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#### **ELECTION DAY**

Tuesday, November 7th

# **News Briefs**

by Sal Giarratani

#### Violent Threats at Cornell

Cornell University was on high alert this past Saturday night after a series of "horrendous anti-Semitic" messages threatening the school's Jewish community were posted on a public forum. The school notified law enforcement and campus police were taking precautionary measures after the online post made threats directed at Jewish students on campus.

"Threats of violence are absolutely intolerable, and we will work to ensure the person or people who posted them are punished to the fullest extent of the law," said Martha Pollack, university president.

# Making High School Diplomas Meaningless

"Recently, the Oregon Department of Education unanimously voted to remove a requirement for high schoolers to demonstrate basic mastery in reading, writing, and mathematics in order to graduate — a "clearly irresponsible " move, argues Reason's Emma Camp. Officials claimed, "higher rates of students of color, students learning English as a second language, and students with disabilities ended up having to take intensive senior-year writing and math classes," which denied them "the opportunity to take an elective." But Camp points out that "valuing electives over basic skills seem like a strange set of priorities." By removing an objective measure of student achievement ... high school graduation in Oregon risks becoming functionally meaningless as a measure of educational attainment.

#### Rare Penguin Chick Survives Shellish Birth

SeaWorld San Diego recently welcomed an emperor penguin chick to its family, marking the first hatchling of the threatened species in the West Hemisphere in 13 years. The unnamed female nestling was born in September and has made great strides in health despite having an arduous hatching issue.

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# Madonna Della Cava Society

72nd Annual Halloween Party



(Photo by Gerri Palladino)

On a mild Saturday, October 28th, the North End was packed with enthusiastic halloweeners of all ages in the mood to celebrate the haunting yearly occasion, as the Madonna Della Cava Society hosted their

annual Halloween Party and Parade through the streets of the North End.

Children and adults who alike, came decked-out in their favorite Halloween attire where treated to free activities such as games, free balloons, inflatable bounce houses, and music by D.J. Jason. Tickets for prizes were given to every child in attendance.

Everyone had a fang-tastic time!

(Additional photos on Page 6)

# November Service Changes Will Allow Crews to Continue Improvement Work Across MBTA System

Service Changes are Planned for the Red, Orange, and Haverhill Lines

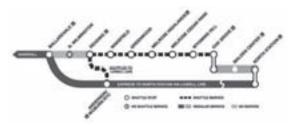
The MBTA announced service changes in November on the Red, Orange, and Haverhill lines. The MBTA will continue working to improve service reliability across the system. Additional service changes may take place in November and will be announced when details are finalized.

#### ON THE RED LINE:

- Accessible shuttle bus service will replace **Red Line** trains between **Alewife and Kendall/MIT Stations** during the weekend of **November 4-5**. This service change allows crews to perform rail welding and track work in order to alleviate speed restrictions.
- Accessible shuttle bus service will replace **Red Line** trains between **JFK/UMass and Park Street Stations** beginning at approximately 8:45 PM through the end of service Tuesday through Thursday on **November 14-16** as well as during the weekend of **November 18-19**. This service change allows crews to perform track work between Broadway and South Station in order to alleviate speed restrictions.

#### ON THE ORANGE LINE:

• Accessible shuttle bus service will replace **Orange Line** trains between **Oak Grove and Wellington Stations** from *the start of service until approximately 2 PM* on Sunday, **November 5**. This service change is taking place to accommodate an emergency response learning exercise taking place near Malden Center. The exercise is an opportunity for public safety officials to exercise emergency response plans, policies, and procedures.



• Accessible shuttle bus service will replace Orange Line trains between Oak Grove and North Station beginning at approximately 8:45 PM through the end of service Tuesday through Friday on November 7- 10 as well as during the weekend of November 11-12. This service change allows MBTA crews to perform critical work at the Oak Grove crossover track area as well as in and around the tracks at Sullivan Square and Community College Stations.

#### ON THE HAVERHILL COMMUTER RAIL LINE:

- As previously announced, accessible shuttle buses are replacing **Haverhill Line** trains between **Ballardvale and North Station** through **November 5**. This service change allows crews to perform *Automatic Train Control (ATC) work*. ATC is a federally mandated safety system that sends signals to trains about potentially unsafe conditions, automatically slowing and stopping a train if needed.
  - Shuttle buses will replace train service between Reading and Oak Grove where

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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.



#### CHOW DOWN IN OLD ROME, Part I



Food-food, where the does it all come from? I think one of the most humorous of the quickies is told by a TV comedian who presents his candidate for the bravest person in the world — the primitive man who first spotted a cow and said to his friend, "do you see that animal with the big bag hanging down? I'm going to subdue it, then squeeze that bag and whatever comes out — I'll drink it." Dio mio what guts he must have had. I often wondered if his friend might have said, "O.K. and if there is any of that stuff left over we'll put it out in the sun for a week or so. When it gets all thick and moldy we can spread it on some bread and eat it. Then we'll kill the animal, slice the stomach into strips, and cook it with tomato sauce. We might even bake part of the head in our oven and throw the tail in our next bowl of soup." I will never forget the day that I came home from school and saw my dear father baking half of a cow's head in the oven. I didn't go near him for a week and it took a month for me to get over the shock. I wonder who was the first person who ever made stuffed "calamaro" or "anguilla."

How about the first person who ever swallowed an oyster? I also wonder who started all of those stories about oysters (probably just an old wives' tale).

For thousands of years, prehistoric man ate his food raw. Then by accident or by forest fire, he discovered the additional joy of eating cooked food (similar to our newlyweds of today). This was the beginning of the long and slow process of discovering which meats were best prepared by heat and away from direct flame and which were best cooked over, in, or under the fire.

The early Romans were frugal people, the poorer classes subsisted on a basic diet of coarse bread, and porridge made from millet or polenta. The usual drink was water. High fire risk in the crowded tenement houses kept cooking methods at a primitive minimum and was avoided whenever possible. Figs, cheese (an interesting combination), olives and dried or salt preserved foods were good substitutes (have you priced any prosciutto lately?). The situation changed dramatically with the more affluent or wealthy, or so called "nouveaux riche." This was especially noticeable during the height of

Rome's greatest glory. No part of Roman life escaped eastern influences, but food and cooking seemed to be most affected. Simple meals among friends grew into exotic banquets. Plain and simple dishes now became highly involved and extravagant creations. Cooks showed their artistry by creating fantastic and at times incredible culinary concoctions. It was in the homes of the wealthy that the dining room (triclinium) was no longer reserved for simple family meals, but became a circus for acrobats and clowns.

Throughout this classical period, breakfast, lunch, and dinner as we know them were called "jentaculum, prandium, and cena." Both jentaculum and prandium were simple meals for all classes. The jentaculum varied from only a glass of water in some instances to porridge, bread, cheese and sometimes a watered down wine which even today bears the name of "sciacquare." Prandium varied from a simple piece of bread to the more nourishing accompaniment of cold meat, vegetables and fruits, washed down with (you guessed it) a little wine.

Both jentaculum and prandium were meals that were taken without ceremony and in any room of the house that might be convenient. The main event was the cena, the serious evening meal. In all of Roman life there seemed to be one common attitude toward the cena; it was always eaten after the work of the day was done, it was always eaten in the "triclinium," and it was always the most important meal of the day.

**NEXT WEEK:**wn in Old Rome,

Chow Down in Old Rome, Part II

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Docket No. MI23P5413EA

Estate of SCOTT D. GILBERT Also Known As SCOTT GILBERT, SCOTT DOUGLAS GILBERT Date of Death: April 20, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Stephanie L. Gilbert** of **Lexington**, **MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

Stephanie L. Gilbert of Lexington, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

Petitioner. Run date: 11/03/2023

# **Henry Santana**

Candidate for

# Boston City Councilor At-Large

My name is Henry Santana, and I'm running to be your Boston City Councilor At-Large. I was born in Bani, Dominican Republic, and immigrated to Boston as a child. I grew up in Mission Hill living in the Alice Taylor Boston Housing Authority apartments and attended Boston Public Schools.

I am running for Boston City Council At-Large because I believe that our community needs leaders who are focused on getting things done and uplifting residents in every neighborhood of Boston. Breaking down barriers to civic engagement and expanding opportunities for Boston residents to be active citizens has shaped my work. I have served as the inaugural director of the City's Office of Civic Organizing, Councilor Kenzie Bok's Director of Operations, and the Director of the Mission Hill Summer Program.

As a City Councilor, I will prioritize high quality constituent services, work towards



housing affordability across our neighborhoods, and focus on strengthening community and civic engagement. I am dedicated to creating a Boston where everyone has access to the resources they need to thrive and where every resident can play an active role in building a more equitable and just community.

More information can be found at *henrysantana.com* 

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**Other Organizations:** Sierra Club, Environmental League of Massachusetts

#### YOU TOO CAN BE PARANOID



Author Robert Dinsmoor, local author and deadpan humorist, will speak at the North End Branch Library on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM. Robert has written dozens of scripts for MTV and Nickelodeon as well as several books of short stories combining horror and science fiction with humor (and a little hidden social commentary).

Dinsmoor's first short story collection, titled Toxic Cookout, opens with a quote from the iconic science fiction writer Philip K. Dick: "Strange how paranoia can link up with reality now and then." Dinsmoor

"delightfully creepy" passages from his fiction, and answer any questions attendees may have about his writing and the writing process in general. Join us at the North End Library, 25 Parmenter Street, on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM for this free not to be missed experience.

will read a few of his most

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#### Commentary

### **Boston Needs Nee-Walsh** on City Council

by Sal Giarratani

As someone who has been supporting Bridget Nee-Walsh in her bid for a seat on the Boston City Council as an atlarge candidate, I'm hardly surprised but still disturbed with a headline that called out Nee-Walsh for apparently saying the Black Lives Matter movement brought us back 50 years to a Boston when neighborhoods were pitted against each other through Judge W. Arthur Garrity, Jr.'s forced busing edict that inflamed communities all across Boston. That period of turmoil divided our city like never before or since.

Nee-Walsh has a right to her opinion and it was disturbing that others serving on the city council would call out Nee-Walsh's remarks on BLM as "backward thinking" and tiring. Nee-Walsh is now being accused of not helping move the

The South Boston ironworker has a right to her own opinion and when asked a question at a Dorchester forum stated it clearly for all to hear. She speaks her mind, which is why she is my candidate for one of those four seats on the ballot on November 7th for city council at large. I have always believed everyone matters and every neighborhood matters. Hers is a voice I want to be hearing from as a member of the Boston City Council.

# Saint Maura of Troyes

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Maura was born in 827 to a noble family in Troyes, France, and from a child, devoted herself to prayer. As a young girl, she converted her father Mauranus, who had previously lived a worldly life, to Christianity. After his death, Maura continued to live at home, praying, serving the poor, and caring for her mother, who was named either Seluca or Sedulia. Her example was also credited with her brother Eutropius' strong faith, who later went on to become bishop of Troyes.

When not praying or serving the poor, Maura greatly enjoyed helping local priests and meeting the needs of the Troyes Cathedral: she would make sacred vestments, trim the candles, fill oil lamps and prepare wax and other things for the altar. In fact, Bishop Prudentius of Troyes, a personal friend, wore an alb spun and woven by her.

Maura spent every morning in church, praying. She fasted Wednesday and Friday, sustaining herself only on small amounts of bread and water. Sometimes, she would walk several miles to visit her spiritual



director at his monastery. Often while praying, tears would stream from her eyes, reflecting the joy and wonder of her relationship with God. It is believed that her piety made her the instrument of many miracles, but she did not want to make her gifts known.

Maura passed away on September 21, 850, at the age of 23. She was buried in the cemetery of Château-Nore-de-Troyes. The feast day of Saint Maura of Troyes is September 21, she is the Patroness of Troyes.

# Carmine Cardillo

May He Rest in Peace

Carmine A. Cardillo, a resident of Saugus, passed away suddenly on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital, at age 73.

Carmine was the beloved husband of Marie-Christine (Amara) Cardillo with whom he shared 21 years of marriage. Devoted son of the late Dr. Edward M. Cardillo and Gemma (Manganiello) Cardillo. Cherished brother of Annette Luongo, Marie D'Eramo, Edward Cardillo, Jr. and the late William Cardillo. Caring brother-in-law of Francine Eckley and her late husband Edwin, Loreen Romano and

her husband Mark, and Frank Amara and his wife Elaine. Loving uncle of Kristen Gerety, Kimberly D'Eramo, David D'Eramo, Noelle Selin and her husband, Henrik Selin, Cristina Romano, Charles Amara, John Amara, Robert Amara, and Peter Amara.

Carmine was born on May 12, 1950, in Everett, one of five children of the late Gemma (Manganiello) and Dr. Edward M. Cardillo. Raised in Everett, he graduated from Huntington Prep High School and American International College. He worked for many years as a Supervisor in the Commissioner's Office at the Massachusetts Department of Probation. In 2002, he married his beloved, Marie-Christine Amara, and they resided in Saugus sharing many happy memories.

Carmine was always the life of the party, ready



to brighten the room with a well-told joke or a spontaneous split while dancing. A source of strength, he served as a loving caretaker for family members, and often provided good humor when needed. Carmine also enjoyed many gatherings with family at the Mt. Washington Hotel.

A lover of all sports, Carmine was an avid golfer, loved skiing, and was a collector of Boston sports memorabilia. He was a longtime member of Bellevue Golf Club where he enjoyed many rounds with family and friends. An avid supporter of Boston sports teams, he

watched games nightly with his beloved Marie. Carmine also volunteered for Boston College football games and offered his time at golf events, including the U.S. Open. In his free time, Carmine was a longtime, active member of the Sons of Italy, Boston Chapter where he served as Chief Historian for many years.

Carmine will be deeply missed, but his great sense of humor, big heart, and devotion to family will carry on with those he loved. May he rest in peace.

Funeral was on Monday, October 30 from at the Robinson Funeral Home, Melrose, followed by a Mass at the Church of the Incarnation, Melrose, Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

If you wish, gifts in memory of Carmine may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, PO Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284

# Maria (Di Berardino) Di Libero

Maria (Di Berardino) Di Libero, 83, of East Boston and Pescara, Italy passed away peacefully on September 23, 2023. She was born on January 14, 1940 in Pescara, Italy to Antonio and Yolanda (Speziale) Di Berardino.

She spent her first 14 years in the Abruzzi region of Italy before immigrating to the United States and settling in East Boston. Maria was an extraordinary and cherished

wife, mother, sister, cousin and "Nina".

She and her treasured husband Nicola "Nick" of 63 years made their home in East Boston where they raised their three children, Lehana and her former husband John LaPlaca, Nicola "Nick Jr." and his wife Joellen, and Erik. Maria was the proud grandmother to Leah Gibbons and her husband TJ, John and Joshua LaPlaca, Perry Di Libero and his wife Vanessa, Nicola "Nicky" Di Libero III, Erik, Jr. and Matthew DiLibero. As well as the adored great grandmother to Ella, Hallie, Tommy and Lily Gibbons and Vincent Di Libero. She is the dear sister of Luigi Di Berardino and his wife Pina, and the late Cpl. Perry Di Berardino. She is also lovingly survived by her beloved cousins and friends.

Maria was a trailblazer who was fiercely



independent and forever determined to be the best person she could be. She was a successful selftaught businesswoman and entrepreneur who always gave 110% to anything she did. Maria was a dedicated and generous community leader and activist. She was proud of her time with the Kiwanis Club, East Boston Chamber of Commerce, and Sacred Heart Church to name a few. Maria

pursued many passions throughout her life, playing tennis, traveling the world, gardening and spoiling her grandchildren. Her greatest passion was spending time in the kitchen, cooking and baking delicious food for everyone to savor. As a survivor, our "energizer bunny" was determined to live each day to the fullest. She instilled in everyone the importance of generosity, kind, dependable. She will continue to be an inspiration

A memorial Funeral Mass was held at Sacred Heart Church, 45 Brooks Street, East Boston, MA, on Saturday October 28th.

Remembrances may be made to Care Dimensions Hospice, 75 Sylvan Street, Suite B-102, Danvers MA 01923 or www.caredimensions.org/giving.

May She Rest in Peace

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

From Autumn's Thrill to Winter's Chill: An Appreciation of November

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



I first noticed the commercials a few days before Halloween. Ads for layaway deals in bigbox stores began to pepper my television viewing experiences, replete with images of smiling Santas, rolling ornaments and the sound of chattering jingle bells. Whenever one of these commercials caught my eye, a familiar, tingling sense of anticipation crept over me as I thought of the pleasures of the holiday season: swirling snowflakes, cookies baking in the oven, Christmas carols on the radio, potato latkes on sale for Hanukkah, trees illuminated with dozens of twinkling lights. However, I soon brought myself back to reality. I looked outside at the last yellow leaves drifting down from bare branches, the cornstalks, and pumpkins decorating neighborhood homes. Halloween may be over, but we still have the whole month of November to enjoy! It is very tempting to dive into the pleasures of the holiday season early on, but the pulsating rhythms of the seasons and their unique feast days are meant to be experienced slowly, spiced with the trifecta of time, nature, and mindfulness. This desire to live the seasons to their fullest proves especially palpable in November. Rather than a mere segue to the frenzied month of December, November boasts its own fascinating customs and traditions. As a month which signaled the end of the harvest and ushered in the beginning of winter, Italians honor the many faces of November, and their insights can help us appreciate this time for its singular delights.

sober and silent. Its skies are thick gray blankets outlined by bare, black branches. Dead leaves collect in clumps across the wet ground. Night wraps its dark cloak around the Earth early in the evening, uninterrupted by the colorful holiday lights that start to appear much later in the month. Winter feels imminent as the first bewildered snowflakes spiral down from the slate-colored sky. This is the month when nature settles into a nap, slumbering until its rebirth in the spring. Old Italian proverbs, hailing from the days of a primarily agricultural society, speak of the month's chilly, bleak characteristics. A dictum stating "Per Ognissanti, mantello e guante" reminds Italians to start putting on their coats and gloves on All Saints' Day, or November 1st. Another maxim, "Per Santa Caterina, la neve si avvicina," warns that snow looms close around the time of November 25th, the feast day of St. Catherine. Some may find this transitional state of November, caught between the harvest of the autumn and the desolation of winter, downright dreary. However, I believe it perfectly fits the nature of the month. November was the month of Samhain for the ancient Celts, a month to honor the dead. It is befitting that the weather should match ponderous ruminations on mortality and life. I find November the perfect time to devote myself to solitude and tranquility, to recharge my energy before the hectic holiday season.

However, November also contains another side, one of warmth, family, and festivity. In At times, November can Italy, November marked the end appear to be a somber month, of the harvest. To celebrate this

occasion, villages across the country held communal feasts in order to enjoy the results of Earth's bounty. Oftentimes, these feasts became attached to particular saints' days. St. Martin's Day, or San Martino in Italian, occurs on November 11th and features banquets of goose, chestnuts, and the year's new wine. In fact, these foods feature in a notable Italian St. Martin's Day proverb: "Oca, castagne e vino per festeggiare San Martino!" Another feast, St. Andrew's Day, or Sant'Andrea, on November 30th, traditionally contained feasts of pork, commemorated in an Italian aphorism which states: "Da Sant'Andrea del maiale venticinque giorni a Natale.' This proverb not only reminds Italians of the customary pork dishes on St. Andrew's Day, but also speaks of the fact that Christmas is merely twenty-five days away! Here in the United States, Thanksgiving beckons us into the comforts of family and friends, of heartwarming reunions and copious food to share. The stores brimming with boughs of holly and jolly elves tease the goodwill and joy of the upcoming holiday season. Though November demonstrates that nature goes through periods when it is resting and devoid of growth, the love of good company and the generosity of the Earth help us overcome that.

Italians honor November with communal feasts and unique holidays. Yes, the temperatures may drop to a biting cold, and the first dustings of snow may glitter on the ground. However, November also brims with a plethora of traditions that enforce the warmth of family gatherings in the face of the approaching winter, from the sampling of new wine of St. Martin's Day to preparations for Christmas occurring at the end of the month. Since time immemorial, Italians knew that the best way to contend with the solemn, wintry tone of November was to revel in its unique characteristics, but also introduce joyous festivities to keep people full of hope and optimism. As the month progresses, we may become worried about a frigidly cold winter filled with heavy coats and thick scarves. However, during such moments of dreariness, we should remember that the bleak November weather offers a much-needed chance for relaxation and reflection, and that the light and gaiety of the holidays will soon be upon us!

Happy November!

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.

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# Running Out of Space, So What to Do?

Our Right to Shelter law is obviously outdated. There are simply too many human services providers who apparently never passed Math 101. I was surprised to hear some common sense from one provider who stated, "There's just too many people for too few units."

Mark DeJoie the head of Centerboard, Inc., says it like it is. We have an immigration crisis as a shelter system. Our shelter system was never anticipated to take in such a massive influx of migrants from our open southern borders. Thanks to the Democrats decision to open the flood gates to the world, providers are asked to do the impossible, and our elected officials have no idea at all how to handle this humanitarian crisis with continuous overflows almost on a daily

Many of our elected officials including Gov. Maura Healey say the status quo with housing so many recent migrants to Massachusetts is simply unsustainable without more help from Washington, DC. The logistics of a never-ending stream of migrants have driven Democrat mayors and governors to no end. Now, they know why Governors Abbott and DeSantis did what they did before we all became border states.

Once again, some housing policy and law groups say they are concerned with Healey's plan to limit capacity in the state's emergency system that are housing more and more migrants.

Under the current Right to Shelter law officials are mandated to provide migrants who cross over our state border and The Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, Law Reform Institute, and Citizens' Housing and Planning Association are telling the state that it "must continue to uphold that right. However, they offer no solutions to the lack of housing out there for anyone as the shelter systems are quickly running out of beds.

Congratulations to Peter Lucas for his latest Boston Herald column (October 23rd) in which he clearly points out that the original law was passed over 40 years ago and intended to house a small number of homeless families and pregnant women, not folks from other states or countries. Gov. Michael S. Dukakis signed it into law back in 1983, but it was never meant to be an invitation to the world's masses to come here, we got a place for you right here.

Our present governor keeps repeating this is a federal problem that deserves a federal solution, but she like many other Democrat officials won't say boo to our president about fixing things or taking ownership of this ongoing chaos. Until they do, they own this problem and let Democrats in Washington, DC off the hook.





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# These are Really High School 'SENIORS'

Meet the Oldest Known Alumni of America's Oldest Public High School

by Stan Hurwitz / stanhurwitz@gmail.com

If you add up the ages of these three alumni of The English High School of Boston — **Arthur Green, Frank Bellotti, and Enoch Woodhouse** — it would total more than 300 years.

Each is around 100 years old. None of them is really retired.

In addition to being EHS alumni, what else do they have in common? Each served in the military, each can boast of a solid family upbringing, and each keeps active in mind and body.

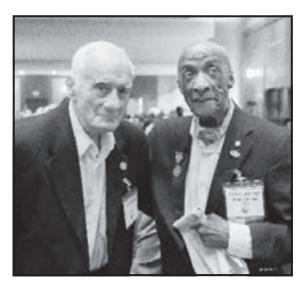
According to **Michael Thomas**, President/CEO of the EHS Association (EHSA), the school's alumni group, these are the oldest known alumni of the 202 year-old school, the first (oldest) free public high school in America. Today there are about 17,000 alumni spread across all 50 states.



Arthur "Harold" Green, '34

Arthur "Harold" Green, now 106, was a member of EHS Class of 1934. The school's oldest known living alumnus, Arthur is a lifelong baseball fan and likes to reminisce about watching Babe Ruth, Jackie Robinson and Lou Gehrig play in person. He served in the Army

during WWII and the Korean War, then worked as a mailman until 1972 when he began dabbling in real estate and freelancing as a wedding photographer. During the 2023 MLB season, he was featured on ABC's 'Play of the Day' on *Good Morning America*, throwing out the first pitch. It had been his dream since he turned 100!" His uniform number? 106, of course!



Frank Bellotti, '42 (left) and 'Woody' Woodhouse, '44



# The Massachusetts Department of Transportation invites you to attend

**In-Person Public Information Meetings** 

North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project
Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus

545 Medford St, Charlestown, MA 02129

**Wednesday, November 15, 2023** at 6:30 p.m. **Nazzaro Community Center** 

30 N Bennet St, Boston, MA 02113

The purpose of these two meetings is to update the public on construction activities on the North Washington Street Bridge. During the meetings, MassDOT will provide an overview of the estimated project milestones, including when traffic will begin shifting onto the new bridge. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments. Both meetings will share the same information. MassDOT is hosting two meetings to accommodate everyone's schedules as much as possible.

All residents, abutters, local business owners, and interested persons are invited to attend these meetings. There will be a presentation followed by a question-and-answer period. Spanish, Mandarin, and Cantonese interpreters will be available at the meeting held in Charlestown.

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657-368-8580。 如果需要使用其它語言了解信息,請聯系馬薩諸塞州交通部(MassDOT)《民權法》第六章專職人員,電話 857-368-8580。 His secrets to longevity? For years he bowled at least twice a week and keeps his mind active by doing crossword puzzles every day and reading the paper. His daughter says he doesn't eat especially well, but he does eat lots of fruit. Today Arthur lives independently in a senior facility in Baltimore and bowls on occasion. At a family outing, he rolled a 126, the highest score. In 1994, he attended his 60th EHS Reunion.

**Enoch 'Woody' Woodhouse II**, Class of 1944, who **recently turned 96**, enlisted in the Army immediately upon graduation. He eventually served in the Army Air Corps, precursor to the Air Force. After basic training, he was assigned to an all-black squadron and by age 19 was commissioned a second lieutenant. That fighter group became the Tuskegee Airmen. He was named paymaster for 992 pilots and 14,000 support personnel. Following active duty service, Woody joined the Massachusetts Reserves and retired as a USAF Lieutenant Colonel. He earned a law degree and practiced for many years. In 2007, the Tuskegee Airmen received the Congressional Gold Medal from President George W. Bush. In 2022, Woody was appointed Brigadier General by Gov. Charlie Baker. He's one of four recent EHS alums to achieve the rank of 'General.'

At EHS's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala in 2022, EHSA Board Chair Greg Hayes ('67) said, "Woody, you have earned the respect of your fellow classmates and from the generations that have followed in your footsteps. Thank you for living the values of our school's motto — Honor, Achievement and Service to Humanity. You are a role model for people young and old. It is my honor to present you with the Lifetime of Service Award on the occasion of the 200th Anniversary of our *alma mater*." Woody spends much of his time traveling to speaking engagements where he talks about his life, his years with the legendary Tuskegee Airmen, his lifelong support of equal rights, and giving advice to today's students.

On his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 3, 2023, both the *Boston Globe* and *Boston Herald* published tributes about Francis X. Bellotti, a Massachusetts icon who was elected Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General, and due to his reputation as a leader for civil rights, served as President of the National Association of Attorneys General. A member of the EHS Class of '42, this Roxbury native who was raised in Dorchester was a small kid, the son of Italian immigrants. He often had to fight off bullies which may have prepared him for his service during World War II as an intelligence officer in the elite Navy Scouts & Raiders that became the SEALs.

After the war, Frank graduated from Tufts University in 1947 and received his J.D. degree from Boston College. When not serving in government, Frank practiced law in Boston for several decades. He mentored many lawyers and was ahead of the curve on civil rights, environmental enforcement, and consumer protection. A key to his longevity, no doubt, is his lifelong devotion to fitness.

The father of 12 who was married for 73 years to his late wife Maggie, was honored in 2012 when the Quincy District Courthouse was named for him. Retired? Nope, Frank still has an office at Arbella Insurance Group which he helped to found and where he is currently Vice Chairman.

English High boasts many other alumni luminaries such as banker **J.P. Morgan**, actor **Leonard Nimoy**, auto magnate **Herb Chambers**, **Matthew Ridgway**, U.S. Army Supreme Allied Commander - Europe; and **Jordan Knight** of New Kids on the Block, among many others. The Class of 2023 saw alumni accepted at scores of prestigious higher ed institutions including Wellesley College, Simmons University and Norwich University. Who knows what the future holds ...

Do you know any EHS alumni who are close to 100 years of age? We're on the lookout for alumni from any year. Send contact info to Michael Thomas: mthomas@englishhighalumni.org / 781-956-4774For more info "Notable Alumni," englishhighalumni.org. To make a tax-deductible donation to EHSA: www. EnglishHighAlumni.org/donate-2/





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#### • Madonna della Cava Society Halloween (Continued from Page 1)



Roger with grandsons Deangelo and Giavanni







Emilia and Lola as slinky



Who has the winning ticket?





Charley Rose, Winthrop



Roger, Joe and Joey















D.J. Jason











(Photos by Gerri Palladino)



## Create Your Own Garden Soil

by Melinda Myers

Fall is filled with preparing gardens for the following season, raking leaves, and harvesting. Use plant trimmings and fall leaves to create raised beds and a quality planting mix without disturbing the existing soil. When you minimize or eliminate tilling, you'll increase organic matter in the soil, maintain and over time improve soil health and structure, save water, and boost plant growth.

This no-dig gardening technique employs sheet composting, also known as lasagna gardening, to create planting beds. Plant trimmings are used to create multi-layered beds like you would when building a compost pile. The mixture used is not as precise and you do not turn it like you would a compost pile.

Start your lasagna garden by measuring and marking the garden bed. Edge the outline of the garden bed, if needed, to slow the infiltration of the surrounding grass and weeds. Cut any grass and weeds in this area very short and cover with moist newspaper or cardboard to smother these unwanted plants. The grass, weeds, and paper layer will eventually decompose adding organic matter to the soil.

Sprinkle a layer of compost over the initial layer, if needed, to hold the newspaper or cardboard in place. Top this with four to ten inches of plant trimmings such as fall leaves, plant-based kitchen scraps, herbicide-free grass clippings, straw, or other similar materials. Sprinkle a low nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer over this layer to feed the microorganisms that will help convert the trimmings to a rich planting mix. Cover with an inch of compost. Repeat the layers, just like making lasagna, until



The bottom layer of a Hügelkultur garden consists of logs, branches, and fall leaves. (Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)

your garden is 18 to 24 inches high.

Fall is a great time to create your beds since you have an abundant supply of the needed ingredients. Or stockpile these ingredients until you have time to build the garden beds. You can plant transplants directly in your lasagna garden bed at the start of the season, even in a freshly built garden bed. Just sprinkle compost or potting mix on top of the beds when planting seeds.

Hügelkultur, or mound gardens, have been used in Germany for many years and take this one step further by placing the garden at a lower elevation and perpendicular to water runoff. The garden can be started in a trench or on the soil surface. Starting the garden below ground captures more stormwater runoff but may require extra tools, equipment or help with digging.

The garden can be any size and height depending on the available materials and your gardening goals. The sides can be steep or more gently sloped which reduces the risk of freshly planted seeds washing out during rainfall.

The bottom layer is made of logs, branches, and fall leaves. Do not include black walnut, which is toxic to many plants, or cedar and black locust which are very slow to decompose. The rotting logs and branches absorb water, making it available to the plants in the garden. As the tree trimmings decompose, they add nutrients to the soil. Research and experience show these woody plant materials do not deprive plants of needed nitrogen. Instead, it will provide the plants with needed nutrients for five to ten or more

Next, add the layers of a lasagna garden atop the bottom layer. Then top it all off with several inches of soil.

You can also use these methods to create the planting mix needed to fill raised bed structures. Not only will you save money, but you will put landscape trimmings to work, creating a quality planting mix for growing your favorite vegetables and flowers.

These beds gradually settle but the benefits remain. Add compost or repeat the sheet composting process as needed to maintain the desired depth.

Building a healthy soil foundation is a long-term solution to growing productive gardens with fewer pest problems that require less ongoing maintenance.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

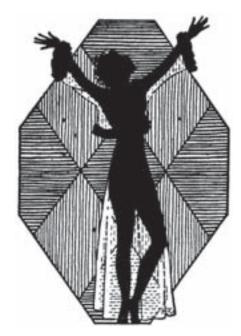


#### **YTT THAT SASS**

by Mary N. DiZazzo

**Black Hair** 





Ciao Bella,

It all started during a trip to Miami. The friend we were visiting brought us to a "flea market." It was all outdoors even the beauty salon and I could smell the odors so clearly.

Ahhhh, to smell all those wonderful familiar scents. It was a Black Salon only catering to black hair. There were braids and hot irons galore! The intricate scalp cuts were amazing. The whole experience was quite amazing. I could have stayed and stared all day!

Living in Boston my attention was brought to the girls and their styles. I've admired silver braids worn up and down. I've seen gorgeous braids twisted into glorious shapes.

Some gals do their own, however, many go to the Beauty Salon. It takes anywhere from two to ten hours to create these masterpieces. Hours at the Salon! Can you imagine?

So my Glamazons look around and admire Black Hair

Buona Giornata and God Bless the USA!

Read prior weeks' "All That Zazz" columns at www.allthatzazz.com. Mary is a third-generation cosmetologist. She may be contacted at mary@mary4nails.com

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#### 2023 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE #1

# MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE – DEAD RECKONING – PART ONE (4K Ultra HD Steelbook) Paramount Home Ent.

Labeled by many to be, "the biggest and best action movie of the year," the edge-of-your-seat, non-stop thrill ride Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning - Part One is now available to purchase on Digital for fans to watch at home. The blockbuster hit will now be available on 4K Ultra HD SteelBook, 4K Ultra HD, Blu-ray, and DVD on October 31st. Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) and his IMF team embark on their most dangerous mission vet: To track down a terrifying new weapon that threatens all of humanity before it falls into the wrong hands. With the fate of the world at stake, a deadly race around the globe begins. Confronted by a mysterious, all-powerful enemy, Ethan is forced to consider that nothing can matter more than his mission — not even the lives of those he cares about most. The film on Digital goes deeper into the mission with extensive, action-packed bonus content. Get an inside look at how Tom Cruise and the filmmaking team pulled off multiple breathtaking stunts, go behindthe-scenes of the exotic filming locations, delve into spectacular footage not seen in theatres, learn about the intricacies of the filmmaking process with director Christopher McQuarrie and editor Eddie Hamilton, and more! Bonus content includes:

#### Commentary by director Christopher McQuarrie and editor Eddie Hamilton —

McOuarrie and Hamilton take

viewers through each compelling scene with in-depth commentary. Abu Dhabi — Explore the exotic filming locations in the desert and at the international airport and discover how each thrilling sequence was shot. Rome — Take a behindthe-scenes look at the thrilling car chase through Italy's historic capital, as Tom Cruise's driving skills are pushed to the limit while handcuffed to Hayley Atwell! Venice — See the breathtaking city of Venice as it's never been shown on film. Plus, witness the cast's dedication and commitment to their training as they prepare to get "Mission Ready." **Freefall** — An extended behind-the-scenes look at one of the biggest stunts in cinema history. Watch neverbefore-seen footage of the rigorous training as Tom launches a motorcycle off a cliff. Speed Flying — Join Tom and the crew as they explain the various training techniques involved in pulling off the dangerous speed flying stunts in the film. **Train** — See how the climactic train sequence was captured on film. From building an actual train from scratch to crashing it using practical effects, you don't want to miss this!

#### WIN A FREE 4K ULTRA HD COPY OF MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE — DEAD RECKONING — Part One —

**RECKONING** — **Part One** — To be eligible to win one of the two free copies of this thrilling Tom Cruise film, name the titles of the six previous

Mission: Impossible films, and their year of release. Winner will be chosen from those with the correct answer. Email your entry, including name and phone number, with your six answers before Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, midnight deadline to: bobmorello@comcast.net. Thank you.

# DOLLY PARTON'S MOUNTAIN MAGIC CHRISTMAS (DVD) Warner Bros. Discovery Home Ent.

Just in time for the holidays, bring home an all-new holiday miracle with Dolly Parton's Mountain Magic Christmas. The magic and music with the highly anticipated holiday special featuring a powerhouse cast starring global icon Dolly Parton alongside Tom Everett Scott, Angel Parker, Mary Lane Haskell, and Ana Gasteyer. With a cast like this, Dolly Parton's Mountain Magic Christmas will get everyone in the holiday spirit. This modernday movie musical is about the making of a network TV special, and the frenetic backstage story and delightful oncamera results of Dolly's desire to uplift an exhausted world's spirits by sharing the unique "mountain magic" she has always found in and around Dollywood at Christmas. Throughout the movie's production numbers and rehearsal chaos, Dolly finds herself taking a private journey into her past, guided by the mysterious appearances of her personal Three Wise Men. When it's time for her big special to air live, a renewed and inspired Dolly goes rogue and shows the world that the real magic of Christmas lies in the hearts of the children we all once were, the realization that Christmas is about the people we share it with, and how her faith remains the common thread between Christmases past, present, and future. Bonus feature: A Holiday with Dolly! The Making of Mountain Magic Christmas.

#### SCROOGED (4K Ultra HD + Digital) Paramount Home Ent.

Comedy legend Bill Murray stars in the uproarious classic Scrooged, celebrating its 35th anniversary this year and arriving for the first time on 4K Ultra HD with never-before-released special features! Originally released on November 23, 1988, Scrooged is an outrageously funny take on a beloved Dickens tale that has become a perennial holiday favorite. The high-spirited and biting comedy follows a television executive with a heart of stone and features an all-star cast including Karen Allen, John Forsythe, Bobcat Goldthwait, Carol Kane, Robert Mitchum, and Alfre Woodard. Frank Cross (Bill Murray) is an uncaring and unforgiving television executive whose live production of A Christmas Carol is more important to him than any true meaning of Christmas. Before the night is over, he'll take a hilarious journey through his past and into the future to find redemption and put a little love in his heart.

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

# SENATOR LYDIA EDWARDS AN ARMY NATIONAL GUARD JAG OFFICER



Lydia Edwards (center) with Acting Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe (left) and Phil Boncore, former president of the Winthrop Town Council (right)

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

On Monday, October 30th, Sen. Lydia Edwards was sworn in as a JAG officer in the Massachusetts National Guard as a First Lieutenant, and later that evening, her family and friends celebrated a party for her over at Kelley's Square Pub. The place was packed with folks arriving to congratulate her on this latest chapter in her life.

#### ONE WEEKEND, THREE CITIES, 3 DEAD AND 41 INJURED

As I read page 16 of this past Monday morning's *NY Post*, I wondered how America became this bad. Three equally disturbing stories in Tampa, Indianapolis and on the west side of Chicago, which included three dead and forty-one injured. All of this senseless violence happened during or right after out-of-control Halloween parties.

Perhaps, we should ban all public Halloween parties or just ban guns at all such parties, huh? Do we think all the guns used at these parties were legal firearms, or just the possession of illegal firearms that the laws on the books cannot fix.

#### KEVIN KARLSON, RIP

Kevin Karlson, longtime radio host on WZLX-FM 100.7 CLASSIC ROCK and co-host of the Carlson, McKenzie & Heather Morning Radio Show passed away on October 27th in his sleep. I started listening to Kevin way back in my time machine during the late '90s into the 2000s over at The Eagle 93.7 FM, who was with this station since 2018.

Boston radio music fans are mourning his unexpected passing. He was only 59 years old and will be missed by radio music listeners and his coworkers on and off the air. The Eagles once said, "you can check out anytime you like but you can never leave." Kevin has left the hotel and is sadly never to return.

#### GAS PUMP PRICES

I always laugh driving around city neighborhoods to see what gas at the pump is. Seems like Forest Hills, Roslindale, and West Roxbury have the best prices going from \$3.32, \$3.35, or \$3.37 per gallon. All pretty good prices. Just outside of Boston across the Neponset Bridge, prices range between \$3.43 to \$3.55. However, in East Boston the cheapest prices is \$3.79, and Eastie has two gas stations pushing across the four-dollar mark. Both on

Meridian Street (\$4.29) near the Courthouse and (\$4.11) near the Meridian Street Bridge. The price down by the courthouse is the highest price in the city. Lowest price to be found is over in Dedham on Route 1, just past the West Roxbury-Dedham line at \$3.29. Isn't there something wrong about the wide-ranging prices?

#### NORTH END HALLOWEEN PARTY & PARADE

I was over in the North End this past Saturday to enjoy all the fun on Battery Street for the annual Children's Halloween Party sponsored by Madonna Della Cava. This year, it felt like summertime as parents and the kiddos showed up for the festivities and the anticipated Halloween Party as they took to the streets of the North End in their costumes.

I wondered why District A-1 of the Boston Police Department didn't send anyone down for the parade route, but various members of several societies did the public safety themselves. When was the last time this Halloween Party could have been followed by a beach chair at the closest beach for a good tan?

Sadly, as I observed the latest party ever for Halloween, it was actually bigger than the recent North End parade for Columbus Day. How sad that is, huh?

#### REMEMBER THE FERRIES

The North End to East Boston ferries will be running until November 30th. After that, it is back to the Blue Line or your own vehicle. I so enjoyed the return of the harbor ferry this summer and took it often. I know the entire crew by their name, and they all know mine.

# PENCE DROPS OUT OF RACE You know I wonder why Mike

You know I wonder why Mike Pence even got into the race. He had to be the worst vice president I ever saw. After the 2020 election, I wondered what did this guy ever add to the ticket in 2020 or even 2016. He just needs to go away and toss his halo he likes to wear.

#### DONALD TRUMP IS STARTING TO GIVE ME A HEADACHE

Why can't Donald Trump learn not to act as if he's in kindergarten. Making cracks about Pence, as he does with everyone else, just makes him look immature.

#### PIZZA RAT VS. DONUT RAT

Last week, a NYC subway rat was spotted dragging a glazed doughnut along the tracks on a lower Manhattan station to share with another rat. This rat eagerly dragged the treat to a nearby rat friend of his. This rat making a delivery was caught on video and posted to TikTok. This video reminded many commuters of NYC's Pizza Rat who became an Internet sensation for dragging an extra-large slice of pizza down the subway stairs in 2015.



A photo taken Halloween morning at work at Quincy High School. I borrowed this hat from a student, many of whom dressed up for Halloween.

I call this the "Man in the yellow hat."

(Photo by Sarah Lane)

#### **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. SU23P2372EA

Estate of SOFIA TAGLIERI Date of Death: August 23, 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 Maria Yotti of Staunton, VA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Maria Yotti of Staunton, VA 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 11, 2023.

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

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

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

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

Date: October 30, 2023

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate Run date: 11/03/2023



by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Last week, I was talking about a trip to Italy back in the day. My best friend, the late Sal Meli had gone to Sicily to visit his parents and I chose to join them around the beginning of July (1972). He, his father, and his Uncle Gus took the northbound train to Palermo and intercepted me at the Falcone Borsellino Airport. Not wanting to take the train south to Agrigento, I rented a car from Maggiore, the Avis of Italy. The car was a yellow FIAT 127, big enough for 4 adults, but with standard shift and no air conditioning. I was the only one of the group that could drive a standard shift vehicle so I drove south in the summer heat.

The car had a license plate that began with NA and then a set of numbers. This meant that the car was registered in Naples, or Napoli. If it had been a car registered in Palermo, the plate would have started with PA. I knew nothing of the Italian registration system at this point in time, and after all of the paper work was completed, and an overnight stay in Palermo was enjoyed, we headed for the highway that ran north to south.

En route to the southern city of Agrigento, we were stopped by two state police officers.

It seems that a yellow FIAT with a Naples license plate had been stolen in Naples and was reported to be somewhere in Sicily. The two officers treated me verbally as if I was a criminal until both Sal's father and his Uncle Gus flashed badges, pinned in their wallets, in the faces of the two men that stopped us. The cops immediately snapped to attention as both men got out of the car. They were retired police officers and had served in the Italian army during WWII and had badges and documents to prove who they were.

The Italian policemen were chastised for the way they treated us, and after the rental documents were shown to them, they apologized for their behavior. As we drove away, the two officers stood at attention and saluted us. I said to both Sal's father and uncle, "You two men must be important." They both responded, "We used to be."

As I drove south, we passed the mountain town of Corleone, a town that would become famous a few months later due to the film The Godfather, I expressed my need for water. The temperature was over 100 degrees and my throat was parched. Sal's father knew of a natural spring that was en route, where an old fashion

hand pump would relinquish cold water. Following Sal's father's (Carmelo) directions, I headed right on a dirt road and found the location. There were boxes of paper cups near the pump for one and all to use, thanks to locals who left them there for thirsty passersby. I stopped near the pump, jumped out of the car, picked up an unused cup and began to pump water into it. Just then, someone grabbed me from behind. Being originally a street kid from East Boston and the North End, I spun around to defend myself from the assailant. It was a good thing that I had control and stopped myself from hitting the man who was about five feet tall, and wearing a bandana around his neck and what looked like a state trooper's hat on his head. He was holding a rope with a donkey on the other end. He yelled back, "What are you doing, my donkey was before you." I had to wait for the donkey to drink from the trough that was below the pump before I could obtain a glass of water. (Sicilian logic of the day) Sal, his father and uncle, were laughing hysterically

as the episode unfolded. Finally, it was my turn. The little man with the "sceccu" {shecku} (the Sicilian word for donkey) tipped his hat and they both ambled away.

As we returned to our trip south, I asked Sal's father about the word sceccu. I said that, to me, the word for donkey was either asino or chucho. He replied that sceccu was strictly Sicilian, and came into existence hundreds of years ago when North African Arabs inhabited Sicily and the locals used the word sceccu to identify them as sheiks riding on donkeys. Years later, after the Arabs were gone, the word applied to only the donkeys.

When we finally arrived in Agrigento, it was dinnertime. After three helpings of homemade pasta al forno and a couple of glasses of homemade wine, I was ready for bed.

While resting, I heard Sal's mother on the phone with someone saying, "I'll bring the professor to your house tomorrow morning. The next day, Maria, Sal's mother told me that her aunt was the matriarch of the town, and out of respect, I was going to meet her.

After morning coffee, we walked a few blocks to what looked like a Victorian mansion and were greeted by the maid. She ushered us into what looked like a ballroom where a diminutive lady dressed in black sat on a high back chair.

I was summoned to sit next to the elderly woman who began asking me questions: family name, where my people came from in Italy, where we lived in America, my level of education, etc. Finally, she asked my age and I responded with, "33." She than asked why I wasn't married and I responded with, "I enjoy being single, and haven't met anyone I wanted to spend the rest of my life with." The old lady then said, "We'll have to change that and clapped her hands twice. A door opened and a parade of single girls, most over the age of 18, paraded by. (Each had a better mustache than I did.) I screamed at Sal, "Get me the Hell out of here," and he roared with laughter.

We lasted out the day, but the events of that morning hastened our departure on the following day. We piled our suitcases in the trunk of the yellow FIAT and headed east, zigzagging across Sicily looking at Greek ruins that had been on the island since the centuries before the rise of Rome, when Sicily was a province of Greece.

A week later, we were on the east coast of Sicily and began our northerly run starting in Siragusa, then Catania, then Messina. One of the main stops was at Mt. Etna, a volcano that had erupted about two weeks before we got there. I actually climbed to the top and looked into the caldron of molten lava. Once we were in Messina, I booked passage for us on the ferry that goes from Messina to Reggio, Calabria, a city on the toe of the Italian boot. The ferry carries trains on one deck, cars and trucks on another and passengers on a third. Once on the mainland, I told Sal that I would like to visit a friend from Watertown who was visiting his family in Catanzaro, Calabria. He agreed, and we headed along the southern coast of the peninsula.

That trip would last the entire summer and I would not return to Boston until Labor Day. By then, I had many stories to tell Babbononno to add to the postcards I had sent him from everywhere I had been. He couldn't believe how Italy had evolved since he left in 1896.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

## Remember Your Loved Ones



The Post-Gazette accepts memorials throughout the year.

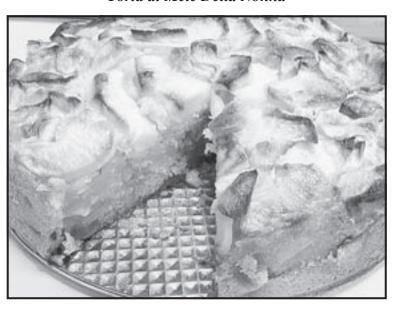
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Almost all Italian grandmothers have their own special recipe for Italian Torta di Mele (Apple Cake). When you think of the abundance of apple orchards there are in Northern Italy, producing some of the world's finest apples, it certainly comes as no surprise! Unlike American apple cakes that are mainly batter and spices, Italian Apple Cakes are all about the apples and contain very little batter. The main ingredients for this traditional Italian dessert include apples, flour, sugar, eggs, oil or butter, milk, baking powder, and flavoring, which is most often lemon zest.

My Nonna had a huge apple tree in her backyard, and she and I made many delicious desserts with these apples. Among them were a variety of cakes and pastries. Of all the torta's, Nonna seemed to favor her Sicilian Apple Cake, made with raisins and walnuts, the best. While I preferred her plain, simple and easy to make version. 'Nonna's Apple Cake' is perfect to have for breakfast on a crisp fall morning, and even more delicious served warm with a scoop of vanilla gelato or ice cream, for dessert!

#### NONNA'S APPLE CAKE Torta di Mele Della Nonna



5-6 large Golden Delicious (or Cortland) apples, peeled, cored, and cut into 1/4-inch slices

 $\frac{1}{2}$  large lemon, juiced

2 extra-large eggs

1 cup granulated sugar

zest of ½ large lemons 1/3 cup whole milk

7 tablespoons butter, melted and cooled

1 3/4 cup all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

 $2 ext{-}3$  tablespoons cold butter, cut into  $1/4 ext{-}inch$  cubes

2-3 tablespoons granulated sugar confectioners sugar (for dusting top of cake)

Preheat the oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 9-inch springform pan, set aside. In a medium bowl, toss together the apples and lemon juice (prevents browning) and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, add the eggs and sugar, and beat until pale yellow. Stir in the lemon zest, and sift in the flour, baking powder and salt. Add the cooled melted butter and milk, and fold together gently. Take just a little over half of the apples and using a spatula, fold them into the batter, and then pour into the prepared springform pan. Layer the remaining apples on top of this mixture in a decorative spiral form. Sprinkle 2-3 tablespoons of sugar on top of apples, and then evenly scatter the 1/4-inch cold butter cubes on top of the sugar (the apples will caramelize). Bake for about 1 hour and 10 minutes, or until the cake is golden brown on top and the sides are slightly pulling away from the pan. Cool for about 10 minutes before removing the sides of the pan. Sift confectioners sugar over the top, slice, and serve. Refrigerate leftovers.

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

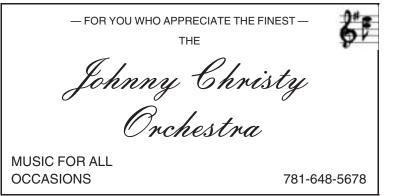


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# THOUGHTS BY DAN **ABOUT THIS & THAT**

with Daniel A. DiCenso

#### A Visit to Iceland

Part 1: An Introduction

Iceland is one of those rapidly decreasing places on Earth that are a testament to the beauty of raw nature unaided by the commodities of man. It is nature herself in all her merciless ruggedness and unforgiving severity. But is also nature at her most majestic and her unmitigated glory, offering rewards to those who approach her on her own terms.

The Vikings who first set foot on the shores of this small island braved the frigid air, the gales and the sterile soil, but soon found that livestock fared better than crops. And now the Icelandic pony is a source of national pride. Indeed, for such a remote and largely unsettled place, few creatures have flourished in Iceland. The arctic fox was the only land mammal present when the Norsemen arrived and the species continues to thrive in Iceland. A thousand years later reindeer would be imported from Norway but have largely vanished from the western part of the island. Occasionally a wayward bat finds its way to Iceland, but a colony has never been established. Polar bears have made surprise appearances adrift from Greenland, but they are rare visitors and never stay long.

Today, roughly 36% (about 140,000 people) of the Icelandic population lives in Reykjavík, the capital and largest city. The word "city," however, conveys images hardly befitting to the quaint but lively cultural center of Iceland. Indeed, much like Iceland offers sights like nowhere else on Earth so Reykjavík is a city like no other. There is a surprisingly strong presence of American chains. On my drives around I saw a Taco Bell, Domino's, and the first American fast food chain to open in Iceland, Kentucky Fried Chicken, which has increased its presence in Iceland since first opening there in 1980. McDonald's, however, disappeared from Iceland in 2009. However, its bakeries are the real jewel of Icelandic cuisine.

Reykjavík alone is worth a trip over but a visit to Iceland cannot be complete without venturing to see its natural

beauty. A car is a necessity to venture outside of the city, however, and the weather and the very roads can be a challenge. And yet, these occasionally treacherous journeys are an integral part of the Icelandic experience.

From Boston, a flight to Iceland is not much longer in length than a drive to New York and the very ease to fly over may be what has kept me putting off a visit there for so many years. I am glad I went when I did, however as it is a once in a lifetime experience benefiting from experiences in extreme environments. Packing for a journey requires more precautionary items than normal.

Despite its superficially barren landscape and small size, Iceland is packed with more natural wonders around its famed Golden Ring than one can see almost anywhere else. Glaciers and icebergs share a home with volcanoes and hot springs. This tiny island is a triumphant display of what planet Earth has to offer for those who dare to venture.

# **l**eri e Oggi

Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

#### All Saints Day



The Feast of All Saints Day is celebrated by the Church on November 1st of each year. It was instituted to honor all the saints, known and unknown, and, according to Pope Urban IV, to supply any deficiencies in the faithful's celebration of saints' feasts during the year.

In the early days Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecutions of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. But the Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all.

At first, only martyrs and St.

John the Baptist were honored by a special day. Other saints were added gradually, and increased in number when a regular process of canonization was established; still, as early as 411 there is in the Chaldean Calendar a commemoration for the Friday after Easter. In the west, Pope Boniface IV, May 13, 609, or 610, consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs, ordering an anniversary. Pope Gregory III (731-741) consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter to all the saints and fixed the anniversary for November 1. A basilica of the Apostles already existed in Rome, and its dedication was annually remembered on May 1. Gregory IV (827-844) extended the celebration on November 1st to the entire Church.

#### • MBTA November Service Changes (Continued from Page 1)

passengers can connect to Orange Line subway.

- A shuttle bus will also provide service between Reading and Anderson/Woburn for connections to the Lowell Line and Haverhill Line.
- The shuttle service between Reading and Oak Grove will stop in Wakefield, Greenwood, Melrose Highlands, Melrose Cedar Park, Wyoming Hill, and Oak Grove.
- North Wilmington Station will not have shuttle bus service with passengers encouraged to utilize Lowell Commuter Rail Line service at Wilmington Station instead.
- Train service for passengers between Ballardvale and Haverhill will be re-routed

along the Lowell Line after Ballardvale, making one additional stop at Anderson/ Woburn and then running express to North Station. Riders desiring service to or from Reading and Oak Grove should disembark at Anderson/Woburn and board the shuttle bus service.

■ A dedicated diversion schedule will be in effect and is available on *mbta.com*.

Riders can find more information on service changes through in-station signage, in-station public announcements, and at mbta.com/alerts. Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA for up-to-date service information.

The MBTA previously announced service changes in October. More information is available at https://www. mbta.com/news/2023-09-19/ october-service-changes

The MBTA apologizes for the inconvenience of these scheduled service changes and appreciates the understanding and patience of riders as this critical and necessary work to maintain, upgrade, and modernize the system takes place.

For more information, please visit mbta.com, or connect with the T on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA and @ MBTA\_CR, Facebook / TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

# Saint Maura of Troyes

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Maura was born in 827 to a noble family in Troyes, France, and from a child, devoted herself to prayer. As a young girl, she converted her father Mauranus, who had previously lived a worldly life, to Christianity. After his death, Maura continued to live at home, praying, serving the poor, and caring for her mother, who was named either Seluca or Sedulia. Her example was also credited with her brother Eutropius' strong faith, who later went on to become bishop of Troyes.

When not praying or serving the poor, Maura greatly enjoyed helping local priests and meeting the needs of the Troves Cathedral: she would make sacred vestments, trim the candles, fill oil lamps and prepare wax and other things

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for the altar. In fact, Bishop Prudentius of Troyes, a personal friend, wore an alb spun and woven by her.

Maura spent every morning in church, praying. She fasted Wednesday and Friday, sustaining herself only on small amounts of bread and water. Sometimes, she would walk several miles to visit her spiritual director at his monastery. Often while praying, tears would stream from her eyes, reflecting the joy and wonder of her relationship with God. It is believed that her piety made her the instrument of many miracles, but she did not want to make her gifts known.

Maura passed away on September 21, 850, at the age of 23. She was buried in the cemetery of Château-Nore-de-Troyes. The feast day of Saint Maura of Troyes is September 21, she is the Patroness of Troyes.

• **News Briefs** (Continued from Page 1)

noise coming from the egg on two-state solution is an "aspira-September 7th, but noticed she hadn't emerged from the casing. Video shared by SeaWorld shows the hatching's struggle and failure to break through the membrane. SeaWorld first poked a hole in the egg, but finally needed to break the chick out of the shell after five days when it became clear the chick was trapped inside.

Turns out the chick had a beak malformation that impeded its hatching. The young bird now is reportedly gaining weight.

#### Biden's Post-War Vision for Mid-East War

Apparently, the Biden Administration's postwear vision is a Two-State solution. However, a two-state solution is a nonstarter for both sides of this issue. Aaron David Miller, who served as an advisor on Middle East issues to Democratic and Republican administrations,

tional talking point," and added, "the odds are very, very low. It's essentially mission impossible."

#### **End Quotes**

"I do. I think most of us do. This is not a personal slight to him. It has to do with age and acumen and everyone's

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given by McGarvey Towing of 1481 Broadway, Saugus, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following abandoned vehicle on or after November 04, 2023 beginning at 10:00 AM by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicle is being stored at McGarvey Towing.

2012 FORD E-350 SUPER DUTY VIN # 1FTSE3EL1CDB34544 Signed

Stephen McGarvey Owner, McGarvey Towing Run dates: 10/20, 10/27, 11/03/2023

Staff detected movement and said Biden's emphasis on a different. Everyone ages differently."

> – House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-LA

"Do you see in Joe Biden a cognitive decline and if so, is that a danger to the country"?

– Fox News host Sean Hannity

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Notice is hereby given by Rigano's Towing Service, 1081 Fellsway, Malden, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicle on or after November 04, 2023 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicle is being stored at Rigano's Towing Service.

2010 MERCEDES BENZ C300 VIN # WDDGF8BB4AR102477 Signed

Basil Rigano Owner Run dates: 10/20, 10/27, 11/03/2023

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given by Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after November 18, 2023 beginning at 9:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

2008 HYUNDAI SANTA FE VIN # 5NMSG13D38H144274 **2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRA** VIN # 5NPDH4AE0DH337837 2012 FIAT 500

VIN # 3C3CFFBRCT104859 Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed by appointment only.

> Signed Todisco Services, Inc. Run dates: 11/03, 11/10, 11/17/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801

(781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI23C1132CA

In the Matter of MARYANNE THERESA UCCELLO-FLYNN CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Maryanne Theresa Uccello-Flynn of Woburn, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Maryanne Theresa Uccello.

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 November 17, 2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 20, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 11/03/2023

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#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given by Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after November 11, 2023 beginning at 9:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

2009 HONDA CIVIC VIN # 2HGFA16889H344311 2013 CHEVROLET CRUZE

VIN # 1G1PC5SB6D7325937 2004 DODGE RAM

VIN # 1D7HU16D64J171526 2003 TOYOTA RAV4

VIN # JTEHH20V236079039 **2012 FORD FOCUS** VIN # 1FAHP3F21CL218742

2007 CHEVROLET IMPALA

VIN # 2G1WT55K579274148 2007 HYUNDAI TUCSON

VIN # KM8JN12D67U616828 2017 CHEVROLET EQUINOX

VIN # X2GNALBEK1H1559792

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

Signed
Todisco Services, Inc.
Run dates: 10/27, 11/03, 11/10/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 39A, that on November 14, 2023 at 10AM, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

2001 VW PASSAT, BLACK VIN # WVWMA63B2XF156083

2017 TRITON TRAILER, SILVER VIN # 4TCSM1110HH502145

Kevin Barcelos 208 Milton Rd. Warwick, RI 02888

2010 FORD FUSION, BLACK VIN # 3FAHP0HAXAR142519 Daniel R. Generoso 60 Pacific St. #3

Rockland, MA 02370

2016 RAM 1500, WHITE

VIN # 166RR7NT9GS365100

Tammy Lombard

14R Phillips Rd.

2008 FORD EDGE, BLACK VIN # 2FMDK38C98BB04858 Jefferson Delacruze 2 Sanger St., #4

Derry, NH 03038

Medford, MA 02155

2010 SUBARU LEGACY, GOLD VIN # 4S3BMBC65A3227015 Manish K. C 3 Collins St. Danvers, MA 01923

& Sebastiano Paret 576 Lincoln Ave. Saugus, MA 01906

2008 DOUE BOAT TRAILER, BLACK

VIN # 5DKPB1312CN029448 Daniel L. Freitas 169 Scotland Rd. Newbury, MA 01951

Run dates: 10/27, 11/03, 11/10/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

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

Docket No. MI23D2988DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING CHRISTIAN JAMES BECK

vs. ANDRES FELIPE SEPULVEDA

To the Defendant:

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

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Christian J. Beck, 345 Salem St., Medford, MA 02155 your answer, if any, on or before November 29, 2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: October 18, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 11/03/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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

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

Docket No. MI17P6284EA

Estate of BARBARA J. MULDOON Date of Death: November 12, 2017 INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Ellen M. Harrington of Boston, MA.

Ellen M. Harrington of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Successor 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: 11/03/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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

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

Docket No. MI21P6061EA

Estate of BARRY E. MURPHY Date of Death: November 05, 2020 INFORMAL PROBATE

**PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

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

Maribeth Ladd of Cambridge, 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: 11/03/2023



# **EXTRA** Innings

by Sal Giarratani





# Frank Howard Frank Howard Was a Gentile Giant

In the '50s and '60s, Frank Howard, all six-foot-seven of him, was a top slugger across both baseball leagues and played outfield, first base, and pinch hitter before the DI rule was added to the game. Howard died this past Monday from complications of a stroke at the age of 87. His career began in 1958 with the Dodgers, but after seven years, he was traded to the Washington Senators and

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
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Docket No. MI23C1144CA
In the Matter of
ESMERALDA LUZ CONTRERAS
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Minor in

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Esmeralda Luz Contreras of Malden, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Emma Luz Vazquez.

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 November 21, 2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court Date: October 30, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 11/03/2023

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

Docket No. MI23P5702EA

Estate of
GEORGE ORBIS BUFFINGTON
Also Known As
GEORGE O. BUFFINGTON
Date of Death: August 27, 2023

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Brian

L. Buffington of Allen, TX, a Will has been

**INFORMAL PROBATE** 

admitted to informal probate.

Brian L. Buffington of Allen, TX 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: 11/03/2023



The Three Amigos from the East Boston Little League program were enjoying the day talking to kids and parents about playing baseball. Shown in photo, left to right are Brian Lynch, Nick Free (president), and Tommy Welch

became a fixture in D.C. baseball. He retired from baseball in 1973. He then embarked on a coaching journey that featured a 116-game stint as Mets manager in 1983 and then went to work as a coach for the Yankees and the Rays. He also managed the Padres in 198. He coached with the Yankees in 1989 and from 1991-1993.

Howard was listed as 6-7, 255 but despite his size, he was regarded as a "gentle giant." He appeared in 8 games for the Dodgers and nine in '59, and his first full season was 1960 when he hit .268 with 23 homers and 77 RBIs, and won Rookie of the Year honors. In 1962, he helped the Dodgers beat the Yankees in the World Series. He played in four All-Star games with the Senators and finished his career with 382 homers, many of them tape measure whacks. In 1968 and 1970, he hit 44 homers both seasons and hit 48 in 1969. In one stretch of 20 at bats, he hit 10 homeruns in '58 with the Senators. Before the Senators relocated to Texas becoming the Rangers, Howard had the final hit by a Senator player.

He spent 1972 with the Rangers and later that season he was traded to the Tigers,

mostly as a pinch hitter. When you think of Howard, you think of his brute strength with the Dodgers and Senators.

Back as a kid, baseball had some great sluggers and many of them made the Hall of Fame and many others, not so. Howard shoulda been in baseball's Cooperstown shrine.

#### East Boston Little League are Already Registering for Spring Season

I guess it's never too soon to get ready for the spring season of Little League Baseball. The league bigwigs set up a table during the city's Open Streets event along Bennington Street on October 15th. Hopefully, they signed up plenty of good prospects out there on this open street day. They had free t-shirts, too. They even gave me one to help advertise their Little League as I roam across the East Boston landscape.

#### Clemente Award to Judge

Before Game 3 of this year's World Series, Yankees slugger Aaron Judge was at Chase Field where he was named winner of the Roberto Clemente Award, MLB's top humanitarian recognition. He was cited for his All Rise Foundation, which he began in 2018 and benefits the community of San Joaquin County, CA and the Bronx.

#### 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. MI22D3299DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

AMANDA K. DeSOUZA PERES vs. FABIANO P. PERES

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B.
The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Matthew T. Desrochers, Esq., Law Offices of Matthew T. Desrochers, PC, 274 Main St., Suite 208, Reading, MA 01867 your answer, if any, on or before November 29, 2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 18, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 11/03/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way

Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI22D1498DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

SOLANYER ARIAS RIVERA vs. JOVANNY RIVERA

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

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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 Solanyer Arias Rivera, 381 Pleasant Street, Apt. 2, Dracut, MA 01826 your answer, if any, on or before November 21, 2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court..

Date: October 10, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 11/03/2023



#### Tony Galento Vs. Al Ettore It Should Have Taken Place in an Alley

"Two Ton" Tony Galento is best known for his losses to Joe Louis and Max Baer. One of the reasons for this is the fact that these have been the only fights of his that are widely available on film with the exception of a few seconds of his win over Lou Nova. Recently, the excellent YouTube channel Legends of Boxing put up footage from another of Galento's fights, this one a victory over Al Ettore.

The fight took place in Nutley, NJ on July 27, 1937. Al Ettore had unsuccessfully challenged Joe Louis for the Heavyweight Championship the previous year and was struggling to get himself back into contention. Galento had been tapping at the door of being a contender, but in his pre-

vious three fights had dropped two decisions to Arturo Godoy and fought a draw with Eddie Mader. This was an important fight for both men.

Galento's weight for the bout is listed as 232 pounds, though he looks trimmer than usual. Ettore came in at 191 pounds, around his typical fighting weight. The footage which looks like it may have been taken with a home movie camera is actually quite clear.

While the entire fight is not shown, there is

quite enough to show Galento at his savage best. Tony never cared much for the rule books and that is clearly on display here.

Al Ettore was on the receiving end of a vicious beating that included head butts, kidney punches, rabbit punches, and thumbs in the eyes. Galento was all over him as if the fight was taking place on the proverbial Pier Six. To top things off, the three ropes on the ring were extremely loose.

After being beaten from post to post for seven rounds, Ettore was dropped twice in the eighth round. However, he wasn't just

floored. Both knockdowns saw him put clean out of the ring, a victim of Galento's brutal assault and the loose ring ropes. In fact, on the second trip out Ettore landed in the first row but still managed to get back into the ring. Shades of Dempsey vs Firpo. Shortly thereafter, the referee called a halt to the massacre.

To say the rules weren't enforced would be an understatement. This was not a boxing match, but rather an assault. It is also proof that Tony Galento was one of the roughest customers ever to put his fists to use in or out of the ring.

When Tony was first getting into professional boxing, Jack Dempsey considered managing

him. Jack saw the raw talent and felt that with the proper instruction Galento could be turned into a top contender. Well, Tony did go on to become a top contender but without Dempsey's

Jack had asked the great Ray Arcel to guide Tony and transform this diamond in the rough into a well-oiled fighting machine. It didn't take long for Arcel to realize it was a waste of time. Galento was not going to change.

The following is taken from the website Boxrec and tells not only the story of Arcel and Galento, but also an encounter between Jack Dempsey and Two Ton:



When Jack Dempsey became Galento's manager in 1933, the former champion asked Ray Arcel to train the young heavyweight. "I told Jack it was a waste of time and money," Arcel recalled years later, "but he was convinced that Galento could be a world beater and so, since we were friends, I agreed."

One day, Dempsey quietly strolled into Stillman's Gym and walked up to the balcony while Galento went through the motions of working out. Arcel recalled that Galento "was fatter than ever, hopelessly out of condition, and quite obviously doing nothing about it. . . . He didn't see Dempsey and continued waddling around the ring, clowning and wisecracking as he fooled with his sparring partners. After watching for a

couple of rounds, Dempsey came down to ringside. He was wearing a beautifully cut light gray suit, tan and white shoes, and white silk shirt. When Tony caught sight of him, he gave him a big hello. 'You look like a million bucks dis afternoon,' he says to him. 'Never mind how I look, you big bum,' Dempsey answers. 'Let's see you do some work.' "

When Galento continued to loaf, Dempsey asked Arcel for some boxing gloves. "He took off his coat and stripped right down to his white silk mono-

> grammed underpants and vaulted into the ring," Arcel said. "Now, Tony," Dempsey told Galento, "I'll show you how we used to do it."

> "What he did to Galento in those three minutes was nobody's business," Arcel remembered. "He ripped punches into the pudgy torso from all angles, split his lips with a terrific left, and sent the blood squirting from his nose with a right."

> Even when Galento threw his arms up for Dempsey to stop, Arcel said, the former heavyweight champion kept going. "He chased after him, throwing punches until I called time. Still

breathing easily, Dempsey ducked under the ropes and began to dress while Galento stood shaking his head in a semi-daze and trying to wipe the blood from his face with the back of his boxing gloves. When dressed, Dempsey gave him one contemptuous look. 'That's how we used to fight, Galento,' he said. 'Now I'm through with you. You can find yourself another manager.' Then he turned to me and said, 'You were right, Ray. It's a waste of time trying to make a champ out of this chump." "

Well, Dempsey was right to walk away from Galento, but he was wrong about him being a chump. After beating Ettore, Galento won

> his next nine fights, all by knockout, and got a shot at Joe Louis for the crown. He did manage to drop Louis before taking a vicious beating and being stopped in the 4th round.

> Galento was crude and unorthodox, but he also knew how to fight, had power in both hands, and had great instincts in the ring, though those instincts included many foul tactics.

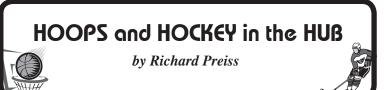
> There is no telling how far he might have gone had he been able to discipline himself and taken instruction from the likes of a Ray Arcel. But then again, had he, he wouldn't have been Two Ton Tony Galento.





Two Ton Tony

Galento and Jack Dempsey



VENI, VIDI, VICI — "I came, I saw, I conquered" was the famous quote attributed to Julius Caesar. But a version of the well-known statement could well apply to the Bruins as they moved into November following their impressive start in the month of October.

Yes, sir, the B's sizzled right out of the starting gate, chalking up an excellent 8-0-1 record as the calendar flipped from Halloween Night to All Saints Day.

That translated into a stellar 17 out of a possible 18 points accumulated by the Bruins in their first nine games, good enough for a lofty view from atop the standings in the Eastern Conference. They were only exceeded by the Vegas Golden Knights, the crew now coached by former Bruins mentor Bruce Cassidy, who held the overall top spot in the NHL with a 9-0-1 mark that set the pace for the 32-team league.

But where the Bruins really were out in front was in their goaltending with netminders Jeremy Swayman and Linus Ullmark yielding only a stingy 14 tallies across those nine contests. That was the fewest allowed in the entire NHL and was a major reason why the B's blasted out of the starting blocks in such an impres-

Indeed, Swayman held second place as 2023 entered its eleventh month with an excellent 1.26 goals against average and a .957 save percentage to go with his perfect 4-0 record. Ullmark also had been impressive, ranking fifth in the circuit with a great 1.77 goals against average and a .939 save percentage packaged into a 4-0-1 mark.

"Our goaltending is why we are 8-0-1," was head coach Jim Montgomery's succinct assessment of why his team was at the top in the Eastern Conference with everyone else gazing upward.

The Bruins were also pretty good at scoring goals, sending 29 tallies into the nets of the opposition during October. On that count there was none better than David Pastrnak. The forward found the range for eight tallies during the month and also added six assists for a team-leading 14 points.

Perhaps the game that generated the most interest was the one that was played on October 30th. That matchup was against the Florida Panthers, the team that had eliminated the Bruins in the first round of the playoffs back on April 30th.

Now, exactly six months later, came a rematch of sorts. And it did not disappoint.

Recall that the Bruins actually led in Game Seven by a goal with one minute to go in regulation before Florida won in overtime. The rematch featured the B's coming back from being down 2-0 in the early going to score twice and force overtime before winning on Pavel Zacha's goal in OT.

Interviewed following the victory, team captain Brad Marchand, who scored a goal in the second period, played down any special significance being attached to the outcome.

'These are the kind of games that you have to win coming down the stretch into the playoffs but right now it is just another two points. It is not going to change anything from last year," stated Marchand. "This is just one regular season game."

He continued: "At the end of the day Florida ended up in the exact same spot we did — just a month later. Only one team wins and it really doesn't matter if you lose in the fourth round or the first round. Unless you win the Cup you don't achieve your goal. This season has no bearing on that."

We differ with some of his observations. Yes, it did matter that the Bruins were sitting on the sidelines for the remaining three rounds of the playoffs while the Panthers fought and clawed their way to the Stanley Cup Final against Vegas. It is true that Florida did not win the Cup. But think of all the excitement and euphoria that was experienced by everyone (including the players) caught up in the electricity that swept through the southern portions of Florida as the team continued on its path to the final round.

Compare that to the shock, sadness and sense of emptiness that enveloped Bruins Nation in a cloud of darkness.

And we are confident Bruins management would think likewise along with these additional considerations:

The refunding of tickets that had been sold for the remaining rounds of the playoffs, no fans buying food and beverages at the concessions and far fewer sales both at the official pro shop and the businesses in the vicinity of the Garden. Not to mention all the really good will that would have been generated in the region if the B's had played into June.

Anyway, Marchand is now focused on this season. "We are trying to build something completely new. We have a much different group — a lot of new guys and we are trying to build something new. Obviously there is a foundation for this team that has been built long before this year and it is something that we want to continue to improve upon."

Although there were eight players on the Opening Night roster that were not here last April that has made a difference in a positive way. The early road trip can be looked upon as a team bonding experience that led to the Bruins winning all six games.

"There is a culture here and guys come in and buy in right away. You have to give management credit regarding bringing guys in and the culture here. There is a priority here that when they are bringing guys they won't cause issues in the room," stated Marchand with the knowledge of a veteran.

"Everyone that has come in (over the summer) has left everything on the ice every single day and has done everything they can to build chemistry within the group. The big thing is that everybody competes hard and works.'

Sounds like a positive path for continued success as the Bruins continue their journey through the 82-game regular season schedule.