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Massachusetts State Legislature Rejects Audit Attempt

A power struggle has been brewing with the Speaker of the House Ronald Mariano and Senate President Karen Spilka on one side and State Auditor Diana DiZoglio on the other, over Question 2, the ballot initiative overwhelmingly approved by Massachusetts voters authorizing a full and transparent audit of the legislature's books. Mariano and Spilka have been successful in pushing off DiZoglio's audit claiming the November 5th ballot win is not official until all votes are certified.

Legal counsel for the state legislature said a renewed push by the auditor to scrutinize each chamber is premature given the law has not yet taken effect. DiZoglio's office requested records and documents necessary for the audit, however State House attorneys suggested the audit lacks legal authority since Governor Healey and the Governor's Council have not yet certified the election results. "An initiative position for a change in law is effective 30 days after the state election in which the petition was approved. Furthermore, this 30-day period does not commence until this election

has been duly certified," Senate Counsel James DiTullio and House Counsel James Kennedy wrote.

DiZoglio, a former Methuen State Representative has butted heads with State House leaders on her quest to open the legislative books. "Is anyone surprised that they want to procrastinate into the final hours before working to address this issue? Prolonging the inevitable does not serve the taxpayers and we have alerted the Attorney General that we intend to litigate this matter should they continue to balk at our meeting request beyond the certification date," DiZoglio wrote in a statement to the *Herald*.

DiZoglio has made a number of requests for legal action to Attorney General Andrea Campbell, requesting the two chambers comply with the voter mandated audit. Campbell claims she has no role to play until the law takes effect and a legal dispute emerges between both sides. Legal representatives for the House and Senate referenced the fact each chamber already undergoes a professional financial audit by outside firms with results posted on-line.

President Biden's Last Hurrah is an Insult to America and its Judicial System

by Patti Sartori

Hunter Biden is without doubt the luckiest citizen in America right now. It's not every day that a convicted felon is pardoned by his father, who just happens to be the President of the United States. It came as absolutely *no surprise* that the President would take this action. It was merely a matter of when, not if, and anyone who feigns surprise is adding additional insult to the average American.

It's going to be interesting to watch and hear how the White House spins President Biden's political maneuver, especially his Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, who has repeatedly dismissed the possibility of President Biden issuing a pardon for his son Hunter on

numerous occasions including July 2023, September 2023, December 2023, June 2024, August 2024, November 2024, and many times in between. Shortly after President-elect Donald Trump won the November 5th election, Jean-Pierre repeated her answer had not changed, "We've been asked that question multiple times. Our answer still stands, which is no," the press secretary said. So much for truthfulness, and transparency toward the America people.

Upon issuing the pardon on late Sunday evening, the president issued a statement declaring that he had just signed a "Full and Unconditional Pardon" for Robert Hunter Biden, claiming

Hunter was "selectively and unfairly prosecuted. It is clear that Hunter was treated differently, singled out only because he was my son." So much for the President's pledge to "just tell the American people the truth."

"President Biden himself vowed openly on a number of occasions that he would definitely not pardon his son, "I said I abide by the jury decision. I will do that. And I will not pardon him." Biden stated to reporters at the recent G7 Summit in Italy. Sadly, this isn't the first time Joe Biden has lied to the American people or broken a promise, but its surely one of the most egregious.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Going Bananas

"Sometimes a banana is just a banana," so penned Nicole Gelinas, a contributing editor to the Manhattan Institute's *City Journal*, but not last month when Sotheby's resold a specimen of the fruit as artwork for \$6.2 million, complete with duct tape for affixing to your wall. The banana's creator was Italian sculptor Maurizio Cattelan. As Gelinas goes on, "(This) banana shows how a price can have no relation (to anything)."

Is this banana in question art? Remember, you can go to 7-Eleven and get two bananas for a dollar and tape it to your living room wall. The buyer of this artwork happened to be a telecom entrepreneur from Hong Kong named Justin Sun. By the way, on Black Friday, Sun ate his week-old banana before it rotted.

Womb to Doom?

Reportedly, many women out there are getting elective surgical procedures to render themselves infertile and it seems to be because Donald Trump beat Biden on November 5th. Many of them apparently fear a reproductive rights crackdown under a second Trump term.

Newsweek interviewed many women and many stated it was done to ensure their reproductive freedoms. One woman interviewed stated, "For me the idea of getting pregnant is worse than death. I'm doing what I can to protect my right to choose. I am choosing me." Another woman stated, "I feel the election tied my hands and forced me to be sterilized ..."

Did Hunter Get the Full Nixon?

"Hunter Biden's pardon looks a lot like Richard Nixon's," said Betsy Woodruff Swan at *Politico*. It

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by Prof. Edmund Turiello



VARRO

Marcus Terentius Varro, usually referred to as Varro, was born in the Sabine town of Reate, in 116 BC. He was educated in Rome, and later by at least one Greek philosopher from the Academy. He fought against Julius Caesar in Spain during the Civil War but was forced to surrender. He later obtained the forgiveness of Caesar, who employed him to superintend the collection and arrangement of a great library which was intended for public use.



Statue of Marcus Terentius Varro in Rieti, Italy

Varro is said to be the most learned of Roman scholars, and the most voluminous of Roman authors. He wrote about 74 different works, numbering 620 on the subjects of oratory, history, jurisprudence, philosophy, geography, husbandry, and the seven liberal arts, which include: grammar, logic, rhetoric, geometry, arithmetic,

astronomy, music, and then added medicine and architecture. Of these 620 books, about 130 were written during the last 12 years of his life.

His writings included 24 books on Roman grammar, 41 books on political and religious institutions, a 15-book collection containing 700 short sketches on famous Greeks and Romans, and 9 books on the "liberal arts." Also included were 76 books on philosophy, and an undetermined number on geography, law, and poetry.

The 41 book series on political and religious institutions was considered to be Varro's greatest work, and it is chiefly upon this group that his reputation was based. Unfortunately, only a few fragments are available today.

There is no question that Marcus Terentius Varro's vast and varied knowledge in every facet of literature earned him the title of "most learned of Roman scholar."

NEXT ISSUE:
Vergil

When will the Censorship of Free Speech and Cancellation of Those Who Disagree End

by Patti Sartori

Will we ever again be allowed to "Agree to Disagree?" Will we ever get past cancelling someone out because they dared to give their honest opinion on a topic, and it wasn't to our way of thinking? It's been the acceptable behavior for too long. However, at least one Massachusetts Congressman has come to his senses. Recently, he challenged the Democratic Party, his political party of choice, when he pushed back against biological males competing in women's high school and college sports. Seth Moulton, U.S. Representative from Salem, Massachusetts, was once in favor of men playing in women's sports, before he was against it. In August 2023, he joined other Democrats in the House to vote against the Republican sponsored Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act. This would have prohibited biological males from competing in women's sports.

So why the change of heart? Could it be because he is the father of two young daughters, "I have two little girls. I don't want them getting run over on the playing field by a male or

formerly male athlete. But as a Democrat I am supposed to be afraid to say that" Moulton stated. Funny how perceptions change when it hits close to home. Also playing a role in his transformative thinking could be the voter mandate given to President Elect Trump and the Republican Party on November 5th. Suddenly Moulton believes the Democratic Party doesn't champion free speech anymore. "I am done with Democratic purity tests. Voters want elected officials to give voice to their concerns, not tell them what they should think. Independents and Republicans see what we do to fellow Democrats who disagree with the party line. Why would they think they have a prayer with us?" Moulton challenged.

Moulton drew backlash from his party for these comments, prompting some Democrats in Massachusetts to shun and attack him in the media, while others are plotting to field a candidate to run against him in 2026. Someone who conforms to their way of thinking I would venture to say.

How long this grudge against Moulton will last remains to

be seen. I am betting it's not after January 20th when most likely they will all make nice and unite together against the nefarious Donald Trump. Until then, let Congressman Moulton see what it feels like for an ordinary citizen to offer their humble opinion only to be denounced by the national media, their image plastered all over social media, and have their reputations and livelihood left in tatters.

Moulton doesn't seem to be backing down from his comments and has called on his fellow Democrats to "Stop spending time trying not to offend anyone rather than being brutally honest about the challenges many Americans face." Let's hope more Democratic leaders realize the tide has changed and finally begin to make room for different opinions.

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
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Docket No. M124C1262CA**

**In the Matter of
KENYIA SHERRY BOGARTY
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PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Kenya Sherry Bogarty of Burlington, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Asa Obani Daktari**.

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**Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court**
Date: November 22, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 12/06/2024

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Mandates Finally Ran its Course

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, or more commonly known as DEI, is on a downward spiral and is finally being exposed for one of the most toxic obsessions in American society. A recent report in *New York Times* magazine found that the University of Michigan's decade-long, \$250 million dollar experiment in DEI has been a total failure. The *Times* notes, "students and faculty members reported a less positive campus climate than at the program's start and less of a sense of belonging. Students were less likely to interact with people of a different race or religion or with different politics."

The U.S. Government, corporations, academic institutions, college campuses, human resource departments, along with a host of others through the country have spent approximately \$8 billion dollars annually in training sessions, workshops, and other settings to inform people that the country is full of white supremist and to warn other segments of the population, depending on their race or gender that they are victims of oppression and racism.

Research is now suggesting that DEI can create negative or unhealthy feelings or make people fearful and hesitant to speak their minds or offer their feelings and opinions. A new study from the Network Contagion Research Institute and Rutgers University Social Perception Lab found that DEI "raised perceptions of prejudicial hostility where none was present" and went as far as to create illiberal racial paranoia.

However, there seems to be strong signals that change is on the horizon. A number of companies have been pulling back from the abyss, including Walmart with their announcement that it will stop using the term "diversity, equity, and inclusion" and end DEI-related initiatives. Look for this trend to continue across American cities and towns given the newly elected Trump administration is a sworn enemy of DEI. This experiment has been tried, has failed miserably, and is a matter of time before it is permanently cancelled once and for all.

Are Bike Lanes Really Worth the Investment?

The City of Boston has heavily invested in bike lanes throughout the city, with plans to expand the bike share network, implement new corridors and redesign major streets to install new bike lanes in specific neighborhoods. Boston Mayor Michelle Wu is a huge proponent of cycling as a mode of transportation, even biking daily to city hall while she was an at-large city councilor. Her administration has spent millions installing new bike lanes throughout Boston and is planning to spend much more in the future. Many residents are questioning if the benefit outweighs the cost, especially given the current budget shortfall arising from the decreased commercial property values and vacant office space.

Residents from various neighborhood groups, including the North End and Back Bay have complained that newly added

bike lanes have created a traffic disaster and safety concerns instead of improving accessibility. Meg Mainzer-Cohen, President of the Back Bay Association submitted an e mail to The Boston Transportation Department explaining that "traffic congestion is driving customers away from restaurants and preventing the community from functioning at times. There's a lack of predictability with traffic signaling that is causing safety concerns for pedestrians." Even facing community pushback, the city has refused to change their plans or consider community feedback and is expected to expand its bike network over the next few years with approximately \$17 million dollars set aside for a citywide "Better Bike Project" in the capital budget.

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Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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Docket No. SU24D1640DR
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**Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.**
Date: November 13, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Run date: 12/06/2024

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Docket No. SU24P2474EA
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Alan F. Corin of Sudbury, MA**, Petitioner **Patricia E. McCoon of Sudbury, MA**.
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(L-R): Celeste Hewitt, Spinelli's Operation Specialist, Shirley Fabbo, President of East Boston Chamber of Commerce, Lisa Cappuccio Co-Chair of the Holiday Lights Committee, Matthew Roberto of Spinelli's, and committee member Yesenia Martinez

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Padre Pio Celebration

— a Huge Success —

St. Leonard Church, on Hanover Street, in Boston's North End honored Padre Pio by hosting a fundraiser on Sunday December 1 to benefit the 25th Anniversary, to be held in May 2025. Parishioners, neighbors, friends and Padre Pio loyalists gathered in St. Joseph's Hall, enjoying a sumptuous buffet donated by Frank DePasquale of DePasquale Ventures, along with wine, delicious desserts and dancing.

Devotion to Padre Pio has grown at St. Leonard's thanks to the efforts of two sisters, Anna D'Amore Sirignano and Natalina D'Amore Tizzano. Their families raised funds to bring a bronze statue of Padre Pio to the parish peace garden almost a quarter century ago. It was recently refinished and stands with open arms overlooking the serene setting. Padre Pio was born in Pietrelcina, Italy but primarily served in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy as a priest of the Order of the Friars Minor Capuchin. He spent his entire life in service of God's mercy. Each June, a small statue of the saint is carried in a procession throughout the North End neighborhood followed by a large group of worshippers who hold a deep devotion to Padre Pio.

Anna and Natalina would like to thank all the donors and volunteers who participated in this wonderful event for all of their hard work and effort in ensuring its success.

Natalina D'Amore Tizzano, Frank DePasquale of DePasquale Ventures, and Anna D'Amore Sirignano



(L-R): Revere City Councilor Angela Guarino Sawaya, Pastor of St. Leonard Church Father Michael Della Penna, Anna D'Amore Sirignano, Jimmy Martorano, Lina Buttiri, and Ernestina Sirignano



(L-R): Laurie Cappello, Anna D'Amore Sirignano, Gina Riccio, Gabrielle Agrippino, Carla Agrippino Gomes, and Maria Renda, seated



(L-R): Franca (Ursino) Daniele, Francesco Daniele, Dr. Alba DeSimone, Elena Guarino, standing Revere City Councilor Angela Guarino Sawaya, and Ernestina Sirignano

In Remembrance

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore Down Through the Chimney with Good Saint Nick!

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



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

The idea of Santa Claus may seem rather strange, even bizarre. Here is a man who lives in the North Pole, wears red, owns a toyshop run by elves, and hops aboard a sleigh to deliver presents to children

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

St. Nicholas, Santa Claus's predecessor, even boasts his own feast day on the 6th of December. My grandmother hailed from the southern Italian city of Bari, which holds the

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

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

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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THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



There Should be a Present and Future Too

Eugene O'Neill once wrote, "There is no present or future, only the past happens over and over again — now." I thought of this bit of philosophy after having read what happened on December 7th during the Revere Human Rights Commission's regular monthly meeting. The meetings as always start off with the Land Acknowledgment in which as always, the Pawtucket tribe is recognized as the original holder of the land encompassed by Revere today. Then, the Mission Statement of the commission is read. The members then watched a video of a recent visit the group took to Plymouth to learn about the Indigenous Wampanoags.

Following the video the group reportedly gathered in Circle Group. Members of the commission were invited to discuss topics that touched on human rights issues. Then after that the meeting which lasted 90 minutes was adjourned.

I have nothing against creating a city Human Rights

Commission, but what really was accomplished at this very ritualistic monthly meeting that has any real bearing on what is happening today in the City of Revere? Sounds like Eugene O'Neill's quote says it all. Can anyone talk about today anymore or how we proceed in our shared future?

After such a contentious political year, we need to find ways to come together today on the values most of us share with one another. How we treat and respect one another. How we grow today at this moment and help to create a future full of hope in our shared humanity. I hate to say this but the 90 minutes spent at the latest monthly HRC meeting seemed like a waste of 90 minutes to me.

Finally, if the HRC members want to stay relative, talk about today and tomorrow. We can't change yesterday; we can only learn from it.

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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 **Elizangela M. De Azevedo, 44 Summerside Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601** your answer, if any, on or before **January 27, 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, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

**Witness, HON. PATRICK W. STANTON,
First Justice of this Court.**

Date: November 20, 2024

Matthew J. McDonough, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/06/2024

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Italian American Long-Distance Runners Excel

Silvio Laccetti, Ph.D



Marco Langon, of Villanova by way of Raritan, NJ

The college cross country running season just concluded in late November, in Madison, Wisconsin. Some 250 of the very best distance runners in U.S. colleges came together to compete for the ultimate prize of All-American status, given to the top forty finishers in all the land. Two couriers of Italian American background

achieved such lofty status: Marco Langon, of Villanova by way of Raritan, NJ, and Matt Strangio of the University of Portland, by way of Folsom, CA. Langon finished in 15th place overall while Strangio was only a few places behind him at #22. Two other Italian Americans raced well but did not earn All American honors: Leo Young, #63 and twin brother Lex at #92, both running for Stanford.

The Championship meet culminated an arduous season in which there seemed to be fewer Italo-American standouts than usual. However, in the penultimate round, the Regionals held in various geographic regions, the above runners performed extremely well gaining honors. Strangio was 2nd in the West Regional out of 210 runners. Langon was 2nd in the Mid-Atlantic region, out of 192 runners. Langon was joined in the regional honors group by Brian Di Cola, of Penn State U. who finished sharply to achieve 4th place while Strangio was joined by Lex Young who finished 10th in the West region.



Matt Strangio of the University of Portland, by way of Folsom, CA

In a few short weeks these athletes will start the indoor track season and a pair of early season races in Boston will give a good indication of how they will perform at shorter distances. Forza and Buona Fortuna ...

Silvio Laccetti, Ph.D is a national columnist and President of the Silvio Laccetti Foundation

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“insulates his son from ever facing federal charges over any crimes he possibly could have committed over the past decade.” Just one other person “in generations” has “received a presidential pardon so sweeping”: Richard Nixon. And the starting date of January 1, 2014, in the Biden pardon was surely not chosen randomly: Hunter Biden joined the board of Burisma Holdings, a Ukrainian gas company, in April 2014, while his father was

vice president.

Granny Goes on Stab Spree

An angry inebriated grandma has been arrested in Tennessee for allegedly stabbing her daughter and grandson with a kitchen knife during a Thanksgiving Day altercation. The grandmother had been drinking before she screamed and grabbed a knife, charging at her daughter for pushing her grandson. Grandma sliced the victim’s left hand and then stabbed her own grandson, too.

The only slicing that should be happening at the Thanksgiving dinner table should be on the turkey, and not each other.

U.S. Sends More Weapons to Ukraine

The United States will be sending Ukraine another \$725 million in military hardware as Kyiv calls for more arms to fight the Russian offensive capabilities. Two U.S. officials talking about the aid package would not confirm if the new weapons shipment included rockets for the long-range system. It appears the Biden Administration is working to spend every dime of military-assistance allotted by Congress, which passed earlier this year before the incoming Trump Administration arrives.

“Willful” Misconduct by Judge

Judge Shelley Joseph has been charged with “willful misconduct” for bringing “disrepute” to the courts for allowing an illegal immigrant to escape ICE arrest in 2018. In a rebuke, the state’s Commission on Judicial Conduct hit Joseph now assigned to Boston Municipal Court for violating the “Code of Judicial Conduct” by “failing to comply with the law.” The commission will now decide what, if any, punishment she could face, up to losing her job.

The incident that brought all this legal trouble up for the judge was her reported actions that allowed an illegal immigrant who came before her bench on April 2, 2018. She allowed the “deportable alien” to exit the Newton District Courthouse out a back door while two ICE agents were at the courthouse aimed with a detainer allowing the defendant to escape the clutches of the federal officers. Eventually, ICE did catch up with the escapee.

End Quote

“Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.”

— Albert Einstein

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Keep Holiday Greens Looking Their Best

by Melinda Myers



Wreaths, door swags, garlands, and containers filled with evergreens have long been part of winter celebrations and displays. Keep them fresh and looking their best throughout the holidays with minimal effort.

Fresh greenery with pliable branches and firmly attached needles will last the longest. Check for good color and an aroma you prefer. Consider buying extra greenery and storing it in the garage or another cool location. Use these to replace any indoor greenery that is starting to brown.

Recut the bottom of the stems with a sharp bypass pruner. Totally submerge the greenery in a tub of room-temperature water overnight to help rehydrate the needles. Gently crush

the cut end to allow it to better absorb moisture.

Remove the cuttings from the water and once dry, seal in the moisture by spraying the greens with an anti-transpirant, often called anti-desiccant. These products seal in moisture, reducing drying due to warm, dry air indoors and drying winds and sunlight outside.

Follow label directions for application tips and dilution rates based on what you are treating. Avoid using these on juniper berries, cedar, and blue spruce. The waxy coating that makes these look blue can be damaged by these products. Apply anti-desiccant products outdoors during the day, as light is needed to activate some of these chemicals. Allow the treated greens to dry for three

to four hours before moving them inside.

Display indoor greenery in cool locations out of direct sunlight. This reduces moisture loss and extends the life of your garland, wreaths, and arrangements.

Keep greenery away from heat sources that speed drying, decorative lights that generate heat, and flames from candles. Check the greens every few days and replace dry, brittle, and brown cuttings with fresh greens.

Outdoor greenery lasts much longer when temperatures are cooler than indoors. Further, extend their longevity by placing them in more sheltered locations, out of direct sunlight and wind where they suffer less drying. Avoid hanging wreaths and swags in front of windows in direct sunlight where the reflected light can burn the foliage. Use an anti-transpirant on outdoor greenery to help reduce moisture loss and extend your enjoyment.

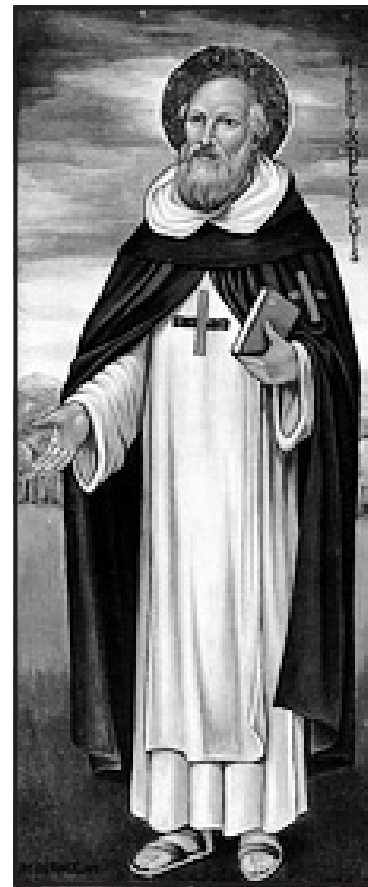
Keep outdoor planters of greens looking their best throughout the winter. Keep the soil moist until it freezes when displaying spruce tips, cut holiday trees, and evergreen stems in outdoor containers. If and when the ground freezes, you can stop watering.

A bit of effort goes a long way in extending the beauty of holiday greenery.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd 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.

Saint Felix of Valois

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Felix was born at Valois, France in 1127. He was a member of the royal branch of Valois.

At an early age he renounced his possessions and retired to a dense forest in the Diocese of Meaux, where he gave himself to prayer and contemplation.

He was joined in his retreat by John of Matha, who proposed to him the project of founding an order for the redemption of captives. Felix and John set out for Rome and arrived there in the beginning of the pontificate of Innocent III. They had letters of recommendation from the Bishop of Paris, and the new Pope received them with kindness and lodged them. The project of founding the order was considered in several conclaves of cardinals and prelates, and the Pope after fervent prayer decided that these holy men were inspired by God, and raised up for the good of the Church. He confirmed their order, which he named the Order of the Holy Trinity for the Redemption of Captives. The Pope commissioned the Bishop of Paris and the Abbot of St. Victor to draw up for the institute a rule, which was confirmed by the Pope, December 17, 1198.

Felix returned to France to establish the order. He was received with great enthusiasm, and King Philip Augustus authorized the Institute. Twenty acres of the woods were donated where he erected the famous monastery of Cerfroi, the mother-house of the institute. Within forty years the order possessed six hundred monasteries in almost every part of the

world. Felix and John of Matha were forced to part, the latter went to Rome to found a house of the order, the church of which, Santa Maria in Navicella, still stands on the Caecilian Hill. Felix remained in France to look after the interests of the congregation. He founded a house in Paris attached to the church of St. Maturinus.

Felix passed away amongst his fellow Trinitarians at their motherhouse in Cerfroid on November 4, 1212. He was canonized on May 1, 1262 by Pope Urban IV. The Feast day of Saint Felix of Valois is November 20th.

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WATERTOWN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ADVERTISEMENT

INVITATION FOR BID

LEASE OF ROOFTOP SPACE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES

Project No: WHDC-11-25-24

The Watertown Housing Development Corporation (the "Authority") is soliciting sealed bids for the lease and use of the rooftop space at 100 Warren Street, Building A, in the City of Watertown, Massachusetts, Middlesex County in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This space is available for installing and operating radio communications facilities, provided the use does not interfere with the operations of one other telecommunications company on the roof of the adjoining nearby building at Building B, with a long-term lease. These facilities can include, but are not limited to, cellular telephone, personal communications systems, paging, and land mobile radio. The lease and use of these spaces will be on a nonexclusive basis.

Sealed Bids will be received on or before 2:00PM (cell phone time) January 22, 2025, at the Watertown Housing Authority, Address: 55 Waverley Avenue, Watertown, MA 02472, Attn: Anthony DiGiovanni, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder and clearly marked with the applicable contract name and number. At such time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The WATERTOWN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION reserves the right to award and/or reject any and all bids for any reason determined to be in the Authority's best interest.

Invitation for Bid (IFB) copies are available free of charge after December 11, 2024 via email request to anthonyd@watertownha.org or by calling Anthony DiGiovanni at the direct office line at 617-393-1971. They may also be picked up at the Authority's Administrative Office at 55 Waverley Avenue, Watertown, MA 02472 by contacting Anthony DiGiovanni in advance at the above phone number and scheduling pick up.

The existing building will be available for observation by appointment only on December 18, 2024 at 10:00AM and the building will be inspected immediately thereafter. Bidders please contact Anthony DiGiovanni at the above phone number or email address prior to close of business on the Monday prior to schedule an appointment for the observation.

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

All prospective bidders should check the Watertown Housing Authority website (www.watertownha.org) for any addenda prior to submitting a bid. For further information, contact Anthony DiGiovanni by phone: (617) 393-1971 or by email at anthonyd@watertownha.org

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

William Caxton

William Caxton was born at Kent, England in 1422. He went to London at the age of 16 to become an apprentice to a merchant, later moving to Bruges, the center of the wool trade, where he became a successful and important member of the merchant community. From 1462 to 1470 he served as governor of the English Nation of Merchant Adventurers, which allowed him to represent his fellow merchants, as well as act as a diplomat for the king.



Caxton affiliated himself with the household of Margaret, the duchess of Burgundy, sister of the English king Edward IV. She became one of his most important patrons.

In the early 1470s Caxton spent time in Cologne learning the art of printing. He returned to Bruges in 1472 where he and Colard Mansion, a Flemish calligrapher, set up a press. Caxton's own translation of *The Recuyell of the Histories of Troye* was the first book printed in the English language published in 1473.

In 1476, Caxton returned to London and established a press at Westminster, the first printing press in England. Amongst the books he printed were Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, *Gower's Confession Amantis*

and Malory's *Le Morte d'Arthur*. He printed more than 100 books in his lifetime, books which were known for their craftsmanship and careful editing. He was also the translator of many of the books he published, using his knowledge of French, Latin, and Dutch. He passed away in 1492.

William Caxton — "Through his publishing activity helped to stabilize the English language by promoting a single dialect and through print this dialect became more prevalent and helped to form the basis of our modern language.

Caxton was the first English printer and a translator and importer of books into England.

Salesian Boys & Girls Club Pasta Night Fundraiser

What a Success

by Sal Giarratani

Once again, it was time for the annual Salesian Boys & Girls Club's Pasta Dinner Night and the place was packed as always with supporters of the Club and in support of all it does for the community of young people who have come to depend on this neighborhood jewel. And it couldn't happen without the partnership of the parents and community members. It was a great night for folks to get together and celebrate the Club and each other. Besides all the good food being served, folks had so much fun with all the prizes being raffled off too. I never forget to show up for this community institution that offers so much to so many.



Joan Papa and Coreen Cinelli who show up every year working in the kitchen preparing all the endless pasta available for the asking.



Octavia Wise and Kethia Beausejour call themselves "Mothers in Action." Both of them have kids in the Salesian Boys & Girls Club. Active moms who love the pasta and the children's programs available for their children and all the kids of the nearby community.



Look at this great cake celebrating this event which provided endless slices of a great cake to everyone in the hall on this evening celebration



The gang from First Priority Bank were in attendance led by Fatima and her crew embedding themselves into the great meal. You can see me in this photo if you look really hard. After all, I have been a member of First Priority, my favorite credit union for a long time.



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THE TRAGICALLY HIP – UP TO HERE

(4LP Vinyl + Blu-ray) UMe

The Tragically Hip released the commemorative box set of their Diamond-certified debut album, *Up To Here*, the latest installment of special deluxe packages. *Up To Here* was originally released in 1989, as The Tragically Hip's first full-length studio album, an introduction that brought them breakthrough success, including two Canadian rock radio #1 singles, "Blow at High Dough" and "New Orleans is Sinking." The expanded reissue of *Up To Here* is a must-have for collectors, presented as a four-LP set, alongside liner notes documenting the history of the debut album era. The reissue includes a 2024 remastering of the original album and five previously unreleased songs that didn't make it on the original *Up To Here* album — "She's Got What It Takes," "Get Back Again," "Rain, Hearts And Fire," "Hailstone Hands Of God," and "Wait So Long" are also shared as part of this expanded package, remastered and mixed recording of *Live at Misty Moon*, the special filmed for MuchMusic in 1990 from the *Misty Moon Cabaret* in Halifax, is also included, with an accompanying 1-hour concert film on Blu-ray. The package also contains demos from 1988 that were recorded prior to the *Up To Here* recording session. In June, The Tragically Hip dropped the new single "Get Back Again," which fans consider to be the holy grail of previously unreleased tracks from the band. The song recently reached #1 in Canada, marking their first chart topping hit in 15 years. The band performed "Get Back Again" as part of the *Live At Misty Moon* set in 1990, which had been the only recorded version of the track from the band until now.

Up To Here Commemorative Boxset (Blu-ray Audio) - LP 1 - Up To Here (2024 remaster of the original album) Side One: Blow At High Dough - I'll Believe In You (Or I'll Be Leaving You Tonight) - New Orleans Is Sinking - 38 Years Old - She Didn't Know. **Side Two:** Boots Or Hearts - Everytime You Go - When The Weight Comes Down - Trickle Down - Another Midnight - Opiated. **LP 2+3 - Live At The Misty Moon + Previously Unreleased Studio Tracks Side One** The following 14 tracks *Live At The Misty Moon* - Crack My Spine Like A Whip - She Didn't Know - Highway Girl - Just As Well - Boots Or Hearts - Trickle Down. **Side Two:** Get Back Again - Three Pistols - Fight - 38 Years Old. **Side Three:** Blow At High Dough - I'll Believe In You (Or I'll Be Leaving You Tonight) - New Orleans Is Sinking - On The Verge. **Side Four:** She's Got What It Takes - Get Back Again - Rain, Hearts And Fire - Wait So Long. **LP 4 - How We Got Here - The 1988 Demos Side One:** The following 10 tracks are 1988 Demos - Hailstone Hands Of God - When The Weight Comes Down - I'll Believe In You (Or I'll Be Leaving

You Tonight) - New Orleans Is Sinking - Rain, Hearts And Fire. **Side Two:** She Didn't Know - Blow At High Dough - Boots Or Hearts - Everytime You Go - Just Another Midnight. **Disc 4 Atmos Blu-ray:** Blow At High Dough - I'll Believe In You (Or I'll Be Leaving You Tonight) - New Orleans Is Sinking - 38 Years Old - She Didn't Know - Boots Or Hearts - Everytime You Go - When The Weight Comes Down - Trickle Down - Another Midnight - Opiated - She's Got What It Takes - Get Back Again - Rain, Hearts And Fire - Wait So Long. **Blu-ray includes concert film of The Misty Moon show. Track listing:** Crack My Spine Like A Whip - She Didn't Know - Highway Girl - Just As Well - Boots Or Hearts - Trickle Down - Get Back Again - Three Pistols - Fight - 38 Years Old - Blow At High Dough - I'll Believe In You (Or I'll Be Leaving You Tonight) - New Orleans Is Sinking - On The Verge.

MÖTLEY CRÜE:

UP TO HERE - LIMITED EDITION - 35TH ANNIVERSARY (6LP Vinyl) BMG

Thirty-five years after its release, *Dr. Feelgood* stands as the last great rock record of the 1980s, and one of the greatest rock records of all time. Released in 1989, this iconic album took Mötley Crüe to #1 on the Billboard Top 200 and earned a 6X Platinum certification in the U.S. With five massive hit singles that kept radio request lines busy, the *Dr. Feelgood World Tour* saw Mötley Crüe on the road and in the air for over 2 years. First single "Dr. Feelgood" with its instantly memorable opening, and catchy chorus, set the tone by reaching the top 10 on the U.S. Hot 100 singles chart. Originally a Top 30 hit upon release, "Kickstart My Heart" went on to become Mötley Crüe's most popular landmark track. From the buzz saw intro to the cheating-death lyrics and music video shot in a rare return to a club show at the world-famous Whisky a Go Go in Hollywood. The Hot 100 hits kept coming as "Without You" hit "Don't Go Away Mad (Just Go Away)," and final single "Same Ol' Situation (S.O.S.)." The centerpiece of this 35th Anniversary campaign is this Limited-Edition Box Set available on LP & CD with the remastered version of the original album, as well as rare demos and live tracks, plus a 24-page replica tour book with photos, a backstage pass, live show handbill, press kit, and guitar pick. **Album Track list:** T.n.T. (Terror 'n Tinseltown) - Dr. Feelgood - Slice Of Your Pie - Rattlesnake Shake - Kickstart My Heart - Without You - Same Ol' Situation (S.O.S.) - Sticky Sweet - She Goes Down - Don't Go Away Mad (Just Go Away) - Time For Change. **Demos Track list:** Dr. Feelgood - Get It For Free - Kickstart My Heart - Time For Change - Without You. **Live Track list:** - Dr. Feelgood - Don't Go Away Mad (Just Go Away) Without You - Kickstart My Heart - Same Ol' Situation (S.O.S.).

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

SANTA STOPPING BY

FIRST PRIORITY SATURDAY

Last year, I was there when Santa Claus showed up at the First Priority Credit Union and the place was packed. All the children received gifts from the credit union folks too. It was a win-win day for all.

Well, this Saturday, December 7th, Santa returns once again from 10:00 a.m. until Noon time. The place will be mobbed again this year so don't forget 10:00 a.m. until Noon. Mark it on your calendar right now.

SANTA LOVES MAKING CHRISTMAS COOKIES

On Sunday, December 8th, Santa will be arriving at A&L Bakery/Cafe on Sumner Street from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Santa is even bringing along Mrs. Claus too for the Christmas Cookie Decorating Party. Stop by the bakery for more details on this festive event.

ALSO, ON DECEMBER 8TH

The 52nd Annual Christmas Parade happens in the North End starting at 12:30 p.m. As usual, Santa will be arriving by helicopter over at Christopher Columbus Park to kick off the

parade. This parade is always dedicated in memory of Jimmy Pallotta.

ORIENT HEIGHTS TREE LIGHTING AND SANTA TOO

The Orient Heights Tree Lighting will be taking place once again with Santa present and accounted for on Sunday, December 15th starting at 5:00 p.m. outside Ruggiero's. Stop by, bring the kids and have some holiday fun while you're at it.

SACRED HEART PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

On Saturday, November 23rd, Sacred Heart Parish, Paris Street, East Boston held a very successful and fun-filled Christmas Fair. It was well attended as it always is and raised some good money for the parish's many needs. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it the success that it was. The morning began with a pancake breakfast with Santa, too.

NEXT COMMUNITY DINNER DECEMBER 11TH

The next Community Dinner at Sacred Heart will be held on

Wednesday, December 11th at 5:00 p.m. Since Christmas is creeping up on us., we've put aside the usual pasta for a great ham dinner, too. Check it out and bring a friend. Yum, yum.

I STILL REMEMBER HIS BOSTON DAYS

Recently I read that long-time TV news anchor Chuck Scarborough is about to retire after delivering the nightly news on WNBC-TV down in New York. He was on the air there from 1974 until his December 12th retirement day. Fifty plus years in the Big Apple. However, I still remember him when he was at WNAC-TV here in Boston where he started co-hosting the news with Lee Nelson and hosting an audience participating weekly news program *Mass Reaction*. The year was 1972 where he stayed until moving down to New York City and WNBC-TV. Congrats to this TV newscasting legend at age 81.

ANGELO PICARDI'S "HAPPINESS EMPORIUM"

I recently borrowed a CD from years ago. The singer was North End legend Angelo Picardi and the CD was *Mrs. Johnson's Happiness Emporium*. And from the photo of Angelo inside the CD casing, it was mostly likely from the second half of the Seventies. One of his songs was "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" and another one "Help Me Make it through the Night."

COMING 2025 EASTIE BAR

ITALIAN EXPRESS KITCHEN?

I was just informed of some good news for Jeffries Point neighbors. It appears that the Italian Express, closed seemingly forever now, is coming back. Latest on Facebook "Jim Ianuzzi Coming 2025: Italian Express Kitchen + Bar" headline has Jeffries Point folk buzzing about what is coming down at the corner of Cottage and Sumner Streets. Anyone out there know something? Shout out to Boston Renee for the info.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Northampton District Court
Department of the Trial Court
CIVIL ACTION PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. 2445CV000069
THE HEIRLOOM COLLECTIVE, INC.
v.
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 Gelinas, LLP, 1500 Main St., Suite 2700, Springfield, MA 01115, or via electronic mail at mmcandrew@bulkley.com

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Docket No. MI24D2785DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
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To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.** You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Thelma Gonzalez Gomez, 136 Commonwealth Rd., #1, Wayland, MA 01778** your answer, if any, on or before **December 31, 2024**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 19, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/06/2024

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
Lowell Justice Center
370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 656-7700
Docket No. MI24P6168EA
Estate of
CONCETTA M. MAGNOTTA
Date of Death: October 12, 2024
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **John A. Magnotta of Fall River, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

John A. Magnotta of Fall River, 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: 12/06/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI24D3325DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
RUTH E. MARQUEZ JIMENEZ
vs.
RAYNER R. MAYI GARCIA

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Ruth E. Marquez Jimenez, 1319 Pawtucket Blvd., Lowell, MA 01854** your answer, if any, on or before **December 31, 2024**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 19, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/06/2024

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Well, December is here and it's time to prepare for Christmas. Christmas season was a lot different in the Christoforo and Contini households back in the day. My father and two of my mother's brothers, Uncle Nick and Uncle Paul Contini were professional musicians, and Christmas time was their busy season. When I was in my late teens, I joined the family business and made it three generations in a row. You see, Babbononno, my grandfather Mike Contini, started the tradition, but by the time I became a professional he had long retired from playing.

The way it started out for me was with an assumption. When I was a child, everyone assumed that I would become a musician like Babbononno, my uncles and Dad. This assumption began to take root when I was just a kid. Babbononno would sit me down in front of a music stand and teach me something called Solfeggio, the Italian method of rhythmic articulation in reading and understanding what written music was all about. When he felt I was ready, Dad tried interesting me in accordion. His presumption was that keyboard players always worked and even made more money than the other sidemen. I hated accordion. The next instrument was piano. I took a couple of lessons and hated that, too. Both Uncles Nick and Paul then stepped in and tried to teach me their instruments, soprano, alto, and tenor saxes, along with clarinet and flute. I hated them, too. Babbononno had played drums and guitar and gave me lessons on both. Again, I didn't bite.

These ill-fated attempts went on for years, and Dad reconciled himself to the fact that his son was going to play baseball until the first snowfall and then read Captain Marvel comic books and make model airplanes out of wood until the snow melted and it was baseball time again. When I started the 7th grade at the Joseph H. Barnes Junior High School, I decided to join the drum and bugle corps and take lessons on how to play the bugle. The teacher turned out to be a man named Ralph Fucillo, a trumpet player that Dad and my uncles had worked with over the years and knew well. Dad was happy and brought me to a music store, Harris and Fandel. I believe they had a branch store on Meridian Street near Central Square in East Boston. He bought me a Rexcraft bugle, the best that was available at the time. With a musician's discount, the price was a whopping \$17.00. (I still have the bugle)

Mr. Fucillo taught me how to play the instrument and I learned the required marches that we would play when marching with the school band. Next, I went to Sabo's, a men's store also located on Meridian Street near Central Square. There, I bought the required military uniform and shoulder patches that indicated I marched for the Barnes. The uniforms were the same as the U.S. Army wore back then, tan shirts,

pants, matching overseas caps, neckties and web belts. Nanna sowed on the patches and with my creased shirt, pants, and the rest of my uniform, I was ready to play my bugle.

The band marched in the Columbus Day Parade (East Boston or the North End), Feast Day parades, the School Boy Parade, and several others that we were asked to march in. At times, we even joined with the East Boston High School Drum and Bugle Corps to celebrate Veteran's Day, President's Day, Memorial Day and even the Fourth of July. If the Catholic churches in East Boston had parades and needed music, we played for them, too. I loved every minute of it. When I started high school, I joined the English High School Drum and Bugle Corps, but lasted only one year. At age 13, I lied about my age and began working at the Seville Theater. This job, combined with homework and baseball prevented me from continuing with music. Dad didn't want me to give it up and asked Mr. Fucillo to teach me how to play the trumpet. He borrowed a silver trumpet from a Mr. Joseph Trongone, the head of the music department for the Boston Public Schools, and I took the weekly lessons, but could never find the time to practice. The trumpet sat in my bedroom and began to collect dust from lack of use and Dad's hopes of his only son becoming a musician began to fade.

When I was in my last year of high school, I asked Dad to teach me how to play the bass violin, his main instrument. He started giving me lessons, but I got to the point where I lost interest. Reconciled to the fact that I preferred working at the Seville and hanging on a street corner in my spare time, the lessons ended. The interest returned when I started college, and the lessons resumed. One warm spring day during my second year of college, I was sitting on the front steps of our house at 74 Eutaw Street, and a friend, Johnny Magnasco, happened to walk by on the other side of the street with his bass violin over his shoulder. I asked his where he was going and he stopped to talk for a few minutes. He told me that he was selling his bass as he had joined the army. He added that he had been playing with another neighbor, guitarist, Bob Avola who had a small band that was popular around East Boston. He then suggested that I contact Bob and take his place seeing that I played bass and they would need a new bass player.

I took his advice and began rehearsing with the band which included Bob on guitar, Ronny Hughes on alto sax, Jimmy Pastore on trumpet and Bill Welch on drums. I knew them all as we lived within blocks of each other, and this time I didn't quit. My first job with them was in 1958, and I played successfully, either bass or bass guitar for the next 65 years. Over the years, I tried

everything from symphony to soul. Babbononno loved it when I played classical music as that and opera were his first loves. From that beginning, I worked my way up and worked with some of the greats in Boston, New York, and Los Angeles, playing both dance music for private functions and jazz at many of the long gone clubs that dotted all three of those cities and several others around the country. At the tail end of my career, I was working as part a piano and bass duo with the late Marty Goldman. We specialized in private cocktail parties playing the great American songbook that featured the music of Gershwin, Cole Porter, Duke Ellington, and many other talented American composers of good music.

When Marty passed away unexpectedly, I tried a couple of other pianists but it wasn't the same. I decided that maybe 65 years was enough and I went into semi retirement as a musician. By this point in time, Babbononno, Dad, Uncle Paul and Uncle Nick were all gone and I became a senior citizen. As some of you know, I combined this profession with teaching school and when I retired from the Boston Public Schools in 2003, I became a professor at three local colleges, maintaining those positions which I recently retired from. Considering my age, I now spend the winter months in Florida. I was successful enough to have put a trio together in the Delray Beach area, consisting of piano, guitar and bass guitar. We rehearse on a weekly basis but can't compete with the younger musicians, so it remains as just a rehearsal group. Considering last week's story and memories contained within this week's column, all I can do is reminisce.

Happy Birthday to my wife Loretta. December 6th is her birthday ... God Bless.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Trial Court
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Woburn, MA 01801
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Docket No. MI24D2344DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

MICHELLE F. LINDSAY vs. JASON M. LINDSAY

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Michelle F. Lindsay, 107 Saratoga St., Lowell, MA 01852 your answer, if any, on or before January 06, 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, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: November 25, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/06/2024



In Italian American households, baking cookies for Christmas is a heartwarming tradition that unites generations. Kitchens transform into lively hubs where Nonnas, Mamas, and Zias gather to knead, roll, bake and decorate, filling the home with the warm aromas of citrus, anise, almond, and vanilla. This isn't just about creating the perfect cookie, it's about creating memories, sharing laughter, and passing down recipes that often aren't written but taught by touch, taste, and love.

I don't think I have ever seen an Italian Christmas cookie tray that doesn't include the iconic glazed knots, ropes, and wreaths sprinkled with nonpareils. Whether Anginetti, Sweet Taralli, or Egg Biscuits, these cookies are all made with simple ingredients like eggs, sugar, and flour. The magic lies in the subtle differences of shape, texture (influenced by fats and dairy), and most importantly, the family tradition behind each unique recipe. My family made a variety of these and the recipe that follows is firm in texture, easy to create and can be made in the flavor (lemon, anise, almond or vanilla) of your preference!

ITALIAN EGG BISCUITS *Biscotti all'uovo Italiani*



Dough

- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup shortening or unsalted butter, softened
- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons lemon, vanilla, or anise extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

Glaze

- 1 to 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 2 to 4 tablespoons whole milk
- 1 teaspoon lemon, vanilla, almond or anise extract
- Nonpareils or sprinkles to decorate

Instructions

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C).

In a large mixing bowl, cream together the granulated sugar and shortening (or butter) until fluffy.

Add the eggs and the chosen extract (lemon, vanilla, or anise), and continue beating.

Sift the flour, baking powder, and salt into the bowl, then mix until well combined.

Cover the dough and let it rest for 20 minutes. If the dough remains sticky after resting, add flour a teaspoon at a time until it becomes manageable.

Use a tablespoon-sized scoop to measure out portions of dough (about 21 to 22 pieces).

Shape each piece into ropes, braids, wreaths or other desired shapes.

Place the shaped dough on the prepared baking sheet, leaving space between each piece.

Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, or until the cookies are firm and the bottoms are golden.

Allow the cookies to cool completely before glazing.

Prepare the Glaze

In a medium bowl, combine confectioners' sugar with milk and extract. Whisk until smooth, adding more milk or sugar as needed to achieve a slightly thick but spreadable consistency.

Dip the cooled cookies into the glaze or brush it on. Immediately sprinkle with nonpareils or sprinkles before the glaze sets.

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

A Journey to Bucharest and Transylvania

by John Joseph Fahey



The city of Bucharest certainly has much to offer; several walking tours will give the visitor the opportunity not only see the city with a guide and other visitors but also learn about historical aspects of Romania that puts the country's current milieu into perspective. But there's also another feature that brings tourists from far and wide — a facet of the Romanian historical narrative that is based in reality but is also fused with the imagination and the literary aptitude of Irish writer Bram Stoker.

One may be familiar with Stoker the writer who lived from 1847 until 1912, but it is certain that most everyone has heard of the character *Dracula* on which his gothic novel is based. Although Bram fashioned his epistolary story about Count Dracula through letters, periodicals, and other correspondences, the legend itself is purely fictional. Bram created the imaginary chronical — a tale nonetheless that is considered one of the most popular Gothic horror novels in English Literature.

I had the opportunity to visit Bran Castle, which is roughly 115 miles northwest from Bucharest in the county of Brasov, and positioned amid the Carpathian Mountains; and situated in the region of Transylvania — yes folks, *that* Transylvania! Although once a part of the Hungarian Crown, this historical area is now under the jurisdiction of Romania. Due to the popularity of Bram's novel, this area, especially with the medieval Bran Castle (ironically no correlation with Stoker's most celebrated work) has become the destination of many a visitor.

Readers and certainly tourists could very well make the connection of the castle to that of *Dracula's* protagonist (actually one of several in the book) solicitor Jonathan Harker, who journeys to Transylvania

on business and visits the castle in all its unnerving and peculiar appearance. What he discovers is as eerie and alarming as one could imagine. Harker learns that Count Dracula is a vampire. He also has the unfortunate misfortune of having forced to fend off some contemptible and nefarious vampires and flee for his safety. And in discerning what capabilities Harker unearths comprising the traits of Dracula, one thing is certain, and that is the Count possesses a supernatural nature — along with some very unusual preferences!

The day of my journey to Bran Castle (named after a village called Bran, which is located within the jurisdiction of Transylvania) could have been described as forbidding.

This is because of the relatively clear weather during the trip to Brasov; however, as we got closer to Bran Castle, the atmospheric conditions changed. The sky darkened and then after touring the castle and venturing back outside the medieval citadel the rains came. One might say that this put those visiting that day in a suitably daunting mood.

The castle, or fortress is what one might expect given the expectations of what a castle constructed in the fourteenth century (and completed in 1388 AD) would look like. The building is located on a precipice, and containing about 55 rooms along with towers, dense walls, objects from the medieval period, and like many similar structures built during



this era, is surrounded by a courtyard. Truly a vestige from the feudal world!

But why the connection to Vlad the Impaler? What was the relationship of Vlad III, one of history's most infamous rulers to that of Bram Stoker's *Dracula*?

Stoker did not base his 1897 *Dracula* novel on Vlad the Impaler; however, imagination and legend assuredly contributed to how people made a connection with both; a link that today remains in popular culture.

And it was most likely that the severe reputation of Vlad III (born c.1431) who ruled Wallachia, a Principality comprising the southern geographic region of Romania where Bucharest is situated was responsible for this correlation. Vlad III was known as a fierce warrior fighting the Ottomans and Saxons; and his moniker was the result due to his severe treatment of his enemies — many of whom meet their fate through impalement on stakes.

Vlad III despite being known for his massacres, is nevertheless regarded as a hero in Romania's history.

Indubitably, it was the aggressive warfare of Vlad III which contributes to the plausible connection with the Dracula legend. It is also without a question that the name Dracul has added a quixotic dimension to the overall story. A little background on this prominent title held by one of history's most extreme potentates is in order.

Vlad III was also known as Vlad Tapes, or the "Voivode of Wallachia" (Bucharest's setting;) but he also belonged to the House of Drăculești — and this was due to his father Vlad II being a member of the Order of the Dragon (a chivalric movement comprised of nobility devoted in part to the military objectives of the crusades.) And since Vlad II was Vlad III's son, he was sometimes referred to as *Son of the Dragon*, or Vlad Dracul — hence the designation.

As Voivode of Wallachia, Vlad's official capacity is also comparable to a warlord or military leader — the term being common in the Eastern European expanse. Interestingly, Vlad III did not rule over Transylvania, although he was born there, as was his father. However, because of his family association with this enticing region, and given Vlad

III's reputation, it is easy to conjure up images of a shadowy stronghold which shelters a mysterious figure — a figure with a shocking inclination — a figure that subsists on the blood of others — namely Dracula, who resides in Bran Castle.

Alas, not to spoil a good story, a trip to the library or book store might be in order to learn some more about this fascinating character.

The castle itself has become, overtime, more of a residence than a castle — at least in the medieval sense. Actually, in the early part of the twentieth century, Bran Castle, was transformed into summer lodging for royalty (from 1881 until 1947, when King Michael relinquished his power, Romania was considered a Kingdom.) Queen consort of Romania, Maria (b.1875 and married to King Ferdinand I) was responsible for its makeover. When Maria died in 1938, her daughter Princess Ileana utilized the property for a hospital during the Second World War. However, during the following years, the castle was taken by the communist government. But, during the early years of the 21 century, the property was returned to the royal family and is overseen by the children of Princess Ileana: her son Archduke Dominic and his sisters: Archduchess Maria Magdalena and Archduchess Elisabeth.

The Queen Consort refurbished the myriad of rooms in a comfortable and modern style; dining area, bedrooms and living quarters among other rooms (including a secret passageway connecting the first and third levels only discovered about 100 years ago!)

Maria had chosen the furnishings herself.

As one walks throughout the building one has the opportunity to not only observe the royal fixtures and informative labels identifying what the various objects are but to encounter how it must have felt living in such accommodations — and realizing that the edifice itself has seen countless occurrences during its well over half a millennia timeframe.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI24C1211CA
MI24C1213CA
In the Matter of
ALEXSON YOUNG
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Alexson Young of Lowell, MA, William Young of Lowell, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Alexander Oeng, William Oeng.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 16, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: November 18, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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Docket No. MI24C0371CA
In the Matter of
KIM HENRI PENO
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Kim Henri Peno of Framingham, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Henry Peno.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 18, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: November 20, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 12/06/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI24C1214CA
In the Matter of
FUMIKO YOSHII MOREY
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Fumiko Yoshii Morey of Arlington, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Fumiko Nikki Yoshii.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 17, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: November 19, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 12/06/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI23P0972EA
Estate of
CHARLES SEFERIAN
Date of Death: December 20, 2022
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL
APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by Doreen Lavalley of Ludlow, MA and Heidi Vooris of Springfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that Doreen Lavalley of Ludlow, MA and Heidi Vooris of Springfield, MA be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on December 18, 2024.

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

The estate is being administered under formal 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 recipients 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.

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

Date: November 20, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/06/2024



**Dub Jones,
Cleveland Browns and
His Six Touchdown Game**

Recently, Dub Jones, an All-Pro flanker and running back for the Cleveland Browns championship teams of the late '40s and '50s, and one of four NFL players to score six touchdowns in a single game, has passed away at 99 years old.

On November 25, 1951, Jones scored four touchdowns running from scrimmage and two on passes from future Hall of Fame quarterback Otto Graham in the Browns' 42-21 rout of the Chicago Bears. He played on the Browns' NFL championships in 1950, 1954, and 1955. At six-foot-four and 200 pounds, he was a tall target. He retired after the 1955 season, having run 2,210 yards, amassed 2,874 yards in pass receptions and escorted 41 touchdowns in 10 pro seasons. Jones returned to the Browns as an offensive coach and oversaw the development of future Hall of Famers Jim Brown, Leroy Kelly and Paul Warfield.

**Standing Up for
Female Athletes**

Recently I read a great op-ed piece in the NY Post co-written by Riley Gaines, director of the Riley Gaines Center for Leadership Institute and Jennifer Sey, CEO and founder of XX-XY Athletics clothing,

which I fully agree with. Here are excerpts:

"Together, we're standing behind these female athletes in Riverside. For their right to express themselves freely and to compete on an even playing field ... We must not sit back. We need to win the culture battle for truth, free speech, and sanity ...

Until the culture changes, males presenting themselves as females will continue to take wins and opportunities from hardworking female athletes ... Women's history is on the line."

**I Still Remember
Tony C's
White Stingray**

Back in my younger days in the '60s, I remember going down to the players' parking lot near the entrance on Jersey Street to the left field grandstand. Their young fans would wait for the players driving their cars inside the fenced off parking lot. Tony Conigliaro drove a beautiful white Corvette Stingray with his vanity plates "TONY C." Most would park and quickly run inside the door leaving us yelling out in vain for autographs. A few players didn't mind signing autographs. One of them was Reggie Smith, who became part of the 1967 Impossible Dream Team. Another player was Jim Gosger. Yaz never did, and I don't remember Lonborg doing it either. But I so remember that Corvette Stingray.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

**Exhibit A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Parcel 1

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate on Edgehill Road in Waltham and shown as Lot C on "Plan of Land in Waltham, Mass., May 24, 1953, Everett M. Brooks Co., Civil Engineers," recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds as Plan #876 of 1954, bounded and described as follows:

- EASTERLY: by Edgehill Road, as shown on said plan, Thirty-three (33) feet, more or less;
- SOUTHEASTERLY: by the curved line of Edgehill Road, Thirty-four and 80/100 (34.80) feet;
- SOUTHERLY: by Edgehill Road, One Hundred Six (106) feet;
- WESTERLY: by Lot B, as shown on said plan, Ninety-seven (97) feet, more or less;
- NORTHERLY: by the Boston & Maine Railroad as shown on said plan, One Hundred Forty-Six and 5/10 (146.5) feet, more or less.

Containing 9969 square feet.

Parcel 2

The land with the buildings thereon in Waltham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lots 18, 19 and 27 on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Lots owned by N.S. Bond, Waltham, Mass." Dated May 31, 1893, by T. Howard Barnes, recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 204, Page 46, bounded and described as follows:

- SOUTHERLY: by Main Street, One Hundred Twenty (120) feet;
- WESTERLY: by Lot 20 as shown on said Plan, One Hundred Thirty-Eight (138) feet more or less;
- WESTERLY: by Lot 26 as shown on said Plan, One Hundred Twenty-Seven (127) feet, more or less;
- NORTHERLY: by a private way as shown on said Plan, One Hundred One (101) feet more or less;
- EASTERLY: by Lot 28 as shown on said Plan, One Hundred Forty-Eight (148) feet more or less;
- NORTHERLY: the same, Sixty (60) feet more or less;
- EASTERLY: by Lot 17 as shown on said Plan, One Hundred Thirty-Eight (138) feet more or less;

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

Excepting any part of lots 18 and 19 taken for the widening of Main Street.

For mortgagor's title see deed to Protec RE Holdings Inc., from Wide Horizons for Children, Inc., recorded August 8, 2014 in the Middlesex (South) Registry of Deeds in Book 64050 Page 436.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Waltham Capital Partners LLC,
Present Holder of said Mortgage
By: Patrick Sheehan, Manager

Attorney for Waltham Capital Partners LLC
Thomas J. Hamel, Esquire
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LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI24P6251PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR
OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO
G. L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405
In the matter of
CORA TIMPERLEY
of Woburn, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Minuteman Senior Services of Burlington, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Cora Timperley is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Arielle Howe of Lowell, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Surety on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **December 27, 2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

Date: November 29, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/06/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI24P6250GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
In the matter of
CORA TIMPERLEY
of Woburn, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Minuteman Senior Services, Inc. of Burlington, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Cora Timperley is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Arielle Howe of Lowell, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **December 27, 2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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

Date: November 29, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/06/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200
Docket No. NO24P3168EA
Estate of
DONNA M. KEATING
Also Known As
DONNA KEATING
Date of Death: October 10, 2024
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Carole A. Kohler of Randolph, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Carole A. Kohler of Randolph, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **December 26, 2024**.

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

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

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

Witness, HON. LEE M. PETERSON, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 21, 2024

Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/06/2024

Boxing Ringside



WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

Joe Louis and His Opponents Sparring in Preparation to Face One Another



Joe Louis (left) sparring with middleweight Tiger Roy Williams in preparation for his bout with Max Baer on September 24, 1935, at Yankee Stadium, Louis winning by KO in the fourth.



Joe Louis sparring with Tiger Roy Taylor as he gets ready for his rematch with Jersey Joe Walcott at Yankee Stadium on June 25, 1948, Louis won by 11th-round KO.



Max Baer sparring with Tony Canela as he gets ready for his fight with Joe Louis at Yankee Stadium on September 24, 1935, Louis won convincingly kayoing the former champ in the Fourth Round.

"I know that I'm not supposed to be hit with a right hand," said Williams. "But Thursday, I saw the damnedest fighter in the world in action. I've been able to feint every man I've ever met into some reflex action. He's either started a punch, moved out, or in some way signaled me what he was going to do, except Joe Louis! Whew! That guy's got the coldest eyes I've ever looked at. He just keeps shufflin' in with both hands cocked. You throw a punch at him and he just moves enough to make you miss. And then you get ruined. I couldn't duck 'em because I couldn't see 'em. And when they land ... God, how they numb you. Joe's a swell guy outside the ring, but when you lace them gloves on his hands, he only has one thought, that's to kill. And I thought I was fast. Why I never saw the day I could truck in the ring the way Joe does." (Thanks to Clarence George)



Joe Louis sparring with Murray Kanner in preparation for his second bout with Max Schmeling in 1938. Joe would win in the First Round.

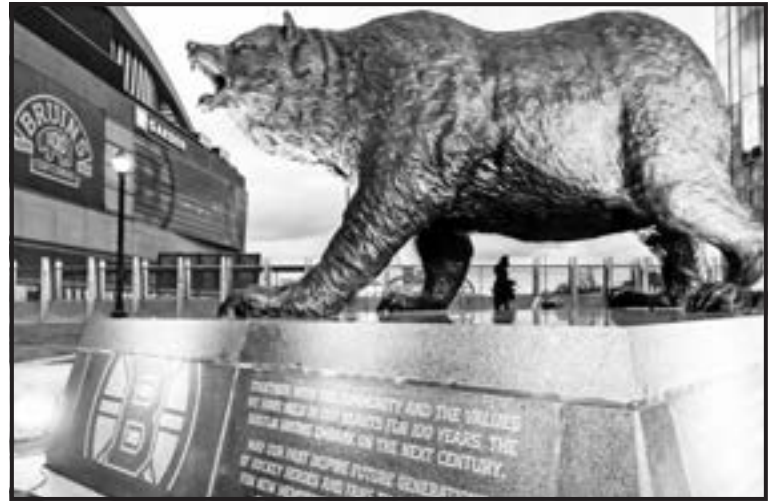


Max Schmeling (Right) sparring at his training camp in Napanoch, New York. He is getting ready to face the up-and-coming sensation, Joe Louis. Max prevailed in a tremendous upset by scoring a kayo in the 12th Round.



Getting in shape to fight Champion Joe Louis, Tommy Farr (Left) spars with Roscoe Manning. The Fight took place at Yankee Stadium on August 30, 1937 with Farr putting up an incredible battle while losing a Fifteen Round Decision.

Happy 100th Birthday to the Boston Bruins!



This past Sunday, The Boston Bruins commemorated their first game, played December 1, 1924, at the old Boston Arena, now Matthews Arena. The Bruins took their first victory with a 2-1 win against the Montreal Maroons and repeated exactly a century later vs. the Montreal Canadiens, with a 6-3 victory at the newer TD Boston Garden. Thankfully some things don't change.

Prior to the game, the Bruins welcomed and honored hockey legends, including Johnny Bucyk, Willie O'Ree, Phil Esposito, Bobby Orr, Rick Middleton, Wayne Cashman, Terry O'Reilly, Ray Bourque, Cam Neely, Patrice Bergeron and Brad Marchand. "To this day, I'm a big fan. I bleed black and gold," Bourque said. "You think of all the history this franchise has had and the legends that have been through these

doors. It is very meaningful for me to be part of this celebration," Bergeron exclaimed.

"Winning this game against their long-time rivals, and especially in front of former Bruins legends and iconic players is the icing on the cake," said Bruins Head Coach Joe Sacco, the Medford native who admitted to feeling like a young fan again with all the Bruins luminaries and festivities. This game was all about history.

A day before the celebratory game, the Bruins organization unveiled a centennial legacy monument in commemoration of the club's 100th anniversary. The new statue, which is in the shape of a Bruin Bear, is located in Portal Park, just outside the TD Garden. The City of Boston and the State of Massachusetts declared Sunday, December 1st "Boston Bruins Centennial Day."

Celtics Hang Tough in NBA Cup but Couldn't Pull Out a Win vs. the Cavaliers

The C's win against the Chicago Bulls last week kept them in the mix for the NBA's in-season tournament but will it be enough to keep them going? While it wasn't enough to win their group, Atlanta claimed that prize, it might be enough to earn them the Eastern Conference's wild card berth if they finish with the best point differential of the three second-place teams. Their status will not be decided until other teams play their respective games.

Without two of their top scorers, Jaylen Brown and Derrick White, and blowing a 12-point fourth quarter lead the Celtics fell to the Cleveland Cavaliers Sunday evening, 115-111. "I thought they just made more plays than us down the stretch" head coach Joe Mazzulla told reporters. The loss snapped an NBA-best seven game win streak for Boston leaving the C's unable to reclaim first place in the Eastern Conference.

Turning the Page from the Patriots to Red Sox

The New England Patriots were officially eliminated from the playoffs on December 1. It's not the first time, was probably expected but still doesn't make it any easier to digest. There was much optimism at the start of the season with new head coach Jerod Mayo, veteran quarterback Jacoby Brissette, rookie quarterback Drake Maye and a general reset mentality. Unfortunately, the team never seemed to hit their stride, on offense, defense or with coaching. The lack of footballs sailing through the goal posts didn't help the situation either. While the official end to the Patriot's season is still a few weeks away, they stand at 3-10 after Sunday's loss to the Indianapolis Colts, there were some positives to take away. Despite their dismal season thus far, Drake Maye has continued to improve with each game. For now, the Pat's will cruise through the end of the season and begin to look

forward to a rebuilding mode and mindset. Thankfully Spring Training will soon be upon us!

The Red Sox made their first off season signing, and it's a biggie. Veteran reliever Aroldis Chapman signed a one-year, \$10.75 million dollar contract, pending a satisfactory physical, and includes \$250,000 in potential bonuses. Chapman, born in Cuba, has made his way around the major leagues beginning in 2010 for the Cincinnati Reds and continuing with the New York Yankees (two stints), as well as the Chicago Cubs, Kansas City Royals, Texas Rangers and Pittsburgh Pirates. Chapman is believed to be one of MLB's hardest throwing pitchers, is a seven-time All-Star, was American League Reliever of the Year in 2019, and has won two World Series (Chicago Cubs in 2016, Texas Rangers in 2023). Hopefully the Red Sox will now focus on putting a Red Sox Cap on the head of Juan Soto!!!