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## Mayor Walsh Celebrates Historic Progress and Prioritizes Expanding Opportunity for All Bostonians

Mayor Martin J. Walsh delivered his fourth annual State of the City address at Symphony Hall, sharing historic progress made in the last five years in strengthening economic mobility, expanding opportunity, building affordable housing, and keeping Boston a safe place for all residents. In his address, Mayor Walsh reaffirmed his commitment to “make sure social progress and middle class opportunity grow together,” and announced significant milestones reached in key initiatives to further these efforts, along with new ways to continue supporting this work.

“Boston is stronger than ever because we are drawing on more of our people’s strength than ever. Our city’s success is our motivation to aim higher, work harder and make sure every single person in our city gets a full, fair shot at the opportunities we are creating,” said Mayor Walsh. “Let’s never lose sight of how far we’ve come; how far-reaching our leadership has been; and how deep our obligation is now, to stand together and keep leading.”

• **We are making sure that social progress and middle class opportunity grow together.**

• **We are committed to lifting people up, not locking people up.**

• **We are welcoming more voices and expanding our democracy.**

• **We are committed to leaving no one behind.**

• **We are a community for every generation.**

• **We are not just surviving, we are thriving.**

Building on his Administration’s efforts to ensure equity, opportunity and resilience for Bostonians, Mayor Walsh has shared his legislative agenda, with bills related to economic mobility and housing security, transportation and the environment, education funding, and health and public safety. The agenda aims to create affordable housing and keep tenants in their homes; reduce violence and fight for social justice, expand the middle class; and invest in education for all students. For more information on the Mayor’s legislative agenda, please visit: [boston.gov/legislativeagenda](http://boston.gov/legislativeagenda).

Find Mayor Walsh’s 2019 State of the City remarks as prepared for delivery at [www.boston.gov/news/state-city-2019](http://www.boston.gov/news/state-city-2019).

## Governor Baker Passes Consumer Protection Bill

Statement from Michael Festa, State Director of AARP Massachusetts

**REGARDING H.B. 4806:**

### An Act Relative to Consumer Protection from Security Breaches

“AARP is the nation’s largest nonprofit, non-partisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. On behalf of the more than 800,000 members in the Commonwealth, we thank Governor Baker for signing into law House Bill No. 4806 - An Act Relative to Consumer Protection from Security Breaches.

This law, which gives consumers control of their credit reports by allowing them to freeze and unfreeze their credit without paying fees to credit reporting agencies, is an important step in ensuring that Massachusetts consumers are protected from identity theft.

We appreciate the Massachusetts General Court taking additional steps to strengthen last year’s action by the federal government related to security breaches. The bill was sponsored by Senator Barbara L’Italien

(Andover) and Representative Jennifer Benson (Lunenburg). We thank the sponsors and six members of the conference committee; Representatives Tacky Chan (Quincy), Daniel Hunt (Dorchester), Randy Hunt (Sandwich) and Senators Barbara L’Italien (Andover), John Kennan (Quincy), Ryan Fattman (Webster) for their efforts to help the Commonwealth’s consumers.

With more access to credit due to their longer careers and higher incomes, older adults are the most common targets of identity theft nationwide. Individuals age 50-59 filed more than 7,200 complaints of identity theft in Massachusetts alone in 2017, according to the Federal Trade Commission.

With credit reporting firm Equifax revealing that hackers stole financial and consumer data on more than 143 million customers in the U.S., including

at least three million residents of the Commonwealth, it’s quite possible that the personal information — including birth date, Social Security number, driver’s license number and address of many of us has fallen into the hands of criminals.

A security freeze allows an individual to voluntarily restrict access to their credit report so that new lines of credit cannot be opened. Enacting such a freeze can make it more difficult for criminals to steal an identity and open up new credit accounts or loans in someone else’s name. A credit report security freeze does not affect a person’s credit score, and can be removed at any time.

This new law helps to ensure consumers in Massachusetts don’t have to pay to control access to their credit reports.

We thank Governor Baker for signing this important bill into law.”

## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### What are “Survival Crimes?”

This is the latest nitwit idea coming down the liberal pipeline. Can you really blame the homeless from shoplifting at a supermarket? How about jumping over a turn-style avoiding the fare to get your ride on the Blue Line for free? Are all crimes equal and punishable? Or do some folks get a special break from obeying the law?

Liberals have now starting pushing to decriminalize so-called small crimes? Sounds like the opposite of the “broken window” in criminal justice, doesn’t it? No one should get a free pass unless everyone gets a free pass. If everyone gets a free pass, then all hell breaks loose.

### Boy, Mark Levin is Cold

When discussing the situation of federal workers either working without pay during the shutdown or furloughed and locked out of work on his radio show, Levin basically showed no mercy for federal workers unable to work and collect salaries. He seemed to say too bad, that’s life. However, how these workers can survive the shutdown, pay bills, eat and just plain survive until they get back to work or collect a paycheck again doesn’t seem to be on his radar.

I say a pox on both Houses and the White House too for putting federal workers in the middle of their contest. More and more I listen less and less to stone cold conservatives on talk radio who put their ideologies before people.

### We Need More Dan Crenshaws on Capitol Hill

This past November, U.S. Rep. Dan Crenshaw, R-TX, ran as a first time candidate for a House seat in the Houston area and won a seat to represent Texas on Capitol Hill. I had been following his candidacy for several months going back to last spring. I was rooting

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## NEMPAC Announces

## New Charlestown Music Programs Coordinator

The North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) is excited to welcome its new administrative team member, Nicholas Brown as their Charlestown Coordinator! Over the past few years, NEMPAC has expanded its music programming to the Charlestown neighborhood. This new role will assist in the development of current and future programs and partnerships, engagement with the community of parents and students, and specifically help develop the curriculum of after-school and in-school music.

“Being born and raised a New Englander has provided me with an innate sense of the importance of community. As such, I am thrilled at the opportunity to work more closely with a uniquely diverse neighborhood steeped in history - especially within the region that I have always called home!”

— Nicholas Brown

NEMPAC’s current Charlestown partners include the Warren Prescott BPS School and The Harvard-Kent School where after-school music lessons are offered on-site, the Good Shepherd School where NEMPAC provides in-school



and after-school music programming, The Charlestown Working Theater where after-school programs are run in addition to their annual children’s holiday musical, and the Charlestown Nursery School where NEMPAC historically offered music classes.

“I am delighted to welcome Nicholas Brown to our administrative team at NEMPAC! This year it was a priority to invest in

our community partnerships in Charlestown and the families, students, and organizations in need of programming. I’m fortunate we can continue to build on all that what we’ve started over the last few years.”

— Sherri Snow,  
Executive Director

If you are interested in learning more about NEMPAC’s program offerings or have questions about Scholarships or Financial Aid, please contact Nicholas Brown at: [ctowninfo@nempac-boston.org](mailto:ctowninfo@nempac-boston.org) or call 617-227-2270. To learn more, please visit [www.nempacboston.org](http://www.nempacboston.org).

This year’s programming expansion has been supported in part by the Charlestown Community Impact Fund, a fund managed by the City of Boston.

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# Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



THE VIGILS OF OLD ROME

PART II



Here are some appropriate definitions: Police — the department of government concerned with the preservation of public order, including the prevention and detection of crime; Fire Department — a municipal department whose work is fighting fires and preventing their occurrence; VIGIL — a purposeful or watchful staying awake during the usual hours of sleep. Now let’s take all three, put them in our giant blender and out come the Vigils of ancient Rome, a combination of police and fire department organized under military discipline. There were as many as 7,000 of them under the command of a Prefect. They were quartered in seven main barracks or “stationes” headed by a captain or “tribunus” and each of these

stationes was responsible for guarding two of the city’s fourteen sections or “regiones.” They were responsible for law and order in the city and for the protection of its citizens. This meant that they were also responsible for preventing and extinguishing fires; a combination police and fire department all rolled up into one neat little package. They had regular duty details at all places of public assembly and were equipped with axes, ropes and buckets. They were trained in the use of a hand-operated fire engine called a “siphon” and before long received the nickname of “siphonarii.”

There was a very high incidence of fire, especially in the tenement houses of “insulae” This was largely due to the lack of adequate heating systems and the use of movable stoves or braziers, candles, poorly designed lamps, and torches. Building fires and the wealthy Crassus seemed to be synonymous. As soon as news of a fire was received, he would dash to the scene and commiserate with the owner, who was deep in despair and misery because of the sudden loss of his building. The crafty Crassus would then offer to purchase the smoldering real estate on the spot at a ridiculously low price. If his offer was accepted, and it usually was, trained teams of builders were soon on the spot erecting a new income-producing structure. Crassus was then handsomely rewarded for his sympathetic and capital effort. This is the same Crassus who was a member of the “First Triumvirate” and it is said that his fame spread faster than his flame. He was captured while leading an army against the Parthians and because he had such a great love for wealth, they put him to death by pouring molten gold down his throat. This was known as getting your teeth filled the hard way.

### LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Middlesex Division**  
**208 Cambridge Street**  
**Cambridge, MA 02141**  
**(617) 768-5800**

**Docket No. MI09P1283GD**

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF**  
**PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS**  
**OF A GUARDIAN**

**In the Interests of**  
**ELIZABETH M. MELANSON**  
**of Waltham, MA**

**RESPONDENT**  
**Incapacitated Person/Protected Person**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Monique A. Burke of Holden, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court Expand the powers of a Guardian.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the 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 **January 30, 2019.** 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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,**  
**First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: January 2, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 1/18/19

### LEGAL NOTICE

**EXPORT ENTERPRISES**  
**TOWING**  
**NOTICE TO OWNERS**

Notice is hereby given under the provisions of (M.G.L. c255 Section 39A) of the sale or disposal of the following motor vehicles to satisfy our garage keeper’s lien for towing (M.G.L. c155b Section 6B) storage & expense for holding sale of auction.

Any questions regarding this matter, please contact **Export Towing, 50 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA,** Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Telephone: 781-395-0808

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**24 New Chardon Street**  
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**Docket No. SU18P2719EA**

**Estate of**  
**ROBERTA TILGHMAN**  
**Date of Death August 2, 2017**

**INFORMAL PROBATE**  
**PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Andrea E. Tilghman of Hyde Park, MA,** **Andrea E. Tilghman of Hyde Park, 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: 1/18/19

**NEXT WEEK:**  
*The Vigils of Old Rome, Part III*

**DIAMONDS**  
**ROLEX**  
**ESTATE JEWELRY**  
*Bought & Sold*  
Jewelers Exch. Bldg.  
**Jim (617) 263-7766**

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Middlesex Probate and Family Court**  
**208 Cambridge Street**  
**Cambridge, MA 02141**  
**(617) 768-5800**

**Docket No. MI19C0035CA**

**In the Matter of**  
**SARAH MATLOFF REDBORD**

**CITATION ON**  
**PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A *Petition to Change Name of Adult* has been filed by **Sarah Matloff Redbord of Natick, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Sarah Stedman Matloff.**

**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 **February 12, 2019.** 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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,**  
**First Justice of this Court**  
Date: January 10, 2019  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run Date: 1/18/19

**Small Ads**  
**Get Big**  
**Results**

For more information call  
**617-227-8929**

# Res Publica

by David Trumbull



Protecting the Sacred Rights of All Americans

**“I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.’”**  
**— The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Monday, January 21, 2019, marks America’s 34<sup>th</sup> celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. Honoring King with the sacred status of a federal holiday — of which there are only ten, none other named for a 20<sup>th</sup>-century figure — is a testament to the unifying power of his legacy. King’s most important work applied America’s Founding ideals to the cause of civil rights. The last best hope for true racial progress, King realized, was solidarity: For people to see and treat one another as equals, they had to feel the tugs of a bond far stronger than either race or politics. For King, that bond was America.

**Excerpts from President Donald J. Trump’s**  
**2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. Proclamation**

“The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., dedicated his life to a vision: that all Americans would live free from injustice and enjoy equal opportunity as children of God. His strong, peaceful, and lifelong crusade against segregation and discrimination brought our Nation closer to the founding ideals set forth in the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Today, as we come together to honor Dr. King, we know that America is stronger, more just, and more free because of his life and work.

“We acknowledge our Nation’s continuing debt to Dr. King’s legacy. Dr. King advocated for the world we still demand — where the sacred rights of all Americans are protected, rural and urban communities are prosperous from coast to coast, and our limits and our opportunities are defined not by the color of our skin, but by the content of our character. We remember the immense promise of liberty that lies at the foundation of our great Republic, the responsibility it demands from all of us who claim its benefits, and the many sacrifices of those who have come before us.

“Too often, however, we have neglected these ideals, and injustice has seeped into our politics and our society. Dr. King’s peaceful crusade for justice and equality opened our Nation’s eyes to the humbling truth that we were very far from fulfilling our obligation to the promises set forth by our forbearers.

We must work together to carry forward the American Dream, to ensure it is within reach not only for our children, but for future generations. As your President, I am committed to building and preserving a Nation where every American has opportunities to achieve a bright future.”

Importantly, in paying tribute to Dr. King, we are reminded that the duty lies with each of us to fulfill the vision of his life’s work. Let us use our time, talents, and resources to give back to our communities and help those less fortunate than us. Particularly today, let us not forget Dr. King’s own tireless spirit and efforts, as we work, celebrate, and pray alongside people of all backgrounds. As one people, let us rediscover the bonds of love and loyalty that bring us together as Americans, and as people who share a common humanity.”

**Pilgrims’ Progress**  
**Music of the Plimoth Colony Settlers**  
**Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 p.m.**  
North End branch of the BPL, 25 Parmenter St. Boston, MA



**What music did the Pilgrims hear?** The Plimoth colonists were a diverse group of Separatists and Anglicans, religious zealots and irreverent opportunists. They brought with them music as varied as their reasons for coming to the New World in 1620. Plimoth Colony heard not just solemn English psalms, but also humorous catches, ballads, Dutch songs, and rousing dance tunes.

Celebrate harvest time with delightful autumnal tunes performed on historical instruments and with early English dialect. Join us in a rousing sing-along to cap off the evening’s entertainment!

*Hosted by The Friends of the North End Library with a generous grant from the City Wide Friends of the Boston Public Library.*

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**OUR POLICY:** To help preserve the ideals and sacred traditions of this our adopted country the United States of America: To revere its laws and inspire others to respect and obey them: To strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty: In all ways to aid in making this country greater and better than we found it.

## Donald J. Croatti



Donald J. Croatti, 84, of Southborough, died on Friday, January 11, 2019, at Leonard Morse Hospital in Natick after a battle with cancer.

He was the devoted husband of Mary Ann (Alberti) Croatti for the past 64 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Pamela Bishop and her husband Jeffrey; Robert Croatti and daughter-in-law, Ann Croatti, all of Southborough; 4 grandchildren,

Nicole and Daniel Bishop; Michael Croatti and his wife Jessica; Kerian Reddington and her husband Jozef; his great-grandchildren, Cayson and Reagan; and many nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents, Albert and Elizabeth (Cevoli) Croatti; and all his siblings, Louis, Robert, and Edward Croatti, Wanda Rando, Nellie Ellsworth and Mary P. Cole.

Don was a graduate of Framingham High School, class of '52, and earned a bachelor's degree at his beloved Boston College in 1960. He was also a four year veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard serving in the Korean War. Don dedicated himself to Framingham town government, serving as its treasurer/collector for 21 years, and he was also a member of the planning board, board of assessors, and was a registrar of voters. In addition, Don worked for the State Auditor's office. He was a member of many organizations among them were, former President of the Mass Chapter, National Italian/American Sports Hall of Fame; Fraternal order of the Eagles; Christopher Columbus Society; co-chairman of BC Touchdown Club; former President of BC Varsity Club; and BC Hall of Fame Selection Committee and Dinner Committee. In 2011 he was inducted in to the BC Varsity Club Sports Hall of Fame and received the Donlon Award. However, Don's greatest joy was his family.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Morris Funeral Home, 40 Main Street, Southborough, MA.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Matthews Church, 26 Highland Street, Southborough, MA.

Memorial contributions may be sent in his memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, [Stjude.org](http://Stjude.org)

To leave words of condolence to the family, please visit, [www.morrisSouthboroughfuneral.com](http://www.morrisSouthboroughfuneral.com)

## ABCD's

# Valentine's Day

## Party

## Friday, February 1st

### at 12:30pm

ABCD North End/West End NSC  
1 Michelangelo St  
Boston, MA 02113  
(617)523-8125

## Althea Garrison

### Sworn in as Boston's Newest City Councilor

by Sal Giarratani



Althea Garrison (far right) joins City Councilors for a group photo.

All eyes were focused on Boston City Hall and the Council Chambers on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, as Althea Garrison was sworn into office as a City Councilor at Large by Mayor Marty Walsh. The Chamber was packed and the media was there covering this event.

Althea Garrison is a well known figure in Boston politics having run in various municipal and state political campaigns. Getting onto the Boston City Council after finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the 2017 race for a seat on the four member At Large seats up for grabs, she was in line as the City



Althea Garrison trying out her new desk and chair in the Council Chambers for the first time.

Charter reads for any vacancy as an at large councilor.

This past November, City Councilor Ayanna Pressley was

a congressional candidate in the 7<sup>th</sup> District and won that race thus leaving the Boston City Council one member short. Garrison by the way has been an elected official when she won a seat for state representative back in 1992 and served one term in a Dorchester District including Uphams Corner.

Althea Garrison is quite the legend always running for public office and speaking out on the many issues facing Boston residents and her voice will be heard loud and clear as it always has been.

(Photos by Sal Giarratani)

## Wright Museum of World War II to Host Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition in May

Recently, the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) announced the launch of a national tour of the exhibition, *Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II*. Opening at the Arizona Capitol Museum in Phoenix, Arizona, January 26, 2019, the exhibition will travel to the Wright Museum of World War II in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, May 1<sup>st</sup> through July 7<sup>th</sup>.

According to museum Executive Director Mike Culver, the exhibition examines "the complicated history and impact of Executive Order 9066," which led to the incarceration of Japanese Americans following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"It embraces themes that are as relevant today as they were 75 years ago," he said. *Righting a Wrong* looks at immigration, prejudice, civil rights, heroism, and what it means to be an American."

The exhibition explores this complex history through historical images, personal stories and objects from those incarcerated at the camps. A duffle bag in the exhibition, for instance, used by the Imada family when they were relocated to the Gila River camp in Arizona reflects the restrictions to bring only what they could carry. Another example is Takeo Shirasawa's 1943 high school diploma from the Poston camp in Arizona, which exemplifies the experience of thousands of other teens



who had to complete their high school education in camps.

The exhibition's stop at the Wright Museum, said Culver, and was made possible by support from The Montrone Family.

"We are very grateful for their generous sponsorship, giving the Wright this opportunity to become involved in an exhibition with national distinction and importance," he said. "This is an exhibition of great relevancy that should be seen by every American."

*Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II* was developed by the National Museum of American History and adapted for travel by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. The national tour received Federal

support from the Asian Pacific American Initiatives Pool, administered by the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, the Terasaki Family Foundation, and C. L. Ehn & Ginger Lew.

Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019, the Wright Museum in Wolfeboro will re-open on May 1<sup>st</sup>, at which time visitors may also visit *Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II*.

The region's leading resource for educators and learners of all ages on World War II, the Wright Museum features more than 14,000 items in its collection that are representative of both the home front and battle field.

For more information, visit [www.wrightmuseum.org](http://www.wrightmuseum.org).

# L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

## The Magical, Mysterious January Moon

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

Every January, I look forward to a certain kind of dark and still night. During a night like this, a mystical hush infuses the air, as if the whole Earth stands holding its breath, interrupted only by quiet wafts of chilly wind. Gray clouds scuttle across the dusky sky, obscuring the stars. I hear the gurgling of melting snow as it rushes down the drainage system, a sound indicative of the frequent January thaws and the cyclical turning of the year. Indeed, the sensation of the coming spring permeates this night, as only short hours before the sky had been a jewel-like hue of deep blue. However, the sight which makes me shiver with the most awe on this night is the full moon suspended above me. She glows with a pearly white incandescence as she winks from behind the passing clouds, adding to the enigmatic mood of the evening. Seeing such a moon reminds me of all the reasons why this heavenly orb resonates so strongly with me: her mysterious beauty, her link to powerful femininity, even her patronage of my zodiac sign, Cancer. The January moon has always been particularly meaningful for me, as she brims with the energy of the new year and forms an elegant and radiant counterpoint to the dark winter skies. She carries the anticipation of the spring, much in the same way as women-centered January holidays like St. Agnes's Day. In all of manifestations and stages, the moon has captured the attention of societies worldwide, boasting her own slew of folklore and superstitions.

In part, my love from the moon appears woven into my DNA, a characteristic of my Italian heritage. When I was a child, my dad would frequently sing a catchy pop hit he remembered from his Italian boyhood, whose lyrics intoned: "*La luna, la luna, ti porterá fortuna*" — meaning "the moon will bring you luck." Several Roman deities, the majority of them women, presided over the moon. Diana, the forest-dwelling huntress, was associated with the crescent moon, perhaps because it resembled the shape of her bow. The darker side of the moon belonged to the goddess Trivia, most commonly known by her Greek name Hecate, who ruled over witchcraft, crossroads, and all the spooky aspects of night. Finally, the goddess Luna served as the very personification of the moon, and her name lent itself to the Italian name for "moon."



Contemporary Italians still include mentions of the moon in their folklore, especially in the realm of superstition. The most famous Italian moon-related superstition, also repeated frequently in the United States, declares that the full moon exerts an influence over human behavior, encouraging romance but also lunacy. In fact, the word "lunacy" shares the same root as "luna." Italians also whisper stories of the *lupo mannaro*, or werewolf, who changes into a frightening beast under the full moon. Sundry moon superstitions include cutting one's hair during a waxing moon, to ensure that it will grow back lusciously as the moon gets bigger, and that pointing at the moon is considered rude and unlucky. These pieces of lore speak to moon's immense cultural significance.

One January holiday in particular boasts the same sense of magic and mystery I associate with the moon. January 21<sup>st</sup> is St. Agnes's Day, or *la Festa di Sant'Agnese* in Italian, honoring a Roman virgin and martyr killed in the early fourth century. By sheer chance, this year the full moon and St. Agnes's Day coincide! In Italy, this feast is linked to lambs, possibly because of the similarity between the name *Agnese* and the Italian word for lamb, *agnello*. Every year, the Pope blesses two lambs brought to Rome on January 21<sup>st</sup> specifically for the feast of St. Agnes. Significantly, sheep begin birthing lambs and commence the process of lactation around the middle of January. Therefore, *la Festa di Sant'Agnese* is one of those January holidays that looks ahead to the promise of spring, that honors rebirth and the new life blossoming under the winter snow. However, in addition to livestock, old St. Agnes's Day celebrations sparkled with enchantment and secrets. In the England of yore, the eve of St. Agnes's Day was set apart for romantic divination. Since St. Agnes is the patron of young women, girls would seize this opportunity to perform a plethora of charms in order to dream about their future spouse. These

charms involved mysterious activities such ranging from silently walking backwards to bed, baking a cake at night without uttering a word, or repeating a magical rhyme while throwing grain into the soil. The romantic, supernatural nature of St. Agnes's Day perfectly accentuates the frigid, moonlit nights of January, when the moon illuminates the shadowy skies and hints at the spring to come.

Though she is often eclipsed by the warm and fiery sun, the moon provides us with a unique blend of mystical beauty and starry-eyed magic. She is a prominent figure in folklore and mythology, having long amazed people with her changing faces and powerful nocturnal presence. Wielding the mighty ability to affect tides but gentle enough to form lacy patterns of moonlight through the bare winter tree branches, the moon continues to enjoy her place in superstition, as people still repeat tales of her influence on human behavior. I encourage everyone to take time out of their busy lives to glance at moon in all her splendor — whether she stands as a full white orb, or a glimmering sliver in the sky, or shyly peeks behind slate-colored clouds. One of my favorite moon moments was years ago, when I was driving back home with my mother after visiting my grandmother. As we passed a lake whose waters gleamed like polished glass in the nighttime, we immediately noticed an enormous full moon suspended in the sky, sending her spangles of light flitting across the tranquil waters. This moment reminded me that there is still so much beauty, magic and mystery in our world, which will only continue to be revealed as the winter melts into the renewed life of spring.

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# THINKING OUT LOUD



by Sal Giaratani

## I Wish I Was Back in '68 Again

I can't believe it but I wish I were back in 1968 again. That says something about how bad today is. Fifty years ago, I really thought our nation was tearing at the seams. There was an ongoing war that seemed unexplainable. Then we had the draft and everybody my age had a constant worry about getting a notice in the mail from Uncle Sam. I still remember quite well how 1968 started off with bad news that the crew of the U.S.S. *Pueblo* had been captured by the North Koreans. The Vietnam War was heating up under President Lyndon B. Johnson. I remember those college protests, the marches to the Boston Common for massive rallies. Outfits like Students for a Democrat Society (SDS) were quite active in the streets and on college campuses.

I also remember the date March 31<sup>st</sup>, when President Johnson, under heavy criticism, announced on TV that he would neither seek, nor accept the nomination for president again. He had been driven from office by the country's upheaval. Sadly, I remember what happened just before and after my birthday on May 4<sup>th</sup>. First, Rev. Dr. Martin L. King was assassinated on a motel balcony in April and then Bobby Kennedy was assassination in June moments after winning the California presidential primary.

I still vividly remember that the Democrats held their presidential convention in Chicago with Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey as the party's final choice for president. The streets were filled with angry college protesters and angry police and in the end, everything turned wild as the police started beating protesters with billy clubs. When it was all over, they called the mayhem a "police riot." It was ugly to witness on TV all across the country. It was difficult to live through that year and its presidential election without feeling horrible and helpless.

Politics that year were as ugly as ugly could be. It wasn't like today's bitter partisanship, liberal versus conservative. The bitterness ran to the bone back then to the max. Everyone was simply screaming at one another. The only campaign issue that really mattered was the Vietnam War and

the bloodshed all of us watched nightly on the evening news. People were dying in a war and motives were being constantly questioned! That's 1968 in a nutshell.

Fast forward to today and the past two years make 1968 looks like a cakewalk. Today, we have a nation deeply divided not over policy itself but over the occupant of the Oval Office. I have never seen this nation in so much resistance. One side has never accepted the results of the 2016 presidential election and sees President Trump himself as illegitimate. They say he stole the election working with the Russians. They seem to believe this with all their hearts. Everything they do and say is based on that and that alone.

The other side sees the 2016 election results as a defeat of the Swamp, Deep State and Washington Elites. No middle ground here. Unlike 1968, we are all less able to understand those differences. In the end, the year 1968 did not destroy us. We overcame it. Can we do that again right now? Of this, I am not sure.

America over its lifetime has had contentious moments, notably the Civil War. President Lincoln said, "A nation cannot stand against itself." That statement was right then and still right today. People need to find ways to work together, stop being political ideologues and just do what is best for this nation. Our elected officials need to solve issues not create new ones. Our elected officials need to focus on healing. There is still more that unites us and we must get out of the rabbit hole we seem to live in and find ways to work together again.

I know in hindsight how we escaped the trials and tribulations of 1968. We who lived through that period of this nation's long life know how it ended. I am still questioning how our status quo as a constitution-based democratic republic can get fixed. I can't see the future. I can only see the past.

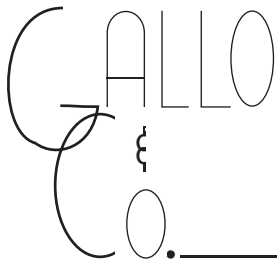
We need to reach deep into ourselves and find ways to get beyond the national mayhem we are living through today. We need our president and members of Congress to let go of their pride and end this mess we're in.

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If you are a child in Italy who loves Christmas and laments the ending of the holiday festivities, you have one more holiday to which to look forward to: the Epiphany. From the Greek word "to manifest," the Epiphany marks the first appearance of Christ's birth for the Gentiles. In accordance with Christian dogma, on January 6<sup>th</sup>, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, the three Wise Men arrived at the manger bearing gifts for Baby Jesus. That day, which marks the end of the Holiday Season, is also the day of the Befana, a good witch that fills children's stockings with sweets or coal.

Here is where Catholic tradition and Italian folklore collide! According to tradition, before arriving at the Holy Creche (Manger), the three Wise Men stopped at a shack for directions. An old woman holding a broom opened the door. The Three Wise Men invited her to come along, but she declined, citing household tasks of sweeping and cleaning as the reason. Later that night, after having refused the invitation of a shepherd she met along the way (who some recognize as the Fourth Wise Man), she saw a great light in the sky. Armed with gifts for Baby Jesus as well, she decided to catch up with the three. As bad luck would have it, she got lost and never found the manger. Since then, on the night between January 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, hoping to find Baby Jesus, the old lady flies on her broomstick bringing with her gifts to



**Standing: Donato Frattaroli with son Donato giving warm winter hats from the "Taste of the North End" to the guests.**

children. The legend says that the good ones will have their stockings filled with candies, while the not so good ones will receive coal.

Thankfully no one at the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) received coal this year! However, thanks to Donato Frattaroli of Il Molo, Nancy Frattaroli of Artu, and Taste of the North End, along with Donato and Nancy's children and staff, nearly 50 seniors from the neighborhoods enjoyed a made from scratch feast of salad, pasta, and chicken cacciatore, which consisted of a rustic braise of chicken, aromatic vegetables, and tomatoes. The red and green veggies were a perfect holiday accent to the cheery Christmas tree in the corner, which was bursting with colorful decorations in silver, gold, red, blue, and green.

"What a wonderful family place you have here," remarked Nancy Frattaroli of Artu, as she turned back to readying the meal in the center's kitchen. Indeed, the drop-in center was cozy and warm and the center's seniors, volunteers, and staff received attentive service from the Frattaroli family and staff who prepared lunch. All guests lingered over the generous spread of coffee and pastries to pass the rest of the afternoon. Advisory Board member Victor Brogna delighted the NE/WE NSC with his trumpet playing of all the traditional Christmas favorites.

Without the hard work of the Frattaroli family and staff, the holiday party would not have been possible. The NE/WE NSC extends its deepest thanks to them, enabling the center to provide a day of cheer, socialization, and warmth for neighborhood seniors.



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### Celebrate the Lunar New Year

In celebration of the Lunar New Year, visit Franklin Park Zoo on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> for a special performance and zookeeper encounters! At 11:00 a.m., watch as the Imperial Lion Dance Team perform the Lion Dance in front of the Tropical Forest. The lion dance is a part of traditional Chinese folklore and culture, and is said to ward away evil spirits and summon luck and fortune.

2019 is the year of the pig and we're celebrating Franklin Farm's Guinea hogs, Anabella and Cordelia with a special zookeeper encounter. Keep warm inside the festively decorated Tropical Forest, where guests can let their creativity soar at the craft table with paper lanterns.

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Franklin Park Zoo is located at One Franklin Park Road, Boston, MA. For tickets and more information, visit [www.franklinparkzoo.org](http://www.franklinparkzoo.org), or call 617-541-LION.

## Women's Day Celebration

On February 24, 2019, the **Sicilian Association of Greater Boston is sponsoring a Women's Day Celebration** in honor of **International Women's Day** — annually celebrated internationally on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**This will be an all women event** starting at noon at Lantana's in Randolph, MA. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Master of Ceremony will be Comedian Christian Hurly and we also have Medium Kevin Coan who will share his amazing gift of channeling spirits to help us connect with our loved ones that have passed. Please bring a photo of the person with whom you wish to connect.

There will also be great door prizes and raffles items.

**Funds raised at this event will benefit Rosie's Place**, a women's shelter in Boston, MA. Please come and help us help other women.

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# On the Aisle

## THEATRE NOTES

BY BOBBY FRANKLIN

### Rest in Peace Carol Channing

Legend is a term loosely tossed about today to describe celebrities. I would say it applies to very few. Carol Channing is one to whom it is more than a fitting description. The iconic “legend” of Broadway musical and film passed away at her home in Rancho Mirage, California on January 15<sup>th</sup> at the age of 97.



She played many roles in her life but is most remembered as Dolly Levi in *Hello Dolly*. When I was a kid I was fortunate to be able to have seen her in that role when she performed it in Boston. I will never forget that evening.  
Rest in Peace Ms Channing, you were truly a legend.

### Seaglass Choral Seeking Singers for Upcoming Concert



Seaglass Performing Arts Choral, conducted by Artistic Director and Founder Jean Strazdes, is seeking singers to join its musical community in preparation for its 2019 concert performance of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana. The April 28, 2019 performance will be the premiere concert at the new Performing Arts Center at San-

ford High School in Sanford. The Choral will be collaborating with the Chamber Singers of Sanford High School under the direction of Jane Kirton. The first rehearsal for Carmina Burana will be at 5:30 pm on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Storer Street in Kennebunk. For more information, stop in

on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, or call 207-985-8747. You can also check their website at [seaglass-performingarts.org](http://seaglass-performingarts.org) or visit them on Facebook. Seaglass Choral is a non-auditioned chorus. Seaglass Performing Arts, Post Office Box 265, Kennebunk, ME 04043. Seaglass is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

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### Pet News from the Gazette

by Marie Simboli

#### Five Winter Essentials for Short Haired Dogs



Keeping your dog warm in winter, not all dogs are blessed with thick, double layered winter coats or fur around the pads of their feet. For those poor souls that must live in freezing (or just cold) climates, they are left with only one solution well, two solutions: never go out during the winter and pee on the floor, or wear dog clothing. We're betting that you, as the home and pet caretaker, will choose the latter. At the minimum, these are the items you should have for your lightly haired, thin skinned dogs.

**Sweaters:** whether you make them yourself or buy them, sweaters are essential for keeping a lightly furred dog comfortable. Make sure the material is durable and that it ends about the elimination area. Otherwise you will have very stinky sweaters.

**Boots:** did you know that the pads on a dog's feet can get frost-bitten? While some breeds from cold climates evolved to grow heavy fur on their feet that helps to cover the pads, many dogs do not have that. If you live in an area where snow and ice are a part of the winter landscape, do your dog a favor and get her or him some dog booties. He or she will be forever grateful for them.

**Winter coat:** sweaters are fine for indoors and for when it is above freezing outside, for most dogs, but once it starts snowing that's when things get really uncomfortable. A nice, thick, insulated winter jacket can make the difference between your dog hiding behind the sofa when it's time for a walks or eagerly allowing you to wrap his coat around him so that he can enjoy the weather without too much shivering. Make sure the coat is also rain resistant. Remember, snow is just powdery rain and can get a dog wet, too.

**Snowsuit:** and then there are other dogs that are so lightly furred, so thin skinned, and so lacking in insulating body fat that only a full body suit will do to get them outside. Don't forget the dog boots if there is snow on the ground.

**Heated Blanket or Pad:** for bed if you don't want your dog jumping into bed with you or demand to be held to stay warm (and maybe you do like those things, but within reason), an electric or self-warming bed pad is your best preemptive move. And this goes for cats as well, since they love small warm spots, but probably not so much the sweaters and booties. We're betting that unlike dogs, who appreciate the things that keep them warmer and comfy, the cats will lose those items fast.

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# The Immigrant American



The Boston Santoros

Eugenio Santoro came to the United States from Messina in 1899 and became a barber in Boston.

In strict Roman Catholic tradition, he raised 14 children with his Messina born wife, Concetta Scarletta, whom he had met in Boston's historic South End. Three other children were born but passed away from small pox and cholera.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, roughly 50 percent of Italian immigrants between 1901 and 1920 repatriated back to Italy. Many of these "new immigrants" had no intention to culturally integrate or "assimilate" into American society. Such was not the case for the Santoros. They firmly planted stakes into the American way of life and accepted the challenges of language, customs and new found patriotism.

Cultural transition initially began when Eugenio stepped off the steamer at Ellis Island in New York harbor. He "kissed the ground" as many others had before him. For the Santoros, they adapted well and were determined to "Americanize."

The Santoros adhered strongly to their own ethnic constitution of family, religion, and respect for others. These beliefs did not pose a conflict to their pledge of loyalty and allegiance to their adopted country.

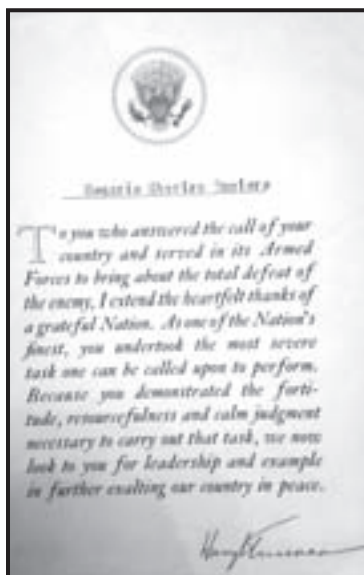
As children arrived, the determination to fully assimilate became stronger. First came Francesco in 1903, followed by Letteria, Maria, and Vincenzo in the space of three years. More followed such as Salvatore, Orazio, Giacomo, Joseph and Ninfa. The Depression had not quite struck when five more boys came: Thomas, Leo, John, Paul and Rosario.

In 2009, the Italian American historian and University of Massachusetts professor Vincent Cannato said two significant factors cemented the assimilation for those Italian immigrants like the Santoros who sought to make America their country.

The first was the 1924 immigration quota act passed by Congress that effectively choked off the Italian visa flow from



The Santoro Barber Shop, circa 1900



President Truman's thank you to Rosario

42,000 to 4,000 annually. Gradually Italian immigrant enclaves began to shrink as no newcomers arrived to replace the ones that had already departed for the suburbs. During this time, the Santoros migrated from Boston to the city of Medford.

The second was World War II. Many Italians, not yet fully assimilated, saw their status change from "resident aliens" to "enemy aliens" even while some of their relatives served overseas.

The Santoros were not affected by this unfortunate policy. They demonstrated their patriotism as seven brothers entered various branches of the military and served overseas in



Rosario Santoro

both the Pacific and European theatres.

Paul became one of "Merrill's Marauders" in Burma while Orazio joined the Coast Guard in the North Atlantic. Leo also joined the Coast Guard to protect troop ships destined for England. Joseph sailed to Guadalcanal with the Marines and found himself in the trenches alongside his brother-in-law John. Tommy joined the Army and survived malaria 28 times in the Pacific. Rosario, the youngest, joined the Navy and assembled landing crafts for the Marines in New Guinea.

The Sole Survivor policy had not been officially enacted until 1948. All seven Santoro brothers survived the war. For Papa and Mama Santoro, this personal sacrifice solidified



The Santoro Army, circa 1943



Rosario visiting Washington D.C

their assimilation as Americans.

As decades passed, the sons and daughters of Eugenio and Concetta passed on, leaving Rosario as the sole survivor. He is 95 years old today. He made sure his three sons Frank, Charlie and Paul continued with his own brand of respect and gratitude for the country that blessed him. America gave him the economic opportunity he needed to raise a traditional Italian American family. As he related recently to me, "My proudest moment as a father



Eugenio and Concetta Santoro

was sending my three sons to college and paying for it. My favorite times are still Sunday family dinners around my dining room table."

Several of the Santoros moved out to California and elsewhere. "For some of us, the Italian family stereotype appears to have faded away," according to Paul, Rosario's son. "Our West Coast cousins hardly speak Italian anymore. The family

recipes have been stowed away in old shoeboxes and for them, the Sunday afternoon family gatherings are a thing of the past." Then he added, "But not for us."

The process of assimilation that challenges many immigrants in this country should not be viewed in a vacuum. It does not happen overnight. Over many years, American born sons and daughters of Italian immigrants observe the difficulty their parents have trying to adjust to their adopted country. Assimilation is easier when children understand how to transition into middle class America without dispensing with ethnic customs.

In 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt stated "in the first place we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith and becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality as everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because, of creed or birthplace or origin. But this is predicated upon the person becoming every facet an American and nothing but an American. There can be no divided allegiance here."

For Eugenio and Concetta, the "Americanization" was complete, the ethnic traditions survived and for their 14 children, the odyssey of the American dream was realized.



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**THE OATH (DVD)**  
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An all-star comic cast leads this gleefully wicked comedy about surviving life in politically divided America. When high-strung Chris (Jon Barinholtz) and his more levelheaded wife Kai (Tiffany Haddish) learn that citizens are being asked to sign a loyalty oath, their refusal to sign-along with the arrival of two government agents (John Cho and Billy Magnussen) — sends an already tense holiday dinner completely off the rails. Also contains special features ... Deleted Scenes, Two behind-the-scenes featurettes: “Fake News or Facts” and “Turkey Day Trauma,” plus a photo gallery.

**LOVE, GILDA (DVD)**  
*Magnolia Home Ent. +  
CNN Films*

*Love, Gilda* opens a unique window into the honest and whimsical world of beloved performer, comedienne, Gilda Radner, whose greatest role was sharing her story. Working with the Radner estate, director Lisa D’Apolito, unearthed a collection of diaries and personal au-

dio and videotapes documenting her childhood, her comedy career, her relationships, and her life with Gene Wilder, and ultimately, her struggles with cancer. These never-before-seen-or-heard footage and journal entries form the narrative spine of the documentary, allowing Gilda to tell her own story — through laughter and sometimes tears. Incredibly, Gilda was able to find humor in even the darkest of times and her spirit lives on in comedy. Also included are *Saturday Night Live* clips where she created and portrayed now-classic comic characters, Roseanne Roseannadanna, Emily Litell and Lisa Loopner, plus interviews with original cast and crew, with Chevy Chase, Laraine Newman, and longtime friend, Martin Short.

**MANTOVANI:  
THE KING OF STRINGS –  
SPECIAL EDITION (Blu-ray)**  
*Filmrise*

Annunzio Mantovani was the most successful orchestra leader ever. Known for his unmistakable cascading strings and hits as, “Charmaine,” “Moulin Rouge” and “Greensleeves,” Mantovani enthralled the world with his sublime arrangements. This new documentary is the story of the man and his music. Featuring exclusive footage from the original Mantovani TV show, and tells the story of Monty’s success as leader of the stereo revolution in the 1950s and his rise to become one of the most successful easy listening artists. Guest artists Petula Clark, Edmund Hockridge and Carol Carr contribute to the definitive story of *Mantovani: The King of Strings!*

**ODDSOCKEATERS (DVD)**  
*Omnibus Ent.*

*Oddsocketeaters* are mischievous little creatures, unknown to most humans that are responsible for the odd sock that goes missing when you only have one left in a pair. In a whimsical, heartwarming and unique adventure perfect for family viewing, Hugo is a small Oddsocketeater venturing out into the big world for the first time. After moving in with his uncle “Big Boss” and his two nutty cousins, he encounters the Professor, a human determined to proving the existence of Oddsocketeaters, as well as The Blades, a crosstown gang of rival sock thieves. Wild adventures ensue as Hugo learns the ropes of being an Oddsocketeater as well as valuable lessons about family, love and the true meaning of loyalty.

**RED VS. BLUE:  
THE SHISNO PARADOX  
(Blu-ray)**  
*Rooster Teeth + Cinedigm*

*Red vs. Blue* follows two groups of soldiers in the distant future who are battling for control of the least desirable piece of real estate in the known universe: a box canyon in the middle of nowhere. A simple trip out for pizza ends with the Reds and Blues scattered and lost in time. Their ridiculous adventures in history inadvertently make them pawns in a war between Gods and Titans, which has been raging since before the dawn of time.

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

**CITY COUNCIL  
HONORS COUPLE FOR  
YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

At the first meeting of the year by the Boston City Council, City Councilor Tim McCarthy (District 5) presented Boston Transportation Deputy Commissioner Jim Gillooly and his wife Maureen Murphy on their joint retirement at Boston City Hall a plaque honoring their nearly 50 years of public service between them. Jim and Maureen are from Hyde Park and have always been active in their community and involved in the city they call home.

**NOW I KNOW WHY I  
HEARD TOO MUCH FROM  
MARIAH CAREY**

Back during the holidays, I helped sell food at a sausage cart at Faneuil Hall near the Black Rose. The place is hopping real late into the night and early morning. Mostly college students real late and before that a mix of suburban folk and out of towners.

They had a huge Christmas tree and played lots of Christmas music including too much of Mariah Carey. All I kept hearing over and over and over again was “All I Want for Christmas Is You.” By the time I closed up my cart, I was still hearing that song even when it wasn’t playing anymore. I couldn’t figure why I kept hearing that song!

This tune set a new one-day streaming record playing 10.8 million times on Christmas Eve. I bet Faneuil Hall Marketplace played that song at least a million times itself.

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**Docket No. MI99P1516EA**

**Estate of  
HENRY A. GALLAGHER**

**Date of Death April 14, 1994**

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Laura Mcmillen of Wellesley Hills, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Laura Mcmillen of Wellesley Hills, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 25, 2019.

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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,  
First Justice of this Court.**

Date: December 28, 2018

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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I also found out that Christmas song moved up the ladder in the Top 10 Christmas songs from Number 10 down to Number 7. I am not surprised but you’ll never hear that song played in my house or car radio. It ain’t what I want for Christmas.

**REMEMBERING  
BFD LT. KEVIN KELLEY  
ANNIVERSARY**

I still remember it like yesterday. BFD Lt. Kevin Kelley was a friend of mine. I worked not far down the street from the Huntington Ave. Firehouse where he worked on Ladder 26. I was working on January 9, 2009 when I saw on the TV news that a ladder truck had crashed onto Huntington Avenue after losing its breaks coming down Parker Hill Street. I immediately thought of Kevin because that was his apparatus. Indeed it was him and he had died in the crash. I also knew Kevin from Quincy where both of us lived not far apart. He and I also were fans of the Cathay Pacific Restaurant where we both met up at the take out window too many times to remember.

Time seems to fly by faster and faster as we age. Can’t believe this was the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that very sad day. He is still missed everyday by those who knew and loved him.

**CAMBRIDGE GOING  
TO THE X-FILES?**

Over at Cambridge City Hall, the politically correct crowd has proposed to add a gender neutral option on birth certificates. The policy change was introduced recently by Mayor Marc McGovern and passed unanimously by the City Council. This proposal would ask the city solicitor to draft a home rule petition to Beacon Hill adding a third gender on birth certificates. You can be marked M, F or an X, whatever that is. Remember when biology was just biology, now it seems biology is psychology, too.

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**Docket No. MI18P5900EA**

**Estate of  
RUSSELL McMAHON**  
Also Known As  
**RUSSELL T. McMAHON**

**Date of Death May 30, 2018**

**INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Christopher A. McMahon of Meriden, CT**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Christopher A. McMahon of Meriden, CT** 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.

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**REMEMBERING  
JERRY DEL PRETE**

Every time I am down at Carmela’s (the old Gloria shop) talking with Clark buying my bread, I see Jerry’s photo up on the wall. It’s difficult to believe it has been three years since he passed. He was a great guy and friend. Very much missed.

**BOBBY DIGGINS FOR  
SOUTHIE MAYOR**

Over in Southie they brought back the Mayor of South Boston fundraising event. Among the many candidates out there fundraising for the March 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick’s Day parade is my buddy Bobby Shoes Diggins.

His next fundraiser will be held TONIGHT January 18<sup>th</sup> at the South Boston VFW Post at 7 Ellery Street at Andrew Square starting at 7:00 p.m. So I t is time to dig into your pockets for Diggins as he raises money for this year’s parade.

**IS IT JUST ME?**

I spent 28 years in law enforcement before retiring in 2013. I enjoyed my time as a police officer and often laughed at the way Hollywood portrays police work on TV cop shows or in movies. It is all fake, all the time. I must admit I love to watch cop shows and did long before I thought of becoming one myself.

As a kid I loved watching Jack Webb in *Dragnet* and *Felony Squad*, or *Naked City* and *Police Story* in the 70s. Most of them weren’t that great. Jack Webb tried to make his series pretty real and had a police consultant who formerly worked for the LAPD, and *Police Story* was actually written by an ex-LAPD officer who turned to writing. Those shows were pretty realistic as was a movie of his named *New Centurions* starring George C. Scott in 1972.

Today, on the other hand, most cop shows are pure fantasy. Think about *Blue Bloods* or any of those *Law & Order* series. All poppycock! All pretend. The worse of all is either *Chicago P.D* or *Blue Bloods*.

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**Docket No. MI18P6415EA**

**Estate of  
LISA J. SWETT**  
Also Known As  
**LISA SWETT**

**Date of Death October 18, 2018**

**INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Ann Marie Swett of Cambridge, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.


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

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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Some readers have asked me if I remember the names of some of the neighbors who lived on Eutaw Street going back to when I was a kid. Actually, Babbononno moved the family to Eutaw Street in 1920. He, Nanna, and the kids were living on Orleans Street, and one night when they were out visiting, their apartment was robbed. Not feeling safe there any longer, my grandfather moved his family to 70 Eutaw Street after purchasing the property and my mother and her brothers would grow up there.

They were one of the first Italian families in the neighborhood. There were a few Irish neighbors, but the neighborhood, called Eagle Hill, was composed mostly of the descendants of the Yankees who worked at the Donald McKay Shipyard in the 1800s. My mother and her brothers felt comfortable growing up middle-class, and Babbononno made sure Nanna and the kids had the best of everything.

When Uncle Paul, my oldest uncle was married, Babbononno made the top floor into a modern apartment for his first-born son and his wife, Eleanor. When Uncle Nick married Ada Georgone, Mom's best friend, they moved to Allston, and when Mom married Dad, they too headed for Allston. Uncle Gino remained home as the single son until he joined the Army Air Corps not long after WWII started. After I was born, Mom had some health issues and Dad moved the three of us back to 70 Eutaw Street so that Nanna could take care of her only daughter. Dad worked day and night and we were better off living with Nanna and Babbononno.

In 1945, Nanna had a heart attack and was hospitalized for quite some time. When she returned home, the house was too much for her to handle, and so, after 25 years of ownership, Babbononno sold the house and opted for an apartment that was smaller and easier to handle. Knowing that Babbononno wanted to sell the house, Mom and Dad were offered the third floor apartment at 74 Eutaw Street. It was owned by Angelo and Giuseppina Branco. Mom had grown up with their daughter, Grace, and Dad with her husband, Ralph Manfredonia. We would remain there until 1961.

There were many neighbors, many of the older ones knew my grandparents, Mom, and her brothers rather well. The single-family home at 68 Eutaw Street was owned by Marie Alexander,

a Boston schoolteacher whose family went back to the colonial days of Boston. Her friend, Marjorie Warren lived with her. Marjorie was a descendent of Dr. Robert Warren, one of the pioneers of the American Revolution, who unfortunately would lose his life on Breeds Hill during the battle of Bunker Hill. Attached to 74 Eutaw was 72 Eutaw, owned by a Mrs. Lovatare. She was from the mountains of mid-1800 Sicily, and no one could understand her Italian. Even Mom, who spoke several dialects, couldn't understand the lady when she spoke. Her daughter, Mary, and her husband occupied the first floor until the end of the war. Her husband, Andy Iantosca, an Army colonel, moved the family to the western part of the state after the war and the Eatons moved in. Eventually the top floor was occupied by a family named Mello. At 74, we occupied the top floor, with the landlord and his wife living on the second. The first floor was occupied by a couple whose names I don't remember. What I do remember was that the man, his name might have been Mario, was a hunter, and thanks to him and his generosity, I have come to love the taste of duck. (I would never mess with Daffy or Donald, so don't worry)

The next house to the right was a two-family owned by Mando Sinibaldi. He and his family lived on the first floor with the second floor rented out to the Balabona family. Next to them to the right, was a house bought by Sal Romano. Before the Romano's moved in, the second floor apartment was occupied by the Thomas family with eight or nine kids running around constantly. The first floor was taken by the Muise family from Canada. Stanley Muise had been a strong man with a Canadian circus before immigrating to America. He and his wife had only one child and he would be challenged all of his life. Directly across the street was the Luis family, second generation Portuguese. To their left was a single-family home owned by the Crotty family, one of the first Irish families on Eagle Hill.

I could go on and on with this. During and after the war, several families moved into the neighborhood and Mom and the ladies would get together once a week for coffee and ...

Their husbands would often gather to play cards. The only one absent was my father, he worked both day and night. When the warm weather arrived, Dad would help to orga-

nize backyard cookouts where just about all of the people I've mentioned would attend.

What I do remember vividly were the games their children and I played. During this time of the year, we had genuine organized competitive snowball fights right after a snowstorm. Two mounds of snow about three to three and a half feet high would be built on both sides of Eutaw Street and sides would be picked. Nickels and dimes would be bet by many of the neighborhood kids who didn't participate in the sport but didn't want to be left out of the fun. I had a good fastball, but Sal Romano's son, Bobby, had a curve and a breaking ball that allowed him to throw snowballs over the top and down behind the snow walls we had built. When we chose sides, he was always the first one picked.

During the warm weather, the children of all those neighbors played half ball. For you non-Bostonians, half ball is like New York stickball in a way. We would buy a pink rubber ball or a pimple ball, cut it in half, and hurl it toward a batter on the opposite side of the street. The batter held a broomstick, which was the bat that swung at the half ball. If you hit the half sphere, and it reached the sidewalk on the opposite side of the street, it was a single. If you hit the first floor of the house, it was a double. If you hit the second floor, it was a triple, and if you hit a wall or window on the top floor, it was a homerun. Along with this type of athletic competition, the warm weather allowed us to play tag, relieveio, hide and seek, puss in the corner, and for the girls, jump rope and hopscotch.

Some of us kids had a bunch of toy soldiers and we directed mock battles defending our block of Eutaw Street from our enemies. When we became a bit older, it was baseball, baseball, and more baseball, but baseball is a story for another day.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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Docket No. MI18D4315DR

**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING**

**AMEE VENKATA RAJESH**  
aka **AMEE N. UPADHYAY**  
vs.  
**THAVIDISETTI VENKATA RAJESH**

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court.  
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**  
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Charlotte M. Yates, Esq., Joyce and Associates, 205 Portland Street, Floor 3, Boston, MA 02114** your answer, if any, on or before **February 1, 2019**. 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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: December 21, 2018

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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Saint Callistus

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

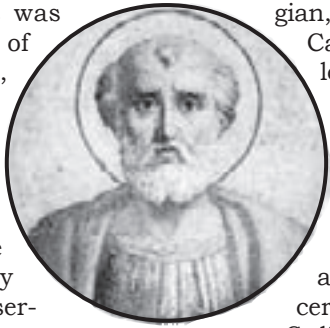
Saint Callistus was a martyred Pope of the early Church, reigning as Pope from 217-222. His year of birth is not known, what is reported is he was the slave and highly placed domestic servant of Carphorus, a Christian. Callistus eventually was given responsibility for his master's banking business. When the bank failed, Callistus received the blame, and attempted to flee from his master. Being discovered, he was demoted to serve as a manual laborer in Rome. Thus, Callistus came as a slave to the city where he would later serve as Pope.

Callistus was sent to work in the mines of Sardinia possibly for causing a public disturbance, however, Callistus may also simply have been sentenced due to a persecution of Christians, as he was among the many believers eventually freed on the recommendation of Pope St. Victor I.

During the subsequent reign of Pope Zephyrinus, Callistus became a deacon and the caretaker of a major Roman Christian cemetery on the Appian Way. The cemetery, which is to this day called the Catacombs of St. Callistus, became the burial ground of many popes and was the first land property owned by the Church.

In addition to advising the Pope on theological controversies of the day, he was a natural candidate to follow Zephyrinus, when the latter passed away.

Callistus was elected pope by a majority vote of the clergy and laity of Rome, and thereafter was bitterly attacked by the losing candidate, Hippolytus, who allowed himself be set up as the first antipope in the history of the Church. The schism lasted about 18 years. Hippolytus was an erudite Roman theolo-



gian, who accused Pope Callistus of being too lenient, sympathizing with heretics, and resented the new Pope's clarification that even the most serious sins could be absolved after sincere confession.

Callistus could not persuade Hippolytus' followers of his rightful authority as Pope during his own lifetime. The Catholic Church, however, has always acknowledged the orthodoxy and holiness of Pope St. Callistus I, particularly since the time of his martyrdom — traditionally ascribed to an anti-Christian mob in 222. Callistus was martyred during a local disturbance in Trastevere, Rome, and is the first pope — except for Peter — to be commemorated as a martyr in the earliest martyrology of the Church.

The Feast of Saint Callistus is October 14<sup>th</sup>.

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Estate of  
**THOMAS S. ALBANESE**

Date of Death November 27, 2018

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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

**Donna Beaudry of Cohasset, 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.

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Docket No. MI18P6317EA

Estate of  
**SARAH H. LUPFER**

Date of Death October 25, 2018

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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

**Jonathan B. Lupfer of Cambridge, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso  
St. Mark's

It's not an overstatement to say my history began at St. Mark's Parish. My pre-history did as well as, here my parents were married in September of 1978. There I was baptized in May of 1983, and there I received my first Communion in May of 1991. It was also where I first attended elementary school.

My father was a devout Catholic and my upbringing reflected that. We lived close enough to St. Mark's, and yet the drive to Dorchester Ave was a ritual every Sunday. As a child I retained hardly anything from the sermons, but I remember the church vividly. I even remember some of the priests to this day.



Religion to me was a mystery as a child and, in many ways, still is. But, as a little boy, the church itself was a building of at least as much wonder. I could tell how old it was and how big. This sense of wonder only increased upon starting kindergarten when I discovered the old building that served as my classroom behind the church. I knew my classroom there, the basement where the boys bathroom was, the stage and the hall where we had our holiday pageants, and I knew there were several floors above where the higher grades were, though I saw very little of these. I knew what the offices looked like and ... not much else. I couldn't help but think there was a lot more to the building that was out of view. I wanted to see the cellar, some of the hidden corridors of the old buildings and, most of all, the little house where the nuns lived. Overtime I got to see a separate little building belonging to the school where we held our holiday pageant and was used for bingo at night.

As for the church my clearest memory is my communion, a day shared with many of my classmates. Less than a year later, my family left the neighborhood and my visits to St. Mark's Parish were a rare instance. In fact, I remember going back only early in 1999 for my grandfather's memorial mass.

There is something about a church, no matter how religious or non-religious you are, that establishes itself into memory for decades. Perhaps because, at an early age, the church asks us question and there is nothing more invigorating to a child than a spark of curiosity. For me that church is St. Mark's, the church that united my parent's, baptized both my sister and I, where I made my communion, and where, just maybe, my inquisitive nature was born.

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for him. He is just the kind of voice we need in America today. He is a military veteran who was wounded in battle fighting for his country and has now gone to Washington, DC to continue fighting for his country.

Last week, he showed up on Fox News at Night with Shannon talking about security at our southern border. He cut through all the bull and told it like it was. Liberals keep calling it Trump's Border but that misses the point. We need a physical border of some kind with Mexico or this ongoing attack at our ports of entry will never stop. Reportedly as I write this and you are reading it, there is a new caravan of folks leaving northern Honduras for the U.S. Border right now. The situation is a crisis. Democrats try to confuse everything and must think all of us are flaming idiots. We aren't!

Building physical barriers makes sense. Mexico has them on their southern border too defending their sovereignty. Whether it is a 30 foot concrete wall, steel slates, chain ink fencing or the Rio Grande itself! I am also supportive of new technologies that go along with a physical barrier, more border agents and hundreds more immigration judges down at our borders. We need all these things and need them fast.

Currently, Democrat ideologues on the Far Left calling

themselves Democrat Socialists are pushing Open Borders and oppose any and all barriers to the contrary. Their ideas are seeping into the LIBERAL MAINSTREAM. Listen to Speaker Nancy Pelosi, she's sounding like an open borders socialist now or pretending to be so.

Hopefully more politicians like Dan Crenshaw will run for office with their common-sense Americanism at work. Otherwise, America's best days will surely be behind us.

Happy Belated Birthdays



President Richard M. Nixon in the Oval Office swearing in Elvis Presley as a Special D.E.A. agent.

Elvis Presley was born on January 8, 1935 and Richard M. Nixon was born January 9, 1913.

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An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.  
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Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 7, 2019  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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NOTICE OF SALE  
Notice is hereby given by Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 539A, that on January 21, 2019 at 10AM, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:  
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Jeannette Tremblay  
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Arlington, MA 02474  
2001 MAZDA TRIBUTE, WHITE  
Vin: 4F2CU09181KM44505  
Christopher J Labelle  
23 Newport St, Apt 3  
Dorchester, MA 02125  
2001 HONDA CIVIC, TAN  
Vin: 2HGES16521H506825  
Wilberson Fils-Aime  
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Malden, MA 02148  
2002 HONDA CIVIC, GRAY  
Vin: 1HGEM22562L054050  
John Jemenez-Morales  
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Revere, MA 02151  
Run dates: 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
208 Cambridge Street  
East Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI18P6293EA  
Estate of BRUCE R. BOWEN  
Date of Death October 15, 2018  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Christopher LoPiccolo of Norwood, MA. Christopher LoPiccolo of Norwood, 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: 1/18/19

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE  
Notice is hereby given by D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., 2 Emery Road, Allston, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after February 2, 2019 beginning at 10:00 am by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:  
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2018 FORD FUSION  
VIN #3FA6P0G71JR182873  
2003 GMC YUKON  
VIN #1GKEK63U33J293266  
2000 MAZDA PROTÉGÉ  
VIN #JM1BJ2223Y0263577  
2013 SUBARU IMPREZA  
VIN #JF1GV7E66DG015451  
2015 HONDA ACCORD  
VIN #1HGCR2F35FA087477  
2000 VOLKSWAGEN NEW BEETLE  
VIN #3VWCC21C0YM482225  
2001 HONDA ACCORD  
VIN #JHMC6G5891C002855  
Vehicles are being stored at D & G Towing and Services Towing and may be viewed by appointment only.  
Signed  
Gabriela Estrada, Owner  
Run dates: 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2019

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
208 Cambridge Street  
East Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI18P6402EA  
Estate of HAROLD CHARLES ROEDER  
Also Known As HAROLD C. ROEDER  
Date of Death November 8, 2018  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Heidi J. Breault of Chelmsford, MA Petitioner William C. Roeder of Rocky Mount, NC a Will has been admitted to informal probate Heidi J. Breault of Chelmsford, MA, William C. Roeder of Rocky Mount, NC 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.  
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208 Cambridge Street  
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Docket No. MI13P3393PM  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT  
Estate of CLEMENTINE M. McDERMOTT  
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Bernard T. Loughran, Jr. of Watertown, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, and 1st and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.  
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 February 26, 2019.  
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.  
Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 11, 2019  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 1/18/19

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
208 Cambridge Street  
East Cambridge, MA 02141  
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Docket No. MI19P0123EA  
Estate of NORMA LAURENZI  
Date of Death November 16, 2018  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Laurence D. Laurenzi of Lexington, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Laurence D. Laurenzi of Lexington, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
Run date: 1/18/19

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Docket No. MI18P6372EA

Estate of  
**CONSTANCE COULOPOULOS**  
Date of Death May 5, 2018  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Diane T. Coulopoulos of Belmont, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Diane T. Coulopoulos of Belmont, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 24, 2019.

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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 28, 2018

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 1/18/2019

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. MI19P0069EA

Estate of  
**JOSEPHINE P. VILLARI**  
Date of Death October 27, 2018  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Peter D. Villari of Lexington, MA** and **Leo P. Villari, Jr. of Belmont, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Peter D. Villari of Lexington, MA** and **Leo P. Villari, Jr. of Belmont, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **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 February 4, 2019.

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

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Witness, **HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 7, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 1/18/2019

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
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Docket No. MI19P0017PM

**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  
**EILEEN MARSAN**  
of Woburn, MA

**RESPONDENT**  
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Holy Family Hospital of Haverhill, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Eileen Marsan** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that

(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 **January 31, 2019**. 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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 3, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 1/18/19

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Trial Court  
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Docket No. MI18P6088EA

Estate of  
**FRANCIS J. ROURKE**  
Also Known As  
**FRANK J. ROURKE**  
Date of Death October 10, 2018  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Stephen F. Rourke of Waltham, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Stephen F. Rourke of Waltham, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 29, 2019.

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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 10, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 1/18/2019

LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. MI19P0151EA

Estate of  
**SALLY S. MOORE**  
Also Known As  
**SALLY SECOR MOORE**  
Date of Death December 4, 2018  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Susan M. Baldini of North Hampton, NH** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Susan M. Baldini of North Hampton, NH** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **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 February 7, 2019.

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)**  
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Witness, **HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 10, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 1/18/2019

LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. MI19P0166EA

Estate of  
**JOLLEY ANNE WEINSTOCK**  
Also Known As  
**JOLLEY A. WEINSTOCK**  
Date of Death October 20, 2018  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Michelle Guttman of Framingham, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Michelle Guttman of Framingham, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **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 February 8, 2019.

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

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Witness, **HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 11, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 1/18/2019

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Docket No. MI18P6329EA

Estate of  
**B. CLIFFORD MOHNEY**  
Date of Death October 11, 2018  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Sharon S. Mohny of Wayland, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Sharon S. Mohny of Wayland, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **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 February 4, 2019.

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

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Witness, **HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 7, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 1/18/2019



# EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Re-Watching *Field of Dreams* 30 Years Later

The other evening while flipping through my cable channels, I came upon the great old movie *Field of Dreams*. It was really good to watch what I thought was a great movie from years ago. I almost forgot until I was getting into it that it wasn't ever a baseball movie. Not really.

Part of the movie was filmed in Boston at Fenway Park and I thought the scene of Kevin Costner and James Earl Jones driving up Landsdown Street the wrong way toward Brookline Avenue and seeing Kenmore Square straight ahead with both the Citgo Sign and big billboard advertising Shawmut Bank.

The best scenes in the movie were in Iowa near the farm and baseball field that Costner's character owned and watching those old time baseball players come to life. The whole movie used baseball as the vehicle to talk about real people issues like surviving bad times in life and simply enjoying life.

We all know people who live in the past and know people who are afraid of the future. Costner's character was afraid or unable to move beyond his past. He felt lost when his father died and they weren't on what he thought as speaking terms. He was sorry he strayed from his father and just wanted to thank him for loving him and sorry that he had left him on such bad terms.



At some point in the movie, his character gets caught up in a *Twilight Zone* story. Haunted by voices telling him he has a mission to do, he ends up partnering with the guy that James Earl Jones played. Each is finding that something in life that will bring meaning and closure in their complicated lives.

The line Costner keeps hearing in the movie is, "If you build it, they will come." He didn't understand any of it but felt compounded to keep moving forward in this mysterious journey he finds himself on.

Costner forgot about the enduring value of a baseball field and how the meaning of life can travel from the batter's box back to home plate. Costner's farm gets saved along the way

and people flock to that baseball field in the corn fields of Iowa ... to do what? Do they imagine that those old time players like Shoeless Joe Jackson are playing again or do they just relax and enjoy the peace of a lazy cornfield?

This is a movie about values; real values regarding right and wrong or good and bad. Is this a movie about remembering your younger days? Maybe, this is a movie about old-time baseball that you remember. If you grew up in the '50s and '60s watching baseball, this is your movie. It is a movie about life and the lessons learned back when you were a kid.

I love baseball and, as I age, I remember those old days when baseball was both watched and played by you. Baseball endures all challenges. It endured the Chicago Black Sox scandal and it will endure the Steroid Era too. Remember, you don't lose until you hang up your glove of life. Mine was a first baseman's mitt. I still have it in my possession. Baseball is still important to me off the field, too.

This movie made me think about my life growing up and my life as I slowly age on. Too old or blind for baseball, I still intend on getting into a softball league this summer with my mitt at first base.

Remember you never lose until you stop playing first base in life.



## George Foreman Turns 70

### 50 Years Ago He Proudly Waved the American Flag at the Olympics

On January 10<sup>th</sup> former two time heavyweight champion George Foreman celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. George has led a remarkable life. Born in 1949 to extreme poverty in Marshall, Texas, he all but gave up on himself at an early age. Foreman described those years as a time when he was “hungry most of the time.” He was also ashamed of being poor. As a teenager he turned to a life of petty crime and bullying. He was big and strong and used those attributes to take what he wanted. Foreman was destined for prison or worse.

His life changed when he was 16 and entered the Job Corps where he learned skills, but more importantly, he learned to value himself as a human being.

While in the Job Corps, Foreman traveled to California where met Doc Broadus who was a Job Corps counselor as well as a boxing coach. With the encouragement of Broadus, Foreman began boxing as an amateur in 1966. After a rocky start Foreman went on to win numerous amateur titles, compiling an amateur record of 22 wins and 4 losses. In only his 22 fight he was representing the United States in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City.

Foreman defeated three opponents to make it into the finals against Ionas Chepulis who was representing the Soviet Union. Chepulis was ten years older than George and had much more experience than the American. Chepulis was also a very hard puncher, having won all his Olympic bouts by knockout. Winning the Gold Medal was not expected to be an easy task for Foreman.

Foreman surprised the skeptics when he came out in the first round relying on his powerful left jab to keep Chepulis at a distance while bloodying his face. By midway through the 2<sup>nd</sup> round the Russian was taking a savage beating and the referee stepped in to halt the slaughter. Foreman had won Olympic Gold.

As he was announced the winner he went over to his corner and pulled a small American flag out from the pocket of his robe. He walked around the ring bowing and waving the flag. This

was the first Olympics to receive a large television audience, and at home millions of Americans watched as this kid born into poverty 19 years earlier was proudly representing his country. It was one of those beautiful and spontaneous moments that remains etched into the minds of those who witnessed it when it happened. It was also controversial.

If you think the country is in turmoil today, in 1968 it was coming apart. Popular opinion was turning against the War in Viet Nam. The fight for Civil Rights was being fought and there were divisions within that movement. Dr. Luther King Jr. was assassinated in April and Bobby Kennedy was shot to

the IOC in 1936, stayed quiet when German athletes were raising their arms in the Nazi salute.

Foreman caught heat as some people felt his waving the flag was done to undermine the actions of Smith and Carlos. That is not why he did it. The two actions were not related and George never intended it to be taken as a response to what had happened earlier. In fact, years later in an interview, John Carlos said “You know, a lot of people on the left thought ‘Oh, George, he disrespected us’ or ‘he hurt us’ or ‘he didn’t stand up for us.’ Totally wrong! George was a tremendous individual during that time in ‘68, and he’s even greater in life today.”

In a 2003 interview with Dave Zirin, Foreman was asked if he had it to do over again would he still wave the flag? His response: “If I had to do it all over again I would wave three flags! I feel that I had been rescued from the gutter by America. One day I was under the gutter, chased by police, thinking dogs were going to get me ... The next day there I am standing on the Olympic platform and you hear the anthem. I was proud.”

He went on to say, “... I didn’t like being called or set apart as a ‘Black athlete’ ... I got a chance from this country and when I go to Africa or Germany, or anywhere else in the world, people don’t see me as black, but as an American.”

The United States will never be perfect and it is important that people strive to continue to make it a better and better place. There is always room for protest and also for praise. The one thing that should always unite us is that we share in having been given the gift of being born here. We can have our disagreements, we can be critical of things and work for change, but we should never lose that gratitude for being Americans and still love our country. That is why staying united in respecting symbols such as the anthem and the flag are important. E Pluribus Unum (Out of many one.)

Watching many of the protests taking place today, and listening too many on the Left as they criticize this country, I am struck by their tone. They don’t appear to be fighting for change, but rather are trying to tear the country down all together.

Maybe they could learn from the athletes at the 1968 Olympics. Two men were protesting injustice one man was celebrating being an American. None of them feel they were in conflict with each other.

Whenever I see footage of George Foreman smiling and waving the flag I smile and feel good. It was a wonderful moment from a very turbulent era. Let’s keep working to make positive change, but let’s never forget what a great country we live in.

And Happy Birthday George!



death in June. There were riots in major cities over the war and civil rights. The mounting loss of life of American soldiers in Viet Nam was being reported on the news every night, while on college campuses young men were burning their draft cards. The nation was in the midst of having a nervous breakdown.

Days earlier at the Olympics where George Foreman waved the American flag after winning his Gold Medal, two other black athletes, Tommie Smith and John Carlos stood on the podium where they were receiving medals for their victories in track. As the national anthem was being played both men put their heads down and raised a black gloved fist in protest over the treatment of black Americans. It was also quite controversial.

Carlos and Smith were immediately stripped of their medals and sent home by International Olympic Committee President Avery Brundage. It was ironic that this was the same Avery Brundage who, as president of

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



In the overall constellation of the National Hockey League’s regular season it was just another game on another night — one in which several other contests also took place.

But, of course, it really wasn’t. That was because it was the Boston Bruins playing the Montreal Canadiens. And anytime that happens, well, you know, it is something special.

Special because it is the longest series between two franchises in the NHL. In its latest installment, the teams met for the 746<sup>th</sup> time, on this occasion at the Garden. And wouldn’t you know, there just weren’t enough ticks on the clock in a regulation 60-minute game to decide the affair. No, it went into overtime, with the Canadiens winning 3-2, on a spectacular rush down the ice to start the extra session, thus spoiling a comeback bid by the Bruins who had tied the contest on a power play goal in the late going.

It was the 62<sup>nd</sup> overtime game in the storied series with the Bruins now holding a 17-14-31 edge in those contests that go into OT.

Bruins Head Coach Bruce Cassidy admitted the final outcome was disappointing “especially when it happens that quickly. It was a pretty straightforward rush. We folded instead of challenging the puck carrier, so that started a domino effect and we lost coverage in front. We’ve been down this road earlier in the year. We lose the draw and never touch the puck and then all of a sudden ... So it’s a little disappointing that we didn’t defend the rush better and give ourselves a chance to win the game.”

It was also an indication that the Canadiens are starting to even things off a bit — especially when one considers the more recent span of games in the series. Boston entered the game sporting an enviable 8-1-0 record in the last nine meetings between the two archrivals, the only blemish on that mark being a 3-0 loss in the Hub back on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Now, with the overtime loss, the season series ended at 2-2, with each team getting both its wins on the road.

That’s right. When the Canadiens left the Hub after the game, which was the last scheduled game between the two historic franchises this season. They could meet in the Stanley Cup Playoffs, of course. But if they don’t, then we won’t see the Canadiens again in Boston until October at the earliest.

And that’s another reason why these games are now so special. As the league has expanded over the decades to 31 teams (with a 32<sup>nd</sup> coming in a couple of years to Seattle), it has come to mean that there are fewer and fewer games between traditional rivals.

Since the NHL leadership won’t expand the schedule beyond its present 82-game limit, it means that to create a schedule for an expansion team they must take away games from the various series between

existing teams. Thus, there are fewer matchups between traditional rivals.

So, the Bruins-Canadiens series is now down to four games per year, a shame when you think of it. What the future expansion means for this series as the league expands to 32 franchises we do not know, but we hope that the Boston-Montreal season series is not truncated any further.

A major part of that is because of the excitement generated by these games. It’s just a different atmosphere when these two rivals get together.

Take it from one who should know — Claude Julien. He’s the man who coached the Bruins for nine plus seasons until he was fired two years ago (February 7, 2017), but was then promptly hired by the Canadiens.

Down the other end of the hall from where he once gave his postgame press conferences as the head coach of the B’s, Julien, in his role as a visiting mentor, paused to consider the unique status of the well-remembered matchups between these two teams.

“I think there’s always going to be a rivalry there,” noted Julien, who has seen it play out from both perspectives. Citing how close both teams were in the standings, Julien said, “I think it was a big game for both teams. I think that helped the rivalry a little bit and probably added to the intensity of the game.”

Montreal Goaltender Carey Price commented that he liked the rivalry. “It’s just the atmosphere (in Boston). It’s just a great place to play hockey. I’ve always enjoyed the rivalry between our two teams. There was a lot of intensity to the game for sure. It was back and forth with opportunities in both ends.”

Price’s teammate Paul Byron responded affirmatively when asked if it is “sweeter winning in Boston.” Byron was definitely savoring the moment: “It definitely is. They’re our number one rival. There’s a lot of history here. Every time you come into this building (the Garden) and win, it’s huge.”

And, of course, Coach Cassidy saw it differently from the Bruins end. “Our execution was a bit off early on,” noted the coach who is coming up on the second anniversary of his assuming the head job. “We misfired on a couple of one-timers. We were just a little off in that part of our game. But I thought our guys were here ready to play. They wanted to skate. Unfortunately, we just didn’t execute some plays well enough — until the very end to tie the game. I thought we had enough action there to score more than one goal in the last minute. But like I said, we just didn’t execute it.”

So, it is another regular season in the books as far as Bruins-Canadiens games are concerned. But there’s always a possible playoff pairing to look forward to — something that would brighten the landscape as sure as any sunny spring day.

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