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## Mayor Wu Shares Boston's Winter Weather Preparations

Mayor Michelle Wu today joined City officials at the Public Works yard on Frontage Road to discuss winter preparations currently underway in the City of Boston and resources available to residents including older adults and individuals experiencing homelessness.

"The City is ready to support Boston residents through inclement winter weather and in keeping energy bills down as temperatures drop," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Our City departments are working around the clock to keep our communities safe, and I encourage Bostonians to utilize City services and look out for vulnerable neighbors."

The Public Works Department (PWD) currently has 44,000 tons of salt on-hand to treat City streets. PWD has 175 pieces of in-house snow clearing equipment and has the capability to place over 800 additional pieces on the roads during larger storms. As part of their neighborhood plowing operations during winter storms and to ensure the safety of riders following events, PWD allocates pieces of equipment to clear snow from Boston's dedicated bike lanes.

The Office of Emergency

Management (OEM) monitors forecasts and maintains open lines of communication with the National Weather Service. OEM also works across City departments and with external partners to ensure coordinated response plans are in place leading up to extreme weather events. Residents can sign up to receive AlertBoston, the City's emergency mass notification system, notifications by phone, text, or email in the event a snow emergency/parking ban is declared. Safety tips on how to prepare for winter storms are on **boston.gov**. AlertBoston notifications are available in 11 languages.

As temperatures drop and utility costs are expected to rise, Mayor Wu is reminding residents, small businesses, and local organizations to opt in to Boston Community Choice Electricity (BCCE). This City-run program gives residents three options for electricity pricing and renewable energy. On Monday, Mayor Wu announced\_the City of Boston has increased the default renewable energy content by an additional 15% beyond state requirements to support the transition to a regional clean

energy grid. Since the beginning of the program, the BCCE Standard rates have been lower than Eversource Basic Rates. The average resident that uses 600 kilowatt hours of electricity a month on the BCCE Standard option is expected to save nearly \$15 per month compared to the Eversource Basic Service Residential rate (\$0.17251/kWh). Individuals interested in learning more should visit Boston.gov/BCCE to opt in, opt up, or opt out at any time.

#### Rules on clearing snow:

• Property owners must fully clear snow, sleet, and ice from sidewalks and curb ramps abutting the property within three hours after the snowfall ends or three hours after sunrise if the snow ends overnight. Curb and pedestrian ramps to the street should be cleared fully and continually over the duration of the storm to ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities. If a storm will last over an extended



period of time, property owners are asked to continually check ramps abutting their property for compliance.

- Removal of snow and ice from a private property to the street or sidewalk is prohibited.
- Failure to comply with the rules can result in fines issued by PWD's Code Enforcement Division. Fines associated with improper removal of snow

can be found at www.boston. gov/departments/311/snow-emergency-parking.

## Parking during a declared snow emergency:

- If a snow emergency is declared, cars will be ticketed and towed if parked on a posted snow emergency artery.
  - Space savers must be

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## **News Briefs**

by Sal Giarratani

#### RFK's Chance at Debate Stage

For the first time since 1992 (remember Ross Perot?), an independent candidate may be taking part in a presidential debate. The Commission on Presidential Debates announced the schedule for the 2024 general election with three debates set for September 16th at Texas State University; October 1st at Virginia State, and on October 9th at the University of Utah.

Candidates must have at least 15 percent in national polling. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., is averaging 16.7 percent at present, according to RealPolitics.

#### Slap at "Coward Fail to Act" Cop

An NYPD officer was caught on video standing by and watching as his lieutenant was beaten on a subway car by two men and that officer has been put on desk duty. The two officers responded to the scene of a reported knife fight. The police officer with 20 years reportedly on the job can be seen in the 68-second clip holding a subway door and watching from the platform as the lieutenant was being beaten. Internal Affairs is now investigating the incident and the lieutenant is home recovering from his injuries.

Many NYPD officers called him a coward and that he should no longer be on the force if he can't help his brother and sister police officers when they are in trouble during the call that brought the police to the scene.

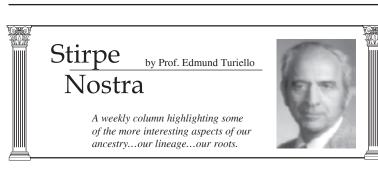
#### Panera Bread Sued Over Death

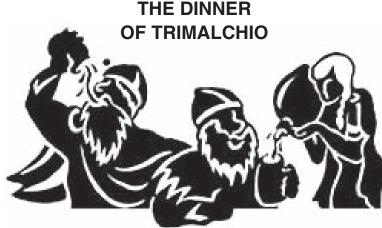
A college student with a heart condition died after drinking Panera Bread's Charged Lemonade, which has more caffeine than three cans of Red Bull, according to a lawsuit filed by the young woman's family.

The 21-year-old woman died last year when she suffered cardiac arrest hours after purchasing the lemon

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Throughout all of early Roman history, there were mostly temperate men, moderate in all of their indulgences including their appetites for food and drink. These were the persons who were satisfied with their coarse breads, the normal vegetables, fowl, cheese, fruits, and local wines. Invited guests were also treated to moderate meals, served and eaten under moderate conditions.

There were also those few who attempted to impress their friends by a show of wealth which was ridiculous, absurd, and vulgar.

There can be no discussion of lavish Roman dinners without making reference to a story of the "Dinner of Trimalchio" and to its author "Gaius Petronius." Petronius was the "Arbiter Eleganatiarum" or probably much better described as the Director-in-Chief of the imperial pleasures at the court of Nero and one of the emperors' chosen companions. He enjoyed an exalted position during much of Nero's reign. Petronius passed judgment on the merits of any proposed national game, feast, enjoyment, or pleasure in any way, shape or form and his decision was final. Jealous rivals succeeded in having him falsely accused of plotting treason against Nero and he was condemned to death. He cheated the executioner by committing suicide in a slow and graceful manner. He opened up his veins and then applied bandages to check the flow of blood as he chatted with friends until death came. He is credited with being the author of a remarkable literary work, part of which was a detailed account of a it thrown onto a rubbish heap. sumptuous banquet provided by "Trimalchio," a boastful, pretentious, and ignorant recipient of newly acquired wealth.

granate seeds to simulate a charcoal fire.

While musicians played, slaves entered bearing a great dish which contained a wooden hen hatching large eggs. One egg was passed to each of the guests who soon discovered that the shells were actually cooked flour and each contained a fat "baccafico" rolled in spiced egg yolk (a baccafico is a European songbird usually fattened on fruit and grain in autumn). At this time, one of the serving slaves dropped a silver platter and because it describes a famous dinner. It had a slight dent, the host had

**NEXT WEEK:** 

*The Dinner of Trimelchio* - Continued

The story tells of the invited guests to the domus of Trimalchio being met at the door by slaves who accompanied them to the bathhouse where they were offered precious vases containing water in order to wash their hands. They were then shown into the tricilinium (dining room) where they were directed to their places and reclined on a sofa before a magnificently arranged display of hors d'oeuvres. Later, waiters brought in a bronze donkey carrying two panniers (baskets) filled with large green and black olives. The donkey supported silver dishes which were engraved with the name of Trimalchio and also the weight of silver in each dish so that guests could estimate their value and the host's wealth. The dishes contained dormice (squirrel-like rodents) seasoned with honey and poppy seeds. The edible European variety is consumed when plump, just before hibernation. Next came hot sausages lying on a silver grill. Underneath the grill were black prunes with red pome-

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• Winter Weather Preparations (Continued from Page 1)

removed within 48 hours after a snow emergency has been lifted. Please note: space savers are NOT allowed in the South End and Bay Village.

• During declared snow emergencies, discounted parking is available at some parking lots and garages for Boston residents. A list of discounted parking garages can be found at www.boston.gov/departments/311/snow-emergencyparking#parking-at-garages.

Trash and recycling:

• During severe snowstorms, recycling and trash collection may be canceled, but this is extremely rare. Most often, severe snowstorms can cause delays in service. Residents can download the free Trash Day App to view neighborhood recycling and trash schedules, locate a textile dropbox in their neighborhood, and to find out what items they can and can't recycle.

• Crews have a difficult time reaching trash barrels and recycling carts placed behind snowbanks. Residents and business owners are asked to please clear an area at the curb for collection or place containers next to or in front of snowbanks.

#### Caring for vulnerable populations:

- · If you see homeless and vulnerable individuals out in the cold who appear immobile, disoriented, or underdressed for the cold, please call 911.
- The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) utilizes a city-wide network of emergency shelters, outreach providers, city

agencies, and first responders to assist those in need of shelter.

• Boston's emergency shelters are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and when temperatures are below freezing (32 degrees) amnesty is in place for those with nonviolent restrictions. Men can access shelter at the 112 Southampton Street Shelter, and women should go to the Woods-Mullen Shelter at 794 Massachusetts Ave. BPHC and the City work closely with shelter providers in the city to ensure that no client is without shelter, food, resources, and a warm respite from the cold.

• Any person needing shelter should access shelter directly, any time of day or night. Providers and community partners looking to facilitate shelter access may call 617-534-4440, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.

• During extreme cold weather, street outreach teams operate with extended hours and provide mobile outreach vans on the streets in the evening and throughout the day.

#### Safety tips:

- If you are able, keep catch basins and fire hydrants clear of snow and debris. This will help prevent flooding and allow for access in the event of an emergency. For a map of catch basins and fire hydrants, visit at www.bwsc.org/ environment-education/ *maproom/catch-basins-map.*
- · Shoveling snow requires significant exertion; please be cautious and pay attention to

symptoms. Stop if you feel chest pain, shortness of breath, lightheaded, nauseous/vomiting. Call 911 if those symptoms do not resolve quickly.

• Snow piles can make navigating intersections dangerous for walkers and drivers. Please take extra care when turning corners with snow piles that might limit

· Carbon monoxide poisoning is a concern during winter weather, especially with the use of generators. Residents should use their home heating systems wisely and safely, and have a working carbon monoxide detector on each floor of the home. Call 911 immediately if you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning.

• Sitting in a car while idling can be deadly if the tailpipe is blocked. Do not let children sit in an idling car while shoveling. Clear any household exhaust pipes of snow.

· Have a contractor check the roof to see if snow needs to be removed. If roof snow can be removed from the ground with the use of a snow-rake, do so with caution. Avoid working from ladders and be mindful of slippery surfaces.

#### Dress for the weather:

· Wear several layers of loosefitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing.

· Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent.

· Always wear a hat and cover

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## 28th Annual Christmas Program for North End Children Only

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING WITH GIFTS FOR ALL THE NICE BOYS & GIRLS.

on Sunday, December 10th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at St. Agrippina's Chapel at 459 Hanover Street

- All who wish to attend please call 617-363-2678 between November 20 and December 3rd. To confirm you must supply your child's name, age, gender, address and phone number so that we can report to Santa's elves.
- \* Please, you must confirm no later than December 3rd. All children 10 and under will receive a picture with Santa and a gift. Children must be present & accompanied by an adult. Also: Face Painting, Balloons, Characters, Gift Bags. Please Bring a Camera!
- **★** Saint Agrippina's Christmas Program is for North End Residents Only.



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In Remembrance

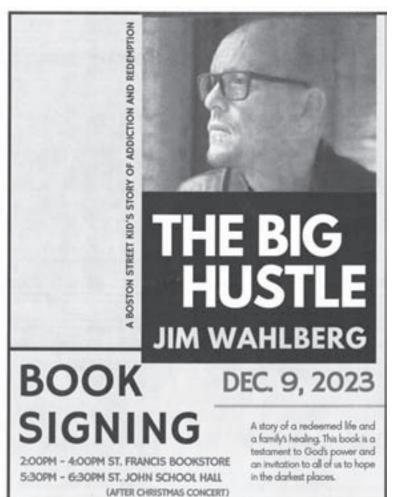
## Joseph "Dom" Compochiaro

June 21, 1938 - December 8, 2014

*Ninth Anniversary* 



Everyday in some small way Memories of you come our way. Though absent, you are always near Still missed, loved, and always dear.



## The Cheverus Awards Conferred Upon 150 Recipients at the Cathedral of The Holy Cross in Boston

Among recipients was Ray Flynn former Ambassador to the Holy See and former City of Boston Mayor

by John Joseph Fahey

The Archdiocese of Boston awarded 150 of those members of the Church who have been committed to the objectives of the mission of the Church throughout the Archdiocese of Boston at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston on Sunday, November 26th, at a 3:00 p.m. prayer service. Cardinal Sean O'Malley presented the awards.

The selection takes places yearly; however, each year a third of the parishes throughout the archdiocese nominates someone (usually a lay person) who has, according to the archdiocese ...has served the parish well over an extended period of time and has done so in a quiet, unassuming and, perhaps, unrecognized fashion."

Also, according to the Archdiocese, the Cheverus Medals have been presented to honorees going back to 2008 when Cardinal Sean instituted the Awards. The Award is named after Bishop Cheverus, the founding Bishop of Boston. And as the Archdiocese indicates, Bishop Cheverus ... led the diocese from 1808 until his return to France in 1824, He died in 1836 as the archbishop of Bordeaux."

This medal, as the Archdiocese further states is an "oval-shaped, silver medal [that] bears the image of Bishop Jean-Louis Anne Magdelaine



Former Mayor of Boston (1984-1993) Raymond L. Flynn and wife Cathy

Lefebvre de Cheverus. On the reverse side is Bishop Cheverus' coat of arms and episcopal motto 'diligamus nos invivem' (let us love one another).

Among this year's recipients were Former Ambassador to the Holy See (1993-1997) and Former Mayor of Boston (1984-1993) Raymond L. Flynn. Ray's wife Cathy was also a recipient.

## Remembering Past Thanksgivings **During My North End Childhood**

On this Thanksgiving Day, there is so much to be thankful for. I have been reminiscing about my childhood days and those Thanksgiving celebrations. First, I am immensely THANKFUL and APPRECIATIVE that I was born and raised in the greatest place in the world, the North End of Boston. Growing up in the North End during the late 1940s-50's was a phenomenal and unique life experience for a young boy growing up in a thriving, tight-knit, Italian American community. So much was happening in a community that was just shy of one square mile. Sad to say at the time, we were considered a "slum" in the late 1940's and into the 1950s, but to us, there was no place else on earth that we would rather live.

Growing up in the North End meant you knew everyone, and everyone knew you! The bonds of friendship were incredible. We proudly celebrated our Italian heritage, culture, rituals, and traditions which were passed down from our ancestors who became mindful of the significance of Thanksgiving Day in America. Most notable was the fact that our parents and grandparents never let us forget the relevance of our Italian heritage but to always remember how fortunate and thankful that we were Americans. We had so much, multiple churches, private religious societies formed to honor Patron Saints that would perpetuate the religious traditions brought from the "Old Country" to honor these Saints with our annual Summer Feasts. In addition, we had multiple parochial schools, doctors, pharmacies, butcher shops, fish stores (Giuffre's Fish Market, I remember buying calamari for 10 cents a pound) pastry shops, bakeries, coffee and lunch shops (Brother Bills and Pals lunch), grocery stores, small corner stores, only a handful of notable restaurants (Stella's, Giro's, European, Cantina and the Blue Front), Banks (First National, Stabile and Haymarket), neighborhood bars (Florentine and Coliseum) fresh fruit & vegetable storefronts along with their pushcart stands, cobblers, women's & menswear clothing stores, barbershops, cafés, hardware stores, pool rooms, storefront clubs and after-hour hangouts for the older generation. We had to travel a short way to go to the movie theaters (Scollay, Rialto and most favorite, the Lancaster).

Places that played a major role in growing up and offering us opportunities that were unimaginable and definitely influenced our positive childhood development included the North End Union (indoor activities and Camp Parker), the North Bennet Street Industrial School (dances, Caddy Camp and Mr. "D") and the Bathhouse, where as kids, we would all

meet on Saturdays to catch up with friends not seen during the week and of course, get clean. I'm sure all remember the active horse barn on North Margin Street that vendors / peddlers used for taking their horse drawn wagons down our narrow streets selling fruit and watermelons. On any given summer Saturday morning, you could hear Nick D'Amore's father yelling "Watermeloooooo!

Finally, we had our own slaughterhouse on Fulton Street where we would get our eggs and fresh turkeys for Thanksgiving Day. Oh boy, those were the "good old days"; some of us didn't know how good we had it and took it for granted. Yes, we did, but I believe we were very happy and still very thankful for all our blessings.

We had everything! Most of all, we had family, and the friends we had, they were all considered family. It was easy to make friends; no one ever closed their apartment doors. You could walk into any building, go up four-five flights of stairs, and on every level, the apartment doors were open. As you passed by each door on every level, you would get a friendly hello and an invite for a glass of homemade wine, if you were old enough to drink. Those doors always remained open until the mid 1960's until fires plagued the North End and changed everything!

Many will remember that our Thanksgiving dinners always began with our traditional Italian meal. Some years, it would be lasagna, meatballs and sausages, and other years maybe Ravioli with various other types of pasta served with braciola, sausages and meatballs. After eating all of this, a brief respite was needed but then turkey would follow with all the fixings, then the feast of pastries that either came from Mike's, Rocco's, Modern and or Maria's. Cheesecake was my favorite. After eating all of this, the family would slip into a food coma.

On this Thanksgiving Day, I am especially thankful the Lord has blessed me with another year to be with family and friends over the holidays. I am very thankful that I was able to see all my childhood friends at the Friends of the North End reunion this past September. This Thanksgiving Day, I want this message to be about love, hope, joy, peace, happiness, and laughter. As each Thanksgiving arrives, I realize more than ever how important it is in giving back for the blessings of being born in America. May you, your family, your loved ones, and your dear friends enjoy the warmth of this holiday season and may the harvest of the feast be yours!

Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless You All"

### L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Legends on Santa Claus Lane

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



The Christmas season, that most wonderful time of the year, is fully upon us! I feel its merriment whenever I take a sip of spicy eggnog, its velvety texture warming me inside with the taste of the holidays. The week before Advent, my husband and I decorated our home for Christmas, setting up our small tree and placing an evergreen wreath on our door. The twinkling lights of these adornments shine through even the darkest midwinter night, while the greenery reminds me that the cycle of life rolls on despite the blustery cold of the season. Christmas carols, ubiquitous on the radio now, compose the soundtrack of my days now, filling them with the sounds of jingle bells. However, the most inescapable symbol of secular Christmas celebrations remains the jolly man in the North Pole himself — Santa Claus! Santa Claus appears everywhere nowadays, from thrones in shopping malls to television ads, from cookie faces to household decorations. Sometimes, Santa Claus manifests as the elegant Father Christmas — a serious-faced man clad in long, intricate robes, holding a staff. More often, however, he is a rotund, merry-faced man with a bushy white beard and a red suit, a bag bursting with gifts slung around his shoulder. Though Santa Claus has become a prominent figure in Christmas commercialism, at his purest form he is a comforting symbol of the mirth, goodwill, and kindness which characterize this season. This complex character even has his own holiday on December 6th, a day abounding with Christmas history!

The idea of Santa Claus may seem rather strange, even bizarre. Here is a man who lives in the North Pole, wears red, owns a toyshop run by elves, and hops aboard a sleigh to deliver presents to children on Christmas Eve. Why is this figure so attached to the holiday season? Like most Christmas symbols, Santa Claus derives from both Christian and pagan roots. Some of his characteristics hearken back to the Norse god Odin, who led a wild hunt across the midwinter night sky on an eight-legged stallion. Children would leave carrots out overnight for Odin's horse, similar to the tradition of offering cookies and milk to Santa Claus. Elves also form a major part of Scandinavian folklore, where tales abound of magical creatures who are especially active during the Twelve Days of Christmas. Nevertheless, Santa Claus's most immediate ancestor is St. Nicholas of Myra, a fourthcentury bishop hailing from Asia Minor, now modern-day Turkey. St. Nicholas became famous for his generosity, eventually serving as the patron saint of children. His association with gift-giving stems from a famous legend in which he secretly made gifts of gold to three sisters too poor to afford a dowry. The very name "Santa Claus" is a corruption of "St. Nicholas," hailing from Dutch settlers who brought the figure of Sinterklaas to America. In other countries, such as England, Santa Claus's name is "Father Christmas." This corresponds to his Italian moniker as well, as the jolly man is known as Babbo Natale — literally, "Father Christmas " Though the premiere gift-bringer in Italy remains *La Befana*, the kindly witch who circles the world on Epiphany Eve, *Babbo Natale* yields enormous presence there as well, and Italian children write letters to the merry, redsuited man.

St. Nicholas, Santa Claus's predecessor, even boasts his own feast day on the  $6^{th}$  of December. My grandmother hailed from the southern Italian city of Bari, which holds the relics of the saint, and as such la Festa di San Nicola, or St. Nicholas's Day, endures as one of her most cherished holidays. She spoke very fondly of citywide celebrations on this day, replete with parades and processions, most centered around the Basilica di San Nicola. In other areas of Europe, St. Nicholas's Day functions as a quaint and charming precursor to Christmas, a day devoted to the happiness of children. Children in Germany, Hungary, and the Czech Republic leave their shoes or boots on the windowsills during the eve of St. Nicholas's feast, only to find them filled with candy and trinkets in the morning. Polish children find small bags of candy tucked under their pillows, while their counterparts in France bake gingerbread and brioche to mark the holiday. My family honors St. Nicholas's Day with customs that awaken my inner child. My husband's parents bless and distribute candy canes on this day, sharing the joy of this nostalgic treat. I bake an eggnog cake for this feast. Silky and warm, studded with golden raisins and topped with a brown sugar streusel, this cake tastes like the Christmas festivities. As its scent fills the air, I become thankful for the pleasures of home and hearth that form the crux of holidays like St. Nicholas's Day.

Though the modern age seems bent on commercializing Santa Claus, we should pay attention to the true significance of this enigmatic and jovial figure. A combination of Christian and pagan roots, Santa Claus celebrates the values of compassion and kindness. The feast day of his predecessor St. Nicholas honors children and is imbued with the optimism and generosity that characterizes the Christmas season. While it may seem far too easy to impatiently wait for Christmas's arrival, St. Nicholas's Day serves as a welcome reminder that the whole Advent period brims with unique and special holidays that reveal the various facets of Christmas. During the holidays this year, let us make a pact to face life with the same sense of magic and wonder that typifies Santa Claus, or Father Christmas, or Babbo Natale. When we look at Christmas with joyous, childlike eyes, we can finally enjoy the true magnanimous spirit of the holidays, making our souls as bright as Santa Claus's smile!

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#### The Coconut Grove Memorial Has Broken Ground

Over eighty years ago, 81 to be exact, there was a horrible fire at a packed Coconut Grove nightclub that claimed the lives of 490 folks partying inside the over-packed night spot and the fire changed the way fires would be fought going forward and how to properly treat burn victims too. Families of survivors and still-living victims of that devastating fire gathered at a new site to always remember what happened on the long ago night and their loved ones this past Sunday, November 26, two days before the latest anniversary of that deadly blaze.

The fire broke out in the basement of the popular Coconut Grove night spot on November 28, 1942, the first Thanksgiving weekend after America entered World War II. The club held twice its legal occupancy; 1,000 crammed inside the place as fire ripped through the space which was papered in flammable decorations and most of the doors were locked to prevent anyone else from leaving without paying. Nearly half the people inside never made it out. Hundreds of others managed to get out of there with their lives and were badly burned. As Mayor Wu stated at the memorial gathering earlier this week, "The fire at the Grove is still the deadliest moment in our city's history and the deadliest nightclub fire in the country's history."

The memorial when completed will stand atop that nightclub and the names of all 490 dead will be named on this memorial to be built. Because of that fire, Boston led the way in setting national standards in terms of fire safety, advanced burn treatments and advanced mental health and trauma treatments. We should never forget what happened that day, nor should we.

I have always remembered this tragedy because of listening to several folks who could never forget it, like Father Francis Gilday, Rector of the Immaculate Conception Church and Boston City Hospital chaplain. On the night of November 28, 1942 going into the morning hours of November 29, he administered, by his estimate, the last rites to over two hundred fifty deceased from that nightclub. Rev. Gilday said he could never forget that night no matter how hard he might try. As it did for most folks who saw the results of this fire close up, it gave him nightmares.

Another person I talked with about this fire was my own dad. He was a young orderly who had just started working at Boston City Hospital when burn victims and dead bodies were arriving en masse. He relayed to me how he ran down those underground tunnels that connected all the hospital buildings. He started running from the Surgical Building before arriving at the Dowling Building where the Accident Floor was located.

Like Father Gilday, he never forgot that night or so many details about it all. He remembered how bodies were stacked on top of each other making what my dad called a death wall. And he said the smell of death was everywhere. He also added he couldn't get rid of the sights and smells that engulfed him inside and out.

My dad always seemed to need to talk about it on each year's anniversary and thanks to my dad, I found out that there weren't enough ambulances in the city and the city hospital couldn't take care of all the victims that night. The police commandeered any kind of truck, flatbeds, delivery trucks, anything with wheels. The police started using both the City Hospital's Accident Floor and Mass. General's Emergency Ward. My dad described it all as chaos with driven force.

I hope to see this memorial when it is completed late in 2024. I can then stand on the spot where this horror occurred and I can think about all the dead who met their destiny and doomsday that long ago night of horror. I can remember Father Gilday and I can remember my dad too.

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# **East Boston Chamber of Commerce**

## Holiday Decorating Contest

The East Boston Chamber of Commerce invites all local businesses to participate in the annual holiday decorating contest by decorating their business' storefronts.

All entries are due by Friday, December 8, 2023. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners. Winners will be announced at the Holiday Bazaar held on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Watershed ICA on the East Boston waterfront on Marginal Street.

Please call the Chamber's office at 617-569-5000 to ensure your business is entered.

## **Great American Songbook:**

Night and Day —

A Celebration of Tony Bennett & Lady Gaga

#### **Berklee Performance Center**

136 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA

Thursday / March 7, 2024 / 8:00 P.M.

Delight in this uplifting student concert showcasing the distinctive and diverse creative talents of Berklee singers, instrumentalists, arrangers, track producers, and dancers who will breathe new life into some of the most timeless classics from the Great American Songbook with their fusion of craft, artistry, and global culture. Celebrating two singular figures in music with total commitment to their art — Tony Bennett '74H, a titan of jazz vocalists, and Lady Gaga, an empress of avant-garde pop. The pair met for the first time in 2011 when Gaga performed the jazz standard "Orange Colored Sky," made famous by Nat King Cole, at a fundraiser where Bennett was in attendance. So impressed by her voice and artistry, Bennett suggested the pair record a jazz album together. They remained close friends and collaborators thereafter until Bennett's passing in 2023 at age 96.

For one night only, experience beloved musical selections from their Grammy Award-winning duet albums — *Cheek to Cheek* and *Love For Sale* — alongside Bennett's signature songs and reimagined jazz-inflected covers of Gaga hits beautifully arranged in a big swing band setting with strings.

The setlist will include "Let's Face The Music and Dance," "I Can't Give You Anything But Love," "Poker Face," "Love For Sale," "I Get A Kick Out Of You," "Bad Romance," "Sophisticated Lady," "Born This Way," "Bang Bang (My Baby Shot Me Down)," "It Don't Mean A Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)," "Nature Boy," "Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye," "Lush Life," "The Best Is Yet To Come," "I've Got You Under My Skin," "Always Remember Us This Way," "It's De-Lovely," and "I Left My Heart In San Francisco."

In 1974, Berklee presented Bennett with an honorary doctorate, and in 1981, he returned to Berklee and the Berklee Performance Center, to play a televised concert with Count Basie and his orchestra. Whether you're a longtime Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga fan or a new convert,



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don't miss this unforgettable musical journey that's perfect for audiences of all ages! The concert is produced by Maureen McMullan P.D. '09.

**Box Office Hours:** 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, two hours prior to any Berklee Performance Center event, as well as one hour prior to ticketed events at all other Berklee venues.

**Please note:** These hours are subject to change, particularly during times when Berklee is on a break and around the holidays. Please email boxoffice@berklee.edu or call 617-747-2261 before you plan on visiting the Box Office.



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#### • Winter Weather Preparations (Continued from Page 2)

your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.

- · Dress children warmly and set reasonable time limits on outdoor play.
- Restrict infants' outdoor exposure when it is colder than 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

#### Watch for signs of frostbite:

• Signs of frostbite include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.

#### Watch for signs of hypothermia:

• These include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. If you or someone you know shows any of these symptoms, get in touch with a healthcare provider immediately. If symptoms are severe, call 911.

#### Heating guidelines for property owners and tenants:

- In accordance with the Massachusetts State Sanitary Code, the heating season officially begins on September 15 and runs through May 31. Property owners must heat habitable spaces at a minimum temperature of 68° between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. and 64° between 11:01 p.m. and
- In cases of emergency, property owners are encouraged to keep a list of licensed contractors (electrician, plumber, and general contractor) on file. Tenants experiencing problems with their heating system should check the thermostat, ensure the dial is turned on, and report insufficient or no heat problems to the property owner or manager
- If your landlord or property manager is unresponsive, contact the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) at (617) 635-5300 to file a complaint, or call

#### Heating safety:

- Never try to heat your home using a charcoal or gas grill, the kitchen stove, or other product not specifically designed as a heater. These can cause a fire or produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide very quickly.
- Have your heating system cleaned and checked annually.
- Make sure all vents are clear of snow or any other debris.
- Install and maintain smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home. Carbon monoxide is an invisible gas produced whenever any fuel is burned. Common sources include oil or gas furnaces, water heaters, fireplaces, stoves, and some space heaters. It has no smell, taste, or color. It is a poison and is deadly.

#### Tips to keep water flowing and pipes unfrozen during extreme cold:

- The Boston Water and Sewer Commission recommends homeowners locate a home's main water shut off valve, and learn how to use it. Should a frozen pipe burst, shutting the main valve quickly will minimize flooding and property damage.
- Homeowners should insulate pipes in unheated areas like basements, garages, and crawl spaces. Use inexpensive hardware store materials to prevent pipes from freezing and to keep warm water flowing.
- Circulate warm air around pipes by keeping cabinet doors open. Circulate a trickle of tap

- water through pipes during extreme cold to help prevent them freezing up.
- · Locate your water meter, protect it from drafts, and make sure basement doors and windows are shut tight.
- If pipes do freeze, slow thaw with a hair dryer. Never use an open flame to thaw pipes. If water is lost in all taps, call BWSC 24-hour Emergency Assistance Line at 617-989-7000.

#### Emergency home repair resources:

- Income-eligible homeowners and Boston's residents over age 62 can receive assistance with winter emergencies and repairs, such as fixing storm damage, leaking roofs, or leaking/frozen pipes. Grant and loan funding is available. For assistance, residents should call the Mayor's hotline at 311 or the Boston Home Center at 617-635-HOME
- · In addition, the Mayor's Seniors Save program helps income eligible Bostonians over the age of 60 replace old, inefficient heating systems with a brand new heating system before a failure occurs during the cold winter months. Grant and loan funding is available. Eligible owners should also call 311 or the Boston Home Center at 617-635-HOME (4663) to be connected with a City staffer to provide additional details.

#### Tips to increase home energy efficiency:

- Disconnect the water hose from the home.
- · Wrap or cover exposed spigots.
  - · Caulk or putty windows.
- · Ensure kitchen and bathroom dampers close properly.
- · Close all storm windows and
- Apply weather stripping.
- Properly insulate all pipes that are exposed.
- Install insulated or heavy drapes to keep cold drafts from coming in.
- Close the damper to a wood burning fireplace after each use. Consider a chimney balloon if you don't have a damper.

#### Tips for what to do before a power outage:

- Before a weather event prepare your home by:
- Ensuring that your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working and have fresh batteries.
- Consider purchasing a generator to provide power during an outage. Follow the manufacturer's instructions and learn how to use it safely before an outage.
- Ensuring that you have sufficient heating fuel. Consider safe backup heating options such as fireplaces or woodstoves.
- Have a landline phone with a corded receiver.

Fully charge your cell phone, laptop, and other electronic devices.

- If you have a water supply (such as a well-water pump system) that could be affected by a power outage, fill your bathtub and spare containers with water. The water in the bathtub should be used for sanitation purposes only. You can pour a bucket of this water directly into the toilet bowl to
- Keep your car's gas tank full. Pumps at gas stations may not work during a power outage.
- · Set your refrigerator and

freezer to their coldest settings to keep food cold (but remember to reset them back to normal once power is restored).

- If you have life-support devices, such as home dialysis or breathing machines, or other medical equipment or supplies that depend on electricity:
- · Talk to your health care provider about how to use them during a power outage.
- Contact your local electric company and equipment suppliers about your power needs. Some utility companies will put you on a "priority reconnection service" list.
- Let the fire department know that you are dependent on life-support devices.
- If you have medication that requires refrigeration, check with your pharmacist for guidance on proper storage during an extended outage.

#### Tips for what to do during a power outage:

- Follow instructions from public safety officials.
- Call 9-1-1 to report emergencies including downed power
- Call your utility company to report power outages and get restoration information.

#### **National Grid** 800-322-3223 **Eversource** 1-800-592-2000

- · Stav away from downed utility wires. Always assume a downed power line is live.
- If a traffic light is out, treat the intersection as a four-way stop
- Keep a fire extinguisher
- Use generators and grills outside because their fumes contain

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**ACROSS** 

1. Loaded up 6. Tube in old TV

9. Pouches

13. Tequila source

14. Stick in water 15. Jig's French cousin 16. TV's "\_\_\_\_ Secretar

17. Money in Myanmar

18. Photoshop maker

23. \*Say 2+2 is 5, e.g.

30. Spanky or Alfalfa

35. Short for "hurry up"

39. Turn upside down 40. Cassette contents

43. Jason's vessel

41. Retire from military, for short

48. Denver option, at a diner

Green turtle's domain

70. Sports official, for short

\_ eyes'

25. Dashboard acronym 28. Fountain serving

24. Arctic floater

37. Live bait

44. Sicker 46. "Sight for

47. Puppy cry

50. Apartment

53. Final

57. \*Venn

61. \*Point in 2.5 65. Barrel racing meet

66. Gobbled up

71. 8 of something

72. Like Gulf Stream

73. Big bang maker

74. Required things

**DOWN** 

1. "I lift my

2. Petri dish gel

3. Carpenter's groove

4. Dodge, as in tax bill

5. Takes exception to

8. Path in the woods

9. Left or right, e.g.

6 square faces

12. Palm reader, e.g.

24. Subcontract (2 words)

15. Cake with filling

20. Three people?

22. Neither here

25. \*1:2, e.g.

7. \*Line with one endpoint

6. Native Egyptian, in Roman times

10. Awestruck11. \*Three-dimensional figure with

there

19. \*Result of multiplication 21. \*Whole number

- carbon monoxide. Make sure your carbon monoxide detectors are working.
- If possible, use flashlights instead of candles. If you must use candles, place them in safe holders away from anything that could catch fire. Never leave a burning candle unattended. Never go to sleep with candles burning.
- Unplug sensitive electronics to avoid power surges when power is restored.
- · Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours.
- Be a good neighbor. Check on family, friends, and neighbors, especially the elderly, those who live alone, those with medical conditions, and those who may need additional assistance.

#### Tips for driving in a winter storm:

- · Avoid driving during the worst part of the storm. If possible, only travel during daylight hours, don't travel alone, and stay on main roads instead of taking shortcuts.
- Consider taking public transportation.
- · Clear snow and ice from windows, lights, hood, and the roof before driving.
- Don't try to out drive the conditions. Remember the posted speed limits are for dry pavement.
- · Know the current road conditions. Call 511 from your cell phone or the following from either your cell phone or landline phone.

- Metro Boston: (617) 986-5511
- Brake early and correctly. It takes more time and distance to stop in adverse conditions.
- Be wary of bridge decks. They freeze first, making them more dangerous than the approach
- Exit ramps sometimes have less anti-icing material than the main line. Be aware of this when exiting the highway.
- Don't use "cruise control" driving in wintry conditions. Even roads that look clear can have sudden slippery spots. Using your brake on these spots will deactivate cruise control, possibly causing you to lose control of your vehicle.
- Many 4x4 vehicles are heavier than passenger vehicles. This means it takes longer to stop than passenger vehicles. Be wary of your 4x4 vehicle's
- traction. • Trucks are heavier than cars, making their brake time slower. Avoid cutting quickly in front of
- Don't crowd the plow. Leave room for maintenance vehicles and plows. Stay back at least 200 feet and don't pass on the
  - Always wear your seat belt.
- · Let others know your destination, route, and expected travel times.
- Allow for extra travel time.
- Drive with your headlights on at all times to see and be

For more information, please visit the Winter in Boston guide and follow @CityofBoston on Twitter.

## **Math 101**



- StatePoint Media
- 26. Sacred song
- 27. Canada's favorite tree?
- 29. "Nobody It Better" 31. Fix a cat
- 32. First discovered asteroid 33. \*Measured in degrees
- 34. Parkinson's disease drug
- 36. Banana remnant 38. Between dawn and noon
- 42. Brown shade
- 45. Retread, past tense 49. Non-alcoholic brew 51. Rockefeller or Bezos
- 54. Like today's phone 56. Kind of pie
- 57. No-win situation
- 58. Wisconsin neighbor
- 59. Jewish month of Purim
- 60. Disease-causing organism
- 61. Clever
- 62. Indoor allergy cause 63. Crushed it, as in a test
- Make a Deal'
- 67. \*X

(Solution on Page 7)

## Add a Rosemary Topiary

to This Year's Holiday Season

by Melinda Myers



A Rosemary topiary offers attractive foliage for holiday décor, a pine aroma, and herbs for holiday meals.

(Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)

Add a fresh look and fragrance to your holidays with a potted Rosemary plant. This favorite herb of cooks, crafters, and gardeners can be sheared into the shape of a wreath, small tree or orb and found at garden centers and florists.

The pine scent and attractive foliage make it a wonderful addition to the holidays. It adds nice color, texture, and fragrance to any room or holiday decor. Add a bow and decorative pot for the perfect hostess or holiday gift.

Rosemary was as popular a Christmas plant as mistletoe and holly until the 20th Century. It's not clear why this plant fell out of favor. Whatever the reason it has not stopped Rosemary from making a big comeback for the holidays.

Rosemary represents love

and remembrance, a great sentiment to share during the holidays. Give the plant a pet and the aroma that follows is sure to lift your spirits. Or pluck a sprig to add welcome flavor to your winter meals and beverages. Then move it outdoors in the garden when the danger of frost has passed.

Regular trimming will help maintain its topiary form and keep the plant producing more stems and leaves for a fuller, more robust plant. Prune back or remove overgrown or wayward branches to maintain the desired shape. Remove and use the leaves on these long stems, then turn them into skewers for cooking kabobs. Use trimmings from the tender stem tips and leaves to flavor your holiday meals or mix a few of these into your holiday centerpieces and wreaths.

Keeping Rosemary plants alive and looking their best throughout the winter can be challenging. Grow it in a cool location with bright light to boost your success. Use artificial lights if natural light is limited.

Avoid drafts of hot and cold air. Water your plant thoroughly but only when the soil is just starting to dry. Allowing the soil to go too dry or keeping it too wet will result in the death of your plant. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer. Or place pebbles or marbles in the saucer to elevate the pot above any excess water.

Skip the fertilizer since most plants are experiencing limited growth during winter. Begin fertilizing as needed once the days lengthen and the plants are actively growing in spring.

And if your plant dies, stick it in a corner out of sight, but within reach. A gentle petting of even a dead Rosemary plant will still release a wonderful fragrance for you to enjoy.

Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*) is a Mediterranean native and hardy to zone 8. This evergreen perennial herb grows 4 to 6 feet tall outdoors in zones 8 and warmer. There are a few cultivars like Alcalde Cold Hardy, Arp, Athens Blue Spire, and Madeline Hill that are supposed to be hardy to zone 6.

You may have discovered, or others have told you that growing Rosemary indoors can be challenging. Don't let past failures stop you from trying. Just keep trying until you find the location and maintenance routine that keeps your Rosemary thriving under your care. Then consider *drying and preserving some of the Rosemary* for cooking or gifting to friends and family.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook,  $2^{nd}$  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. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.



## Saint Alexander Briant

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Briant was born in Somerset, England, about the year 1556, and entered Oxford University at a young age. He was called "the beautiful Oxford youth" because of his handsome appearance and the radiance of his holiness. Alexander converted to Catholicism at Oxford where he met Richard Holtby, together they entered the English seminary college at Reims, France. Briant was ordained a priest there on March 29, 1578.

Briant in August 1579 returned to England and took up ministry in his native Somerset. He was

only able to care for Catholics for two years before priest-hunters caught him by accident in 1581. They searched unsuccessfully for Fr. Persons in one house, and then went to a neighboring house where they discovered Fr. Briant. His captors kept him without food and with little to drink for six days hoping to force information from him about Persons. He refused to speak so he was transferred to the Tower of London for further interrogation and torture on



the rack. He wrote to the English Jesuits about his torture, saving that he kept his mind so firmly set on Christ's Passion that he felt no pain during the torture, only afterwards. Briant also wrote that just before he was tortured a second time, he had determined to enter the Jesuits if he were released from prison. However, since he doubted that he would be released, he asked to be accepted into the Society. The Jesuits accepted him upon receiving his letter. Almost two weeks later Briant was dragged through the muddy streets of

London to Tyburn, with him were Fr. Edmund Campion, and Father Ralph Sherwin, a diocesan priest. Briant had been tried a day after Campion, but was executed soon after the other Jesuit. He was cut down while still alive after being hung so that he could be disemboweled and his body cut into quarters. He was only 25 years old. Alexander Briant was Canonized on October 25, 1970 by Pope Paul VI. The Feast Day of Saint Alexander Briant is December 1st.

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

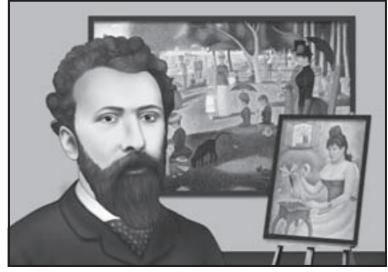
Georges Seurat — Seurat was born on December 2, 1859 in Paris. His father, Antoine Chrysostome Seurat, originally from Champagne, was a former legal official who had become wealthy from speculating in property, and his mother, Ernestine Faivre, was from Paris. Georges had a brother, Émile Augustin, and a sister, Marie-Berthe, both older.

Seurat first studied art at the École Municipale de Sculpture et Dessin, near his family's home in the boulevard Magenta, which was run by the sculptor Justin Lequien. In 1878, he moved on to the École des Beaux-Arts.

After a year at the Brest Military Academy, he returned to Paris where he shared a studio with other artists including his friend Aman-Jean, while also renting a small apartment at 16 rue de Chabrol. He spent 1883 working on his first major painting — a large canvas titled *Bathers at Asnières*, a monumental work showing young men relaxing by the Seine in a working-class suburb of Paris.

Bathers at Asnières were rejected by the Paris Salon. He then showed it at the Groupe des Artistes Indépendants in May 1884. Soon, however, disillusioned by the poor organization of the Indépendants, Seurat and some other artists he had met through the group — including Charles Angrand, Henri-Edmond Cross, Albert Dubois-Pillet, and Paul Signac — set up a new organization, the Société des Artistes Indépendants. Seuratis new ideas on pointillism were to have an especially strong influence on Signac, who subsequently painted in the same idiom.

In his most famous painting, A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte, Seurat depicts members of each of the social classes participating in various park activities. The tiny juxtaposed dots of



multi-colored paint allow the viewer's eye to blend colors optically, rather than having the colors physically blended on the canvas. It took Seurat two years to complete this 10 foot wide canvas. The painting is also part of the permanent collection of the Art Institute of Chicago. The painting was the inspiration for James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim's musical Sunday in the Park with George.

Seurat concealed his relationship with Madeleine Knobloch (or Madeleine Knoblock, 1868–1903), a model whom he portrayed in his painting *Jeune femme se poudrant*.

When Madeleine became pregnant, the couple moved to a studio at 39 passage de l'Élysée-des-Beaux-Arts. There she gave birth to their son, who

was named Pierre-Georges, on February 16, 1890.

Seurat spent the summer of 1890 on the coast at Gravelines, where he painted four canvases including *The Channel of Gravelines*, *Petit Fort Philippe*, as well as eight oil panels, and made a few drawings

Seurat passed away in Paris in his parents' home on March 29, 1891 at the age of 31. The cause of his death is uncertain, and has been variously attributed to a form of meningitis, pneumonia, and diphtheria. His son died two weeks later from the same disease. His last ambitious work, *The Circus*, was left unfinished at the time of his death. At the time of Seurats death, Madeleine was pregnant with a second child who died during or shortly after birth.





#### SALT-N-PEPA: VERY NECESSARY – 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY (2LP Vinyl) UMe

Award-winning, trailblazing hip-hop group Salt-N-Pepa will celebrate three decades of their classic fourth full-length album, Very Necessary, with the release of Very Necessary (30th Anniversary Edition). The various configurations include a Limited Edition Deluxe Double LP, along with a 2CD Deluxe, plus a Digital Deluxe version. The 2CD Deluxe will also feature liner notes on the making of their massive hit, "Shoop." The Limited Edition Deluxe Double LP features four bonus tracks on blue vinyl, including "Emphatically No," a remix of "Shoop," and two fresh remixes of "Whatta Man." The initial release of Very Necessary was October 12, 1993, and hit the Top 5 of the 'Billboard 200.' "Shoop" was the group's first Top 5 entry on the Hot 100, and "Whatta Man" broke into the Top 3, while "None of Your Business" notched a Grammy-Award in the "Best Rap Performance by a Duo or a Group." Salt-N-Pepa's amazing collection boasts a track list that honors the album, and fits in nicely with the celebration of 'Hip-Hop at Fifty.'

# FRANK ZAPPA: OVER-NITE SENSATION 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY (2LP 45rpm Vinyl) Zappa Records/UMe

In celebration of 50 years of Frank Zappa's legendary album, Over-Nite Sensation, a newly expanded 50th anniversary edition is now available via in a variety of formats. Over-Nite Sensation signaled a change in musical direction for The Mothers at large, but Zappa handled the bulk of the lead vocal duties and staked his claim as the album's only guitarist. It was a new band with a new sound that resonated widely, eventually mining gold in 1976. Over the ensuing years, almost every song on Over-Nite Sensation became indelible live staples and longstanding fan favorites, with "I'm The Slime," "Fifty-Fifty," "Zomby Woof," and "Camarillo Brillo" immediately making their respective presences known in the set list. Additional tracks have, "Dirty Love," "Dinah-Moe Humm." and "Montana." *Over-*Nite Sensation remains both one of the top-tier highlights of the vast Zappa catalog as well as one of his most consistent bestsellers. The new group of Mothers heard on Over-Nite Sensation was comprised of virtuoso musicians rooted in jazz (keyboardist George Duke, violinist Jean-Luc Ponty, drummer Ralph Humphrey, and trumpeter Sal Marquez) and serious music (wind instrumentalist Ian Underwood and percussionist Ruth Underwood) alike, all polished off with the Fowler brothers duly in tow (with Bruce Fowler on trombone, and Tom Fowler on bass).

#### DOKKEN – HEAVEN COMES DOWN (CD) Silver Lining Music

A celebration of everything Dokken does best, yet now through a wiser and richer lens, *Heaven Comes Down*, their 13th<sup>th</sup> studio album. The

long anticipated new Dokken album, Heaven Comes Down, is complete. Feel the warm wilderness of New Mexico, as Dokken brings their timeless rock'n'roll power to the table with some key modifications along the creative path. Sink your teeth into the first single "Fugitive," which rocks thanks to some shimmering guitar work courtesy of 20+ year member Jon Levin, and the ballad "I'll Never Give Up," with Levin laying down a landmark solo. The pattern of the album never falters in delivering the goods on both sides of the fence. "Just Like a Rose" brings the Pacific Coast Highway to desert plains with its smooth, effortlessly driven gears, and "Saving Grace" carries a mystical malevolence. "Santa Fe" is the most revealing with Don opening up with a 'life-moment biography,': an acoustic arrangement allowing the rich yet road-driven vocals to frame what might well prove to be the defining moment of Dokken's career.

#### CAL TJADER: CATCH THE GROOVE - LIVE AT THE PENTHOUSE 1963-1967 (2CD) Jazz Detective

Zev Feldman, who was named producer of the year in DownBeat magazines 2022 and 2023 Critics' Polls, launches never before released Cal Tjader live sets recorded in the 1960s at the Penthouse Jazz Club in Seattle. Cal Tjader: Catch The *Groove* — *Live* at the Penthouse 1963-1967 is the first official release of previously unissued live Cal Tjader music in nearly 20 years. The deluxe package includes reflections by producer Feldman and Brent Fischer, liner notes by DJ and music journalist Greg Casseus. The extensive booklet contains previously unpublished photos. All of the performances heard on this set are previously unreleased. Vibraphone legend Cal Tiader is heard with a variety of quintets, backed by pianists Clare Fischer, Lonnie Hewitt and Al Zulaica, bassists Fred Schreiber, Terry Hilliard, Monk Montgomery and Stan Gilbert, drummers Johnny Rae and Carl Burnett, and percussionists Bill Fitch and Armando Peraza.

#### AHMAD JAMAL: EMERALD CITY NIGHTS - LIVE AT THE PENTHOUSE (1966-1968) (2CD) jazz Detective

Following the superb initial two Ahmad Jamal Emerald City Nights albums, producer Zev Feldman is back with the third and final 2-LP set of Jamal's previously unreleased live recordings. Emerald City Nights: Live at the Penthouse 1966-1968, captures spectacular performances by the master pianist's trio with bassist Jamil Nasser and drummer Frank Gant. This gem was released on vinyl as a 2LP set and as a 2CD set. The package was produced by Feldman and supervised by Jamal himself shortly before his passing (April 2023). The stellar package includes reflection by Jamal, interviews with fellow pianists Les McCann, Emmet Cohen, Monty Alexander and Joe Alterman, and essays by Feldman and journalist Eugene Holley, Jr., with a booklet of rare photos.

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

#### SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Santa posing with Phoebe and Nick Free from East Boston Little League

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

At the recent Christmas Bazaar held at Sacred Heart Church in East Boston on Saturday, November 18th, I caught up with Nick Free from East Boston Little League in line with his boy Phoebe for a meet and greet with Santa Claus who stopped by for a pancake breakfast with the kiddos and parents.

#### A "TRANS" EMPEROR?

A history museum in the United Kingdom has declared a third-century Roman emperor a transgendered woman and will begin referring to the ruler as "she," although other historians believe the change is based on ancient insults.

The museum in question said it was being "sensitive" to the purported pronoun preference of Emperor Elagabalus request to be called a "lady" and a "wife." He came in to power at age 14 in 218, and was assassinated four years later.

Doesn't this museum have better things to do with its time and money?

#### "RECORD" UKRAINE SNIPER TAKEDOWN

It was reported that a Ukrainian sniper took out a Russian soldier from nearly 2.5 miles away with a high-tech rifle and shattered a world record for longest sniper kill. Why is anyone gloating over this long-range kill. We have cheapened life so much and hail such victories. How sad that soldiers anywhere are crowing about taking out someone more than 30 football fields away, isn't it?

#### MONTHLY COMMUNITY DINNER

Don't forget, the next monthly community dinner at the Sacred Heart parish in Eastie will be December 13th starting at 5:00 p.m.

#### MULTICULTURAL POTLUCK DINNER

The East Boston Sacred Heart parish will be holding a Multicultural Potluck Dinner on December 16th from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Dinner is free and you are encouraged to bring a dish. It promises to be a family-fun evening of cultural foods, activities, and music.

## E.B. CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Come one, come all. It is time for the 31st Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 2nd from noon to 4:00 p.m., located at 69 London Street. Delicious food, photos with Santa, gifts to purchase, raffles, and so much more.

#### WHAT HASTHE WORLD COME TO?

I recently read a news story concerning a 15-year-old female accused of assaulting an 84-year-old man at Forest Hills MBTA station. The assault happened last week on Tuesday. Thanks to the quick action of the Transit Police in identifying the female through surveillance video, she was apprehended the following morning at the JFK/UMass MBTA station. She has been charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (shod foot).

What is wrong with young people today, attacking an 84-year-old guy for what seems no other reason than his being there when she was passing by him?

### COUNCIL MULLS VOTING RIGHTS FOR NON-CITIZENS

The Boston City Council recently stated it would be considering a measure that would grant immigrants with "legal status" in this nation the right to vote in local elections. How irritated I was hearing about such a proposal. Outgoing Councilor Kendra Lara was the proponent of this measure and drew support from other foolish councilors. Outgoing Councilor Ricardo Arroyo also supported Lara's idea by saying it might boost the low voter turnout numbers in recent elections.

According to the U.S. Constitution, only citizens can vote in elections. End of story. Period. The sooner we get Lara and Arroyo off the City Council, the better for all of us.

#### **MEET SANTA**

Santa Claus is a pretty busy guy right now. He'll be landing by helicopter soon, riding in parades all over the place, and on Saturday, December 9th from 10:00 a.m. until noon, he'll be over in East Boston at the First Priority Credit Union on Swift Street. Enjoy photos with Santa, toys, a hot cocoa bar, and children's activities.

## NOW THEY'RE AFTER FERDINAND MAGELLAN

No one from the past is safe from the cultural warriors cancelling folks who have been dead for centuries. Sooner or later, they will cancel George Washington, too. However, this week's victim is Ferdinand Magellan. He is being called a murderer.

A coalition of astronomers is pushing to rename the Milky Way's closest neighboring galaxies. They argue that the 16th century explorer had nothing to do with their discovery. The renaming effort is being led by Dr. Mia de los Reyes, an assistant professor of astronomy at Amherst College in Massachusetts. After all, as she states, he was not only a murderer, but a colonizer and slaver, too. No way, she says, can we have clouds named after him, can we?

#### DON'T FORGET TO SAVE THIS DATE

The Jeffries Point Holiday Potluck is coming up on Monday, December 11th from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., at the Jeffries Point Yacht Club at 565 Sumner Street at the roundabout. For more info, email board@jeffriespoint.org.

## EAST BOSTON COMMUNITY COMES THROUGH FOR THANKSGIVING



Thumbs up from Mike Freedberg and Sal Giarratani who have been delivering turkeys on Thanksgiving Day for years now. Both guys go back over 40 years as friends.

(Selfie by Mike Freedberg)

Seems like every year, Mike Freedberg and I turn into Reed and Mallov (Remember Adam-12) and drive around East Boston delivering Thanksgiving turkey dinners to homebound community members. Back at the Salesian Boys & Girls community volunteers show up each year cooking these birds and sharing some Thanksgiving cheer to those who arrive at the Club to eat there with others, or to the many that are at home waiting for volunteers like "Reed and Malloy." This event has become part of a great tradition and kudos to everyone who continues to show up and for State Rep. Adrian Madaro and before him State Rep. Carlo Basile for making this event one that shows how Eastie Strong comes alive in its people who care about the whole community, which we call home.



by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Babbononno was always talking about his paesani. Most of them were people who had befriended him when he first arrived in Boston before the turn of the 20th century. When I came along, Babbononno was in his 60s and as they retired, he and his friends would get together at storefront social clubs to play cards, swap stories about making wine, brag about the accomplishments of their sons and talk about family life in general. A generation later, Dad and my uncles did the same thing only there was more of an American slant on things. They belonged to organizations like trade unions, the Sons of Italy, the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and an assortment of social clubs. In the case of my family, it was the musicians' union and the activities that corresponded to membership.

With my generation, it was a bit different. We were the sons of Americans and broke away from the strictly Italian life styles that helped the first and second generation survive. In my case, the people I've networked with over the years have varied. During the last 35 years, I've been involved with the Sons of Italy, the First Corps of Cadets, the Boston Musicians' Association, the Pirandello Lyceum and October is Italian Heritage Month, just to mention a few. In terms of alumni associations, I've always been there for English High School.

Over the years, I would run into a few friends from my college days and we would talk about old times. When I started my freshmen year at Boston State College in the fall of 1956, there were about 42 of us who signed for industrial arts engineering. After the first year, almost half had dropped out. By the time our junior year began, there were 21 of us and that is the number that graduated together in 1960, 63 vears ago. At times, Ray Civili, Bob Dicey and Ed Donnelly, (three of the crowd) and I would meet and discuss getting all of the guys together, but no one ever had the time to get things off the ground,.

A few years ago, at the beginning of December, two of my former classmates Bob Pesce and Frank LaBollita took the initiative and put together a reunion. Both had retired from public school teaching, and with a little time on their hands, began the task of locating their fellow classmates. Through their investigations, they discovered that 7 or 8 of the 21 had passed away. I knew about one of them as he was a teacher in the Boston Public Schools. I believe I even attended his wake. Anyway, that left 13 of us to locate. Frank and Bob found everyone except Ed Donnelly and when I became aware of this, I made a few phone calls and found him. He too worked in the Boston Schools and I lucked out. With the list now intact, Frank and Bob contacted everyone regarding a dinner that Frank arranged at Hanscom Air Base on a Friday evening and we were set to go. Out of the 13, 11 of us showed up: Paul Ciccarelli, Ray Civili, Romano DePaoli, Bob Dicey, Ed Donnelly, Paul Hogan, John Hurley, Frank Kennedy, Bob Pesce, Paul Riley and yours truly. The others, for whatever reasons, couldn't make it. Since then, Bob Pesce has moved to the west coast to be near his children and Romano DePaoli and Paul Ciccarelli have passed

Heading back to our days at Boston State, we were divided into two groups: those of us right out of high school and those just out of the military. We were 17 or 18 and the vets were in their 20s and 30s. We were worlds apart and gravitated to our own age groups with a couple of exceptions. My crowd of youngsters included Paul Ciccarelli, Bob Pesce, Bob Dicey, John Hurley, Frank LaBollita, Paul Riley and one veteran, Ray Civili. We socialized together, double dated, became friendly with each other's families and developed a loosely configured brotherhood, working together when we had our industrial classes and studying together when it was exam time.

At a point in our senior year, I decided to throw a beatnik party. I was dating a young lady from Winthrop and the playroom in the basement of her family home was to be the location. The party was a success, but over the years, I had forgotten about it. At the afore-mentioned get-together, one of the guys showed us pictures of all of us dressed in beatnik costumes of the 1950s. One of the guys reminded me of the fact that as we grew

beards and mustaches for the event. Ee were criticized by the administration at the college for looking so radical. They relented when the explanation was given, but we were also told to shave after the event. That's how conservative it was back then ... we had to conform, or

When I was shown the pictures of that party, I reminisced about the good times we had and how young and thin we looked. Actually, we were young and that was the best part of it. Well, after a cocktail or two and a bit of reminiscing, we sat down to dinner. With us youngsters now in our late 70s and the vets somewhere in their 80s, the gap we experienced during our college years was long gone. When dinner ended, Frank LaBollita took over as master of ceremonies and asked each of us to talk about our careers and our personal lives. It was fascinating to hear each person give us his history. Some of the older guys were married when we started college and most of the younger ones married soon after graduation. I enjoyed hearing about their families and their children, some of them already hitting their mid-50s. Seeing what our educational backgrounds were, most of the guys taught shop to begin with and later branched into other avenues of education. Some left teaching completely and went into industry and/or business, and thankfully, all did rather well in life.

I was the last one to speak as I had written the class will 63 years earlier and they wanted me to read it again. Before I did the reading, I spoke about the directions my life has taken. I dis-covered that I was the last of the class to get married. I was still single until I was 38 years old, and being a musician, actor, businessman, teacher and writer, my story was a lot different than most of my classmates. The get together ended just before 9:00 pm, and most of the guys headed home but a few of us stayed at the air base sipping after dinner drinks continuing to reminisce about the old days. As I've said many times, the best thing about the old days is that we were young, and that's one of the things we can't bring back.

We parted company about 10:00 pm and I drove home with a smile on my face. I thought about the many family get-togethers I've experienced in my lifetime and how Nanna, Babbononno and my folks talked about relatives and paesani they hadn't seen in years ... how some looked the same and how some had aged. When I returned home, I had to tell Loretta all about my night with my old classmates. I related the stories I heard and told her how some hadn't changed and how old some of them had gotten. When I finished, I said to myself, "You've become Nanna, Babbononno, Mom and Dad all rolled into one. Looking back, I guess that's not so bad."

**GOD BLESS AMERICA** 



Marianna Bisignano



As the holiday season approaches, the aroma of Christmas cookies wafts through the kitchens of Italian American homes, weaving tales of tradition, love, and shared memories. In these culinary spaces, Christmas cookies embody a rich heritage carried through the ages. The heart of this tradition lies in the familial bond experienced by Nonna's, Zia's, and Mama's as they gather to bake these cherished treats. Each cookie, a vessel of tradition, tells a story passed down through generations, connecting the present to the past. The essence of Italian American culture during the holiday season extends beyond the kitchen. It manifests in the art of giving to friends, neighbors, and loved ones. Presenting an assortment of meticulously made cookies in ornate tins or boxes, known as "cookie trays," has become a beloved custom. These trays are not just an assortment of sweets; they are tokens of appreciation, and expressions of kindness exchanged during holiday visits and gatherings.

This year, my Christmas baking journey begins with my Nonna's Italian Butterhorns. Created from a time-honored, hand-written recipe adorned with the word "excellent," these delicate crescentshaped wonders boast a rich, buttery dough filled with an enticing array of sweet delights - nuts, chocolate, fruit preserves, and cinnamon sugar. The result is a cookie with a flaky texture and an irresistible taste, destined to shine as the centerpiece of every Christmas cookie tray. With each bite, these Italian Butterhorns not only tantalize the taste buds but also encapsulate the spirit of familial love and tradition that defines the Italian American holiday season.

#### NONNA'S ITALIAN BUTTERHORNS I Butterhorn Italiani della Nonna



#### Dough

2 cups all-purpose flour ½ pound unsalted butter 1 egg yolk 3/4 cup sour cream

#### Traditional Filling

3/4 cup chopped walnuts ¾ cup sugar 1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 egg beaten with 1 tablespoon egg wash and granulated or coarse sugar for sprinkling.

In a large bowl add the flour and butter and mix until crumbly. Add egg yolk and sour cream and mix until a wet dough forms. Wrap dough in plastic wrap or waxed paper and chill for 4 hours or more. Preheat the oven to 375°. Line two baking sheets with parch-

ment paper and set aside. To make filling, in a small bowl, combine nuts, sugar and cinnamon, set aside. Remove dough from the refrigerator and divide into three equal parts. Roll out one portion at a time on a lightly floured board into a 12-inch circle. Sprinkle each circle with sugar mixture and cut into 12 wedge shaped sections. Roll up each wedge starting with the widest part. Place rolls on prepared baking sheets. Brush each with egg wash and sprinkle with sugar. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until golden brown...

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

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### 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 December 02, 2023 beginning at 9:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

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VIN # JN8AS5MV4CW704595 Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed by appointment only.

> Signed Todisco Services, Inc. Run dates: 11/17, 11/24, 12/01/2023

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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

10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI23C1191CA In the Matter of JOSIAH PAUL ATKINSON

**CITATION ON** PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Josiah Paul Atkinson of Acton. MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Josiah Atkinson De Souza.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 14, 2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 16, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 12/01/2023

## THOUGHTS BY DAN **ABOUT** THIS & THAT



with Daniel A. DiCenso

#### A VISIT TO ICELAND PART III:

Selfoss and Pinguellir National Park



Þingvellir

Sadly overlooked by those dividing Iceland as a land of mountains and rivers and one city is the charming town of Selfoss in the southern part of the country. With a population of only 10,000 Selfoss nonetheless is a vibrant little place with all the interests and picturesque pleasantries of a small coastal town. Indeed, Selfoss makes one of the strongest cases I've yet seen for the lush haunting beauty of gray skies and wind chill.

Located some thirty minutes from the cabin where I spent two nights of my travels, Selfoss was the closest stop for gas and provisions. Almost upon arrival, I became aware of how deeply the town embraces the spirit of Halloween. My first stop was Almar Bakari, a vintage style bakery with the usual coffee and pastry offerings. Their display cases containing cinnamon rolls, cakes and cookies were lined with artificial autumnal leaves and a grinning jack-olantern. For my money, the ham and cheese croissants were among the best I've tried but their bakery options are diverse, including pizza croissants.

Located in the same parking lot as Almar Bakari is one of the twenty-six Krónan supermarkets, a national chain. Here too I was greeted with reminders of the season, witches were on display and a whole aisle was dedicated to Halloween candy.

Without a doubt, however, the highlight of southern Iceland is Þingvellir National Park. Like a lot of Iceland it is a place of stunning beauty, but unique in that ancient history lives on. It was in these mossy hills and rocky canyons that Iceland's parliament was formed some fifty years after Norwegian chieftain Ingólfr Arnarson first settled in Iceland in 874. Here in Þingvellir the general assembly would remain until 1271. During its rule, the assembly passed laws, ruled on violations and even elected religious leaders. As expected this system of supreme power soon began to crumble as chieftains began to form factions and battle for power, resulting in Iceland coming under the rule of the Norwegian crown were it would remain until 1662 when Iceland was transferred to the Danish monarchy.

Although there was never a permanent settlement in Þingvellir, during the months of the assembly it was a thriving community of merchants, farmers, politicians, soldiers and religious figures. At night, festivities and celebrations were held. Remnants of the temporary structures built to house visitors continue to dot the park.

Although parliament moved from Þingvellir in 1798, the area remains a major draw to visitors not only for its cultural heritage but for its tranquil natural beauty. Established as a national park in 1930, Þingvellir

A few historic summer homes as well as a church built in 1907 are practically the only structures in the park and are surrounded by the Öxará river which winds through the park culminating in Öxarárfoss waterfall and the Silfra Lake which has become a popular spot for scuba divers. A number of bridges are scattered through Þingvellir enabling visitors to cross the river and canyon and circle around the park.

If for no other reason, Þingvellir is worth visiting to be towered by the rocks of the rift valley. Perhaps the greatest service nature offers humanity is humility. When we are dwarfed by nature, we are reminded of our place in our lively planet.

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**2013 SUBARU LEGACY** VIN # 4S3BMBB63D3031483

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> Signed Todisco Services, Inc. Run dates: 11/24, 12/01, 12/08/2023

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beverage according to court documents.

#### Frisco Coyote Catches Zzzz's

A San Francisco resident recently headed to his balcony with a cup of hot coffee to look at the city view from his patio and instead found a coyote sleeping comfortably on his outdoor couch.

The male canine was so comfy that it made no attempt to flee when the homeowner moved closer. The guy thought the coyote might be sick or injured and rushed to call the city's animal control department. But it turned out the canine just didn't want to give up the sunny sport on the couch.

#### Taking on Trans Toilets

Dozens of students held a walkout over gender bathroom policies in Loudoun County, Virginia. The progressive district became a hotbed of protest on

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

**Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Probate and Family Court

10-U Commerce Way

Woburn, MA 01801

(781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI23C1092CA

In the Matter of

ANNA KA'OIR GARCIA

**CITATION ON** 

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has

been filed by Anna Ka'oir Garcia of Billerica,

MA requesting that the court enter a Decree

changing their name to Ka'oir Karri Garcia

IMPORTANT NOTICE

of objecting to the petition by filing an

appearance at: Middlesex Probate and

Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return

day of December 26, 2023. This is NOT a

hearing date, but a deadline by which you

must file a written appearance if you object

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 12/01/2023

Any person may appear for purposes

Gibson.

to this proceeding.

First Justice of this Court

Date: November 28, 2023

the issue after a pupil was sexually assaulted in the girls' room by a boy wearing a skirt. Pupils at Woodgrove High School in Purcellville walked out of their classrooms a few weeks back to express opposition to Policy 8040, which allows transgender, nonbinary, and gender-fluid students to use bathrooms and locker rooms of their choice.

Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin praised the large group of students for standing up, saying "you are not respecting our privacy and our safety;" something the governor wants voters to remember before casting ballots. The current school board voted 7-2 for the new bathroom rules but students say they want a return to male and female bathrooms.

#### 20 Percent of College Kids Support Terrorists

Nearly as many college students support Hamas as they do

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI23C1235CA In the Matter of AMY ELAINE SCHMITT CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Amy Elaine Schmitt of Watertown, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Amy Schmitt Markey.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 13, 2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: November 15, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 12/01/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** 

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

Docket No. MI23P1361GD

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

In the interests of JOSHUA ANTHONY FIELDS of Everett, MA

#### NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 03/09/2023 by Ernie D. Brand of Woburn, MA, will be held 12/04/2023 9:00 AM Review Hearing Located 10-U Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801. Judge Barbar Session Courtroom 3.

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: October 16, 2023 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 12/01/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** 

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

Docket No. MI23P0205GD NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor In the interests of ADAM JACOB SHEPARD

of Everett, MA **NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES** 

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 01/06/2023 by Ernest Davis Brand of Woburn, MA, Karen J. Gilbert of Everett, MA will be held 12/04/2023 9:00 AM Review Hearing Located 10-U Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801. Judge Barbar Session Courtroom 3.

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

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Date: October 16, 2023 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/01/2023

Israel amid the raging Mideast war. The online poll of 609 college students by Intelligent.com found that 22 percent of respondents support Hamas while 26 percent support Israel.

#### Speaking the Truth **Through Cartoons**

"I stand by the cartoon - and I stand by my critics' right to condemn it," declares Michael Ramirez at Newsweek after the Washington Post pulled his work depicting Hamas leader "Ghazi Hamad and his human shields" from its "editorial website amid an internal outcry." "Critics of my cartoon are using an accusation of racism as a device to cancel the truth — the overwhelming empirical evidence that Hamas uses civilians, both Palestinians and Israelis, as human shields. How ironic that those who criticize the cartoon for overgeneralization and stereotyping cannot seem to distinguish between a known terrorist group and Palestinians ... sometimes the truth hurts."

#### Bear Bones Taco Heist

A cunning black bear made off with \$45 worth of Taco Bell after snatching an Uber Eats delivery meant for a Florida family. The video uploaded to Tik/Tok shows an UberEats worker dropping off the food, but right after the worker leaves, a black bear appears making its way up the porch. The bear takes a whiff and picks it up with his mouth and walks away with all the food inside the bag.

#### End Quote

"I have spent my life attracted to unavailable women."

> – the late Actor Matthew Perry, in his 2022 memoir

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** 

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

Docket No. MI23P6075EA

Estate of **DEBRA J. ELLINGWOOD** 

Date of Death: September 27, 2023 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by William M. Ellingwood of Framingham, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that William M. Ellingwood of Framingham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 19, 2023.

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

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION** UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: November 22, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 12/01/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** 

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

Docket No. MI23D1280DR **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING ROCHELL WOODSON LUCKY OKOEGUALE** 

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 Rochell Woodson, 52 Avenue B, Lowell, MA 01851 your answer, if any, on or before January 02, 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, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 21, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/01/2023

#### **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. MI23P6010EA Estate of

**HOWARD E. HORTON** Also Known As **HOWARD HORTON** 

Date of Death: September 05, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Linda D. Horton of Somerville, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Linda D. Horton of Somerville, 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: 12/01/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** 

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

Docket No. MI23D2191DR **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY** PUBLICATION AND MAILING MANUELLA CHARLEMAGNE vs. KEPLAIR CHARLEMAGNE

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. 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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Manuella Charlemagne, 3600 Mystic Valley Parkway, #310, Medford, MA 02155 your answer, if any, on or before December 26, 2023. 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. First Justice of this Court. Date: November 13, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/01/2023

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

> Signed Todisco Services, Inc. Run dates: 12/01, 12/08, 12/15/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court The Probate and Family **Court Department** Middlesex, SS. Division Docket No. MI447203 SALE OF TRUST REAL ESTATE

NOTICE To all persons who are or may become interested and to all persons whose issue not now in being may become interested in the trust estate of the Walter S. Jasset Testamentary Trust of Newton in the County of Middlesex under the will of Walter Jasset, Jr.

A petition has been presented to said Court by the Trustee, Lois Abramo, of said estate for authority to sell at public or private sale, certain real estate situated in Newton in the County of Middlesex held as such by Trustee.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Woburn before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 18th day of December, 2023, the return date of this

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of said Court, this 18th day of November, 2023

Tara F. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court Run Date: 12/01/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Suffolk Division** 

**Suffolk Probate and Family Court** 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114

(617) 788-8300 Docket No. SU23P2472EA

Estate of LOUISE M. RUBAUD Date of Death: September 11, 2023

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Didier Rubaud of Brighton, MA, Petitioner Patricia N. Falanga of Franklin, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Didier Rubaud of Brighton, MA, Patricia N. Falanga of Franklin, 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: 12/01/2023



## **EXTRA** Innings

by Sal Giarratani



#### This News Just In

Former NY Yankees pitcher Sonny Gray just inked a \$75 million, 3-year deal with the pitching-starved St. Louis Cardinals as that team starts addressing its starting pitching woes. St. Louis has signed top free agent starter and Cy Young finalist Sonny Gray. This past season, Gray produced over 32 starts and a 2.79 ERA for the Minnesota Twins. He also finished second to Gerrit Cole in Cy Young voting. Cole played two seasons in the NL with the Reds where he had a 3.49 ERA, which was pretty good considering the Reds play in a notorious hitter-friendly ballpark. The 34-year-old pitcher is joining a team that finished 24th with a 4.79 ERA and hopes to help the Cardinals rebound from their 71-91 season, the worst record since 1990.

#### Thanksgiving Day Football **Bust Times Two**

Last week's football matchups on Thanksgiving Day didn't go so well for this guy. The school I teach at Ouincy High School lost to rival North Quincy High School by a score of 43-20, and my alma mater Boston English lost to their rivals Boston Latin School, 19-6.

The headline in the Boston Herald on the English-Latin game said it all. "Boston Latin gets the better of English/New

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Notice is hereby given by Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 39A, that on December 03, 2023 at 10AM, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of

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2018 TOYOTA COROLLA, WHITE

VIN # 2T1BURHEXJC041406 Steven Silva 97 College Ave., #2 Somerville, MA 02144

2007 HONDA ACCORD, GRAY VIN # 1HGCM56447A082023 Dana Bowman 10 Howe St., #1 Dorchester, MA 02125

2005 JEEP LIBERTY, GREEN VIN # 1J8GL58K35W726117 Valdeir Fernandes 62 Highland Ave., #C10

2021 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER, SILVER VIN # JA4ARUAUXMU025712 PV Holdings 23-45 87th St.

E. Elmhurst, NY 11369 2007 MERCEDES BENZ M CLASS, BLACK

VIN # 4JGBB77EX7A154986 Vincent Rinallo 411A Highland Ave., #251 Somerville, MA 02144

2020 YONGFU YN50QT, BLACK VIN # LL0TCAPH7LG000245

Cameron Sgroi 12 Burlington St. Woburn, MA 01801

2007 MAZDA 3, GRAY VIN # JM1BK12G871603396 Elaine B. Lemos 84 Pond St. Waltham, MA 02451

2011 BMW 328i, GRAY VIN # WBAPK7C59BF085491 Matthew Farnham 247 Pearl St., #403 Somerville, MA 02145

Run dates: 11/17, 11/24, 12/01/2023

Mission. One time there was no "slash New Mission." but apparently now, English can't field a whole team of its own and now obviously needs conscripts from New Mission to fill out team spots. Kinda sad if you ask me. Just like it was sad to see the team name switched to the Eagles from the Bulldogs. Hey, at least the school colors are still blue on blue. They can't take that away or at least I hope not.

#### What About South Boston High's Football Team?

It was shocking to hear that South Boston's principal had to call over to Eastie to inform them that they could not fill a team roster to play the longtime football rivalry between the two neighborhoods. Things have changed, many parents seem to be pushing their kids away from football due to all the news over concussions and the like. Plus many kids from a diverse student body seem more into soccer or lacrosse than football

One time South Boston High School was considered a football powerhouse. Not anymore. The same is true over in Charlestown where kids eat, sleep, dream, and play hockey. The neighborhood should be called Hockeytown USA. However over in Charlestown High School, they have a great basketball team, but no school hockey team. Not enough players to field a team. It is just the way things are demographically

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** 

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

Docket No. MI23P5839EA

Estate of ATHANASIOS PETROPOULOS Also Known As ARTHUR PETROPOULOS, ATHANSE PETROPOULOS Date of Death: September 22, 2022

CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION To all interested persons:

Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Robert M. Geurden of Westwood, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such othe relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Robert M. Geurden of Westwood, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE** You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court You have a right to object to this proceeding.

To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 04, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a dead-

line by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 09, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 12/01/2023 today. So much has changed since Post-1974 Boston.

#### Is Jackie Bradley, Jr. Retiring?

Is Jackie Bradley, Jr.'s career as one of baseball's best underrated defense players about to retire? The 33-year-old outfielder is expected to retire after an 11-year career spent mostly as a Red Sox player. Bradley was drafted No. 40 overall in the first round of the 2011 MLB Draft and made his baseball debut on Opening Day 2013. He'll retire with an All-Star season, a Golden Glove Award and is a defensive gem and leader of active players in double plays turned by an outfielder.

Known for his defensive skills, he also has flashes of power at the plate, too. On August 15, 2015, he had five extra base hits in a single game. In 2016, he had a 29 game hitting streak, which tied the fourth place mark in Red Sox history.

After 8 years in Boston, Bradley became a free agent in November and signed a 2-year deal with the Brewers, but his departure from Fenway was short-lived as Boston acquired him back for 2022 where he played another 91 games for the Sox. Following that season, before the Sox released him, he ended up with the Blue Jays and spent this past season with the Royals before being released last June. Overall, he wasn't bad as a Red Sox outfielder, but his hitting was always so inconsistent. At some point there he no longer fit into the Red Sox's plans and the team's future.

Saying a Tearful Goodbye to Willie Hernandez

Recently, a veteran baseball pitcher I remember well passed away. Willie Hernandez was a 3-time All-Star relief pitcher who won the 1984 Cy Young Award and MVP honors with the World Champion Detroit Tigers.

He played 13 seasons, but is most known for being a closer with the 1984 Tigers. The Tigers picked him up in a trade just as the 1984 season began. He ended up that season with a 9-3 record and 32 saves in 33 chances, and a 1.92 ERA over 80 games and 140.1 innings. He is only one of 11 pitchers to win the Cy Young and MVP in the same year. He is also only one of three pitchers to win the MVP, Cy Young, and World Series in the same year. The other two are Sandy Koufax in 1963 and Denny McClain in 1968.

Happy Birthdays To...

Justin Turner(39), Jonathan Papelbon (43), and Luis Tiant (83) on Thanksgiving Day. More on Luis next week.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Rigano's Towing Service, 1081 Fellsway, Malden, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicle on or after December 16, 2023 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicle is being stored at Rigano's Towing Service.

**2011 KIA OPTIMA** VIN # KNAGR4A68B5155882 Signed Basil Rigano

Owner Run dates: 12/01, 12/08, 12/15/2023



### Thinking of Jewish Survival at Hanukkah



On this Hanukkah, let us pray for the survival of the Jewish people. The horrific attacks of October 7 were unprecedented in their barbarity and a reminder of the virulent hatred towards Jews that is still very much in existence. Also disturbing are the displays of anti-Semitism being seen in this country. In some perverse way the Hamas' massacre has been a green light for the pent-up hatred that was lying just beneath the surface in so many circles around the nation. Right nearby we are witnessing it on the campus of Harvard University. Much of the press is also showing solidarity with the evil that is Hamas. It is a sickness that has grown from the anti-Western Civilization movements that have been growing in the United States and Europe over the past few decades. If we do not reverse course soon all will be lost. What happened on October 7 is not just about Israel. It is a continued attack on all civilized people. It is a battle for survival against the forces of evil and barbarism.

The philosopher Eric Hoffer, writing in the aftermath of the 6 Day War in 1967 when Israel defeated the combined armies of Egypt, Syria,

and Jordan, made points that are as true today as ever before. I have taken a portion of that essay and include it below. It is amazing just how true his words still are.

Other nations when they are defeated survive and recover, but should Israel be defeated it would be destroyed. Had Nasser triumphed last June he would have wiped Israel off the map, and no one would have lifted a finger to save the Jews.

The Jews are alone in the world. If Israel survives, it will be solely because of Jewish efforts, and Jewish resources. Yet at this moment Israel is our only reliable and unconditional ally. We can rely more on Israel than Israel can rely on us. And one has only to imagine what would have happened last summer had the Arabs and their Russian backers won the war to realize how vital the survival of Israel is to America and the West in general.

I have a premonition that will not leave me; as it goes with Israel so will it go with all of us. Should Israel perish the holocaust will be upon us.

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

**THANKSGIVING IN THE NHL** — When the Monday after Thanksgiving Weekend dawned and all the games over the holiday span had been completed there were some familiar franchises atop the standings.

And, of course, the Bruins were one of them and that must have given team president Cam Neely a really good feeling. For Neely is a proponent of the theory that how the teams line up In the standings at Thanksgiving is a pretty good indicatory of how they will look in April when the regular season comes to a close.

When former Bruins head coach Claude Julien was behind the bench, Neely also had some in-house company that thought along the same lines. As the years have gone by, we have not heard much about the theory except that we know it still exists in some fashion.

So, on that Monday after Thanksgiving the Bruins and the New York Rangers were the co-leaders in the Eastern Conference with 31 points — with the B's leading the Atlantic Division and the Rangers setting the pace in the Metropolitan Division.

Over in the Western Conference, the Vegas Golden Knights, the defending Stanley Cup Champions — coached by former Bruins bench boss Bruce Cassidy — were setting the pace with 30 points — a total that also put them on top of the Pacific Division. Colorado was the best in the Central Division with 28 points.

Whether those teams remain in those top spots over the course of the regular season remains to be determined, especially given this fairly early juncture. By the time you read this most teams will be close to playing their 25th game of the campaign, meaning there will be about 57 left before the 82-game regular season concludes.

Realistically, what are the chances that these four teams will not earn a berth in the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs? Truthfully, there is just a very slim possibility that any one of them could tumble out of the playoff picture over the course of the next several months. That is also true for teams such as Florida, Detroit, Tampa Bay, Dallas, Winnipeg, Los Angeles and Vancouver — all of whom had accumulated 25 or more points by the Monday after Thanksgiving.

But there is also the reverse of that line of thinking. In other words, what are the chances that some of the teams at the bottom of the standings could improve and work their way upward to claim a playoff berth?

As the Thanksgiving weekend passed, some 13 teams in the NHL had not reached the double-digit mark of 10 or more victories. Five — San Jose, Edmonton, Chicago, Minnesota and Columbus — had won six or fewer games with San Jose at the bottom of the pack with a measly four wins.

Is the season over for these teams?

Not really, especially given that 16 of the 32 teams that comprise the entire National Hockey League make the playoffs — a total of eight in each conference. There is no question that the road becomes rougher for each of these teams with each passing day but postseason participation is not out of the realm of reality — at least not yet.

When former Bruins head coach Mike Sullivan took over Pittsburgh in mid-December of 2016, the Pens were a dispirited bunch sporting a losing record. But come June of 2017, there tood Sullivan and the Panthers hoisting the Cup, proving that he difficulties exhibited in the early stages of the regular season could be overcome.

And just to make sure that people didn't think that accomplishment vas a fluke, all Mike Sullivan and the Panthers did for good neasure was to go out and win the 2018 Cup.

A more dramatic example came in 2019 when the St. Louis Blues reeted New Year's Day in the last place position in the entire NHL and then found a way not only to make the playoffs but also to laim the Cup by defeating the Bruins that June.

And, of course, once the playoffs start, we here in Boston know what that means—the only things predictable about the Stanley Jup Playoffs are that they are unpredictable. And the Bruins have seen both the beneficiaries and victims of those realties.

Back in those 2109 playoffs, the B's path to the Stanley Cup inal was essentially cleared for them when the Columbus Blue lackets, the eighth-seeded team in the Eastern Conference, took out the Presidents' Cup winning Tampa Bay Lightning in a first ound 4-0 sweep in games.

Tampa was slated to meet the Bruins in the second round. But, of course, that never happened. Bob Beers, the veteran analyst in the Bruins game-day radio broadcasts, has maintained over he years that the upset first round victory by Columbus was the hief reason that made it possible for the B's to make it all the vay to the SCF that spring.

The opposite, of course, was witnessed last April when the pwly Florida Panthers took out the regular season record setting 'residents' Trophy winning Bruins in the first round. They then roceeded to march all the way to the Stanley Cup Final against 'egas, setting up a dilemma for the front office management of he Bruins. Do you root for the coach that you fired one year arlier (Vegas coach Bruce Cassidy) or the team that ended all our dreams just a few weeks earlier?

In the end it was Cassidy's crew that was clutching the Cup with he victorious coach bringing the cherished chalice of champions back with him to his summer home on Cape Cod for all to see. We do feel that there will be a few surprises along the way this

vinter, with perhaps one or two of those teams in the nether egions of the standings vaulting into contention for a playoff spot. If they make it to the postseason, they will be hungry and battle ested — primed for the first round of the playoffs and hoping once nore to make the unpredictable come true.

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