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## The Annual North End Christmas Fund Luncheon Recognizes Two Faithful Gentlemen

(Bobby Dello Russo and Frank DePasquale recognized in front of record setting crowd)



North End Christmas Fund Luncheon Chairperson Robert "Ted" Tomasone with committee members and volunteers  
(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

Another North End Christmas tradition was celebrated last week. The Annual North End Christmas Fund Luncheon was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Prince Street adjacent to St. Leonard Church on Hanover Street. Judging by the size of the crowd, it seemed to be the largest turnout yet. Organized by Robert "Ted" Tomasone and his band of volunteer elves, comprised of representatives from North End human service agencies and volunteers, this longstanding neighborhood tradition and custom provides Christmas gifts to elders and families from the community who would otherwise be unable to enjoy the holiday season due to financial difficulty, poor health, family issues or lost employment.

The guests were treated to a sensational afternoon. A delicious lunch was donated by Frank DePasquale of DePasquale Ventures along

with an array of delightful cookies and cannoli donated by Mike's Pastry. The raffle prizes were fantastic as was the opportunity for the community to gather and honor those who have given so selflessly to the North End. This year the honorees were Bobby Dello Russo, in appreciation for his longtime support of the Christmas Fund Luncheon and for his commitment to the North End community, and Frank DePasquale, who received the Fred Carangelo Humanitarian Award for his tireless devotion to the ideals personified in the examples set by "Uncle Fred" and is embodied by the esteem in which you are held by all. Both gentlemen exemplify the North End spirit of loyalty, commitment, and generosity.

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated or supported the annual event in any way.

(Additional Photos on Pages 6 & 7)

## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### As Goes Cambridge, So Goes Somerville, is Boston Next?

The City of Somerville will now become the second Bay State municipality to do away entirely with requirements for new residential developments being built with a minimum amount of off-street parking. In an unanimously passed vote, the Somerville City Council on December 19th passed a new zoning ordinance and joined Cambridge, which passed a very similar rezoning in 2022 to eliminate baseline parking requirements for new development. Many in Boston's neighborhoods like East Boston wonder if the Boston will do the same here.

### U.S. Gives Ukraine \$20B in Loans

The Biden Administration has given \$20 billion in loans to Ukraine that will be recouped from profits generated by "immobilized" Russian assets and will provide Ukraine a critical infusion of support as it defends its country against an unprovoked war of aggression, says Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen.

### Outrage Spelled W.O.M.Y.N.

Former collegiate swimmer Riley Gaines blasted the recent Scripps National Spelling Bee for incorporating an alternative spelling of "women" that she claims feeds into the "fabricated issues" of gender politics.

The anti-trans podcaster piled on the outrage after an approved list of study words for the third grade competition was recently released and that it would accept w-o-m-y-n as a spelling for "women." Scripps says all the words used in the spelling bee are pulled from the Merriam-Webster Unabridged Dictionary, which list both spellings for women.

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## Why I Feel Comfortable Saying "Merry Christmas"!

by Patti Sartori

As the holiday season quickly approaches, the debate over wishing someone a "Merry Christmas" vs "Happy Holidays" often resurfaces. Some believe "Happy Holidays" is a more neutral greeting, and I will respect their choice, but I also expect others to respect mine. I am a Catholic who enjoys practicing my faith. It brings me great pleasure to view the Nativity Scene in the back of St. Leonard Church in the North End, and the beautiful Christmas Tree in Rockefeller Center in New York City, which happens to originate from West Stockbridge, Massachusetts this year.

Christmas is a widely celebrated international holiday with deep religious and secular roots. For Christians and Catholics, it is a sacred occasion commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ as well as a time to extend a hand to others in need. Saying "Merry Christmas" is a personal choice for me, meant to offer a greeting of Joy, goodwill, happiness and cheer, not an attempt to impose my religious beliefs on others. I take no offense if someone offers me a Happy Hanukkah or Kwanza greeting but rather see it as an invitation to share in the joy of the holiday season.


From my standpoint "Happy Holidays" is quite impersonal and rather generic. The Christmas message is of peace, love, faith, joy and the gift of salvation, all core principles of the Christian and Catholic faith. In my mind stating, "Merry Christmas" transcends religious boundaries, and instead serves as my personal wish to others for laughter, unforgettable moments with family, loved ones, and to offer my heartfelt wish for health and happiness with each "Merry Christmas" greeting I offer.

So please, if I meet you around the neighborhood, please accept my "Merry Christmas" greeting in the spirit of which it is meant.

# Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



## HORACE



**Horace, portrayed by Giacomo Di Chirico**

This week we continue with our coverage of the scholars in the Augustan period of the Golden Age of Latin literati, and Quintus Horatius Flaccus is our celebrity. His popular name was Horace and he was born about 65 BC on a farm in a rural area of Italy called Venusia. At the age of 11 or 12, he was taken to Rome where he was educated under a celebrated teacher, and later at the age of 17, he was sent to Athens in order to further his education and poetic interests. Soon after his return to Rome, he declined an offer to become a private secretary to Emperor Augustus because it meant giving up his independence. He started writing poetry and attracted the attention of a wealthy Roman named Maecenas who soon became his patron.

Through the benevolence of his newly acquired patron, Horace came into the possession of a farm and was relieved of any financial responsibilities. He also became very high in the favor of Augustus, was courted by the best of families of Rome, and enjoyed the friendship of other poets like Evergil, Tibullus, and Varius.

Horace died at the age of 58, in the year 8 BC, only a few weeks after the death of his patron. During his fruitful years, he preferred the country life to urban living, and this is reflected in his greatest poetry, the themes of which are drawn from rural life.

The works of Horace are divided into four distinct categories: 1. Odes (a poem written to be sung); 2. Epodes (a lyric poem in which a short line often follows a long line); 3. Satires (ridicule and sarcasm); and 4. Epistles (letters).

In his Odes, the theme dwells on change or fickleness, the pleasures of rural life, friendship, and the history of Rome. These are famous for their rhythm and were often imitated by later day poets. In his Epodes, he became quite emotional, often to the point of ridiculing other men of his time. The Satires show a high degree of perfection in "Hexameter" while at the same time expresses an equally high degree of ridicule. His Epistles were written late in his career and were also in hexameter. In these letters, he attempted to become a social and literary critic with respect to Roman life at that time.

From an early date, Horace's work has been used in Roman schools as a textbook. The "magister" (teacher) would first read a passage and then make the class repeat it. The passage was then thoroughly thrashed out as to its meter, geography, history, and ethics. Students were also required to memorize much of his work.

Horace has long been ranked as one of the great Roman poets who, incidentally, became the poet laureate of Rome after the death of Vergil.

**NEXT ISSUE: Ovid**

## Elon Musk asks X followers if IRS Should be Deleted

In response to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) request for an additional \$20 Billion dollars, Elon Musk, owner of the social media platform X, who will co-lead the newly created Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) under President Donald Trump, asked X users what their thoughts

were on the tax authority's budget proposal and if the agency should be "Deleted."

Musk asked the platform's followers in a poll "Do you think the (IRS) budget should be: Increased, Same, Decreased, or Deleted." More than 60% of X users preferred having the IRS's budget "deleted", 39%

said the federal agency's budget should remain the same, 5.6% felt it deserved more money and 29.9% said the IRS budget should be decreased.

Treasury Department Deputy Secretary Wally Adeyemo made a desperate public plea for the added IRS funding, "If they don't get that \$20 billion, they would run out of enforcement money at the current pace sometime in fiscal year 2025, claiming without the money approximately \$140 billion would be added to the national deficit, due to the lack of audits for the wealthy and large corporations."

Musk and DOGE co-leader Vivek Ramaswamy have pledged to use their role in the Trump administration to slash government waste and spending in the bloated federal budget by at least \$12 trillion.

## President-Elect Donald Trump Named Time's Person of the Year!

*Rings the New York Stock Exchange's Opening Bell*


by Patti Sartori

Who would have imagined four years ago that Donald Trump would be ringing the opening bell on the New York Stock Exchange, be selected as Time's Person of the Year 2024 and preparing as President-Elect for his second Inauguration on January 20, 2025. To say the phoenix has risen from the ashes would be an understatement.

Prior to ringing the bell, Trump took the stage, flanked by members of his incoming cabinet, to express his gratitude for the "tremendous honor." The President-Elect was joined by his wife Melania, daughters Ivanka, Tiffany, and Vice President-Elect JD Vance as he basked in the adulation emanating from the crowd as they chanted "USA, USA."

This is Trump's second stint as Time's Person of the Year, his first time came in 2016 when he was first elected to the White House. Sam Jacobs, *Time* magazine's editor in chief said Trump was someone who "for better or worse, had the most influence on the news in 2024. This is someone who has made a historic comeback, who reshaped the American presidency."

The New York Stock Exchange regularly invites celebrities and business leaders to participate in the bell ringing, although this was a first for the native New Yorker. Afterward, he walked the floor of the exchange and shook hands with the traders.



Season's Greetings  
& Happy New Year  
from  
**STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
ADRIAN  
MADARO**

*Buona Natale to the Italian American Community!*



*Italian Heritage Month Committee of Massachusetts  
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Sealed Proposals for **IFB WHA-12-03-24 ON-CALL ELECTRICAL ROUTINE & EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL SERVICES VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS**, subject to applicable bidding laws including but not limited to M.G.L. c149 §44A-H, M.G.L. c30 and applicable federal procurement laws and Prevailing Wage according to Ch.149. Sections 26 to 27H. To the extent there are inconsistencies between state and federal procurement laws, the more stringent standard will be followed for purposes of this IFB. On-Call Services for Public Housing Developments as follows: **589 units of subsidized housing including McSherry Gardens (667-1), Woodland Towers (667-2), 100 Warren Street (667-3 & WHDC), Lexington Gardens Bricks (200-1), Lexington Gardens Woods (200-3), Willow Park (200-2), 107/109 Union Street (689-1), 15/17/19/21 Green Street (689-2), 9/11/11A Dana Terrace, 8/6/6A Keith Street, 115/113/Poplar Street, 8/10 Hershorn Street - (705-1), and 10A & B Locust Lane (Sienna Village) - (705-2)** for the Watertown Housing Authority will be received at the Main Office of the Watertown Housing Authority, Attn: Anthony DiGiovanni, at 55 Waverley Avenue, Watertown, MA until **11 A.M. (cell phone time), Thursday, January 23, 2025** at which time proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The contract shall be awarded for a term of one year (1) in duration with the option to renew for one (1) additional one-year period, for a maximum total of two years.

A prerequisite for the bid is that a company must have a reputable documented record in the commercial electrical industry sector for a minimum of 5 years.

Bids should reflect the total combined hourly rate as outlined on the Form for General Bid.

Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes, endorsed on the outside "IFB WHA-12-03-24: ON-CALL ROUTINE & EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL SERVICES VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS" with the bidder's name, address, and contact information at the main office of the Watertown Housing Authority at 55 Waverley Avenue, Watertown, MA 02472 attn. Anthony DiGiovanni. The successful bidder shall enter into written contract with the Watertown Housing Authority within ten (10) days after notification of acceptance of the bid. The Watertown Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, wholly or in part, to waive informalities or irregularities in bidding, and to make awards in a manner deemed in the best interest of the Authority and the public.

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

A walkthrough of the facilities will be available by appointment only at 10:00AM on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, by contacting Anthony DiGiovanni at 617-393-1971 or by email at [anthonyd@watertownha.org](mailto:anthonyd@watertownha.org)

Watertown Housing Authority contact person is Anthony DiGiovanni at 617-393-1971 or by email at [anthonyd@watertownha.org](mailto:anthonyd@watertownha.org) requests for copies of bid specifications should be sent to this email address. **Questions related to this IFB should be submitted in writing no later than Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 prior to the bid deadline set of January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 11:00AM.**

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Christmas*



*Happy  
New Year!!*

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*Happy  
Holidays*



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December 28, 2017

Remembering

**Sal Balsamo**

Life changed seven years ago when

God called you home.

Nothing is the same,

but thank you for all the

incredible memories and the positive impact

you had on so many people.

You were an extraordinary man in every way.

We miss you . . . We love you

## In Loving Memory of Peter R. Nobile

Second Anniversary

December 21, 2022 - December 21, 2024

Your memory  
 is our keepsake  
 With which we  
 will never part  
 God has you  
 in his keeping  
 We have you  
 in our hearts



## Alfonso DiPietro

Alfonso DiPietro, born October 17, 1931, in Apice (Benevento) Italy. Having lived most of his life in East Boston, Alfonso passed away peacefully at the age of 93 on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at the Katzman Family Center for Living in Chelsea. Son of the late Filippo and Maddalena (Braccio) Di Pietro.



his family lived with the rest of their extended family for many years. He worked all his life in construction, with Labor Union Local 22, until retirement. Alfonso loved to dance and could be found at many of the popular dance spots in the area on a Friday, Saturday, or even a Sunday night, ready to dance the night away. Never one to drive, his other passion was walking around his beloved East Boston and was able to get anywhere on foot, bus or train. He enjoyed a good meal

and would often either be eating at his daughter Marisa's house or eating out with her at a local restaurant. He also loved a good party, and dressing sharp, and attended many events and parties around East Boston. He always had a smile and a story and enjoyed talking and joking with people. He will be greatly missed by his family, his friends, and his community.

Beloved husband of the late Assunta (Rosa) Di Pietro whom he married on April 23, 1955 in Mirabella Eclano, Italy. Loving father of Marisa Di Pietro of East Boston, and Rita Di Pietro of Pisa, Italy. Devoted grandfather of Lorenzo Lischi of Livorno, Italy. Alfonso is survived by his sister-in-law Janet (Capprini) Rosa, and sister-in-law Mary (Cutrona) Rosa. Pre-deceased by brothers-in-law Pasquale "Pat" Rosa, and Prisco "Joe" Rosa. Alfonso was pre-deceased by his brother, Antonio and his wife Italia, of Acciaio (Pisa) Italy and his sister Pasqualina and her husband Virginio Minichiello of Nugola (Livorno) Italy. Alfonso is survived by his loving nieces and nephews: Tina (Rosa) and Carmine Ciampa of Kingston NH, Anthony and Erika Rosa of Revere, Donna (Rosa) and Robert Charvat of Beverly, MA, Brenda Rosa and Pamela Brooks of South Hampton, NH, and Sandra (Rosa) Sacco of Saugus. Also, great-nephew and nieces Nicholas and Giana Sacco; Stefanie, Serina and Samantha Rosa. Also survived by his loving niece, Rosetta Minichiello, and her husband Adriano of Nugola (Livorno) Italy.

Alfonso arrived from Italy on November 4, 1963, and settled in East Boston, where he and

Family and friends will honor Alfonso's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston, on Friday, December 20th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and again on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Parish, East Boston for a funeral Mass celebrating her life at 10:00 a.m. Services will conclude with Alfonso being laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to EB Social Centers Active Adults Program c/o Gloria Devine, 68 Central Square, East Boston, MA 02128. For more information or to leave an online condolence please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com)

## Reinaldo A. Oliveira, Jr.

Reinaldo A. Oliveira, Jr., 74, of Wareham, formerly of Carver died peacefully on Sunday, December 8, 2024 at Tobey Hospital in Wareham.



Industrial Development Commission, former president of the Carver Police Union and a member of the Wareham/New Bedford Lodge of Elks.

Born in Wareham, he was the son of the late Jennie T. (Barboza) and Reinaldo A. Oliveira, Sr. After sustaining critical injuries from a car accident when he was 8 years old, he was told he would never be able to play sports. Determined to place no restrictions on his achievement, Mr. Oliveira

graduated from Wareham High School where he lettered in track and field, football and broke three school weightlifting records. He started boxing in high school and won the New England 139 lb. AAU title. While attending Bridgewater State University, he continued to play football and boxing. He won the Golden Gloves title four years in a row from 1970 to 1973. His professional boxing career spanned 9 years and included over 35 fights. His most memorable was a fight in Italy against World Champ and Godfather III actor, Vito Antuofermo. Mr. Oliveira also sparred with Marvelous Marvin Hagler and appeared in several exhibition matches with him. Mr. Oliveira retired from boxing in 1982.

That same year he took the police exam and worked for the Plymouth Police Department. He also worked as a corrections officer for the Plymouth County House of Corrections and then became an EMT and police officer for the Town of Carver in 1987.

Mr. Oliveira was the former president and 2003's "Man of the Year" of Ring Four, Boston Chapter of International Veteran's Boxing Association, a volunteer for the Mass. Maritime boxing team from 2010 to 2020, assistant coach for Cape Cod PAL Boxing and also developed several New England and national boxing champions. He was also a former member of the board of directors for the Childhood Education Center, former co-chair of the Wareham School Council, member of the Carve

local newspapers. He will be remembered for his quote and always saying, "Do the right thing."

Mr. Oliveira was predeceased by his son, the late Reinaldo A. Oliveira, III and is survived by his daughter, Erica J. Lienard of Fernandina Beach, FL; his siblings, Kenneth DeGrace, Sr. and Isaac Pina both of New Bedford, Robert Oliveira, Sr., Justin Gomes, Sr., Anthony "Poncho" Oliveira, Sr., and Jeanne Oliveira-Gomes all of Wareham, Raymond "Sucra" Oliveira of Fall River, and Constance "Connie" Williams of Spring, TX. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Natalia Mayo, Asia Mayo, Kailynn Almeida, Aaron Russell, Eric Lienard, Ariana Fernandes, Kaine Oliveira, Kaiden Oliveira, Reinaldo A. Oliveira, IV, and Paetyn Oliveira; his great grandchildren, Aniya and Ricardo Viana III, Khaylin Thompson and Aarielys Russell. Also surviving are his dear friend and mother of his beloved son, Vanessa "Nikki" Amado Oliveira of Onset, and several nieces, nephews, cousins, step-siblings "Depina's" of the late Louise Oliveira of New Bedford and close friends. He was also predeceased by his brother, the late Luis Pina.

Relatives and friends gathered on Sunday, December 15th at Chapman Funerals & Cremations, Wareham, Funeral was held from the funeral home on Monday, December 16th followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick's Church, Wareham. Interment at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Wareham.

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

### A Christmas Magical and Merry

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

The magical season known as midwinter is upon us! The shortest day of the year, also known as the winter solstice, descends upon the world this Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of December. On the days surrounding the solstice, I can sense the darkness enveloping me like a thick velvet cloak,



veiling the world in a perpetual state of dusk. However, I do not mind the darkness, as I view it as a necessary and intriguing spoke on the wheel of the year. These are the nights when stars appear sharp and bright against the inky black sky, their light sending diamond-like spangles flitting across the frost below. The darkness also imbues the winter solstice with a profound significance: now that the date has passed, we know that the sun will remain for longer periods in the sky, bringing its much-awaited warmth and its sweet, luminous blaze. For this reason, Christmas — with its focus on candles and crackling yule logs and electric light displays — occurs during the darkest time of the year. Religiously, Christmas represents the light arriving to the world in the form of Jesus's Nativity, while metaphorically the radiant decorations of Christmas signify the return of the sun after the solstice. Due to the complex symbolism comprising this holiday and its traditions, I revel in Christmas customs which emphasize the literal and figurative lights of my life. Whether enjoying age-old recipes or exchanging gifts with loved ones, I most appreciate Christmas when the glow of family and tradition encircle me.

Many of my family's much-loved holiday customs revolve around food. Food forms an ancient and essential part of the Italian Christmas Eve feast known as *la Vigilia di Natale*, which my family celebrates every year. *La Vigilia di Natale*, or "Christmas vigil," is traditionally a meatless meal in Italy, a vestige from the era in which Christmas Eve was considered a fast day in preparation for Jesus's birth on the following day. Therefore, many Italian families trim their tables with seafood dishes for *la Vigilia*. I am always excited to plan fish recipes with my mother for *la Vigilia*; in the past, we served sole bursting with a

buttery shrimp stuffing and a delectable smoked salmon quiche. This year, my mother will prepare a creamy seafood lasagna laden with shrimp and scallops. However, my favorite component of Christmas cooking involves the plethora of desserts that fill my family's kitchens. A great number of traditional Italian desserts have become inextricably linked with Christmas and remain an indispensable part of my holiday celebrations. My father would always bring home a cylindrical cardboard box of *panettone* home right before Christmas. *Panettone*, whose name means "great bread," is a sweet bread studded with dried fruit and candied peel. I am not a huge fan of the taste of *panettone*, but I appreciate its time-honored symbolism in the Italian Christmas festivities. I hold the nostalgic *struffoli*, a dessert my grandmother has been making since I was little, in high esteem. *Struffoli* are deep-fried spheres of dough soaked in honey, then arranged into the shape of a tree or wreath and sprinkled with colorful nonpareils. *Struffoli* are a fun, whimsical way to celebrate the childlike wonder of the holiday season. I also make a lemon tart every year to cap off our *la Vigilia* meal and honor the citrus fruits seasonal during the winter. Collectively, these desserts stand in the exquisite tapestry of love and family that characterize my Christmas memories.

Indeed, I believe that family forms the crux of Christmas joy. The true meaning of Christmas derives from the sensation of comfort and peace that envelops a person when surrounded by loved ones. I cannot imagine Christmas without my family. Our Christmas traditions, from the *la Vigilia* meal to opening presents at midnight, strengthen our familial bonds. When my family plays a silly board game on Christmas Eve, our merriment and laughter create a barrier of delight against the darkness and chill

air outside, filling the room with the warmth of our love. Opening gifts — which my family does at midnight, according to old Italian lore, while huddled under the multicolored glow of the Christmas tree lights — provides me with yet another way to relish time with my loved ones. I adore the

looks of happiness and delight that fill my family members' and friends' faces when they open a present selected or crafted with thoughtfulness and care. That moment of love and understanding is the real significance of gift-giving, not materialistic gain. No matter what traditions typify your Christmas, it remains important to approach them with joy, selflessness, and a true appreciation for the people in your life. Midwinter celebrations like Christmas developed as a response to the frigid and dark days of the winter solstice. At a time when nature seems barren and gelid, lively festivities serve to honor the abundance of past harvests and reinforce the convivial strength of community and family, offering hope that life will cycle on as surely as the sun will once again shine in the sky. An old Italian aphorism states that no one should be left alone on Christmas, which is why we should strive to do good deeds on behalf of those who are lonely or separated from their families during the holidays, including the sick, the poor and those in the military. After all, a family includes more than just blood relations, and the Christmas spirit of generosity and goodwill is too joyous to be contained in small numbers.

This Christmas, I will continue to honor the traditions that have become an intrinsic part of my family. Whether these traditions consist of enjoying *struffoli* or opening gifts at midnight, they link me to the world of my ancestors and their enduring values and spirituality. However, I also plan on paying attention to the true significance of all these beloved customs. For I have found that lurking behind Christmas traditions, no matter their culture of origin, is the universal need for love. Love for family, love for the wisdom of our forebears, the love which inspires us to improve our local and global communities, the love of Jesus and the Holy Family, the love for the sun which grows ever bigger in the sky — all these myriad facets of love imbue Christmas with its indelible complexity. So, on Christmas, as you partake in your own special traditions, take heed of the love which surrounds you, and which you can provide to others. You will find that this love can warm even the frostiest night, and that it will carry you through the wonders of the New Year and beyond.

Merry Christmas! *Buon Natale!*

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## THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



### Father Knows Best — Home for Christmas

I used to love watching *Father Knows Best* on the night it was on network television and always remembered sitting around the TV set in the living room with my younger brother Dominic and my family. At that time, it was a 24-inch console set, built by Westinghouse. My parents purchased it at Jordan Marsh in Downtown Boston. It was our first brand-new TV set. The whole family would sit around it to wait for our favorite sitcom to come on starring actor Robert Young who was very well known from all his years in the movies and who always played a good guy.

I accidentally watched a 1977 *Father Knows Best Christmas Special* repeat on the FETA reruns channel. This 1950s TV sitcom ran from 1954 until 1963 when it seemed to run its course. Family life back in those younger years of mine seemed so simple. Life seemed very uncomplicated. There were good guys and bad guys. Things were pretty clear. I was just a kid like my brother. My parents paid all the bills and put food on the table. My job was to do chores like my brother. Take out the trash, clean off the table, wash dishes, walk the dog when we have a dog, feed the cat when we had a cat. We once had a duck. I kid you not. We gave it to a neighbor who said he loved duck and I assumed he had duck for dinner one night.

Well, getting back to *Father Knows Best*, it was a really good TV show and back then, the plots usually revolved around family issues where folks always ended up doing the right thing or making the right choices. This 1977 movie was no different. Christmas was coming but were the kids coming home for Christmas like the family always did or would they forget the importance of family at Christmas. Of course, you know of course everyone came home for the holidays. I must say growing up in the Fifties was the easiest decade of my life. No responsibilities, no crime, no hunger, no war, no bad things. It was just like on *Father Knows Best*, and Hollywood actor Robert Young was just the talented guy who could always seemed like the perfect dad, with the perfect family and the perfect life. My generation loved watching this show and all the others like it. Baseball tickets at Fenway Park in the bleachers were only 90 cents, going to Boston Garden to see the Celtics, only five bucks, etc. Milky Way bars cost a nickel and then a dime. Everyone read newspapers and I even was a newspaper boy for a while. I guess that's where my journalism career began.

Listen, if you get the chance to watch that 1977 *Father Knows Best* movie, do it. You can sit back and smile at how much more fun it used to be before life got so complicated and so much more expensive too. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. Remember you can always be home for Christmas and if it's just in your dreams. Memories keep us all alive.

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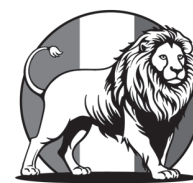
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## Lisa Cappuccio presented with Paul Harris Fellow Award



Pat Capogreco, Lisa Cappuccio, Christian Cappuccio and Joe Steffano

Anything relatively fun or cultural going on in East Boston always originates back to Lisa Cappuccio. Lisa is accustomed to thinking big and working hard but what she pulled off last year and continuing to do this year even bigger and better was nothing short of monumental.

Lisa brought the beauty and simplicity of Christmas back to East Boston. Through dogged determination and tireless fundraising Lisa got Christmas lights hung and twinkling in all the major "squares and neighborhoods" of East Boston. Her efforts have resulted in a beauty to behold.

Lisa did so much more than just connect Christmas lights; she connected a community.

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• North End Christmas Fund Luncheon (Continued from Page 1)



John Romano, life-long resident and honoree Bobby Dello Russo, luncheon Chairman Robert "Ted" Tomasone and CEO of North End Waterfront (NEW) Health Vincenzo Scibelli



Mother and daughter duo, Maryann Longo and Lynn Longo Bova



Robert "Ted" Tomasone, Fred Carangelo Award recipient Frank DePasquale and Kathy Carangelo



Fred Carangelo Award recipient Frank DePasquale with his family: 1 to r, Deborah DePasquale, Frank's sister Laura, Frank DePasquale of DePasquale Ventures, Gianna DePasquale and Joseph DePasquale



Honoree Frank DePasquale of DePasquale Ventures, Dr. Anthony Cortese and Noble Journey Sculptor Nancy Schon



Honoree Bobby Dello Russo with family: seated in front are Bobby's wife and daughter Maria Dello Russo and Sabrina Dello Russo, standing behind are Bobby Dello Russo and his son Michael Dello Russo



John Romano, Former Director of the Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists (MOSES) Ed Dorant, and North End Christmas Fund Luncheon Robert "Ted" Tomasone



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BELOW - BPD's Finest with Olivia Scimenca, former District 1 City Councilor Sal LaMattina, Area A-1 Community Service Office Frank Ciampa, Current District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Colletta and Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services Liaison Ciara D'Amico



North End Fund Luncheon Volunteers present Deborah DePasquale with a bouquet of flowers: 1 to r, Honoree Frank DePasquale of DePasquale Ventures, Deborah DePasquale, Luisa Siniscalchi and Patricia Romano





Attorney Richard Vita supporting the Christmas Fund Luncheon along with members of C.A.S.IT. Inc., and Consul General's office



Gabrielle Mirabella Agrippino, Francine Gannon Capodilupo, Stephen Agrippino and Jimmy Gannon



Members of NEMPAC enjoying the Christmas Fund Luncheon



Father Michael breaking bread with friends



Janet Gilardi with life-long North End friends



NEW Health CEO Vincenzo Scibelli and group



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Francine Capodilupo Gannon and some of the girlfriends of the North End



Friends of the North End gathering to support the North End Christmas Luncheon Fund



Gus Pesaturo, Fr. Michael Della Penna and Robert "Ted" Tomasone



Teddy's volunteer Elves: 1 to r, Rita Pasquale, Lil DiRaimo, Lenore Tomasone and Nancy Pasquale  
*(Photos by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)*

# Minotti's Annual Winter White Party Honors Yolanda Cellucci

by Angela Cornacchio

Recently, Minotti Boston welcomed in a fashionable crowd to their ivory shade themed showroom in the theatre district. The evening was formed for their annual all white event, however it became an incredibly special party to honor Yolanda Cellucci's 90th birthday in collaboration with the "Our Girl Linda" foundation and the release of the newest book in the "Lindy Lou" series written in honor of her daughter, Linda Cole Petrosian with all proceeds going to Saint Jude's Children Hospital.

As guests arrived, they were greeted by Santa Claus and a magical martini adorned in candy canes courtesy of Stone Showcase New England. When entering the chic European styled showroom many were networking, as the event welcomed the city's finest. From Media as Jonathan Soroff and 7News Anchor Kimberly Bookman, Publisher of *Boston Post-Gazette* Pam Donnaruma. The queen of Glitz and Glam drew in her fashion family of Designers Denise Hajjar, VaVa Zadi and Models Sonia Garufi, Ellie Dosouto, and Munjeet Geyer. Business professionals such as Terre D' Italia, real estate agents were mixing around the Kay Ripley Bar Service. The clientele to the decedent hors d'oeuvres passed around the room was top class.

Gathering guests attention was Showroom Director John Trifone to bring Yolanda front and center draped in a classic porcelain cocktail dress created

by daughter Sondra Celli. Brendan Murphy of Steinert & Sons introduced Toby, a pianist from the Berkley College of music, to serenade Cellucci in a beautiful happy birthday. Following was longtime friend, Artist Giovanni DeCunto presenting Yolanda with a breathtaking painted portrait of her.

From there Director Trifone took back the microphone and began the bustle of the live auction. In addition to Yolanda pledging 100% of book sales from the night, many local business owners donated items from art, espresso machines, sports packages and more. Attendees spared no time in creating bidding wars for the fabulous products knowing all proceeds were going to Saint Jude's Children's hospital.

Host of the evening and Best of Boston Winner in 2022 and



Fashion Writer Angela Cornacchio and Yolanda



Toby, a pianist from the Berkley College of music singing Happy Birthday to Yolanda



L-R: Larissa Cook, FBN Construction, John Trifone, Minotti Boston, Natasha Cook, Simply Windows, Santa Claus



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Yolanda and Grandson Alec Petrosian



Yolanda Cellucci, presenting her Memoir *Beyond the Glitz and Glamour* and her Children's Book - *Lindy Lou*



L-R: Dawn Carroll, Vetti, Alessandra Goodkin, Minotti by DDC Group, Deanna Chandonnet, Minotti Boston, Yolanda Cellucci, Guest, John Trifone, Minotti Boston, Director of the Showroom



Vineet Malik, Stone Showcase and Yolanda Cellucci



Artist Giovanni DeCunto presenting Yolanda with a self portrait



Designer VaVa Zadi, Yolanda, Glenna Gelineau and his models



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The all-white affair was a wonderful evening of celebration, community, and giving back. It was a true winter's wonderland!



**Yolanda, Cathy Doucette and Joan Shore**



**Allan Dines and Yolanda**



**Luciano Graffeo**

*(Photos by Evelyn Dow)*



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Claus Is Coming To Town - The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire) - Little Altar Boy - The First Snowfall / Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! - and My Favorite Things.

**BILL EVANS IN NORWAY (2CD) Elemental Music**

Elemental Music has released *Bill Evans in Norway*, an energetic 1970 trio concert captured at the Kongsberg Jazz Festival, as a two-LP set, and a deluxe CD version. The Kongsberg appearance on June 26, 1970, found the Evans trio in especially stirring form. Evans knew Norwegian concertgoers would have a deep connection to wistful songs such as 'What Are You Doing the Rest of Your Life?', 'Turn Out the Stars,' and 'Quiet Now, and the Bill Evans Trio played these traditionally somber songs at a more spirited clip. The audience was described as quiet and concentrated, especially during Evans' rendition of Leonard Bernstein's 'Some Other Time, and that Evans was playing a little harder than usual, and with more attack on his up-tempo numbers. The impressive 'baker's dozen' track list shines via: Come Rain Or Come Shine - 34 Skidoo - Autumn Leaves - So What - Gloria's Step - Emily - Midnight Mood - Who Can I Turn To? - Some Other Time and Nardis. A delightful hour and twenty minutes of sheer pleasure! A Comprehensively Annotated Set Includes Interviews with Evans, Bassist Eddie Gomez and Drummer Marty Morell,

(Continued on Page 12)

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

**BELCHERTOWN LIKE BROOKLINE SHOULD REMEMBER PROHIBITION**

The United States tried banning the sale and distribution of alcohol about a hundred years ago and history reminds us how poorly that went, making the problem far worse.

Lately, the same kinds of people who thought they could legislate drinking away were proven wrong but that hasn't stopped places today like Brookline and now Belchertown from repeating that same mistake only this time with nicotine. Belchertown just passed the so-called nicotine-free generation initiative which would prohibit anyone born after January 1, 2024 from purchasing tobacco products of any kind inside a municipality's town limits.

According to supporters of this new regulation, it is aimed at reducing access to young people and getting ahead of future products of the tobacco industry.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TOO ...**

Happy birthday greetings go out to two great '50s and '60s singers. Brenda Lee just celebrated her 80th birthday and will still be rockin' around the Christmas tree. Another great singer, Connie Francis, just celebrated her 85th birthday. Can anyone out there going to an Italian wake not hear who is singing "Mama"? I've always liked this song very much for Mother's Day too.

Finally, closer to home, Senator Lydia Edwards just turned a year old recently. Next time you bump into her, wish her a Happy Birthday, too.

**TANIA REFUSES TO RESIGN, WHAT ELSE IS NEW?**

Boston City Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson who was arrested and indicted on federal corruption charges recently said she has no plans to resign, despite calls by Mayor Wu and five City Council colleagues.

The Boston City Council has recently become an ongoing clown show and it's no wonder voters keep staying away from the polls. She needs to resign as soon as possible. She is supposed to be the voice of her district and it seems it is time for a new voice to speak for the district's constituents. I feel it is shameful to continue. It is time to make a quick haste to the doors on the way out of City Hall.

As for former D.A. and U.S. Attorney Rachael Rollins lashing out at the U.S. Attorney Office, attempting it would seem to mitigate the aforementioned District 7 city councilor, Rollins should be the last person going after the guy who took her place in questioning the federal arrest and indictment of Anderson. No one wants to hear her opinion, do they?

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ...**

A *Post-Gazette* fan who lets me know often how good my writings are just sent a nice Christmas card to me wishing best wishes for the New Year too. I have no idea who this guy is who calls himself "Publius" or where he lives but he has been a longtime *Post-Gazette* reader and obviously a smart guy for liking this newspaper.

**BIG MACEO: ONE OF 1ST ROCK & ROLLERS?**

I heard this great tune that played on everyone's vinyl record machine back in the day and the day for this song was 1941. This song by Big Maceo is older than Joe Biden.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

Docket No. 24W0971

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
GREGORINA MENDEZ, Plaintiff (s)

v.

WILKIN RODRIGUEZ, Defendant (s)

To the above named Defendant (s) Wilkin Rodriguez

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff (s), Gregorina Mendez seeking a Complaint for Custody Support Parenting Time.

You are required to serve upon Gregorina Mendez or attorney for plaintiff(s) whose address is 25 Elizabeth Circle, Apt 2, Framingham, MA 01702 your answer on or before 22nd day of January 2025. 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 in the office of this Court at 370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852.

Witness, TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, Esq., First Justice of said Court at Lowell, this day of December 11th, 2024.

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## Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

### Great Molasses Flood Disaster Boston, Massachusetts, in 1919



Great Molasses Flood, disaster in Boston that occurred after a storage tank collapsed on January 15, 1919, sending more than two million gallons of molasses flowing through the city's North End. The rupture and subsequent deluge caused extensive damage and killed 21 people.

The tank was built in 1915 along Boston's waterfront on Commercial Street, opposite Copp's Hill. It was operated by the Purity Distilling Company, a subsidiary of United States Industrial Alcohol (USIA). At the time, industrial alcohol — then made from fermented molasses — was highly profitable; it was used to make munitions and other weaponry for World War I. The tank's immense size reflected the demand: it measured more than 50 feet high and 90 feet in diameter and could hold up to 2.5 million gallons of molasses. Built quickly, the tank was problematic from the start, leaking and often emitting rumbling noises. Nevertheless, it continued to be used, and after the war's conclusion USIA focused on producing grain alcohol, which was in high demand as prohibition neared passage.

At approximately 12:30 p.m., on January 15, 1919, the tank burst, releasing a deluge of molasses. According to reports, the resulting wave of molasses was 15 to 40 feet high and some 160 feet wide. Traveling at approximately 35 miles per hour, it destroyed several city blocks, leveling buildings and damaging automobiles. Although help arrived quickly, the hardening molasses made rescue efforts difficult. In the end, 21 people were killed,

many of whom were suffocated by the syrup, and approximately 150 were injured. In addition, the *Boston Post* noted that a number of horses had "died like so many flies on sticky fly paper." Clean-up efforts lasted for weeks, and Boston reportedly continued to smell like molasses for years afterward.

Numerous lawsuits were filed in the wake of the disaster. While victims alleged that the tank was not safe, USIA claimed that it had in stricter construction codes being adopted by states across the country.

For years, questions were raised over how such a seemingly benign substance could have caused so many deaths. In 2016, researchers released a study that placed the blame on cold temperatures. While warm weather would have caused the molasses to be less viscous, the winter temperatures made the syrup markedly thicker, severely impeding rescuers. The tank's owners initially blamed an anarchist plot to bomb the tank. An initial inquiry and a later class-action lawsuit revealed the structural instability of the tank. In 1925, a court-appointed auditor ruled that the negligence by the tank's owners was to blame for the tank's collapse and the loss of life and property. The tragedy of Boston's molasses flood led to great changes in the way the United States regulated industries. Regulations stipulating that engineers needed to sign and seal plans, building inspectors needed to examine projects, and that architects needed to show their work all came as a result of Boston's molasses flood.

## If You're Not Safe in the U.S. Capitol, Where are You Safe?

by Sal Giarratani

Once again violence has struck inside the U.S. Capitol as U.S. Rep. Nancy Mace was physically assaulted by a suspect identified as James McIntyre, 33, of Illinois. The alleged assault took place in the Rayburn House Office Building and the suspect was quickly apprehended. The suspect apparently passed through a public security screening area and ended up at U.S. Rep. Mace's office and now has been charged with assaulting a member of Congress.

The Representative has condemned "trans violence" and vowed to double down on her position over the issue of bathroom use within the U.S. Capitol. There is no room in this nation for acts of domestic terrorism. Where is the liberal media outcry over this attack on a representative of the U.S. government? There appears to be a conspiracy of silence. This

incident seems to be clearly an individual act of insurrection and should be condemned by all. Yet, the Democrats remain far too silent. Where is House Democrat Leader Hakeem Jeffries? Where are the Squad members like AOC or my own U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley? Where are the feminists?

We can only wonder how House Democrats would have reacted if the victim had been part of the Democratic Caucus. The attack on Rep. Mace most likely seems politically motivated and should also be treated as a targeted hate crime if that is the case.

Finally, can anyone enter the U.S. Capitol without a reason

for being there? Can anyone just walk into the place once they leave their phone and keys in a bin and pass through the screening area? Seems still too easy for bad actors to enter this building, You would have thought after the big hullaballoo back on January 6, 2021 (called an insurrection) security would now be better than it seems to have been on Tuesday, December 10th. Is it time for leadership changes in the running of the U.S. Capitol Police?

Shouldn't members of Congress be safe from harm while doing the business of government? All 435 of them, Democrat, Republican, or Independents?

### LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. MI13P4769EA

#### NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A TRUSTEE AND APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

To all persons interested in the trust under the will of Alma E. Pontz dated 06/13/2024, a petition has been presented by William C. Hayes of Bedford, MA to said Court praying that the Court allow the current trustee, William C. Hayes of Bedford, MA, to resign and that Leo J. Cushing of Waltham, MA be appointed as successor trustee(s) without sureties on his/her bond.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at 10-U Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801 before ten o'clock in the forenoon on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG-CAFAZZO, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 6th day of December 2024.

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# Saint Lea

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



St. Lea lived during the late 4th century and early 5th century, specifically from around 350 to 384 AD. St. Lea was born and lived in Rome, which was a bustling center of culture, politics, and religion during her time. Lea of Rome is known only through the testimony of her beloved friend, the learned Saint Jerome. Jerome, a scholarly monk best known for his Latin translation of the Bible (the Vulgate), is the Church's only source of information on St. Lea, a noblewoman of Rome, born into wealth and privilege, she was a contemporary of Jerome.

However, soon after her marriage she was widowed and left very sound financially. Instead of retiring as a wealthy widow, however, she joined a convent of consecrated virgins in the city — shedding all the money and social standing she possessed. In later years she was named the prioress of the convent. After she had joined the convent upon the death of her husband, St. Lea invested in supporting the convent house, which was run by Saint Mary, who would later grow, as many other people would, to be fond of her. She was dedicated to serving as a menial servant until years later, when she became a group's superior. Regardless of how much wealth she owned, she was still well known to be humble, obedient, and of remarkable penance. In a note to St. Marcella, St. Jerome exhaustively speaks of St. Lea's virtue when she died in the year 384. There, he'd noted that St. Lea was blessed and that following her remarkable work on earth while she was still alive, heaven was the sure end for her. St. Jerome did not fail to mention how much of a servant St. Lea was, selfless to the core, to see someone else have something they needed. Given the fact that she was so wealthy she could get a very high-class life, St. Jerome mentioned that she preferred to be dressed in rags, preferred to go hungry, cared less how old her hair was becoming, and cared less if she had even had something to eat for herself because someone around her needed more care than her.

Saint Lea supported the house run by Saint Marcella, working as a menial servant, and later served as the group's superior.

It appears that she died in 384 while St. Jerome and St. Marcella were reading and working on Psalm 73. In a letter relaying her death to others within the city of Rome, St. Jerome writes to St. Marcella that St. Lea, a woman of austerity, obedience and remarkable penances had died. He described her as "blessed," emphasizing the woman's virtues as being worthy of heaven. The feast day of Saint Lea is March 25. Say Leah is the patron saint of widows and mothers who have lost their children.

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and Norwegian Pianist Roy Hellvin; Reflections on Evans' Art by Keyboardists Aaron Parks and Craig Taborn; and Notes by Evans Scholar Marc Myers. It doesn't get any better than this!

### EMILY REMLER: COOKIN' AT THE QUEENS (2CD) Resonance Records

Resonance Records presents the first release in 34 years from the unsung jazz guitar great, Emily Remler, who tragically died on May 4, 1990 at the age of 32. A student at the Berklee College of Music in Boston, she was exposed to the music of Jazz guitar superstars, Wes Montgomery (one of my favorites, and Charlie Christian. The music on this double-cd, is culled from a previously unreleased collection of performances that were broadcast on KNPR Las Vegas in 1984 and 1988 as part of Alan Grant's weekly radio program, "4 Queens Jazz Night from Las Vegas," *Cookin' at the Queens* captures Remler in quartet performances with pianist Cocho Arbe, bassist Carson Smith and drummer Tom Montgomery (1984) and trio performances with bassist Carson Smith and drummer John Pisci (1988).

Taped live at the 4 Queens Hotel and Casino in the old part of the Vegas strip, these stunning performances by Remler reveal her abiding love of her personal guitar hero Wes Montgomery and other influential players like Joe Pass, Pat Martino and George Benson. Taken as a whole, they represent some of Emily's most scintillating, swinging, exploratory, unrestrained and inspired playing ever. Whether it's burning on an up-tempo bebop number like Tadd Dameron's "Hot House" or tackling modal classics like Miles Davis' "So What" and John Coltrane's "Impressions," delving into a deep blues feeling, as on Bobby Timmons' "Moanin'" and Montgomery's "D-Natural Blues," settling into a sublime ballad like "Polka Dots and Moonbeams" or basking in a bossa nova like Jobim's "How Insensitive," Remler's

sheer mastery of her instrument is readily apparent on these superb live tracks, recorded during separate engagements in the French Quarter Room of the 4 Queens Hotel in Las Vegas. They capture Remler in the joyful act of swinging in unencumbered fashion and stand as a testament to her greatness as a jazz guitarist. The complete track list of this amazing album includes: (CD 1) Moanin' - How Insensitive - Autumn Leaves - Polka Dots And Moonbeams - Meditação - Hot House/What Is This Thing Called Love? - You Don't Know What Love Is - West Coast Blues - and Tenor Madness. (CD 2) Out Of Nowhere - Manha De Carnaval - Cisco - Yesterdays - All Blues - Someday My Prince Will Come - So What/Impressions - and D-Natural Blues. Emily Remler was an outstanding guitarist who left us much too soon.

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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Five days to go and it's Christmas. As far back as I can remember, we have celebrated Christmas American style. Mom and Nanna would put out decorations, put up a tree, and at some point, we would head to Jordan Marsh and I would visit with Santa Claus. He would ask me if I had been a good little boy, and when I assured him that I had, he would ask what I would like for Christmas. I was easy, I usually asked for additions to my Lionel electric trains, my Erector Set, and several new airplane models, especially fighters and bombers from WWII.

One day, after we returned home from visiting with Santa, Mom headed for the corner store leaving me with Nanna. As I watched her preparing dinner, I asked her what she used to ask from Santa Claus when she was a little girl. Her answer shocked me, "When I was a little girl in Avellino, we didn't have Santa Claus; we had La Befana." Today, Italy has changed somewhat to follow the traditions of Germany, England and some of the northern countries. They have adopted Babbo Natale (Father Christmas) to bring presents to little boys and girls on Christmas Eve."

My next question was, "Who is La Befana?" Again, the answer shocked me as Nanna said that La Befana was a good witch. Now, to me, a witch was associated with Halloween and that holiday was on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Nanna went on to say that the good witch had heard about the birth of a savior named Jesus, and she wanted to visit him and bring him presents. From the day of his birth, December 25, she began to scour the countryside looking for Baby Jesus. She found shepherds who had heard about the baby and would look for him. Not wanting to wait, she flew away on her broom and found three wise men who were heading to Bethlehem to visit the newborn. Not wanting to wait for them either, she flew off and decided to leave a gift for every boy and girl, hoping that one of them would be Baby Jesus. By this time, it was January the 6<sup>th</sup> and the shepherds and wise men arrived in Bethlehem to visit the Christ child and the day was called The "Celebration of the Epiphany." Italian children had hung their stockings up on the night of January the 5<sup>th</sup> and La Befana visited every house filling the stockings with gifts hoping one of the children was the new baby, Jesus. When Mom returned, she heard the rest of Nanna's story and told me that when she and her brothers were kids, the Contini family celebrated both December 25 and January 6, sort of a compromise between Italian and American cultures.

By the time I came along, we celebrated only Christmas. I remember one episode that almost broke my trust in Santa. Mom and Aunt Ada, my Godmother and Uncle Nick's first wife, brought me to Jordan Marsh to visit the Christmas display in their toy department and visit with Santa. When it was my turn, I asked him for a new engine and a larger transformer

for my electric train set. I had a set of Lionel trains and on birthdays and Christmas I would increase the size and scope of the train set. Santa made me promise that I would be a good boy and told me to look for the new engine and transformer on Christmas morning.

Now if you remember, many of my columns have included the stories about my father and uncles being musicians. At Christmas time, they played parties night and day. Evidently, Dad couldn't make it to Eric Fuchs, the Beacon Street store dedicated to the hobby of electric trains. In his place that year was Uncle Nick. He picked up the new engine and transformer and brought them back to Nanna and Babbononno's apartment.

By this time, Babbononno had sold the big house on Eutaw Street in East Boston and he and Nanna were living in an apartment on Princeton Street, a ten-minute walk away. Being separated from his estranged wife, Uncle Nick had moved in with his parents. He was so busy; he didn't even have enough time to look for an apartment of his own. My gifts from Santa would stay at my grandparents apartment as no one had the time to bring them to our apartment at 74 Eutaw Street. Well, as was the usual routine, I visited family members with Mom and Nanna during Christmas week and then, on Christmas Eve, left a note for Santa restating my request for a new engine and transformer for my train set. As a bribe, I left Santa a dish with two or three chocolate chip cookies (my favorite then and now) and a glass of Zi'Antonio Ceruolo's best homemade red wine. (Hey, anyone could leave a glass of milk with a few cookies ... I was Italian.)

The next morning, I awoke and headed for the living room and the Christmas tree that had the presents displayed below. Gifts were there for Mom and Dad and a few for me from relatives, but not the engine and transformer I wanted. My first thought centered on the fact that we lived on the top floor of an East Boston three-decker and there was no fireplace or chimney. How could Santa come into our apartment ... through a locked window? I headed into the kitchen sat down and sulked. Mom heard me and arose to begin making breakfast. With tears in my eyes, I explained my circumstance. She listened as I questioned the existence of Santa, and if he was real, how could he get into our house. Just then, the phone rang. Mom answered and handed it to me saying, "It's Babbononno for you." Babbononno sounded excited and in his fractured English yelled, "Jenny, dareza bigga mistake. Santa Clauza bring you trainza tingza a my houza, no you houza." When I said, "What," Babbononno repeated himself in Italian yelling that Santa Claus had made a mistake and left my presents at his house instead of coming to our house. He added that Santa was sorry but it was an honest mistake.

I had my coat, hat and gloves on and was out the door before

Mom hung up the phone. I ran all the way to my grandparents' house, was shown a note that Santa left behind about the mistake and then with the boxes that housed the new train engine and transformer under my arms, ran all the way back to Eutaw Street. Within fifteen minutes, the new transformer was hooked up and the new engine was traveling on the train track, puffing smoke and whistling away loud enough to wake up my father. He wasn't upset, though, as he sort of pushed me out of the way and took over as the engineer of my railroad even before he had his first sip of morning coffee.

When Uncle Gino and Aunt Ninna showed up, they and Dad took over the trains completely and I was relegated to the position of either constructing something with last year's Erector Set or beginning the assembly of a new airplane model. Well, it's many years later and I await celebrating this Christmas with my wife Loretta, my sons and their families.

*Before I close, I want to wish Dean Saluti and his wife Margie Cahn happy birthday, as both were born during Christmas week. And, to all of you that identify with the Italian traditions of Nanna and Babbononno, I wish a safe and happy BOUN NATALE from the Christoforo family for 2024.*

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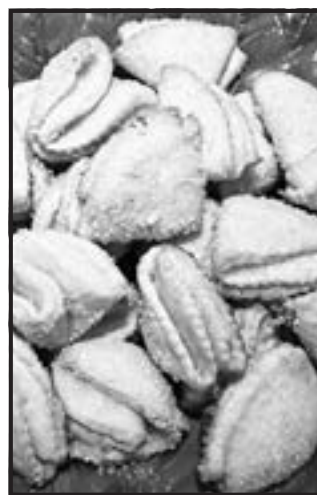


by  
Marianna  
Bisignano

As Christmas baking continues, ricotta takes center stage as a beloved ingredient in many Italian holiday cookies. Its creamy texture and mild, slightly sweet flavor make it a baker's dream, seamlessly enhancing both the taste and texture of festive treats. Traditionally a cornerstone of Italian desserts, ricotta brings a touch of luxury, adding moisture and richness that result in cookies that are irresistibly soft, tender, and delicately flavorful.

One cookie that stands out for me is "Ricotta Folds." These delightful pastries are an all-time favorite and feel like a loving creation by an Italian *Nonna*, resourcefully using the ingredients she had on hand. While their origin remains a mystery, their flavor is unmistakable — think of them as a bite-sized version of a sugared puff pastry, with flaky layers that melt in your mouth. Perfect for holiday cookie trays, "Ricotta Folds" are as beautiful as they are delicious. Their unique texture and elegant simplicity make them a true showstopper, easily stealing the spotlight among the season's sweets.

### RICOTTA FOLDS *Pieghe Di Ricotta*



- 7 tablespoons (100g) unsalted butter, softened
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup (200g) ricotta cheese
- Zest of 1 organic lemon
- 1 large egg
- 2 1/3 cups (300g) all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- Granulated sugar (for dipping)

In a large mixing bowl, cream together the softened butter and confectioners' sugar until smooth. Add the ricotta and lemon zest, mixing well.

Beat in the egg until fully incorporated.

Sift the flour and baking powder together. Gradually add it to the wet ingredients, mixing gently by hand until a soft dough forms. Cover the dough and let it rest for 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C).

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Fill a small bowl with granulated sugar for dipping.

#### Shape the Cookies:

Lightly flour a wooden board and roll out the dough to about 1/4-inch thickness.

Use a drinking glass or round cutter to cut the dough into circles.

Dip each circle into granulated sugar, fold it in half, then fold it again into quarters to create a layered shape.

Place the cookies on the prepared baking sheet and bake for 12–15 minutes, or until they turn a light golden color. Allow the cookies to cool slightly and store in a cookie tin.

Marianna Bisignano is a psychologist for the Boston Public Schools and can be reached at [nonnasrecipebox@gmail.com](mailto:nonnasrecipebox@gmail.com)

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court  
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**Gov. Josh Shapiro Blasts "Hero" Comments Over CEO Murderer**  
 Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro took issue with "hero" comments for Luigi Mangioni after he was apprehended. "We do not kill people in cold blood to resolve policy differences or express a viewpoint," said Shapiro and added, "in a civil society, we are all less safe when ideologues engage in vigilante justice." As of this writing, Mangioni is still in Pennsylvania awaiting extradition to New York on murder charges.

**End Quote**  
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 — former Marine Daniel Penny shortly after his acquittal in the fatal subduing of Jordan Nely, which he said he did to save the lives of others on that subway car.

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**WESTERN FRONT, LLC**  
Filed April 23, 2024

To the Officers, Directors, Agents and Representatives, current and former, of Western Front, LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company with a principal place of business at 420 Boylston Street, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02116, including but not limited to Dennis A. Benzan of 699 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116, Marvin E. Gilmore, Jr. of 699 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116, Omowale Moses, 699 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116, Timothy Richard Flaherty, Esq., of 420 Boylston Street, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02116. A lawsuit in the Northampton District Court has been initiated against Western Front, LLC.

A copy of the complaint and summons may be obtained from Plaintiff, c/o Michael J. McAndrew, Esq., Bulkley, Richardson and Gelinias, LLP, 1500 Main St., Suite 2700, Springfield, MA 01115, or via electronic mail at [mmcandrew@bulkley.com](mailto:mmcandrew@bulkley.com)

Run Dates: 12/06, 12/13, 12/20/2024

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
**Todisco Services, Inc.**, with its corporate office located at **171 Boston Street, Salem, MA 01970**, under the provisions of Mass G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, will sell the following vehicles on or after **December 30, 2024** by public or private sale to satisfy a lien for towing, storage, and all other fees due.

**2008 CHEVROLET EXPRESS**  
Vin #1GCGG25C881221893

**2003 BMW 330xi**  
Vin #WBAEV53423KM26460

**2007 SATURN ION**  
Vin #1G8AJ55F47Z148213

**1999 HONDA CIVIC**  
Vin #2HGEJ6612XH559448

**2010 NISSAN ROGUE**  
Vin #JN8AS5MT8AW501401

**2016 YONGFU YN50QT-10**  
Vin #LLOTCPAK2GYC80784

Vehicles may be seen by appointment only. Please email for specific information [info@todiscotowing.com](mailto:info@todiscotowing.com)

Run dates: 12/06, 12/13, 12/20/2024

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
Lowell Justice Center  
370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor  
Lowell, MA 01852  
(978) 656-7700**

Docket No. MI24P6479EA

Estate of  
**FREDERICK J. LINDBERG**  
Also Known As:  
**FREDERICK J. LINDBERG, SR.**

Date of Death: September 14, 2024

**INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Frederick J. Lindberg, Jr. of Topsfield, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Frederick J. Lindberg, Jr. of Topsfield, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 12/20/2024

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000**

Docket No. MI24P5654EA

Estate of  
**ROBERT SUMNER CUMMINGS**  
Also Known As:  
**ROBERT S. CUMMINGS**

Date of Death: August 04, 2023

**INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Robert S. Cummings, Jr. of Hood River, OR**

**Robert S. Cummings, Jr. of Hood River, OR** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 12/20/2024

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage dated June 15, 2022 by Cambridge Brown Stone, LLC to Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Trust u/d/t dated January 27, 2020 (recorded with Middlesex County South Registry of Deeds in Book 74192, Page 25), said mortgage recorded with the Middlesex County South Registry of Deeds in Book 80284, Page 406, and which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **10:00 a.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025** on the premises at 89 Third Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:  
Property Address: **89 Third Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts**  
A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Cambridge, bounded and described as follows:

**EASTERLY** by Third Street, Twenty and 5/100 (20.05) feet;  
**NORTHERLY** by land now or formerly of Samuel L. Hazard by a line running through the center of a partition wall, Eighty (80) feet;  
**WESTERLY** by land now or formerly of Conlan, Twenty and 5/100 (20.05) feet;  
**SOUTHERLY** by land now or formerly of Mary Connor by a line running through the center of a partition wall, Eighty (80) feet.

Containing 1600 square feet more or less.  
Subject to and with the benefit of all rights of way in, over and upon a passageway five (5) feet in width running across the westerly part of said premises conveyed from the parcel southerly of the granted premises to Otis Street.

For grantor's title, see deed recorded herewith. [Book 80284, Page 400].

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

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

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

Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Trust  
u/d/t dated January 27, 2020  
Present holder of said mortgage

By his Attorneys,  
Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C.  
1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610  
Quincy, MA 02169

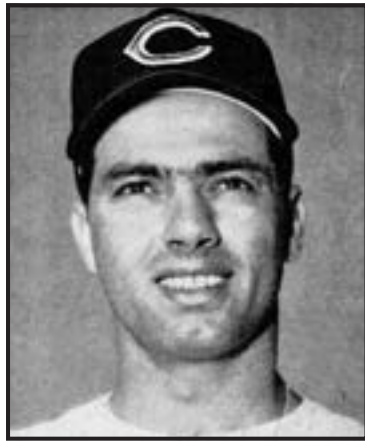
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**EXTRA Innings**

by Sal Giarratani

**The Great Rocco Domenico Colavito Slugged His Way in Baseball History**



Back when I was growing up as a baseball fan, I loved watching all those great sluggers in the late '50s and into the '60s when baseball had yet to be damaged by the woke mentality that has all but ruined baseball. Does anyone really see kids playing baseball anymore? Over in East Boston, most of the baseball diamonds have been turned into soccer fields. Soccer has become today what baseball once was. Yet, MLB hasn't a clue how to fix things and only makes things worse.

Today, baseball isn't about the fans or the kids who most likely will not become future fans. The game was killed not with a bang but a whimper, as T. S. Eliot once wrote. Baseball was there and then one day it wasn't and nobody seems to remember exactly when that happened.

The recent passing of Rocky Colavito at 91 brought back old memories of him and so many other great players who loved the game and it wasn't solely for the money garnished which never was that much back in the day. Colavito was a fan favorite because of his love of the game and he was appreciative of young fans who loved watching him play.

As an Italian American baseball fan there were never that many players with Italian roots so I always watched the few we had. I loved Colavito and also guys like Jim Gentile who played first base for the Orioles. They both were sluggers. One game Rocky, when he played with the Cleveland Indians, hit four homers in one game, a feat accomplished by only a handful of players. Gentile once hit two grand slams in one inning of one game.

Most of the players with Italian surnames played for the Yankees when I was growing up, which is why today if you go over to the North End you will still see older North Enders like my good friend "Yankees" Anthony sporting the team's gear.

Okay, back to Colavito. He hit 374 homers in 14 years, mostly in Cleveland with the Indians and with the Tigers. Oh, he came home to his birthplace in the Bronx and indeed played for the Yankees at the end of his long career. In 1959, he made the cover of *Time* with a great profile that included how he made "Bobby-Soxers squeal." In many ways, he reminded me of our own Boston Red Sox baseball idol Tony Conigliaro, another charismatic force in baseball.

Rocky will be missed not just because he was an Italian American but because he was a great player who put his heart and soul into every game he ever played. He will always stay alive in my memory and in the memories of all who were privileged to have seen him play the game when it was America's past-time.

**Phil Mushnick Remembers Rocky Colavito in the Summer of '68**

I love reading the sports pages of the *NY Post* because this paper has so many great baseball writers such as Phil Mushnick who recently penned a side note on the recent death of Rocky Colavito.

Mushnick recalled a 1968 Sunday doubleheader at Yankee Stadium when manager Ralph Houk had him pitch against Detroit in the fourth inning and he threw 2.2 innings of scoreless relief and got the win too. In the second game, he batted fifth and hit a home run off Mickey Lolich in a 5-4 win.

The Tigers won 103 games that year and beat Bob Gibson in 1967. Phil ended his reflection by stating, "Thanks for the memories, Cardinals, something the Red Sox didn't do the previous World Series in Rocky."

I also have many good memories of Rocky. He was one of my favorite ballplayers back when I was a kid growing up during a great era of baseball.

It still hadn't turned into "Moneyball." It was still America's pastime when every pitch and every hit was special.

**We All Need to Pray for Ryne Sandberg**

Hall of Fame second baseman Rayne Sandberg says his prostate cancer has returned and spread. Sandberg announced in January of this year that he had prostate cancer and in August he was cancer-free after chemotherapy and radiation treatment.

Unfortunately, the cancer had relapsed and has spread to other organs. He is back to more intensive treatment. As he stated, "We will continue to be positive, strong, and fight to beat this. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for me and my family."

Sandberg was NL MVP in 1984 and a 10-time All Star during 15 seasons with the Cubs from 1982 to 1997, with 282 homers and 344 stolen bases. After his playing days ended, he served as manager of the Phillies from 2013 to 2015.

**Babe Ruth Rookie Card Hits a \$812,724 Home Run**

A new Babe Ruth rookie card discovered in Danvers has sold at auction for \$812,724, well above estimates. The 1916 card, which was included in a 10-cent loaf of bread sold by Morehouse Baking Company in Lawrence, features the young Red Sox pitcher who would go on to be perhaps the greatest ever baseball player. This was the first time a Morehouse Ruth card had come to auction and it generated lots of excitement. The auction house had believed the card would sell for \$500-700,000 but last-minute bidding hiked it several hundred thousand more than expected.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
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Docket No. MI24P6353EA

Estate of  
**WAYNE B. CAMERON**  
Also Known As:  
**WAYNE CAMERON**

Date of Death: October 20, 2024

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Cheryl A. Cameron of Highland Beach, FL** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Cheryl A. Cameron of Highland Beach, FL** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 09, 2025.**

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

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

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

Witness, **HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: December 12, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 12/20/2024

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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**2010 FORD ESCAPE**  
Vin # 1FMCU9EG9AKD23735

**2010 FORD TAURUS**  
Vin # 1FAHP2DW7AG144877

**2001 CHEVROLET TAHOE**  
Vin # 1GNEK13T71R117283

**2010 HYUNDAI ELANTRA**  
Vin # KMHU4AD3AU156196

**2007 LEXUS ES**  
Vin # JTHBJ46G272122406

**2020 HYUNDAI TUCSON**  
Vin # KM8J3CA45LU195374

**2019 TOYOTA CAMRY**  
Vin # 4T1B11HK0KU164891

**2019 FORD FUSION**  
Vin # 3FA6P0RU2KR220907

**2009 NISSAN MURANO**  
Vin # JN8AZ18W89W212328

**2011 SUBARU IMPREZA**  
Vin # JF1GH6B69BH830286

**2015 CHEVROLET MALIBU**  
Vin # 1G11G5S55FF183756

**2004 TOYOTA CAMRY**  
Vin # 4T1BE32K74U816546

**2010 VOLVO XC90**  
Vin # YV4982CZ9A1564261

**1992 FORD F350**  
Vin # 2FDKF37G5NCA35964

**2007 HONDA CIVIC**  
Vin # 2HGFA55527H711425

**2011 JEEP COMPASS**  
Vin # 1J4NF1FB8BD233648

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Run dates: 12/13, 12/20, 12/27/2024

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## Celtics De Ja Vu

The Boston Celtics are in a familiar place in their quest for an NBA repeat Championship. At this point last season, their record stood at 19 wins, 5 losses, which eerily is their current record today. Considering nearly every player from last season returned their place in the standings should shock no one.

They've been fairly solid on both offense and defense, although Coach Mazzulla and his top player's will all concede there is always room to improve. The team overall has been very aggressive in 3-point attempts and it is proving costly to their opponents.

If the team as a whole can remain healthy, while the bench depth continues to offer support, it is tough to imagine the C's won't be making another run at the O'Brien Trophy.

## Bruins Faring Well Under Coach Sacco

The Boston Bruins are off to a 7-game win, 2 losses start under new head coach Joe Sacco. Unfortunately, the start to their five-game road trip isn't looking very magical after losing the initial game against the Winnipeg Jets 8-1. Goalie Jeremy Swayman gave up 5 goals alone in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, which only added to the 2 given up in the first 20 minutes of the game. "I just think they were the better team tonight, from start to finish," Sacco said. If the team can maintain their discipline, it should end better than it began.

## Bill Belichick Forges New Career Path

Former New England Patriots Head Coach Bill Belichick's career path has taken an unexpected turn, stunning many in the football world. The University of North Carolina (UNC) Tar Heels has signed Belichick to a three-year, \$30 million dollar contract as their new head coach after moving on from Mack Brown, whom UNC fired last month.

Belichick has never coached at the collegiate level before but did play college football at Wesleyan. Belichick's dad, Steve, was a college coach "I grew up around college football with my dad and treasured those times. If I was in a college program, it would be a pipeline to the NFL for the players that had the ability to play in the NFL. It would be a professional program, training, nutrition, coaching, techniques that would transfer to the NFL. It would be an NFL program at a college level," Belichick told viewers on ESPN's The Pat McAfee show before the announcement was made public.

UNC is no stranger to high level athletics, especially in their basketball program. If Belichick can perform his magic on the grid iron, the Tar Heels football program may finally achieve the success that has eluded them for so long.



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