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2024 October Italian Heritage Month Committee Honors Diane Modica



President of Massachusetts October Italian Heritage Month Committee Richard Vita Esq., First Suffolk & Middlesex District State Senator Lydia Edwards, Honoree Diane Modica Esq., and Chairman of the Board Cav. Kevin Caira

The Italian Heritage Month Committee held their Annual Columbus Day Breakfast on Monday, October 14 at the Dante Alighieri Society in Cambridge. The guests were treated to a delicious breakfast, live Italian entertainment by Pasquale and the Good Italians' and comments by the honoree,

Former Boston City Councilor Diane Modica, on the importance of Columbus Day.

Italian Heritage Month in Massachusetts is celebrating its 25th Anniversary. Signed into law by former Governor Argeo Paul Cellucci, this sacred holiday honors the culture, traditions and contributions of



(Back Row) Elaine Loffti, Gr. Uff Lino Rullo, Cav. Kevin Caira, Richard Vita, Nadia DiCarlo, Sal Bramante, Mark Pettiglio as Christopher Columbus and Anthony Cassanova, (Front Row) Anna Quarry, State Senator Lydia Edwards, Honoree Diane Modica, Vice-Consul of Italy to Boston Silvia Solomon
(Photos by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

Italian-Americans to the state of Massachusetts and to the United States of America as a whole.

This year's Columbus Day Honoree is not only a former Boston City Councilor, but also the past Chairperson of Consumer Affairs and Licensing for the City of Boston, Past President of the East Boston Chamber of Commerce, member of the Justinian Law Society along with the Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America as well as a staunch

supporter and defender of Christopher Columbus Day in America.

Diane reminded us that our heritage matters, that we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, and that Columbus Day is our opportunity, as Italian-Americans to celebrate and honor the perseverance, hard work, grit and determination it took for our ancestors to set sail for a new country and face down the bias, bigotry and discrimination they were subjected to. Our grandparents and

great-grandparents embraced their new life in America, making it their goal to learn the language, customs and traditions while incorporating their own values of loyalty, friendship and respect for the rules and laws of their new government.

As Chairperson for the Commission on Social Justice, Diane made it clear "Saving Columbus Day" has "never been about besmirching any other group. It's simply about

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Placed on Leave for Nixing DEI for Merit?

A top Oregon state official has been placed on administrative leave after a DEI-obsessed subordinate complained he was making hiring decisions based on merit instead of hiring decisions based on personal identity.

Mike Shaw served as the Oregon Department of Forestry's second-in-command until being placed on leave after a social media blast by Megan Donecker, the department's DEI strategy officer, for looking "beyond gender and identity in hiring, seeking only candidates most qualified for the job."

He was formally placed on administrative leave August 6th after Donecker filed a formal complaint over Shaw that the state department which employs 11,400 workers and a biennial \$577 million budget should take a measured approach to the DEI initiative.

She has since left the state agency, she reportedly has landed a new job as a DEI consultant and now describes herself as "an accomplice to marginalized communities."

Meanwhile, Oregon's Clackamas County announced that it has started to unwind its \$830 thousand per year DEI office, calling it an "unnecessary expense" that "only foments friction."

Teamsters Blasts Democrats

Teamsters president Sean O'Brien did a recent podcast interview in which he stated that Democrats had not helped them in 40 years, after a poll showed rank and file union members planned to overwhelmingly back Republican Donald Trump in the November 5th election.

Last month, the union said an electronic poll of members found 59.6 percent backed Trump while Harris received only 34 percent.

Agent of Change or Same as Joe?

Vice President Kamala Harris recently told ABC News' The View that she wouldn't change anything from Biden's term in office despite Biden's job approval rating being underwater for over three years. When asked by the

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Early Voting is Down in Comparison to 2020 Election

Will it favor Democrats or Republicans

Since COVID drastically altered the in person voting tradition, the rise in early voting has led many to believe elections may be over and decided even before election day. However, the 2024 data is showing this may not be true, and it may not be comforting to Democrats. According to John Couvillon, a Republican political strategist who provides daily updates on early and mail in voting, said 4.2 million Americans have already cast their ballots, which may sound like a lot, but it miniscule compared with the 158.6 million votes ultimately cast in 2020. Early voting is down 45% and significantly less than this point in 2020.

The number of early votes will most likely rise in the next two weeks as some states send out their mail in ballots and others open in-person early-voting

centers. But the number of votes cast early is still likely to be much lower even after this occurs. Virginia has offered in-person early voting since late September, with 459,000 votes as of October 10. That is approximately 4% less from the same point in 2020.

The bigger news is the significant drop in requests for mail-in ballots. Those are down by 58% from 2020 in states that do not send mail ballots to all their voters. The drop is exceptionally steep in the swing state of Georgia and North Carolina, with declines of 84% and 75% respectively. It's a fair assumption that the devastation of Hurricane Helene may account for a portion of the decline, but the largest population centers of both states were mostly unaffected. It looks as though voters simply do not want to vote by

mail when they have in person early voting readily available.

The drop is smaller, yet still noticeable in three Midwestern blue-wall states. Mail in ballot requests is down 59% in Wisconsin, 36% in Pennsylvania and 24% in Michigan. This is unsettling news for Democrats given their voters have dominated among mail in ballots in recent years. President Biden won Pennsylvania in 2020 because he built up a 1.4 million absentee vote advantage, which was just enough for him to survive Donald Trump's 1.33 million vote lead with-in person election day balloters.

There may in fact be as many as one million fewer mail in ballots in Pennsylvania this year, forcing Democrats to run a superior ground game just

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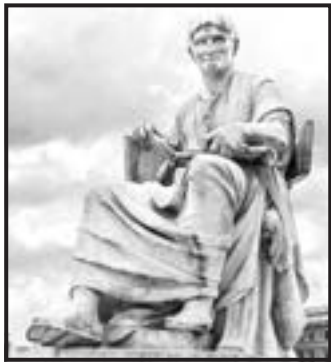
by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



SALLUST

The Ciceronian period in the "Golden Age" of ancient Roman literature (men of letters) continues with a brief account of the life of Gaius Sallustius Crispus, more commonly known as Sallust. He was born about 86 B.C. in the Sabine town of Amiternum. He became quaestor (treasury officer, and later became a "tribune of the plebs" (champion of the people). Enthusiasm for his work carried him to the point of committing adultery with Fausta, a daughter of the dictator Sulla, an act for which he was soundly beaten by her husband Titus Milo and was required to pay a sum of money. Because of this act, he was also expelled from the Senate.



Sallust supported Julius Caesar in many campaigns, but was also accused of maladministration before Caesar. By some strange set of circumstances, he appeared to have acquired great wealth during his public service and later built some expensive gardens on the Quirinal Hill. For years, these gardens were known as the "Horti-Sallustiani" and they eventually became the property of the Roman emperors. Sallust retreated into privacy prior to the time of Caesar's murder and devoted his remaining years to the writing of history. He died about 27 B.C., which was about four years before the battle of Actium.

Sallust is credited with at least five literary works, the first being *The Catalina*, which is a history of the conspiracy of Catiline, a brutal assassin. This history is valuable because Sallust was a living spectator of the events which he describes.

His second work is entitled *Iugurtha*, and is a history of the Roman war against Iugurtha, the king of Numidia. The third history is mostly lost. It gave an account of the activities about the time when Cicero was a magistrate. Remaining fragments also relate to the war with Spartacus the gladiator. His fourth work is a collection of letters, which appear to have been addressed to Caesar during the Spanish campaign and his fifth and last work is a double sort of literary effort entitled *Speeches of Sallust*, and *Speeches of Cicero*.

Some of the later Roman writers believe that Sallust greatly influenced the style of Tacitus, the great historian of the Silver Age. The language of Sallust is generally clear, brief, well understood, and his efforts seem to be directed toward literary distinction rather than research. Other non-Romans had written earlier histories of Rome, but Sallust is considered to be the first Roman to do so. His history explains the basic causes of the events and actions that he depicts, and he makes his work more dramatic and readable by providing his major characters with effective speeches. The best feature of his work is undoubtedly his concise manner and freedom from superfluous words. In keeping with the philosophy of Sallust regarding superfluous words ... ciao.

NEXT ISSUE: Julius Caesar

North End Waterfront Residents Association (NEWRA) Monthly Meeting

The NEWRA held their monthly meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

The meeting opened with an update on a previously shelved development project, in what is commonly referred to as the triangle, the intersections of Causeway Street, North Washington Street and Medford Street. A couple of years ago an informal proposal to build a seven-hundred-foot building was introduced, only to be withdrawn by the applicant. A new Project Notification Form (PNF) was filed on September 27, 2024, by a developer, RMR Group, LLC, and submitted to the City of Boston Planning Department (BPD) for review, under the article 80B review process as part of the City of Boston Zoning Code.

According to the notification form, the proposed project's approximately 30,000 square foot site comprises the entire block bounded by Causeway Street to the north, Medford Street to the west, and North Washington Street to the east. RMR proposes to construct a new 500-foot building, comprised of a 560,000 square foot building, 450 wide, 40 stories in height, including 300 hotel rooms, 420 residential units, and 150 parking spaces across two levels of below-grade parking. On the lower floors, the project will include 30,000 square feet of retail, restaurant and amenity space servicing hotel guests, residents, and surrounding neighborhoods of the Bulfinch Triangle, the North End and West End.

RMR stated they expect this PNF to initiate an open and collaborative dialogue

regarding the proposed project with city departments, elected officials, an Impact Advisory Group (IAG), abutting property owners, neighborhood groups, community leaders, business owners and residents.

The public comment period is scheduled to end October 28th but is expected to be extended until the IAG is appointed, and hopefully until after the next NEWRA meeting on November 14th.

There was one zoning matter and one licensing application on the agenda. Ricardo Travaglione, owner of Giacomo's Restaurant, 351 Hanover Street, is requesting an expansion, adding 28 seats, to the current 48, for a total of 76. There would be no change in the current hours of operation or the beer and wine license. The members voted 19-4 to support this request. The next agenda item was an application by Carla Agrippino Gomes, owner of both Antico Forno and Terramia on Salem Street, requesting one of the newly approved all-alcohol licenses at each location. Both restaurants presently operate with a beer, wine and cordial license and close by 11:00 p.m. with no plans to alter those hours. Carla spoke passionately about being a born and raised North Ender, about her respect for the abutting residents, and her need, along with many other establishments, for an all-alcohol license in order to satisfy customers and compete for business. A number of residents spoke in favor of Carla's application. The board, in an unprecedented move, voted unanimously to support both applications.

The final agenda item was an overview by State Representative

Aaron Michlewitz, Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee, about the newly funded state initiatives and programs this past budget cycle. Representative Michlewitz stated "It is an honor of a life-time to represent the neighborhood I was born and raised in." It was a successful legislative session, and he is still working, along-side his house and senate colleagues on the bond bill offering money on the table for housing production, something he strongly supports, instead of just protection. There is also language for tax credits to developers to convert buildings from commercial into much needed residential units.

The representative also provided an update on the newly proposed community center on Commercial Street, set to replace the current Nazzaro Center. There will continue to be community process on both of these projects, with a hopeful groundbreaking for the new center after the Summer, 2025 season and a Request For Proposal (RFP) process to begin on the Nazzaro Center shortly after. Since it has been declared a historical landmark building only a non-profit will be approved to take over the Nazzaro Center, not a hotel or a residential developer.

Lastly the President of the NEWRA, Cheryl DelGreco gave a short update on the \$250,000 Resiliency Plan grant, obtained through Representative Michlewitz efforts. She is hoping there will be a full presentation in January 2025.

The next meeting of the NEWRA will be held on Thursday, November 14th, 6:30 p.m. at the Nazzaro Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

Women are the Most Coveted Voting Block in America

by Patti Sartori

More women than men have voted in presidential elections since 1980. Even with the voter gender gap in the 2020 presidential race being narrower than it was in 2016, the media has widely acknowledged that women decided the 2020 election. But will 2024 be different?

Peggy Nance, President and CEO of Concerned Women for America, has been travelling the U.S. on a battleground state bus tour since July of this year, logging 10,000 miles across twelve states, speaking with women of all political backgrounds and believes this election season, the prevailing narrative about women's priorities could not be more wrong.

If the political pundits were correct and Democratic hype is to be believed, the Dobbs Supreme Court decision and lack of abortion access would be the top issue. But female voters in battleground states care for more than just one issue.

If abortion were the driving issue of the 2024 presidential election, women would have

come out in droves to back Kamala Harris, since she is so laser focused on abortion, and Donald Trump's campaign would be dried up, according to Nance. But that's not what she was hearing ...

There is no ground swell for Harris, just because she is a female or because of her pro-stance on abortion rights. This is not a unifying issue for women, Nance acknowledged.

Even though abortion rights have emerged as a top concern of women voters this election, women are equally concerned about educating their children and rising inflation. A Suffolk University poll of likely voters in the must win state of Pennsylvania, conducted earlier this month, showed 47% of women say they are better off than they were four years ago, and 50% of women say they are worse off than they were four years ago, sounding like the female independent vote may still be up for grabs.

Nance heard loud and clear along the bus tour that women resent the government and feel that those in political power do

not honor their role as COO of their household. Women are upset over inflation and the economy. At each bus stop, women stressed about how they would put food on their table and help provide for their families. No one is more in tune with the everyday challenges of the Biden/Harris administration than women.

They also expressed concern about their communities, illegal drugs, especially fentanyl, safety, crime, and worry that their neighborhood schools are becoming places where their kids could be victims of the next mass shooting or news headline.

Nance's organization, Concerned Women for America, exists to protect and promote Biblical values and Constitutional principles, and she urged women to vote for candidates who will honor and advance those values. With less than five weeks until election day, Nance also encouraged elected officials and candidates to listen to women and understand what they truly care about. Their electability may depend on it ...

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Marie Grace (Iacoviello) Palazzolo

Marie Grace (Iacoviello) Palazzolo of Boston's North End passed away on October 7, 2024, surrounded by loving family.



Loving daughter of the late Ernest and Angelina (Chiuchiolo) Iacoviello. Beloved wife of the late James Palazzolo. Devoted mother of Bernard Palazzolo of FL and Ernest Palazzolo and his wife Jane of Sandwich. Cherished grandmother of Ernest Palazzolo Jr., Kenneth Palazzolo, Angela Bump, Jennifer Palazzolo, and Matthew Palazzolo. Great-grandmother of Gabrielle, Jessica, Kalel, Ava, Angelina, James, Nicholas, and Luke; great-great-grandmother of April. Dear sister of the late Rocco Iacoviello, Jennie Lauria, Carlo Iacoviello and Nicholas Iacoviello.

The family received visitors on Saturday, October 12, 2024 in the J.S. Waterman Langone Chapel, Boston followed by a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated in St. Leonard Church, Boston. Services concluded with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Donations in Marie's memory may be made to VNA of Cape Cod, 25 Communications Way, Hyannis, MA 02601. For online condolences, visit www.watermanboston.com

North End Seniors Enjoy a Night Out Compliments of State Representative Aaron Michlewitz

A group of forty-five North End Seniors had a blast last Saturday evening, thanks to the generosity of State Representative Aaron Michlewitz and the efforts of the organizer, lifelong North End resident Francine Capodilupo Gannon. After boarding a luxurious motor coach, the group delighted in a champagne toast, before heading off to The Holy Ghost Society Hall in Peabody, where they enjoyed a delicious meal and a



Joey Chiarenza

fabulous Frank Sinatra tribute performance by none other than North End native, and St. Anthony Society member, Joey Chiarenza, along with his eighteen-piece orchestra.

The women sang and danced the night away to Sinatra's biggest hits and Chiarenza's beautiful voice. It was a wonderful evening and the women could not stop talking about how much they enjoyed themselves.



North End Seniors enjoyed a musical tribute to Frank Sinatra by North End Native, Joey Chiarenza (Photo by Joey C.)

• Columbus Day Breakfast (Continued from Page 1)

Holding the Line on what has already been achieved. It is a slippery slope to give away any recognition that was earned and paid for with the blood of many Italian American souls. Being realistic in today's political environment, there is no guarantee that any other Italian

American figure, no matter how worthy, or even a general Italian American holiday would receive the same federal, state or local holiday status."

Diane truly believes, the way forward is not by placing blame, but rather finding common ground and by having empathy

for each other's past treatment and history, as we focus our energy on moving forward. We as Italian Americans will never substitute a generic Italian Heritage Day or replace Christopher Columbus Day as a symbol of our proud heritage. "Initi In Forza!"

• Early Voting (Continued from Page 1)

to hold steady with their 2020 showing. There is also a sense of foreboding from Virginia where Republicans have learned how to increase the early voting option. Even with early ballots down from the 2020 election, many more votes have been cast in the most Republican congressional districts than in the solid Democratic seats.

The Washington DC suburbs of Arlington and Alexandria

Virginia each gave Biden more than 80% of the vote, yet the number of early votes cast in these communities, is less than half at the same point four years ago. In Trump's strongest counties that is not the case. He carried ten rural counties in the far western part of the state with 80% or more in 2020, and early voting is currently up in those areas.

It is still too early to know what these statistics mean,

nor to predict who it will ultimately favor. What it may actually suggest is there is still plenty of time to influence the election with campaign stops, rallies, messages and strategy. With election day only three weeks away, 96% of likely voters still have not yet cast their ballots, suggesting it's possible that tens of millions of voters may wait until the final days or even election day itself to vote.



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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

The Magic of Italian Fables

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Magic — the word rolls off your tongue like a charm, filled with wonder and possibility. It conjures images of puffs of colorful smoke and cards that disappear into the air. I particularly think of magic during the month of October, when signs of the mystical side of life surround me. Leaves shining on the pavement after a chilly rainfall, candles flickering inside toothy jack-o-lanterns, the foreboding sky of an early evening, the cackle of witches — all these elements make October a month in which to revel in the supernatural and in the spooky sense of the unknown. This longing for the mysterious taps into our primordial collective unconsciousness, as some of our earliest introduction to magic tropes and beings came from our childhood. The wonderful world of fairy tales opened our eyes to a plethora of bizarre, subversive, and enchanting elements. These were tales where powerful women could shape a person's destiny with wishes and spells, where animals and trees talked, where the assurance of a happy ending always came as a result of an arduous and mutable journey. Fairy tales have proved so instrumental in shaping our psyche that modern scholars debate, dissect and study them in the halls of academia. My introduction to fairy tales came as a result of my grandmother, Nonna, whose bedtime stories evoked an Italian countryside full of tricky gnomes, prowling wolves and wise, grizzled crones. The spooky, magical month of October is perfect for diving into the folktales of Italy and the motifs that make them still so popular today.

Any mention of fairy tales instantly brings to mind the specific names of these stories' protagonists, from Snow White to Little Red Riding Hood.

Repeated through oral tradition and echoing across generations, these characters have mutated and morphed to fit the values, mores and customs of each time period or locale, while still keeping the core of their stories intact. Italy boasts variations of several of our beloved fairy tale protagonists. An early version of Cinderella, called *Cenerentola*, is present in the collection of seventeenth-century poet Giambattista Basile. In Basile's tale, a girl named Zezolla is forced to work in the kitchen by her stepmother until a fairy living in a date tree magically prepares her for a royal ball. Basile also recorded a story similar to Rapunzel, in which the main character was named Petrosinella, or parsley, and was held captive by an ogress rather than a witch. Another fairy tale named *Maria, the Wicked Stepmother, and the Seven Robbers* blends elements of Snow White with those of Hansel and Gretel, as a young girl named Maria is abandoned in the woods at the behest of her stepmother, only to stumble across a home belonging to seven robbers and eventually marry a prince. However, my absolute favorite fairy tale, the one most laden with foreboding and symbolism, is *Little Red Riding Hood*. The Italian version of this tale, *La Finta Nonna* ("the false grandmother") incorporates all the familiar elements — a girl visiting her grandmother and realizing that something is wrong — but also adds other unique components. For example, the creature who eats the grandmother is an ogress rather than a wolf. Furthermore, Little Red Riding Hood herself manages to defeat the ogress and release her grandmother, rather than depending on a huntsman. Talk about girl power!

Fairy tales, whether originating in Italy or not, endure

because of their highly symbolic and extremely universal archetypes. In fact, I find that the most common fairy tale motifs frequently remind me of my time in Italy over ten years ago, particularly the days spent in my father's quaint hometown of Sulmona in the mountainous Abruzzi region. One such archetype is the enchanted forest, or woods filled with magic, mystery and the tingling possibility of both danger and opportunity. In Sulmona, where the forest stretched endlessly in a sea of lush emerald green and trees whispered secrets in the wind up the mountainside, it was easy to imagine elves and gnomes hiding among the foliage. The concept of the crone appears in many fairy tales as well. These immensely powerful, wizened old women wielded their abilities for good, as in the case of fairy godmothers, or for bad, as in the case of sinister witches. These examples of female agency always impressed me, especially in a genre which often took a more traditional approach to gender roles, and in their positive iterations the crones remind me of my own wise and resourceful nonnas. Finally, there is the image of the wolf. The wolf was once the most feared animal in Europe, and as such figured in many folktales as a symbol of menace and the unknown. In fact, though Italy has its own rendering of *Little Red Riding Hood*, most Italians are also familiar with the famous version in which a wolf swallows the grandmother. My father frequently spoke of having to ride his bicycle home late at night during his childhood, snaking through darkened mountain roads as wolves howled in the distance. Fairy tales tap into our subconscious fears and desires, and therefore their symbolism will always be repeated and reinterpreted with each passing year.

As Halloween approaches, my thoughts turn to everything that is uncanny and, well, magical. Fairy tales perfectly encompass the mood of the wondrous month of October, a month that sees the mystical dance of the harvest and ends with a festival honoring the unknown. From enchanted forests to women who can grant wishes with the wave of a wand, from conniving ogresses to cunning wolves, fairy tales weave a rich tapestry of human anxieties and yearnings made manifest in the most bizarre and metaphorical of ways. The power of fairy tales is so strong that every culture of the world contains unique fables that speak to both localized and universal concerns. This can be seen in the folktales of Italy, which blend familiar fairy tale characters with special twists and motifs. This October, I plan to spend a dark, cozy evening enveloped in the world of folklore, and I hope that the charm and magic of fairy tales touches your lives as well!

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

THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



I'll Always Love My Mama

by Sal Giarratani

There's an old R&B song I love to hear, especially on Mother's Day and again every October 18th. This hit song was sung by The Intruders and aptly named "I'll Always Love My Mama." Once again, the calendar has hit the October 18th date and those sad memories from 32 years ago are resurrected inside me and it never gets any easier no matter how many years pass.

My mom passed away at Youville Hospital in Cambridge back on October 18, 1992. It was a very emotional and difficult period of my life as I watched my mom live out her life a day at a time. I was always over there visiting her and she seemed a fighter who really wasn't ready to check out of life just yet.

Eventually, in that long ago month of October, she began changing her tune. At one point she told me that she thought she had done her job as a mother to both my brother and myself. We both had our families and a total of five grandkids for her to love. From the oldest, my nephew born in 1970 to the youngest, my daughter born in 1986. She enjoyed her time as a grandmother. She said she was proud of her two boys. Life is often a struggle. We are blessed. We hurt. We laugh. For my brother and myself, we played music in a band together too. He ended up with a career job with the U.S. Postal Service and I ended up with a career with the Department of Mental Health where I ended up working as a police officer for 28 years.

Near the end, she said she was ready to meet her one and only and how she missed my dad so much. She passed away about twenty hours later in her sleep in the darkness of night. I was sad that she had left me. I didn't feel like I was ready but is anyone ever really ready to say their final goodbyes to life?

I loved my Ma so much. She grounded me with that humor of hers. I was indeed my mother's son. Sadly, every October 18th, I also remember my younger brother Dominic. After all, she parted this world on his birthday. He passed in 2007, way too young, and I know he is up there somewhere with my mom and dad looking down on all of us left behind.

Life is indeed a journey and we should all use our time wisely because it really is so brief. Watch over each other because that is what we are called to do. Oh, and chill out. Stop being angry and just enjoy the ride we travel together and apart.

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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.

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

Date: October 10, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 10/18/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
Docket No. SU24P2171EA
Estate of
ELIZABETH DEAN STOKES
Also Known As
ELIZABETH DI ROBILANT,
ELIZABETH D. STOKES
Date of Death: July 27, 2024
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 Anna Nicolis Di Robilant of Cambridge, 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 Anna Nicolis Di Robilant of Cambridge, 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 November 22, 2024.

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

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 11, 2024

Stephanie L. Everette, Esq., Register of Probate

Run date: 10/18/2024

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Sal LaMattina Honored by East Boston Social Centers



Guest of Honor Sal LaMattina celebrating the Joy:Us award with his wife Lisa and daughter Liana

Sal LaMattina has spent his life as a Champion for his beloved East Boston. At this year's East Boston Social Centers' Annual Joy:Us Celebration, Sal was honored for his outstanding leadership and invaluable contributions to the community. Sal has been a tireless advocate and incredible ally to the Social Centers

for many years. A lifelong East Boston resident, former District 1 City Councilor, and Social Centers alumni, it is only fitting that Sal receive the gratitude and recognition he so deeply deserves.

Recognizing Sal for his outstanding leadership and invaluable contributions to the community were former



Former Massachusetts Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo congratulating Sal LaMattina on his recognition from East Boston Social Centers

Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo, current District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Colletta Zapatta, State Senator Lydia Edwards, numerous friends, family members and his beautiful daughter Liana and his lovely wife Lisa.

Sal offered his humble appreciation to all who attended the event, for donations made to the center on his behalf and to the tall ship for hosting the event. "When All Give, All Gain"

The Silvio Laccetti Foundation Kicks Off Italian Heritage Month: Donates Sun Dial to Union City



Dr. Silvio Laccetti speaking at Kick-Off ceremony for Italian Heritage Month

The Silvio Laccetti Foundation began Italian Heritage Month in splendid fashion by donating a Sun Dial to Union City. The 4-foot diameter dial, made of special Argentinian marble, was created to honor Vincenzo Pellarin, who was one of the pioneers who brought the arts of terrazzo and mosaic to the U.S. in the 19th and early 20th century. An historically important person, Vincenzo emigrated from Sequals, in the Friuli region and worked and settled in New York City. However, his son, Dr. John Pellarin chose Union City, NJ for his home and was a leading citizen of that



municipality, serving as physician to the Athletic Department of Emerson High School. His son, Dr. John Vincent, began a dental practice in the City. The Sun Dial is located in Ellsworth Park, just a short block from the one-time home of the Pellarins.

Prof. Laccetti decided to honor Vincenzo and the Pellarin family because of his close ties to the family. Laccetti noted the work of his Foundation in promoting Italian Language and Culture. His most well-known programs are The Garibaldi Award and the WorldCast Environmental seminars, featuring schools from around the globe.

The ceremony was attended by some 60 people, many of them school and town officials, as well as by honor students in the Union City Arts Program. The address given by Vincent Astudillo, Director of Fine arts program for Union City schools was particularly noteworthy in that he compared terrazzo, with its many ingredients (glass, marble, stone chips of various sizes and colors) to the makeup of Union City which historically has been a blend of many cultures and peoples.

A video of the ceremony can be viewed on hudsonstv.com.

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Ieri e Oggi Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

The Great Boston Fire



On November 9, 1872 The Great Boston Fire started in a dry-goods warehouse at 83-87 Summer Street. The fire began at 7:20 p.m. and spread rapidly in windy weather, destroying nearly 800 buildings. The red glare from the fire could be seen in the sky for nearly 100 miles.

Boston's largest fire, still ranks as one of the costliest in American history.

In 1872, Boston did not have a strictly enforced building code. The streets were narrow and the buildings were close together. Many of the buildings were too tall for fire ladders to reach the upper levels, and the pressure from the fire hoses was often insufficient to extinguish flames on the roofs of the buildings. Thus, the fire could spread from rooftop to rooftop, and across narrow streets. Many of the affected buildings were made of brick and stone, but were framed in wood. wooden mansard roofs were a common architectural trend of the time period. The steep pitch of a mansard roof allows for more storage in the upper levels of a building. However, these roofs are flammable due to their wooden construction.

The downtown area of Boston had undergone a rapid development in the years after the Civil War, but improvements, especially water mains, had not been upgraded during these years. The fire department at the time was dealing with an outbreak of a disease which affected equine animals, thus affecting the horses that pulled the heavy fire apparatus. The fire spread rapidly, creating its own energy or firestorm, due to the tremendous heat generated.

It took 12 hours to contain the fire but not until it consumed 65 acres of Boston's downtown, 776 buildings and much of the financial district, and caused \$73.5 million in damage (equivalent to \$1.7 billion in 2023). The destruction to the buildings was valued at \$13.5 million and the personal property loss was valued at \$60 million. At least 30 people died, including 12 firefighters.

Small Ads Get Big Results

For more information, call 617-227-8929.

An Overwhelming Success for the St. Leonard Peace Garden Fundraiser

Thank You

For supporting the cornerstone of our community, St. Leonard Church. With heartfelt gratitude, we extend our thanks to everyone who donated and participated in our annual Peace Garden Fundraiser.



Doreen Merola and Norma Repucci, volunteers at the St. Leonard Peace Garden Fundraiser, Toni Gilardi, organizer of the evening and Father Michael Della Penna, Pastor of St. Leonard Church, celebration the success of the event



Father Michael Della Penna, Pastor of St. Leonard Church, Toni Gilardi, organizer of the St. Leonard Church Peace Garden Fundraiser thanking Frank DePasquale, Proprietor of Assaggio and host of the fundraiser, for his generosity and hospitality

and reflection. Almost anyone passing through the peace garden wants a photo with the lush landscape or one of the many religious statues as a backdrop and reminder of their visit to this magnificent site.

Last Tuesday evening a fundraiser was held at Assaggio Restaurant on Prince Street, to help revitalize and maintain the beloved Peace Garden, an iconic sanctuary that has become a cornerstone of the North End community. The evening was an opportunity for friends, neighbors and parishioners to gather for a common cause. The restaurant filled with laughter, a sumptuous buffet, delicious desserts, silent auction items and raffle prizes. The money raised at this event is vital to the continuity of the Peace Garden, and every donation is appreciated.

Toni Gilardi and her team did an outstanding job, as usual, and deserve many thanks for their commitment and hard work given to this event.

Frank DePasquale, proprietor of Assaggio Restaurant graciously and generously donated the use of his establishment, along with all of the food and beverages enjoyed by the guests. And a special thank you to NP landscaping for the captivating work they do on the Peace Garden.

Stepping Out of the High School Pool After 48 Years ...

by Sal Giarratani



Here Dave is pointing out the banners on the wall of the Paris Street Pool in East Boston



Here is Dave with Sal G. Two "Eastie Strong" guys today.

East Boston H.S. Swim Coach Dave Arinella hung up his whistle toward the end of this past school year putting the final punctuation mark on his 48 years as East Boston High School swimming coach in March 2024. It marked the end of the 2023-2024 year for him as coach.

"I have a lot of people to thank for my 48 years of swim coaching," said Arinella. "He (Headmaster Phil Brangiforte) showed so much confidence in me, and that is so important to the (swim) program." Arinella also praised former school headmaster John Poto "who hired me back in 1976, believed in me when he didn't have any past performance to go by." He also didn't forget all those great swimmers in the program "throughout the past 48 years who made me and East Boston High School look so good."

I have known Dave for about 14 years now since moving to the East Boston community and we became fast friends. Dave by the way was not born in Eastie but came here early in life from Minnesota and both he and East Boston seemed to have bonded quite well over the years. However, he still loves the Minnesota Twins and probably the Vikings too but I overlook all that.

Arinella went to East Boston High School as a student and graduated Valedictorian of his 1970 class. During high school, he swam for the Charlestown YMCA team. Eventually, he would become both the longest serving coach of all time at East Boston High and the longest serving coach of all time in Boston Public School history.

He was named three times as Man of the Year in East Boston



Wherever he goes, his legend is known. Might be the most liked guy in Eastie, which is not bad for somebody from someplace else, huh?

(1987, 1999, and 2003) and was also named Coach of the Year from the East Boston Athletic Board in 2009. The honors he has received is a testament to his dedication as a coach always getting the most out of his players. For example, in 2019 and 2020, Eastie swimmer Ramni Laribi finished 4th in the state championships in the 50 and 100 freestyle.

Dave was also selected for the honor of being named swim coach of the year by Boston Public Schools in both 2007 and 2024. Over the years through both the forced busing crisis and the COVID Pandemic, he remained dedicated to his coaching duties working with all his students in the school's swim program. He wouldn't allow busing or Covid to interfere with his responsibilities as a coach with students entrusted to him.

In 2024, he was named Boston Globe Coach of the Year and was also inducted into the EMISCA Hall of Fame last April.

His career spanned from 1976 to 2024 and as he said, "It has been a lifetime in the pool." His parting remarks to me made it clear. He will always be around ready to help his alma mater. I will be always around for anything the East Boston Swim Team needs, short of actually returning to coaching."

Saint Winifred

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Winifred of Wales, dedicated her life to God and to helping others. She is remembered for her charitable works, her devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and her wisdom and holiness.

St. Winifred was born around the year 600 AD. She was the daughter of a chieftain of Tegeingl, a Welsh nobleman called Tyfid ap Eiludd. Her mother was Wenlo, sister of St. Beuno and a member of a family closely associated with the kings of South Wales. A Welsh prince, Caradog, wanted to marry her, but Winifred told him she had decided to become a nun.

Winifred became a nun and later abbess at Gwytherin in Denbighshire, having received inspiration to leave Holywell and travel

inland. She is also said to have made a pilgrimage to Rome, which influenced her to call a synod on religious life. Many of the accounts of Winifred's life are legend but there does seem to be historical evidence for the existence of this saint.

After her death Winifred was interred at her abbey. In 1138, relics were carried to Shrewsbury to form the basis of an elaborate shrine. It was destroyed by Henry VIII in 1540.

Winifred has been venerated as a saint ever since her death. Her well at Holywell has been a place of pilgrimage and healing, the only place in Britain with a continuous history of pilgrimage for over thirteen centuries. The well itself, originally formed from a mountain spring, is housed below the town on the side of a steep hill in the shrine of St Winifrid. In 1917, due to mining, the well ran dry but water was soon restored.

Pilgrims going to Holywell go through rituals of bathing three times in the inner bath, reciting a decade of the rosary, and then go to the outer pool to complete their prayers, kneeling on St. Beuno's stone. Holywell has been described as the Lourdes of Wales. The Feast day of Saint Winifred is November 3rd.

Congratulations to the Newlyweds



The beautifully decorated home on Salem Street which served as the backdrop for the wedding celebration



The Bride and Groom, Umberto and Morgana Campioni



Frank DePasquale, Morgana and Umberto Campioni toasting in honor of the newly married couple

What do neighbors from the tight knit North End community do for each other in time of need? In this case it was nothing less than create an amazing celebration. When Amy Aceto Hitchinson realized her tenants were heading off to Boston City Hall to exchange vows in a civil ceremony, she knew it was time to set in motion a traditional Neapolitan wedding. With assistance from the couple's boss, Frank DePasquale, Amy was able to surprise the couple upon their return from city hall to their apartment on Salem Street.

Waiting for them was a large group of neighbors, friends, co-workers, and anyone else who happened to be passing by and decided to join in this festive occasion. In front of a beautifully decorated building, a soloist serenaded the couple with Italian song, as they and the group toasted with champagne in honor of this nuptial event. The couple was overwhelmed with appreciation, as neither have any family in America. Just a typical day in this wondrous neighborhood. *Congratulazioni e Auguri ...*

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A QUIET PLACE: DAY ONE
(4K Ultra HD/Blu-ray/Digital)
Paramount Home Ent.

A Quiet Place: Day One expands the franchise's groundbreaking universe, taking fans back to the first day of the invasion by deadly creatures who hunt by sound in one of the loudest places on Earth: New York City. Lupita Nyong'o and Joseph Quinn give emotional and riveting performances as strangers who embark on a harrowing journey through the eerily quiet streets of Manhattan. Experience the day the world went quiet in this terrifying continuation of the *A Quiet Place* universe. When Samira (Nyong'o) returns home to New York City, her simple trip turns into a harrowing nightmare when mysterious creatures that hunt by sound attack. Accompanied by her cat Frodo and an unexpected ally (Quinn), Samira must embark on a perilous journey through the city that has suddenly gone silent, where the only rule is to stay quiet to stay alive. Djimon Hounsou and Alex Wolff also star in this intensely suspenseful thriller. Versions of the film on Digital, 4K Ultra HD, or Blu-ray will have access to over 50 minutes of thrilling bonus content. Get a behind-the-scenes look at how the attack on New York was filmed and how the crew built and destroyed a massive Manhattan set, plus see deleted and extended scenes not shown in theatres.

CAPTAIN PLANET: THE COMPLETE FRANCHISE
(DVD)

Warner Bros. Discovery Home Ent.

Earth! Fire! Wind! Water! Heart! The beloved educational superhero series created by Ted Turner and Barbara Pyle that began with the *Captain Planet* and the *Planetars* animated series in 1990, leading into *The New Adventures of Captain Planet* animated series has now come together for the first time ever on DVD, with all 113 episodes from the iconic franchise. The series features an all-star voiceover cast, including Martin Sheen, Meg Ryan, Whoopi Goldberg and LeVar Burton. The power is yours to own *Captain Planet: The Complete Franchise*, now available from Warner Bros. Discovery Home Entertainment. The Planetars five teenagers from different parts of the earth, each received a ring of elemental power — earth, wind, water, fire or heart — to combat eco-villains everywhere in the world. And when they combine the powers of their rings, a new superhero, Captain Planet, is created with powers far greater than the sum of the five. In addition to the series, Captain Planet continues to inspire and empower young people to be environmental stewards through the Captain Planet Foundation. Established by Turner and Pyle, the foundation has funded over 3,700 projects worldwide, supporting hands-on environmental education and activism.

RICK AND MORTY: THE COMPLETE SEASONS 1-7
(DVD)

Warner Bros. Discovery Home Ent.

Fans can travel across the multi-verse with the epic release of the *Rick and Morty: The Complete Seasons 1-7* boxed set on DVD. Get *Schwifty* while you binge on one of cable's most-watched comedies that follows the sci-fi misadventures of genius scientist Rick and his family. *Rick and Morty: The Complete Seasons 1-7* includes all 71 episodes from seven seasons of the award-winning series, copious special features, audio commentary, deleted scenes, "Inside the Episode" segments, numerous featurettes, animatic sketches, and more. *Rick and Morty* is the critically acclaimed, half-hour animated hit comedy series on Adult Swim that follows a sociopathic genius scientist who drags his inherently timid grandson on insanely dangerous adventures across the universe. Rick Sanchez is living with his daughter Beth's family and constantly bringing her, his son-in-law Jerry, granddaughter Summer, and grandson Morty into intergalactic escapades.

FAMILY (DVD)
IndiePix Classics

Home is where the hurt is ... proof is in the watching of *Family*, a dark, acclaimed psychological drama, recently nominated for three Israeli Academy Awards. Lily would do anything to make it go away. In a perfect world, she would have grown up with a loving father, a caring mother, a sane sister and a brother who wasn't madly in love with her. Instead, Lily is staring at four dead bodies in the living room. Desperately in need of an emergency therapy session, she discovers that the only person at home is her therapist's judgmental and insensitive teenage daughter. With nowhere else to turn, Lily once again finds herself locked in a seemingly inescapable battle of wills. Israeli writer/director/star Veronica Kedar combines performance, photography, horror, and memory into a uniquely sympathetic, nonlinear narrative about a young woman driven to kill — a depiction of extremes that attacks the one horror we're all most intimate with: family.

CIA DRUGS R US! (DVD)
PROGLETF

CIA Drugs R Us is a comic sequel to the film, *Drugs as Weapons Against Us: The CIA War on Musicians and Activists*. The film continues focusing on U.S. intelligence's use of drugs for social control and in the murderous targeting of activists. It particularly covers John Lennon, Kurt Cobain, and Tupac Shakur. The film further details the CIA's Project MK-Ultra involvement with The Manson Family regarding activist actors and The Black Panthers. It also details examples regarding U.S. intelligence, drugs and the antiwar Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). The film then discusses the CIA's MK-Ultra front group, The Human Ecology Fund, continuation, along with Maryland's Catholic Church sex abuse scandal featured in the Emmy-nominated documentary series, *The Keepers*.

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

**I WANNA KNOW
WHAT YOU THINK**

Should Bay State voters support or oppose the continued use of MCAS testing in our schools? What about minimum wages for tipped employees? How about the unionizing of Lyft, or Uber drivers. Are they company employees or are they private contractors? How will you be voting on these ballot questions? Let me know at sal.giarratani@gmail.com.

**KAMALA AND COLBERT
TOGETHER DRINKING BEER**

On Tuesday night October 8th, Kamala Harris was a guest on the *Stephen Colbert Show* where they incredibly chatted up with each other drinking a can of Miller Light. I kid you not. Where many folks were still trying to put their lives together after Hurricane Helene and as Hurricane Milton was bearing down on Florida, there were these two drinking beer and joking like a couple of idiots. I am still trying to figure out if Kamala is arrogant, an *^#hole or just plain stupid. Jeff Kuhner on his morning radio show thinks Kamala is just stupid. What do you folks out there think, is she just stupid? Let me know at sal.giarratani@gmail.com.

**HERE'S SOMETHING TO
CHEW ON**

I can take or leave Jeff Kuhner depending on what he's talking about and his personal views on the matter being discussed. Recently, the subject of weather manipulation was going on. Can we control the weather? Yes or

No? According to what I heard from Kuhner and his radio callers, the Department of Defense reportedly has been researching and creating new technologies to do just that. Why? Is it to make the weather another form of warfare? Is this just the Military Industrial Complex thinking outside the box and weaponizing the weather to attack our enemies? Sounds kind of crazy, right? However, is it really that crazy when you think about it?

**SHOULD CELLPHONES
BE BANNED IN
THE CLASSROOM?**

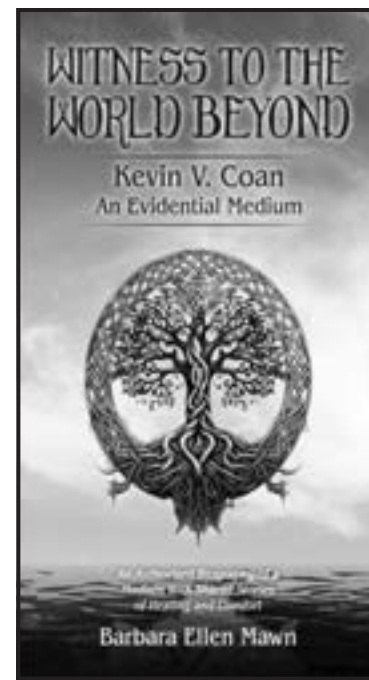
Some states like California seem to be in favor of classroom bans on 'em. However, overall, most parents do not seem to be in favor of banning these phones inside the classroom. With all the school shootings and violence out there, most parents want to be able to reach their kids quickly in case of such an emergency. I say bans will fail to be implemented nationwide.

**"WITNESS TO THE
WORLD BEYOND"**

Recently I was invited by a local Charlestown author and friend of mine, Barbara Ellen Maun, to a book reading she would be doing on Saturday, October 12th at the Charlestown Branch Library and I thoroughly enjoyed her talk as did everyone else attending her discussion on her new book.

The book is entitled *Witness to the World Beyond - Kevin V. Coan-An Evidential Medium* and is an authorized biography of a rather unique medium with many shared stories of those who felt both healed and comforted by working with Kevin V. Coan in trying to understand things that many of us experience in our lives.

I met my friend Barbara at the Harvest on Vine food pantry volunteering together with many others. Nice lady, friendly, etc., but I then found out she was just a mother or grandmother but had a PhD in social policy and an author of both fiction and non-fiction books.



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Docket No. MI24P5332PM

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G. L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405 In the matter of CAROLYNN Z. GARRETT of Woburn, MA RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Melissa Garrett Kingston of Tewksbury, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Carolyn Z. Garrett is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Melissa Garrett Kingston of Tewksbury, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Personal Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of November 06, 2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 09, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/18/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. SU24P2146EA

Estate of JEAN MARINO
Date of Death: January 08, 2024
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 Marie E. Anderson of Saugus, 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 Marie E. Anderson of Saugus, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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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 November 13, 2024.

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Docket No. MI24P5163PM

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G. L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405 In the matter of JANICE MARIE LAMERE of Cambridge, MA RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by David A. Cohen of Cambridge, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Janice Marie LaMere is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that David A. Cohen of Cambridge, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of October 29, 2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 01, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/18/2024

Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Happy Birthday to me. I was born on October 21st, (next Monday). I can remember only a couple of birthday parties where I was the only person who was the center of attention. I grew up with John Manfredonia. His birthday was October 14th, and beginning with our fifth birthdays, our parents combined parties and we celebrated together.

John's father, Ralph, and my father grew up together. John's mom, Grace, and my mother grew up together. By the time we boys came along, the Manfredonia's lived around the corner from us on Monmouth Street and actually owned the house we lived in at 74 Eutaw Street, inheriting the East Boston three decker from Grace's parents.

Beginning at around our 5th birthdays, Mom and Grace would plan a joint birthday party in the cellar of Grace and Ralph's single-family house. Like most East Boston Italian homes in those days, there was a cellar kitchen and this is where the food would be cooked and eaten, and where the cakes with birthday candles would be displayed. No one catered kid's birthday parties in those days and there were no such places like Chucky Cheese that catered to juvenile events.

Grace's mother was still alive back then, and she and Nanna would begin cooking the food to be served to the guests several days before the event. Grace and Mom would add in their individual touches beginning the morning of the party and customize things just for us kids. The main part of the cellar was semi-finished and a bunch of wooden folding chairs would be placed around the perimeter of the overall space for the men to sit, drink, eat and maybe play cards. Connecting the two parts of the cellar was a long wide corridor, and that is where we kids would play games before and after the food was served and the candles were blown out that sat atop the birthday cakes.

John Manfredonia had a large family and a lot of cousins. My family was just the opposite. At that point in my life, I only had two cousins, Uncle Paul

and Aunt Eleanor's kids, Paula and Ellie. (Ellie now lives in St. Augustine, Florida and is dealing with dementia, unfortunately.) Paula is ok and resides in Naples, Florida. Chances were that my father and uncles (my mother's brothers) would be playing with their respective bands and not be in attendance. Only my aunts would be there along with my mother and grandparents to represent the adults on my side. Grace and Ralph had lots of brothers and sisters and their kids would comprise the majority of the invitees from their side.

After everyone arrived, the food would be served. Of course, it was all Italian. The two grandmothers involved would have made a joint gravy filled with meatballs, sausages, chunks of beef and pork. This was served liberally over the lasagna one of them baked or the different types of home-made pasta that sat in large bowls in the center of the table. Prior to serving these pasta and meat courses, there would be slices of two or three types of Italian bread and assorted cold cuts and cheeses sitting in a large dish surrounded by stuffed mushrooms, sweet and hot peppers, caponata and possibly slices of Sicilian pizza that someone actually bought. In the area where the men would hang out was a table with a gallon of home-made red wine, a bottle of VO, one of Cuban rum, and a medium sized galvanized wash-tub filled with ice and bottles of beer.

The refrigerator in the kitchen contained bottles of soda that were destined for us kids. My favorite was Royal Crown Cola. I wonder if they still make that brand?

After the kids all arrived, we would play games in the corridor, trying to keep away from all of the adults. We were often joined by the Manfredonia dog, Spot. He would be in the middle of everything and was treated as one of the kids rather than a dog. The kids would play, the men would drink and the women would fill the kitchen until one of the grandmothers would yell out, "Fa tempo a mangiare." (It's time to eat.) At

that time, we kids would have to get out of the way as there would be a herd of men heading for the kitchen to sample the food choices for the evening. We kids would have to be forced to eat as we were having too much fun playing our games.

Later, it would be time to light the candles on the cakes and John and I would blow them out. There would be one for each year of our lives and one for good luck that would have to be blown out. After everyone yelled, "Happy Birthday or Felice Compleano," the same thing in Italian, the cakes would be cut and served with ice cream and soda for us and coffee for the adults.

When it was time to open the presents, the men would all be back in the other part of the cellar playing cards. As we kids opened the gifts, we would pile them away from each other to make sure we didn't confuse what belonged to whom. Most of what we received was clothing, not toys, but we didn't care ... we received presents. John's father, Ralph, would eventually pull me aside and slip me a five-dollar bill. Dad, before he went to work, would have done the same, pulling John aside, supposedly when no one was looking. We both were now rich.

As we kids resumed our play activities, the men would congregate and talk about their jobs. Many of them worked at the Chelsea or Charlestown Navy Yards and had tales about the people they worked with and the war effort everyone displayed in their daily routines. Yes, this was a period of time when World War II was in full swing. The navy yard workers were excused from the draft and my father and uncles would soon be in uniform doing their parts to help end the war.

At around 9:00 p.m., the party would begin to break up and the guests would each wish us a happy birthday again, before they left. As was typical of Italian events in those days, a doggie bag would be prepared for each guest, They would contain leftovers from dinner. Even before the exodus, the ladies would begin to clean up the kitchen. By the time all the guests were gone, the place would be spotless. There was one thing I marveled at that Ralph had hanging on the wall in the main part of the cellar. It was a Winchester 44 caliber lever action rifle from the old west. He had been given the gun as a gift from a tug boat captain who used it to keep seagulls away from his boat when he was towing garbage scows out to sea. It was almost brand new and even at a young age, I loved it.

Well, the grand folks and our parents are gone. As a matter of fact, my old friend, John, is no longer with us, but the memories of those happy days of our youth still linger. I will close by wishing myself a happy birthday. It will be on the 21st, this coming Monday.

So, until next week, may **GOD BLESS AMERICA**



Pasta alla Genovese is a Neapolitan treasure, despite its name suggesting Genoese origins. Its roots are firmly rooted in Naples. Dating back to the 15th century, its history is wrapped in folklore. One tale attributes the dish to Genoese sailors, who frequented the city's port, inspiring a hearty meal of slow-cooked onions and beef to sustain them. Another theory gives credit to a Neapolitan chef, affectionately known as "O Genovese," whose creation added a bit of mystery to this comforting classic.

This dish's personality lies in its ragù — a slow-cooked work of onions and beef, melding into a velvety, aromatic sauce. Traditionally paired with ziti, paccheri, or rigatoni, Pasta alla Genovese embodies the essence of Neapolitan comfort food: a favorite among Neapolitan families, it's the perfect Sunday dish, especially during cooler months. It remains not just a meal, but a symbol of regional pride, created with patience, love, and tradition which makes it the perfect dish for sharing with all your loved ones!

PASTA ALLA GENOVESE



- 2 celery stalks
- 2 carrots
- 4 pounds yellow onions, thinly sliced using a mandolin
- 1 to 1 ½ cups extra virgin olive oil (more for drizzling)
- 2 to 2 ½ pounds beef (choose a cut suitable for slow cooking)

- 1 ½ cups dry white wine
- 2 bay leaves
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Ziti or another hearty pasta (like paccheri or rigatoni)
- Pecorino or Parmesan cheese, grated

Prepare the Vegetables: Finely chop the celery and carrots. Thinly slice the onions, using a mandolin (use carefully), and set aside.

Sear the Beef: In a large Dutch oven or heavy stock pot, heat ½ cup of olive oil over medium heat. Add the beef and brown on all sides until it develops a crust. Deglaze with the wine.

Add Aromatics: Stir in the chopped celery and carrots and allow the wine to evaporate as the mixture absorbs its flavor.

Combine and Cook Slowly: Add the onions and bay leaves, stirring thoroughly to mix. Cover the pot with a lid and reduce the heat to low. Cook for 6 to 8 hours (longer if needed) until the meat is tender and the onions melt into a rich, creamy sauce. Add water as needed during cooking to prevent the sauce from drying out.

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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. MI24D2713DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
ABEL TRICOCHÉ
vs.
MARITZA VASQUEZ

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 Abel Tricoche, 78 Prescott Street, Apt. 32, Lowell, MA 01852 your answer, if any, on or before November 20, 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: October 09, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/18/2024

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. SU24P1663EA

Estate of
ELISE O'HARA
Also Known As
ELISE A. O'HARA

Date of Death: December 13, 2023

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Sean O'Hara of Boston, MA.

Sean O'Hara of Boston, 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: 10/18/2024



THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

Conrad's Victory and the End of an Era

Though it remains a divisive work, *Victory* is almost universally classified as Joseph Conrad's last significant novel. The varied responses themselves reveal much about the regard he held in critical circles at the time of publication, his use of literary devices (not altogether uncommon for Conrad) and the global state of affairs. The latter, perhaps, was a misunderstanding between author and readers; Conrad began writing *Victory* in April of 1912 and finished in May of 1914, a month after the assassination of the Arch Duke of Austria, often marked as the catalyst for the war. By the time the novel was published in October of 1915 it was greeted by a very different world than the one in which it began life. England was facing off the Central Powers and the Lusitania had met its watery grave. *Victory*, thus, came about as a relic of a bygone literary era. Conrad's only explicit acknowledgement of the new world stage was the very title. He had rejected "Victory" originally precisely because of its connections to war and had decided instead on "Never", which becomes significant upon finishing the novel. He settled on "Victory" between completion of the work in the spring of 1914 and its publication over a year later. His change of plans indicates and acknowledgment that things would not be the same, though he compromised by titling the novel "An Island Tale", a subtle reminder that the work was not a product of wartime.

Victory is in many ways a throwback novel with a quintessential Conrad protagonist in Axel Heyst, a young Swedish baron who starts a coal company in Southeast Asia and then goes into seclusion when it collapses and his life becomes shrouded in mystery and scandal. Heyst is the descendant of at least two other Conrad subjects, the titular character of *Lord Jim* and in manners less horrific but nonetheless destructive of Kurtz of *Heart of Darkness*. All three men isolate themselves in a remote part of the world coveted for its resources, make it their own and, gradually, by turns superficially benevolent, increasingly exploitative and ultimately brutal, madness takes over before leading to tragedy. All would later become the talk of merchant sailors, the stories being told in flashbacks, but unlike the preceding works in which *Victory* has its roots the narrator is not Conrad's avatar Marlow but the kindly Captain Davidson. However, through the progress of all three there is a unifying message observed by Conrad scholar Edward Said, for better or worse, "imperialism-as doomed by impossible ambition."

Said went on to write that although Conrad could never fully transcend writing about exploitation as an outsider looking in, nevertheless, "...lest we

think patronizingly of Conrad as merely the creature of his own time, we had better note that we today appear to show no particular advance on his views. Conrad was able at least to discern the evil and utter madness of imperialism, something many of our writers and certainly our government is still unable to perceive. Conrad had the wherewithal to recognize that no imperial scheme — including "philanthropic" ones such as "making the world safe for democracy" — ever succeeds."

In *Victory* the tragedy is that Axel Heyst is an idealist, a humanitarian raised by a revolutionary father in London. When his father dies, he sets off to sail the seas and forms a partnership out of pity for a down on his luck merchant seaman named Morrison. Out of this partnership the Tropical Belt Coal Company is established in Java. While on a visit to his native England, Morrison dies of a cold and the Coal Company collapses. Heyst finds solace living as a hermit on the volcanic island where the company was based, housed in the ruins of the industry.

But back in Surabaya, word is spreading that Morrison was deliberately sent off to England, where the dreary weather was bound to disagree with a man accustomed to the tropics, as a scheme by Heyst to eliminate his partner.

The perpetrator of this take is Schomberg, owner of a hotel in Surabaya frequented by sailors, who had long held "that Swede" in disdain for the perceived insult of Heyst shunning his establishment.

Things get worse when Heyst visits the hotel on a trip to the city and meets Alma, one of the dancing girls hired as part of a troop to entertain guests at the hotel. Heyst takes pity on the young lady after witnessing the physical and verbal abuse bestowed on her from her manager and upon learning of her pitiful background offers her a chance to run away with him on the island he has made his home.

Schomberg is enraged but his anger seems to stem more from a wounded heart than concern for a damaged business. It's a bruised in either case but his confidence as a man rather than a career benefactor is what is hurt.

Soon, however, another problem arises at Schomberg's establishment that temporarily takes his mind away from his problem with Heyst. Three mysterious unsavory characters arrive and take abode at his hotel. There is the "spectral" and taciturn leader known only as Mr. Jones, his chatty but vicious "secretary" Ricardo and their hulking companion Pedro. Their mere presence and manner make Schomberg quiver and relinquish power to them to take over his hotel and run it as a card house. He gradually comes to learn that they are "desperadoes" who had been

stirring up trouble in Mexico and then South America before arriving in Java.

The wily Schomberg concocts a scheme that will rid him of the three disagreeable characters in his hotel and will allow him revenge on Heyst. Filling Ricardo's head with a tale of a plunder Heyst has hidden on his remote island after the death of Morrison, Schomberg promises him and his associates a share of it if they travel to the island and retake Alma, he knows Heyst's life won't be worth consideration to these brutal men.

And so, the main events are set in *Victory*. The most vivid parts of the novel involve Schomberg's dismay and the bumbling hotel proprietor descending to despair. Schomberg, with a displaced ego, is more pathetic than evil and his attempts to avenge himself more pitiful than alarming.

When the narrative shifts to Heyst's island it becomes muddled, and Conrad's vision crowded. This, the latter half of the novel, is at its weakest when focused on Alma (who has renamed herself Lena to mark her new life) and Heyst's relationship. Conrad has always had difficult writing women and they are noted for their relative scarcity in his work. But if anything, he is at his most awkward depicting relationships between men and women and in *Victory*, as this is the heart of the work, the problem is magnified. We learn little of Lena as an individual and her motivations remain something of a mystery.

What is fascinating here, then, is the duality of Heyst and the enigmatic Mr. Jones, a topic Conrad explored in his masterpiece *The Secret Sharer*. The latter is a hired assassin the former was said to have sent off his partner to his death. Mr. Jones is ultimately not responsible for the death of Heyst, though not out of compassion. Heyst, however, is indirectly responsible for the death of the people he took pity on and brought to the island. As Heyst vows he cannot kill anyone, not even the men hired to kill him, Mr. Jones is a calculated man of violence. When Jones tells his intended victim, "It's obvious that we belong to the same—social sphere," the truth of his words hit home.

Heyst may be only learning who he really is but Mr. Jones could be speaking for both of them when describing himself as, "In one way I am—yes, I am the world itself, come to pay you a visit. In another sense I am an outcast—almost an outlaw. If you prefer a less materialistic view, I am a sort of fate—the retribution that waits its time."



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panel whether she would have done anything differently, she responded that nothing came to mind. She doubled down on support for Biden and following the TV show, she appeared on Howard Stern's radio show, doubling down on her support for the president, saying he was "still doing a great job."

"Full Metal"

Blessing for Trump

The daughter of Stanley Kubrick says former President Trump has her "blessing" to use footage from the director's

1987 Vietnam War movie, *Full Metal Jacket*, in a Trump Campaign video touting a return to a strong US military. Vivan Kubrick this past weekend applauded Trump's video railing against "woke" initiatives by the Pentagon under the Biden-Harris administration.

Worst Mayor Ever for Chicago

According to the City Journal's John Q. McGinnis, "Brandon Johnson is rapidly establishing himself as one of the worst mayors in Chicago history. His approval ratings stand at 25 percent, thanks to a troubling blend of cronyism and incompetence." ... Also, he recently eliminated "the ShotSpotter system" that "aided law enforcement in solving crimes" and Chicago is "grappling with a looming \$1 billion budget deficit."

End Quote

"I have no fight with Indigenous people but two wrongs don't make a right."

— Diane Modica, recipient of the 2024 Columbus Day Advocacy Award by the Dante Alighieri Society in Cambridge on October 14th

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Todisco Services, Inc., with its corporate office located at 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA 01970, under the provisions of Mass G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, will sell the following vehicles on or after **November 09, 2024** by public or private sale to satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and all other fees due.

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Vehicles may be seen by appointment only. Please email for specific information.

info@todiscotowing.com

Run dates: 10/18, 10/25, 11/01/2024

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. MI24D2770DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY

PUBLICATION AND MAILING

TIFFANY MESA-GARCIA

vs.

OSWALD MESA-GARCIA

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 Tiffany Mesa-Garcia, 255 Moody St., Apt. E, Lowell, MA 01854 your answer, if any, on or before **November 06, 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: September 25, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 10/18/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street

Boston, MA 02114

(617) 788-8300

Docket No. SU24P2202EA

Estate of

THERESA MARGARET D'ALELIO

Also Known As

THERESA D'ALELIO,

THERESA M. D'ALELIO

Date of Death: September 27, 2011

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 Joseph F. D'Alelio of Boston, 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 Joseph F. D'Alelio of Boston, 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 November 20, 2024.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS

UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,

First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 16, 2024

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

Run date: 10/18/2024

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage dated July 11, 2023 given by PRT Investments LLC to Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Two Trust u/d/t dated May 2, 2022 (recorded in Book 80082, Page 52), said mortgage recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 81760, Page 557, as affected by an Amendment of Mortgage recorded in Book 82587, Page 448, and which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **2:00 p.m. on 4th day of November, 2024** on the premises at 17-17A Mount Vernon Street, Arlington, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:
Property Address: **17-17A Mount Vernon Street, Arlington, Massachusetts**
A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Arlington, being now numbered 17-17A Mt. Vernon Street and being shown as Lot B on a plan entitled "Plan of Property in Arlington, Mass." Dated December 30, 1920 by George L. Philpott, Surveyor, recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Plan Book 295, Plan 35, being bounded and described as follows:

- SOUTHEASTERLY by said Mt. Vernon Street, fifty (50) feet;
- SOUTHWESTERLY by Lots A and C on said plan, one hundred nine and 70/100 (109.70) feet, more or less;
- NORTHWESTERLY by land of owners unknown, forty-six (46) feet;
- NORTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of Joseph H. Cumba, one hundred ten (110.00) feet, more or less,

Containing 5,257 square feet of land
For title see deed recorded herewith [Book 81760, Page 553].

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens and rights of any tenants and parties in possession, if there be any, or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. The successful bidder will pay all costs of recording the foreclosure deed and any other foreclosure documents including, without limitation, all state and county excise stamp fees, and shall also be responsible for any Title V inspection and repair requirements.

Terms of sale: A deposit of Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check to Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C., 1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610, Quincy, MA 02169 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Two Trust
u/d/t dated May 2, 2022
Present holder of said mortgage
By his Attorneys,
Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C.
1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610
Quincy, MA 02169

Run date: 10/11, 10/18, 10/25/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage dated November 2, 2023 given by Rock Investments LLC to Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Two Trust u/d/t dated May 2, 2022 (recorded in Book 80082, Page 52), said mortgage recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 82172, Page 342, and which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **3:00 p.m. on 4th day of November, 2024** on the premises at 9 Nyack Street, Watertown, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:
Property Address: **9 Nyack Street, Watertown, Massachusetts**
A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Watertown in said County of Middlesex, being shown as Lot B on a "Plan Showing Sub-Division of land, Watertown, Mass." By James H. Sullivan, Reg. Ld., Surv., dated December 28, 1950, duly recorded with the Middlesex South District Deeds plan no. 2320 of 1950 end of Book 7689, bounded and described as follows:

- SOUTHEASTERLY: by Nyack Street, forty-five (45) feet;
- SOUTHWESTERLY: by Lot A, as shown on said plan, Ninety-nine and 06/100 (99.06) feet;
- NORTHWESTERLY: by Lots 394 and 395, as shown on said plan, Forty-five (45) feet; and
- NORTHEASTERLY: by Lots, 1, 2 and 3, as shown on said plan, Ninety-eight and 75/100 (98.75) feet.

Containing according to said plan, 4,463 square feet of land.
For owner's title see deed recorded herewith [Book 81760, Page 336].

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Terms of sale: A deposit of Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check to Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C., 1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610, Quincy, MA 02169 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Two Trust
u/d/t dated May 2, 2022
Present holder of said mortgage
By his Attorneys,
Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C.
1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610
Quincy, MA 02169

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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Mayor Adams Trying to Have it Both Ways?

Everyone is now booing Mayor Eric Adams down in NYC for wearing a METS-YANKEES baseball cap and he is getting booed by both Mets and Yankees fans. New York baseball fans like fans here in Boston are quite serious about their favorite team. He's playing both sides and winning no love for doing so. Doesn't he already have enough trouble in his life without getting involved in the Mets vs. Yanks rivalry? He needs to choose sides (and caps) or give up baseball altogether.

Lindor and the Fortunes of the NY Mets

When the Mets traded for Francisco Lindor before the 2021 season, he received a 10-year \$341 million contract. One of my favorite baseball columnists, Peter Abraham, stated this past Sunday in his weekly baseball column, "It has been quite the adventure." In 2022, the Mets won 101 games but

were quickly gone. They lost the playoff game against the Braves. That season is over. In 2023, the team finished with ... "OUCH" ... 87 losses and Lindor suffered a late season back injury.

But that was then and this is now. As of this writing, the Mets just won Game 2 against the Dodgers and Lindor seems on FIRE! I am hoping the Mets beat the Dodgers Money team. Would love to see it be NY versus NY in the World Series.

Let's Play Baseball Inside Alcatraz

Alcatraz, that massive maximum-security prison (1934-1963) where the Birdman of Alcatraz used to love his little birds. Who doesn't remember (if you're old enough of course) when actor Burt Lancaster

played the "Birdman" in that great movie that I have watched many times?

Well, I recently came across an official-looking baseball marked "Alcatraz 1938." Printed on the side of the baseball was written "Institution Rules & Regulations #20" followed by "As a general rule you will work eight hours a day, five days a week, with Saturdays, Sundays and holidays devoted to recreation."

Boy, that seems pretty much my life all these years going back to childhood and into my adult work life. How about you? Have we all been living like those inmates at Alcatraz all these years and never knowing it?

Why Now?

Many members of Congress have introduced and co-sponsored a bill to award the 1980 U.S. Hockey team Congressional Gold Medals earlier this month. I remember that team quite well. They were the Miracle on Ice Olympic hockey team that won their showdown against the heavily favored Soviet Union team at Lake Placid, the site of the Winter Olympics 45 years ago this coming February.

When are these medals being talked about now? it would have been nice to have done so 44 years ago; but now? Doesn't Congress have enough real work to do with the many issues we are facing today as the 2024 presidential election quickly approaches? Congress needs to stop playing games.

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- 2023 ZNEN NITRO LIGHTNING II**
Vin #L5YTCCKBR7P1137011
- 2023 JIAJUE JJ150T-5**
Vin #LLPTGKBNXP1011614
- 2004 FORD MUSTANG**
Vin #1FAFP40644F202754

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VIN # 5TFDY5F14CX255060
- 2005 HONDA ACCORD**
VIN # 1HGCM66545A043346
- 2015 CHEVROLET SILVERADO**
VIN # 3GCUKREXFG107449

- 2019 HONDA HR-V**
VIN # 3CZR06H18KM737744
- 2020 YONGFU YN50QT-9**
VIN # LL0TCAPJ8LGG00953
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- 2006 HONDA CR-V**
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- 2020 KIA SPORTAGE**
VIN # KNDPMCAC1L7798775
- 2020 JEEP WRANGLER**
VIN # 1C4HJXDN2LW204850
- 2006 BMW 325XI**
VIN # WBAVD13586KV03423
- 1999 CHEVROLET GMT-400**
VIN # 1GCGC24R9XR725189

- 2012 HONDA ACCORD**
VIN # 1HGCP3F8XCA014432
- 2008 TOYOTA YARIS**
VIN # JTD8T923481293161
- 1994 FORD F350**
VIN # 1FTJX35K7RKA51296
- 2003 MERCEDES BENZ CLK-CLASS**
VIN # WDBLK70G23T140937

- 2011 BMW 128I**
VIN # WBAUL7C53BVM80045
- 2005 VOLVO V50**
VIN # YV1MJ682852055129
- 2016 NISSAN VERSA NOTE**
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- 2023 BMW 330I**
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- 2016 INFINITI Q50**
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI24P5414EA

Estate of
MARGARET LORAIN CLARKE
Also Known As
**MARGARET CLARKE,
MARGARET L. CLARKE**
Date of Death: February 26, 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 Thomas P. Callaghan, Jr. of Malden, 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 **Thomas P. Callaghan, Jr. of Malden, 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 November 08, 2024.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 11, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/18/2024

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Woburn, MA 01801
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Docket No. MI24P5125EA

Estate of
RONALD RAYMOND ROSE
Also Known As
RONALD R. ROSE
Date of Death: July 20, 2019

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Randall Gary Rose of Ijamsville, MD requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Randall G. Rose of Ijamsville, MD** 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 October 31, 2024.

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 03, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/18/2024

Boxing Ringside



WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

Happy Birthday Luis Angel Firpo



Luis Angel Firpo



Under the watchful eye of Trainer Jimmy DeForrest, Firpo works the bag



May 12, 1923, Firpo squares off with Jack McAuliffe II. Firpo won via Third Round Knock Out



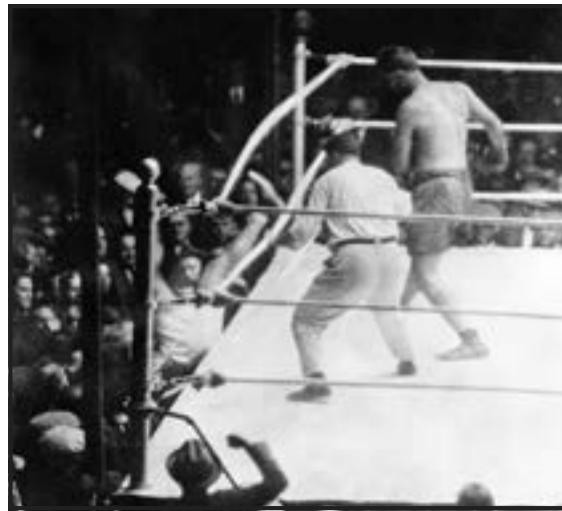
A serious Firpo behind the wheel

Luis Angel Firpo was born on October 11, 1894. He is best known for his title fight against champion Jack Dempsey when he knocked the title holder out of the ring. That moment became immortalized in ring history.

The Wild Bul Of The Pampas was a solid puncher with 26 of his 31 wins coming via the knockout route. His kayo victims include Jess Willard, Gunboat Smith, Bill Brennan, Charley Weinert. His career record stands at 31 wins and 4 losses.

Firpo retired in 1926, making a comeback in 1936. He won two fights before being stopped by Arturo Godoy.

The Wild Bull passed away on August 7, 1960.



Firpo knocks Dempsey out of the ring



Fighting from a crouch, Firpo jabs Willard. Angel wins by 8th Round Knockout



Jess Willard and Firpo sign to fight with the winner to face Dempsey. Promoter Tex Rickard is in the Middle



Rocky Marciano tests Luis's right hand

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



A CHANCE THAT WILL HAVE TO WAIT A YEAR — When the Bruins beat the Canadiens in their home opener at the Garden back on October 10, it marked the ninth consecutive home opening win for the B's, giving them the longest active run in that category for a short time.

Then along came the Maple Leafs who won their home opener the next night, a win that brought them into a tie with the B's in the home opener winning streak category.

So, with the vast majority of the regular season and all of the 2025 playoffs ahead of us, we will have to wait until next October to see if the Bruins can win number 10 and perhaps gain sole possession of the current home opener winning streak.

But meanwhile we have the present edition of the B's before us. And through the first four games of the season, the results have been pedestrian at best. They have not been bad, but they have not been superior either. But they may have been of playoff qualifying caliber.

Remember what B's president Cam Neely said at the season opening press conference. He said that the B's would be a playoff contender. Based on this four-game introduction, that statement was still very true as the B's left for a road trip.

But still, the negative was a bit more prominent than the positive. Two of the B's losses came against Florida, the team that eliminated them in the Stanley Cup Playoffs the past two years. In addition, through five games that Florida had played, the Panthers had scored 17 goals, with 10 of those tallies having been scored against Boston.

Moreover, an old negative for the B's reared its ugly head as Boston was shut out on the power play in two of the four games, going 0-5 against Los Angeles and 0-4 in a Columbus Day matchup with Florida. Plus, even though they won the home opener against Montreal, the Bruins only went 1-5 on the power play that night. They were 1-3 in the season opener against Florida in the Sunshine state.

Goaltending has been acceptable with Jeremy Swayman winning two of his first three games, allowing a total of eight goals across that trio of contests.

But the jury will still be out for a bit since the "the '\$66 million man'" can't play in all the games.

Remember that the reason that Swayman and Linus Ullmark are not still a tandem is that both indicated they wanted to play 55 games — something that obviously could not happen within the parameters of an 82-game regular season schedule.

Thus, according to head coach Jim Montgomery, the B's were forced into a choice and named Swayman their top netminder, trading Ullmark to Ottawa this past June and thus breaking up the pair that won the Jennings Trophy (best goalie tandem in the NHL) for the 2022-2023 season. That is how present backup goalie Joonas Korpisalo came to the Hub from Canada's capital city. He should play around 30 games in the regular season so how he does will have a significant impact on how the season goes for the B's.

On the plus side David Pastrnak scored a goal in each of Boston's first three games. In addition, the fourth line scored all three of Boston's goals in the second loss to Florida. That caused team captain Brad Marchand to say that the entire team should be inspired by their performance.

CHEERS FOR CHAUNCEY — Former Celtics player Chauncey Billups was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame recently. If you are a younger member of Celtics Nation, you may not remember Chauncey. He was here for only about 18 months, seeing action in just 51 games.

In fact, two of his best games came early on in that short tenure. Having played his college ball at the University of Colorado, he was impressive enough to be drafted third overall by the C's in the 1997 NBA Draft. This was the memorable lottery that featured Tim Duncan.

His selection came somewhat over a month (on June 25, 1997) after the Celtics signed Rick Pitino as their head coach (May 6, 1997) and featured him in a "coronation" press conference held on the floor of the Garden.

Since the Celtics pre-draft chances of winning the lottery were 36 percent, everyone, including Pitino, figured they had a real good opportunity of getting Duncan, who was projected to be the first pick.

But things did not work out that way. Duncan went to San Antonio with the number one pick and Boston wound up picking Billups third.

Billups got off to a real good start with the Celtics. He played in the 1997-1998 season opener at the Garden, a matchup that featured college star coach Pitino matching wits with the NBA superpower Chicago Bulls that were led by megastar Michael Jordan.

It was a big night at the Garden and the new head coach and new player did not disappoint. Billups entered the contest as a reserve and finished the game with 15 points, two rebounds and four assists in 16 minutes of playing time as the C's defeated the reigning NBA Champions.

Seven games later he posted impressive totals in a victory over Toronto with 22 points (nine of 10 free throws), three assists and four steals. Billups would get traded to the Raptors in February, 1998. Over the course of his career, he also played for Denver, Minnesota, Detroit, the Knicks and the Los Angeles Clippers.

He is most identified with Detroit, where he won an NBA championship in 2004 as the Pistons beat the Los Angeles Lakers in the Finals. He was named MVP of the 2004 Finals.

He retired in 2014, ending a 17 year-career in the NBA.

Thus, what did not work out here worked out elsewhere. He is presently the head coach of the Portland Trail Blazers. Portland will play the Celtics in the Garden on March 5th.