit Program*, and the *Future Decker initiative*.

“We applaud Mayor Wu’s innovative strategy to maximize city resources and return desperately needed affordable housing to the West End, while forming an important cultural and civic anchor in the neighborhood,” said Vin Cipolla, President and CEO of Historic New England. “We are so grateful to the City for its collaborative approach, which will have such a positive impact on the neighborhood through culture, community, and meaningful partnerships.”

The tentative designation to redevelop the West End branch of the Boston Public Library aligns Mayor Wu’s commitment to the principles of smart growth and transit-oriented development in Boston. In the fiscal year 2023, the Mayor allocated substantial resources to address housing challenges in the city. A substantial portion of the \$200 million committed from ARPA funds has been designated for diverse housing initiatives, including affordable homeownership development, strategic acquisitions to combat displacement, energy retrofits for multifamily homes, permanent supportive housing with specialized services, and upgrades to Boston Housing Authority properties.

For more information and updates on the West End Library development, visit the City of Boston website at <https://www.boston.gov/buildinghousing/west-end-library-housing-public-assets>.

Boston 311 Corner

Season’s Greetings Boston!

As the year is coming to a close, our team would like to share a few reminders about City services and updates:

- Trash and recycling collection will be delayed in most neighborhoods by one day from Tuesday, December 26 through Saturday, December 30. There are no service delays in South Boston.
- Christmas trees will be collected for disposal January 1 - 12.
- The daytime street cleaning program operates from April 1 - November 30. But, daytime street sweeping continues into the winter in the North End, South End, and Beacon Hill. The program stops on December 31 and resumes March 1. In an event of a snow emergency/snowfall, please remember,
- Space savers are banned in the South End and Bay Village.
- Please wait at least 3 hours after snowfall before requesting snow plowing/salting services through 311.
- If you are requesting assistance replacing a heating system and you are over the age of 65, please connect to the Senior Home Repair Helpline through the Boston Home Center at 617-635-4663 or call 311.
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ST. AGRIPPINA'S

28th Annual Christmas Program

St. Agrippina's membership held its 28th annual Christmas Program for North End children on Sunday December 10th. The program once again, was a huge success! Santa Claus arrived at St. Agrippina's Chapel via fire engine with plenty of toys for all the good boys and girls. There were many families anxiously

waiting for his arrival, while holiday music played. Santa Claus took an individual picture with each child, gave him or her an age appropriate gift, a balloon and a gift bag filled with school supplies and candy treats for many children. The Boston Celtics Dancers made a special guest appearance to



help Santa Claus! A very merry good time was had by everyone that attended. The membership would like to thank the following for their continued support of the program: The VFW Post 144 North

End, Bencotto Restaurant, Mikes Pastry, Umberto's Pizzeria, North End Fire Station, Balloons Over Boston, Hill Side Press and The Boston Celtics. The membership of St. Agrippina's Society is very

proud of our annual Christmas Program for North End Children. Our membership would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. We thank everyone for their participation and we look forward to seeing everyone at our next annual feast. Viva St. Agrippina!!!!!!!!!!



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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Last week, I was telling you the story about the Trinity Neighborhood House and how it influenced my young life. In my dialogue of happenings on the night of their Christmas party for the kids, I mentioned that Ms. Orr, the head mistress of the settlement house, would read the Gospel According to Saint Luke, Chapter 2. I would hear this once again at the Children’s Christmas Mass at the Sacred Heart Church on December the 25th, and I thought you might like to read it:

“And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed, and all went to be taxed everyone into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered, and she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were, in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were afraid.

And the angel said unto them, “Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”

And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth, peace and good will toward men.” (There are many versions of this Gospel reading and this is an abbreviated one, but the one I remember the best.)

Well, Christmas Eve finally arrived and the family headed for Nanna and Babbononno’s apartment. As I mentioned last week, my musician-father and musician-uncles did not play on Christmas Eve. They had replacements cover for them. The family gathering would consist of Nanna, Babbononno, Mom, Dad, Uncle Paul, his wife,

Aunt Eleanor, their children, Paula and Ellie, Uncle Nick and his first wife, Aunt Ada, Uncle Gino, his wife, Aunt Ninna, their infant twins, Richard and Donna, and yours truly.

Like most Italian households, we would celebrate by consuming several fish courses, which traditionally were seven. Dad would make lobster fra diavolo but everything else was prepared by Nanna and Mom. I especially liked the stuffed calamari that Nanna made.

Dad, or one of my uncles, would have driven Babbononno to his brother-in-law’s house. Zi’Antonio was Nanna’s oldest brother and Babbononno’s best friend. He was a wine maker and Babbononno would obtain a gallon or three of his best vintages. For Christmas Eve, seeing the food was mainly fish, white wine was in order. A couple of gallons of his red would also go home with us for Christmas Dinner. After dessert, Nanna and Babbononno would open the presents given them by the rest of the family and then coffee and dessert would be served. We kids were biting at the bit to get home, get to bed and await the arrival of Santa Claus, hoping that he remembered the gifts we asked for when we visited him at Jordan Marsh a week or two earlier.

On Christmas morning, I was up at the crack of dawn. Searching under the Christmas tree, I would find the gifts from my uncles and aunts, but sort of ignored them. I was more interested in what Santa had left me. From a very young age, I was into electric trains, and each Christmas added to my set of Lionel trains. I also loved BB guns, and early on, received a pump action rifle. (Unlike the movie *A Christmas Story*, no one ever warned me about shooting my eye out.) Another of my young interests was making models of American World War II fighters and bombers. Back then, they were made of wood, not plastic and were fun to put together. I would have asked Santa for models of a P-51 Mustang, a P-38 Lightning, a P-47 Thunderbolt, assorted carrier-based Navy fighters, or maybe a B-17, a B-25, or a B-29.

I would have left a glass of wine and a couple of cookies for Santa with a note of thanks. Seeing that the cookies were gone and the wine glass was empty, I knew Santa had liked what I had left him.

Around noon, we would begin to get things ready to head to Nanna and Babbononno’s for Christmas dinner and a reuniting of the family. The

dining room table was set up the same, as it had been set the night before for the seven fishes. Before dinner, the kitchen table was set up with dishes of cut up cheese, cold cuts, olives, marinated mushrooms, hot peppers slices of bread and a gallon of Zi’Antonio’s best red wine.

An hour or so later, Babbononno would yell out, “La cena e pronto.” (Dinner is ready.) The first course was Nanna’s escarole soup with pastina and tiny meatballs. Then came the ravioli, followed by meatballs, sausages, gravy meats, stuffed mushrooms, stuffed artichokes, an assortment of vegetables sautéed in garlic and olive oil, and toward the end, salad. Loaves of sliced bread sat in dishes, just in case, and at the end nuts, fruits and candy, especially torrone would be placed on the table with after dinner wines.

About an hour or two later, dessert consisting of Christmas cookies, cannoli, sfogliatelle, and zepole would be served along with both Italian and American coffee. Bottles of after-dinner drinks would find their way back to the table along with an assortment of hand-made Cuban cigars. The men would wind up in the living room with the cigars and unbuttoned trousers, while the women did all of the cleanup. Chances were that single or widowed friends of Nanna and Babbononno would have dropped in at desert time and after the women had cleaned up, doggie bags of leftovers were put together for all to take home. Italian goodbyes took about a half hour, and by the time we got home, it was too late to play with any of the things given me by Salta Claus ... but tomorrow was another day.

From the Cristoforo’s: *MERRY CHRISTMAS 2023, or should I say BUON NATALE (con amore) and may GOD BLESS AMERICA*


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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Michael M. Nashed of Boston, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
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by
**Marianna
Bisignano**

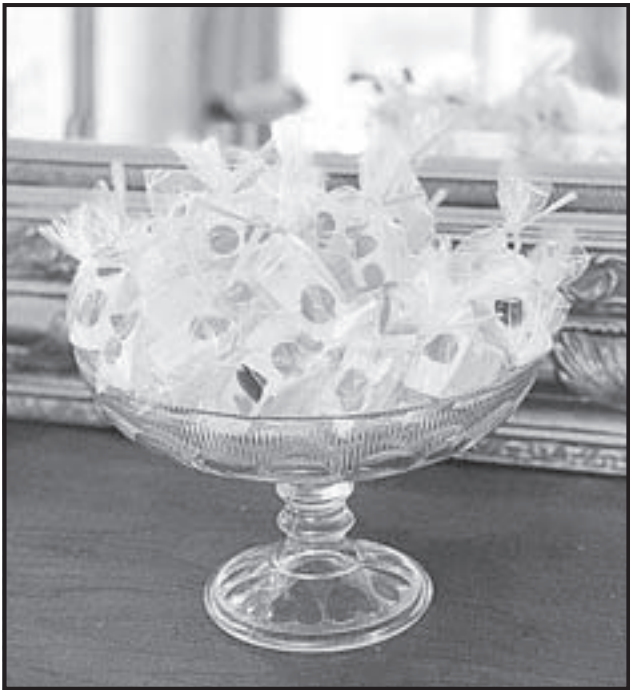


Torrone is a beloved Italian nougat-like candy with a rich historical background. The love for nougat is widespread in Italy, and torrone can be found in various forms and flavors throughout the country. From Cremona to Sicily, Veneto to Calabria, Italians simply cannot resist the allure of this sweet treat. However, creating traditional torrone can be a challenging and time-consuming process.

“Italian JuJube Nougat Candy” is a delightful twist on the classic soft torrone. This nostalgic treat brings back memories of Nonnas’ candy dishes during the holiday season. These easy-to-make delights are perfect for adding a decorative touch to your Christmas cookie trays or as a delicious addition to your holiday candy dish. From my home to yours, I wish you a holiday filled with delectable food, cherished family moments, wonderful friends, and an abundance of love. *Buon Natale!*

ITALIAN JUJUBE
NOUGAT CANDY

Caramelle al Torrone Italiano JuJube



- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 (250 gram) bags mini marshmallows
- 2 (225 gram) bags white chocolate chips
- 2 cups gumdrops (I use DOTS)

Line a 13 x 9 pan with parchment paper and set aside.
In a medium saucepan (nonstick or sprayed with non-stick baking spray) over low heat, melt the butter, marshmallows, and chocolate chips, stirring until smooth. Fold in the gumdrops. Spread mixture in the prepared parchment lined pan. Cover and chill overnight in the refrigerator. Cut into squares and add to your Christmas cookie trays. I place mine in small treat bags with twist ties.

Note:
Spray a heavy metal spoon with non-stick baking spray and the pot as well, to make cleanup easier.
Make a parchment sling to put in the pan first and then another sheet of parchment over it to make it easier to lift out.
You can also store this in the freezer. I store mine in the refrigerator and let it sit out before serving.

Marianna Bisignano is a psychologist for the Boston Public Schools and can be reached at nonnasrecipebox@gmail.com

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Include Gardening in Your New Year's Resolution

by Melinda Myers



Microgreens are fast-growing, easy-to-grow, nutrient-dense greens that can be grown indoors and do not require much space or special equipment.
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The New Year is filled with resolutions that usually involve dieting and exercise. Gardening is a great way to help accomplish those two resolutions, while also improving your mood, reducing blood pressure, managing anger, maintaining flexibility, and more.

Start the new year with a plan to incorporate healthy vegetables into your containers, gardens, and meals. Growing vegetables encourages you to eat more fresh produce and maximizes the benefits. You'll be able to harvest the vegetables at their peak of ripeness for the best flavor and maximum nutritional value. Plus, you control what, if any, chemicals are used in your gardens and containers.

Involve family and friends during the planning process and continue supporting each other in this healthful endeavor throughout the year. Research has found that making gardening a more social experience can intensify the physical and mental health benefits. Even sharing your surplus produce with others can reap greater health benefits.

Begin by growing a few microgreens this winter. These fast-growing nutritious greens are easy to grow and do not require much space or special equipment. Just repurpose some fast-food containers, fill them with a seed starting mix or quality potting mix, and plant the microgreen seeds. Many garden centers, catalogs, and organic

food coops sell microgreen seeds and sprouting seeds.

Grow a few pots of herbs in a sunny window or under artificial lights. Herbs are a healthy way to add flavor to winter meals. Start them with seeds or purchase transplants to shorten the time to harvest.

Plant these in a container with drainage holes filled with a quality potting mix. Follow the directions on the seed packet or plant tag for planting and care information. Once they are at least four to six inches tall, you can begin harvesting. Just make sure there will be enough leaves left on the plant to support new growth.

Look for new ways to prepare and incorporate vegetables into your diet. You'll find lots of recipes online and in cookbooks available from your library.

Start a list of vegetables you want to include and those that are suitable to grow in your location. Your *state's extension service* has information on what vegetables will thrive in your area and tips on when and how to plant and care for them.

Take stock of your current seed inventory. Make a list of any seeds and transplants you'll need to buy to boost the nutrition of your garden harvest. Greens like spinach, collards, Swiss chard and kale, carrots, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, and red cabbage are among the most nutritionally dense vegetables.

Consider growing those plants that are most productive and cost-effective for the available space. Look for vegetables like tomatoes and sweet peppers that produce an abundance of fruit from just one plant. Adjust your harvest techniques to keep plants like broccoli and greens producing beyond the first harvest.

Once your list matches your gardening space, it is time to draw up a garden plan. If you are new to gardening, consider starting small and expanding over time. You will need sufficient time for planting and throughout the growing and harvest season to maintain, harvest, and utilize all the vegetables you grow.

Starting your nutritional gardening practices inside this winter will help generate momentum and keep you focused on your nutrition goals throughout the growing season.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

Trump Says He'll Target Harvard Tax Breaks

Former President Donald Trump said he'd end tax exemptions for universities deemed to be left-leaning if voters send him back to the White House in 2024. He made this announcement during a campaign rally in Durham, NH. He'd remove tax advantages for universities that discriminate against conservatives, Christians and Jews and for schools that "attack free speech."

New Hampshire is holding its primary on January 23, eight days after the Iowa caucuses.

Kid Antics Ban Solo Minors

A Wisconsin restaurant has banned unsupervised children after middle schoolers allegedly acted up. The Taco John's in Waukesha taped a sign on its doors stating, "Due to multiple recent events, anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult."

Youngsters have been stealing soda, stealing condiments, leaving the place a mess, even throwing rocks at staffers. This pizza place is across the street from a middle school. Several restaurants across the country are doing the same thing for very much the same reason. Nettie's House of Spaghetti in Tinton Falls, NJ also announced earlier this year that it would no longer serve children without adult supervision.

In Royersford, PA, Chick-a -Fil banned anyone under 16 from dining at the restaurant without an adult after a series of "unacceptable behaviors," including being very loud, swearing and general rudeness and tossing food all over the place.

End Quote

"Don't worry about a week or a month from now, just think about one day at a time. Living the day."

— Drew Brees

• Hoops & Hockey in the Hub (Continued from Page 16)

game. However, McHale got permission to fly to New York late on Christmas morning. He arrived on time to play against the Knicks.

Those comments and actions were straight out of Red's play-book concerning Christmas and family.

Indeed, although Auerbach is rightly celebrated for the many successful seasons that the Celtics enjoyed during his tenure, there was another dimension of the famous mentor.

Red, who was Jewish, was very inclusive and innovative for his time. Red and team owner Walter Brown drafted the first black player in league history in 1950 (Chuck Cooper). Red also had a Roman Catholic priest serve the team in a variety of capacities over the years.

School bells and basketball whistles have always figured prominently in John Creed's life. First there were the school bells that beckoned him. Born and raised on the South Shore, he graduated from high school in 1957 and from Fairfield University in Connecticut in 1961.

He went on to the seminary and was ordained a priest,

assigned to parishes in Revere, Saugus and Kingston. He later left the priesthood and was married in 1984. Red was the best man at his wedding.

He first became a part of the Celtics organization in 1956, starting as a ball boy. That was the commencement of a 44-year relationship with the storied franchise that extended all the way to the start of the 21st century. For some 20 years he was the home-game statistician for legendary Celtics radio play-by-play announcer Johnny Most, supplying the well-known broadcaster with many of the figures he would give out over the air.

The Celtics have won 17 NBA Championships. John Creed was on hand for 16 of them. And he has two tangible mementoes from those days — a pair of championship rings that were distributed to members of the team and franchise staff after the C's won NBA titles in 1984 and 1986.

So it is another Christmas on the hardwood. As you gather with family friends at home — with an emphasis on that word — may you have a very happy holiday. Red would want you to.

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To: Mary Riley
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You have been appointed and qualified as Personal Representative in Unsupervised administration of this estate on December 08, 2023.

These letters are proof of your authority to act pursuant to G. L. c. 190B, except for the following restrictions if any:

CERTIFICATION

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VIN # 2HGES16563H514297
- 2001 MERCURY SABLE, SILVER
VIN # 1MEFM53U51A629077
- Run dates: 12/15, 12/22, 12/29/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Notice is hereby given by **Ramsay's Towing 152 Prospect Street, Waltham, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **December 23, 2023 beginning at 10:00 AM** by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicles are being stored at Ramsay's Towing.

- 2007 HYUNDAI SONATA
VIN # 5NPET46C07H275600
- 2012 NISSAN ROGUE
VIN # JN8AS5MVXCW375188

Signed,
Justin Ramsay
Run dates: 12/08, 12/15, 12/22/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000**
Docket No. MI21P1892EA
**Estate of
SUSAN CAMPBELL BROWNSBERGER**
Also Known As
SUSAN C. BROWNSBERGER
Date of Death: February 08, 2021
**CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **William N. Brownsberger of Belmont, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law, (First and Final Account of Successor Personal Representative) and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 10, 2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 13, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 12/22/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Middlesex Division
Docket No. 23W-1153**
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PAULA B. SACKNIES, Plaintiff
v.
FRANCISCO F. PESSOA, Defendant

To the above named Defendant:
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, seeking Custody/ Support/Parenting Time.

You are required to serve upon **Brigite Melo-Cronin, Esq.** - attorney for plaintiff(s) - whose address is 597 N. Main St., Randolph, MA 02368 your answer on or before **December 26, 2023**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Woburn.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Woburn, this 14th day of November, 2023.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court
Run date: 12/22/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300**
Docket No. SU23P2722EA
**Estate of
DANIEL JOSEPH O'SULLIVAN**
Also Known As
DANIEL JOSEPH O'SULLIVAN MACDONALD
Date of Death: April 01, 2023
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Francis P. O'Sullivan of London, EN** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Francis P. O'Sullivan of London, N22 8REN** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 23, 2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 12, 2023

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Run date: 12/22/2023

EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani

Hall of Fame Inductees
Voting this Year

Looking at the ball players on the ballot. I have one super-face pick in Adrian Beltre. He has 3,166 hits, 477 home runs and he's a no-brainer on the ballot. Carlos Beltran would have been an easy choice for me but not so after the 2017 Astros cheating scandal. Finally, Andruw Jones 10 straight Golden Gloves and 434 home runs too. Jones belongs inside the Hall this time around. That's it, no more choices from me at this time.

Happy Birthday Time

Happy Birthday to Bobby Ojeda who just turned 66 years old. The lefty was 44-39 with a 4.21 ERA with the Red Sox from 1980-85. He was traded to the Mets before the 1986 season and had his best season going 18-5 with a 2.57 ERA. The Mets won all four games. He started in the '86 World Series. He retired after the 1994 season.

Ballplayers Lost in 2023

The Boston Red Sox said farewell to three former players who passed away over the last 12 months, including Tim Wakefield, Dick Drago, and Bill Campbell. Other MLB players who left the field of life down here included, Sal Bando, Tim McCarver, Jesus Alou, Joe Pepitone, Vida Blue, Roger Craig, and Brooks Robinson.

Speaking of Craig

Roger Craig pitched for 12 seasons and managed another

10 seasons. He was known for having taught the split-fingered fastball to Jack Morris and Mike Scott, both being among his pupils. Craig pitched for three World Champions, Dodgers in '55, Dodgers in '59, and the Cardinals in '64 and won a pennant managing the Giants in 1989.

However, he was a pretty good (not great) pitcher but is also known as being the only hurler since 1935 to lose more than 20 games in consecutive seasons, losing 24 and 22 during the first two seasons of the expansion NY Mets in 1962-63. Imagine losing 46 games over 2 seasons. That must have been very difficult for him.

Longtime Mets Catcher
Ron Hodges, 74

Ron Hodges, a catcher who spent his entire 12-season major league career with the New York Mets, passed away last Friday. He was selected by the Mets in the second round of the second phase of the January 1972 amateur draft. He finished his career with a .240 batting average and a 147 RBIs during a big league career from 1973-1984. Hodges had a .342 on-base percentage with 224 walks and 217 strikeouts. He played under seven managers and was brought up to the Mets from Double A Memphis in 1973 because of injuries to Jerry Grote and Duffy Dyer making his debut on June 13, 1973, nine days prior to his 24th birthday.

He batted .260 with one homer and 18 RBIs in his first season. Teammate Cleon Jones said of Hodges, "I just remember so many key hits he got for us (during 1973). Any time he played, Ron always managed to do something to help us win."

Hodge himself once said, "Playing in that 1973 season with the pennant drive in September is my favorite memory of my baseball career." As it should have been!

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000**
Docket No. MI23P6434PO
TRUST CITATION
**In the matter of:
ALFRED D. WHITE
FAMILY TRUST**

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by **Jonathan J. Davey, Esq. of Quincy, MA** requesting that this honorable Court appoint Jonathan J. Davey, Esq., or any other suitable party that the Court deems appropriate, to serve as the Successor Trustee of the Alfred D. White Family Trust.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on January 05, 2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 08, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 12/22/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
MIDDLESEX, SS
Probate and Family Court
Docket No. MI23E0036PP**

To: John Conroy of Dracut, MA and Tim Conroy of Dracut, MA and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by **John Conroy of Dracut, MA** representing that they hold as co-tenants in an undivided part or share of certain land lying in **Dracut**, in the County of Middlesex, and briefly described

146 Haverhill Street, Dracut, MA 01826

The land in Dracut, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, in that part thereof called "Ellsmere," being Lot 369 on a plan entitled "Plan of Building Lots in Dracut, Mass. belonging to the Syndicate Land Company, Samuel B. Wyman and George H. Taylor, Trustees" dated 1897, Smith & Brooks, C.E.'s, recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 13, Plan 1 and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning on the Southwesterly corner of the premises at land of Thomas Fay; thence Southeasterly along said Fay land 46.8 feet; thence at right angles with said last mentioned land southerly 24.5 feet to Lot 368; thence Easterly 205.4 feet to Haverhill Street; thence Northerly along said street 200. feet to a stone bound point; thence running Northerly along Essex Street 640.55 feet to a stone bound point; thence 6.26 feet to a strip of land 1. foot wide, being reserved by the Syndicated Land Co.; thence Westerly 117.11 feet to land of said Fay; thence Southerly 775.02 feet to the point of beginning; containing according to said plan 124,813 square feet of land; be said contents and any or all of said measurements more or less and however otherwise said premises may be measured, bounded or described.

Being all and the same premises conveyed to the Grantors by deed of Mark D. Rutherford, Trustee of JMD, II Realty Trust dated September 25, 1998 and recorded with the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 9609, Page 290.

Setting forth that the petitioner desires that all said land may be ordered to be sold **at private sale for not less than (\$450,000.00) Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars**, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end, that commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any portion of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute and pay over the net proceeds thereof in such a manner as to make the partition just and equal.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said Court at Lowell before ten o'clock, on the 30th day of January 2024 the return date of this citation.

Witness, Honorable Terri Klug-Cafazzo, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 19th Day of December 2023.

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

Run dates: 12/22, 12/29, 2023 - 01/05/2024

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HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Merry Christmas to Everyone!
*Wishing All of You Many Blessings and
Much Happiness During this Wonderful Season*



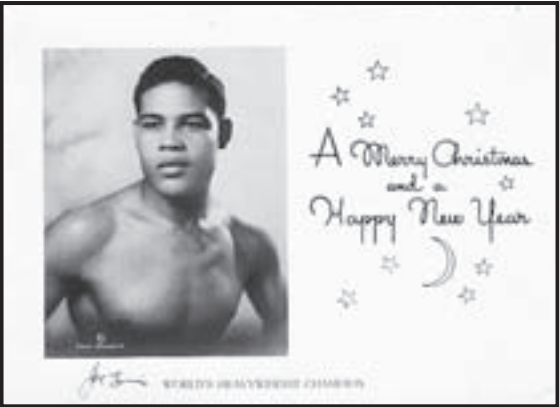
Santa's a Champ



Tony Galento and Babe Ruth sharing Christmas Joy



Jack Dempsey playing Santa



Christmas Greetings from Joe Louis



Rocky Marciano getting a Christmas request



Sonny Liston with the Christmas Spirit



Santa Charley Norkus and Friends



Christmas 1951 Ring Magazine

THE CELTICS AT CHRISTMAS — The Celtics will take on the Lakers in the latest renewal of their historic rivalry on Christmas Day this year, the latest in a string of holiday games for the C's that stretches all the way back to 1948.

When the Celtics meet the Lakers in Los Angeles on December 25. It will be the 37th Christmas Day game for the Boston franchise, which owns a 16-20 record for contests played on the holiday. The matchup is part of a multi-game extravaganza that the NBA has nurtured over the years. Starting at noon and extending far into the night, five consecutive games are televised nationally.

Last year, the Celtics defeated Milwaukee 139-118 on Christmas Day at the Garden behind Jayson Tatum's 41 points. Jrue Holiday, then with the Bucks but now a member of the Celtics, had 23 points and seven assists for Milwaukee. The 139 points were the most scored by a Celtics team on Christmas in the history of the franchise. The point total was also the highest achieved by an NBA team in the 21st century on Christmas and the second highest all-time on the holiday. It was only exceeded by Syracuse back in 1960 when the Nationals thrashed the New York Knicks 160-100.

Although some might think of Christmas games as a recent development, they actually go back to the early days of the NBA. In the early years of the league, the C's played on Christmas every year from 1948 through 1959.

In fact, the Celtics failed to win their first six Christmas Day games. It was not until 1954 that they proved to be victorious on the holiday. It was on December 25, 1954 that the Celtics recorded their first Christmas victory, downing Milwaukee 108-99. Bob Cousy led the way with 35 points. Teammates Bill Sharman and Ed Macauley each had 23 tallies.

So the C's were a fixture on the Christmas schedule but rarely at home. All those games in the early years were played on the road. The reason was that coach Red Auerbach refused to host a game on the holy day. He wanted the team staff to enjoy the day with their families, rather than have to report to work at the Garden. That is a good point to remember. Most of the people who work at an arena never get on television — secretaries, support staff, ushers, security personnel, custodians as well as those who work at concession stands. But for a Christmas Day game, they have to report for work just like all the high salaried players, coaches and broadcasters.

So, although the Celtics have played a number of times at the Garden on Christmas, that was not the case during the Auerbach era. In fact, of the first 29 Christmas Day games that the Celtics participated in, only one was at the Garden. That came in 1964 when Boston played the Detroit Pistons at the Garden on Christmas with the C's winning behind the 34 points put up by Sam Jones.

Even into the 1990s the Celtics never truly warmed to the idea of playing on Christmas. Chris Ford played for the C's and later served as head coach. He is probably best known for hitting the first three-point shot in NBA history back in October of 1979. But it is his statement concerning Christmas when he was head coach that has a ring to it. He once opined during a press conference that he did not like Christmas games, stating that "Christmas is the number one family day of the year."

When Kevin McHale played for the Celtics he asked for and received special permission one year to observe Christmas Eve at home with his wife and young children. League regulations state that the visiting team must be in the home team's city the night before a scheduled

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