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## Saint Leonard of Port Maurice Parish Commemorates 150 Years of Service to the North End



On Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, Saint Leonard's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was officially opened with a visit from his Eminence Cardinal Sean O'Malley OFM Cap., who presided over the 12 o'clock Mass. The Mass also served as an opportunity for Cardinal Sean to install Fr. Michael Della Penna as Pastor of Saint Leonard's Parish after a three-year delay due to the Covid pandemic. (Photos by Gerri Palladino) (Additional Photos on Pages 6-7)

### News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

#### Lisa Marie Presley Dead at 54

Lisa Marie Presley, a singer in her own right, Elvis' only daughter, and keeper of the Presley legacy died last Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> four days after what would have been her father's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday after being rushed to the hospital for a medical emergency. Lisa Marie had her father's brooding charisma, eyes, smile, and the low sultry voice that made Elvis "the King of Rock n' Roll."

Lisa Marie even joined her voice with her father to such Elvis recordings as "In the Ghetto" and "Daddy Don't Cry," a mournful ballad which reminded Elvis of the early death of his own mother,

Just a few days before her death, Lisa Marie and her mother Priscilla Presley were at the Golden Globes celebrating Austin Butler's award for playing Elvis in a recent major musical feature *Elvis*.

#### Biden Classified Docs Uncovered

The Justice Department is looking into how classified documents from Biden's time as vice president ended up at a D.C. think tank that bears Biden's name.

Less than a week before the midterms, a small number of sensitive documents from Biden's time in the Obama Administration were located at the Penn Biden

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### "VOTES Act"

Requires Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles to Remove Option for Customers to Opt Out of Automatic Voter Registration

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) announced that the RMV is no longer allowed to offer the option for customers to opt out of automatic voter registration.

The opportunity for driver's license and ID applicants to decline automatic voter registration is no longer possible in accordance with "The VOTES Act," a new election reform law which was passed by the Massachusetts State Legislature on June 22, 2022.

On each business day, the RMV will be required to transmit to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, specific applicant information on all eligible transactions with the RMV meeting the select criteria of persons attesting to U.S. citizenship and providing proof of lawful presence. Information that is sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth will include the applicant's name, date of birth, address, attestation of citizenship, and an electronic signature.

RMV customers will be allowed to decline voter registration after receiving the acknowledgment notice from their respective municipal election officials.

The RMV has revised its driver's license and ID applications and the "Voter Registration Receipt" to reflect the new changes referenced above. To learn more, go online to [www.mass.gov/service-details/automatic-voter-registration](http://www.mass.gov/service-details/automatic-voter-registration).

For the latest RMV updates and information,

follow the RMV on Twitter @MassRMV.

The VOTES ACT requires the RMV to remove the "opt out" for voting from the driver licensing application. Applicants that wish to opt out may contact their town/municipality directly. Information on all eligible applicants will automatically be sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth (SoC) for voter registration. The option to decline to register to vote will be removed from the application (paper and online). In addition, the deadline to register to vote will be reduced from 21 days to 10 days before an election.

#### Qualifications

To register to vote in Massachusetts you must be all of the following:

- A U.S. Citizen
- A Massachusetts resident
- At least 18 years old on or before the next election
- You can pre-register to vote at 16 years of age.

#### Voter registration deadlines

- To vote in a future election you must register:
- 10 days before all primaries and elections; and/or
- 10 days before a special town meeting

#### More info

You should receive confirmation of your voter status within 2-3 weeks of registration. If you have not received confirmation, contact your local election office.

# Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



## THE VORACIOUS AND VICIOUS VITELLIUS



Two of Vitellius' most prominent characteristics were his love for luxury and his cruelty. Every meal became a feast for himself and every night he indulged in a drinking orgy. Most of the time he forced or tricked someone else into picking up the tab for his feasts, which were known to have run as high as \$20,000 dollars for one sitting.

An emetic is a medicine or substance that causes vomiting. It is common knowledge that these ancient Romans often took emetics to avoid the acid indigestion associated with overeating. Vitellius usually resorted to this practice in order to sustain his heavy eating habits. An example of the kind of meal that was set before this voracious man is indicated by the spread offered at his own brother's home to celebrate the arrival of Vitellius into Rome. There were two thousand of the choicest fishes and seven thousand birds. Other platters contained delicacies like livers of pike, peacock's brains, flamingo's tongues, and milt (reproductive glands) of lamprey eels (yech). Even when traveling, if he came upon anyone who just happened to be making a

sacrifice of food to some god he would snatch it up and devour it on the spot.

Inflicting torture or death upon anyone for any reason was his other personal delight. Those who were selected for execution were invited to his court through every kind of deception and then seized.

Two sons who attempted to intercede to save the life of their father were put to death with him. A Roman knight was ordered to be executed, and as he was being led away he called out to Vitellius saying, "You are my heir." After seeing his will, it was noted that a freedman was listed as a joint-heir along with the emperor; consequently, the freedman was also executed. Vitellius was even suspected of causing his ailing mother to starve to death because of an oracle that prophesied a long and secure rule if he survived his parent. Others say she was ailing and asked for poison, and that he quickly granted her wish.

During the eighth month of his reign, trouble started brewing in the provinces and some of the troops even swore allegiance to Vespasian. Offers to repent

and even bribery failed to deter those who were determined to take control of the empire. When Vitellius received news that the enemy was drawing near and his own forces had deserted him, he then gathered his most cherished possessions, his cook, his baker, and a girdle full of gold coins. He went first to his father's house, but after having second thoughts about remaining incognito, he then took refuge at the lodge of a friend. He tied a dog in front of the door and put a couch and mattress behind it. The invading forces quickly forced their way inside and dragged him from his hiding place. Vitellius attempted to escape capture by lying about his identity, but he was soon recognized. He then begged for his life to be spared and to be placed in confinement, alleging that he had important information that was vital to the safety of Vespasian. But the invaders, intent upon extracting their pound of flesh, bound his arms, tied a rope around his neck, and dragged him like a dog through the streets that were crowded with abusing and mocking citizens. They entered the Forum and this is where some people pelted him with dung while others hurled gross obscenities at him and still others taunted him about his bodily defects. He was tortured for a long time on the "Stairs of Mourning" and then killed by repeated blows. His head was paraded around Rome after his body was thrown into the Tiber River, and the spirit of the voracious and vicious Aulus Vitellius, the eighth emperor of the Roman Empire, was joined with those of his ancestors.

**NEXT WEEK:**

*Vespasian the Restorer*

## Saint Daniel of Padua

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Daniel was an Italian of Jewish descent who converted to Christianity and eventually became a missionary. The exact date of his birth in the period of the second century is unknown. He was the deacon of Saint Prosdocius, the first bishop of Padua, and is said to have converted many in the region of North-East Italy. Daniel was arrested and executed by a local governor on account of his refusal to make sacrifice to the Emperor Marcus Aurelius. Daniel was martyred by being nailed to a table to die of shock and blood loss in 168 at Padua, Italy.

The Counter Reformation in Italy saw an increase in the literal depiction of the martyrdom of saints. Saint Daniel is depicted in an appalling spectacle of being dragged by a horse and then crushed and nailed between a table of wood and one of stone.

His body was discovered nearly 1,000 years later, and his relics were transferred to the church of Saint Sofia, in Padua, on January 3, 1064. Saint Sofia Church is believed to be the oldest Catholic Church in Padua having been built in the tenth



century. Saint Sophia's is the church where seventeen-year-old Andrea Mantegna painted his first independent work, an altarpiece depicting the Madonna with Child in conversation with saints.

St Daniel of Padua representation is a deacon holding a towel and laver (a bowl on stand) to indicate his service to his bishop. Saint Daniel is the patron saint of prisoners and women whose husbands are at war. The feast day of Saint Daniel of Padua is January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement. Biden used the office from mid-2017 until the start of Campaign 2020 in April 2019.

All presidential and vice presidential documents must be turned over to the National Archives at the conclusion of a presidency. According to CBS, the documents uncovered contained no nuclear secrets.

During a *60 Minutes* interview last September, Biden ripped Trump as "totally irresponsible" for keeping classified documents at Mar-a-Lago.

#### Quote to Note

"Some people will hurt you and then act like you hurt them."

— "Power of Positivity"

#### The Music of the Three Divas

The Music of the Three Divas, Aretha Franklin, Gladys Knight, and Patti LaBelle will be coming to the Regent Theatre in Arlington, MA on Saturday night, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. This will be a great show for music fans. For more information, call 781-646-4849 or go to [regenttheatre.com](http://regenttheatre.com).

#### Remembering

#### Lt. Rev. Vincent Capodanno at St. Leonard Church

Members of the Italian American Alliance were present this past Saturday evening at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Leonard Church in support of petitioning the U.S. Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp to honor Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Lt. Father Vincent Capodanno. He sacrificed his life in September 1969 as a member of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines who were under heavy fire tending to wounded Marines on the battlefield.

For more information about Father Capodanno, contact the Italian American Alliance at [italianamericanalliance.com](http://italianamericanalliance.com) or Dom Amara, president of the Pirandello Lyceum at [domamara@aol.com](mailto:domamara@aol.com).

#### The Guy Needs to Get an Honest Job

A man robbed a bank in Belle Isle, Florida while he was out on parole for robbing three other banks in Baltimore. He told

police he did it because it seemed the only way he could make some money.

#### Warm Winter Saves EU from Cold

Russian President Vladimir Putin's plans to freeze Europe over opposition to his War in Ukraine has not been going so well with a warm winter across the European continent. Record temperatures from Portugal to Spain to Scandinavia to the Baltic region down to former Yugoslavia have negated the need for Europeans to keep their homes heated this winter. Budapest just set an all-time record of 66 degrees on Christmas Eve and parts of France hit the upper 70s on New Year's Eve.

Warmer weather as a result has kept the continent's gas reserves nearly full after previously encouraging its citizens to conserve and ration the use of energy in anticipation of a coming cold winter.

#### School Kid Shooter was Searched?

It has now been reported that administrators at that Virginia school where a first-grader shot his teacher may have been in possession of the firearm despite his bag having been searched at the school entrance, stated the school superintendent.

#### Something to Ponder Over

"I do believe however that Dr. King would be extremely disappointed with the state of our country today, and the total lack of respect for anyone who disagrees with anyone else that is plaguing it. It is important to remember that we are all made in the image of God for the greater glory of God even if the other person agrees or disagrees with us."

I didn't get the name of the author of this quote, but I agree with it 100 percent as we all should.

#### End Quote

"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."

— Albert Schweitzer

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## Angelo Cattaneo



Angelo Cattaneo, of the North End of Boston, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 92 years of age. Beloved husband of 68 years to Rosita (Carella) Cattaneo. Devoted father of Ivana Spencer and husband Michael, and Raffaello Cattaneo and

wife Christine. Dear brother of Armida Leone, Agnese Burkhardt, Elvira Piretti, Ferdinando Cattaneo, and Marisa Maurer. Pre-deceased by 4 siblings. Cherished grandfather of Mivan Spencer and wife Stefania, Alessio Spencer, Dante Cattaneo, Alexander Cattaneo, Valentina Cattaneo, and Sylvia Cattaneo. Adored great-grandfather of Gioia.

Angelo was the longtime owner of Caffe Dello Sport on Hanover Street in the North End of Boston.

Family and friends will honor Angelo's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston on Thursday, January 19th from 3:00 to 7:00 P.M. and again on Friday morning January 20 at 8:30 before leaving in procession to Saint Leonard Parish, North End, for a funeral Mass celebrating Angelo's life at 10:00 A.M. Services will conclude with committal prayers at Woodlawn Cemetery Chapel, Everett.

To leave an online condolence visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com)

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## NEW Health Announces New Primary Care Doctors and Nurse Practitioners



Dr. Suo Lee

North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) announced the recent addition of new clinical staff at the North End site: Dr. Suo Lee, Dr. Brandon Luk, Nurse Practitioner Madeleine Bayne, and Nurse Practitioner Heather Patrick.

New patients are being accepted on a limited basis at this time as NEW Health continues to expand its primary care staff. More information is available by calling 617-643-8000.

"We are eager to bolster our services, especially to those who



Nurse Practitioner Madeleine Bayne

live right here in the North End and Waterfront neighborhoods," said Vincenzo Scibelli, NEW Health CEO. "Dr. Lee, Dr. Luk, Madeleine Bayne, and Heather Patrick all come with tremendous experience in community health care and we look forward to a successful 2023 with them on board."

NEW Health welcomes Dr. Suo Lee to the adult primary care team. The Medical College of Pennsylvania graduate specializes in Internal Medicine and before coming to NEW Health, she was an internist at Carney Hospital in Dorchester, Mass. Dr. Lee is fluent in English and Mandarin. When not working, Lee enjoys playing the piano, cooking and traveling while learning about new cultures.

Dr. Brandon Luk recently joined as a specialist in Family Medicine and Internal Medicine. Dr. Luk graduated from Tulane University School of Medicine and his prior experience includes 10 years of primary care, urgent care, and hospitalist work. He is multilingual, fluent in English, Cantonese, and Spanish. Dr. Luk has a passion for astronomy.

Madeleine Bayne (FNP-BC) joined the NEW Health team in late 2022 with Bachelor's and Master's degrees from MGH institute of Health Professions. She also took part in the Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty Track program and has four years of previous experience in community-based care. Bayne is fluent in English and French.

Heather Patrick is a Nurse Practitioner specializing in Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and OB-GYN. The University of Massachusetts School of Nursing graduate also



Dr. Brandon Luk

completed the Post-Graduate Nurse Practitioner Residency in Community Health and Family Medicine at the Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center in Worcester, Mass., and her doctoral research in Adolescent Substance Use Disorders is a career highlight. Patrick is also an avid runner, cook, and painter.

For further information on NEW Health and its services in both Charlestown and the North End, please log on to [www.newhealthcenter.org](http://www.newhealthcenter.org).



Nurse Practitioner Heather Patrick

## Grow a Beautiful Indoor Succulent Garden

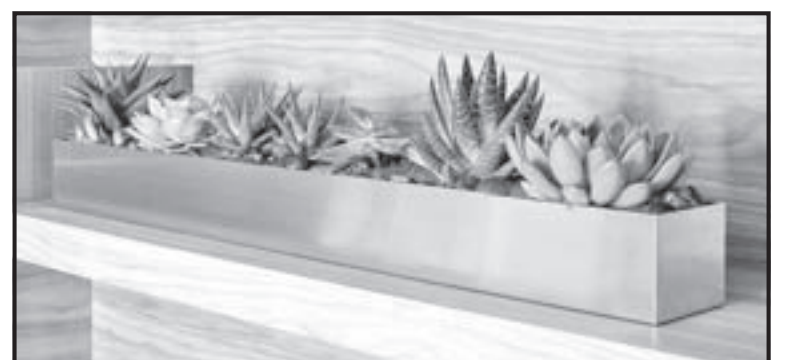
by Melinda Myers

It's no surprise that succulents, including cacti, are popular. These easy-care houseplants come in a variety of colors, shapes, and sizes making them perfect for any home.

All you need is a lot of light and benign neglect to raise healthy and beautiful succulents. Place the plants near an unobstructed south -, west - or east - facing window.

Don't let a lack of light stop you from enjoying these beautiful plants in your home. You'll find many attractive options for displaying your plants while providing the light they need. A single desktop LED plant light, attractive plant light shelves and carts, and furniture-grade light gardens allow you to grow these sun-lovers anywhere in your home.

Grow these plants in cacti and succulent potting mix. These fast-draining mixes help reduce the risk of overwatering which can lead to root rot. Further reduce this risk by using containers with drainage holes that are only slightly larger than the succulents' root system. Growing them in too large of a container that retains moisture longer can result in root rot, decline, and even the death of your plants.



Succulents are low-maintenance houseplants that add interest and beauty to indoor décor.

(Photo courtesy of Gardener's Supply Company/gardeners.com)

Water thoroughly whenever the top inch or two of soil is dry. Some gardeners check the soil moisture at the drain hole to ensure it is dry and the plants need to be watered. Always pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer.

Avoid water collecting in the rosette of leaves or the cluster of prickly stems that can lead to crown rot. Use a watering can like the Haws Indoor Watering Can which has a long narrow spout that allows you to reach under the plants to water just the soil.

Make slight adjustments in your watering regime and growing environment as the seasons change. Adapting to

changing conditions will keep your plants healthy and looking their best year-round.

Find a cool, sunny, draft-free location for your cacti and succulents in the fall and winter. Maximize the amount of light the plants receive by moving them to the sunniest, usually south-facing, window in your home. Water thoroughly but only when the top few inches of soil are dry and just often enough to keep the plants from shriveling. These changes in the growing conditions often encourage a spring display of colorful and unique flowers.

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

### Magical Moonlight!

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, the way her graceful silver light whispers promises of the changing seasons. 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 her 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 the 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. 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 sparked 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 the 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 Giarratani



## We Need to Work Together as We Face

# HOUSING CRISIS

In a recent letter to the editor in the *East Boston Times*, Carlos Munoz-Cadilla from the Gove Street Citizens Association wrote on the facts surrounding the McKay Project. As somebody who lives in Jeffries Point not that far away from this development site, I thought he explained pretty extensively the issues regarding this latest residential development project.

I have seen in my 13 years of calling East Boston my home, the growing pains associated with ongoing development and how it has been impacting folks trying to stay in this community. However, many have become victims of the unintended consequences of the building of more residential units in the neighborhood.

I know a number of people, long-time neighborhood families who simply could no longer afford all the "progress" being made, which has made housing costs skyrocket for ordinary working folks and small homeowners.

I have been living in Jeffries Point a little over two years, previously living up on Eagle Hill. Everywhere around me now is seeing ongoing development. Most of this new housing will affect parking, it has to.

I thank the letter writer for pointing out the need for more neighborhood input. We must continue to keep communicating with everyone involved in this ongoing housing boom. It is up to the Boston Planning & Development Agency to become

the watchdogs of responsible housing development. City Hall, developers and community residents need to be in constant communication in working forward together if we want to be fully responsible for the future benefit of everyone.

The Gove Street folks just want to ensure that development will move forward with the best interests of all. That's what we all want. We can build this neighborhood up, we can build this city up, and we can push Boston into becoming even better than it is today, but only by listening to everyone about what is needed. We all have different visions, but it doesn't mean opposition, it just means treating each side of the housing issue equally. There are no good guys or bad guys.

I welcome communicating with those in the development sector. We need to find good solutions together because it doesn't work if we battle each other. Keep our eyes on the goal, which is sustaining our neighborhoods that we all can enjoy and afford. There has got to be room for everyone. Boston's greatness is found in its livability.

As we move into the New Year, stay involved in your neighborhood, keep up on the issues affecting your daily lives. Talk to each other and stop being strangers. Work together to improve life around you. It starts with one person and grows into our community open to all.

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petitioner Donald T. Owen of Concord, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Donald T. Owen of Concord, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. NO21P2149EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT  
Estate of  
RUTH MASON RICHMAN  
Also Known As  
RUTH RICHMAN, RUTH MASON  
Date of Death: February 15, 2021

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Marty Richman of Brookline, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law 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 02/22/2023.

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January 23<sup>rd</sup> Opening Date for Pawtucket-Central Falls Transit Center



Governor Dan McKee, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT), Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA), and the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) today announced the January 23<sup>rd</sup> opening date for the new Pawtucket-Central Falls Transit Center, which will allow riders to switch modes of transportation easily between commuter rail operated by MBTA and RIPTA's statewide bus network.

"This new station will not only add to the quality of life in Pawtucket and the Blackstone Valley but it will also dramatically expand transit options for Rhode Islanders and those visiting Rhode Island," said Governor Dan McKee. "With easy connections to and from Boston — the opening of this station continues our momentum, breathing new life into Pawtucket and Central Falls."

The rail-bus transit center will provide a robust combination of commuter rail and bus service in an emerging area of transit-oriented economic development in Pawtucket and Central Falls. It will make it easier and more convenient for many Rhode Islanders traveling to and from Boston and other destinations in Massachusetts to use bus and train service, and it will help mitigate congestion on our highways and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

This additional commuter rail station in Rhode Island will supplement three other stations (Providence, T.F. Green and Wickford Junction) serviced by the MBTA, with numerous stops in Massachusetts on the route to South Station in Boston. MBTA will make 40 weekday stops and 18 weekend stops at the new Pawtucket-Central Falls Transit Center. In addition to the rail service, the new bus hub built adjacent to the train station will serve the many bus commuters in the Pawtucket, Central Falls and greater Blackstone Valley area with RIPTA's 1, 71, 72, 73, 75, 76, 78, 80, QX and the R-Line stopping at the transit center starting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

"Whether from Quonset Point to Quincy Market or from Boston back to Broad Street, Rhode Island transit riders are better connected starting January 23<sup>rd</sup>," said Lt. Governor Sabina Matos. "This rail station, in conjunction with RIPTA's outstanding service, will offer new economic and recreational opportunities for Pawtucket, Central Falls, and all of Rhode Island — plus new opportunities

for our visitors to discover the food, art, and culture that make our state unique."

"The opportunities this transit hub will create for Pawtucket and Central Falls are bountiful. It will truly show that our two cities are desirable places to live, work, and play," said Pawtucket Mayor Donald R. Grebien. "This project has been in the works for many years, with the help of Council members, our state and federal delegation, community partners, and RIDOT. I want to thank all of them for seeing it through to its full fruition."

"The Pawtucket Central Falls Transit Center is decades in the making and the amazing result of cooperation between municipal, state and federal partners," said Central Falls Mayor Maria Rivera. "We are committed to integrating Central Falls residents into our regional economy and continuing the transit-oriented growth in the Blackstone Valley with workforce and affordable housing."

"The new train station and bus hub are modern, safe and efficient rail and bus commuter facilities, that will provide more convenient access to and from Boston area destinations while providing momentum for Rhode Island's economic development," RIDOT Director Peter Alvi, Jr. said.

"RIPTA is excited about the opening of the new center because it will markedly increase the bus-to-rail connections we can help our passengers make," said RIPTA CEO Scott Avedisian. "These connections are vital as people are encouraged to leave their cars behind and use mass transit. Our service to this new transit center is robust and includes our R-Line, our highest frequency route. We encourage people to see how seamless bus-to-rail travel can be."

"The MBTA is excited to broaden the reach of our Commuter Rail network as we offer this additional transit option for our current Pawtucket-area passengers and welcome new riders to the system," said MBTA Interim General Manager Jeffrey Gonneville. "The Providence/Stoughton Commuter Rail Line will begin making regular and convenient stops on weekdays and weekends at the new Pawtucket-Central Falls Transit Center later this month, offering efficient service to and from South Station in downtown Boston. We thank our partners at RIDOT and RIPTA, and encourage riders to check out the upcoming service schedule available on [mbta.com](http://mbta.com)."

The transit center is located at 300 Pine Street, near the intersections of Pine Street and Goff Avenue in Pawtucket, located close to I-95. It includes dedicated platforms for northbound and southbound service, connected by a glass-enclosed pedestrian bridge, elevators, ramps and stairs. Its elegant design utilizes state-of-the-art composite panels with covered waiting areas. The train station also has a separate drop off area and set of stairs and ramps to the platform on the Barton Street side of the rail corridor.

The bus hub includes five berths with covered shelters for passengers, with arrivals and departures every two to five minutes during peak hours. The hub connects to a transit emphasis corridor, which includes dedicated bus lanes and bike lanes along Exchange Street and Goff Avenue, linking the new transit facility to the heart of Downtown Pawtucket. Bicycle storage racks are present at the bus hub plaza area.

Adjacent to the center, RIDOT will operate a secure, well-lit 200-car parking lot, and RIPTA will operate restroom facilities. Radar-enhanced pedestrian detection crosswalks link the parking lot, bus hub and train station.

Additional information, including directions and schedules is available at [www.RideTheRailsRI.com](http://www.RideTheRailsRI.com).

All construction projects are subject to changes in schedule and scope depending on needs, circumstances, findings, and weather.

The Pawtucket-Central Falls Transit Center is made possible by RhodeWorks, and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Improvement and Jobs Act. RIDOT is committed to bringing Rhode Island's infrastructure into a state of good repair while respecting the environment and striving to improve it. Learn more at [www.ridot.net/RhodeWorks](http://www.ridot.net/RhodeWorks).

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Docket No. M122P6245EA

Estate of  
MARY B. HUMBER

Date of Death: July 19, 2022

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Thomas Garabedian of Naples, FL**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Thomas Garabedian of Naples, FL** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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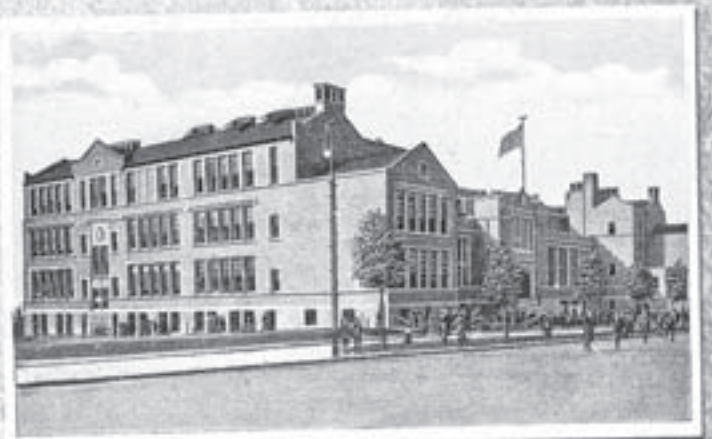
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Fr. Michael, Stephen Scapicchio, John Fiumara, John Pagluica and Richard Vita



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

### TO DEMOCRATS

#### EVERYTHING'S A PHOTO OP

Kudos to the *New York Post* for its recent editorial (Joe's El Paso Photo Op, January 9th). When Biden arrived at the El Paso border town and walked along the border wall that he's against, smiling with border agents and nearby politicians everything looked hunky dory. There wasn't a migrant to be found. They had been all swept away as far as they could to avoid an accidental meeting between the president and migrants. Some were even transferred back across the Mexican border for a few hours before being allowed back in.

Photo ops are no substitute for real policy, which is still not insight. Walking along the border doesn't even mean Biden even sees it. It is nothing but pathetic to see Biden and his minions trying to pretend they have a plan to fix what they broke.

The area looked spic-and-span for Biden's short three-hour visit. Then it was back to reality for border agents and local police. The hordes return, fentanyl smuggling is back, and overcrowded shelters get worse. Things won't get better here until the next presidential visit. The policies of the past 24-months will continue to be our future.

#### THEY CAME FROM NEW BEDFORD, MAN!

Once again, while listening to SiriusXM Soul Town 49 music, radio host Jeff Foxx was talking about Tavares, and again said

the band was from Providence, RI, which is only partially right. The first place we all know they really hail from is New Bedford, MA. These guys growing up moved a lot, but any real Tavares fan knows home base was not across the border in Rhode Island. Get it right, Jeffrey.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

My pal Richie Barnett from East Boston, one of the gang from Burger King up the Heights celebrated his birthday last week. Birthday greetings from the whole gang!

#### WHAT FLAG SHOULD FLY IN CLASSROOMS?

A recent *Boston Globe* article on an ongoing controversy at Stoughton High School concerns parental and school staff opposition to banning Pride and BLM flags from flying inside school classrooms. The directive banning all these flags came reportedly from the town's school superintendent."

One school parent who was quoted in the piece said he "was just taken aback. What it does is it makes students — Black, and brown and LGBTQ students — feel not wanted. A lot of schools have flags, and it's just part of the decor." I support the new flag ban. We don't need all these different flags inside the school. I don't even support flying the Thin Blue Line or Christian flag inside our public schools. There is only one flag that belongs in our school building and that is the U.S. Flag that flies for all of us. All the other flags are seemingly agenda driven.

You want to see a site flying all kinds of flags outside its building, take a trip to the United Nations in New York City. What's okay for the U.N. is not necessarily okay for Stoughton or any other public school system. How about trying some new concept like trying to find ways to unite us rather than divide us.

#### CAR RADIOS WERE THE GREATEST IDEA EVER — AFTER TIRES

I wonder who ever came up

with the car radio or even the need for a car radio. I can't imagine driving around in dead silence. I need a car radio, and I need it badly. This past weekend, I heard lots of great music on the road, the Beatles singing one of their number one double-sided hits that was topping the charts 57 years ago. One side was "We Can Work It Out" (Paul McCartney) and the flipside was John Lennon's "Day Tripper," which actually was an anti-drug tune. That was on WMEX. I flipped over to Country 102.5 and heard Jon Pardi singing "Last Lonely Night," then it was over to Classic Rock 100.7 with a twofer, "Watchtower" by Jimi Hendrix and Led Zeppelin with "Black Dog."

Driving while listening to good music certainly calms your nerves and lowers incidents of road rage, too!

#### PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

I love reading newspaper comic strips. One of my favorite is *Pearls before Swine* by Stephan Pastis. One of his most recent was the rat character sitting in his doctor's office as the doctor tells how high his blood pressure and cholesterol was and tells the rat he would have to change his diet. When the rat asks about what kind of changes, the doctor said he created a chart for him to follow. The chart said in large lettering was "EVERYTHING YOU LIKE GONE!"

#### BIDEN COMPARES IMMIGRANTS WITH JEWS FLEEING THE NAZIS IN WWII

Joe Biden last week spoke with reporters and compared our borders being overrun with illegal immigrants crossing over with Jews fleeing persecution during World War II. He just returned from a three-hour tour of our southern border, but only after all the illegals flooding El Paso were rounded up and hidden from sight or actually, get this, shipped back into Mexico, and told them to stay put until the coast is clear.

#### DID YOU KNOW???

March 1, 2023, will be the 50th Anniversary of the release of *Dark Side of the Moon* by Pink Floyd. Seems like it couldn't be that long ago, but it was! I was a mere 25 years old when that song was a brand new hit.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### CLOVERFIELD (4K Ultra HD SteelBook) Paramount Home Ent.

*Cloverfield*, the groundbreaking film that started a global franchise, celebrates its 15th anniversary in 2023. Fans can celebrate the milestone with a new Limited-Edition 4K Ultra HD SteelBook, from Paramount. *Cloverfield* is a game-changing blockbuster that took the found-footage genre to monstrous new heights. Produced by J.J. Abrams and directed by Matt Reeves, the latter directs this tale of five young New Yorkers thrown into an unprecedented invasion by a monster the size of a skyscraper. *Cloverfield* debuted in the U.S. on January 18, 2008 and became a smash hit, the film thrilled critics and audiences alike with its shocking, first-person video account of the horrifying attack on Manhattan by this unknown — and seemingly unstoppable — force. Also included is a wealth of legacy bonus content, including: Commentary by director Matt Reeves; The Making of *CLOVERFIELD*; *CLOVERFIELD Visual Effects*; *I Saw It! It's Alive! It's Huge!*; *Clover Fun*; *Deleted Scenes with Optional Commentary*, and *Alternate Endings with Optional Commentary*

#### BEING THUNDER (DVD) Film Movement

In Indigenous cultures, a Two-spirit person embodies masculine and feminine qualities through many gender expressions informed by Indigenous traditions and community roles. *Being Thunder* introduces this Native American role by focusing on the life and advocacy of Sherente Mishitahin Harris, a Two-spirit gender-queer teenager from Rhode Island's Narragansett tribe. Wearing traditional female dress, Sherente joyfully performs a traditional female dance in competition at Powwows around New England, but not everyone accepts Sherente's inclusion in the "girls" category. *Being Thunder* is the stirring story of Sherente's persistence, aided by love and unconditional support from peers and family. Facing biased Powwow judges to tackling college applications, Sherente shines through as a role model for youth worldwide to go against the grain and live their authentic selves with tenacity and grace. French filmmaker Stephanie Lamorre quietly documents Sherente's life and family interactions over the course of several years, revealing the struggles and triumphs faced by the determined teen courageously navigating questions of identity, expression, and how to be one's authentic self.

#### MEN AT WORK (Blu-ray) MVD Classic Collection

With little respect for their superiors, and even less for the law, garbage collectors Charlie Sheen and Emilio Estevez have made trouble a way of life. Practical jokers with a gift for the truly twisted gag, the two pranksters glide through work with one eye on the ladies and the other on the surf shop they dream of owning. But their fun-loving life is turned upside down

when they discover the corpse of a local politician - and realize they will be prime suspects. Pursued by both the police and the real killers, Sheen and Estevez know that to save their hides, they'll have to solve the case. Hilarious supporting performances from Leslie Hope, Keith David, Dean Cameron and Cameron Dye and an all-star soundtrack keeps things hot as they career through kidnappings, car chases, and an unlikely romance, all in the name of justice ... It's a dirty job, but someone's gotta do it!

#### THE LAST AMERICAN VIRGIN (Collector's Edition) (Blu-ray) MVD Classic Collection

*The Last American Virgin* is the cult-classic 1980's teen comedy about close-knit group of high school friends, Gary (Lawrence Monoson), the shy guy; his friend Rick (Steve Antin), the ladies man; and David (Joe Rubbo), the comic foil, and their exploits in pursuit of love ... or at the very least ... their first time! Also starring Diane Franklin, Louisa Moritz and Kimmy Robertson, this funny, dramatic and nostalgic time capsule chronicles the ups and downs of friendship, romance, and the bittersweet memories of youth, set to a classic 80's soundtrack.

#### POPPY (DVD) IndiePix Films

Nineteen-year-old Poppy Simpson (Libby Hunsdale) is an irrepressible young woman with Down Syndrome and an assumption she should get to do what everyone else does — have a job, drive a car, get married. Holding her back is Dave (Ari Boyland), her older brother and only family since the death of their parents. Poppy and Dave work together in their inherited car repair business, and its clear Poppy has mechanical smarts. But her super-protective brother doesn't think she's up to getting her driver's license or the apprenticeship she was promised by their late father. Quietly rebellious, Poppy secretly begins to teach herself to drive. And it's not until she teams up with an old school friend who needs his car fixed in time to enter the local burnout competition that her plans progress in this acclaimed feel-good drama.

#### CONTRABAND (Blu-ray) Cauldron Films

Naples, Italy: An idealistic cigarette smuggler, Luca, runs into problems when a sadistic drug-dealing gangster from France decides to muscle his way into operations. As he tries to wipe out the competition, all hell breaks loose and the bodies start piling up! Luca joins forces with rival smugglers and the local mafia to counteract the power play, which only increases the body count until the explosive gunpowder and gut-busting conclusion. Starring Fabio Testi, Marcel Buzzuffi, Ivana Monti and Saverio Marconi. This hard-hitting mafia story filmed through the eye of an unrelenting horror master contains the music by legendary composer Fabio Frizzi.

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Docket No. M122P6695GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED  
PERSON PURSUANT TO  
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of  
YACOB MULATU GEBRU  
of Ayer, MA

RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Amy Gebru of Ayer, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Yacob Mulatu Gebru** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Amy Gebru of Ayer MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

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

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **February 02, 2023**. 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. MAUREEN H. MONKS,**  
First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 05, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 01/20/2023

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Docket No. M123P0119EA

Estate of  
**NANCY H. DEMAND**  
Also Known As  
**NANCY DEMAND**

Date of Death: January 25, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

**Paul Meltzer of Worcester, 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 & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



It was late January in 62 and I was planning to head to Miami Beach for the February school vacation. In September, I started teaching in Boston and felt I needed a break. I was supposed to stay with a musician friend but my stay with him was cut short by the unannounced arrival of his sister with no place to stay. I found a place at a Miami Beach hotel and was ready for a vacation week of fun in the sun. I received a message at the hotel to call Larry, the musician I was supposed to stay with, and when I called back, he told me that his sister wanted to meet me and he was bringing her to the beach for an early Sunday dinner to which I was invited.

A heat wave hit southern Florida on the weekend, and that Sunday, I spent more time in the tropical waters of the Atlantic than on the towel I had purchased. When it was time to meet with Larry and his sister, I dressed. Back in the day, you dressed for almost every location on the beach. The problem was that, over the weekend, I had lost about ten pounds due to the climate and my suit was just hanging on me like a sack.

At the appointed time, I met Larry and his sister. There was a famous steak place on one of the side streets off Collins Ave. called the Embers. We met there for an early dinner. The food was great and I enjoyed the company of my friend Larry's sister. She was an older woman from a working class family in Boston and Larry was the star of the family having become a well known piano player in show business circles. When it was time for them to head back, Larry gave me a list of places where he thought I might enjoy the night life and meet some interesting people who also were on vacation.

On my own, I walked along Collins Ave., Miami Beach's main street. I checked out the hotels, stores and the well dressed tourists. The first place I decided to stop at was a club called Murray Franklin's on a side street not too far from the Embers where we had eaten. Do you older folks remember a Boston comedian named Freddie Ross, yes? Well, he was the headliner there. I was ushered to a table near the stage, ordered a drink, and watched the opening act. A rather attractive young lady came out on the stage holding a dummy. She sat down with the dummy on her lap and began her act. The dummy had a Yiddish accent and the voice was a male voice. When the young lady spoke, she had a female voice and spoke with an accent, also. As I found out later, she was from Naples, Italy, not Naples, Florida. So, the dummy had a Yiddish accent, she had an Italian accent and you couldn't see her lips move when she did her routine.

After she had finished, Freddy Ross was announced and he spent an hour telling jokes. I gave the waiter a note to give to Freddy, and after he was done, he left the stage and came over

to my table. The note stated that Nick Conti was my Uncle. At that point in time, Uncle Nick was the vice president of the Musicians' Union and knew just about every entertainer in Boston. Ross and I spoke for several minutes about Boston's club scene which he was an integral part of. There were two people named Freddy that were Boston headliners back then, Freddy Ross and Freddy Hall, both good comedians. Just before he decided to leave the table, he spotted the ventriloquist with the dummy that had a Jewish accent. He called her over and as we were introduced, I stood up and said, "Multo piacere." She answered me in Italian and then asked in English how I knew she was Italian. I told her that I thought I heard a Neapolitan accent when she spoke. She said, "You're right, but how did you know?" I told her that my family was Avellinese and I was familiar with the accent. She smiled as I complimented her on the Yiddish accent she used through her dummy. Her answer explained the situation. She lived in a part of Brooklyn that, was a mix of Jews and Italians.

When I left the club after an hour of conversation with the entertainers, it was time for their next show. I wandered Collins Ave again and ran into a bunch of people from Revere. They were school teachers who, like me, were trying to obtain a Florida tan during the February school vacation. We all recognized one another as three of the four people were taking graduate courses at Boston State a couple of evenings a week, and I had met them there. They invited me to join them and we headed for what would be a tour of the night clubs that were part of the better Miami Beach hotels.

As time went on, I discovered I was not a drinker. I would order a rum and Coke with the rum on the side and gave the rum to whichever of the others wanted it. I drank the Coke. As the evening continued, I told them the story of how a travel agent wanted to book me into a hotel where he said, "my kind" could be found. When I mentioned the hotel, the Johnina, one of the crowd said that there was a lounge in the hotel that they wanted to visit as the entertainment was supposed to be good. We headed to the hotel and the Dream Bar Lounge. The entertainment consisted of just a short man named Willie Rustum. He was dressed like a beach comer and sounded like Tony Bennett.

I was totally impressed with his voice. An hour later, one of the crowd said, "It's time for the Boom Boom Room. I asked what the Boom Boom Room was and was told that it was the most famous night club on Miami Beach. Located on the lower floor of the Fontainebleau Hotel, it featured two bands, one Latin American and the other American.

After being seated at a table, we ordered drinks and I danced

the night away with one of the girls in the party. Due to time spent at the Cave, a Boston Latin American night club, I had become quite proficient at handling a mambo, meringue and a cha cha cha. My partner was a good Latin dancer and I held my own. This venture would be the first of many to the long gone Boom Boom Room. Over the next few years, every time I was in Miami Beach, one of the stops had to be that night club.

The Revere crowd and I parted company in the wee hours of the morning and I headed back to the small hotel I was staying at. The next day, I headed to South Beach to catch up with the same crowd. Back then, South Beach was not the South Beach of today. It was where the inexpensive Kosher hotels were located and the crowd was composed mostly of old folks from New York. From here on in, I would spend most of that vacation week with the same crowd. It was sunny and hot every day, and at the end of the week, I had developed a dark tan. Luckily, my Mediterranean skin tans without burning.

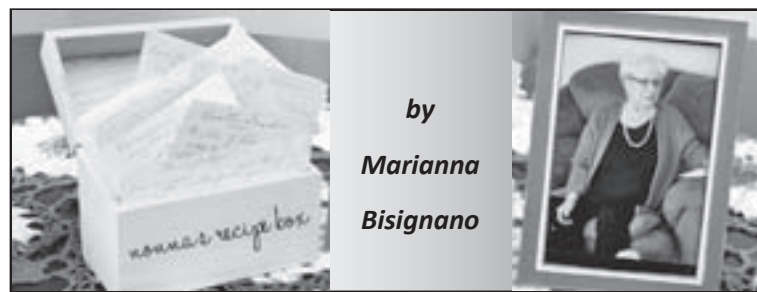
I flew home that Sunday night at the end of the week. Dad drove past me twice as I stood waiting for him outside the Logan terminal. When he finally spotted me, Mom apologized stating they didn't recognize me at first due to my deep tan. On the way home, I sat in the back seat with Babbonnonno and told him the story of the vacation. He insisted that, the next time I was heading to Florida, he would come with me. I said OK, but I knew it would never happen.

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Estate of  
JEFFREY A. HONIG  
Date of Death: October 16, 2022  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Cheryl A. Pavella of Mount Pleasant, SC.  
Cheryl A. Pavella of Mount Pleasant, SC 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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by  
Marianna  
Bisignano

La Minestra (soup) or "Minest" as many Italian immigrants referred to when they came to this country was a soup made from prosciutto bones, ham hocks or pigs feet, meats, greens, beans and vegetables. Often referred to as "poor man's soup" because many families initially made it from greens (such as dandelion) that were picked from their yards, bones and even pig's feet from the butcher, that would have otherwise been discarded. Every family had their own rendition of this soup, and most were based on either the ingredients they had on hand or those their own family favored. Even with the numerous variations in recipes, the stock usually began by cooking crushed garlic and onions in olive oil, adding some type of pork bones, and meats such as sausage, prosciutto, salumi, and pepperoni. Greens included cabbage and escarole, and the beans used were either Cannellini or Borlotti. Many recipes, including my Nonna's, even called for the addition of potatoes.

When my Nonna made this soup, she used a prosciutto bone she would get from the butcher at the meat market. Today, prosciutto bones are almost impossible to find anywhere. When replicating her recipe, I now ask the butcher for the ends of the Parma prosciutto and use them in place of the bone, and if cooked long enough, it comes just as good. You can follow this recipe which is extremely tasty or feel free to add different pork bones, pigs' feet, and greens if you like. My Nonna's "Minesta" is by far one of the heartiest and delicious old time *minestras* (soups) you will ever eat!

**NONNA'S "MINEST"**  
*Minestra Della Nonna*



- 1 pound dry cannellini beans
- 8 to 10 cups water
- 1/2 cup olive oil, more if needed
- 6 cloves garlic (pressed)
- 1 medium sweet onion, finely chopped
- 1 pound spicy Italian sausage or 1/2 pound spicy and 1/2 pound sweet, out of casing
- 1/2 pound Parma prosciutto end
- 1 8 ounce stick all natural pepperoni, cut in quarters
- 1 medium head savoy cabbage, cleaned and chopped
- 2 heads escarole, cleaned and chopped
- 4 large russett potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
- 3 32-ounce containers chicken broth
- 1 parmesan cheese rind (optional)
- grated parmesan cheese
- salt and pepper to taste

Place dry beans in a stockpot filled with 8 to 10 cups hot water, boil 2 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside for 1 hour.

In a large Dutch oven, over low to medium heat, add the oil, garlic, and onion. Sauté until softened. Add the sausage meat, cook until no longer pink. Add the beans, pepperoni, prosciutto end, and parmesan rind (if using). Fill with just enough water to cover the beans and meats, let this come to a boil. Boil for about 15 minutes. Lower the heat and add in the chicken broth, escarole, cabbage, and potatoes. Stir together and let simmer on low heat, stirring occasionally, for about 3 1/2 to 4 hours.

When cooked and full of flavor, remove the whole pieces of pepperoni and prosciutto. Cut the meats into small bite-sized pieces and add them back to the soup. Salt and pepper can be added if desired. Ladle into serving bowls and serve with fresh crusty Italian bread!

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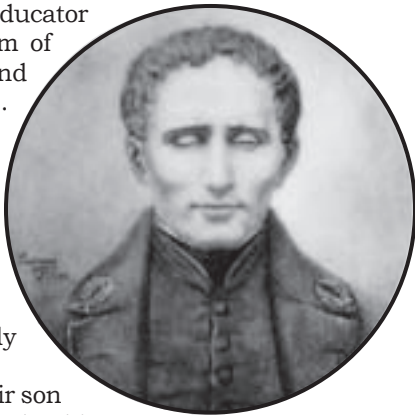
## Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

### Louis Braille

Louis Braille was a French Educator who invented a tactile system of reading and writing for the blind and visually impaired in 1824. The system is called Braille and it consists of raised dot coding. While playing in his father's shop, Louis injured his eye. His eye became infected, the infection spread to his other eye resulting in Louis becoming permanently blind.



Braille's parents wanted their son to be educated. He attended school in their village and learned by listening. An attentive student, when he was 10 years old, he received a scholarship to attend the National Institute for Blind Youth in Paris.

While at the school, he met Charles Barbier, who while serving in the French army, invented a code that used different combinations of 12 raised dots to represent different sounds. Barbier called the system Sonography. Those who could not see would decode the dots by touching them. Its purpose had been for soldiers to communicate silently at night, but since it did not succeed as a military tool, Barbier thought the system might be useful for blind individuals.

Braille was one of many people at the school who found Barbier's system promising; but he also discovered its shortcomings. It was quite complex and it was based on sounds rather than letters. Braille spent three years—from ages 12 to 15—developing a much simpler system. His system had only six dots — three dots lined up in each of two columns. He assigned different combinations of dots to different letters and punctuation marks, with a total of 64 symbols.

Braille brought his system to the new director of the Royal Institute to test his code. The director read a newspaper article aloud while Louis punched his stylus into the paper to write down what the director said. When the director finished, Louis ran his fingers over the raised dots and repeated back the exact words read by the director, needless to say, the director was very impressed.

In 1829, Braille published, "Method of Writing Words, Music, and Plain Songs by Means of Dots for Use by the Blind and Arranged for Them". He became an apprentice teacher at the National Institute for Blind Youth when he was 19, and then a teacher when he was 24. In 1837, the school published the first book in Braille. By 1850, when tuberculosis forced Louis Braille to retire from teaching, his six-dot method was well on its way to widespread acceptance. Louis Braille died of his illness on January 6, 1852, in Paris, France, at the age of 43.

### LEGAL NOTICE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS  
Docket No. 1:22-cv-12045-LTS

Marco V. Charamella and  
Kelly J. Fitzgerald  
v.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Nationstar Mortgage, LLC; Champion Mortgage Company a/k/a Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company; Amy Young as Personal Representative of the Estate of Roy P. Sallen; Amy Young, Individually; Nancy Keleman a/k/a Nancy Feder, Individually; and Defendant Heirs, Devisees and/or Legal Representatives of Elizabeth Bernstein

#### AMENDED ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: the Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of Elizabeth Bernstein

You are hereby notified that a Verified Complaint to Quiet Title has been filed by the above-named plaintiffs in which you are named as a defendant, wherein they are seeking alternative service of process by publication. This Verified Complaint to Quiet Title concerns a certain parcel of land in Wayland, Middlesex South County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being a parcel of land known as 43 Barney Hill Road. Plaintiffs seek a judgment declaring that The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development has acquired title to said property by virtue of a foreclosure conducted under the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act, 12 U.S.C. §§3751-3768, a declaration that HUD owns marketable title to the property, and that the heirs, devisees, and/or legal representatives of Roy P. Sallen, the heirs, devisees, and/or legal representatives of Elizabeth Bernstein, Amy Young, and Nancy Keleman a/k/a Nancy Feder do not hold any interest in said property, and such further relief as the Court deems just.

This complaint may be examined at the United State District Court for the District of Massachusetts or a copy obtained from plaintiff's attorney.

If you intend to make any defense, you are hereby required to serve upon the plaintiffs' attorney, Shannon F. Slaughter, Esq., Dalton & Finegold, LLP, whose address is 34 Essex Street, Andover, MA 01810 an answer to the complaint on or before the Thirtieth day of February, 2023, next, the return day, hereof, and a copy thereof must be filed in this court on or before said day.

Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendants identified herein above that after diligent search Plaintiffs can find no such persons upon whom they can lawfully make service, it is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing a copy of this notice once in the Post-Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation in Wayland, Massachusetts, in Middlesex South County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, where the property at issue is located and least 20 days before the above responsive pleading due date.

Dated at Boston, Massachusetts, this 12 day of January, 2023.

/s/ Leo T. Sorokin  
District Judge

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### • Grow Beautiful (Continued from Page 3)

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Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening* and *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. She hosts *The Great Courses How to Grow Anything DVD series* and *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Gardener's Supply* for her expertise to write this article. Her website is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

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Docket No. MI18P4498GD

NOTICE AND ORDER:  
Petition for Resignation or  
Petition for Removal of  
Guardianship of a Minor

In the interests of  
KIGDALIA L. SURILLO  
of Lowell, MA  
Minor

#### NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor filed by Krystal L. Surillo on 09/15/2022 will be held 02/27/2023 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 370 Jackson St., 6th Floor Courtroom 14, Lowell, MA 01852

2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: January 06, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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Docket No. MI22P1801EA

Estate of  
ALBERT P. DELLANNO  
Also Known As  
ALBERT PETER DELLANNO

Date of Death: December 28, 2021

#### INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Dianne Dellanno of Wilmington, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Dianne Dellanno of Wilmington, 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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## Quotable Champions

I've gathered together some quotes from great champions. Some are funny, some philosophical, some self-reflective, and some are insights on the art of boxing. I believe prizefighters are the most inward looking of all athletes. It is interesting to watch interviews with them where they talk about their careers. They very rarely have a bad word about a former opponent. Most often they are full of praise for those with whom they have had traded blows. They also tend to be brutally honest about themselves. Enjoy these tidbits.



**Jack Dempsey**

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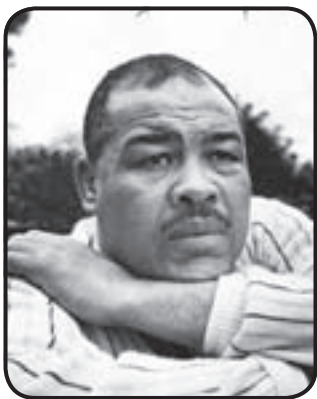
— Jack Dempsey

"A good fighter usually knows, to within a very few seconds, when a three-minute round is going to end."

— Jack Dempsey

"Nobody owes anybody a living, but everybody is entitled to a chance."

— Jack Dempsey



**Joe Louis**

dancer has to practice hard. A natural painter has to paint all the time. Even a natural fool has to work at it."

— Joe Louis

"I define fear as standing across the ring from Joe Louis and knowing he wants to go home early."

— Max Baer

"There is no doubt that man is a competitive animal and there is no place where this fact is more obvious than in the ring. There is no second place. Either you win or you lose. When they call you a champion, it's because you don't lose. To win takes a complete commitment of mind and body."

— Rocky Marciano

"Liston is like most big bullies, if you can stay away and make him miss for a few rounds he'll get frustrated. Once you strip away that feeling of invincibility, he can be had."

— Rocky Marciano

"Fear was absolutely necessary. Without it, I would have been scared to death."

— Floyd Patterson

"There is so much hate among people, so much contempt inside people who'd like you to think they're moral, that they have to hire prizefighters to do their hating for them. And we do. We get into a ring and act out other people's hates."

— Floyd Patterson

"I am not an animal in my personal life. But in the ring there is an animal inside me. Sometimes it roars when the first bell rights. Sometimes it springs out later in a fight. But I can always feel it there, driving me and pushing me forward. It is what makes me win. It makes me enjoy fighting."

— Roberto Duran

"When I was a young fellow I was knocked down plenty. I wanted to stay down, but I couldn't. I had to collect the two dollars for winning or go hungry. I had to get up. I was one of those hungry fighters. You could have hit me on the chin with a sledgehammer for five dollars."

— Jack Dempsey

"Fighting, to me, seems barbaric. I don't really like it. I enjoy out-thinking another man and out-maneuvering him, but I still don't like to fight."

— Sugar Ray Robinson

"You always say 'I'll quit when I start to slide', and then one morning you wake up and realize you've done slid."

— Sugar Ray Robinson

"Prizefighting ain't the noblest of arts and I ain't the noblest artist"

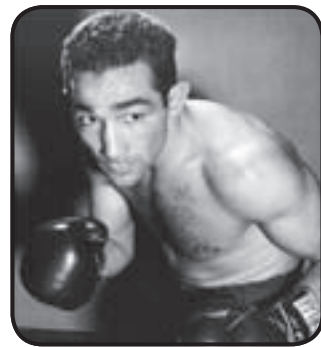
— Harry Greb



**Rocky Graziano**

"I quit school in the sixth grade because of pneumonia. Not because I had it, but because I couldn't spell it."

— Rocky Graziano



**Willie Pep**

"First your legs go. Then you lose your reflexes. Then you lose your friends."

— Willie Pep

"All my wives were great housekeepers. After every divorce, they kept the house."

— Willie Pep

"I don't think a man has to go around shouting and play-acting to prove he is something. And a real man don't go around putting other guys down, trampling their feelings in the dirt, making out they're nothing."

— Joe Frazier

"Boxing is the only sport you can get your brain shook, your money took and your name in the undertaker book."

— Joe Frazier



**James J. Corbett**  
prised I'm not diabetic."

"The three toughest fighters I ever fought were Sugar Ray Robinson, Sugar Ray Robinson, and Sugar Ray Robinson. I fought Sugar so many times; I'm surprised I'm not diabetic."

— Jake LaMotta

"Fight one more round. When your arms are so tired that you can hardly lift your hands to come on guard, fight one more round. When your nose is bleeding and your eyes are black and you are so tired that you wish your opponent would crack you one on the jaw and put you to sleep, fight one more round - remembering that the man who always fights one more round is never whipped."

— James J. Corbett

"There are a lot of things and in order to be at the top and maintain your focus you have to have something that motivates you. For me, it was what I perceived as a lack of respect from the boxing world as well as the media, which made me want to work so hard and be great."

— Marvin Hagler

"Oh yeah, I mean every fighter has got be dedicated, learn how to sacrifice, know what the devotion is all about, make sure you're paying attention and studying your art."

— Marvin Hagler

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



EXCEPTIONAL SUCCESS POSITELY NOTED — That is ESPN for short, in case you had not noticed. We start with our play on abbreviations because it was the more commonly recognized ESPN media network of television, radio, streaming content, and websites that recently assigned an A+ grade to the Bruins for the excellent manner in which they have proceeded to accumulate victories through the first half of the season.

Writer Kristen Shilton assigned the B's the highest possible grade, noting that "Boston is a top to bottom powerhouse with superb goaltending, a depth of offensive talent and an excellent defense. There are so few holes in the Bruins' game they will continue to be a top Stanley Cup favorite if they can stay healthy."

She was very impressed with the play of standout goalie Linus Ullmark and top offensive threat David Pastrnak. Through January 16<sup>th</sup>, the Bruins had played 38 games, amassing an NHL leading 34-5-4 record for a total of 68 points. Ullmark had won 23 of those contests (23-2-1), posting top league wide stats in save percentage (.936) and 1.92 goals against average. Plus, according to a list published in the *New York Post*, he is the top favorite to win the Vezina Trophy (best goalie during the regular season).

In addition, backup Jeremy Swayman was ranked seventh in the league with a .912 save percentage and a 2.35 GAA to go with a 10-3-3 record — including an impressive 6-0 shutout against Philadelphia at the Garden on Martin Luther King Day.

Pastrnak had 35 goals and 27 assists for 62 points as of that mid-January demarcation, placing him fourth in overall scoring in the 32-team league. Even defenseman Hampus Lindholm got a positive mark for his team-leading +29 rating when he is on the ice.

In the same *New York Post* stats section that mentioned Ullmark, Pastrnak was ranked second among favorites to win the Maurice Richard Trophy (top goal scorer in the regular season) while Lindholm and Charlie McAvoy were also on the list of favorites for the Norris Trophy (top defenseman during the regular season).

The game on January 16<sup>th</sup>, of course, belonged to David Krejci who was playing in his 1,000<sup>th</sup> NHL contest. He did himself proud, coming away with three points by assisting on a trio of goals.

The durable center first played with the Providence Bruins during the majority of the 2006-2007 season. He made his NHL debut with Boston on January 30, 2007, but it did not go well. Seeing action on only his third shift of the night, he would suffer a concussion, causing him to leave the game with just over two minutes of ice time played.

Although he would return to play in five additional games with the B's before the season ended, it would not be until nearly a year later when the David Krejci we know began to make his mark. He continued

to play in Providence (27 games) but got called up to the Hub as the season progressed.

He scored his first official NHL goal on February 26, 2008 during a 4-0 shutout of the Ottawa Senators. We say official because a few days earlier (February 19<sup>th</sup>) he scored during a shootout to help lead the Bruins to a victory over the Carolina Hurricanes. Goals scored during shootouts do not count in the official NHL statistics.

Krejci has experienced all the ups and downs of the B's during most of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He won a Cup with the Bruins in 2011 and played in two additional Stanley Cup runs with the team that went to the final round. The first came in 2013 when the B's were beaten by Chicago and the most recent was in 2019 when the Black and Gold were denied the Cup by St. Louis.

He went back to Europe last year to play, but not before GM Don Sweeney told him, the door was always open for his return. And return he did for perhaps the best regular season run the Bruins have experienced in decades. ESPN has written that if the current pace were to continue, the Bruins would top out at 139 points after the final regular season game in April.

But in this season of winter wonderment on Causeway Street, it will be a challenge to maintain the current pace through the early April conclusion of the regular season. There may be a brief bump or two in the road, but with all those points already banked, a high playoff seeding is virtually assured.

The key element, as Kristen Shilton wrote, is maintaining the health of the players. Pastrnak, Brad Marchand, Patrice Bergeron, and Krejci are currently the top four point producers while Charlie McAvoy and Lindholm continue to be impressive in the back end. The B's would not be where they are this season without Ullmark — or Swayman (the trusty backup) for that matter. All must be available to provide the best chance for a long run in the playoffs. Significant injuries to any of these could alter the potential playoff picture somewhat.

As the season gets closer to the NHL trade deadline, (March 3<sup>rd</sup>) look for the B's to perhaps make a deal — remember there is always room for improvement, even on the best teams. The current thinking is that a potential deal for a defenseman is a possibility. As always, there will be plenty of rumors with a number of names tossed about in the mixture.

Down the road look for Coach Jim Montgomery to perhaps rest players in the closing days of the regular season, especially if the B's have the Presidents' Trophy (most points in the regular season) all wrapped up — and the four rounds of home ice advantage in the playoffs that go with it. This would reduce the possibilities of injuries to key players as the playoffs loomed.

But right now, all is well on Causeway Street as the Big Bruins ship continues to sail onward during this season of exceptional success.