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"May you celebrate the thanksgiving day with love in your heart, prosperous vision in your mind, and gratitude in your being. Thanksgiving wishes to everyone!"



News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Providence Place Under Receivership

A Rhode Island judge has now ordered Providence Place, the state's largest shopping mall, into receivership after lenders alleged the mall's management company owed them more than \$259 million. Supreme Court Judge Brian Stern granted the petition for receivership — a process similar to bankruptcy in state court — filed two weeks ago by US Bank National Association.

Trump Wins Vote by Male

According to a report in *USA Today*, the demographic which voted the most for Trump over Harris were men; Latino men, white men, especially white men without college degrees. According to Nicole Russell who wrote the story, "How did Trump do it? He reached out to working-class voters of all ethnic and racial groups by emphasizing how the economy affects regular Americans."

When male voters get respected and are not demonized, as Russell pointed out, they "rewarded Trump and Vance with their votes."

The FDA Butter Recall

Last month, the US FDA recalled almost 80,000 pounds of COSCO's store brand butter due to a critical labeling error. The label failed to mention that butter contains milk. THE FDA obviously has very stringent labeling requirements. One critic of this recall wondered if the FDA might be in trouble with the new incoming administration's soon-to-be Department of Government Efficiency for forgetting butter contains milk.

Newborn Death Plunge

A newborn baby was found dead in a Los Angeles alleyway after police say he was dropped from the

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City of Boston Michelle Wu Informally Announces Re-election Bid



Announced this past weekend on WCVB's *On The Record*, Mayor Michelle Wu publicly declared "I am running". Due to give birth to her third child, and first daughter in January, the Mayor said a more formal announcement will come later. As the first Asian American woman elected to the Boston City Council in November 2013, she was elected as the first woman of color to serve as council president in 2016. A Chicago native, Wu is a graduate of both Harvard College and Harvard Law School, as well as a former student and protege of Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren. Wu was elected mayor in November 2021, following a special election to replace then Mayor Marty Walsh.

This will not be the first time Wu gives birth as an elected official, since both of her sons were born

while she served on the City Council. The mayor told *On The Record* she is preparing to work from home after the birth of her baby girl. "I look forward to having the baby, resting a little bit and then getting right back out there. I feel so lucky and grateful every day to live in a city where people are always ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work," she said. "We have a lot more work to do."

While no other mayoral candidate has officially announced, there are a number of high-profile names being floated as possible contenders, including North End Waterfront resident Josh Kraft, of the New England Patriots Kraft Family Dynasty and Ed Flynn, current District 2 City Councilor and son of a former popular Boston Mayor and past Ambassador to the Vatican, Ray Flynn. Mayor Wu said she welcomes other candidates, "This is a job that I would say is the best job in the world. I've run now five or six citywide campaigns, been involved in city issues for well over a decade and I welcome anyone who wants to contribute to the conversation."

Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey Rejects Incoming Trump Administration

by Patti Sartori

Will Governor Healey's defiant anti-Trump stance place Massachusetts in financial jeopardy? Following the recent presidential election, Healey announced the Massachusetts State Police, under her administration, would refuse to cooperate with the incoming Trump administration if it attempts mass deportation of illegal immigrants.

"No absolutely not." Healey said on MSNBC last week. "I think that the key here is that every tool in the toolbox is going to be used to protect our citizens, to protect our residents, protect our states, and certainly to hold the line on democracy and the rule of law as a basic principle." But what cost will this approach take on the residents of Massachusetts.

Governor Healey has declared Massachusetts a haven for illegal immigrants with her generous entitlements, including free community college for illegal immigrants, free University of Massachusetts schools for illegal immigrant

families earning under \$75,000 per year, and giving driver's licenses to illegal immigrants. She has also refused to amend Massachusetts right-to-shelter law to include a residency requirement. Currently the law provides free long-term hotel stays to illegal immigrants who come to Massachusetts from many different countries. The state spent such exorbitant amounts of money on this program, that Healey was forced to make budget cuts, effecting fire departments and other services in order to cover the growing cost of emergency shelters.

Wouldn't it be more sensible and prudent for the Governor to cut back on the government spending allocated for illegal immigrants rather than declare that Massachusetts law enforcement will not cooperate with the Trump administration and instead join it in securing our border, strengthening its security and reducing incentives for illegal immigrants to come to her state. Could her actions possibly endanger

much needed federal funding for the roadways, bridges, other projects and funding for essential services the residents of this state so desperately deserve.

Declaring herself, her Gubernatorial administration, and in her former role as Massachusetts Attorney General that her state is anti-Trump is how Governor Healey made and makes a name for herself nationally. She oversees one of the most liberal states in the country and she elevated her political stature by suing the previous Trump administration almost 100 times as Attorney General.

The average Massachusetts family is already under intense pressure from the high costs of housing, education, and many other quality of life issues facing the average working-class resident. Inciting a war with the incoming Trump administration will in no way benefit her constituents, but rather betrays them. Let us hope Governor Healey will rethink her priorities between now and Inauguration Day.

Are Politics at the Holidays Worth It?

by Patti Sartori

Americans overwhelmingly view spending time with family as a vital part of their life, far outranking other personal priorities, according to a Pew Research Center survey. About three-quarters of U.S. adults rate spending time with their family as one of the most important things to them personally,

regardless of how much time they actually devote to it. Not surprising, it was a top priority for both Democrats and Republicans. Partisan differences are a hallmark of our democratic society and should never be weaponized to create conflict or division within families or amongst friends.

Sadly, it has become a consistent and accepted behavior the past eight years, and it needs to end!

Yale psychiatrist Amanda Calhoun, a medical doctor and mental health expert, recently advised viewers from

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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



EXITUS JULIUS CAESAR



Rumors spread that Caesar intended to move to Alexandria, taking with him the resources of the state, draining Italy by levies and leaving his friends in charge of the city. It was also announced at a senate meeting that because the Parthians could only be conquered by a king, Caesar was to be given that title. Splinter groups of conspirators now united into a general conspiracy of at least 60 persons. This conspiracy, which included Brutus and Cassius, was also brought about because of jealousy, personal hatred, and a patriotic desire to return to the constitution of the republic.

Many signs foretold the approaching murder of Caesar. A bronze tablet with Greek inscriptions was found in an ancient tomb, interpreted to have predicted Caesar's murder at the hands of his kindred, and then avenged at heavy cost to Italy. Herds of Caesar's horses refused to graze and were said to have shed many tears. The soothsayer Spurinna warned Caesar to beware of danger which would occur not later than the Ides of March. The day before the murder, a little king-bird flew into the Hall of Pompey with a laurel branch. Other birds pursued and tore the branch into small pieces. That same evening Julius dreamed that he was flying in the clouds. His wife also dreamed that Caesar was stabbed while in her arms.

For these reasons and also because of poor health he decided to stay home on that fateful day but was urged by Brutus not to disappoint the

Senate which had been waiting for him.

On the way to the meeting, a note was handed to him revealing the plot and he held it in his hand with other notes, intending to read them after he took his seat. As he entered the Senate House, he laughed at the soothsayer Spurinna, calling him a false prophet and saying that the Ides of March had come without bringing him harm. Spurinna replied, "Yes they have indeed come but they have not yet gone."

As he took his seat, the conspirators gathered around him as though to pay their respects. It was Tullius Cimber who took the lead and held Caesar's toga by both shoulders. Caesar cried, "Why this is violence." Just then, one of the elder conspirators stabbed him below the throat. He tried to rise but was wounded again, and then saw that he was surrounded on all sides by drawn daggers. He dropped to the floor after receiving 23 wounds. He uttered not a word except a groan at the first wound, although some have written that when he saw Marcus Brutus he said in Greek "You, too, my child?" It was reported that of the 23 wounds, the second one in the breast was the only mortal one.

All of the conspirators immediately fled, and Caesar lay there lifeless for some time, until three slaves arrived to put him on a litter and carry him home, with one arm hanging down. "Et tu, Brute" or "You, too, my child" that is the question.

NEXT ISSUE:

Julius Caesar, Post-Mortem

North End Waterfront Residents Association November 2024 Meeting

It was a minimal agenda and fairly expedient North End Waterfront Residents Association Meeting (NEWRA) last week. In typical fashion, it began with Boston Police Community Service Officers from Area A-1 providing an overview of public safety issues this past month. With the holidays fast approaching, the officers reminded the group about package theft, the crime of opportunity in a neighborhood like the North End. The officers encouraged coordination and cooperation amongst neighbors or businesses to cut down on this issue. One member requested a regular police detail on the North End side of the North Washington Street bridge, similar to the officers on the Charlestown side, to help ease the traffic congestion while the construction winds down. A recent Police Academy Class, of approximately 100 has just graduated, and of that 20% or 20 officers have been assigned to Area A-1. It was also announced that Captain Martin has been re-assigned to Special Operations and Captain Driscoll will take over. Hopefully he will attend one of the next meetings and introduce himself to the community.

Chris Cooke, Executive Director of the Greenway Conservancy updated the members on the winter pruning that is currently taking place along the Greenway. Unfortunately, he also announced the

ash trees in the Carolyn Lynch Garden have died and will be replaced in the spring.

There were five licensing items and one zoning item on the agenda. Pappare, Il Panino, Strega, North End Lobster Company and Carmelina's have applied for all-alcohol liquor licenses, and all received the member's support. 431-439 Hanover Street requested a clean-up of existing zoning. The property has consistently housed two retail spaces and fourteen residential units, even while the official zoning at the Inspectional Services Department was listed as 11 residential units. The members voted to support the long-time use.

The final agenda item related to the proposed 40-story tower at 352 Causeway Street, the triangle area encompassing North Washington Street, Medford Street and Causeway Streets. The public comment period has been extended until Friday, December 13th. The NEWRA will be submitting a letter on behalf of the neighborhood and individuals are also encouraged to submit comments. The members will request Boston Planning Department representatives, with decision making powers, attend the February NEWRA meeting to hear their concerns and answer questions.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

North End Cares Scholarship Winners

With almost 60 entries, North End Cares was happy to have such a successful scholarship year and were able to name 10 winners for our named scholarships and 10 for gift cards. Thank you to all our applicants and especially thank you to all our generous donations.

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Jimmy Bono Geany Performs in Florida!



Boston's own Jimmy Bono Geany who is known for singing and entertaining at our Summertime Feasts here in Boston's North End and throughout New York and New Jersey recently shared his talents with a packed house of over 2,000 folks in Palm Beach, Florida!

Jimmy was the featured performer at the Club 47 U.S.A event working to help re-elect President Donald Trump! Former campaign manager for President Trump, Kelly Ann Conway was the featured guest speaker for the evening's event. Says Geany, "It was such an honor to perform at this event! Whether Republican or Democrat, everyone loves great music!"

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Six-Month Countdown:

Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles Urges Residents to Act Now and Plan Ahead for REAL ID Compliance

Due to federal requirement becoming effective on May 7, 2025, anyone traveling by plane domestically, or wishing to enter certain federal facilities, will need a REAL ID or Passport. Additional information on required documents, making an appointment, or renewing a credential can be found at Mass.Gov/REALID

Customers with a REAL ID-compliant credential expiring in 2025 should apply for renewal now if they want to avoid the peak demand for service that is anticipated next year

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is reminding residents that beginning May 7, 2025, anyone traveling by plane domestically or entering certain federal facilities will need a Registry-issued REAL ID-compliant driver's license or ID, or a valid passport. The Registry is strongly encouraging everyone seeking a REAL ID-compliant license or identification card to go online now at Mass.Gov/REALID to learn what documents are needed for a required in-person appointment. Appointments are available right now. Customers who already have a compliant credential may renew online as long as they have not had a name change.

- The fee to obtain or renew a REAL ID compliant credential is the same as obtaining or renewing the equivalent non-compliant credential:
- The fee for renewing a non-commercial standard or a REAL ID driver's license is \$50.
- The fee for renewing a Mass ID is \$25.
- The amendment fee for upgrading to a standard or REAL ID credential before an existing credential's expiration is \$25.
- Customers with a less than five-year stay in the U.S. pay a pro-rated fee.

"Do not wait. We are six months away from the REAL ID federal requirement going into effect and strongly urge Massachusetts residents who wish to upgrade to a REAL ID-compliant credential to act as soon as possible," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "For customers who qualify for a REAL ID and want to renew and upgrade, we recommend you schedule your appointment at least three weeks before your birthday so that you can receive your credential in the mail ahead of your expiration. The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, and its partner AAA Northeast, have successfully been issuing REAL ID credentials since 2018 and are prepared for interested residents prior to the May 2025 deadline."

Appointments can be scheduled by visiting the RMV's Online Service Center at Mass.Gov/myRMV or if you are a AAA member at <https://northeast.aaa.com/automotive/registry-services/massachusetts.html>.

As part of its aggressive effort to educate residents on REAL ID, the RMV is collaborating with Massport in a campaign that is already underway and which uses public messaging on road billboards, in public transit facilities and at Boston Logan International Airport.

"As of May 7, 2025, travelers will need a REAL ID or valid passport to fly at all U.S. airports," said Massport Director of Aviation Ed Freni. "Along with our TSA and RMV partners, we are encouraging all passengers to obtain their REAL ID before the deadline next year."

The RMV has posted helpful information on REAL ID requirements that customers can use to prepare for their in-person visits, including convenient document checklists to help pre-stage REAL ID applications, at Mass.Gov/REALID. Documents required for this transaction include:

- proof of lawful presence,
- two (2) proofs of Massachusetts residency, and
- proof of a full Social Security Number (SSN).

Customers who have had a name change since the issuance of a birth certificate, passport, or other lawful presence document, will need to show the reason for the name change by presenting documentation like a marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court document. These required documents must be original or certified versions. The RMV recommends customers gather these documents well in advance of appointments to ensure they have the information required by federal law.

Currently, Massachusetts is at 55 percent REAL ID adoption, with over 3 million credentials being REAL ID-compliant. Customers are eligible to renew up to one year in advance of the expiration date printed on their license or ID.

Prior to May 7, 2025, customers will not need a federally compliant REAL ID for the purposes of boarding domestic flights or entering certain federal facilities.

For additional information and details on these and other RMV service offerings, please visit Mass.Gov/RMV.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Thanksgiving, a Time to Gather

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



As November curls its golden glow around us, my mind wanders to images of Thanksgiving, as vivid and fragrant as a perfectly seasoned stuffing. I think of pale sunlight painting patterns on the floor, shining through the last orange leaves which stubbornly cling to otherwise bare branches. Memories of relatives bustling through a crowded kitchen carrying plates of steaming food fill me with the warmth of a hug, especially when I smile as I remember the peals of laughter ringing throughout the house. The buzz of cheering crowds emanates from the sound of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on television, occasionally interrupted by commercials featuring jingle bells and Santa's robust ho-ho-ho. Most of all, however, I can taste the explosion of flavors in my mouth from our delectable Thanksgiving dishes: creamy sweet potato, tart cranberries, a velvety pumpkin cheesecake. Thanksgiving remains one of my favorite holidays because it celebrates the very essence of togetherness, reveling in the pleasures of the home and hearth. My family's Thanksgiving combines Italian and American customs, resulting in a feast that honors the universality of love and family.

Food has always been an invaluable staple of Italian culture, and as such my family views Thanksgiving as the epitome of the primordial desire to share a meal. Every item on the menu is prepared with an abundant amount of thought and care — yes, even my vegetarian Tofurkey, replete

with its own gravy and wild rice stuffing. I always eagerly await my mother's sweet potato casserole, warm with autumnal spices and topped with a crunchy streusel of brown sugar and pecans. I contribute my fresh New England-style salad made with crisp apples, blue cheese and cranberries, as well as a pumpkin cheesecake with a seasonally appropriate gingersnap crust. My father-in-law provides a pecan pie with a silky chocolate bottom, while my grandmother would make heaping bowls of spaghetti homemade on an ancient hand-cranked utensil caked with flour. No matter the food on the table, however, whether Italian or American, what proves most important is that we honor the bountiful harvest of the Earth. Thanksgiving occurs at the point of the year after the gathering of the harvest and withering away of vegetation; as such, it beckons us to enjoy the cozy warmth of family and friends, forming a barrier against the encroaching dark, cold winter. This symbolic connotation compels me to believe that Thanksgiving should never be celebrated alone but rather with others in a celebratory atmosphere, sharing in communal feasting and unending love of family. The more the merrier on this most ritual of holidays!

Indeed, communal food-based festivals similar to Thanksgiving dot the Italian calendar during the autumn and winter. The most famous of these, St. Martin's Day, occurred this past week on November 11th, when Italian villages gathered for banquets featuring

chestnuts, goose, and the year's new wine. Now that the Christmas season quickly approaches, Italians are busy in the kitchens or markets preparing delectable meals for the holiday gatherings and various saints' days that pepper the months of November and December. These ritualistic celebrations and meals tap into the powerful desire not only to share strength and sustenance with the community, but also to maintain an irrevocable connection to the traditions of the past. According to Italian-American author Helen Barolini in her book *Festa*, the most significant part of sharing food is the ritual behind it, the repeated customs and motifs that link it to larger, universal themes. Whenever I gather for a Thanksgiving feast, I sense a special kinship with my Italian ancestors of yore, who also congregated around a family table on cool, blustery days to pay homage to the last bounty the Earth bestowed on them before settling for its long winter repose. A tradition does not have to be intricate and fancy to remind us of our subconscious desires for love, gratitude and hope. For example, my husband and I sometimes go out for sushi the day after Thanksgiving, a way of eating a light meal to counterbalance the excesses of the day before and to eschew the rampant commercialism of Black Friday. Honoring our traditions, no matter how small, simultaneously joins us to our past while imbuing our present with renewed meaning.

There are many ways we can commemorate the importance of feasting and tradition this Thanksgiving — ways that last beyond the date of the holiday on November 28th. We should donate food to local charities and food banks, giving families in need the chance to partake in this festival of gratitude, togetherness, and love. We should relish the time we spend in the company of family and friends, ensuring that we fill the air with laughter and constantly remind each other of our mutual love. And finally, we should all share food together, reveling in that highly symbolic act of community and familiarity, an act which formed the backbone of our ancestors' lives and drives us forward with hope for the future.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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



Moulton Blasted for Deviating from Approved Woke Position?

After having been a lifetime Democrat, when Ronald Reagan came along in 1980 I started calling myself a Reagan Democrat. After a brief time being a registered Republican, I decided to switch to none of the above and joined the growing ranks of unenrolled voter.

I must say, I was pleasantly surprised by the courage of U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton to speak out clearly on the issue of girls being forced to do school sports and risk injury from young athletes who have transitioned into females but remain biological males. Many believe this issue has negatively impacted Title IX protections for female athletics. Shouldn't we have an open debate over this issue without calling people names? What has happened to civility in public discourse?

How silly of Moulton to think he had a right to express an opinion that is very personal with him over the idea of his young girls being required to face off against an opponent who identifies as trans female. How many injuries have we seen to date? No one out there on the liberal side of politics is speaking out over this injustice being perpetuated on young

female school athletes who no longer seem to have any Title IX protections left. It is now verboten to question the liberal left that has a mission silencing those unwilling to accept their point of view.

Thank you to all out there who are supporting Moulton under attack for his honesty and for his justified anger for Democrats on the Left not allowing other voices into a debate on issues deeply dividing the American people. President-elect Donald Trump is returning to the White House because it is time to bring back the Bill of Rights for all Americans and not just those who tote the approved line the Democrats continue trying to sell us. They don't get it. That is why Trump is coming back and Harris is going away.

We need more Democrats on Capitol Hill who are not afraid of his or her own shadow and willing to challenge those who seemingly seek to transform America into something we are not. We may stand on different sides of an issue but that doesn't mean we should stop listening to a countering opinion because we don't want to hear it, right?

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12th Annual Buona Sera Event

Raises \$50,000 for ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center Just in Time for the Holidays



(L-R):Sharon Scott-Chandler, ABCD President/CEO; Corean Reynolds, Director of Nightlife Economy City of Boston; Jared Staley, Cultural Planner, Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture; Phillip Eng, General Manager MBTA; 3rd from right, Shannon Mulaire, Former NBC Boston Evening News Anchor; far right Linda Dorcena Forry



Gisella di Paola, SVP, Retail Banking Officer, Eagle Bank ABCD NE WE NSC Advisory Board member (left)

The 12th Annual Buona Sera: An Evening with Friends raised over \$30,000 to support low-income and senior clients of the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center



Josh Young, Vice President, Field Operations and Legislative Affairs, ABCD and Sharon Scott-Chandler, President_CEO ABCD with ABCD board members

(NE/WE NSC). ABCD North End/West End NSC Director Julia Power shared her excitement: "Buona Sera has become a much-anticipated tradition, growing bigger each year and constantly exceeding our expectations! We owe so much of this success to our incredible community. Special thanks to Becky Mattson, Principal of Sagebrook

Development, who has been our tireless fundraising chair since 2011, and to Kaitlyn McCarthy, Founder and Owner of Iconic Development, whose support is invaluable. This event allows us to provide holiday meals, baskets, turkeys, gift cards, and other much-needed assistance to seniors in the North End and West End. We're already eagerly planning for year 13 — stay tuned for what's next!"



Phillip Eng, MBTA General Manager and Angel Donohue-Rodriguez, MBTA Assistant GM for External Affairs

The evening began with a wine reception at the UMASS Club, followed by an elegant dinner at North End restaurants including Artù, Assaggio, Arya Trattoria, Boston Sail Loft, Cantina Italiana, La Famiglia Giorgio's, L'Osteria, Mamma Maria, and Ristorante Saraceno. Participants enjoyed a mild fall evening and engaging conversations with special celebrity guests at each table, including:

- Senator Lydia Edwards
- Representative Aaron Michlewitz
- Representative Jay Livingstone
- Phillip Eng, General Manager of the MBTA
- Tiffany Chu, Chief of Staff to Mayor Michelle Wu
- Corean Reynolds, Director of Nightlife Economy, City of Boston
- Jared Staley, Cultural Planner, Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture
- Shannon Mulaire, Former NBC Boston Evening News Anchor

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Michael Ralph Paglucca

January 17, 1953 - November 8, 2024

Michael Ralph Paglucca, 71, of North Reading, formerly of East Boston, passed away suddenly on November 8, 2024.



Born in East Boston on January 17, 1953, to the late Michael and Elvira (Maino) Paglucca, Michael was a devoted husband, father, brother, and businessman who touched the lives of many with his warmth and generosity.

Michael was the beloved husband of Debbie (Vetrano) Paglucca for over 40 years. He was a loving father to Michael and Danielle Paglucca, and a cherished brother to Robert and Ralph Paglucca. Michael's memory will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and all who knew him. He was predeceased by his parents, Michael and Elvira Paglucca.

A dedicated entrepreneur, Michael was a co-owner of Page Exterminating, a business he worked tirelessly to grow alongside his family. His work ethic, integrity, and commitment to his clients were unparalleled, earning him the respect of both colleagues and customers alike.

Beyond his professional life, Michael had a deep passion for collecting baseball hats, cars, and anything related to TV shows. He also cherished spending time with friends, whether going out for a meal, attending a game, or simply enjoying good company. Michael's enthusiasm for life and his sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him.

Michael's love for his family, his work, and his friends will never be forgotten. May he rest in peace.

Visiting hours were held at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston, on Thursday, November 14th, and on Friday morning before leaving in funeral procession to Sacred Heart Church, East Boston, for a Funeral Mass. Burial followed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, a cause close to Michael's heart.



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Quincy Isn't Just the City of Presidents and Generals, It's the City of Veterans, too

by Sal Giarratani



Quincy's Soldiers Monument Park dedicated to all those who served their country



Quincy North Quincy Marching Band & Color Guard

On Veterans Day, Monday, November 11th, I marched in my second Veterans Day parade because I always remember the sacrifices made by those who served and defended this nation since its birth in times of war and in peacetime.

I can remember growing up in Boston and living next door to a WWI veteran, who also served with the Rough Riders back in 1898 and stormed up San Juan Hill with Col. Teddy Roosevelt. At first I thought he was joking until he showed me an old photo of him in uniform as a young man standing next to Roosevelt. The year was 1962, I was 14 years old and he was

at least 83. That November as my family and I watched the Veterans Day Parade near the Boston Common, he marched by in his full Army doughboy uniform with a rifle on his shoulder. My dad always took us to Veterans Day parades and Boston had the best one of all. I was glad to wave to my elderly neighbor, too.

This year I marched in it again. The route is slightly changed, but the patriotism remains and the crowds still come to say thank you to those in the line of march.

This year, I caught up with Jake Comer, 91, who rode in the parade and I was glad to



Jake Comer at Copley Square awaiting the parade's start toward Boston City Hall

see him alive, well and smiling. This guy is a hometown hero to many, especially those from Dorchester and Quincy. He joined the American Legion in 1962. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War and has held office for the American Legion at every level and served as national commander in 1987-88.

I remember when I enlisted right out of high school back in 1966. Like Jake, I too joined the Air Force and, like my Uncle Joe Harrington from Charlestown, I stayed out of harm's way. My Uncle Joe joined the Navy right after Pearl Harbor and spent his service time in San Juan, Puerto Rico. I spent my time stateside in Texas. He was sorry I didn't become a sailor, but happy I was safe and sound.

So, every year I march in the Veterans Day Parade to remember my uncle and all who served and continue to serve their country. As I said, this year it was a two-parade holiday for me, marching through Downtown Boston and again on November 11th in Quincy.

I don't march to be thanked, no veteran does, I march to show my pride in being an American. That's what we all do. Quincy puts on a great parade each year. This city is home to many veterans past and present. It had lots of generals over the life of this country, but it has even more ordinary plain soldiers, men and women who proudly wore the uniform of the military branch they were a part of.

This year's Veterans Day parade was held on a great day, the winds I felt in Boston two days prior had quieted down, the sun was shining and the temperature was really mild. Crowds cheered everyone on and the ceremony at the Soldiers Monument Park across from the Korean War Memorial reminded all why we must always remember how special this day is. Let every day be Veterans Day!



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FACETS OF LOVE
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88 Films

A costume drama like no other, *Facets of Love* tells the stories of the Shanghai brothel in the early years of the 20th century: of its devious owners, of the unhappy innocents that have been tricked into toiling there and of the entitled men who visit, the ordinary and the illustrious. A good deal saucier than the martial arts movies that its producers at Shaw Brothers studio are most famous for, Li Hsang-han's film is a sensual indulgence, with beautiful design and photography. There's even a small early appearance from Jackie Chan! 88 Films are proud to present the UK Blu-ray premier of this sumptuous, decadent delight.

THE KUNG FU INSTRUCTOR
(Blu-ray)
88 Films

In this bitterly divided town, there's no middle ground; you're either with one side or the other — cross the line and face dire consequences. One clan hires a kung fu master — played by the great Ti Lung — to break the stalemate, but he's nobody's servant and his loyalties can't be bought so easily ... Inspired by Kurosawa's *Yojimbo* and Sergio Leone's *A Fistful of Dollars*, *The Kung Fu Instructor* puts a slightly more cynical spin on traditional codes of honor. Stylishly directed by Sun Chung, 88 Films is proud to present the UK Blu-ray premier of this martial arts masterpiece.

KID FROM KWANGTUNG
(Blu-ray)
88 Films

From the legendary Shaw Brothers Studio, here's something a bit funnier than their usual fare: after an evil martial arts master (played by the very great Hwang Jang-li kills their own teacher, Wong Yu and Chiang Kam realize that they're next. But can the squabbling duo put their differences aside long enough to defeat him? With spirited slapstick, supernatural silliness and some jaw-dropping fights that really have to be seen to be believed, *Kid From Kwang Tung* is gravity-defying treat from the glory days of Hong Kong cinema. 88 Films are proud to unleash this classic kung fu comedy on Blu-ray.

SILENT BITE
(Blu-ray)
Cleopatra Films

A gang of bank robbers, take shelter in a motel after a Christmas Eve bank heist, unbeknown to them, they are not the most dangerous thing seeking refuge on this cold Christmas night.

BLUE CHRISTMAS
(SPECIAL EDITION)
(Blu-ray)

Paramount Home Ent
At his Christmas Eve office

party, private eye Richard Stone celebrates bribing his way out of the draft. He's a disappointment to secretary/main squeeze, Katie Crockett, whose brother Ben is fighting overseas, and his honest young employee, Joey Ernest, is guilt-ridden over the divorce-racist key-hole peeping. Just a year ago tonight, Stone's sleazy partner Jake Marley was murdered, a crime the detective didn't bother solving. After Stone is visited by an ankle-chained Jake, on leave from Purgatory, to demand that his murder be solved, three more 'visitors' arrive to "help," one at a time — the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future; Bonnie of Bonnie & Clyde infamy, a recently deceased soldier; and a strange entity who just might be the King of Rock 'n' Roll. *Blue Christmas* is a fantasy brimming with chills, humor and heart, starring Rob Merritt and Alisabeth Von Presley in this new seasonal, coon-to-be-classic.

THE CLIMATE ACCORDING TO AI AL GORE
(DVD)
Highway 61 Ent.

Director Joel Gilbert's documentary *The Climate According to Al Al Gore* on DVD, has the climate hoax issue coming front and center. The fraudulent origins of climate science are exposed in this well-researched and entertaining look at climate godfather Al Gore, through the use of "AI" technology. In his film, *An Inconvenient Truth*, former Vice President Al Gore proclaimed a "climate emergency," and became the godfather of today's worldwide climate change movement. Al Gore, who was no scientist, repeatedly claimed his Harvard professor Roger Revelle was the source of his "climate science." Director Gilbert, who worked for then US Senator Al Gore, discovers that Revelle had in fact rejected Gore's climate alarmism. Gilbert finds that the real origin of Al Gore's climate apocalypse came from his time at Vanderbilt Divinity School and demonstrates that Gore plagiarized a radical environmental book from the 1940s to produce his 1992 environmental manifesto, *Earth in the Balance*. In *The Climate According to Al Al Gore*, Gilbert confronts an AI generated "Al Gore" about his entire life history, his struggle to fulfill the political ambitions laid out for him by his parents, and his exploitation of climate politics to offset his personal insecurity. This film exposes the climate scare as nothing more than a political tool used by groups who wish to undermine free-market capitalism and impose big government socialist ideals upon unsuspecting voters.

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

REMEMBERING
J.J. JEFFRIES



J.J. Jeffries

My recent *To Talk of Many Things* found its way to John Garabedian, the new owner of WJIB 740AM in which I noted the passing of a long-ago legendary radio deejay back on old WMEX named J.J. Jeffries. Garabedian back in the day also did DJ duty on old WMEX, too. Garabedian emailed a great photo of J.J. noting it was a great photo and noted "Here is my favorite picture of J.J. Jeffries laughing heartily the way he always did."



(L-R): Ligia Noriega and Sal Giarratani. Ligia was the first Latina named as headmaster of the English High School of Boston founded in 1821, the oldest public high school in America

CAN'T WAIT FOR
SUNNY SWEENEY
TO RETURN

I enjoy good country music and often while driving to work early in the morning I put on Willie's Roadhouse Channel 61 on Sirius Radio. She has been on the road again this month over in Europe on tour and her Sunny Side Up morning show has been handled by Dallas Wayne. Not bad as a fill-in but I miss my sunny side music and can't wait until she returns to the airwaves come December.

OLD DOGS, CHILDREN,
WATERMELON WINE
AND TOM T. HALL

After recently listening to Tom T. Hall singing his 1972 hit song "Old Dogs, Children and Watermelon Wine" on my car radio the other day, I looked up his name to learn a bit more about him. He passed away in August 2021. His cause of death was listed as suicide. That definitely was a bummer to me. I always loved listening to that tune and its meaning. He was 85 years old at the time of his death.

Hopefully, he made it safely to heaven and is with plenty of old dogs and children and watermelon wine too.

NEVER FORGET
THIS ADVICE

"We need to listen more and judge less."

— Anonymous

CHEAPER GAS PRICES
ARE A-COMING



(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

I was in the Marshfield area last week and found myself smiling while filling up my gas tank at \$2.69 per gallon at the Nouria gas station at the Marshfield-Pembroke border on 139.



A 1933 Chevrolet work truck great for hauling home groceries

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)
BACK IN THE
OLD DAYS AGAIN

I sometimes shop over at the Winthrop Marketplace rather than shopping at one of those larger places. This place has what I need at a price I can afford too. It has some great meals all ready to eat, such as meatloaf, chicken, etc. That and a can of beans and you're good to go for dinner. The last time I was there, an old 1933 white Chevrolet pick-up parked right next to my car. What a great old truck it was.

TOYS FOR TOTS
WANTS YOUR HELP

Once again, the U.S. Marines Corps is sponsoring their annual Toys for Tots drive for kids who are in need of a toy filled Christmas season. Doing their part is A & L Bakery and Cafe. Shown in the photo is Tony Gnerre showing off all the toys that the bakery's customers have been dropping off for the kiddos. It is businesses like A & L that keep the Marines busy bringing smiles to children at Christmas time.



(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

Saint Marguerite d'Youville

by Bennett Molina and Richard Molinari

Born October 15, 1701 in Varennes, Canada, Marie Marguerite Dufrost de Lajemmerais had to interrupt her schooling at the age of 12 to help her widowed mother. Eight years later she married François d'Youville; they had six children, four of whom died young. Despite the fact that her husband gambled, sold liquor illegally to Native Americans, and treated her indifferently, she cared for him compassionately until his death in 1730.

Even though she was caring for two small children and running a store to help pay off her husband's debts, Marguerite still helped the poor. Once her children were grown, she and several companions rescued a Quebec hospital that was in danger of failing. She called her community the Institute of the



Sisters of Charity of Montreal; the people called them the "Grey Nuns" because of the color of their habits. In time, a proverb arose among the poor people of

Montreal, "Go to the Grey Nuns; they never refuse to serve." In time, five other religious communities traced their roots to the Grey Nuns.

The General Hospital in Montreal became known as the Hôtel Dieu (House of God) and set a standard for medical care and Christian compassion. When the hospital was destroyed by fire in 1766, Mère Marguerite knelt in the ashes, led the *Te Deum* — a hymn to God's providence in all circumstances — and began the rebuilding process. She fought the attempts of government officials to restrain her charity, and established the first founding home in North America. Marguerite passed away on December 23, 1771. The feast day of Saint Marguerite d'Youville is December 23rd.

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Thanksgiving is next Thursday and our celebration of this holiday is quite different these days than it was when Loretta and I were first married 47 years ago. At one point, when my boys were young, I attended a family wake and ran into my second cousin, Ralph Pepe. After paying our respects to the relative that had passed, we headed to a restaurant, ordered and then began reminiscing about the old days when we all came from East Boston. The Pepes lived on Webster Street located in Jefferies Point and the only prerequisite to living there was that you had to be poor. Today, the water and downtown Boston skyline view make Webster Street real estate very expensive. Before we left the restaurant, Ralph and I decided to put our families together for the forthcoming holiday. His mother and mine were first cousins and very close. I spoke to Mom and Dad about the combination and they were in favor of it, so on Thanksgiving, we headed to my cousin's home in Wilmington.

For many years thereafter, Ralph and I combined our families for the major holidays. This included his mother (his father had passed), the 3 out of 4 of his children who were married and brought their wives and children along, Loretta, myself, our two young sons and my parents. For several years we celebrated Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Years Day, Easter, July 4th and Labor Day. After our parents passed away and my sons were married, we had to change our holiday planning, and those get-togethers came to an end. As an example, Ralph's youngest son and his family have taken over running their family holidays. They live somewhere in New Hampshire and with his wife's parents, siblings and their children added in, things can get confusing. We joined in until our sons were married and then decided it was too difficult for all of us to continue the combined-families tradition.

Our Thanksgiving holiday now takes place at son Michael's place in upstate New York and includes Loretta's brother and my sister-in-law. Her brother is also named Michael and is referred to as U.M., standing for Uncle Mike. His wife is Auntie Lin, Lin being short for Linda. Son Michael's wife, my daughter-in-law Cathy, is Korean and Thanksgiving dinner includes Italian, Korean and traditional American Thanksgiving food. In other words, "Times have changed." Long gone are the days when the Thanksgiving

turkey would sit in the middle of the table untouched because the holiday dinner started with escarole soup with tiny meatballs and pastina, followed by ravioli or lasagna with accompanying meatballs, hot and sweet sausages, chunks of pork, veal and steak covered with meat sauce, sautéed vegetables, stuffed artichokes, sautéed mushrooms and garden salad with olive oil and homemade wine vinegar. Dessert would come later and include almond cookies with pignoli nuts, cannoli, zeppole, and an assortment of Italian pastries that one of us brought to the dinner table. Nuts, chestnuts, fruit and both American and Italian coffee would top off everything. The traditional turkey could have been made of plastic and no one would have known. With all of the Italian delicacies, no one bothered with the turkey.

My favorite Thanksgiving story took place in Las Vegas back in the early 60s. I was young, single and in partners with the late comedian Bob Blasser. I had a trio (piano, bass and drums) that backed him when he would do stand-up, and for the Thanksgiving week, we were booked in as the opening act in the side-lounge at the Sands Hotel. We actually opened for Louie Prima before he and Keely Smith were headliners in Vegas.

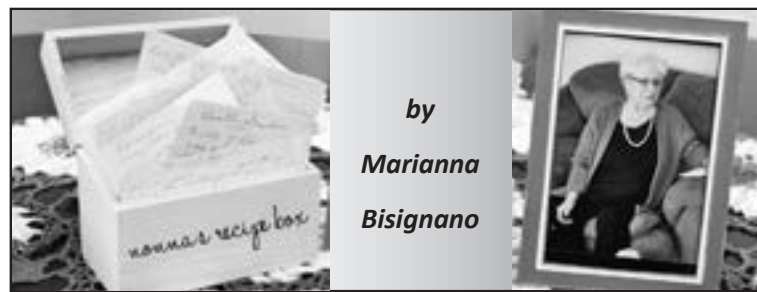
My group would play two or three tunes and I would then announce Bob Blasser who would do his stand-up routine for 30 to 45 minutes. He would announce Prima, who with Keely and Sam Butera and the band, would do, at minimum, an hour of entertaining. We opened that Thanksgiving night. When we finished the first show, I walked out of the lounge to the lobby of the hotel. There, I ran into comedian Corbet Monica. He was opening for the entertainer starring in the Copa Room, the main room at the Sands. The entertainer was Frank Sinatra. Monica asked me how much time I had and then invited me to join him at Sinatra's table in the Copa Room. Frank Sinatra usually reserved the front table to the left of the stage wherever he played, and he was still performing when we arrived. When he finished, he came to the table, looked at me and then said to Monica, "Who the Hell is this?" Corbet introduced us saying, "This is Johnny Christy from Boston. You know his uncle, Nick Conti." Sinatra smiled, shook my hand and asked, "How is Little Nicky doing?" We talked for a bit, with me offering him a cigarette and

him offering me a shot of Jack Daniels. In the conversation, I mentioned that I had met his buddy, Sammy Davis Jr., a few months earlier when he played Blinstrub's in South Boston. Fifteen minutes later, Sinatra excused himself as he wanted to go to his dressing room and rest. That was it, but it was enough for me to be walking ten feet off the ground for weeks ... I had "hung around" with Frank Sinatra!

Considering we traveled to Las Vegas on Thanksgiving and played that night, we didn't have time to celebrate the holiday. On the next day, that Friday, Bob Blasser, my band and I, all decided to partake of the traditional turkey dinner we had missed. The time and location were picked, and Bob, who liked to gamble, headed for the casino. My musicians went with him. Not being a gambler, I hopped on the local bus and headed downtown to do some sightseeing. I wandered onto a side street in downtown and stopped to look at a pawn shop window display of Rolex watches. The owner spotted me, came outside and asked if there was anything he could show me. We started speaking and within a minute he said, "You have a Boston accent?" I said, "Yes, I'm originally from East Boston." He smiled and said, "I'm from Chelsea." The conversation that ensued included the people who pawned their jewelry due to loosing at the casinos. He brought me inside and showed me a case filled with wedding rings saying that they were hawked by people who needed money just to get back home. I silently said, "Thank God I'm not a gambler." That Friday afternoon, Bob, my band and I had a traditionally turkey dinner to celebrate the holiday a day late.

A few days later, I was back in Boston and my mother made a Thanksgiving dinner for me fearing that I hadn't been able to celebrate the holiday. Uncle Nick and Aunt Dorothy were invited and I related the story of meeting Frank Sinatra. Babbononno listened to every word and just smiled, knowing I was the 3rd generation in the family to be in show business. His sons, Paul and Nick were well known Boston sax players with Nick running the musicians' union and his son-in-law (Dad) being Boston's busiest bass player. I and my generation were next in line as far as Babbononno was concerned.

Thanksgiving is next Thursday, and from the Christoforo family, a very happy holiday.



by
Marianna
Bisignano

"Stuffed Mushrooms" are a delightful culinary tradition with deep roots in Italian cuisine, which is known for its love of stuffed vegetables like peppers, zucchini, and tomatoes. It is told that when Italian immigrants arrived in America, they discovered the abundance of white button mushrooms and creatively adapted their stuffing techniques to this new ingredient. Over time, stuffed mushrooms became a hallmark of Italian-American cuisine, and are particularly popular as appetizers and often grace the Thanksgiving tables of many Italian-American households.

Stuffed Mushrooms have always been a cherished tradition in my family, gracing our table as an appetizer for both Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Today, I'm sharing a simple and approachable recipe that's sure to become a favorite in your home, too. Of course, you can customize the filling to your heart's delight — add crispy bacon or pancetta for a savory twist or elevate them for the holidays with a luscious crab filling, as we often do on Christmas Eve. From my kitchen to yours, may your Thanksgiving be filled with joy, gratitude, and delicious moments shared with loved ones. Wishing you a warm and happy holiday season!

STUFFED MUSHROOMS *Funghi Ripieni*



Ingredients

- 1 package (10–12 ounces) white button mushrooms
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3/4 to 1 cup seasoned breadcrumbs
- 3/4 to 1 cup Parmesan or Pecorino Romano cheese
- 3/4 to 1 cup fresh shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup freshly chopped parsley
- 2 cloves garlic, pressed or grated
- sea salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/4 to 1/3 cup white wine
- 1/4 to 1/3 cup chicken broth

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set it aside.

Clean the mushrooms and remove their stems.

Prepare the Stuffing

In a medium bowl, combine the breadcrumbs, Parmesan (or Pecorino Romano), mozzarella, parsley, garlic, salt, and pepper.

Cook the Mushroom Stems

Finely chop the mushroom stems. Heat the butter and olive oil in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add the chopped mushroom stems and sauté until tender. Deglaze the pan with a small amount of the white wine and chicken broth mixture.

Add the cooked mushroom stem mixture to the breadcrumb mixture.

Stir well. If the mixture seems dry, moisten it with additional white wine, chicken broth, or olive oil.

Fill each mushroom cap generously with the stuffing, packing it down to form a mound.

Bake the Mushrooms

Arrange the stuffed mushrooms, cap side down, on the prepared baking sheet.

Pour a small amount of the white wine and chicken broth mixture onto the bottom of the baking sheet.

Drizzle the tops of the mushrooms with olive oil.

Cover the baking sheet with foil and bake for 15 minutes.

Remove the foil and bake uncovered for an additional 15 minutes, or until the tops are golden and the mushrooms are cooked through.

Remove the mushrooms from the oven and let the stuffing settle for a few minutes before serving. Enjoy!

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Alexander Eiffel

French engineer Alexandre Eiffel was born in Dijon, France in 1832, the first child of Catherine-Mélanie and Alexandre Bonickhausen dit Eiffel.

After graduation from the College of Art and Manufacturing in 1855, Eiffel began to specialize in metal construction, especially bridges. He directed the erection of an iron bridge at Bordeaux in 1858, followed by several others, and designed the lofty, arched Gallery of Machines for the Paris Exhibition of 1867. In 1877 he bridged the Douro River at Oporto, Port., with a 525-foot steel arch.

While Eiffel designed and built many great structures during his career, his most famous and iconic structure, that bears his name, is the Eiffel Tower. The design of the Tower is attributed to two senior engineers Emile Nouguier and Maurice Koechlin working for Eiffel firm Compagniedes Etablissements Eiffel. The tower that would become the center-piece of the 1889 Exposition Universelle, a world's fair to celebrate the centennial of the French Revolution.

Work on the tower began in 1887. It comprised 12,000



components and 2,500,000 rivets, assembled and built to withstand the high wind pressure.

A second iconic work, The Statue of Liberty, is a symbol of friendship between France and US. The statue was designed by the French sculptor Frederick Auguste Bartholdi. Eiffel built its metal framework.

Eiffel married Marie Gaudalet on July 8, 1862 and the couple had five children. On December 27, 1923, he passed away at age 91 and was buried in the Levallois-Perret Cemetery.

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

fourth-floor window of a building. The baby was found in the Skid Row neighborhood of the downtown area, home to one of the largest homeless population in the country. Police believe the baby was dropped out the window shortly after having been born. Police have opened an investigation.

Global Spike in Diabetes

More than 800 million adults have diabetes worldwide, almost twice as many as previously estimated, and more than half of those over 30 who have the

condition are not receiving any treatment according to a new study.

In 2022, about 820 million people 18 or older had Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes worldwide. Among adults over 30, 445 million or 59 percent of them were not in treatment. The World Health Organization previously estimated about 422 million had diabetes

Youngest White House Press Secretary Ever

President-elect Donald Trump has selected his campaign

spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt as his White House Press Secretary. At 27 years old, she will become the youngest person ever to hold that title. Previously, the youngest WH press secretary was 29-year-old Ron Ziegler under Richard Nixon.

End Quote

"Yesterday is but a dream, tomorrow only a vision. But today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope."

— Kalidasa

• Politics at the Holidays (Continued from Page 1)

the MSNBC *Joy Reid Show* to "break off ties with family members who voted for Trump and refuse to see them on the holidays." How could any rational person take this advice seriously?

While our political perspective is often a distinct part of our identity, is it truly a part of our life that brings us happiness? It's time with loved ones, family and friends that brings us joy and happiness, not

politics. So why would anyone let something that does not make us happy overshadow the very thing we say we value and want most. Maybe it's time we all ask ourselves this question before gathering for cherished time with loved ones.

Meaningful relationships take years to build, especially those that we are not born into.

They provide us critical support through life's inevitable challenges. If, like most Americans, time with family and friends is at the top of your priority list, I suggest you approach the upcoming holidays with the mindset of who and what's important to you and leave the politics on the front doorstep.

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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 **December 09, 2024** by public or private sale to satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and all other fees due.

- 2013 RAM 1500**
Vin #1C6RR7UT2DS668555
- 2012 GMC SAVANA**
Vin #1GD073CG9C1129063
- 2001 TOYOTA CAMRY**
Vin #4T1BG22K31U777616
- 2007 MAZDA MAZDA6**
Vin #1YVHP80C275M37318
- 2007 HONDA ACCORD**
Vin #1HGCM56167A062913
- 2006 HONDA CIVIC**
Vin #2HGES165X1H504174

Vehicles may be seen by appointment only. Please email for specific information. info@todiscotowing.com

Run dates: 11/15, 11/22, 11/29/2024

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.

MI24C1199CA - MI24C1120CA

In the Matter of
**MAEL GABRIEL BOYD-SINGLETON and
RAINA VIOLA BOYD-SINGLETON**

**CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Mael Gabriel Boyd-Singleton, Raina Viola Boyd-Singleton of Stoneham, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Mael Gabriel Maurice-Boyd, Raina Viola Maurice-Boyd.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 31, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court
Date: November 05, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 11/22/2024

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- 2021 YONGFU YN50QT**
Vin #LL0TCAPH1MG004051
- 2014 HONDA ACCORD**
Vin #1HGCR2F36EA057306
- 2009 NISSAN ALTIMA**
Vin #1N4BL21E89C146041
- 2003 HYUNDAI SONATA**
Vin #KMHWF25S93A811627
- 2006 CHEVROLET TAHOE**
Vin #1GNEK13T96R160546
- 2005 ACURA TL**
Vin #19UUA66275A034658
- 2007 HONDA ODYSSEY**
Vin #5FNRL386X7B144210
- 2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRA**
Vin #5NPDH4AE1DH312493
- 2007 PORSCHE CAYMAN**
Vin #WPOAB29837U780064

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Run dates: 11/08, 11/15, 11/22/2024

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.
MI24P2892GD

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

In the interests of
MASON ANTHONY MEEK
of Everett, MA
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

- 1. Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **05/28/2024** by **Lisa M. Reed** of Everett, MA will be held **12/04/2024 08:30 AM** Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 10-U Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801 - Courtroom 4
- 2. Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:
File the original with the Court; and
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
- 3. Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
- 4. Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
- 5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: October 07, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 11/22/2024

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.
MI24P2890GD - MI24P2891GD

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

In the interests of
**JULIAN CHRISTOPHER McGRATH and
JACKSON JAMES McGRATH**
of Everett, MA
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

- 1. Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **05/28/2024** by **Lisa M. Reed** of Everett, MA will be held **12/04/2024 08:30 AM** Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 10-U Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801 - Courtroom 4
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Date: October 07, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 11/22/2024

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- 2014 NISSAN MAXIMA**
Vin #1N4AA5AP0EC432352
- 2018 NISSAN ALTIMA**
Vin #1N4AL3AP9JC138795
- 2007 BMW 750Li**
Vin #WBAHN83507DT1380
- 2011 HYUNDAI ELANTRA**
Vin #5NPDH4AE2BH014323
- 2007 HONDA CBR1000**
Vin #JH2SC57027M301043
- 2013 NISSAN ROGUE**
Vin #JN8AS5MV2DW616646
- 2009 NISSAN ALTIMA**
Vin #1N4AL21E79N506173
- 2024 YONGFU YN50QT**
Vin #LL0TCAPE6RG004110
- 2023 ZHWEKI ZW50QT**
Vin #LT4Z1NAA9PZ000114
- 2010 NISSAN ROGUE**
Vin #JN8AS5MV9AW109495
- 2010 HYUNDAI ELANTRA**
Vin #KMHU4AD1AU080820
- 2004 HYUNDAI TIBURON**
Vin #KMHNN65F24U133518

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Run dates: 11/22, 11/29, 12/06/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

WATERTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY

55 Waverley Avenue
Watertown, MA 02472

ADVERTISEMENT

INVITATION FOR BID

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF HVAC SYSTEMS – CHAPTER 149

The Watertown Housing Authority invites bids for the supply of services as described in the specifications for **ON-CALL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF HVAC SYSTEMS bid no. WHA-11-14-24**.

It is the intent of the Authority to award this contract for a 1-year period.

The Specifications and Bid Form must be individually sealed and submitted in an envelope on or before **2:00 pm, (cell phone time) December 19, 2024** addressed to the **Watertown Housing Authority, 55 Waverley Avenue, Watertown, MA 01824**, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder and clearly marked with the applicable contract name and number at which time bids will be publicly opened. Bids can be dropped off in person at the main office at 55 Waverley Avenue during normal business hours or mailed USPS, UPS, FEDEX or other delivery service.

The Watertown Housing Authority reserves the right to award and/or reject any and all bids or proposals for any reason determined to be in the Authority's best interest.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained via email request to anthonyd@watertownha.org All bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the value of the total bid, and made payable to the Watertown Housing Authority. Bid deposit shall be in the form of a bid bond, Treasurer's check or Cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Said deposit is to be the property of the Watertown Housing Authority if the bidder fails to execute the contract after he/she has been officially notified that the contract has been awarded to him/her.

The existing building will be available for a observation on **December 4, 2024 at 9:00 am**. Bidders please contact Anthony DiGiovanni (at 617-931-1971 or at anthonyd@watertownha.org) prior to close of business on the Monday prior to schedule an appointment for the observation.

The observation is an opportunity to visit and observe the sites only. Any oral interpretations offered at the site observation are non-binding. Any questions must be submitted in writing to Anthony DiGiovanni at the address email above no later than 4:00 pm on the Friday prior to the date stated above for the receipt of bids. Questions after that time may not be responded to, at the sole discretion of the Authority.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including General Laws Chapter 149, as amended.

The Watertown Housing Authority
is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer/ purchaser.

Run date: 11/22/2024

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. MI24D3032DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
DIANA P. PEREZ PATINO
vs.
RUBEN D. HASSAN MARIN**

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 **Diana P. Perez Patino, 198 Pleasant St., Lowell, MA 01852** your answer, if any, on or before **December 19, 2024**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 07, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 11/22/2024

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. MI24D3380DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
LISETH M. GUERRERO
vs.
LUIS E. LEBRON**

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 **Liseth M. Guerrero, 124 Mount Vernon, Lowell, MA 01854** your answer, if any, on or before **December 19, 2024**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 07, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 11/22/2024

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. SU197750
Estate of
HENRY H. PROCTOR
Date of Death: January 01, 1900
CITATION ON GENERAL
PROBATE PETITION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by **Amy LaMarche of Lynnfield, MA** and **Andrew Thompson of New York, NY** requesting to revise/amend the Trust in accordance with Schedule E of the petition filed 3/13/24.
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 December 03, 2024.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 24, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Run date: 11/22/2024

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. MI24P5844EA
Estate of
JACQUELYN M. ASHTON
Date of Death: September 12, 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 **John Forrest Ashton of Plainville, 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 **John Forrest Ashton of Plainville, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 12, 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: November 14, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 11/22/2024

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. MI24P6050EA
Estate of
BARBARA A. McMAHON
Also Known As
BARBARA M. McMAHON
Date of Death: October 09, 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 **Thomas D. McMahon of Melrose, 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 D. McMahon of Melrose, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 13, 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. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 15, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 11/22/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given by **Stevens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 39A, that on **November 23, 2024 at 10AM**, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

- 1996 FORD TAURUS, PURPLE**
VIN # 1FALP51U9TA261090
 - 2006 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER, BLUE**
VIN # JTEHP21A360176269
 - 2003 MITSUBISHI GALANT, BLUE**
VIN # 4A3AA46G33E152114
 - 2013 BMW X6, SILVER**
VIN # 5UXFG2C58DL787517
 - 2013 FORD FIESTA, MAROON**
VIN # 3FADP4BJ3DM173921
 - 2004 CHEVROLET COLORADO, BEIGE**
VIN # 1GCDT136948223711
 - 2008 HARLEY-DAVIDSON FAT BOY, BLACK**
VIN # 1HD1BX5188Y018041
 - 2017 AUDI Q5, GRAY**
VIN # WA1C2AFPXHA053189
 - 2023 ZHEJIANG RIVA MOTORCYCLE, BLUE**
VIN # LEHTCK18XPR602360
 - 2006 LINCOLN ZEPHYR, BEIGE**
VIN # 3LNHM261X6R658853
 - 2016 MERCEDES-BENZ E-CLASS, WHITE**
VIN # WDDHF8JB0GB244591
 - 2005 TOYOTA CAMRY, GRAY**
VIN # 4T1BF32K05U601136
 - 2019 AUDI S5, SILVER**
VIN # WAUC4CF54KA000583
 - 2006 HYUNDAI ELANTRA, SILVER**
VIN # KMHND56D56U200413
 - 2015 MAZDA 3, BLUE**
VIN # 3MZBM1K79FM235030
 - 2023 JIAJUE JJ150T-5, BLACK**
VIN # LLPTGKBN7P105788
 - 2014 JIAJUE JJ50QT-4, WHITE**
VIN # LLPVGBDA8E1M10005
 - 2009 NISSAN MAXIMA, SILVER**
VIN # 1N4AA51E89C835418
- Run dates: 11/08, 11/15, 11/22/2024

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. SU24P2459EA
Estate of
VINCENT GRASSO
Also Known As
VINCENZO GRASSO
Date of Death: June 29, 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 **Jimi Grasso of Kingston, 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 **Jimi Grasso of Kingston, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 27, 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: November 15, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Run date: 11/22/2024

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. SU24C0547CA
In the Matter of
REBECCA ROSE KISH
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Rebecca Rose Kish of Boston, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Bex Rose**.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at **Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of November 28, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.**
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 31, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Run Date: 11/22/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000**
**Docket No. MI24C1071CA
In the Matter of
HELENE YAMDEU WAMBE
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Helene Yamdeu Wambe** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Helene Yelena Wassa**.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 05, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.**
Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court
Date: November 07, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 11/22/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE
MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage and Security Agreement ("Mortgage") given by **PROTEC RE HOLDINGS, INC. to BERKSHIRE BANK**, dated and recorded November 20, 2015 in the Middlesex (South) Registry of Deeds in Book 66417 Page 42, the undersigned being the present holder of said Mortgage by assignment dated June 25, 2020 and recorded July 6, 2020 in the Middlesex (South) Registry of Deeds in Book 75050 Page 434 (the "Mortgage"), for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, there will be sold at public auction on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024, commencing at 11:00 A.M.** on the mortgaged premises at 38 Edge Hill Road (aka 38-40 Edge Hill Road), Waltham, Massachusetts 02451 (the "Premises"), all and singular the Premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

**Exhibit A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Parcel 1
A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate on Edgell Road in Waltham and shown as Lot C on "Plan of Land in Waltham, Mass., May 24, 1953, Everett M. Brooks Co., Civil Engineers," recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds as Plan #876 of 1954, bounded and described as follows:
EASTERLY: by Edgell Road, as shown on said plan, Thirty-three (33) feet, more or less;
SOUTHEASTERLY: by the curved line of Edgell Road, Thirty-four and 80/100 (34.80) feet;
SOUTHERLY: by Edgell Road, One Hundred Six (106) feet;
WESTERLY: by Lot B, as shown on said plan, Ninety-seven (97) feet, more or less;
NORTHERLY: by the Boston & Maine Railroad as shown on said plan, One Hundred Forty-Six and 5/10 (146.5) feet, more or less.

Containing 9969 square feet.
Parcel 2
The land with the buildings thereon in Waltham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lots 18, 19 and 27 on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Lots owned by N.S. Bond, Waltham, Mass." Dated May 31, 1893, by T. Howard Barnes, recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 204, Page 46, bounded and described as follows:
SOUTHERLY: by Main Street, One Hundred Twenty (120) feet;
WESTERLY: by Lot 20 as shown on said Plan, One Hundred Thirty-Eight (138) feet more or less;
WESTERLY: by Lot 26 as shown on said Plan, One Hundred Twenty-Seven (127) feet, more or less;
NORTHERLY: by a private way as shown on said Plan, One Hundred One (101) feet more or less;
EASTERLY: by Lot 28 as shown on said Plan, One Hundred Forty-Eight (148) feet more or less;
NORTHERLY: the same, Sixty (60) feet more or less;
EASTERLY: by Lot 17 as shown on said Plan, One Hundred Thirty-Eight (138) feet more or less;

Subject to and with the benefit of all easements and restrictions of records as the same may not be in force and applicable.

Excepting any part of lots 18 and 19 taken for the widening of Main Street.
For mortgagor's title see deed to Protec RE Holdings Inc., from Wide Horizons for Children, Inc., recorded August 8, 2014 in the Middlesex (South) Registry of Deeds in Book 64050 Page 436.

The Premises are subject to a Lease described in a Memorandum of Lease recorded November 20, 2015 in the Middlesex (South) Registry of Deeds in Book 66417 Page 37, as affected by a Subordination, Non-Disturbance and Attornment Agreement recorded November 20, 2015 in the Middlesex (South) Registry of Deeds in Book 66417 Page 70.

Said Premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior, liens or other enforceable encumbrances or instruments of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to, and with the benefit of, all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record having precedence over the Mortgage and subject to all leases, tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession, including rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the Premises and the right of redemption, if any, to the Internal Revenue Service. It shall be the bidder's sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal laws, ordinances or regulations.

TERMS OF SALE: SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$75,000.00) DOLLARS in cash certified or bank check to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The successful bidder shall be required to increase the deposit to a full ten (10%) of the purchase price within five (5) business days of the public auction and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified or bank check and the foreclosure deed shall be delivered and accepted within thirty (30) days after the public auction at the offices of Thomas J. Hamel, Esq., Courtney Lee & Hamel, PC, 31 Wendell Avenue, Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201.

The successful bidder of the Premises will be responsible for all closing costs, recording fees, deed stamps and shall be required to sign an Auctioneer's Memorandum of Sale containing the terms of sale at the time and place of the public auction. The successful bidder of the Premises shall be subject to a 5% buyer premium.

This mortgagee's sale of real estate may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the attorney or auctioneer for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale. The description for the premises contained in said Mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale fails to purchase the described Premises according to the terms of this notice of sale or as provided for in the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure, the mortgagee reserves the right to sell the Premises by foreclosure deed to the next highest bidder provided that the next highest bidder shall deposit with the mortgagee's attorney, said Thomas J. Hamel, Esq., the amount of the required deposit and execute an agreement similar to said Memorandum of Sale, within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder. Title shall be conveyed to the next highest bidder within twenty (20) days of said written notice.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale.
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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



A New League of Their Own?

Big baseball news. The Women's Professional Baseball League announced plans last month to launch in 2026 as a six-team circuit for female baseball players. If and when it debuts, it will be the first pro league for women since The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, the one immortalized in the movie "A League of Their Own" which dissolved in 1954. Heightened interest in women's sports say those behind the plans said this was an ideal time to launch professional women's baseball. I think it is a great idea. Baseball today needs all the help it can get.

Happy Birthday ...

I just found out that former Red Sox pitcher Gary Bell acquired in June 1967 from the Indians took on a critical role inside the starting rotation during the Impossible Dream season. After finishing 1/2 game out of last place in '66, the Sox won the pennant in 1967 going 92-70 in a down to the wire pennant-winning finish. The right hander made the difference going 12-8 with a 3.16 ERA. He ended his 12-year career two years later with the expansion Seattle Pilots. But for one season, he helped make 1967 the year the Red Sox pulled off the impossible

100 Innings of Baseball Raises ALS Research Funds

The 21st Annual 100 Innings of Baseball was recently played over at Adams Field in Quincy, MA. The first pitch was thrown at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday,

October 12th and the 100 Innings of Baseball was underway — 30 HOURS of continuous baseball play. Some players actually played all 100 innings. Quincy Mayor Tommy Koch was on hand to welcome the players and umpires to this field of dreams in the fight against ALS.

All of them participated to raise funds for ALS research benefiting the Angel Fund for ALS Research.

Baseball History Fact

Did you know that Babe Ruth became the first MLB player to hit 3 home runs in a World Series game with the Yankees of course as the Bronx Bombers beat the Cardinals in Game 4 on October 6, 1926.

Who Still Remembers The "Heidi Game"?

You gotta be both old and a real football fan to remember this infamous reference in football history. It happened on November 17, 1968. An Oakland Raiders - NY Jets (AFL) broadcast ended to run a previously scheduled network movie in that time slot. During this TV blackout, fans couldn't see the most exciting end to any football game ever played. In the exciting finish, the Oakland Raiders scored two touchdowns in the final minute to win 43-32 and you had to be in the stadium that day to have seen this happen. I was 20 back then and this remains one of what I consider the biggest plunders in modern TV sports history. The game is never over until it's over. The network thought the Jets had the game in the bag until they didn't.



We live in the most amazing time in all of human history.

We have more comfort, more freedom, better health, more knowledge than any people have ever had.

We are able to travel, we have access to more safe food and water than those that went before us.

The list of good things we have goes on and on yet we don't seem to appreciate how lucky we are.

We often take all these comforts and all of this progress for granted. In fact, I would argue that we probably complain more than any other people in history.

With Thanksgiving Day upon us I think it would be a good idea if we all took the time to count our blessings. Not only on this one day but every day.

We are truly blessed.

Have A Happy and Reflective Thanksgiving!



I often think of these words from the Irving Berlin song

"Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep"

*When I'm worried and I can't sleep
I count my blessings instead of sheep
And I fall asleep counting my blessings
When my bankroll is getting small
I think of when I had none at all
And I fall asleep counting my blessings*

*I think about a nursery and I picture curly heads
And one by one I count them as they slumber in their beds
If you're worried and you can't sleep
Just count your blessings instead of sheep
And you'll fall asleep counting your blessings*

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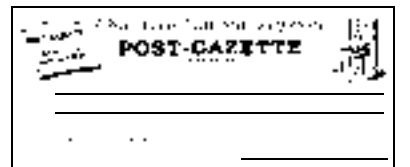
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