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INTERNATIONAL
HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Italians and the Holocaust

by the North End Historical Society



Last year’s NEHS November newsletters featured a 4 part series on the Jewish Immigration period of the North End from 1880 to 1920’s when much of the North End had a large Jewish resident population while at the same time also populated many commercial businesses on Salem Street. Even though many of the Jewish residents eventually immigrated to other parts of Boston and suburbs by 1920, many of the businesses

on Salem Street continued to operate right up to the 1990s. The two North End immigrant groups of Italians and Jews perhaps had a positive mutual co-existence throughout that period of time due to Italy’s relationship to the Italian Jews living in Italy during the 1800s and the 1900s when anti-Semitism became even more violent leading up to WWII.

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Trump Tops Haley

in New Hampshire GOP Primary



Former President Donald J. Trump took another step closer to his 3rd consecutive Republican Presidential nomination, beating out former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley in the New Hampshire Primary on Tuesday by double-digits. Trump declared victory this past week in both the Granite State as well as the Iowa caucus, where he handily bet younger Florida Governor Ron DeSantis by close to 30 points.

President Trump urged his supporters to “turn out in large numbers, as margins are important, and back-to-back blow outs would send a message of unity in the GOP.”

Haley’s campaign has vowed to continue fighting right through Super Tuesday on March 5th, when 16 states will hold their primaries, including Massachusetts. Haley’s home state of South Carolina will hold their primary on February 3rd, where polling shows her 30 points behind Trump.

Also declaring victory in New Hampshire’s Democratic Primary, despite not being on the ballot, was President Joe Biden. The president opted out of registering for the New Hampshire primary ballot, following a dispute between the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and New Hampshire state officials. The DNC’s attempt to move the first in the nation



primary to South Carolina on February 3rd, but New Hampshire officials refused to agree. In an act of defiance, the New Hampshire state Democratic powerhouses organized a write in campaign, using volunteers at polling locations to instruct New Hampshire Democratic voters on what to do on primary day. The write in campaign proved an improvement for Biden over 4 years ago, when he placed 5th with only 8% of the vote.

Healey-Driscoll Administration

and Broad Coalition of Stakeholders

Testify in Support of Veterans Legislative Package

An Act Honoring, Empowering, and Recognizing
Our Servicemembers and Veterans (HERO Act) will positively impact
hundreds of thousands of veterans living in Massachusetts

Governor Maura Healey and Secretary of the Veterans Services Jon Santiago testified in support of H. 4172, the *An Act Honoring, Empowering, and Recognizing our Servicemembers and Veterans (HERO Act)*, before the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

The HERO Act marks the first comprehensive legislative package dedicated to veterans’ welfare introduced by a Massachusetts Governor in two decades.

“The HERO Act represents a visionary commitment by our administration to redefine the landscape of veterans’ services for Massachusetts. At its core, the bill ensures that veterans receive proper support by expanding benefits, modernizing services, and reaching more veterans and families,” said Governor Maura Healey. “Together, we can ensure that Massachusetts not only does right by our veterans, but leads the nation in providing the best veterans’ services.”

“As the proud daughter of a Navy veteran, I understand the impact that the sacrifices made by our servicemembers have on military families,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “That’s why we filed the HERO Act — to ensure we actively support our veterans and their families in the most effective manner possible.”

“When veterans return home from active duty and transition into civilian life, our priority at the Executive Office of Veterans Services is to ensure they and their families receive support,” said Secretary Jon Santiago. “The legislation takes a vital stride towards meeting the diverse needs of our veteran community, addressing issues from expanding benefits to modernizing services.”

The HERO Act proposes 17 spending and policy initiatives, tax credits, and statutory changes seeking to improve the lives of veterans through

benefit expansion, commitment to inclusivity and greater representation, and modernization of veterans’ services. Key highlights include:

Increasing the EOVS Disabled Veteran Annuity: Increases the annual annuity paid from \$2,000 to \$2,500, phased in over two fiscal years.

Expanding Veteran Access to Behavioral Health Treatment: Allows any Chapter 115 recipient to be reimbursed for outpatient behavioral health care visits.

Increasing the Vet-Hire Tax Credit: Increase the tax credit to \$2,500 for small businesses hiring chronically unemployed or low-income veterans. Eligible veterans include those receiving SNAP benefits, chronically unemployed veterans, and unemployed service-connected disabled veterans.

Increasing access to the Active-Duty Buy-back program: This provision lengthens the timeframe for veterans to participate in the Active-Duty Service Buyback program from 180 days to 10 years and provides a retroactive grace period for veteran state employees who missed this opportunity.

Broadening the Chapter 115 Definition of a Veteran: Better aligns the state Chapter 115 program definition of a veteran with the federal definition. This change allows more Massachusetts veterans to be eligible for the annuity, Chapter 115 benefits, and other state benefits. This only applies to EOVS programs and does not affect any other agency or entity.

The administration collaborated with municipal veteran service officers representing more than 100 municipalities and engaged with over 30 nonprofit partners to determine the legislative and programmatic priorities of the veteran community. A comprehensive 50-state review of veteran policies and legislative efforts was also conducted.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Study Finds

Way to Recognize a Psychopath

Canadian researchers analyzed finger lengths of volunteers with clinically diagnosed psychiatric issues to see if psychopathy is “biologically rooted.” The team found that those whose index fingers are shorter than their ring fingers are more likely to have a diagnosed psychiatric disorder. The study will appear in the February issue of *Journal of Psychiatric Research*.

MSNBC Reid Sees No Opening
for a Brown Eyed Lady in GOP

Just before the New Hampshire GOP primary where Trump trumped Nikki Haley, she received just 43.5 percent of the vote, Joy(less) Reid over at MSNBC, stated, “(Haley’s) a brown lady that’s got to try to win in a party that is deeply anti-immigrant. I don’t see how she becomes the nominee of that party.”

Of course she can’t see that, if you play the role of a hammer, everything around you looks like a nail. Earth to Reid, Haley was elected to two terms as governor in South Carolina. Trump even appointed her to the United Nations. If Nikki doesn’t have a chance of winning the White House, it has nothing to do with her being a “brown lady.”

State Seeking to Ban Book Bans

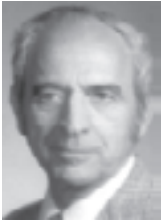
A bill is making its way through the legislature that would block efforts to ban books from school and public libraries. The effort to effectively ban book bannings comes as states grapple with parent efforts to control what materials are available at

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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.



ROMAN LAW



The early Roman law that we’ve heard so much about in earlier years is the legal system which was developed about 450 B.C.

When their laws were first arranged into a systematic collection, this collection was known as the “Law of the Twelve Tables” and it set simple rules which were suitable for the community as well as establishing equal treatment for the rich and poor alike. Enactment of these early laws was through assemblies of the common people, but this kind of assembly soon fell out of use because large numbers of persons sitting together in this manner were difficult to oversee and very expensive to bribe. Later, under the Roman Republic, a Praetor or Magistrate decided which cases were fit to be brought before a judge and which were not. The Praetor also exercised other powers of decision regarding civil law. Still later under the emperors, those rulers or their designates made all of the necessary legal decisions which, of course, were irrevocable.

These ancient statutes contained a “Law of Persons” which made distinctions between freemen and slaves. A slave was considered personal property and anything that he acquired, including inheritance, became the property of the master. A master could not order that a slave be put to death for any reason, however, reasonable chastisement was permitted, and the master was not held liable if a slave died under the lash. Slaves, on the other hand, were not without some protection under the law.

A poorly treated slave could run away from his master and take refuge at a statue of the emperor, thus compelling the master to sell him to someone else. Paternal power was also highly recognized and seemed to give absolute power to a father over his son, including any property that a son might have acquired.

There was also a “Law of Things” which made a distinction between things which could be owned and those things which could not. Temples, tombs, rivers, air, and running water are examples of those things which could not be owned. Abandoned property, gems found on the seashore, and wild beasts are examples of some of the odd things which could be owned. If a wild beast was found and then escaped, the ownership was lost. A person, who improved another’s property believing it to be his own, could refuse to return it unless compensated for the work. If a son was guilty for any wrongdoings, the father could either pay the damages or surrender his son to the injured party.

These are just a few examples of the rules by which people were required to live 2,000 years ago. Living conditions, social attitudes, literacy, and just plain basic survival probably forced the enactment of laws which seem absurd to us today. We should not lose sight of our history of lawmaking since the Declaration of Independence and those “blue laws” which now seem equally ludicrous. Two thousand years from now, people might be writing about their ancestors who were required by law to pay Federal income taxes, State income taxes, Social Security taxes, Real Estate taxes, Sales taxes, Gasoline taxes, etc., etc., etc.

NEXT ISSUE: *Pugilatus*

IMPORTANT UPDATE

North End Against Drugs *is Now North End Cares*

North End Against Drugs, Inc. Board Members announce the nonprofit organization’s name change to North End Cares, Inc. This change is intended to allow the group to shift their primary focus from drug abuse prevention and education to community-concentrated undertakings while acknowledging the former purpose is best suited for professional healthcare individuals and organizations. The revised objective of the organization is as follows:

North End Cares, Inc.’s mission and purpose is to serve our North End community by enhancing the quality of life of its residents. Specifically, the organization offers a wide variety of services, activities, events, and programs according to neighborhood needs and interests. The organization’s members and directors also partner with local businesses, organizations, and residents to collectively promote and augment the happiness and well-being of the North End community.

“We are pleased to continue providing our annual events, activities, and offerings for kids, teens, families, seniors, and our fellow neighbors in the North End. We also will now be allowed to

expand our offerings while continuing to support other various neighborhood groups and organizations as we’ve done throughout the history of this Board since its founding in 1995,” President Pregmon said. “We look forward to receiving feedback from our North End neighbors on how to provide novel and community-building activities for all ages and members of our community including events you’ve enjoyed in the past and new, fun events in the future.” He also noted their annual bingo event will occur on Sunday, February 4th, at the Nazzaro Center, followed by a fundraising event later in the month, as well as their annual Basketball Bonanza on March 1st at the Nazzaro Center.

Sincerely,
North End Cares Board

John Pregmon, President; Karen D’Amico, Vice President; Olivia Scimeca, Treasurer; Maria Lanza, Clerk; Board Members Kathy Carangelo, Frank Ciampa, Mikey ‘Fud’ Giannasoli, David Perry, Ann Fitzgerald; and Sponsor Members Maria Michlewitz and Stephen Passacantilli

BPDA BOARD ADOPTS
East Boston Tomorrow:
PLAN: East Boston Planning Initiative

The Boston Planning & Development Agency Board of Directors today adopted East Boston Tomorrow, the PLAN: East Boston vision report, at their monthly meeting, after five years of planning work and engagement with the community. This report sets out a clear and ambitious vision for the neighborhood, deeply informed by the priorities of its residents. The plan focuses on increasing affordable housing in the neighborhood, climate change preparedness, enhanced mobility and transit options, support for local businesses, and zoning recommendations to facilitate predictable and contextual growth. These goals cover residential areas, squares and corridors, and waterfront and evolving industrial areas throughout East Boston. The board also recommended approval of updated zoning, which will now need to be adopted by the Zoning Commission.

“This document is called East Boston Tomorrow because it will truly take us into the future in the strongest way possible as Bostonians, producing a future with more housing, improved mobility, and better prepared for climate change,” said Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison. “I want to thank the community for their collaboration on this process since 2018, and agency staff for their hard work to produce a comprehensive plan that will serve East Boston for decades to come.”

Within residential areas, one of the main goals is to allow a mix of housing types while reaffirming the unique character of each area of the neighborhood. The plan recommends ensuring that the size and scale of new development in residential areas is consistent with what already exists. There is also an emphasis on improving access to neighborhood retail amenities. Neighborhood corner stores are an integral part of East Boston’s economy and social fabric, as they provide walkable access to essential goods and services. Because of this, the plan recommends updating zoning to allow for a mix of uses like coffee shops, laundromats, and community uses like daycares, all of which are prohibited by the current zoning. By rezoning the residential areas in East Boston, infill development will be allowed at a contextual and appropriate scale, thereby reducing the reliance on the Zoning Board of Appeal.

East Boston’s squares and corridors are the neighborhood’s centers for gathering, providing essential goods and services, and connections to downtown via public transit. The plan mainly recommends an increase in density in these areas as a way to expand access to housing options. This is essential as the City faces a housing crisis. By intentionally encouraging housing production in transit-accessible areas that offer an abundance of commercial, civic, and cultural resources, East Boston residents and business owners will feel benefits beyond access to housing. When daily needs are available close to home, time and money spent on transportation, and the number of car trips, can be reduced. In addition, small business owners can benefit from a larger pool of nearby patrons and employees.

East Boston’s waterfront and evolving industrial

areas were originally formed with the intention of serving industry and infrastructure, but today leave much of the waterfront underutilized and disconnected from the East Boston community. For that reason, the plan recommends expanding public access to the waterfront and working with State and Federal agencies to protect the waterfront with resilient infrastructure. It also advocates for the adaptive reuse of the historic structures currently in these areas, and ensuring they are used for essential economic activity, such as office space, educational uses, community uses, and recreational facilities, much of which aren’t allowed under current zoning. While land use along much of the waterfront is currently controlled by the State, the plan recommends new underlying zoning in these areas that, in the event of State regulations being lifted, will allow for a mix of uses that support essential economic activity, and will create opportunities for employment focused development.

“This plan was initiated almost six years ago — East Boston was under siege with development proposals, and neighbors were exhausted trying to keep up with every individual proposal that popped up,” said PLAN: East Boston Advisory Group Member Tanya Hanel. “A lot of work has gone into drafting, presenting, listening, and revising this plan so that future development can align with the changes our neighborhood wants and needs. It also includes a lot of public improvements that I’m excited about — the key is making sure that this plan is carried out in such a way that East Boston remains a diverse and affordable place to live.”

East Boston is an environmental justice community, and the climate recommendations throughout the plan are intensely focused on coastal flood resilience and improving urban heat islands simultaneously. The entire neighborhood is vulnerable to coastal and inland flooding, and its squares are considered some of the worst heat islands in the City, particularly Day Square. Because of that, the plan recommends increased tree canopy and permeable surfaces in each area, wherever possible. In addition, in vulnerable residential areas, the Coastal Flood Resilience Overlay District will ensure that new development is raised to account for sea level rise. The plan also advocates for simultaneous expansion of ferry service and coastal resilient infrastructure to protect the public and private realm along the waterfront.

This final report includes significant changes that respond to much of the recent feedback the BPDA received during the 110 day comment period. The updated zoning associated with this plan will need to next be adopted by the Zoning Commission. The agency is proud to have produced a comprehensive planning document that the community helped to shape and create over the last five years. This is a generational effort to ensure growth and development in East Boston are predictable, appropriately scaled, and suit the needs of residents today, and in the years to come.



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L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Lighting Up the Journey to Spring

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



January has gone by quicker than a windswept snowdrift. It seems that just a short while ago, I was cheering the start of a New Year and packing away the last Christmas decorations. This past month has been a mixture of bitter cold spells followed by mild weather, of furiously falling snowflakes and pleasant days filled with the scent of newly-turned soil. I can sense the dueling seasons of winter and spring dancing around me, struggling to maintain their individual grip over these transitional, changeable months. However, February will soon arrive with its bevy of festivals that decidedly welcome the spring. St. Valentine’s Day cuts through the snowy monotony in bursts of red and pink, ushering in the season of rebirth through images of hearts and flowers and Cupids. The revelry of Carnival, replete with mysterious masks and colorful beads, promises to chase the ghosts of winter away. I look forward to the joy and gaiety of these holidays. February starts, though, with a less recognized feast that introduces the month, and the season of spring as a whole, with powerful symbolism. This ancient, rustic holiday is known as Candlemas, and its worldwide traditions evoke the spring with anticipation and light.

Candlemas, which occurs on February 2nd, commemorates the date on which the Virgin Mary presented Jesus at the temple, forty days after His birth. The name of the feast derives from the widespread usage of candles during the religious services marking this holiday, which symbolize the light that Jesus metaphorically brings to the world. However,

many of Candlemas’s folk customs predate Christianity. The Celts celebrated February 1st as Imbolc, a festival heralding the first day of spring. Imbolc, which some scholars theorize translates to “in the belly,” honors the lactation of sheep and the beginning of the birthing season for lambs. This ancient Celtic holiday survives as St. Brigid’s Day in modern Ireland, where people light candles, make Crosses out of vegetation, and visit holy wells. Indeed, since it serves as a welcome precursor to spring, Candlemas bursts with quaint customs and superstitions everywhere. European folklore states that a warm and sunny Candlemas portends harsh wintry weather, while a cold and blustery Candlemas promises an early spring. Immigrants from Europe brought these traditions over to America, where they melded into the festival of Groundhog Day. Like Candlemas, Groundhog Day is also celebrated on February 2nd, and it further pays homage to the end of the hibernation period for many animals. An Italian dictum repeats this well-known superstition, proclaiming “*Candelora con sole, tarde primavera*,” or “sunny Candlemas, late spring.” These practices speak to the universal desire for spring and rebirth, whether it manifests in newborn lambs or candles flickering in the windowsills.

In addition to functioning as a turning point between winter and spring, Candlemas also provides people with an opportunity for celebrations and feasting. Pancakes are the traditional dinner of choice in France, possibly because their

round shape and golden color resemble the spring sun, which is now remaining for a longer time in the sky. Superstition claims that a cook who can flip a pancake with one hand while turning a coin in the other will be blessed with luck. In Mexico, people eat tamales on Candlemas, provided by the person who found the hidden bean in their Epiphany King Cake. Italians honor Candlemas, or *Candelora*, with local festivities and regional customs. Though Candlemas traditions vary across Italy, each honors the arrival of spring and the theme of light breaking through the darkness. In the Sicilian city of Catania, *Candelora* festivals segue into parades held in honor of the town’s patron saint, St. Agatha, where people make offerings of large candles that illuminate the dark late winter sky. The people of Montevergine, a village located in the southern region of Campania, organize candlelight processions which honor gay rights and pray for increased tolerance. Meanwhile, Neapolitans celebrate *Candelora* with large street parties boasting torches and fireworks displays. Indeed, all throughout Italy, a visitor will find homes, churches, and town squares illuminated by candles or bonfires on *Candelora*, the flames both providing warmth against the cold February air and reminding people of the light of the coming spring. Candlemas always makes me think of the long walks I would take on my old college campus at the start of the spring semester, propelled by the wind as I took note of the new buds adorning the otherwise bare tree branches. Nowadays, I bake orange cheesecakes on Candlemas, a seasonal recipe whose color and shape resembles mini sunbursts. How exciting it is to greet spring in all its myriad forms!

As winter slowly melts into spring, we should all take a lesson from Candlemas and search for the beacons of light in our own lives. What are the symbolic candles that illuminate our way out of our personal darkness? Which elements of our lives remind us that rebirth and hope are always near, even in the midst of a literal and metaphorical winter? To me, these “candles” include spending time with loved ones, the smell of baked goods wafting through my kitchen, hearty belly laughs, and warm sunsets. These signs remind me that the world holds so much beauty and promise, even when all appears bleak. Candlemas teaches us to look for these signals in nature as well: a frost-encrusted snowdrop flower, the flash of a robin in flight, a night lit with candles. When we hold on to the hope of spring and appreciate the moments our natural world has to offer, we will always hold the beauty of each season inside us — and that knowledge of Mother Earth’s endurance will comfort us always.

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THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giaratani



Trump Seems in the Driver’s Seat for GOP Nomination

Donald Trump seems to be in the driver’s seat when it comes to snatching the presidential nomination later this summer. Trump won the Iowa caucuses easily and sent Ron DeSantis packing. In New Hampshire this week, Trump romped to victory easily again in New Hampshire against the last candidate barely still standing. She only received 43.5 percent of the vote but is calling it some kind of win. She is now saying the race was neck and neck but she only won 43.5 percent of support which would be only good if she was a giraffe. She is not bowing out just yet. The next primary is in the South Carolina home for her. She was a 2-term governor there, right?

Right now the polling down there doesn’t look that positive for her. She’s down 39 percent to the Trump. If she loses South Carolina, I think her pathway forward is nowhere. If her big backers keep shoving big bucks her way, she can hang in there longer but I think time is up.

Now, the Democrats, state media, big *anti-Trump* crowd all so badly want the former president so much in an orange jumpsuit. Could become a nightmare for them and the country. If Trump is the nominee and the powers that be still want to convict him of something and throw away the key, what happens to the state of our democracy? Will it stand? I think it will because if the people speak, they will be listened to no matter how angry the other side is. If Trump wins, he wins and the anti-Trump delusional whackos will have to accept the system still works whether they like the results or not Hey, if Biden wins re-election, I will be sad but if it is free and fair,. that’s the way the cookie crumbles. Remember free and fair.

This could be the most important ever election for us. Our democratic republic could hang in the balance. If Trump were to win in November, who knows what could happen next. Would the other side still try to throw him in prison? Anything is possible with the whackos out there who think Trump is the next Mussolini or even worse Adolph. To what lengths might they go to prevent Trump from returning to the White House again?

Remember vote in our primary on Tuesday, March 5 and don’t forget to vote again in November. I want a free and fair election, nothing more, and nothing less.



Tunnel of Love

Celebrate February The Month of Love in Christopher Columbus Park

The Tunnel of Love has become a bright beacon in the cold winter months! Created by Friends of Christopher Columbus Park Art Curator Robyn Reed with the help of volunteer members, the Tunnel of Love kicks off on February 1st with festive lights, romantic music, and amazing large conversation hearts, which make the perfect photo-op.

• New this year: a **Will You Marry Me?** conversation heart. Something to keep in mind for those of you thinking of popping the question!

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park is grateful for our wonderful community and we have wonderful events planned throughout 2024. Be sure to mark your calendars so you don’t miss a single event!

WHAT: Love is in the Air with the 7th Annual *Tunnel of Love*! Visit Christopher Columbus park all month long to walk through the *Tunnel of Love*, the beautiful Valentine-themed trellis decorated by *The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park* (FOCCP). Romantic music fills the air from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.

NEW this year! Among the 5’ tall candy hearts with traditional messages like, “Be Mine” and “Cutie Pie,” is a new heart: “Marry Me?” Neighboring businesses, Joe’s Waterfront and the Boston Marriott Long Wharf are decorating their windows with red hearts and Candy Hearts extend to the Rose Kennedy Greenway and beyond.

Visitors are encouraged to tag their favorite photos to **#bostontunneloflove** and **#foccp.org**

WHERE: Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park, 110 Atlantic Ave., Boston. The event is free and open to the public.

“*The Tunnel of Love is the creation of our board member and art curator, Robyn Reed,*” said FOCCP President Joanne Hayes-Rines. “*Friends of Christopher Columbus Park is excited to add some color and warmth to what can be a cold, dreary month in Boston.*”

FOCCP is grateful to the sponsors of this event: Meet Boston, NorthEndBoston.com, Boston Harbor City Cruises, Joe’s Waterfront / Tavistock Collection, Boston Marriott Long Wharf Hotel.

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Emma Wilson Joins the Greater Boston Food Bank's 2024 Boston Marathon® Team

The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) today announced that Emma Wilson has joined its 2024 Boston Marathon® Team. On April 15, 2024, Wilson will compete in the 128th running of the Boston Marathon, a historical route of 26.2 miles from Hopkinton, MA to Copley Square in Boston.

GBFB is proud to be a part of the Boston Athletic Association's Bank of America Boston Marathon® Official Charity Program, in which runners pledge to raise funds for a cause of their choosing.

By partnering with GBFB, runners will support its mission to end hunger in Eastern Massachusetts alongside its network of over 600 food distribution partners, as one in three Massachusetts adults — 1.8 million individuals — continue to face food insecurity. Funds raised will help provide nutritious and culturally responsive meals to those in need of food assistance.

Wilson, a native of Romeo, Michigan and now a resident of Boston's North End, has been running competitively since she was 13 years old. She ran cross country and track while completing her undergraduate



degree at Syracuse University, and most recently earned a master's degree in public health at Boston University with a specialization in Health Promotion & Communication.

"During my studies, I participated in projects that encompassed strategic communication, social media campaigns, project planning, and event coordination — which align well with my passion for food justice and dedication to GBFB," said Wilson. "This is my chance to embrace two elements of my identity as both a runner and advocate to make a difference in my community."

Wilson qualified for the Boston Marathon during her first marathon in Sacramento, CA back in 2022 and now is ready to take on Heartbreak Hill on April 15th. She is very excited to take after her mother, a two-time finisher of the Boston Marathon.

"We extend our deepest thanks to the incredible individuals who have decided to lace up their running shoes, embrace the challenge, and dedicate their time to running in the Boston Marathon in support of GBFB's hunger relief efforts," said Catherine D'Amato, President and CEO of GBFB. "The issue of food insecurity endures, but thanks to the dedication of our runners as well as the families, friends and other supporters who rally behind them, we'll be one step closer to a hunger-free future. We can't wait to cheer you on!"

Supporters can contribute to Wilson's campaign at <https://www.givengain.com/project/emma-raising-funds-for-the-greater-boston-food-bank-69803>, and to the full GBFB campaign at https://www.givengain.com/campaign/team-gbfb2024?utm_source=Boston-Marathon-Team-GBFB

Protecting Pawtucket Farm in Lowell

When Rollie Perron and his family decided it was time to sell their 20-acre Christmas tree farm — the last one in Lowell — they hoped it might be possible to benefit the community.

Others hoped so too, and now that hope is well on the way to being a reality.

In December 2023, Mass Audubon completed its purchase of the former Rollie's Farm property in Lowell, protecting the farm in perpetuity for the public to enjoy.

The project to create the Pawtucket Farm Wildlife Sanctuary is driven by a partnership between Mass Audubon, the City of Lowell, Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust, and Mill City Grows. Now that the land acquisition is final, the property will become a wildlife sanctuary and education center that brings the benefits of nature and community farming to an urban setting.

Pawtucket Farm is one the first open space projects to use funds from Lowell's Community Preservation Fund, created in 2019. Mass Audubon will own the property and manage it collaboratively with the three partner organizations, subject to a conservation restriction granted jointly to the City of Lowell and Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust. Mill City Grows, a city-based food justice organization, plans to establish a variety of community agriculture and food access programs at the farm.

Community Engagement

Centering the needs and desires of the surrounding community in the design process for Pawtucket Farm has been a priority from the start: we hosted nine community meetings in four languages, providing a forum for Lowell residents and organizations to shape the programming and research to



come. That is, if we are successful in raising the funds necessary to open the property to the public.

What Makes This Land Special

Open green space is increasingly a rare commodity in Massachusetts' urban cities; Lowell ranks 304 out of 351 towns in Massachusetts in percentage of protected open space. The opportunity to add a parcel of this size is unlikely to come around again. Preserving this land resonates strongly with the goals of Mass Audubon's Action Agenda through our Nature in the City initiative. It will:

- Restore a natural forested landscape, significantly expanding the tree canopy and the amount of greenhouse gases it can absorb and cooling it can provide.
- Reduce storm water runoff to the neighborhood and the Merrimack River (less than 1,000 feet away) in the future. If not preserved, the land would likely have been developed with extensive pavement and impervious surfaces that make

the surrounding area more vulnerable to the impacts of extreme weather events, such as flooding.

- Preserve a functional wildlife corridor between the adjacent 1,100-acre state forest and the river.
- Increase access to nature by creating an ADA-accessible All Persons Trail featuring multi-sensory interpretive materials.
- Expand farm and environmental education programs, as well as recreational opportunities such as gardening and wildlife viewing.

Vision for the Future

The partners' plan for Pawtucket Farm includes ecological restoration of the former Christmas tree farm; establishing a working farmland that includes a farm stand, food forest, and community gardens; and building a nature center that offers educational programming. Together, we will create a vibrant neighborhood destination accessible by bike, car, and city bus.

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Docket No. SU24C0025CA

In the Matter of
KABIR DHUNN-CARR SINGH

CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Kabir Dhunn-Carr Singh of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Konstantin Dhankhar Vendra.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 15, 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. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 16, 2024

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

Run Date: 01/26/2024

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Docket No. MI23D2497DR

**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
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ROSA A. VIZCAINO
vs.
JOSUE VIZCAINO

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Rosa A. Vizcaino, 349 Hildreth Street, #35, Lowell, MA 01850 your answer, if any, on or before February 21, 2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Francis Bacon

Francis Bacon was born in London on January 22, 1561. His father, Sir Nicolas Bacon, was Lord Keeper of the Seal. His mother, Lady Anne Cooke Bacon, was his father’s second wife and daughter to Sir Anthony Cooke, a humanist who was Edward VI’s tutor.

The younger of Sir Nicholas and Lady Anne’s two sons, Francis Bacon began attending Trinity College, Cambridge, in April 1573, when he was 12 years old. He completed his course of study at Trinity in December 1575. The following year, Bacon enrolled in a law program at Honourable Society of Gray’s Inn, the school his brother Anthony attended. Finding the curriculum at Gray’s Inn stale and old fashioned, Bacon favored the new Renaissance humanism.

In 1581, he landed a job as a member for Cornwall in the House of Commons. Bacon’s political career took a big leap forward in 1584 when he composed A Letter of Advice to Queen Elizabeth, his very first political memorandum.

Bacon held his place in Parliament for nearly four decades, from 1584 to 1617. In 1603, three years before he married heiress Alice Barnham, Bacon was knighted upon James I’s ascension to the British throne. He continued to work his way swiftly up the legal and political ranks, achieving solicitor general in 1607 and attorney general six years later. In 1616, his career peaked when he was invited to join the Privy Council. Just a year later, he reached the same position of his father, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal. In 1618, Bacon surpassed his father’s achievements when he was promoted to the lofty title of Lord Chancellor, one of the highest political offices in England. In 1621, Bacon became Viscount St. Albans.

In 1621, the same year that Bacon became Viscount St. Albans, he was accused of accepting bribes and impeached by Parliament for corruption. Some sources claim that Bacon was set up by his enemies in Parliament and the court faction, and was used as a scapegoat to protect the Duke of Buckingham from public hostility. Bacon was tried and found guilty after he confessed. He was fined a hefty 40,000 pounds and sentenced to the Tower of London, but, fortunately, his sentence was reduced and the fine lifted. Bacon was released, at the cost of his reputation and his long-standing place in Parliament; the scandal put a serious strain on 60-year-old Bacon’s health.

Bacon remained in St. Alban’s after the collapse of his political career. Retired, he was now able to focus on one of his other passions, the philosophy of science. From the time he had reached adulthood, Bacon was determined to alter the face of natural philosophy.



He strove to create a new outline for the sciences, with a focus on empirical scientific methods — methods that depended on tangible proof — while developing the basis of applied science. Unlike the doctrines of Aristotle and Plato, Bacon’s approach placed an emphasis on experimentation and interaction, culminating in his book «The Commerce of the Mind with Things.” Bacon’s new scientific method involved gathering data, prudently analyzing it and performing experiments to observe nature’s truths in an organized way. He believed that when approached this way, science could become a tool for the betterment of humankind.

It was not until 1620, when Bacon published Book One of Novum Organum Scientiarum (novum organum is Latin for “new method”), that Bacon established himself as a reputable philosopher of science.

Bacon did not emphasize the importance of testing one’s theory. Instead, he believed that observation and analysis were sufficient in producing a greater comprehension.

In 1605, Bacon published “The Advancement of Learning,” in an unsuccessful attempt to rally supporters for the sciences. In 1609, he departed from political and scientific genres when he released “On the Wisdom of the Ancients,” his analysis of ancient mythology. Although Bacon’s body of work covered a fairly broad range of topics, all of his writing shared one thing in common: It expressed Bacon’s desire to change antiquated systems.

In March 1626, Bacon was performing a series of experiments with ice. While testing the effects of cold on the preservation and decay of meat, he stuffed a hen with snow near Highgate, England, and caught a chill. Ailing, Bacon stayed at Lord Arundel’s home in London. On April 9, 1626, a week after he had arrived at Lord Arundel’s estate, Francis Bacon died.

In the years after Bacon’s death, his theories began to have a major influence on the evolving field of 17th-century European science. Today, Bacon is still widely regarded as a major figure in scientific methodology, he is largely credited with ushering in the new early modern era of human understanding.

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Classic Toys

ACROSS

- Sri Lankan language
- Something to chew on, especially for cows
- Mascara holder
- Muscat resident
- “ ____ Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest”
- Father, colloquially
- Jewish folklore creature
- Debtor’s letters
- Art class prop
- *Barbie’s little sister
- * ____ 4 game
- One less than jack
- * ____ Frog educational toy
- Nutcracker’s distinguishing feature
- Taboo, alt. sp.
- Cooking fat
- Deserter’s acronym
- President’s David
- Shower accessory
- Pro ____
- Conical dwellings
- Prep flour
- *Thomas or Henry, e.g.
- Law school test acronym
- Genealogist’s creation
- Maurice of “Where the Wild Things Are”
- Flying saucers
- Make mistakes
- Chemically-induced curls
- Harry Potter’s Hedwig
- *Certain Patch
- *Not real dough
- Normal
- Clingy seed container
- ____- ____-la
- Theater curtain fabric
- Put into service
- Female deer, pl.
- Pub offering
- Goo on a trunk
- What’s in your e-wallet?

DOWN

- Duds or threads
- Wildly
- French Sudan after 1960
- All thumbs
- Marine gastropod
- Coconut fiber
- *Shedding-type card game
- Tie in tennis
- Shark’s provision
- Part of cathedral
- Work detail
- “Stop!” to marchers



- Correspondence friend (2 words)
- Make, as in a law
- Edible type of grass
- Complete payment (2 words)
- *Banned lawn darts
- Fully informed
- Supreme Teutonic god
- Get-out-of-jail money
- Like Neverland boys
- France’s longest river
- Bid on a house, e.g.
- *Certain gun ammo
- *Best ____ schemes o’Mice an’ Men”
- “La Vie en rose” singer
- Counter seat

- Flamethrower fuel
- Party barrel
- Swaddle
- Type of puzzle
- Words in song, sing.
- Intersection of two arcs
- Ascus, pl.
- “ ____ after reading”
- Switch’s partner
- Get ready, for short
- Comedian Carvey
- Ford contemporary
- Jumble
- North American country

(Solution on Page 10)

Saint Charles of Sezze

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Giancarlo Marchioni (also known as Charles) was born in Sezze, a town in central Italy, on October 19, 1613 to the poor farmers Ruggero Marchioni and Antonia Maccione.

His maternal grandmother Valenza Pilorci instilled devout practices and other religious values within him in his childhood. He worked on the farm as a shepherd to help his parents. He made a private vow to remain chaste in 1630. Charles fell ill in 1633 to the point of near death; he pledged to join the Order of Friars Minor if



he were healed of his ailment. His parents encouraged his call to become a priest, Charles was admitted into the order at the San Francesco convent in 1635 at Nazzano; he received the habit of the order on May18, 1635. He later recounted that he did so out of a desire to live a poor life and to beg alms “for the love of Christ”.

He lived the life of a religious and never requested ordination to the priesthood despite the protests of his parents to do so. He made his solemn profession to the order on May 19, 1636. Charles worked at a range of jobs in various friaries: he cooked and served as a porter and also worked as both a sacristan and gardener; he also went out into the streets as a beggar. In October 1648, he attended Mass at the church of San Giuseppe a Capo le Case and a beam of light emanated from an elevated Host that pierced his side leaving a visible open wound.

Charles, though not a priest, was often sought for spiritual advice and even Pope Innocent X and Alexander VII sought him out for advice. In 1656, he tended to victims of cholera at Carpineto. On July 28, 1665 he had a vision of Pope Victor I and Teresa of Ávila.

Pope Clement IX summoned him to his deathbed for comfort and a blessing not long before the two men died. In the first week of December 1669 the Pope summoned him but the friar was ill so was taken to the pope on a chair. He greeted the Pope: “Holy Father, how are you?” and the pope responded: “As well as God wants me to be”. Clement IX asked when the two would meet again and the friar told him it would be on the feast of the Epiphany to which those present thought the Pope would get well and the two would meet in a month. But the Pope passed away on December 9.

On December 31, 1669, Charles was forced to his bed due to pleurisy. On January 6, 1670, Feast of the Epiphany, he passed away in the convent attached to San Francesco a Ripa in Rome. Charles was Canonized on April 12, 1959 by Pope John XX111. The feast day of Saint Charles of Sezze is January 6.

Get a Jump Start on Managing Plant Pests This Winter

by Melinda Myers



This lilac is infested with scale insects that form a grayish to dark brown protective covering called a test that resembles an oyster or mussel shell. It is an insect pest of more than 130 species of plants. (Photo credit MelindaMyers.com)

of this pest while having minimal or no impact on beneficial insects that will help manage this pest. Take some time now to check plants for problem pests like the invasive oyster-shell scale.

This insect is not native to North America and is a pest of more than 130 species of plants including poplars, ash, beech, maple, willows, dogwood, coto-neaster, and lilacs. Adult scale insects form a grayish to dark brown protective covering called a test that resembles an oyster or mussel shell. In the fall the mated female lays 20 to 100 eggs inside the test, dies and the eggs remain there throughout the winter.

Removing heavily infected twigs and branches is an option when the scale population is contained in a small portion of the plant. You can also gently scrape the scale off branches and stems with a plastic dish scrubber. Be careful not to damage thin-barked plants.

Another option is to apply organic lightweight horticulture oil like Summit Year-Round Spray Oil

(summitresponsiblesolutions.com) when plants are dormant. The temperatures must be 40 degrees or higher when treating. As always, read and follow label directions for effective and safe control. Since the eggs are so well protected, a second application of the horticulture oil can increase success. Make a second application, if needed, when the eggs hatch and the immature insects known as crawlers emerge in spring after the buds have burst.

As you survey your landscape this winter, pay special attention to stressed plants and those susceptible to oyster-shell scale and other insect pests common in your area. Plants exposed to road dust and pesticides may also be more vulnerable as these conditions negatively impact predators and parasites that help manage plant pests.

Regularly monitoring plant health, working with nature, and strategically managing invasive pests like the oyster-shell scale can help improve the health, vigor, and longevity of your landscape plants.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the 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.

NEW Health’s North End Location Third Floor Construction Completed and Reopened

NEW Health’s North End location at 332 Hanover Street is pleased to announce that the third floor construction is complete and the third floor has reopened, effective immediately.

The City of Boston Inspectional Services Department and the George Robert White Fund, that manages the building, have completed all inspections and confirmed that the building is structurally sound and safe for occupancy.

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ANNIE CHEN
GUARDIANS (CD)
JZ Music

It was the dead of winter when Annie Chen visited Acadia National Park in Maine for the first time, but the landscape was nonetheless alive with flora and fauna. For the Beijing-born, New York-based vocalist and composer, the experience sparked a profound awakening to the intricate relationships connecting humanity, the animal kingdom, and the natural world. That inspiration resulted in the *Guardians Suite*, the moving four-part work that is the beating heart of Chen’s stunning new album, *Guardians*. The music urges her listeners to serve as protectors of the natural world, vividly depicting the splendors of animal life on land and sea, the empathetic potential of the human soul, and the dire outcome possible if we continue to neglect the planet’s finite resources. *Guardians* opens with the first of two pieces of Polish origin, an element that can be traced to the singer’s longstanding collaboration with Warsaw-born guitarist Rafał Sarnecki. “Rozpacz (Despair)” was written by the late Zbigniew Namysłowski, a jazz composer and multi-instrumentalist. In the tune’s anguished expressiveness Chen found an unexpected connection to the tragic storytelling of the Beijing Opera. She adapted the lyrics from the classic opera “Farewell My Concubine,” in which a king is besieged by his enemies; in the context of the album’s core message, the timeworn romance becomes a cautionary tale of living on a planet faced with environmental catastrophe. One possible outcome is depicted in Chen’s “Underground Dance,” whose spiraling accordion-guitar-vocal melody conjures the frenzied gyrations of a species driven into the underworld. “Under the world, the bridge to sky was broken,” laments Chen’s post-apocalyptic lyric.

Polish composer Krzysztof Komeda contributes “Rosemary’s Lullaby,” the haunting, theme from the classic 1968-horror film *Rosemary’s Baby*. Chen’s rendition foregoes the infernal implications of the movie in favor of treating the piece as a melancholy lullaby, with new lyrics expressing hope for a new generation. The Middle Eastern flavors of “Güle Güle Istanbul,” fueled by the unusual combination of Muntz’s *meh* instrument and Gonçalves’ accordion, were inspired by a Turkish friend of Chen’s. The second half of the album is focused on the “Guardians Suite,” beginning with the stark voice-and-drums opening narration of “The Northern Eyes.” This first movement is Chen’s plea for environmental stewardship. The second movement, “The Whale River Song,” evokes whale song in its heart-rending depiction of the phenomenon of the massive beasts committing suicide by beaching themselves when trapped in polluted waters. The atmospheric “Jellyfish All Around” immerses the listener

in what at first appears to be an ocean full of the amorphous creatures, only to reveal that the jellyfish are, in fact, countless plastic bags clogging the waterways. The suite and the album conclude with “Vanished Tails, No Return,” a programmatic portrait of a foxhunt, in which the dying animal turns out to be the last of its species.

JOSH SINTON
COULOIR & BOOK OF PRACTITIONERS
VOL. 2 (2CD)
FIP Recordings

Josh Sinton releases the next iteration of his evolutionary process on the baritone saxophone. A unified whole presented in two parts, *Couloir & Book of Practitioners Vol. 2* is a double album that further articulates his philosophy that the only difference between musical interpretation and free-form improvisation is one of modality, not perception or artistic intent. *Couloir* is a series of fifteen short, distilled improvisations. The self-applied pressure pays off in the clarity of these small crystalline pieces. Whether it’s the gnomic expressions of “Rift” or the single brush strokes of “Abyss,” silence serves as a primary structuring element. *Couloir* marks another step in Sinton’s investigation of the limits of both the baritone saxophone as well as his imagination. He doesn’t shy away from explicitly tonal statements in “Arroyo” and “Seam,” infusing a personal feeling for blues with a distinctly vocal tinge. At the same time, his homegrown approach to gestural-textural forms is amply demonstrated in the whirring of “Scission” and slow moving smears of “Defile.” *Book of Practitioners, Vol. 2* is the second book of saxophone etudes composed by Steve Lacy in the early 1980s. Whether it’s the lengthy phrases of “Waterline” or the hiccupping jumps that open “Wrinkles,” these are etudes that are considerably more difficult and involved. Ease and naturalness are clearly audible in the results. The openness and gentleness of the phrasing and tempo make the angularity and repetitiveness of the material more inviting and less austere. Rather than sounding like a series of machine-stamped objects, these etudes sound like strings of chants (“Windfall”) or the mutterings of a Samuel Beckett character (“Willy-Nilly”). Further individualizing these renditions are improvisations that range from off-kilter funk (“Whoosh”) to the sound of stuck-CD-harmolodics (“Whoops”). These are pieces that sound as easily and intimately spun as the free-form improvisations of *Couloir*. Just as a couloir, a steep, narrow gully on a mountainside, is formed by the natural and slow process of water dynamically moving across land, the music of *Couloir & Book of Practitioners Vol. 2* is formed by the dynamic and inevitable etchings that experience carves into Sinton’s life. The results are, as always with Sinton’s music, inimitable and sui generis.

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

SMOOTH JAZZ, POPSICLES TOES, JOY, PAIN & TALAYA

The other afternoon driving home from work, I put on Sirius XM Radio to Watercolors 66 to get my fix of contemporary jazz for the gridlock that always awaits me. I hadn’t heard “Popsicle Toes” in years and love that mellow voice of Michael Franks. This tune was released way back in 1976. Another song I have always loved is “Joy & Pain” by Count Basie from 1966.

SPEAKING ABOUT RADIO HOSTS ON SIRIUS

Who has a better radio voice than Talaya. Listening to her telling stories about jazz musicians seems to help settle the nerves of going bumper to bumper with afternoon rush hour. She selects some great songs that are guaranteed to wind things down for you on the way home to your couch where you get to put your workday into the rear view mirror. Now is the time to relax, talk to your cat if you have one like me. Remember, don’t do this if you have no cat. Thank God for non-commercial Sirius Radio where it is just continuous music followed by more music.

BILLY JOEL IS BACK



The Piano Man on Stage
(Photo by Jennifer Salc)

A co-worker / friend of mine Jennifer Salc recently went with her hubby to see Billy Joel in concert at a great Long Island, NY venue and said Joel was fantastic. She sent me a great photo from her seat in the audience and shared it here.

Here’s some great news for Billy Joel fans, it is time to step aside “Uptown Girl,” there’s a new song of his in town, for the first time in 24 years, the 74-year-old Piano Man is about to release “Turn the Lights Back On,” on February 1.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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Benny Rabi over at WMEX 1510AM meeting up with Cowboy Sal down at the radio studio in Marshfield at the latest monthly Veterans Voice Network/WMEX Radio food distribution that took place on January 11. The food distributions are held monthly on the second Thursday of each month. Volunteers are always welcome to join in on food distribution dates.

GEORGE BOUCHARD WINS \$1 MILLION RAFFLE

Good friend George Bouchard has great cause to celebrate 2024 after winning the top prize in a state lottery raffle. The commander of Quincy’s American Legion Morrisette Post won the top prize in the Mass. Millionaire Holiday Raffle, which was drawn shortly after the New Year’s hour rang in. Bouchard said he will be keeping his job for the Quincy Veterans Services Department.



Sal G with Big Bucks George
(Photo by Benny Rabi, WMEX Radio)

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Introduction by Prof. Lino Pertile


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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



It was the winter of 1961 and on a January night, the snow was coming down mercilessly. Dad was playing a party with someone’s band (I don’t remember who the leader was) and they went an hour overtime. Babbononno had gone outside shoveled a parking space for Dad before the snow was unmanageable. To secure the spot, he put out an old chair, a garbage barrel and a couple of 2x4s which sat on top. I don’t know if this parking method had ever existed in the suburbs, but it was commonplace in the city. People living in apartment buildings in the North End or in three-deckers in East Boston, South Boston, Charlestown, and most other parts of the city, used this method to reserve their parking space, and everyone honored it, except for the new guy who moved in next door to us. He evidently came home, saw the reserved parking space, removed the 2x4s and put everything on the sidewalk. When Dad got home, there were about six inches of snow on the ground and an old tan Plymouth in his spot. He circled the streets of the neighborhood for quite a while and luckily found a place to park, but it was about ten blocks away.

When he arrived at 74 Eutaw Street, he was covered with snow as was his bass violin case. His feet were wet as he didn’t have boots when he left the house. Dad also didn’t wear hats. Back when I was a kid, he, Babbononno and my uncles, Paul, Nick and Gino, all had fedoras made by Henry the Hatter or Harry the Hatter, both were well known when hats were in style, but, I’m talking about the 1940s. This was 1961, and I hadn’t seen Dad wear anything on his head since the end of WWII. When he arrived home, his black curly hair was covered with snow. The front of our three-decker had a door that led into an entryway, a foyer area that on modern homes might be called a mudroom. The actual door leading into the house was always locked and there were two ways to enter, either with your own key, or by pressing one of the three buzzers that were on a sidewall with circular openings next to them and nameplates underneath.

If someone pressed the buzzer in the entryway, a bell would

ring in one of the three apartments. You might hear someone yelling through their end of the circular opening, “Who is it?” You would yell through your end of the round opening to let the voice on the other end know who it is. Then a buzzer on the wall near the kitchen door would be pressed and with a buzzing sound, the front door could be pushed open. That’s the way we did it folks!!! (Do any of you remember any of this?)

Dad did not fish for his keys. Instead, he rang the bell. When I yelled, “Who is it,” through the intercom, my father let out a barrage of profanity in English, Italian and Spanish. I buzzed him in and he headed up the two flights of steps to the top floor where our apartment was located, and he was swearing all the way. By the time he was inside, Mom and Babbononno were both up and asking what happened.

I had the good sense to pour my father a shot of cognac to warm him up and that calmed him down a bit. He asked Babbononno if he had put the barrels out. My grandfather explained in detail what he did with a barrel, an old chair and two 2x4s.

The first thing my father did the next day was confront the owner of the old tan Plymouth. The man, new to the neighborhood, told Dad what he thought of the reserved parking program. His answer was, “Hey, first come, first served. That’s the way it goes.”

By the next day, all the car owners in the immediate area, neighbors and friends, knew what Dad had gone through the night before. A couple of the men rang the bell of the apartment where the Plymouth owner lived. When he showed up in his entryway, they told him the neighborhood policy, but he gave them the same answer he gave to Dad.

Both of them just replied, “Well, we told you so,” and they left.

No one was going anywhere for a day or two because of the intensity of the snowstorm. Schools were closed, the MBTA was all off schedule, planes were grounded and the population of Boston was digging out of the mess. This included the man who owned the Plymouth. He shoveled his car out of the snow piles left by the city plows,

cleaned the snow from the windows of the car, and started the vehicle up. Just as he pulled out of the stolen parking spot, the engine began to smoke and make strange noises. Just before the engine died, a loud bang could be heard a block away. The impact of whatever, opened the hood of the Plymouth, but the engine (and I repeat) died, figuratively and literally. By the time the owner was ready to start his car, most of the men in the neighborhood were on a nearby sidewalk observing the situation. As the car’s engine banged away, exploded and died, the observers all looked at each other, nodded and all walked away.

No one seems to know what happened to the old Plymouth. When the owner had it towed to a garage, the tending mechanic seems to have found some sort of an incendiary device attached to the engine and both sugar and sand in the gas tank. As far as I know, the car never ran again and had to be junked. The former Plymouth owner had a few choice words for the men of the neighborhood, but when confronted, all of them just smiled and walked away. The next time Dad put the reserve barrels and 2x4s in a parking space surrounded by snow, everything was still there waiting for him when he returned home. For some reason, the former Plymouth owner and his family moved to another neighborhood not long after these winter episodes.

Dad had had it. He and my mother discussed moving to another location. He liked Belmont. Uncle Gino and Aunt Ninna had been living there for a few years and Dad liked the neighborhood. My mother wouldn’t hear of moving out of East Boston, and Babbononno joined in with her. As the winter progressed Dad looked at Belmont property and found a house he liked. He brought Mom and Babbononno to look at the place and both were adamant about staying in East Boston. Dad told them that he was going to buy the Belmont house, and if they wanted to stay in East Boston, he would pay for the Eutaw Street apartment and they could stay there.

Mom panicked knowing her place was next to her husband not next to her father. She convinced my grandfather that they were going to move with my father and that was it. Babbononno really had nothing to say and on Good Friday that year, the last of the Christoforo /Contini family left East Boston and moved to Belmont.

Within a few months, Mom had made some new friends and was happy with her new environment. Babbononno hated it. No place to buy Italian cigars, no place that sold Italian newspapers (including this one), and no Italians to hang out with and discuss the politics of the day. He stayed for a while but then went back to Eastie, but that’s a story for another day.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



Italian Americans in this country have a delightful and mouth-watering way of celebrating Super Bowl Sunday. It is a time filled with love, laughter, and a shared passion for football and food. They gather with loved ones to enjoy the game while indulging in an array of delicious dishes that reflect their rich culinary traditions and remind them of home. The menu includes a variety of options, ranging from entrees to desserts.

One appetizer that my family has enjoyed for many events is Crostini and Dip. Crostini, or “little toasts,” are small slices of toasted bread that serve as a perfect base for bruschetta, dips, and other toppings. They can be topped with gorgonzola and pear or served alongside caponata or spinach artichoke dip. Adding “Crostini with Spinach Artichoke Dip” to your Super Bowl Sunday menu is sure to please all of the family and friends joining in on your celebration!

CROSTINI with SPINACH ARTICHOKE DIP

Crostini con Salsa di Carciofi e Spinaci



Crostini

- 1 loaf baguette bread
- ¼ cup olive oil
- sea salt

Preheat the oven to 375°.

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside. Cut the baguette into ¼ inch slices. Brush each side of bread slices with olive oil and place on a prepared baking sheet. Lightly sprinkle with sea salt and bake for 5 to 7 minutes. Turn slices over and bake for another 5 to 7 minutes. Both sides should be lightly browned.

Dip

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1½ cups whole milk
- 5 ounces frozen chopped spinach, cooked and drained well
- ¼ cup artichokes, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, pressed
- ½ cup Parmesan cheese, shredded
- ½ cup Mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 1/8 cup Asiago cheese, shredded
- 1/8 cup Pecorino-Romano cheese, shredded
- 2 ounces full-fat cream cheese
- ¼ cup Asiago or Mozzarella cheese, shredded (for the top)
- salt and pepper to taste

Butter a 2-quart baking dish and set aside.

To make the besciamella (bechamel), in a medium saucepan over medium-low heat, melt the butter and then add the flour while stirring, cook for a minute or two. Add the milk and continue stirring while cooking until the sauce thickens.

Add the spinach, artichokes, garlic, and blend. Stir in the cheeses until all are melted and the ingredients are blended well.

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

• News Briefs

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school libraries and school classrooms. While the ACLU supports this legislation saying efforts to ban school books are politically motivated targeted attacks. Sam Whiting from the Massachusetts Family Institute said parents and local schools should have the discretion to challenge and keep age

inappropriate vulgar, and sexually explicit books out of their school libraries.”

End Quote

“I’ve spent more time in the Bethel AME Church ... than most people I know ... because that’s where I started the civil rights movement.”

-Joe Biden

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THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso



The Little Candy Store in the Woods

There are hidden gems all around us and the most striking ones embrace us with their simplicity. The charm of Mrs. Meckler's Sugar Shack is precisely how cozily tucked away it is. Cohasset's Beachwood Street is, in itself, not hard to find, but hidden behind a basketball court down a forested road on the way to Broken Spoke Farm lies a little wooden structure that can only be described as classic New England.

Throughout the dirt road leading up to the Sugar Shack are signs tantalizing approaching visitors, a quaint rendition of the tactic seen throughout Route 95 for South of the Border. The genius of the place is that it works with the surrounding nature rather than against it. Aesthetically Sugar Shack fits naturally in with the pines that tower over it. It feels like a part of the woods. Visiting it while snow still covers the ground only enhances the warmth it emits. When I visited early in January Christmas wreaths still decorated the small windows and a wool Christmas tree stood inside, but so in tune is each decorative detail of the place

that everything seems in season year-round.

Inside is a rustic candy store and bakery where visitors can buy anything from cinnamon rolls to chocolate covered pretzels and pay with either cash, check or Venmo upon departure. The place operates on an honor system for payment and while few would risk offering such high-quality goods (undoubtedly produced with great effort) based on faith in humanity, there is something about Mrs. Meckler's Sugar Shack that brings out the best in people. Maybe it's the earnest unpretentious work behind the place, maybe it is such a testament to our regional ingenuity and fits so well with our local history that New Englanders want it to succeed.

The path leading to and from the Sugar Shack is frequented by white-tail deer and the three we saw leaving the place seem to have welcomed it as part of their home as much as the locals who visit it. At their best, the structures of New England were built with and as part of the land. This little candy shop is not only a delight for the sweet-toothed but for a true New England beauty.

Boston Parks and Recreation Department Hosts Winter Soccer Clinic

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Anthony Rougier Sports Foundation, is pleased to announce the Winter Soccer Clinic. This free clinic is designed to help aspiring athletes aged 10-18 maintain their skills during the offseason and gear up for spring soccer.

Winter Soccer clinic takes place at Carter Playground Bubble, 709 Columbus Avenue. Professional coaches and trainers will guide participants through specialized drills and exercises

tailored to their age groups. This clinic caters to all skill levels, serving both junior players looking to improve their skills and senior athletes seeking advanced training.

PROGRAM DATES:

SUNDAYS, JANUARY 28 TO FEBRUARY 18

Session 1:

Ages: 10 - 14 Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Session 2:

Ages: 15 - 18 Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Youth Flag Football League

The Boston Parks & Recreation Department has launched the 2024 Youth Flag Football League, a co-ed program that runs from January 27 to March 2 in the Carter Playground Bubble, located at 709 Columbus Avenue in the South End. The league offers an inclusive environment with divisions for 6U, 8U, 10U, and 12U

categories and is suitable for young athletes of all skill levels: those new to the game of football and those looking to enhance their football skills.

Days and Times: Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Game Schedule: January 27 - February 24

Playoffs: Saturday, March 2

Early registration is recommended, as spots are limited. To register, visit boston.gov/sports. For more information, contact woodley.auguste@boston.gov or call 617-961-3084.

Sign up for our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails and follow us on social media@[bostonparksdept](https://twitter.com/bostonparksdept) to stay up-to-date with Boston Parks and Recreation Department news and events.

Registration Opens February 1st for Summer Sports Centers

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce registration will open on February 1 for the 2024 Summer Sports Centers at White Stadium in Franklin Park, Almont Park in Mattapan, East Boston Memorial Stadium in East Boston, Garvey Playground in Dorchester, and Ronan Park in Dorchester.

For more information or to register online please visit boston.gov/sports.

Each location offers instruction in several popular sports from July 8 through August 16. All Summer Sports Centers are offered free of charge to Boston

residents and open to children ages 7 to 14. Parents may register their children for just one week or the entire summer.

White Stadium Sports Center

White Stadium
450 Walnut Ave
Franklin Park

Hunt-Almont Sports Center

Hunt-Almont Park
40 Almont Street
Mattapan

East Boston Sports Center

East Boston Memorial Park
143 Porter Street
East Boston

Ronan Park Sports Center

Ronan Park
92 Mt Ida Road
Dorchester

Garvey Park Sports Center

Garvey Playground
340 Neponset Avenue
Dorchester

Please note that lunch will be provided but participants must provide their own transportation. Pre-registration is required for both groups and individuals.

Call 617-635-4505 or email parks@boston.gov for more information. To stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks, visit [Boston.gov/Parks](https://boston.gov/Parks), join our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails, and follow our social channels @[bostonparksdept](https://twitter.com/bostonparksdept) on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

• Pawtucket Farm (Continued from Page 5)

By protecting and managing Pawtucket Farm, we will broaden the ways we are able to connect people to nature in the city: accessible trails, a summer camp, field research opportunities for high school and college-aged students, and programs for families and adults.

Making an Investment

We have a lot of exciting work ahead of us! The three partners have committed, together,

to raise the resources for Pawtucket Farm. In addition, Mass Audubon has committed to providing a team that facilitates our programming, makes the Nature Center available for community use, and ensures a sustainable relationship to Lowell for decades to come. The required investment is as follows.

- \$4,500,000 - land acquisition **Complete**
- \$2,500,000 - restoration plan, trail improvements, parking area and signage, technical and design support
- \$6,000,000 - Building a shared Discovery Center and improving current facilities

- \$2,000,000 - seed support for staff (across all three partner organizations)

• \$15,000,000 - TOTAL

Mass Audubon has committed to raising at least \$9 million of this total. Now that the land acquisition is complete, our most immediate goal is to raise the \$2.5 million required to open the property to the public by late 2024. We're excited (and hope you are too!) about the opportunity to increase equitable and inclusive access to nature in Lowell. You can help make this happen with a gift today. To learn more about our project, please email, mass_audubon@massaudubon.org

North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Spring Baseball Registration Now Open

While it might be 20 degrees outside with some ice covering the field, it is time to think BASEBALL!!!

The North End Athletic Association has opened Baseball Registration for the 2024 Spring Baseball Programs. We will have baseball for ages 4 through 18. Ages 4 through 12 is co-ed, for ages 13-18, we have Dodgers Traveling Baseball and we also have added softball for girls ages 13-18. This is also a traveling league with Coach Chuck. Log on to <https://neaasportsboston.sportngin.com/neaa-baseball> to register.

Registration fee is \$55 per player. The NEAA will never prevent a player from participating in our programs due to the inability to pay our registration fees. If you need assistance, please contact John Romano, NEAA Sports Coordinator before registering at 617-750-9749 or jromano45@gmail.com.

For all team and league related questions, please contact Ralph J. Martignetti at 857-366-1213 or rmartignetti@nysir.org.

We look forward to another great year of baseball.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Perfection Towing, 483 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **January 27, 2024** beginning at 10:00 am by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2023 HONDA ACCORD
VIN # 1HGCY1F36PA039159

2015 HONDA ACCORD
VIN # 1HGCR2F30FA064253

Vehicles are being stored at
Perfection Towing
and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed
Kirk Hacsunda, Manager

Run dates: 01/12, 01/19, 01/26/2024

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• International Holocaust Remembrance Day (Continued from Page 1)

On January 27th, 2024, International Holocaust Remembrance Day will be commemorated in memory of the six million Jews who were victims of the Holocaust during WWII.

Of the approximately 44,500 Jews living in Italy before September 1943, nearly 37,000 survived the Holocaust because courageous Italian private citizens, government officials, military officers, and members of Catholic religious orders risked their lives to save them.

But we must always remember the 7,680 Italian Jews and all others who were victims of the Holocaust, who did not survive. We should also remember the Italians who gave their lives to save unknown others.

On a prison wall in northern Italy, this message to a son is written on a wall by an Italian man condemned to death for having tried to save the lives of Jews:

“Know that your father is condemned to death for having

tried to save the lives of others. I want to die in a way that draws the maximum benefit.”

Therefore, Since January 27 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day, we invite you to watch this **video series** which is an excellent 5-part video series entitled, “**The Italians and the Holocaust,**” which examines the horrors of the Holocaust, as well as the actions undertaken by many Italians to protect the lives of Italian Jews.

This powerful series was created by a collaboration between Cav. Dr. Gilda Rorro, Chairperson Emerita of the New Jersey Italian Heritage

Commission, and Dr. Paul Winkler, Director of the New Jersey Office of Holocaust Education with their intention to forward this video series to all the school boards within respective communities, requesting that the videos be shown to students within their district.

Log on to <https://www.njitalianheritage.org/italians-and-the-holocaust/> to receive the video series:

This is a timely opportunity for us to show our support to members of the Jewish community, while we also highlight an important part of our community’s history.



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarattani



Ryne Sandberg
Diagnosed with Prostate Cancer



The Hall of Fame announced this past Monday that Ryne Sandberg was diagnosed last week with metastatic prostate cancer. He debuted with the Phillies in 1981 and in January 1982, he was traded to the Chicago Cubs where he played for the next 15 seasons before deciding to retire in June 1994. He knew when to hold ‘em and when to fold ‘em. Spending all but one year with the Chicago Cubs. During

his long career, he won 10 All-Star bids, nine Golden Gloves at second base, NL MVP in 1984, and was elected into the Hall of Fame in 2005. Career stats: 282 homers, 1,061 RBIs, and 344 steals. His number 23 is only one of seven Cubs jerseys retired.

A great player and person throughout his career. We should all take a moment to offer up a prayer for him and his family during this time of struggle.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Suffolk Division

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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Boston, MA 02114
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Docket No. SU17P2057EA
Estate of
KATHLEEN CHIN
Date of Death: May 02, 2017
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Mark F. Chin of Lexington, MA.**

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.

Run date: 01/26/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Waltham Auto Tow, Inc., of 279 Crescent St., Waltham, MA,** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L.c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **February 10, 2024 beginning at 10:00 am** by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicles are being stored at Waltham Auto Tow.

2014 LINCOLN MKZ
VIN # 3LN6L2J97ER814045

2019 NISSAN ROGUE
VIN # JN1BJ1CR5KW330127

2009 TOYOTA COROLLA
VIN # JTDDBL40E299054900

Signed
Gregory Leblanc
Owner, Waltham Auto Tow

Run dates: 01/26, 02/02, 02/09/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Stanley Service, Inc. 3430 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain, MA,** pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **January 27 beginning at 10:00 AM** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2006 YAMAHA YZF-R6
VIN # JYARJ12E16A009050

2016 DODGE CHARGER
VIN # 2C3CDXHG9GH186627

1999 FORD F-450
VIN # 1FDXF46F1XEB10998

Vehicles are being stored at Stanley Service, Inc., and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed
Stanley Service, Inc., Owner

Run dates: 01/12, 01/19, 01/26/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI24P0252EA
Estate of
MACUS A. MARCUSSIAN
Also Know As:
MARK MARCUSSIAN
Date of Death: November 03, 2023
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Susan Marcussian of Waltham, MA.**

Susan Marcussian of Waltham, 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.

Run date: 1/26/2024

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 **February 10, 2024 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 FORD ESCAPE
VIN # 1FMCU59H47KA20754

2006 HONDA ODYSSEY
VIN # 5FNRL38466B406933

2006 HYUNDAI SANTA FE
VIN # KM8SC13D96U061204

2007 MAZDA 3
VIN # JM1BK32F271716344

2016 CADILLAC ATS
VIN # 1G6AB1RX5G0153510

Signed,
Justin Ramsay

Run dates: 01/26, 02/02, 02/09/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L.c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **February 03, 2024 beginning at 9:00 AM** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

1999 HONDA CR-V
VIN # JHLRD186XC049701

1998 NISSAN ALTIMA
VIN # 1N4DL01D5WC131898

2012 CHEVROLET EXPRESS
VIN # 1GCSGAFX0C1132057

2017 HONDA Hr-V
VIN # 3CZRU6H71HM722094

2007 NISSAN ALTIMA
VIN # 1N4AL21E67N475740

2008 TOYOTA YARIS
VIN # JTDJT923685139099

2003 FORD E350
VIN # 1FTNE24W73HB99538

2011 FORD FUSION
VIN # 3FAHP0JA7BR252973

2006 BMW 330i
VIN # WBAVB33516KR78543

2008 FORD F150
VIN # 1FTRF12298KD53380

2007 INFINITI G35
VIN # JNKBV61F57M809964

2010 DODGE JOURNEY
VIN # 3D4PG5FV1AT148563

2010 HONDA CIVIC
VIN # 2HGFA1F51AH524434

2012 FORD FOCUS
VIN # 1FAHP3M24CL436726

2003 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE SPYDER
VIN # 4A3AE55H93E108400

2007 JEEP COMMANDER
VIN # 1J8HG58N37C598954

Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed
Todisco Services, Inc.

Run dates: 1/19, 1/26, 2/02/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Middlesex Division

Docket No. 23W1826
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
JUAN M. ANTONETTY Plaintiff(s)
V.
AMANDA M. TEDDER Defendant(s)

To the above named Defendant(s) **Amanda M. Tedder**

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s) **Juan M. Antonetty** seeking a Complaint for Custody - Support - Parenting Time.

You are required to serve upon **Juan M. Antonetty** or attorney for plaintiff(s) whose address is 560 Market Street, 353, Lowell, MA 01854 your answer on or before **21st** day of **February 2024**. 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 this Court at **370 Jackson St., 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852**.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, Esq., First Justice of said Court at Lowell, this day of January 10, 2024.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court

Run date: 01/26/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI22P0632GD
NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of
Guardian of a Minor
In the interests of
COLLIN M. DAIGLE
of Lowell, 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 **02/10/2022** by **Brian J. Daigle, Sr.** of Lowell, MA, will be held **02/14/2024 9:00 AM Review Hearing** Located **370 Jackson St., Lowell, MA 01852, 5th Floor Courtroom 11, Judge Cafazzo.**

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 15, 2023
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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2016 CHEVROLET EQUINOX, BLACK
VIN # 2GNFLFEK3G6251716

2009 CHEVROLET MALIBU, BLUE
VIN # 1G1ZG57B594227982

2000 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE, BLACK
VIN # 1J4GW48N5YC374743

2004 VOLKSWAGON JETTA, BROWN
VIN # 3VWSA69M94M090280

2007 NISSAN MAXIMA, BROWN
VIN # 1N4BA41E97C823497

2010 FORD FUSION, BLUE
VIN # 3FAHP0HA3AR142605

2009 FORD F-150, BLUE
VIN # 1FTRW14829FB30187

2010 VOLVO S40, BLACK
VIN # YV1390MS9A2504660

2009 CHEVROLET IMPALA, GRAY
VIN # 2G1WT57NX91203438

2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRA, BLACK
VIN # KMMDH4AE9DU572772

2008 SATURN VUE, WHITE
VIN # 3GSC133P78S728695

2009 FORD FOCUS, GOLD
VIN # 1FAHP35N19W165141

2003 BMW X5, GRAY
VIN # 5UXFA53543LV73917

2010 GMC ACADIA, SILVER
VIN # 1GKLVME0AJ229330

2015 HINO CONVENTIONAL, WHITE
VIN # 5PVNE8JV2F4S54133

2009 FORD E-350, BLUE
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The Influence of Boxing on Peter O'Toole's Portrayal of Lawrence Of Arabia



Peter O'Toole with The Expression Influenced From Boxing.

In 1962 the film *Lawrence Of Arabia* was released. The movie, directed by David Lean, starred Peter O'Toole in the title role. O'Toole up until that time had been best known in England for his stage work and had only performed in three movies.

O'Toole was not the first choice to play Lawrence. He was offered the role after Albert Finney was fired after just a few days of photography on the set. Others who were considered were Marlon Brando, Anthony Perkins, and Montgomery Clift, but it was finally decided to go with the relatively unknown O'Toole. He was asked to play the role in 1960 and accepted.

The sweeping and epic production proved to be a blockbuster hit and is considered one of the greatest movies of all time. For O'Toole, who was nominated for an Oscar, it was the beginning of a storied career in film. He would eventually become a legend.

At first glance O'Toole did not seem well suited to the role of the enigmatic T.E. Lawrence. The actor stood 6'2", quite different in stature from the 5'7" Lawrence. When O'Toole was asked about the physical mismatch he would answer somewhat flippantly, "That's a question for his tailor, not his interpreter".

Indeed, when researching how to play the role, O'Toole was focused on the character of the man and his physical movements. He spent time talking with people who had known Lawrence. He wanted to fully understand how it felt to be in

his presence and the effect he had on those near him.

In a 1962 interview with the British actor Kenneth Griffith, O'Toole described how he prepared for the movie. He told Griffith that one of the people he spoke with was a Sudanese man. O'Toole related that he was meeting with Arabs in a black tent in El Jaffa discussing Lawrence. As he asked for descriptions of Lawrence he was told he should talk to a man named Abdi, who was soon

called in to the meeting. Abdi was about eighty years old and had been a slave who was given to Lawrence. He knew the colonel well. When asked who Lawrence looked like he immediately pointed to O'Toole.

Abdi later worked on the set of the film. One day he was watching O'Toole talking with someone and noticed how his eyes were moving about looking in different directions. He told O'Toole that a hero doesn't look here or there or up or down. He gives someone the plane of his face. This comment stuck with the actor.

O'Toole then recalled speaking to the artist Eric Kennington the man who had created sculptures of Lawrence and also illustrated his book *Seven Pillars*. Kennington also recalled Lawrence's expression and described it much in the way that Abdi described how a hero looks at people.

In the Griffith interview, O'Toole related how Kennington told him that Lawrence reminded him of a middleweight boxer. O'Toole said "At that moment something very important clicked, and I knew what Abdi meant by 'the plane of his face', which was this; (O'Toole now struck a boxer's pose) the eyes didn't travel over the clothes, but they were aware of the hands and aware of everything that was going on. And it was at once withdrawn, as a boxer must be, and at the same time very penetrating. And this one physical thing really clicked and made a whole difference in how I played him."

In the movie you can see how O'Toole holds his head much in the manner of a boxer. The effectiveness of this is very important in conveying the character of Lawrence. From the former slave Abdi to the sculptor Kennington, O'Toole was able to fully grasp how Lawrence appeared to people not only physically but also emotionally.

It is also interesting that Kennington not only described the look as one that a boxer would have, but he was specific about it being the look of a middleweight boxer as opposed to, perhaps, a heavyweight whom many might feel would have a stronger presence due to his greater physical stature.



Demonstrating The Boxing Look he used in Lawrence of Arabia.

I think the reason for this may have two explanations. The first being that Lawrence would never be mistaken for a heavyweight. He most likely would have been about the size of a middleweight and Kennington saw him as that.

Second, middleweights, being smaller and faster, would be likelier than the heavier weight fighters be more focused on the speed of their opponents. They would have been thinking more deeply about the tactics their foes would possibly use and how to counteract those moves, thus leading to a much more intense and focused expression.

Peter O'Toole spent an enormous amount of time researching T.E. Lawrence when he was preparing for the role, and many things played into how he interpreted the character, but it was the thought of Lawrence with the facial expression of a middleweight boxer that really struck him. When I now watch *Lawrence of Arabia*, it is striking to see just how much O'Toole used that in his role of the title character.



Drawing of T.E. Lawrence.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



One of the most significant victories of the season for the Bruins came against Winnipeg on January 22 when they defeated the Jets 4-1 at the TD Garden.

The contest pitted the Eastern Conference leading Bruins against the Western Conference leading Jets with the Black and Gold extending their winning streak to five games.

It also was a matchup of two excellent goaltenders with Jeremy Swayman, the Causeway Street stopper who was fourth ranked in the league (2.31 goals against average), going against Winnipeg's Connor Hellebuyck, second ranked in the circuit with a 2.17 GAA. In fact, Winnipeg led the entire 32-team league in fewest goals allowed (104) through games of January 22. After allowing a first period goal Swayman held the Jets scoreless for the final two periods as the B's built up their winning margin.

Unfortunately for Swayman, he has been the losing goalie in seven of the nine overtime losses the team has recorded thus far in the regular season. The format is different in the playoffs where teams play five-on-five in overtime with no shootout (and a potential victory or loss in a best-of-seven series on the line). But it still does matter in the regular season where suffering a setback in OT deprives a team of a point. Those overtime losses can add up and affect a team's seeding for the playoffs.

Some media outlets, including the Boston Globe, indicated that the game "had a playoff feel" but that is really getting ahead of any potential situation. First of all, both teams would need to win their respective first three rounds of the playoffs before any such matchup could take place — and then only in the Stanley Cup Final. That's a big ask right away.

Yes, such a scenario would be interesting since the Jets are coached by former Bruins bench boss Rick Bowness, who was the last mentor to lead the B's to the Conference finals (in 1992) before they won the Stanley Cup two decades later (in 2011).

But since the only thing predictable about the Stanley Cup playoffs is that they are unpredictable (think back to last spring, Bruins fans) there is a real awareness in the Hub that how things transpire during the regular season can have little consequence in the playoffs.

You will not see the Bruins at home for a couple of weeks since they have two road games at the end of January before the NHL turns its attention to celebrating All-Star Weekend in Toronto. The culmination of the celebration will be the All-Star Game — now a contest consisting of four teams of 11 players (nine skaters and two goaltenders per team) competing in the annual event. It is scheduled for February 3. The B's return to the Garden on February 6 for a long seven-game homestand that extends all the way through February 19.

Personally, we liked the traditional format of the All-Star

Game that was in place for decades where there were two complete teams (as in any NHL game) that competed against one another. We understand that the contest gradually, by unwritten mutual agreement, came to be essentially a no-check game but it was still a game between two full teams.

Ray Bourque scored the winning goal in the 1996 All-Star Game in Boston (the last one held in the Hub). During the game he also checked Paul Kariya into the boards. When asked about that at the post-game press conference, Ray momentarily put his head down before looking up and sheepishly admitting "I forgot."

But while the Bruins are away there will be plenty of activity at the Garden. The highly successful Celtics will take over the parquet for a seven-game homestand that starts on January 27 and extends all the way to February 9.

A key game to focus on is the contest with the Los Angeles Lakers and NBA megastar LeBron James on February 1. The Lakers only make one appearance at the Garden during the regular season. And yes, it could be that the game has lost a bit of meaning with the Lakers now playing about .500 basketball while sitting in fourth place in the Pacific Division of the Western Conference. But they are still the Lakers, LeBron is still there and it remains the latest renewal of an historic rivalry that has decades of tradition behind it. Go if you can or watch on TV. Appointment viewing.

The game with Memphis scheduled for February 4 was building in interest since it was supposed to feature the return of Marcus Smart to the Garden, but Smart dislocated a finger in a game against Dallas on January 9 and is expected to be out six weeks. Selected sixth overall in the 2014 NBA Draft by the Celtics, Smart played nine seasons with Boston before being traded to Memphis this past summer. He was averaging 14.5 points and 4.3 assists at the time of his injury.

In addition, the men's Beanpot Tournament makes its annual return to the Garden in early February. This year's opening night on February 5 features Harvard taking on Northeastern at 5 and Boston College facing Boston University at 8.

The winners will meet in the Championship Game on February 12 at 8 with the consolation game starting at 4:30.

Personally, we do not want any games, particularly the championship matchup, to end in a shootout. Last year Northeastern defeated Harvard 3-2 in the first-ever shootout in tournament history to claim the title.

All Beanpot games have a dual identity—they are Beanpot games but also NCAA regular season games—and NCAA games now use a shootout following a skating overtime.

Beanpot administrators applied to the NCAA for a waiver but were denied. Thus the shootout has been introduced to Beanpot games.



Kenneth Griffith interviewing Peter O'Toole.