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ABCD (NE/WE NSC) Celebrates December Holidays



City Councilor Gabriela Coletta making the rounds with Italian cookies to chat with seniors

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Thank You ... Governor Baker



Welcome ... Governor Healey



Cardinal O'Malley to Kick-off the 150th Anniversary of Historic Italian Immigrant Church in Boston's North End

In a tribute that evokes the key role of immigrants in shaping Boston's history, Cardinal Seán O'Malley will be kicking off a year-long celebration at the first Catholic church built by Italian immigrants in New England. St. Leonard of Port Maurice Church, in the North End, dates back to 1873, making it 150 years old this year.

The Church is overseen by Franciscan Friars and at this weekend's ceremony, January 8th at noon, Cardinal O'Malley will be officially installing Franciscan Father Michael Della Penna OFM as the Church's pastor — an installation delayed by COVID.

"Built through the hard work, faith and sacrifice of Italian immigrants, St. Leonard's Church is representative of the contributions made by wave after wave of immigrants who helped build Boston," explained Father Michael Della Penna, who was born and raised in the North End.

At its peak, St. Leonard's Church was home to 20,000 parishioners. The North End retains its Italian roots and architecture, hosts religious processions through the Summer months, with the end-of-summer St. Anthony Festival drawing more than 200,000 visitors to the North End. The Church is located at the corner of Hanover Street and Prince Street, at the heart of the North End restaurant district.

Throughout its long history in Boston, St. Leonard's and

the Franciscans have been responsible for the original St. Anthony's Shrine; St. Mary's Chapel; St. Anthony's School; Christopher Columbus High School; Home for Italian Children in Jamaica Plain; St. Stephen's Church; Sacred Heart Italian Church; St. John's School; the Peace Garden at St. Leonard's' St. Joseph's Artisans and the Encounter Homeless Ministry.

The Church was named for Saint Leonard who was known as the "Missionary to the Italians" and famously popularized the Stations of the Cross. "The objective of our 150th Anniversary is two-fold — both recognizing the legacy and accomplishments of the past and at the same time providing hope for the future," said Father Michael Della Penna OFM.

Please join us as we celebrate this milestone Anniversary, the Sesquicentennial Anniversary, of Saint Leonard of Port Maurice. For more information, please visit our website: saintleonardchurchboston.org or e-mail celebrating150years@sleonard.org

Additional Background

Saint Leonard was devoted to the Way of the Cross and instrumental in getting the Stations placed throughout Rome, and so the 150th celebration will have the Stations of the Cross as its centerpiece. Some of the ways this will be achieved, over the 14 months of the celebration, include:

- Focusing each month on one of the Stations with a meditation and journaling opportunity;
- Offering the Stations on the 4th Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m., resurrecting a tradition of the late 1890s. Various groups, affiliated with St. Leonard's will be hosting the Stations. The afternoon will include a social hour following the noon Mass and Adoration preceding the 3:00 p.m. Stations; and,

- Providing parishioners the opportunity to welcome the San Damiano Cross (the Cross that St. Francis received his calling from to form the Franciscan order) into their homes for a week of veneration and prayer.

The Anniversary seeks to "Honor the Past by Building the Future" and will include monthly faith and community building events.

The first program is "From Italy to the North End: Migrant Stories and Human Lives" on January 28th at 3:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. This will feature North End historians hosting an in-depth discussion about Anthony Riccio's recent publication of oral history accounts of neighborhood residents that sheds new light on Italian immigration to Boston and its enduring legacy to the North End.

Other upcoming highlights of the anniversary include a Gala Celebration on May 5th; a traditional Dinner-Dance in October; an outdoor Mass on the Prado on June 24th and many other educational and spiritual workshops and cultural events.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Flight Cancel Culture

Southwest Airlines over the holiday period starting just before Christmas canceled thousands of flights as the carrier continued to struggle from both that recent severe weather and was also impacted by a reportedly outdated computer system and bad scheduling practices, say insiders and experts.

While other airlines managed to get most of their flights off the ground everything seemed to have collapsed at Southwest. Capt. Casey Murraray, President of the Airline's Pilots Union, told CNN, "its phones, its computers, its processing power, it's the programs used to connect us to airplanes — that's where the problem lies, and it's systemic throughout the whole airline."

Southwest relies on reportedly mandatory overtime to keep planes running and apparently showed itself to be vulnerable to unscheduled absences. Other airlines managed to avoid the worst of this most recent holiday chaos by offering employees incentives to work during major high volume periods.

According to airlines industry analyst Robert Mann, the industry as a whole still does not have enough people to serve the number of customers that are out there looking to fly.

Bloody Christmas Weekend Across U.S.

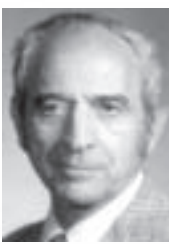
Gun violence cut through the country over the Christmas weekend leaving at least 16 people dead including a 3 year old and 25 others wounded. From Colorado to Florida, Minnesota to Pennsylvania, Missouri to West Virginia, and of course, New York City to Chicago. The Big Apple saw nine shootings, two fatal. Chicago saw two dead and 13 wounded.

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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.



OTHO

Marcus Salvius Otho, the seventh emperor of Rome, was also the eighth Caesar. He was born on April 23, 32 A.D. During his early childhood, he was so wild and unruly that his father often had to discipline him by flogging. Later in his adult years, he pretended love for an older but influential woman in the court of Nero and used her to worm his way into the emperor's good graces. It is said that either because of similarities in character or immoral interests, Otho became a favorite of Nero and this contact helped him to keep informed on all of the imperial plans and secrets. Their closeness was such that Nero and Otho even shared the same mistress, who was named Poppaea Sabina. She had been separated from her husband and was living with the emperor. For some unexplained reason, she was turned over to Otho who seduced her, arranged a fake marriage, and shortly thereafter they fell deeply in love. Otho then refused to let Nero or his messengers near her, and even when the emperor stood at Otho's front door, demanding the return of his mistress, the door was slammed in his face. The crafty Nero then annulled the marriage, which he thought to be genuine, appointed Otho to the office of Governor of Lusitania (present Portugal), and recovered the mistress. Poppaea Sabina is the woman that was kicked to death by Nero at a later time because she complained about the emperor spending too much time at the chariot races.



Guard to rise against Galba and assassinate him.

Shortly after Galba's death, Otho entered the Senate and briefly explained what had happened, but declared that he had been carried off by the soldiers and forced to accept the rule. Strangely enough, once he had established himself on the throne, he repaired and reset many of Nero's damaged statues, reinstated many of that emperor's administrators, and appropriated about two and one half million dollars for repairs or renovations of Nero's Golden House.

About the time that all of this was happening, the Roman legions that were in Germany

swore their allegiance to Vitellius. As soon as this news reached Otho, he persuaded the Senate to send a delegation to inform Vitellius that an emperor had already been selected and to negotiate a peaceful settlement. It soon became clear that Vitellius would have no part of Otho, and marched his legions toward Rome. With characteristic rashness, Otho decided to engage the forces of Vitellius in a decisive battle as soon as possible and was victorious in three minor clashes. Finally, as peace talks were about to begin, Otho's defenders were treacherously attacked and defeated, and this is when he decided to take his own life in order to avoid further bloodshed.

After exchanging good-byes with relatives and burning personal papers, Otho put a dagger under his pillow and slept soundly that evening. At daybreak he stabbed himself under the left breast and was dead at the age of thirty-eight after only ninety-five days of reign. Otho was never considered to be a man of great courage. He was of average height, bowlegged, and slightly feminine in the care of his person. His body hairs had been plucked out and he wore a wig. Strangely enough, many soldiers wept because of his death, some kissed his hands and feet as he lay dead, while others slew themselves beside his coffin.

NEXT ISSUE: *Vitellius*

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Estate of
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Date of Death: **September 13, 2022**
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Simon Richard of San Francisco, CA, Ryan Richard of Bethel, ME 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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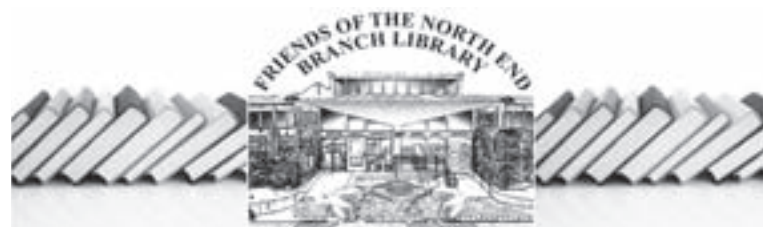
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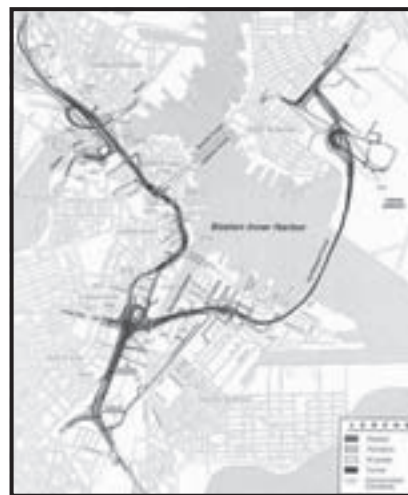
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FRIENDS MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, January 11 | 5:30 p.m.

Friends meetings are open to all Library patrons; we welcome your input.

BOSTON'S BIG DIG



Wednesday, January 18 | 6:00 PM

We will show a PBS documentary detailing the trials and successes of the planning and construction of Boston's famous Big Dig, the most expensive public construction project up to that time. The Big Dig involved demolition of the elevated highway, which separated the Boston Waterfront and the North End from the rest of the City and its replacement with the tunnels, roadways, and linear park that we live with today.

The film will be introduced by **Jean Casale**, longtime North End resident and Friends member.

The film runs about an hour and afterwards there will be an open discussion with the audience to share Big Dig memories.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE NORTH END BRANCH

Ongoing Adult Programs at the Library

Chess Club - Mondays at 2:30 p.m.

Mahjongg Club - Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

Friday Movies - Weekly at 2:00 p.m. - January 6th, *Bachelor in Paradise*

Book Club - 4th Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. - January 25th, *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

Ongoing Children's Programs at the Library

Chess Club - Mondays at 3:30 p.m.

Story Time - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. - **SPECIAL EVENT on Friday, Jan. 27 at 10:00 a.m.** musical story hour w/ singing and instruments performed by Mr. Heaton

Crafternoons - Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

MCBA Book Club - 1st Wednesday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - February 1st, *Roll With It* by Jamie Sumner

Consult the library's website for full details on all North End Library programming at <https://www.bpl.org/locations/31/>

Remember, the library only thrives with your support!

— January is Membership Month —

The Friends of the North End Branch Library organization supports the library with programs, sponsorships, furniture, and occasional goodies!

YOU support the Friends with your membership.

After the COVID hiatus, the library is back open, the Friends are back in action, and we need your dues to finance our activities.

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OUR POLICY: To help preserve the ideals and sacred traditions of this our adopted country the United States of America: To revere its laws and inspire others to respect and obey them: To strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty: In all ways to aid in making this country greater and better than we found it.

Remembering My Mom Anna DiBenedetto

November 15, 1929 - December 26, 2022

by Tony DiBenedetto

Anna passed away on December 26, 2022 at the age of 93. Anna was a lifelong North Ender. My mother was a woman who was always so good to so many. As a mother, she was devoted to her husband, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. May God take you into his everlasting arms and give you all the rewards you so deserve.



*From your children
we will love you for forever and a day.*

Nicholas "Nicky" M. Romano

July 31, 1937 – December 28, 2022

Nicholas "Nicky" M. Romano of Saugus and the North End passed away on December 28, 2022 surrounded by his loving family.

Owner of Romano Florist on Hanover St. Loving son of the late Ernest and Rose (Sirignano) Romano. Beloved husband of the late Geraldine E. (DiNunzio) Romano.



Loving father of David Romano and his wife Carolyn of Naples, FL, Nichlas "Brock" Romano and his wife Doreen of Westborough, Christopher Romano and longtime partner Connie of Wakefield and Richard Romano of Saugus. Cherished grandfather of Alison, Nicholas, Katrina, Nichlas, Alexandra, Jacqueline, Victoria, Olivia, Jessica, Kyanna, Stephanie, Rachael and Jenny; great-grandfather of Levi, Sophia, Rhett, Nico, William, Nicky, Wes and Charlie. Dear brother of Florence Dolan, Angie Benvenuto and Lena Romano all of the North End.

Funeral was on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 followed by a Mass of Christian Burial interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Donations may be made in Nicky's name to: St. Leonard Church 150th Anniversary Fund, 320 Hanover St., Boston, MA 02113.

Nazzaro Center Holds School Vacation Week Activities



Nazzaro Center Board of Directors along with the BCYF Nazzaro Center staff held several days of activities during school vacation week to keep local youth and teens busy.

Activities were led by Patricia Romano and assisted by Nazzaro Center Teen Youth Workers. Activities included Leather Crafts, Fun with Clay, and Game Days.

The Center also began an eight-week Yoga Class for seniors. The class will be held every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the Center. For more information, please call the Center at 617-635-5166.

The Board and BCYF staff are planning more activities for the February school vacation as well. Look for details coming in the next few weeks.

Photos below and attached are of several of the activities and events held at the Nazzaro Center during vacation week including the new Senior Yoga Class.



L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Which Witch?: The Meaning of *La Befana*

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



If we were only to take a quick glance around us, the Christmas season appears to basically have finished. Scraggly trees stand forlornly next to dumpsters and dusty ornaments once again occupy shelf space in the closet. Dwindling leftovers and stale cookie crumbs speak of the great holiday feasts the previous week. However, according to both religious and folkloric calendars, we are still in the midst of the Christmas season! Christmas lasts for twelve days, up until January 6th, which is the feast of the Epiphany. In Italy, the Epiphany, or *la Epifania*, is a significant holiday with traditions that equal those of Christmas Eve. An ancient feast day, the Epiphany honors the visit of the Three Magi to Baby Jesus. On the eve of this holiday, Italian children excitedly head to sleep, knowing that in the morning they will find their stockings full of presents from *La Befana*, Italy's premiere gift-bringer. Along with the arrival of *La Befana*, the Epiphany also ushers in the Carnival season, a joyous time of mischief which paves the way for spring. With its appealing imagery of magical witches and playful silliness, the Italian Epiphany bursts with unique and fascinating customs.

Nowadays, Italian children receive presents on Christmas from *Babbo Natale*, or Santa Claus. However, *La Befana* has still retained her status as Italy's most famous folk figure and favorite gift-bringer. Who exactly, then, is this mysterious character? *La Befana*, whose name derives from a corruption of the word "Epifania," is a fairy-like witch who, like her male counterpart, drops presents in the stockings of good children

while leaving behind coal for the naughty. She is typically depicted as an old woman in ragged clothes mounted on a broomstick. A well-known legend explains *La Befana's* connection to the Biblical story of the Epiphany. According to this folktale, *La Befana* was sweeping her house when the Three Magi approached her, inviting her to accompany them on their way to find Baby Jesus. *La Befana* initially declined, saying she was too busy with her cleaning. However, she later changed her mind and hopped on her broomstick, flying through the sky in an effort to find the Magi. Unfortunately, she was never able to locate them, and still soars through the air with her broom to this day, depositing presents for children as she continues to search for Baby Jesus and the Magi. When I was a little girl, I was frightened of *La Befana*, whose stern and haggard countenance formed a sharp divide to the jolly and merry-faced Santa Claus. My apprehension was amplified by the haunting traditional melody my grandmother sang, which intoned: "*La Befana vien di notte/Con le scarpe tutte rotte/Col vestito a la Romana/Viva, viva La Befana!*" (Translation: "La Befana comes at night/With her shoes all broken/Dressed in the Roman style/Long live La Befana!"). However, I now love *La Befana* for her powerful symbolism of feminine strength and her unique sense of magic. Many scholars believe that the figure of *La Befana* originated from old folk goddesses who oversaw the transition from winter to spring, which intensifies her cultural significance.

As a matter of fact, the Epiphany as a whole functions

as a threshold to the arrival of spring. The winter solstice has already passed, and the hours of sunlight slowly lengthen. The sapphire-blue skies and golden sunsets of these mid-winter evenings instill in me an excitement over the turning of the yearly cycle. Though we can of course expect more months of snow and cold, the promise of spring now unfolds quietly before us. The Epiphany ends the Christmas season, as is evident in an Italian dictum which proclaims: "*La Epifania tutte le feste le porta via*" ("The Epiphany sweeps all the feasts away"). However, the Epiphany does introduce another season, that of Carnival. Carnival, the precursor to Lent and Easter, extends from the Epiphany to Mardi Gras, or the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. As such, Carnival serves as a spring festival, a herald to the still far-off feast of Easter. All over the world, people bake King Cakes on Twelfth Night, or the eve of the Epiphany. King Cakes are breads made specifically for the Epiphany and Carnival season, with variations differing worldwide. In France, King Cakes contain a flaky crust and an almond frangipane filling. Spanish King Cakes are adorned with candied fruit. Louisiana-style King Cakes are ring-shaped, with a cinnamon-sugar swirl inside and a colorful topping. I make this kind of King Cake every Twelfth Night, decorating it with the traditional Carnival colors of green, purple, and yellow. I follow the folk custom of hiding a chickpea inside the cake—whoever finds it will receive good luck in the coming year! With such a cheerful dessert promising good times ahead, the revelry of Carnival can officially begin!

Though the Twelve Days of Christmas are nearing their close, the celebrations do not have to end. The Epiphany provides us with ample ways to bring more festivity into our lives. We honor the arrival of *La Befana*, the magical witch who fills children's stockings with presents under the cover of night, who symbolizes the ancient strength and power of women while also ushering the change of the seasons. We can celebrate Carnival, that long welcome to spring that fills our days with color and laughter. As the Christmas season yields its way to the bright new days of January, we should always maintain our childlike wonder and our love for the magic and mysteries of Mother Earth inside us. So let us get ready for *La Befana*, for she lights our path to a joyful season of hope and promise!

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.



MassDOT at it Again With Street "Makeovers"

The Mass Department of Transportation is at it again with bringing its plan to remake the Revere portion of Bennington Street between Beachmont and Suffolk Downs and Bennington Blue Line stations in its ongoing push crafting a statewide bicycle path network to protect and encourage more folks to bike it everywhere they can. MassDOT says it would reduce carbon emissions, TRAFFIC and promote public health. This state agency has been visiting cities and towns explaining how good these new project designs will enhance our quality of life.

I capitalize TRAFFIC because this is what Massport and the woke climate fanatics want to address. How to get more people out of their cars and onto bikes or public transportation. Is this really about street safety improvements or just the latest scam from those who want to eliminate all fossil fueled vehicles.

Bennington Street by Belle Isle Marsh may indeed slow down traffic but I don't believe speed is the real rationale behind things. The real reason I believe is to slowly make driving so inconvenient that motorists will gladly give up their fossil-fuel vehicles OR, more likely, it will chase people away from

these benevolent makeovers for our own good.

How does driving slower on skinnier roads reduce carbon emissions? Also, what happens when more motorists move over to Route 16 or 1A? You can bet this idea will have more than a few unintended consequences.

Oh, by the way, what happens on Bennington Street going southward toward Boston? Will folks at Boston City Hall like those at MassDot pick up the idea to shrink Bennington Street from Orient Heights down to Day Square and 1A to the Williams and Sumner tunnels?

Eventually, the future of Bennington Street could be one long parking lot in the am and pm rush hours. Now is the time for folks in Revere and East Boston to pay close attention because making over our roads and reimagining the future won't necessarily be done with our best interests at heart. I stopped believing in the tooth fairy a very long time ago. Question everything they throw at us. Make them prove things to us. Who knows what disinformation looks like anymore?

Time for our elected officials to stand up for us. It is really getting harder for any of us to take anything at face value anymore, isn't it?



Please join us as we commence the
year-long celebration of

*The 150th Anniversary of
St. Leonard's Church*

and rejoice in the investiture of

*Father Michael Della Penna O.F.M.
as Pastor*

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Twelve o'clock Mass

St. Leonard's Church

- with Cardinal Seán O'Malley OFM Cap. -

refreshments to follow in St. Joseph's Hall

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TOWNIE SANTA

Celebrates its 40th Anniversary

by Sal Giarratani



(L-R): Jim Tucker and Bob Harty on the way out of the Knights carrying out bagged items and dinners for home deliveries.

(Photos by Sal Giarratani)



Ethan Marshall, (4), at his first Townie Santa event waiting for a door to open making someone very happy for Christmas.

(Photo by Brienne Marshall)

Forty years ago, a new town tradition was born thanks to a handful of supporters who felt that the true meaning of Christmas is giving back to others who might be in need of some joyful reminder that they are not forgotten and that Charlestown always sticks together.

Many folks made Townie Santa what it has become today. One of those community people was Gloria Conway who along with her husband Jim published the weekly *Charlestown Patriot* back before the internet

when newspapers were still king. There were many others too like Cookie Giordano, Arthur Crotty and so many more. I was there in the basement of the Mary Colbert Apartments in the old Harvard School packing lots of items into a large Moses basket. After we left with the



(L-R): Paul Sullivan, Jamie Chambers, and Kim Mahoney

baskets, we headed up Bunker Hill Street to the Scalli home where Bob and his family were preparing the meals for each basket. I still remember going inside and the place looked like a restaurant kitchen. This was after all a team effort and the team was Charlestown.

The very first Town Santa deliveries began early on the morning of December 24th. A hardy bunch of volunteers showed up and I recollect 80 or so baskets were handed out that very first morning when Townie Santa was conceived.

I was one of the young guys back then and I looked around at all those who came to help. Folks of all ages were there to pitch in. I can still remember the look on people's faces when I showed up at their doors. You could see how much they appreciated the help we were giving them. I especially enjoyed my deliveries when it involved the elderly who were so happy being remembered for Christmas. Hopefully, it brought back memories of their younger days and this holiday. I

know it brought back memories for me.

Town Santa did disappear for a number of years but it came back and on Sunday, December 18th, I found myself up at the Knights on Medford Street. Inside the hall were so many volunteers from newer generations of Townies who continue to build on what older generations started. So many more volunteers and sadly still so many folks in need of this Townie Santa gift to them.

A big shout out goes to Kim Mahoney from both the Bunker Hill Associates and the Warren Tavern for making the return of Townie Santa possible. She is a force to be reckoned with. If she believes in something, that something just seems to happen. She puts her heart, soul and strength into whatever she does. Also to be thanked is Paul Sullivan. Others include Tommy Cuhna, he was one of the younger guys back in the 1980s like me and he was there this past Sunday celebrating the 40th anniversary too. If I forgot to mention anyone, you know who you are and know that what we have all been doing this long now is still very much a good thing.

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Take Yourself Down to See Take Me Down

by Sal Giarratani



TAKE ME DOWN on stage and ready to play

Several years ago, one of my favorite club bands was Beawolfe, a neat Classic Rock '60s and '70s band out of East Boston. Eventually, all good things come to an end, and the band was disbanded due to age issues among members. Their sound went silent and immediately was missed by its many fans over the years.

Back in early 2022, I heard from Dominic Petrosino, founder of Beawolfe, and he informed me there's a new band in town by the name of Take Me Down. Dominic the electrifying guitarist is back with this new band he formed. It is part Beawolfe and part '80s

rock too, or so I am told. You can get on down with this new band's sound. It will be playing this SATURDAY, January 7th at the Pickled Onion in Beverly located at 335 Rantoul Street from 6:00 until 9:30 p.m. The next show will be on January 14th (Saturday) at The Grecian Diner at 136 Newbury Street in Peabody from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. Both places have great food and drink and are happening places for music lovers.

Dominic is looking to see a big crowd at both upcoming shows as we all welcome another great year of music. The beat goes on as they say.

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Special NEWRA Meeting on OUTDOOR DINING THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH 6:00 - 8:00 PM NAZZARO CENTER 30 N BENNET ST. BOSTON, MA

NEWRA will host a special meeting for the neighborhood on Thursday, January 12th to discuss with city agencies and elected officials the impacts the outdoor dining program is having on the community. The City of Boston Outdoor Dining team will attend. Updates to follow with elected officials and other agencies planning to attend.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
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Public Notification Plan**

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority has prepared and submitted a Final Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Public Notification Plan to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). Any interested party can view the plan at the following website: https://www.mwra.com/harbor/html/cso_sso_reporting.htm.

Written comments can be submitted until February 24, 2023. This is a period of 30 days after the date of publication in the *Environmental Monitor*.

Submit written comments to MassDEP by email (preferred) to massdep.sewagenotification@mass.gov or by mail to 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114. Submit written comments to Massachusetts Water Resources Authority by email to Web.Enquad@mwra.com.

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L'Ente delle Risorse Idriche del Massachusetts (MWRA) ha preparato e presentato un Programma finale di Notifica pubblica dello scarico fognario combinato (CSO) al Dipartimento di Protezione Ambientale del Massachusetts (MassDEP). Chiunque sia interessato può prendere visione del programma sul seguente sito web: https://www.mwra.com/harbor/html/cso_sso_reporting.htm.

Eventuali commenti scritti possono essere inviati fino al 24 febbraio 2023. Questo è il periodo di decorrenza di 30 giorni dopo la data di pubblicazione sul *Environmental Monitor*.

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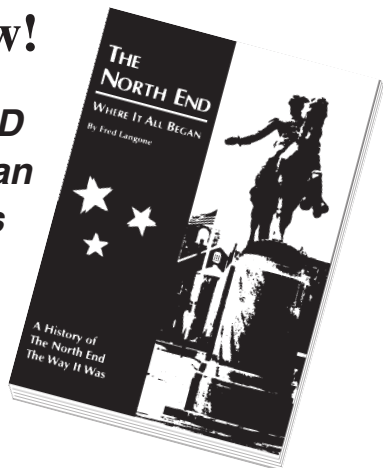
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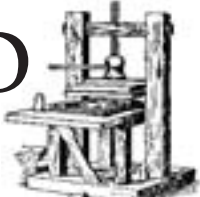


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• **ABCD** (Continued from Page 1)

The ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) celebrated the December holidays with its first holiday gathering since 2019. The center was decked out with a towering tree and festive decorations. Refreshments included sandwiches, a green salad, and hot coffee. The office of State Senator Lydia Edwards donated Stop & Shop gift cards, brought by Benjamin Tayag, District Director. State Representative

Aaron Michlewitz arrived bearing gigantic creamy cupcakes from Mike's Pastry and City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta served Italian cookies from Parziale's Bakery. All made the round to visit with their neighborhood constituents.

Other community donations made it possible for each party guest to receive a supermarket gift card. Acting Director Julia Power raffled sets of toasty hats and gloves collected by the Friends of Armenian Heritage

Park, with donations from The New Armenian Club and Teenz 4 Good. *Happy Holidays from all of us at ABCD and wishing you health, joy, peace, and prosperity in 2023!*



(L-R): State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Acting Director ABCD NE/WE NSC Julia Power, and Benjamin Tayag, District Director, Office of State Senator Lydia Edwards



Victor Brogna, ABCD North End/West End NSC Advisory Board Member, playing cheerful holiday music



Legislative Aide Patrick Lyons from Representative Aaron Michlewitz's Office and Johannah Malone, Fundraising Specialist, with cupcake donations for seniors



Generous donation of cozy hats and gloves sets from Friends of Armenian Heritage Park



Reunited at Last! Julia Power, Acting Director, hugs a West End client



Long-term volunteer Susan serving coffee on a chilly December day to accompany the holiday treats brought by State Representative Aaron Michlewitz and City Councilor Gabriela Coletta



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Saint Comgall of Bangor

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Comgall was born sometime between 510 and 520 in Dál nAraidi in Ulster according to the Irish annals near the place now known as Magheramorne in present-day County Antrim. Comgall's father was Setna, a Pictish warrior; his mother's name was Briga.

He served as a soldier, and then studied with Saint Finnian of Moville. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Lugaid before the age of forty.

Comgall and several companions lived for a time on an island in Lough Erne in county Ulster, where they observed a very strict ascetical life. He intended to go to Britain, but was dissuaded from this step by Lugaid, bishop who ordained him, at whose advice he remained in Ireland and set himself to spread the monastic life throughout the country. Comgall established a monastery at Bangor (Bennchor) on the southern shore of Belfast Loch (in modern County Down). The monastery was founded sometime between 552-555.

It is believed that over four thousand monks were trained by Saint Comgall at Bangor, including Saint Columbanus of Luxeuil and Saint Moluag. Saint Comgall often prayed while standing in the water for several



hours. Sometimes at night his cell was ablaze with a heavenly radiance.

It is believed that there was a remarkably close connection between Comgall and Columba though there does not appear to be sufficient authority for stating that Comgall was the disciple of Columba. He is said to have been the friend of St. Brendan, St. Cormac, St. Cainnech, and Finbarr of Movilla. After intense suffering he received the Eucharist from St. Fiakra and passed away in the monastery at Bangor in the year 602. The feast of Saint Comgall is May 10th.

World Cuisine

ACROSS

1. *Like popular Pad
5. Limit
8. Boozehound
11. Bring home the bacon
12. *Combine cuisines
13. Door holder
15. Between ports
16. *America's favorite cookie, according to some
17. Driver's 180
18. *Like poke bowl
20. Magician, in the olden days
21. Type of wrench
22. Campaigner, for short
23. Traditional sock pattern
26. *Southeast Asian spiky fruit, pl. ____-di-dah
31. Unequivocally detestable
34. Same as ayah
35. "That is," Latin
37. Urge Spot to attack
38. Chilled (2 words)
39. Observation point's attraction
40. *Soft and soft type of tofu
42. Ship pronoun
43. Thrusts out or causes to protrude
45. One way to steal gas
47. Without professional help, acr.
48. Energy to motion converter
50. H.S. math class
52. *Wasabi is popular in this cuisine
55. *Type of soda bread
56. g in 10 g
57. Francis Coppola's middle name
59. End of tunnel
60. Casanova, e.g.
61. In the thick of
62. Saturn's wife
63. Human limb
64. *Russian borscht vegetable

DOWN

1. *Brew from China, originally
2. *American ____ browns
3. Acreage
4. Sort of (3 words)
5. Marie or Pierre, physicists
6. Southeast Asia org.
7. Lowly laborer
8. Like a bug in a rug
9. Princess Fiona, by night
10. Square root of 100
12. Thwarted
13. SNL's forté
14. *Nationality that gave us gelato
19. Administer
22. Wound fluid
23. Not dead
24. Radices, sing.
25. *Clarified butter of Indian origin, pl.
26. *Peking fowl
27. Mennonite's cousin
28. Jack Black's Libre
29. Martin of "Apocalypse Now"
32. Terrorist org.
33. Fat of olives
36. *Like certain meatballs
38. Tear-jerker
40. Hog heaven
41. Posthumous type of tax
44. Like 90 degree angle
46. Reassembled dwelling
48. Feudal dwelling
49. Poppy tears
50. Acid "journey"
51. Semis
52. France/Switzerland border mountain range
53. Not all
54. Canal in a song
55. U.N. workers' grp.
58. Banned insecticide, acr.

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Also Known As
DAVID F. MEYER, SR.
Date of Death: August 07, 2022**

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Felicia Hernandez of Boston, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Felicia Hernandez of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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**Estate of
THOMAS DANIEL POTTER
Date of Death: February 20, 2022**

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Kathleen A. Potter of North Reading, MA**.

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**TEMPTATIONS 60 (CD)****UMe**

The Temptations deliver their new album titled, *Temptations 60*, as they commemorate their 60th Anniversary, consisting of nearly all-original songs that are both modern and classic in feel and sound. As The Temptations have done throughout their career, their latest album balances love songs with topical tracks, showcasing their enduring strength across the generations. The harmony-infused ballad, "Calling Out Your Name" and the up-tempo tracks "You Don't Know Your Woman" and "How Do You Spell Love." An updated version of "Come On," is a song that had been the first recording by Otis Williams & the Distant, a precursor to The Temptations, in 1959. The first single released from the album, "Is It Gonna Be Yes Or No," is written and produced by and features Motown superstar Smokey Robinson. Two brand-new songs produced by Narada Michael Walden include the biographical beauty, "When We Were Kings," which sums up The Temptations legacy to this point, and "Breaking My Back." Longtime Temptation's leading vocalist and songwriter Ron Tyson, and Thomas "TC" Campbell produced two tracks, including "Time For The People," a powerful statement addressing modern issues, and the island-flavored love song, "I Want It Right Now." Dave Darling brought to the album a stunning cover of the Vintage Trouble song, "My Whole World Stopped Without You." Reflecting the rich musical influences of the third decade of the 21st Century, the album opens with a uniquely contemporary track "Let it Reign," featuring Queens New York, Hip Hop artist K. Sparks.

JIMMY CLIFF - REFUGEES (CD)**UMe**

One of the most important reggae artists of all-time, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee, and Grammy Award-winning icon Jimmy Cliff made his long-awaited return with a new album, containing the single titled "Refugees" featuring Wyclef Jean. This international anthem paves the way for his first album in over a decade, *Refugees* captures the spirit of Cliff's most classic output with a neo-soul hip-hop twist courtesy of the legendary Fugees co-founder Wyclef Jean. It also continues the creative and spiritual connection between these two mavericks as Wyclef famously inducted Cliff into the Roll Hall of Fame in 2010. Wyclef commented, "For me, coming to America wasn't easy when I first got here. Having family members who suffered political torment, it wasn't easy for us. When I say 'Fugees,' 'Fugees' is short for 'Refugees.' I was always like, 'If I could penetrate a message, it would be that,' and who inspires that? Jimmy Cliff is one of my biggest inspirations ever, and he has always stayed on message when it comes to peace, love, and unity. The collaboration with this record is just what we are, talking for the forgotten.

In an era where love is needed, I don't think anybody can convey that better than the king." Among the thirteen tracks, he notably collaborates with his daughter Lilty Cliff on the emotional "Racism." Cliff celebrated his 78th birthday July 30th.

MEREDITH WILLSON'S THE MUSIC MAN (2CD)**MM Recordings**

Tony, Emmy and Grammy Award winner Hugh Jackman and Tony Award winner Sutton Foster lead an all-star cast in the Broadway revival of Meredith Willson's *The Music Man*. Often cited as the quintessential American musical, the story centers around a traveling salesman/conman and a prudish spinster librarian, who together find that love and acceptance transcends people's differences. Set in the fictional city of River City, Iowa, the musical's most famous number is the rousing "Seventy-Six Trombones." *The Music Man*, which features a book, music, and lyrics by Meredith Willson, tells the story of what happens when con Artist Harold Hill arrives in River City and falls in love with the straight-laced librarian, Marian. The work first opened on Broadway in 1957 at the Majestic Theatre. A 2000 revival played the Neil Simon Theatre. Jerry Zaks directs the new production of the musical, which also features vocal and dance arrangements by David Chase. A total of 30 rousing tracks on two fully packed discs!

FRED HERSCH & esperanza spalding - ALIVE AT THE VILLAGE VANGUARD (CD)**Palmetto Records**

Pianist/composer, Fred Hersch and vocalist/bassist/songwriter esperanza spalding can both be counted among the most acclaimed and inventive artists in modern jazz, and the Village Vanguard is the music's most revered venue. Put the two together and you have magic with this collaboration for listeners to enjoy. Saturate your ears by digesting the amazing chemistry between these two. Taking the stage with no set arrangements and only a vague sense of the repertoire they'll explore, the dauntless pair delight in playing without a safety net. Jazz gems include, The Gershwin's "But Not For Me," followed by Hersch's creation "Dream of Monk," the latter a staple of the duo's sets forever, plus a playful update on the Charlie Parker calypso "Little Suede Shoes," and hit the halfway mark via Neil Hefti and Bobby Troup's chauvinistic ditty "Girl Talk." Second half happenings include, Hersch's interpretation of Monk's "Evidence," a tasty take of a Sammy Cahn/Jule Styne song "Some Other Time," trailing with spalding's unconventional scatting on Egberto Gismonti's "Loro." and bringing a much too quick ending to an awesome album with one of Hersch's best-known compositions titled, "A Wish (Valentine)," chock full with magnificent lyrics by Norma Winstone.

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

A FEW**CHRISTMAS LEFTOVERS**

Last week while driving around in my fossil-fueled Nissan, I was listening to 100.7 Classic Rock and I heard a couple of good Christmas Classic Rock songs. First, it was one of my favorite John Lennon's tunes, "So, This is Christmas." The other song was more heavy metal by Twisted Sisters called "Happy Metal Christmas."

I must say I love WZLX 100.7, especially in the afternoons driving home to Kenny Nolan's 100.7 minutes of commercial-free classic rock. Of course if you wanna hear Christmas songs by Gene Autry or Dean Martin, you could do what I did by listening to Uncle Tony's Italian Music Hour with Benny Rabi on WMEX 1510 am. All the old standards are there.

I like to mix up my Christmas music with a little of everything except for Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas" which I think might have been part of water boarding at Gitmo.

GOOD QUESTION?

Question: What do you call an angry carrot?

Answer: A steamed veggie.

ANYONE REMEMBER ACTOR EDWARD ANDREWS?

Growing up in the '50s and '60s, Edward Andrews was a popular actor on stage, screen and television. He was in lots of movies playing good guys and bad guys too. He was always better at playing bad guys though. He was a longtime actor on stage, screen and television between the late '30s until he passed in 1985.

I recently watched *Twilight Zone*, Episode 134, "You Drive" where Andrews is playing the character Oliver Pope who accidentally strikes a kid on a bike then flees the scene. He tries and pretends nothing happens but his car has more of a conscience than he does and seeks justice for the young boy who dies after getting struck by the car. The car won't let up and at one point starts running after him while he's walking down a street. In the end, the character played by Andrews just surrenders to his car's conscience. The last scene in this episode is him riding in the passenger seat while the 1955 Ford Victoria sedan drives him straight to the police station. They don't make actors like Edward Andrews anymore. One final note: the last acting job for him was a role in the 1984 movie, *Gremlins* He passed away a few months later at 70.

TAWAKAL CAFE STILL OPEN

I stand corrected, a few weeks ago, I inaccurately wrote that this great Zamolan restaurant owned and operated by my friend Yahya Noor had ceased operations. I was **WRONG**; this great place to eat is still serving great food. Stop by for a great meal, you won't regret it. It is located down by the back gate to Logan on 389 Maverick Street. For more information

go to tawakalhalalcafe.com. Or if you are out there looking for work and like the restaurant business, reach out to Yahya at tawakalhalalcafe@gmail.com.

FUNNY HOW? JANUARY 14TH

Don't forget, "Funny How?" starring Eric D'Alessandro and Vic DeBittello will be coming to the Chevalier Theatre in Medford on January 14th. Tickets available at chevaliertheatre.com or call 781-391-7469. These two comics are insanely hilarious.

The Chevalier Theatre is a great venue for any kind of show. It is both intimate and spacious with 1,900 seats. The last time I was inside the place, I was an extra in a Hollywood movie set in Upper State New York in a town that resembled Medford. I remembered the day of the shoot it was pretty warm but the movie was set in wintertime and so we all were sweating in heavy winter coats with fake snow all over the street surrounding the movie house and fake snow falling all over the place being blown around by big fans.

Been there a few times since and it is a great place to watch any kind of show whether musical or comedy. Check out their upcoming schedule of events too.

IS TODAY THE DAY?

Here we are entering yet another year in our life's journey. For most of us, there is far more history behind our lives, then lies ahead of us. We could get pretty pessimistic about it or we could just plug ahead in the life we live. Alas, life can speed past us but it is up to us to navigate the road we ride. Oh, and have a lot of fun along the way.

I welcome 2023 and await the challenges it brings me. We should all do the same thing. I have survived yet another calendar year like so many before it. I miss the people no longer with me in this life but I can also welcome all the new people I may end up meeting this coming year. Life is a journey, use it well.

Is today the day? Isn't every day the day? Think positive and it will make the ride we're all on that much more fun. My Ma had a saying that was really so Irish. She told me not to worry about dying because it only gets in the way of living.

IS TODAY THAT DAY?

I drive through Uphams Corner in Dorchester a lot. My Uncle Nealy lived in this neighborhood for many years. He died in his place on nearby Stoughton Street in 1979. Well, last Sunday while driving along Columbia Road, I passed a large billboard on the side of a building which read: "Are you preparing to meet Jesus?" posted by some religious group.

I gazed at it while in moving traffic and thought, is anyone really prepared to meet Jesus? I know I'm not and that probably goes for everyone out there

reading this right now. Like everyone says, I want to go to heaven but not today, right?

This billboard is an eye catcher for sure. Around this time of the year with Christmas still in mind, I think while we really can't prepare enough for what's even up the road in Kane Square, we can certainly live good honest lives. That's about it and the rest is trusting in God's mercy.

SOLID GOLD HITS

Yesterday while listening to Benny Rabi on WMEX, Ben played the Everly Brothers singing "(Til) I Kissed You" and it felt like 1959 all over again. I loved that song and the duo's hairdos. Every time I turned around back then my parents were taking my brother and me for haircuts. I hated crew cuts and, worse, the dreaded wiffle. I always liked the hair on my head. My dad always had some great hair, chestnut brown. Eventually, I got to pick my haircuts and I gave up too short hair.

Back in grade school, the nuns at St. Rita's School never let boys come to school sporting D.A. haircuts. If you're a baby boomer like me, you remember why. The D stood for duck and the A was the beginning of an A word followed by two (s) that nuns would never allow in the classroom.

By the time the '60s rolled around my hair was longer and I used Vaseline to tame it down. I could have been in a hurricane and not one strand of hair would move. Eventually long hair came into vogue and we started using less and less Vaseline.

Fifties Rock and Roll turned into the Sixties. The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, & The British Invasion.

Back then, I listened to Arnie "Woo Woo" Ginsburg on WMEX. Today, it's the same WMEX with Benny Rabi now. The more things change, the more they stay the same.

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Estate of

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Seth P. Low of Marshfield, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



I've mentioned a few times that I was a musician before becoming anything else in my young life. By the time I was in my late teens, I had been working at the Seville Theater for about six years but needed more money to continue with a college education. Work for free lance musicians was plentiful during the Christmas season, but after the first of the new year, it slowed dramatically. Just about the time it would start to pick up again, Lent would arrive, and then it really slowed down. Thankfully, Dad and my uncles had day jobs and didn't have to worry about putting food on the table, but full time musicians sometimes had problems. The exceptions were the players in the Boston Symphony and the Boston Pops, chamber groups, those on the road with what was left of the big bands and musicians who played the clubs in and around Boston.

My first steady job under my professional name began early in 1959. I had a trio consisting of piano, bass and drums. We played dance music from the Great American Songbook and jazz and were hired to play at a local bar (I won't mention the name) located near the Union Oyster House. The reason I didn't mention the name is that the place was so bad, the local rats were too proud to go in. They had sawdust on the floor and an out-of-tune upright piano in the corner. Beers were fifteen cents and the most provocative hard drink was a boiler maker. We played Friday and Saturday nights but it was blood money and I hated working there.

Toward the end of our booking, I got a call to audition for the lounge at the Charter House Hotel. The Charter House was located on the water's edge where Revere Beach and the Lynn Road come together. When we auditioned, the manager hated our music. A well-dressed-couple was sitting at a table in the lounge as the manager made comments on his dislikes. The couple interrupted him and asked if we knew a tune called Joey, Joey. I said yes and my pianist sang it as we played it. The manager got up to leave and was stopped by the couple who then said, you're hired. The manager turned purple until the male of the couple said, "He's the manager of the hotel, but I'm the owner ... you're hired. The woman then added, "We have a son named Joey. He's challenged but loves the song Joey, Joey. Thank you."

I told the couple that, as a courtesy, I would have to give a two week notice to the owner of the place we were now playing at. Coincidentally, when we got there that Friday night, we were given a two week notice. (Thank God)

As opening night approached, I let all of my friends know about the new job. Babbononno insisted on going but he didn't drive, nor did Mom. Dad was

working so Uncle Gino and Aunt Ninna picked up my mother and Grandfather and then headed to our opening night. Surprisingly, many of my friends also showed up that first night, and the place was packed. As time went on we attracted a new crowd that enjoyed our music and I was happy. I was also happy that I didn't have to deal with the manager who hated us. On my way home after that opening night, I began thinking about the musicians who had only music to rely on for a living. They were the free lance musicians who played the dances, private parties, weddings, Christenings, bar mitzvahs and other one nighters that were available before the DJs took over some of the business and made work even more scarce. As time went on, many of those musicians had to opt for day jobs to survive. When I spoke to Dad and Babbononno about my observations, they both said the same thing. I had my teaching profession during the day and music was a sideline which afforded me some of the luxuries in life. Later, it also allowed me to pay for several graduate degrees without having to borrow money.

That job lasted for about a year and a half. The couple that owned the hotel sold it and the new owners and management changed the entertainment format and brought in a top forty rock band to attract a younger crowd. As a result, we were out.

For the next year or so, the pianist took over getting us booked and we played many of the lounges and night clubs that dotted Route 1 in Revere, Saugus and Peabody. Part way through those club engagements, the drummer announced he was getting married and wanted to quit playing. A new drummer didn't work out and then another complication set in, the pianist began having marital problems and the trio fell apart. I next made some contacts in New York City and began working there on weekends but that too, was short lived. Many of the clubs I played in closed due to lack of business only to reopen as rock and roll clubs.

As luck would have it, once I decided on ruling out playing in New York any longer, I got a call from the manager of Piety Corner Gardens in Waltham. This facility had a function room, a men's bar, a dining room and a nightclub. From Wednesday through Saturday, they had entertainment in the nightclub and needed a band to play for dancing and cut the shows. I put together another trio and we got the job. We were well received by everyone. On opening night, Dad wasn't working and when I looked down from the stage during our second set, there was Dad, Mom and Babbononno sitting at a front table. Later, in came Uncle Nick and Aunt Dorothy. It was a family affair.

After a month on the job, my pianist showed up one Friday night with flu symptoms. An hour later he was too sick to play, and during a break, I began making phone calls trying to get a last minute replacement. I finally got someone who arrived fifteen minutes later than when we were supposed to return to the stage. Later that night, the manager chewed me out, screamed obscenities at my musicians and fired the band. Knowing that Uncle Nick was the president of the union at that time and was friends with the club owner, I figured I would let him handle things through union channels.

The following week, I received a call from the club owner who asked me to return. I told him I wasn't interested due to the fact that I would not work for the manager he had running the place. His comment was, "Sorry to say, that man is my nephew. I fired him yesterday, and if you decide to return, you will answer to me, only. We began again that Wednesday night and stayed there for two years.

What ended the engagement was tragic situation. The owner went home early one weekend night and left his son to lock up. On his way home, the son fell asleep at the wheel and was killed. The owner was never the same and the place soon closed its doors. One door closes, another opens. I had been knocking on doors in Hollywood and they were calling back ... a story for another day.

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Docket No. MI22P4496GD

**NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of
Guardian of a Minor**

In the interests of
KADYN J. BISCEGLIA
of Littleton, MA
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 08/30/2022 by Donna B. Duffy of Gardner, MA will be held 02/01/2023 08:30 AM Review Hearing
Located 370 Jackson Street, Lowell, MA 01852 Courtroom 14

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: November 01, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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by
**Marianna
Bisignano**

On New Year's Day, it is customary in Italy to eat *Cotechino* with Lentils. The Italians believe the lentils represent good fortune, and the pork signifies prosperity and wealth. Therefore, anyone indulging in this concoction should be destined to prosper in the New Year!

In the hopes of a better year ahead, my family honored this tradition and each New Year's Day, "Lentil Soup" and homemade Italian bread was served. To welcome the New Year with hopes for health and good cheer, I am sharing my favorite "Lentil Soup" recipe. In place of the spicy pork sausage or *Cotechino*, I use pancetta. However, feel free to add the sausage if you wish! *From my home to yours, Auguri di Buon Anno ...*

LENTIL SOUP *Zuppa di Lenticchie*



- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 4 ounces pancetta, chopped
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 3 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 3 celery stalks, chopped
- 1 (14 1/2-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
- 1-pound lentils, soaked and washed
- 12 cups chicken stock/broth
- 1 cup uncooked ditallini pasta
- 1 cup shredded parmigiano reggiano cheese
- salt and pepper

In a large stockpot, heat oil over medium heat, then add the pancetta, onions and garlic. Cook for 6 to 8 minutes. Add the carrots and celery and continue to cook, until tender. Lower the heat to a simmer, add the tomatoes and cook, stirring occasionally, for about 10 minutes. Add the lentils and broth, mix well. Raise the heat and allow the mixture to come to a boil. Immediately lower the heat to a simmer, cover and cook for about a half hour or until lentils are cooked. Add the uncooked pasta and simmer until al dente. Season with salt and pepper. Ladle the soup into bowls, sprinkle with grated cheese and serve!

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



Ieri e Oggi

Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari



ELLIS ISLAND - "Ieri"-The 27.5-acre island located in New York harbor now known as Ellis Island was once known as Kioshk to the Mohegans Native Americans, in reference to the population of seagulls that made it their home.

In 1630, the Dutch bought Kioshk as a gift for Michael Reyniersz Pauw, who had helped found New Netherland. When the Dutch settled the area as part of New Netherland, the three islands in Upper New York Bay — Liberty, Black Tom, and Ellis Islands — were given the name Oyster Islands, alluding to the large oyster population nearby. The present-day Ellis Island was thus called "Little Oyster Island" a name that persisted through at least the early 1700s. Little Oyster Island was then sold to Captain William Dyre in 1674, then to Thomas Lloyd on April 23, 1686. The island was then sold several more times.

By the 1760s, Little Oyster Island became a public execution site for pirates. Little Oyster Island was acquired by Samuel Ellis, a colonial New Yorker and merchant possibly from Wales.

Samuel Ryerson, one of Samuel Ellis's grandsons, deeded the island to John A. Berry in 1806. The remaining portion of the island was acquired by the federal government. Through the 1870s, the Navy built additional buildings for its artillery magazine on Ellis Island, eventually constructing eleven buildings in total.

The Individual states rather than the federal government regulated immigration into the United States at that time. Castle Garden, located in the Battery of Manhattan, served as the New York State immigration station from 1855 to 1890, approximately eight million immigrants passed through its doors mostly from Northern Europe.

On April 11, 1890, the federal government ordered the artillery magazine at Ellis Island be torn down to make way for the U.S.'s first federal immigration station at the site. In 1890, a new immigration station was constructed on Ellis Island, which began receiving arriving immigrants on January 1, 1892. Annie Moore, a teenager from Ireland and her two brothers were the first immigrants to be processed.

With the passing of the Emergency Quota Act of 1921, the number of immigrants being allowed into the United States declined greatly, ending the era of mass immigration. Following the Immigration Act of 1924, strict immigration quotas were enacted, and Ellis Island was downgraded from a primary inspection center to an immigrant-detention center, hosting only those that were to be detained or deported. In November of 1954, the last remaining detainee on Ellis Island, a Norwegian named Arne Petersen, was released and Ellis Island was officially closed by the U.S. government.

In June 1964, the National Park Service published a report that proposed making Ellis Island part of a national monument. This idea was approved by Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall in October 1964. Ellis Island was added to the Statue of Liberty National Monument on May 11, 1965, and in August, President Lyndon B. Johnson approved the redevelopment of the island as a museum and park.

Today, Ellis Island combined with Liberty Island, location of the Statue of Liberty, have formed one museum now known as the National Museum of Immigration.

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Boost the Health and Beauty of Your Houseplants

by Melinda Myers



Sticky traps attract insects to their yellow surface and trap them on the sticky surface to prevent damage to plants.
 (Photo courtesy of Summit Responsible Solutions)

Fight the post-holiday blues with a bit of indoor gardening. Keeping your houseplants healthy and looking their best with a bit of grooming this winter is sure to lift your spirits.

Clip off any dead leaves as they appear. Use a sharp snips or bypass pruner to make a clean cut that looks tidy and closes up quickly. An occasional brown leaf is not usually a problem but if browning continues, it might be time to take action. Evaluate the growing conditions and make needed adjustments.

Brown leaves are often caused by low humidity which is common in many homes during winter. Boost the humidity in your home by grouping plants together. As one plant loses moisture through its leaves through transpiration the neighboring plants benefit. Add pebbles or marbles to the saucer or trays beneath the

plants. Allow excess water to collect in the pebbles below the pot. As the water evaporates it increases the humidity right around the plant. Move plants that require moist soil and high humidity into a terrarium. They are attractive living decorations and make caring for high-maintenance plants easier.

Over and under-watering can also result in brown leaves, leaf edges, and tips. Water thoroughly when needed. Base frequency on the plants you are growing, room temperature and humidity. Tropical plants need more consistently moist soil while cacti and succulents like it drier. With lower light conditions in many homes, plants grow slower and may need less frequent watering in winter. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer which can lead to root rot.

Stop fertilizing indoor plants in winter unless they are actively growing. Applying fertilizer that plants don't need can cause root damage, leading to leaf discoloration.

Trim off brown tips that are common on spider plants, dracaenas, Ti plants, and prayer plants sensitive to the chlorine and fluoride in water. Avoid the problem by using chemical-free water.

Wipe dust off the leaves with a damp cloth. Use a cosmetic brush to clean the fuzzy leaves of plants like African violets. Keeping your plants clean and well-groomed also helps reduce insect and disease problems.

Further protect plants from pests with Summit Sticky Traps (SummitResponsibleSolutions.com). Just place one or two in the pot with the sticky side exposed. The yellow attracts fungus gnats, aphids, thrips, leaf miners, and other harmful pests feeding on your plants. The sticky surface traps the insects causing them to die without the use of pesticides. Replace the trap once it is covered with insects or every three months.

Boost indoor plant resilience by providing the right amount of light. Move plants to a sunnier window or add artificial lights as needed. Then give plants a quarter turn every time you water. This promotes more balanced growth by exposing all parts of the plant to the light source.

Taking time to tend to your plants improves their health and beauty while elevating your mood and helping fight stress.

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* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Summit for her expertise to write this article. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Docket No. MI22C1187CA

In the Matter of
STEFANIE LYNNE O'TOOLE

CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Stefanie Lynne O'Toole of Lowell, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Stefanie Lynne Eldridge**.

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 17, 2023. 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. MAUREEN H. MONKS,**
First Justice of this Court

Date: December 19, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 01/06/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
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Docket No. SU22P2856EA

Estate of
ANDREA CONCEPCION

Also Known As
ANDREA CEPEDA

Date of Death: **October 30, 2016**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will** has been filed by **Christina Cepeda of Revere, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Christina Cepeda of Revere, MA** 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 February 08, 2023.**

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 28, 2022

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Run date: 01/06/2023

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Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Division

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. SU22P2828EA

Estate of
GLENN PACITTO

Date of Death: **November 18, 2022**

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Joy Pacitto of Rocky Hill, CT.**

Joy Pacitto of Rocky Hill, CT has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. SU22P2786EA

Estate of
MAGDELINE GRAHAM

Date of Death: **October 24, 2022**

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Nathaniel Graham of Dorchester, MA.**

Evelyn Gee of Arlington, VA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI21P6378EA

Estate of
DORIS JEAN FRITZ

Also Known As
DORIS J. FRITZ

Date of Death: **October 30, 2021**

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Michael Gerard Fritz of Winchester, MA,** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Michael Gerard Fritz of Winchester, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI22C1160CA

In the Matter of
TRISTAN JORELLE BAZILE

CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Tristan Jorelle Bazile of Acton, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Tristan Jorelle Escoffery.**

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 25, 2023. 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. MAUREEN H. MONKS,**
First Justice of this Court

Date: December 28, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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Docket No. MI22P6336EA

Estate of
CAROLE F. AGNELLO

Date of Death: **July 05, 2021**

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Vincent Agnello of Weston, MA,** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Vincent Agnello of Weston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI22P6443EA

Estate of
WENDY ANN KEEGAN

Also Known As
WENDY A. KEEGAN

Date of Death: **July 28, 2022**

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Leo F. Keegan, III of Billerica, MA.**

Leo F. Keegan, III of Billerica, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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by *Sal Giarratani*

More on Gaylord Perry

In his long baseball career, Gaylord Perry won 314 games, winning 20 games 5 times in his 22 seasons. He remains best known for his cheating; his use of the spitter or, more accurately, grease-balls. He was so good at it that MLB changed the rules in 1973 that barred pitchers from putting foreign substances on the ball, hand or glove. Later in his career, he tried something new called a "puff pitch" in which he coached the ball in rosin that would create a cloud of dust as it left his hand. That pitch got banned too and he joked with a *NY Times* sports reporter, "They didn't like it wet and when I went dry, they don't like it dry."

What Happens with Michael Wacha Now?

He finished 11-2 with a 3.32 ERA over 23 starts and he is still a free agent unpicked by anyone. His last three seasons, he was 10-16 with a 5.11 ERA and it appears neither the Sox who have him nor other teams are treating his '22 stats with little respect.

The Red Sox might think of keeping him around just for his innings and when you think about the rotation heading into 2023, he just might be a valuable pitcher to keep around.

Red Sox Sign Corey Kluber

The Boston Red Sox just acquired two-time Cy Young pitcher Corey Kluber to a contract to booster up the suspect Red Sox rotation going into the upcoming season.

Good news: he won the Cy

Young with the Indians in '14 and '17. The bad news is he is now 37 years old. The team is giving him most likely a one year deal worth \$10 million with a team option for 2024.

This past season with the Rays, he made 31 starts with a 4.34 ERA with 39 strikeouts in 164 innings.

Is Kluber Replacing Eovaldi?

I think the Red Sox should have tried harder to keep starting pitcher Nathan Eovaldi. He was never going to be a Hall of Famer but he was consistently okay. Looking at this upcoming season, the Red Sox starting rotation makes it look like another long and frustrating season for Red Sox fans. It is now back to the future. I remember back to the late '50s into 1966 when the Sox were horrible, maybe worse than horrible. It now looks like we are reliving those times.

Red Sox Poet Laureate Dies at 86

The Red Sox Poet Laureate Dick Flavin recently passed away at 86 years old. He was a news reporter for WBZ-TV starting in 1973 and was quite the popular media guy too with his poetic waxing on air aided by his timely sense of humor. In most recent years, he wrote a weekly sports column for the *Catholic Pilot* newspaper, which I thought often was the most worthy thing inside that newspaper.

Happy Birthdays Go Out to ...

The Spaceman Bill Lee turned 76 years old on December 28th and Sandy Koufax just hit his 87th birthday on December 30th.

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The saddest death of all was a three-yea-old little girl killed inside her Kansas City, MO home on Christmas Eve in an accidental shooting.

It's A Grave New World Out There

New York State legalized legislation signed into law on Christmas Eve by Gov. Houchul making the Empire State the sixth state in the nation to okay natural organic reduction, better known as human composting.

The New York State Catholic Conference has opposed this measure from the get-go saying, "Composting may be appropriate for vegetable clippings or eggshells, but not for our mortal remains."

This bill now legalizes human composting as part of measures the state is putting in place to eliminate carbon emissions by 2050.

Quote to Note

"There is a lot of money from gender ideology but they are

erasing women and medicalizing children in the process."

— *Activist K Yang*

Activist K Yang worked at an LGBT center in upstate New York in 2012 and according to a recent news story in the *NY Post* said she traced the early gender-ideology funding at the center, some of which paid for her job, to groups like GLAAD, one of the many left-wing gay rights groups that supported gender ideologies. Yang, 36, said she eventually quit her position, which she claimed entailed going into high schools and middle schools to indoctrinate students in gender ideology before there was much national awareness of it, and now runs a site called StopFemaleErasure. For further information, please log on to stopfemaleerasure.com

End Quote

"The Universe is neither benign but merely indifferent."

— *Carl Sagan*

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assists in 58 games. His combined Boston - San Jose totals for the season included 29 goals and 96 assists for 125 points, good enough to win both the Art Ross Trophy (most points in the regular season) and the Hart Trophy (regular season MVP).

Yet having now played 24 consecutive seasons in the NHL — with Boston, San Jose, Toronto, and Florida (he is currently officially listed a free agent) one goal has proven

elusive — winning a Stanley Cup. The Sharks made the Stanley Cup Final once during Thornton's tenure — in 2016 when they lost to Pittsburgh. It was a major disappointment for Thornton, the last active player in the NHL to have played against Wayne Gretzky and the last player to have scored in the old Maple Leaf Gardens. Lots of history among the absence of hockeys highest honored hardware.

Boxing



Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

Remembering Primo Carnera

IN PHOTOS



Proud Husband And Father



Young Primo



Shaking hands with Charlie Chaplin



On the High Seas with Amelia Earhart



Climbing the Duomo in Milan



With Actress Diana Dors



Squaring off with movie star Robert Montgomery



Primo with Benny Leonard

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



And then he was gone. For the second time in a little over a month.

A pair of surprises that no one would have believed unless they actually happened.

One was the biggest trade in the history of an NHL franchise.

The other involved one of the most highly anticipated games for the Bruins in the early years of the 21st century. And he had figured in both.

It was a saga unlike any other. The early years of a destiny to be continued at another location. The termination of a hope that did not come to fruition in the Hub.

It was the story of Joe Thornton and his time on Causeway Street, an era that unofficially ended some 17 years ago (January 10, 2006) in the opening minutes of a regular season game between the Bruins and the San Jose Sharks at the Garden.

The events marked a significant juxtaposition in his career — between all the possibilities of his selection in the 2006 NHL draft and what can be regarded as an unfulfilled finale before the Garden faithful.

June 21, 1997 was not only the first day of summer, it also marked the night that Joe Thornton became the number one overall selection in the 35th NHL Draft, held at the Civic Arena in Pittsburgh, the city of three rivers. Fast forward to the spring of 2022 and Thornton was the last active player from that draft still skating in the NHL.

Being chosen first brought with it a high dose of media attention. When the Bruins assembled for their training camp in the fall of 1997, the lenses of all television cameras were focused on Thornton, an 18-year-old from St. Thomas, Ontario.

Unfortunately, for Thornton, he was being billed as the savior of a franchise that had not won a Stanley Cup since 1972 — even though at that point he had not played a single game in the NHL.

Joe Thornton was supposed to be the real deal right out of the box with no warm-up needed. Just let Joe take the ice and away we go to the promised land of the Stanley Cup Final. No one could have cleared a bar so high.

But make no mistake; Jumbo Joe was a very good player. He progressed gradually rather than immediately, indeed, he served as captain of the Bruins from the start of the 2001-2002 season until his departure on November 30, 2005.

Despite his rather prolific scoring, the Bruins remained essentially a middle of the road team. They were not bad, but they were not that good either — particularly when it counted — in the playoffs. The B's only advanced to the second round twice and did not even qualify for the playoffs several times during the Thornton era. General Manager Mike O'Connell came to be frustrated and Thornton also seemed to be unhappy — despite signing a three-year \$20 million contract extension in August 2005.

O'Connell decided to pull the trigger a little over three months later — on the last day of November. Thornton was thought to have taken the news hard with the *Boston Herald* reporting that he had been seen crying in his car.

Three players from the Sharks came east — Marco Strum, Wayne Primeau, and Brad Stuart. In return the Bruins leading scorer went west — only to return to the Garden six weeks later with the Sharks for their one game of the season in Boston on January 10th.

The buildup for the game grew in intensity as the date approached with everyone expecting the former Bruins star to play a full game.

Another surprise awaited the Garden faithful on game day. Thornton had departed the Bruins as their leading scorer with those 33 points. But as he took to the Garden ice some six weeks later as a member of the Sharks he was still the Bruins leading point producer — no one on the current roster that night had yet surpassed him. Thus you had the current leading scorer for the Bruins playing in the Garden as a member of the opposing team. A super surreal scene.

But the final surprise of the night was yet to come. Just a little more than five minutes after the game began Jumbo Joe was gone, having been assessed a game misconduct penalty during his second shift for hitting former Bruin teammate Hal Gill from behind.

The force of the blow drove Gill into the boards where he sustained a pinched nerve in his left shoulder. He immediately went to the B's locker room and did not return to the game which the Sharks won 6-2.

According to ESPN at the time, Gill bore no ill will toward Thornton — who had been his teammate for many years — and considered him a friend. For Thornton, the six-week interval enabled him to develop a perspective of understanding concerning the trade.

"The big thing is when [NHL] teams don't go the way they are supposed to go, people get traded or people get fired," Thornton told ESPN. "It is just the nature of the business."

Indeed, the trade did not remove GM Mike O'Connell from the hot seat. About four months after the deal was made, O'Connell found himself the recipient of a pink slip. On March 25, 2006 it would be his turn to walk the plank.

As some observers have pointed out, the Thornton trade began a major period of change for the Bruins. The money saved from Thornton's contract created enough financial space to sign free agent Zdeno Chara in July 2006. In addition, with Thornton's departure, Patrice Bergeron became the team's top center, a position he still holds today.

And Joe Thornton became one happy man. He went on to complete the 2005-2006 season with the Sharks in fine fashion, scoring 20 goals and adding 72

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