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46th U.S. Commander in Chief JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.

On Wednesday, January 20, 2021 on the steps of the U.S. Capitol Joseph R. Biden, Jr., was administered the oath of office by Chief Justice John Roberts as the 46th president of the United States as wife Jill proudly looked on.

Biden stated, “This is America’s Day. This is democracy’s day, a day of history and hope, of renewal and resolve,” as Biden called for unity of the nation. “We must end this uncivil war that pits red against blue, rural versus urban, conservative versus liberal.”

“We can do this if we open our souls instead of hardening our hearts, if we show a little tolerance and humility and if we’re



**President
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.**

willing to stand in the other person’s shoes.”

During the inauguration Kamala Harris made history being was sworn in by Justice

Sonia Sotomayor as the first woman to hold the position of Vice President of the United States and her husband Doug Emhoff making history of his own will be the first Second Gentleman of our nation.

Outgoing Vice President Mike Pence and his wife Karen were in attendance along with former President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, former President George W. Bush and his wife, Laura and former President Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary. Former President Donald Trump did not attend the inauguration being the first outgoing president not to attend his replacement’s inauguration in more than 150 years.



**Vice President
Kamala Harris**

Musical performances included Lady Gaga who sang the National Anthem accompanied by the U.S. Marine Corps Band, Jennifer Lopez and Garth

Brooks, and 22-year-old Youth poet laureate Amanda Gorman, the youngest inaugural poet in U.S. history, read a poem she had written entitled, *The Hill We Climb*.

Biden plans to sign a series of executive orders on such issues as the pandemic, immigration, climate change amongst others, some overturning former President Donald Trump’s actions.

With the Biden administration under way inheriting a numerous crises affecting our great nation including a divided nation, the coronavirus running rampage and economy will face enormous challenges more than any his predecessors.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Lizzie Borden’s House On the Market

The scene is of one of the most gruesome crimes, the Fall River home of Lizzie Borden where Lizzie’s father and stepmother were hacked to death with an ax on August 4, 1892. It is now on the housing market.

Borden was charged and acquitted of the murders that were never officially solved.

According to an online listing, the asking price for the three-story clapwood house, which operates as a museum and popular bed and breakfast is a mere \$2 million.

Suzanne St. John is the listing agent for the property in case anyone out there is interested.

NY Sues NYPD Over Handling of BLM March

NY Attorney General Letitia James has filed a civil rights lawsuit against the New York Police Department for its handling of a Black Lives Matter protests.

Citing “a pattern of using excessive force and making false arrests against New Yorkers during peaceful protests,” James said the lawsuit “specifically charges the NYPD, the City of New York, Mayor Bill de Blasio, NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea, and NYPD Chief of Department Terence Monahan with failing to address this longstanding pattern of abuse by not properly training, supervising, and disciplining officers to prevent misconduct, despite knowledge and public admission that it violated the rights of New Yorkers.”

Sephora Anti-Racism Plan

Under a new plan to combat racism in its stores, Sephora has pledged to stock more black-owned beauty brands and cut back on outside store security.

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ITALIAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF WASHINGTON DC IS INAUGURATED



Ribbon cutting ceremony, from left to right: Fr. Ezio Marchetto, Pastor of Holy Rosary Church; Commendatore Robert A. Facchina, Donor, IAMDC; Domenico Bellantone, First Counselor of the Embassy of Italy in Washington DC; Francesco Isgro, President of the Casa Italiana Sociocultural Center, Inc.

The newly-constructed Italian American Museum of Washington DC (IAMDC) was officially inaugurated in our nation’s capital on December 15, 2020, in a symbolic ribbon-cutting ceremony that included Italian Embassy First Counselor Domenico Bellantone, Commendatore Robert A. Facchina, whose generous grant made the museum possible, Fr. Ezio Marchetto, chairman of the Casa Italiana

Sociocultural Center, Inc. (CISC), and Francesco Isgro, president of CISC, the non-profit organization that created and oversees the museum. CISC was established in June 2017, to preserve and promote cultural activities for the Italian and Italian American community through educational, historical, and cultural programs.

Earlier in the day, Italian Ambassador Armando Varricchio

hosted a celebratory luncheon for the IAMDC committee members and donors Robert and Susan Facchina at his D.C. residence, Villa Firenze. In his remarks Varricchio expressed his excitement at the reality of finally having a museum to showcase “the contributions that Italians and Italian Americans have made in the nation’s capital.”

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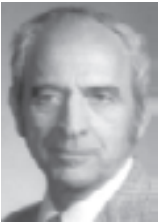
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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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THE SACRIFICIAL ALTAR



The practice of sacrificing to God before an altar is one of great antiquity, and it probably started prior to the time of Noah. In the case of other personalities out of the past, Homer (about 1100 B.C.) tells of the Greek leaders sacrificing before an altar prior to the start of the Trojan War, while others tell of Romulus and of Alexander the Great engaging in similar practices. We also note that the root of the word altar goes back to the Latin “ara, altare, altus,” and “altaria,” meaning height.

In the base of the sacrificial altar, the altus was of greater height than the area. The former being erected in honor of superior gods, and the latter to inferior gods. Sacrifices too the infernal (underground) gods were usually offered in trenches or cavities that were excavated in the ground. Altars that were constructed on the spur of the moment were generally made of earth, turf or stones. Otherwise, when time was not a factor, stone or brick masonry was used. The top of the altar usually contained a depression, pan, or brazier, upon which was burned the sacrificial fire.

One point of interest that bears mention at this time was the scholarly activity of

a writer, engineer, and architect, who served as a military engineer under Julius Caesar. His name was Marcus Vitruvius, and while in the twilight of his career, he composed his famous work entitled “Do Architectura Libri X” (the Ten Books of Architecture), in which he detailed the orders of architecture and set down rules for temple design. He also directed that altars should never be set higher than the statues of the gods before which they were placed.

Another interesting point is that in time all of these ancient altars also became places of refuge. The refugee who prayed before such an altar was considered to have placed himself under the protection of the god or goddess to whom the altar was consecrated. Any violence toward the unfortunate refugee, even to slaves and criminals, under such circumstances, was generally regarded as violence toward that particular god.

The ancients also developed the practice of taking solemn oaths before these altars. During the oath, they took firm hold of the altar or the statue of the deity that it was dedicated to.

NEXT WEEK:
The Eternal Flame

Commuter Rail and Ferry Schedule Changes
Take Effect January 23rd

Commuter Rail Weekend Service Only on Select Lines Effective January 23rd, Many Commuter Rail Lines to Have Train Service at Regular and Predictable Intervals, Hingham Direct Ferry Service and All Charlestown Ferry Service Temporarily Suspended, Weekday Hingham/Hull Ferry Service Will Operate with Reduced Frequency

The MBTA is reminding customers that Commuter Rail and ferry schedule changes will take effect on January 23, 2021, as approved by the Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB) in December 2020.

For a full and complete listing of all upcoming service changes, including all changes to bus routes, Commuter Rail lines, and subway frequency, please visit: mbta.com/ForgingAhead.

Commuter Rail Schedule Change Information:

The new Commuter Rail Winter Service Schedules are available within specific Commuter Rail line’s webpage’s at: mbta.com/CommuterRail, and print copies are being made available at major stations this week.

The new Winter Service Schedule starts to align service with lower ridership levels experienced during the pandemic. Starting January 23, 2021, Commuter Rail will only offer weekend service on the Newburyport/Rockport, Framingham/Worcester, Fairmount, Providence, and Middleborough Lines. These lines experienced more ridership gains over the last several months compared to other lines and serve transit-critical communities. All other Commuter Rail lines will not have weekend service. Ridership has remained low during the pandemic with approximately 8% of regular weekday ridership in the fall of 2020 compared to fall 2019.

The new Winter Service Schedule includes additional trains on the Middleborough Line, Fairmount Line, and Newburyport/Rockport Line. These added trains help to fill in service gaps that existed in the previous schedule and help to offer more consistent train intervals, such as clockface service which makes riding simpler for passengers.

For instance, on the Fairmount Line, the new Winter Service Schedule offers clockface service every hour. From

Readville, a train will depart on weekdays every hour at 30 minutes past the hour between 6:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. This consistent interval is maintained for all stops on the Fairmount Line, and during higher ridership times additional trains are available.

Since March, Keolis and the MBTA have introduced new technologies, such as electrostatic sprayers, to help sanitize passenger areas quickly and thoroughly. As part of this enhanced cleaning, added attention is given to touch surfaces, employee areas, and air filtration systems. All coach cars continue to be cleaned at least every 24 hours as a protection for passengers and train crews.

Ferry Schedule Change Information:

The complete schedule of upcoming Hingham/Hull ferry trips effective January 23, 2021, is available at: mbta.com.

With ferry ridership approximately 12% of pre-COVID levels, these changes in ferry service effective January 23, 2021, aim to align service with the lower ridership levels experienced during the pandemic. On January 23, 2021, the following changes will occur to ferry service:

- Direct Charlestown (F4) and Hingham (F1) ferry service will be temporarily suspended.
- Weekday Hingham/Hull service will operate with reduced frequency. A total of 17 weekday trips to Boston will make stops from Hingham to Long Wharf (nine trips directly to Long Wharf with two trips also stopping at Hull for a total of 11) and from Hull to Long Wharf (six direct trips total) with the first trip from Hingham at 5:40 a.m., the first trip from Hull at 6:00 a.m., the last trip from Hingham at 7:00 p.m., and the last trip from Hull at 4:20 p.m. Seventeen weekday return trips to Hingham/Hull will make stops between Long Wharf, Hull, and Hingham with

the first trip from Long Wharf to Hingham at 6:30 a.m. and the last trip between Long Wharf, Hull, and Hingham at 8:00 p.m.

- There will be no weekend Hingham/Hull ferry service.

Additional Information:

The FMCB will assess service needs again on all modes by no later than March 15, 2021, and will allocate additional resources to meet ridership demand if feasible. The timing of all service restoration will also depend on public health guidance (including guidance on the continued need for social distancing) and the timing of the Commonwealth’s post-vaccination re-opening plan.

The MBTA and FMCB continue to discuss how the MBTA will re-add, rebuild, and increase service. Ridership will be monitored with MBTA staff returning to the FMCB every month to show where ridership stands compared to service planning scenarios. Other data sources will also be monitored, including passenger surveys, employer surveys, roadway data, general travel data, and economic recovery planning. FY22 service levels will be planned beginning in February/March 2021 as part of FY22 budget process.

The MBTA’s Forging Ahead initiative aims to preserve access and quality of service for transit-critical communities and to match service to existing ridership levels. Commuter Rail ridership is approximately 10% of its pre-COVID levels with ferry ridership at approximately 12% of its pre-COVID levels. As part of its Forging Ahead initiative, the MBTA organized a months-long process to solicit the public’s input, including more than 7,000 comments from riders and stakeholders and which was used to shape the final plan approved by the FMCB.

For more information, visit: mbta.com/ForgingAhead, or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook/TheMBTA, or Instagram @theMBTA.

Over 1,000 Homes Will be Reconstructed At
Boston Housing Authority’s Bunker Hill Redevelopment
in Charlestown

Following a nearly five-year community process and with support of local elected officials and the Charlestown Resident Alliance, the BPDA Board has approved the Boston Housing Authority’s Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment in Charlestown, representing an innovative new public-private real estate financing model that will result in the renovation of over 1,000 income-restricted public housing units. Existing residents will be provided with replacement housing during the construction process, and will be allowed to return to a BHA replacement housing unit following the completion of construction.

The newly-approved project will construct a new, multi-phase, mixed-use development that will include 15 residential

buildings. Once complete, the project will consist of 2,699 residential units, 1,010 of which will be deeply affordable, BHA replacement units and 1,689 of which will be market-rate. An additional 100 BHA units will be relocated off-site in Charlestown.

The project site is located on an approximately 1.15 million square foot area of land currently occupied by 1,110 BHA public housing units across 41, three-story buildings. Once complete, the project will also create approximately 2.7 acres of publicly-accessible open space, approximately 50,000 square feet of commercial space, an approximately 14,000 square foot community center, up to 1,400 vehicle parking spaces, and up to 2,699 bicycle

storage spaces (1:1 unit to bicycle storage ratio).

Construction of the project will begin with Phase One, which will demolish 6 existing buildings that contain 111 BHA public housing units and construct 2 new residential buildings with 358 mixed-income residential units, 158 of which will be direct BHA replacement public housing units.

The project is located in Charlestown where the BPDA is currently leading the PLAN: Charlestown planning initiative. Guided by Imagine Boston 2030, PLAN: Charlestown seeks to establish a comprehensive and coordinated plan to support neighborhood needs in the areas of transportation, parks and open space, climate resilience, education, and affordable housing.



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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.*

THE PERSECUTION OF DONALD J. TRUMP

by Sal Giarratani

President Donald J. Trump stopped being president around noon, on Wednesday, January 20th, when his successor was sworn into the office of President of the United States. Donald Trump is no longer Commander in Chief, he is once again a private person.

However, the House Democrats for the second time impeached Trump, this time for inciting a insurrection on January 6th. The House knew there wasn't enough time for a Senate trial. Now we hear that the incoming Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer was planning on receiving the House impeachment document on Thursday, January 21st and then proceed with the Senate trial. Constitutionally, many believe, me included, that the U.S. Senate can not vote to impeach Trump from office when he no longer is in office. Also, the Senate has no authority to take a private person to trial for any possible charges.

If the long list of Trump's enemies see to hold him accountable for breaking the law while serving as president, their only course would be for state jurisdictions to seek indictments. Already we know that the New York state attorney general and, it appears, the attorney general of the District of Columbia might do just that. Good luck trying to get an impartial jury to hear those cases.

Bottom line, the eagerness of Schumer, Pelosi, and company, is to humiliate and bar him from running again for president in 2024. They never accepted his 2016 victory and now want to destroy the man, his legacy, and his more than 74 million supporters.

Fahrenheit 451

by Sal Giarratani

Kudos to the *Boston Herald* for its January 17th editorial (Conservative views can expect to be canceled). As a nation I have never seen us more fractionalized. So many see the worst motives in those we differ over issues small and large.

Increasingly, it seems that those who view the political issue center-right have been deemed unacceptable by the growing authoritarian Left who find political thought not up to their pristine standards unacceptable. There now seems an acceptance that unpopular speech doesn't belong in the public square and to be silenced.

To make matters worse, now we have social media giants cancelling anything on social media they think unacceptable. I guess according to them, we all have the right to speech but must get pre-approved before speaking. This doesn't sound like America to me.

All this brings to mind something I read in Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*, "You cannot build a house without nails and wood. If you don't want to build a house, hide the nails and wood. If you don't want a man unhappy politically, don't give him two sides to a question to worry him; give him one. Better yet, give him none."

I am afraid that the temperature on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and the like has now reached *Fahrenheit 451*.

LETTERS POLICY

The Post-Gazette invites its readers to submit Letters to the Editor

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Michael A. Cataldo

May 8, 1950 ~ December 29, 2020

Michael A. Cataldo of Saugus, age 70, passed away suddenly on December 29th.

Loving husband of Jeanette (Costarelli) Cataldo. He is survived by his stepchildren: Lisa Torgersen and her husband Joseph of Georgetown, Gene Beraldi and his wife Rebecca of Andover, and Domenica Giordano and her husband Jonathan of Groveland. Cherished

grandfather of Joseph, Kyle, Matthew, Tyler, Sofia, Jonathan, and Jacob. Also, survived by his brother Dennis Cataldo and his wife Terri, and brother Kenny Cataldo. Loving uncle of Nicole and Casey Cataldo. Michael was the son of the late Angelo and Susan Cataldo.



He will be deeply missed by all who loved him and forever in our hearts.

Funeral was from Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home on Thursday, January 7, 2021, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Leonard Church (North End). Interment was held at Woodlawn Cemetery (Everett).

Donations may be made in Michael's memory to the Lupus Foundation of America.

To plant a tree in memory of Michael A. Cataldo, please visit www.roccofuneralhomes.com/obituary/Michael-A-Cataldo/sympathy

Ian C. Hobbs

Ian C. Hobbs, 81, of Boston's North End, passed away peacefully on January 13, 2021.

He was born in Farmington, Maine, a son of the late Glendon and Marion (Barker) Hobbs.

Ian graduated from the School of Diplomacy at Georgetown University, and earned a MS and PhD from McGill University. He worked at SSA for 32 years, and as a Consultant to Massachusetts Medical School. He was the Chairman of the Board and President of the North End Waterfront Health, affiliated with Massachusetts General Hospital



and a member of the Old North Church.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Norma (Sharara) Hobbs, his sister Diane Hobbs Towle of Fryeburg, ME and several nephews in Massachusetts, Philadelphia, Mexico City and Monterey, Mexico.

Due to the current pandemic, funeral services are private. J.S. Waterman-Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial St., Boston, MA 02109, has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Sweet and Seasonal Italian Desserts

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

Note: **L’Anno Bello** is reprinting articles that were written before the Coronavirus pandemic. Obviously, advice on gatherings and reunions contained within are not applicable to this current time when social distancing (and mask wearing!) is the best practice. Please read these articles as a testament to the joy and love that imbues Italian celebrations — and as suggestions for ways to spend time in the future once this pandemic is finally over.



I recently noticed that the culinary world is at war, a drawn-out conflict between cooks and bakers. If one believes the Internet, cooks deride bakers for their supposed lack of spontaneity and creativity; bakers prefer the comfort of following a recipe. This conflict never manifested in my childhood — my mother cooked up a hearty meal of orecchiette with broccoli rabe as easily as she baked my scrumptious birthday cakes. However, as I grew older and developed my own identity in the kitchen, I realized that I am definitely more of a baker. I love the magic of turning the basic essentials of human life, flour and water, into substantial treats. I adore the way the oven warms my kitchen and embraces me with tantalizing scents. Finally, I do see the creativity in baking, in the way one simple recipe can be adapted, tweaked and altered to yield a myriad of delectable results.

A lot of praised has been heaped — justifiably! — on how wonderful Italian entrees are, but oftentimes traditional Italian desserts go unnoticed. So, in honor of my love for baking, I have compiled a list of desserts from the Old Country that stir passion and nostalgia through my veins. Since Italian desserts are plentiful, I will try to focus on desserts that pertain to the current month of January and the upcoming month of February, a very sweet stretch of time indeed due to St.

Valentine’s Day and Carnival! I hope you enjoy this trip down memory lane as much as my stomach does!

• **Cannoli:** Arguably the most famous Italian dessert, cannoli are a staple in cookbooks and supermarket aisles everywhere. To find an *authentic* cannolo, however, your best bet is a small family-run bakery or restaurant, of which Boston’s Italian neighborhoods have plenty! The traditional filling for cannoli is ricotta, and the shells must be freshly filled with it to order. Leaving a cannolo languishing with cream inside will make the shell turn from a decadent crisp to a mushy mess. Interesting facts about cannoli: they originated in Sicily, specifically the Palermo region, but they are now enjoyed all over Italy and around the world. Cannoli were originally treats for the Carnival season, when dishes made of rich ingredients were eagerly consumed before the austere period of Lent. The name “cannolo” means “little tube” in Italian, speaking to their distinctive shape!

• **Cenci:** Known as “angel wings” in English, these fried strips of dough covered in powdered sugar are a real Carnival delicacy in Italy. I loved making them with my grandmother on an early-spring day, when the joyous sensation of Carnival penetrates my bones and the promise of Easter seems just a few hops away. My grandmother has always called these little goodies *cenci*, but they

are known by different names according to the region of Italy. Many of the names reflect the whimsical nature of Carnival, as you will also find them called *bugie* (lies) or *chiacchiere* (chatter)!

• **Crostata:** A crostata is an Italian tart or pie, whose name derives from the word “crust.” Crostatas are rustic, free-form pastries, and the beauty of this treat is that the filling can change according to the season. January can call for crostatas stuffed with orange marmalade, tart lemon curd or a fresh pear compote. Next month, why not celebrate St. Valentine’s Day by making a romantic crostata with ruby-red strawberry or raspberry preserves, or — my favorite! — Nutella?

• **Pizzelle:** Hard or soft? Vanilla, anise or lemon extract? No one can agree on what makes perfect pizzelle or the waffled cookies so popular among Italians and Italian-Americans. When there is this much debate about a dessert, it must mean that it has permeated deep into the culture. I am partial to soft pizzelle, but honestly all forms are so good that I would rather eat them than fight about them. Pizzelle are often associated with holidays, like Christmas or Easter, or special events like weddings and baby showers, so much so that I cannot think of pizzelle without imaging some kind of party in my mind. Fun fact: pizzelle originate from Abruzzi, the part of Italy from which my father hailed!

• **Tiramisu:** I always thought tiramisu was an old Italian dessert, but quick research tells me it is a mid-twentieth century invention. That could be why tiramisu, in its modern incarnation, never appeared in any of my grandmother’s childhood cookbooks. One would think that because it is a more contemporary dessert its origins could be easily investigated, but the creation of tiramisu is actually shrouded in legends and myths. Some say the earliest tiramisu was prepared in 17th century Siena for Cosimo de Medici. Others say it was created in the 1960s in the Veneto city of Treviso. All that is certain is that the name of this mascarpone-and-ladyfinger layered dessert means “pick me up,” which its servings of espresso will certainly do! A citrus tiramisu made with a lemon-mascarpone cream would be a perfect seasonal treat for the chilly month of January. Meanwhile, traditional tiramisu is a romantic pick for St. Valentine’s Day.

What is your favorite Italian dessert? Let me know what makes your stomach grumble and your heart melt like a chocolate zabaglione. Until then, keep cooking!

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THINKING
OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani

The Month of January
Brings Back
Old Baby Boomer Memories

It seems every New Year in January, I find reason to think back to 1968. That was a year like no other back when I was a young college student preparing for my future. The sixties up to then had been interesting years. As someone very interested in politics, I thought I could help shape the future. Young people of every generation do that, but my generation thought we were going to be the best.

The year 1968 was going to be special for me because in May I would turn 20 years old and no longer a kid whose age ended in “teen.” My heroes back then were Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy, two rather young leaders trying to make America better for all. Dr. King was an inspirational civil rights leader just trying to improve life for everyone regardless of their color or circumstances. In very many ways, Bobby Kennedy in his political life was trying to also make America what it ought to be about; hope and not hate. About the future of mankind! About justice and equality!

Then, one month before my birthday, King was assassinated on a motel balcony, and a month after my birthday Kennedy was assassinated in the kitchen area of a hotel after winning the California presidential primary election. Just like that, poof, both voices silenced.

I still remember their two voices and how the world moved on in their passing. The trajectory of the future seemed altered overnight with their deaths. How much better might America have changed with King and Kennedy alive.

I decided to stay politically active and did. I became what

Italians call a “Ciacarone,” which in English means constantly talking or being a loud-mouth. Hey, if we stay silent nothing changes, so I like that Italian word, it fits my character.

Dr. King once said, “Now is the time to lift our national policy from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of human dignity (Letter from a Birmingham jail).”

There were many cataclysmic moments in those 12 months of 1968. I have been a liberal and a conservative, but mostly remained a political centrist just trying to do what seems right to me.

Alex De Tocqueville once stated, “The evil that one endures patiently because it seems inevitable, becomes unbearable the moment its elimination becomes conceivable.”

I did not lose my youthful hope and I carry it to today. You know, someone once said, “The world we inherit is better because those before us struggled for justice, and those changes will survive only if we continue to fight for them.”

I never walked in Dr. King’s shoes, but my shoes did get close to his shoes back in April 27, 1965, when I met him in Roxbury marching on his way to the Boston Common for a civil rights rally and speech inside the State House.

Now more than ever following the reckoning of racial justice and the 2020 pandemic, we all must find a way to reach the top of that mountain Dr. King spoke of the night before he left us and we must do it all together.

The mantle I grasped as a young college student in the sixties, I still hold with the same enduring hope. That the generations that follow will continue to improve life for tomorrow’s America.

Happy birthday to Dr. King! You had a life worth living and worth remembering. We are all the better for you having traveled with us in our lives.

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Valentine Installation Comes to One of the “Most Romantic Places” in Boston

Christopher Columbus Park Trellis Becomes a Tunnel of Love

The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) is gearing up to turn Columbus Park’s well-known trellis into a *Tunnel of Love* in honor of Valentine’s Day 2021.

The trellis will be decorated from February 2nd until February 21st. Each end of the trellis will become a lighted heart-shaped entrance, with five-foot-tall, colorful “conversation hearts” lining the walkway. A Field of Hearts next to the trellis will inspire visitors with love-themed sayings and words of encouragement. Romantic music will fill the air from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. each day.

Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park, 110 Atlantic Avenue, Boston.

The event is free and open to the public. Please follow safety protocols: Wear a mask and keep the recommended 6 feet social distance. Follow us on IG @foccp and don’t forget to tag us or use #foccp or #christopher-columbuspark for a chance to be featured!

FOCCP’s Art Curator, Robyn Reed, created the Valentine’s Day-inspired trellis design. “Columbus Park is gorgeous year-round, but by February, we all need some extra beauty to get us through the end of winter,” Reed said. In addition to this uplifting Valentine installation, Reed has also created other engaging and timely works under the park’s trellis including the award winning

Changing Course and the more recent “even if you don’t see it, it is there,” a meditative response to the pandemic.

“Columbus Park has been named as one of the ‘Top 10 Most Kissable Places’ in Boston according to *Boston Magazine*,” said FOCCP President Joanne Hayes-Rines. Not surprising the magazine also rates the waterfront park as one of the top three green spaces in Boston for proposals. This is certainly a fitting spot for the Valentine Hearts display.

FOCCP is grateful to the sponsors of this event: NorthEndBoston.com, Boston Harbor Cruises, CL Properties, Joe’s American Bar & Grill, and Marriott Long Wharf Hotel.

Grow Quick, Easy and Nutritious Microgreens

by Melinda Myers



Small grow light kits make growing herbs and microgreens indoors easy and convenient for harvesting and cooking.
(Photo courtesy of Gardener’s Supply Company)

Add fresh flavor to your meals year-round with microgreens. These easy-to-grow greens need minimal space and no special equipment for a flavorful and nutritious harvest in little more than a week.

Use microgreens on salads, soups, pizzas, omelets, in stir fries or as a snack. These tiny seedlings are packed with more nutrition than their mature counterparts.

Add a bit of spice to soups and sandwiches with radish and mustard microgreens. Try red cabbage, chard, beets and amaranth for some added color. Sunflower’s somewhat nutty flavor makes it perfect for snacking. Let some of your pea microgreens grow a bit taller to use in stir fries.

Fill a shallow container with a two-inch layer of moist potting or seed starting mix. Sprinkle seeds over the soil surface and

lightly cover with potting or seed starting mix. Water gently to ensure good seed-to-soil contact.

Continue to water often enough to keep the soil slightly moist. Reduce your workload and keep the planting mix consistently moist by covering freshly planted containers with plastic. Once the greens break through the soil, remove the cover and move the container to a sunny location or under artificial lights.

Increase the fun and success with a microgreen growing kit like the *Organic Herb and Microgreens Grow Kit* from Gardener’s Supply (www.gardeners.com). This set up is the perfect size for your countertop or other small space. The full spectrum light is adjustable so you can raise or lower it as needed whether growing short microgreens or taller herbs.

Or skip the growing mix and mess with a Jute Microgreens Starter Kit. Set the jute mat in the shallow tray, add seeds, and water. Then compost the jute mat after harvesting your greens.

Follow the planting directions on the seed packet. You typically need two to three tablespoons of seeds for an 11” x 21” tray. Buy enough seeds to make additional plantings every week or two to ensure a constant supply. Microgreens like most vegetables taste best and are most nutritious when eaten fresh. And these tasty bundles do not last long in storage.

The microgreens are ready to harvest once the plant forms the first set of true leaves. These are the leaves that resemble those of the mature plant. This takes anywhere from 7 to 14 days, depending on the room temperature and type of microgreens you are growing.

Use scissors to clip the greens off at ground level. If you prefer to use the whole seedling, roots and all, you will need to wash off any of the seed starting mix clinging to the roots.

Once you harvest all the greens, it is time to replant. Save money and be kind to the environment by composting the used planting mix and reusing containers. Convert shallow fast-food containers into planting trays. Disinfect these or other planting trays before using them for subsequent plantings. Just soak the containers in a 10% bleach and water solution for ten minutes. Then rinse in clear water before planting.

Gardening doesn’t get much easier than this. You will enjoy the fresh flavor all winter long as you wait for the outdoor growing season to begin.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* How to Grow Anything DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Gardener’s Supply for her expertise to write this article. Myers’ web site is: www.melindamyers.com.

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5-WAY RACE FOR DeLEO’S HOUSE SEAT

by Sal Giarattani

Former Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo’s seat was barely cold and already a five-way race was on to fill the vacancy in the 19th Suffolk House District seat (Winthrop and parts of Revere). DeLeo held the seat since first elected back in 1990.

A special election will be held on March 30th. Primaries will be held on March 2nd. There are five Democrats vying for the seat and to date, no Republican candidates.

Alicia DelVento, a Democrat State Committeewoman from Winthrop, Juan Pablo Jaramillo, Democrat State Committeeman from Revere, former Winthrop Town Council President Jeff Turco, Revere Director of Veterans Services Marc Silvestri, and Tino Capobianco, a Winthrop School

committeeman, have all thrown their hats into the ring.

This will be a very quick campaign and all the candidates are already out on the campaign trail looking for endorsements, support. We know the field and now the campaigns will quickly build their ground games and hustle for votes district-wide.

MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen.
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• Italian American Museum (Continued from Page 1)



A large wall map and a case of artifacts depict contributions that Italians and Italian Americans have made to the design, construction and beautification of the nation’s capital

President Isgro called the event “an historic day for our Italian and Italian American community. We have built a museum that truly reflects the vast contributions that Italian Americans have made to our nation’s capital.”



CISC Inc. President Francesco Isgro called the inauguration of the IAMDC an “historic event for our Italian and Italian American community.”

Celebrating a Culture

The four museum lobbies provide a wealth of information in a beautiful, intimate, and welcoming presentation. The content, artifacts, displays, and exhibitions remind us that “La cultura non si ferma.” “Even during this year of a pandemic, we were able to create in record time, the first Italian American museum of Washington DC, dedicated to celebrating the legacy of the Italian culture in the nation’s capital,” said Isgro.

The Museum Themes

IAMDC displays reflect on the following themes: how Italians and Italian Americans influenced the design, construction, and beautification of the capital; the lives, struggles, and achievements of Italian immigrants in the area; the creation and historic evolution of Holy Rosary Church and Casa Italiana; and galleries exhibiting and promoting the works of local Italian and Italian American artists.

A Tour of the Four Levels

A quotation on the entry wall by Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito sets the tone: “It’s important for us as Italian Americans to remember the stories, to remember the people who came before us, and on whose shoulders we stand.” In this lobby is a unique plaque of individuals who donated funds as part of the CISC Founders campaign, and a marble plaque dedicated in gratitude to the museum donor Robert A. Facchina.

A large wall-size map of Washington DC tells a fascinating story. The map is dotted with locations throughout the city that were inspired by, built by, or beautified by Italian immigrants — monuments, statues, buildings, and other sites that were touched in some way by Italian hands or influenced by Italian minds. This is the Italian legacy in our nation’s capital.

Next to the map, a large case displays tools used by Italian stonemasons, including those used to construct the Vietnam Memorial. On display is an actual piece of the original ornate columns constructed by Italian immigrants in the 1860s, which still stand at the Capitol today. The specimen is a gift from the Architect of the Capitol to the museum.

An outstanding feature in the case is a 3-D reproduction, done by local Italian sculptor Davide Prete, of a column he created using hundreds of photographs in the style used by Italian sculptors working inside the Capitol building in the early 1800s.

A large reproduction of Constantino Brumidi’s famous mural, *The Apotheosis of George Washington*, is displayed on the right wall. The original is in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol.

The second-floor lobby is dedicated to the lives, struggles, and contributions of Italian immigrants in the area. A large timeline shows important historical events and images that tell the story of Italian immigration and highlight Italian Americans who have made significant contributions to the city and beyond. A large case displays historical objects, documents, clothing, and more, given to the museum by members of the local community.

This floor also includes the Marconi Project of oral histories, another CISC Inc. program. Visitors can sit at two booths and listen to recordings of interviews of local Italian Americans, such as the grandson of an Italian president, an engineer at NASA, and a late pillar of the local business community.

The third floor of the museum is dedicated to the history of the 100-plus year-old Holy Rosary Church and the Casa Italiana community. A timeline visually relates the significant events in the community; a large case displays religious objects, including a silver chalice given to Holy Rosary by King Vittorio Emanuele III. On one wall, various intricate banners of the early religious societies at Holy Rosary Church are on display; some date to the founding of the church. Another case displays the memorabilia, including his early 1900s microscope, of an immigrant from Sicily who set up a medical practice in DC and served the Italian American



Museum donor Commendatore Robert A. Facchina and Susan Facchina

community and Italian Embassy staff until 1944. A wall of photographs reflect the work of the Casa Italiana Language School.

On the fourth floor, overlooking the large Piazza Italiana, are two galleries dedicated to the arts and culture. IAMDC has sought and received gifts from more than 30 Italian and Italian American local artists, who created pieces ranging in style from classical to contemporary. The collection also includes exquisite mosaics, ceramics done in several Italian regional styles, and a large pastoral scene done in pietra dura by a member of famous Florentine family.

One of the aims of these galleries is to promote local Italian and Italian American artists, and toward that end, the museum will host art shows and other cultural events as soon as it is safe to gather. “We hope you will get a chance to visit and be inspired by the many, many stories the museum tells about the Italian heritage in our nation’s capital — its past, present, and future,” said Isgro.

Museum History

When Fr. Ezio Marchetto, pastor of Holy Rosary Church and a history aficionado, first arrived in Washington, DC, he was impressed by the many monuments and public buildings that were inspired by or created by Italians and Italian Americans. He had a vision of creating a museum in the lobbies of the new building at the Holy Rosary and Casa Italiana complex. In 2018, Robert Facchina, an entrepreneur, philanthropist, and descendant of an early local family, made a generous contribution toward helping turn the dream of an Italian American Museum of Washington DC, into a reality.

An all-volunteer museum committee was established to carry out the project. The committee conceptualized the thematic plans for the museum, and hired a professional museum designer. The committee then embarked on the process of further conceptualization, and researching and writing the content for wall panels on all four floors of exhibits. They also solicited and acquired historical images and artifacts, as well as the artwork donated by more than 30 local Italian American artists for the art galleries. The committee reached out to many members in the community for input, advice, and review of data. Invaluable service was provided by historian Mary Brown, who provided many images through the Scalabrinian archive in New York City.

About Casa Italiana Sociocultural Center, Inc.

The Casa Italiana Sociocultural Center Inc., is a nonprofit organization, established in 2017 with the principal purpose of promoting and preserving programs and cultural activities for the Italian American Community in Washington DC. On December 14, 2020, CISC inaugurated the Italian American Museum of Washington DC (IAMDC). CISC has also launched The Marconi Project, a series of interviews of local Italian Americans, which can be accessed at the museum. Other projects include an archive, both physical and soon to be virtual, of the history of the local Italian American community, and the establishment of an Italian American library. IAMDC is located at the Casa Italiana and Holy Rosary Church complex extension, located at 229 F St. NW (3rd St. and F St. NW) Washington, DC. Attendance to the museum is currently highly restricted.

For more information, visit www.CasaItalianaCenter.org



Italian Embassy First Counselor Domenico Bellantone



L-R: Museum committee members Anna Isgro and Liz DiGregorio; Museum donor Commendatore Robert Facchina; Museum designer David Fridberg



Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

Not surprising Mayor Marty Walsh is going to Washington as Joe Biden's U.S. Labor Secretary. Walsh who socked it to Boston taxpayers by doubling real estate taxes is leaving Boston grinning ear to ear ... What fate awaits Governor Baker in the Biden Administration??? Baker was an outspoken critic of President Trump but a friend to Biden ... Speaking of real estate taxes, property owners ask why cities and towns make it so difficult for landlords. Cities get the bulk of their money from taxes from private and commercial property owners, yet courts for the most part rule for tenants despite their antics and cities impose heavy restrictions upon landlords ... Many restaurants and bars have gone into hibernation in an effort to survive and hope to reopen at some point. Blue

Ox in Lynn, Prezzy in the North End are but two in a list of over a hundred well known restaurants ... Many veteran chain restaurants are also closing some of their locations due to the pandemic; House of Pancakes followed by Applebee's, Red Lobster, and many other franchised veteran restaurants. COVID-19 has brought this country to its knees! ... An arrest was made in the fatal stabbing of an East Boston man on Christmas Eve. A-28-year-old man was stabbed to death while trying to break up at fight on Christmas Eve in Maverick Square ... If you're looking to move to East Boston here's what to expect. According to reports East Boston has an urban mix feel and most residents rent their homes. There are lots of restaurants, coffee shops, and beautiful parks. Many families are young professionals, and residents tend to be liberal. The

public schools in East Boston are above average ... Did you know smoking costs the average smoker more than three million over a lifetime plus lung cancer and other related diseases? ... Netflix released a first look of the movie *Don't Look Up* being filmed in South Boston ... Nancy Pelosi and The House have impeached President Donald Trump for the second time (wasting our tax money), while President Joe Biden's son Hunter is being investigated by federal prosecutors over his tax affairs. These are serious charges. Both Bidens leave a lot to be desired! Donald Trump was impeached for less than that, but to date no impeachment orders for the new president have been set forth by Pelosi!!! ... According to a new analysis black Americans are getting vaccinated for COVID-19 at lower rates than white Americans ... *Till next time Stay Healthy!*

The Year of St. Joseph

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Pope Francis, in a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church that occurred on December 8, 1870. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception December 8, 2020, concluding on December 8, 2021.

Why does the Church have years dedicated to specific topics?

The Church observes the passage of time through the liturgical calendar — which includes feasts such as Easter and Christmas, and seasons such as Lent and Advent. In addition, however, popes can

set aside time for the Church to reflect more deeply on a specific aspect of Catholic teaching or belief.

Why did the Pope declare a year of St. Joseph?

In making his declaration, Pope Francis noted that this year marks the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph's declaration as Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus. "Each of us can discover in Joseph — the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence — an intercessor, a support

and a guide in times of trouble," the pope wrote. He wanted to highlight St. Joseph's role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, "Our world today needs fathers."

What special graces are available during this year?

As Catholics pray and reflect on the life of St. Joseph throughout the coming year, they also have opportunities to gain special indulgences during the year of celebration.

Why does the Church honor St. Joseph?

Catholics do not worship saints, but ask for their heavenly intercession before God and seek to imitate their virtues here on earth. The Catholic Church honors St. Joseph as the foster father of Jesus. In addition to his role as patron saint of the Universal Church, he is also the patron of workers, fathers, and a happy death.

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Docket No. MI21P0042EA

Estate of
JOSEPHINE THERESA GALLA

Also Known As
JOSEPHINE T. GALLA

Date of Death: January 30, 2018

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **John M. Galla of Malden, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

John M. Galla of Malden, 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. MI20P5864PM

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
MARIA FRASCATORE
of Framingham, MA

RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Springwell, Inc. of Waltham, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Maria Frascatore** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Jewish Family and Children's Service of Worcester, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Surety** on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **February 02, 2021**. 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 06, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 01/22/2021

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Docket No. MI20P5863GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO

G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of
MARIA FRASCATORE
of Framingham, MA

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Springwell, Inc. of Waltham, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Maria Frascatore** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Jewish Family and Children's Service of Worcester, 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.

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

Date: January 06, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 01/22/2021



**THE TWILIGHT ZONE:
SEASON TWO (3-DVD)
CBS DVD + Paramount**

Originally airing in 1959, *The Twilight Zone* transported viewers into another dimension, not only of sight and sound, but also of mind. Fans were sent on a journey into a wondrous land of imagination, and the series continues to be an inspiration for pushing the boundaries of storytelling. As an innovator of genre programming, *The Twilight Zone* explored humanity’s hopes, despair, pride and prejudices in metaphorical ways to introduce audiences to tales of morality and present perspectives that are underserved in conventional television. A modern re-imagining of the classic television series, *The Twilight Zone: Season Two* 3-disc collection, continues the legacy of socially conscious storytelling. Using introspection and self-exploration in the second season, viewers are ushered into a dimension filled with endless possibilities.

**THIS LAST LONELY PLACE
(DVD)Indican Pictures**

This Last Lonely Place is a twisted, noir-drenched drive through the dark streets and back alleys of Los Angeles. Having just returned home from Iraq, war vet Sam Taylor is a cab driver sent on a late night run. He picks up a wealthy, shady investment banker named Frank Devore, but unbeknownst to Sam, Frank is on the run. A horrible crime has been committed, and when they pick up Frank’s mistress Faye Gardner at the famed Chateau Marmont, things go quickly from bad to worse.

**TOURIST TRAP (Blu-ray)
Full Moon Features**

Considered one of the scariest horror movies of not only the 1970s ... but of all time, *Tourist Trap* stars Chuck Connors as Mr. Slausen, a telekinetic psychopath who lures a group of young people to his ramshackle roadside attraction. There he unleashes an army of psychically controlled mannequins and other monstrosities upon them, to begin the murderous mayhem and nightmarish madness. As the terrified youths fight for their lives, secrets are revealed and shock follows shock until the movie reaches its final nightmare.

**SPELL (Blu-ray)
Paramount Home Ent.**

The video *Spell*, is an unnerving thriller video in which Marquis (Omari Hardwick), while flying to his father’s funeral in rural Appalachia, encounters an intense storm, causing him to lose control of the plane carrying him and his family. He awakens wounded, alone and trapped in Ms. Eloise’s (Loretta Devine) attic, where she claims, she can nurse him back to health with the Boogity, a Hoodoo figure she has made from his blood and skin. Unable to call for help, Marquis desperately tries to outwit and break free from her dark magic and save his family from a sinister ritual before the rise of the blood moon.

**TOYS OF TERROR (DVD)
Warner Bros. Home Ent.**

Just before Christmas, young

siblings Zoe and Franklin and their family move into a secluded mansion with a dark past. While the adults focus on renovating the place, the bored kids find a toy chest hidden in the attic, and are delighted when the toys inside magically come to life. But bizarre events soon begin to take place — events that threaten the family’s safety. Before long, they seem inseparable from their new playthings, causing some concerns that something in the house is not quite right. Christmas dawns with gifts piled under the tree, but soon the body count rises and blood starts to flow. The question arises — can the family escape with their lives — or will they stay forever in the crumbling house, never to celebrate another Christmas again!

**JUNGLELAND (DVD)
Paramount Home Ent.**

Stanley (Charlie Hunnam) and Lion (Jack O’Connell) are two brothers struggling to stay relevant in the underground world of bare-knuckle boxing. When Stanley fails to pay back a dangerous crime boss (Jonathan Majors), They’re forced to deliver an unexpected traveler as they journey across the country for a high stakes fighting tournament. While Stanley trains Lion for the fight of his life, a series of events threaten to tear the brothers apart, but their love for one another and belief in a better life keep them going in this gripping drama that proves family pulls no punches.

**DOOM PATROL:
SECOND SEASON (Blu-ray)
Warner Bros. Home Ent.**

DC’s weirdly wonderful Super Heroes — Cliff Steele/ Robotman (Brendan Fraser), Larry Trainor/Negative Man (Matt Bomer), Rita Farr/Elasti-Woman (April Bowlby), Crazy Jane (Diane Guerrero) and Vic Stone/Cyborg (Joivan Wade) — are back to save the world in nine episodes filled with humor and heartache. If they can grow up, that is ... both figuratively and literally. Following the defeat of Mr. Nobody, the *Doom Patrol* is left mini-sized and stranded on Cliff’s toy race-car track. Feeling betrayed by Niles Caulder/The Chief (Timothy Dalton), they are forced to confront their pasts. As our heroes face the challenge of moving beyond trauma and failure, they must come together to embrace and protect the newest family member — Niles’ daughter, Dorothy Spinner (Abigail Shapiro) — whose mysterious powers threaten the world’s very existence.

**LOUIS VAN BEETHOVEN
(DVD) Film Movement**

The year is 1826. Ludwig van Beethoven (Tobias Moretti) faces the final stanza of his storied career. Deaf and defiant, he recall the memories of his youth, when as an eight-year-old prodigy, he comes under the tutelage of the Bonn court organist, Christian Gottlob Neefe. Years later after an encounter with Mozart, the young “Louis” begins to study under Joseph Haydn in Vienna, but family tragedies and unfulfilled love leaves a lasting mark that haunts him for the rest of his life.

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 Giarattani

**SOMETIMES YOU JUST
WANT MUSIC NOT POLITICS**

Here’s a couple of good music radio stations while you drive around, especially if traffic is heavy and the moving is slow. Both are near each other on the AM dial. Check out WZID 95.7 FM, out of Manchester, NH and the other, WATD out of Marshfield, MA at 95.9 FM.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Recent birthdays on January 7th included Nicholas Cage (57) and David Caruso from CSI: Miami (65).

**WHAT HAPPENS WITH
MAYOR’S RACE NOW?**

It looks like I was right. I told friends Mayor Walsh wasn’t going to run for re-election. He would have had trouble winning a third term and he knew it. Best solution was Biden. Now, Marty Walsh can get out of Dodge and end up in the Biden Cabinet as Secretary of Labor, which is a whole lot easier than trying to run Boston from the Mayor’s Office.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, City Council President Kim Janey becomes Acting Mayor. No indication she will run for Mayor in the September preliminary, but the last acting Mayor ended up being elected 5 times and serving 20 years in the job.

What happens to Michelle Wu and Andrea Campbell, do they stay in the race or run for re-election to their current council seats? An open mayoral election doesn’t happen that often. What about new candidates? Some are speculating that Senator Nick Collins, D-South Boston might jump into the ring, too. Others wonder about longtime at-Large Councilor Michael F. Flaherty?

**GERRY CALLAHAN ON THE
GRACE CURLEY SHOW**

Last week, as I tuned into the *Grace Curley Show* on WRKO in my car, I recognized a familiar voice. It belonged to none other than Gerry Callahan. Sports fans know this guy and his opinions well.

When Grace talked about the upcoming Mayor’s Race with Mayor Walsh going to Washington, DC in the Biden Administration, Gerry seemed quite happy with Walsh blowing this town. He likes the idea of Police Commissioner William Gross thinking about running for mayor. I am so with Gerry on this.

**SPEAKING OF AYANNA,
WHAT’S WITH HER
McCARTHYISM???**

Apparently, there are some Democrats in the Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez wing of that political party, such as U.S. Representative Ayanna Pressley who seemingly believe that any Republican in the House or Senate who were present inside the U.S. Capitol during the January 6th attack of this building and questioning the legitimacy of the presidential election results “aided and abetted this act of terrorism should resign or be removed from Congress.”

Pressley is joining with U.S. Representative Cori Bush in calling for the expulsion of all these individuals. The fun appears to be just beginning. Let’s hope the midterms in 2022 go better for Republicans and

HARVEST ON VINE NEED TO GROWS



At the conclusion of the Harvest on Vine food distribution (January 9th), the volunteers gathered together to celebrate volunteer Alex Jones’ recent 44th birthday with plenty of cake eating from a social distance.

(Photo by Sal Giarattani)

As someone who has been volunteering at the Harvest on Vine food pantry distributions twice monthly, I have seen the lines grow longer and longer as the needs of so many have increased. This is a real crisis that never gets enough play by any of our political leaders or the media.

Thank God there are so many others out there willing to help where and when they can. I salute all those volunteers over in the Charlestown community who don’t just talk the talk, but walk the walk, too.

they take back control of the House to end all this nonsense.

CHECK OUT THE BLAZE

Someone connected me up with the *Blaze* website and there was some great news and commentary on it. It’s basically an e-newspaper you can get online. Check it out at: www.theblaze.com. If you are center-right politically, you need to read the *Blaze*.

**WHERE TO FIND THE
POST-GAZETTE**

If you live in the Town of Winthrop, you can pick up copies of the *Post-Gazette* at the Winthrop Marketplace and the Winthrop House of Pizza on Revere Street.

**WHERE TO FIND THE
BROADSIDE**

The *Boston Broadside* is a mass-distributed non-liberal newspaper in New England and now mailed to 32 states. New sites to pick up this great newspaper locally include The Sportsman’s Den in Quincy, Luberto’s Pastry Shop in Revere, Winthrop House of Pizza, and the Winthrop Marketplace, both in Winthrop. Heading south to Quincy, you can find this newspaper at O.B.’s Diner in North Quincy, too.

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You know, he could always just throw all those nearly 75 million Trump voters into gulags, right?

**WATCHING THE
IMPEACHMENT ON TV**

Latest talking points from the Democrats seem all about Trump being “A CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER.” All the Democrats kept repeating that charge over and over again.

First, they wanted Pence to take Trump out with the 25th Amendment. Finally, they had no choice but to do a quick seven-hour impeachment. I

wonder why no Democrat suggested a wooden stake driven through his heart?

**HARVARD REMOVES
REPUBLICAN
ELISE STEFANIK FROM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Harvard Institute of Politics removed U.S. Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY) from its Senior Advisory Committee in the wake of the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol, “pointing to her unfounded claims of voter fraud in the November election.” The Cancel Culture appears to be running on all eight cylinders!

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Middlesex Probate and Family Court North
Lowell Justice Center
370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 656-7700

Docket No. MI20P5881EA

Estate of
MARY L. KIELY
Date of Death: October 24, 2020

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Laurence T. Kiely of Rockport, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Laurence T. Kiely of Rockport, 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



I can't lie, I escaped. I'm in Florida for a while writing my stories. I guess I couldn't handle the cold any longer. After we were tested and came out negative, Loretta and I spent the Christmas holidays with son John and his family. Right after that, we escaped.

The winter of 1960-1961 was very cold if I remember correctly. I had graduated college in June of 1960, and began teaching at Boston Tech that September. I was told that it would be a one-year assignment followed by a position at Hyde Park High School replacing a retiring drafting teacher. That sounded good to me, as Hyde Park High was called the "Country Club" back then.

Many of the faculty members were skiers and would head north on weekends right after the first snowfall. I started graduate school right away, and stayed living with my folks to keep the expenses as low as possible. As a result, Babbononno, who lived with my folks and I had a lot of time together. As February approached, I had a chance to head to Florida during Presidents Week, as we would have that week off.

Babbononno had never been to Florida, but knew that there were palm and coconut trees where ever you looked, and the winter temperatures in southern Florida were in the 70s and 80s. He advised that I go to Florida and not to a ski resort in New Hampshire where I would freeze to death. He didn't phrase it that way, but I am being polite.

A musician friend invited me to stay with him in a part of Miami called Coconut Grove. I knew that most tourists to Florida dressed at night in that the Miami Beach hotels required suits or sport jackets. I packed appropriately and was on my way just as soon as I left school on the Friday before the vacation week. When I arrived, I rented a car at the airport and headed for Coconut Grove. My piano player friend greeted me with open arms but had a problem that I was going have to deal with. It seems that his sister was coming to stay with him without an invitation and he only had one guest room.

The next morning, I put together a list of Miami Beach hotels that I could afford and tried each of them, but the coming week was their busiest of the year. In desperation, I tried the hotels I couldn't afford. The results were the same ... sold out. Then, I got an idea. I headed to an apartment hotel a short walk from the beach and walked in. I asked a bell hop the manager's name, walked to the front desk and asked the clerk if I could speak to him. "Of course," was the response, "Whom should I say wishes to speak with him?" I gave the man my name and told him to tell the manager that I was a friend of Jack Kramer who suggested I stay there.

The man at the front desk left for a minute and returned with the manager. I was in a suit and tie and looked professional

in spite of my youth. The manager looked me over and then asked how Jack Kramer was. I explained that he was doing so well in business that it prevented him from leaving the Boston-New York corridor for his annual winter vacation. The manager instructed the desk clerk to set me up in a first floor room that they kept vacant most of the time unless there was an emergency. I was all set. The only thing was, I had no idea if there was a Jack Kramer in existence. The hotel manager probably didn't know who Jack Kramer was either, but didn't want to make any mistakes, so he played along.

I unpacked and headed across the street to the beach. The sun was hot and the air even hotter. It seems that a heat wave was hitting south Florida to the extent that the water temperature which was usually 70 degrees during the winter, was almost 80 degrees. I spent a good part of the day in the water and the rest of the time working on a tan. Due to the change of climate and the subsequent loss of appetite, I lost ten pounds almost over night. When I tried on one of my suits to head out that night, it was quite loose. I went from 168 to 158 pounds. (I wish I was close to that weight now)

As a kid, I had been to Miami Beach with my folks and Uncle Nick, but this was the first time I was on my own and paying my own way. The next day, I was back on beach and stopped in front of a young man who looked familiar. He looked at me and yelled out my name. I did the same thing and we shook hands. He was a friend from one of the courses I was taking at Boston State College. We spread our blankets out side-by-side and planned a series of activities important to two young Bostonians both on our own for the first time. My friend was staying with relatives who had retired and moved to Miami Beach. We stayed on the beach until late afternoon, and then headed to his relatives house and I met the family. They laid out a list of restaurants and night clubs we should think about to accompany our fun in the sun activities.

Back then, Miami Beach was one of the most popular resort areas in the country, and during the winter months, it rocked. My friend and I parted company but planned to meet for dinner and the exploration of several clubs one of his cousins put on the list.

While I was standing on the corner of Collins Ave. and Lincoln Road waiting for my friend, I was approached by two young ladies roughly my age. They looked familiar and it turned out that they were from Revere, attended Boston State graduate classes and were friends of the guy I was waiting for. As a matter of fact, he had asked them to look for us. As a result, if we wanted, we had informal dates for the rest of the week.

This was in the heyday of Miami Beach, as I mentioned

before, and every major hotel had a Hollywood name or Vegas act in their main room. That week, I saw some of the greats. Even the second tier hotels had main rooms or cocktail lounges with great entertainment. One place we happened to wander into was a nightclub called Murray Franklin's. The comedian was Freddy Ross from Boston (anyone remember him???) and he was followed by a female ventriloquist. Her dummy spoke with a Jewish accent and they were hilarious. When the act finished, the woman thanked the audience and did so with an Italian accent. When the next act came on, the ventriloquist sat down at the bar. I couldn't resist as curiosity was getting the best of me. I approached her and asked her about the dummy's Jewish accent and her Italian accent. She was Italian from Naples. I asked where she picked up the Jewish accent. It seems that when she arrived in the U.S., her family settled in Brooklyn, New York. Anyway, the vacation was a success and when I returned to Boston, my folks were supposed to pick me up at the airport. They drove past me twice, and on the third go round, I flagged them down. It seems that I was so tanned, they didn't recognize me. Oh well ... **GOD BLESS AMERICA**

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI21P0129EA
Estate of
MARTHA L. SULLIVAN
Also Known As
MARTHA SULLIVAN
Date of Death: June 17, 2020
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 **Timothy M. Sullivan of Farmington, 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 **Timothy M. Sullivan of Farmington, 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 16, 2021.
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. MAUREEN H. MONKS**,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 19, 2021
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/22/2021



Every Italian Nonna has her own favorite way of making a *ciambella*. These traditional Italian ring cakes typically consist of flour, butter or oil, sugar, eggs, milk, essence and leavening. The flavors vary from Nonna to Nonna, as well as the texture and density. Some prefer a citrus flavor while others opt for vanilla, or sometimes even anise. Many Nonna's prefer a dense cake, others like to make a soft and moist one. Some bake their *ciambellas* in a bundt or tube while many continue to use the old-fashioned ring pans. Regardless of the flavor, texture, or what pan these Italian ring cakes are baked in, nothing could possibly taste better with an espresso or hot cup of cappuccino than a slice of "*Torta Ciambella Italiana*!"

I cannot begin to tell you just how many versions of these Italian ring cakes or *ciambellas* my own Nonna created. She made lemon, orange, vanilla and sometimes even marble, chocolate or pistachio flavored. Nonna often added ricotta, sour cream or yogurt to her recipes, and each *ciambella* always ended up being incredible. The recipe I am sharing today is one I remember her telling me had been passed down throughout the years. This "Italian Donut Cake" is anise flavored and surprisingly enough, when baked and iced the flavor very much resembles that of an egg biscuit. This slightly different, but oh so delicious "*Torta Ciambella Italiana*" is one I am confident you are absolutely going to love!

ITALIAN DONUT CAKE
Torta Ciambella Italiana



4 eggs
3/4 cup sugar
1 cup oil (I used sunflower)
1 cup whole milk, warmed (not hot)
2 1/2 to 3 tablespoons anise extract
2 1/2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder

Icing:
2 cups confectioners sugar
2 tablespoons butter, melted
4-8 tablespoons whole milk
1 1/2 teaspoons anise or lemon extract (I prefer lemon)

Preheat the oven to 350°. Grease and flour a ciambella, bundt, or tube pan. In a large mixing bowl, beat eggs and sugar until fluffy. Add oil, then warm milk and extract, blend well. Sift in flour and baking powder, mix together until smooth. Add mixture to the prepared pan, and bake in a preheated oven for 50-60 minutes. Cool well.

To make icing: Place confectioners sugar in a large mixing bowl. Add butter and extract, then gradually add in milk (less for a thicker icing, more for a thinner version). Ice cake and sprinkle with colored nonpareils.

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

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Signed
Export Enterprises, Inc.

Run dates: 01/22, 01/29, 02/05/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Denver Probate Court
Denver County, Colorado
1437 Bannock Street, Room 230
Denver, CO 80202

Case Number 2020PR434
Division Courtroom

In the Matter of the Estate of:
BARBARA JEAN HOLMES
aka **BARBARA HOLMES**
BARBARA J. HOLMES
Deceased

Date of Death: September 27, 2020

NOTICE OF HEARING
BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO
§ 15-10-401, C.R.S.

To Laurence Holmes, Jr.
Last Known Address, if any; Boston, MA
A hearing on Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative of Family Member's Estate will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued:

Date: 01/25/2021 Time: 8:00am
Courtroom or Division: Denver Probate Court
Address: 1437 Bannock Street, Room 230, Denver, CO 80202
The hearing will take approximately 2 hours.

Run dates: 01/08, 01/15, 01/22/2021

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Signed
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Run dates: 01/08, 01/15, 01/22/2021

Introducing a new book by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari, lifelong residents of the North End, entitled:

Four Women “Quattro Donne”

subtitle, A North End Love Story

In the next few weeks this column will feature excerpts from this book.

CHAPTER 38

Trouble on the Beach

(continued)

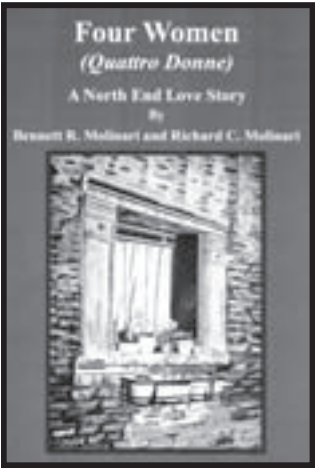
The Ricci brothers and their father were moving toward the lovers like a Roman regiment, ready to do battle. Egidio made the first move, grabbing Pietro by the shoulder, while Lorenzo separated the lovers by inserting his body between them, causing Carla to shout, “Leave him alone! Don’t hurt him! I promise I will never see him again!” Egidio, becoming even more incensed, seemed ready to strike Pietro, bringing Uncle Tino to his feet. “Leave them alone!”

Uncle Tino shouted. “He’s family, if you strike him, it will be too bad for you!” Egidio, knowing Uncle Tino’s reputation for being a tough guy, let go of Pietro. His sons then made an attempt at grabbing Uncle Tino. Egidio shouted at them, “Stay back, this is between him and me and doesn’t involve you!”

Carla screamed out, “This has nothing to do with any of you! It’s between Pietro and me!” Pietro joined in, “Why don’t you people leave us alone?” Reaching out to comfort Carla, he was immediately pulled away by Lorenzo, while Egidio grabbed Carla by the arm and scolded, “We’re going back to Boston. You should have never come.”

The rumpus on the beach brought Dad in from the water. As he approached Mom and the rest of the family, he asked, “What’s going on?” Grandma, looking incredulously at Dad, repeated his words, shouting out, “What’s going

Four Women “Quattro Donne” A North End Love Story, is available at R. Del Gaudio Gift Shop, 17 North Square North End (617-227-5915), adjoining Paul Revere House; Post-Gazette; Saint Francis Book Store and Gift Shop at Saint Leonard Peace Garden; lulu.com; molinaridesign.net; Amazon.com; and Barnes and Noble.com. Bookshop.org; Barbara’s Bestsellers, South Station (857-263-8737); Greetings from Boston, Faneuil Hall.



on? What’s going on? *Stiamo in disgrazia!* (We are disgraced)! There are a thousand eyes on this beach, they have seen everything that has happened. Before the night is over, the relatives in Italy will know everything, and we will be the talk of the North End.” Egidio then ushered Carla off the beach, Frank and Lorenzo trailing behind, looking back, casting threatening glances and making threatening gestures at Pietro to keep him away.

We spent the rest of the day secluded within the walls of our cottage, knowing the events on the beach would have a profound effect on our family, while Pietro, shaken to his core, remained at the beach, preferring to be alone. Grandma was particularly agitated. She turned to the sanctuary of her kitchen, where she began preparing Sunday night’s dinner. She waved off any help, even that of Auntie Angie, wanting to do it alone. She seemed to do her best thinking while cooking, and now more than ever, she needed a clear mind to formulate the next move for not only herself, but the entire family. Grandma was the matriarch, and she took her role quite seriously. Finally, somewhere between the minestrone and the chicken parmigiana, Grandma had her revelation, and with that, she summoned her daughters into the kitchen, announcing with the deepest solemnity, “We must restore harmony to the family. Tonight, is for making things right with our family, putting what happened on the beach behind us.”

Italian Superstitions Explained

Submitted by The Italian American Alliance

Did you know that in Brazil its bad luck to let your wallet or purse hit the floor, as it means you’ll lose money? Or that in France it’s actually considered to be good luck to step in dog poop with your left foot? Like many countries, Italy also has its fair share of wacky superstitions — and here are some you will have fun knowing about. No sense taking chances.

Don’t take a bath when you’re sick: When you’re feeling under the weather, chances are you want to take a nice hot bath to soothe your pain. According to Italian traditions, however, taking a bath when you’re sick will only make you sicker as will going outside with wet hair.

The unlucky number 17: Some hotels in Italy don’t have a 17th floor. It’s because the number is considered unlucky. The Roman numeral for 17 is XVII, but when rearranged to look like VIXI it means “I have lived,” a symbol that’s placed on ancient tombstones and associated with death.

Don’t place a loaf of bread up-side-down: According to Italian traditions, a loaf of bread must always be placed facing up. This superstition is based on the religious fact that bread is considered a symbol of life, therefore, its bad luck to turn the bread up-side-down or stick a knife into it.

The Evil Eye (Malocchio): Every culture seems to have their own version of the Evil Eye and their own ways to fight it. One thing they all have in common is that the Evil Eye is caused by jealousy and envy. If a person envies you or your family fortunes, s/he may cause a malocchio curse, even without actually meaning it.

Women can “diagnose” the evil eye by dropping olive oil in a bowl of water. If the oil formed one large drop in the middle of the bowl, it is a sure sign of the Evil Eye, but after chanting prayers (that only women were allowed to speak) the oil breaks up into tiny droplets and spreads out. The ritual is said to break the curse of the Evil Eye immediately.

Watch where you lay your hat: After a long day of sightseeing you might be tempted to toss your hat onto your bed — but DON’T!

Putting a hat on a bed is considered unlucky because it’s associated with death. According to tradition, when priests visited the dying to give them their last rights, they would remove their hat and put it on the bed.

Never seat 13 people at a dinner table: If you find yourself sitting at a dinner table with 12 other people, then consider yourself unlucky.

Having 13 people around the table at mealtime is considered bad luck, as there were 13 people at the Last Supper.

Single people, avoid brooms: If you’re single and you see someone sweeping the floor, make a run for it. If someone brushes over your feet by accident, then you’re destined to be single for the rest of your life.

Don’t toast to bad luck: When it comes to toasting, there are several things that can cause you to have bad luck. For example, never raise a glass that’s full of water and don’t cross arms with the person next to you when you clink glasses.

Stay clear of air conditioners: Some Italians believe that these contraptions blow dangerously cold air in your face, leading to “colpo d’ari” or a “punch of air.”

Touch iron to avoid back luck: In the U.S., people knock on wood to avoid tempting fate. In Italy, it’s common for people to “*tocca ferro*” or “touch iron.” Just don’t touch a hot iron.

Bless a new home: It’s common for people moving into a new home — especially newlyweds — to rid evil spirits and bless their home. Superstitious rituals call for sprinkling salt in the corners of all the rooms.

Eat plenty of lentils on New Year’s Eve: Every culture has its own set of New Year’s traditions. According to Italian traditions, it’s customary to eat lentils after the clock strikes 12:00. Also, don’t forget to wear red undergarments, as this too will bring you luck in the coming year.

Carry a cornicello charm: If you want to protect yourself against the evil-eye, carry a corincello charm around with you at all times. The charm, which resembles a chili pepper or a small horn, represents the horns of the Old European Moon Goddess and will bring you luck.

Don’t spill salt: This superstition has it that one must toss a handful of salt over their left shoulder to get rid of bad luck—is also common in the U.S. In Italy, it’s also customary when passing the salt to place it on the table first before handing it over.

True

By Dr. John Christoforo

Short Stories

BOSTON ENGLISH HIGH

Ruminations of a 1956 grad who got away with just about everything!

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• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

Swalwell Likens Trump to Osama

Embattled U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-CA, likened President Trump to Osama bin Laden during an appearance on *PBS NewsHour*. During the interview with host Judy Woodruff he told her that he was indeed comparing the president to bin Laden.

Are You Part of The Trumpist Cult?

Eugene Robinson, a longtime and well known writer for the *Washington Post* and talking head on MSNBC, was on the air recently talking about how to deprogram all those members of the “Trumpist cult,” as another analyst responded, “Ha Ha!”

You know, he could always just throw all those nearly 75 million Trump voters into gulags, right?

Ayanna Pressley: Expulsion is Warranted

“Every person complicit in the attempted coup at the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday must be held accountable.

Every member who knowingly perpetuated misinformation about the outcome of the November election bears responsibility for the violence that has claimed at least five lives. All those who aided and abetted this act of domestic terrorism should resign or be removed from Congress.

Those who encouraged Wednesday’s (January 6th) violence put the lives of their colleagues, staff, and workers in the Capitol at risk, and forfeited their right to conduct the people’s business. That’s why I’m joining my sister-in-service Cori

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI20P5836GD

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

In the matter of
JAMES HUGHES
of Shirley, MA

RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Apple Valley Center of Ayer, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **James Hughes** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

(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, 2021**. 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, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/22/2021



“If ever a time should come, when vain and aspiring men shall possess the highest seats in government, our country will stand in need of its experienced patriots to prevent its ruin.”
– Samuel Adams

Bush in demanding that the members who were complicit in the brutal events that took place on Wednesday be expelled from the House and the Senate.”

U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley, D-7 MASS, January 8, 2021
Melania: “Must Heal”

First Lady Melania Trump last week condemned the January 6th riot at the Capitol and offered her condolences for all the lives lost in the mayhem.

“Our nation must heal in a civil manner. Make no mistake about it. I absolutely condemn the violence that has occurred in our nation’s Capitol. Violence is never acceptable,” she wrote in a statement titled “Our Path Forward.”

“It is inspiring to see that so many have found passion and enthusiasm in participating in an election, but we must not allow that passion to turn to violence.”

Avenatti’s Prison Date

Michael Avenatti will be sentenced in May for his conviction on charges of trying to extort \$25 million from Nike, a judge said on Monday, January 11th. Once a fast-rising lawyer known for online clashes with President Trump while representing Stormy Daniels, he remains free on bail and has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

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 January 23, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2005 CHEVROLET ASTRO VAN
VIN # 1GCDM19X85B121348

2002 HONDA CIVIC
VIN # 1HGES16642L018814

1999 FORD F-350
VIN # 1FTWW32F0XEB05386

1997 TOYOTA COROLLA
VIN # 2T1BA02E3VC195961

1993 YAMAHA SH50 RIVA RAZZ
VIN # JYA3EPA00PA195510

2005 HONDA PILOT
VIN # 2HKYF18615H567795

2002 MITSUBISHI GALANT
VIN # 4A3AA46G72E153748

2021 YONGFU SCORCH YN50QT
VIN # LL0TCAPR5MG000321

2020 YONGFU AMIGO CITI50
VIN # LL01CAPP9LG000044

2017 HYUNDAI ACCENT
VIN # KMHCT4AE8HU276612

2020 HONDA CIVIC
VIN # 2HGFC2F66LH521105

2005 NISSAN SENTRA
VIN 3N1CB51D85L565969

2003 MERCEDES C CLASS
VIN # WDBRF61J83E013956

2010 TOYOTA PRIUS
VIN # JTDKN3DU5A5196871

2003 TOYOTA TUNDRA
VIN # 5TBBN44183S405473

2016 JEEP PATRIOT
VIN # 1C4NJRBB2GD556660

Vehicles are being stored at D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed
D & G Towing

Run dates: 01/08, 01/15, 01/22/2021

California Zoo Gorillas Contract COVID

Two gorillas at the San Diego Zoo tested positive for COVID-19 in the first known transmission of the virus to apes. The source of the infection is under investigation to determine whether the virus was transmitted from animals or humans. The zoo’s website said the gorillas were suspected of having contracted the infection from an asymptomatic staff member. The gorillas are doing well according to zoo officials.

End Quote

“To be persuasive we must be believable; to be believable we must be credible; to be credible we must be truthful.”

— Edward R. Murrow

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after February 6, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

2003 FORD F-250
Vin #1FTNW21S23EC12471

2012 FORD F-150
Vin #1FTFW1ET5CFA06962

2009 BMW 335i
Vin #WBAWC73569E067782

2002 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO
Vin #2G1WW12E629100595

2010 HONDA PILOT
Vin #5FN9F3H2XAB015312

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

Signed
Todisco Services, Inc.

Run dates: 01/22, 01/29, 02/05/2021

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

Middlesex Probate and Family Court South
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
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Docket No. MI20P5757EA

Estate of
BARBARA P. LEE
Also Known As
BARBARA LEE

Date of Death: November 19, 2020

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Dierdre A. (Lee) Jordan of Medford, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Dierdre A. (Lee) Jordan of Medford, 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: 01/22/2021



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Happy Birthday To ...

Former Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester who just celebrated his 37th birthday on January 7th.

Schilling Gets Whacked For Social Media Postings

Former Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling, an outspoken conservative, has accused insurance giant AIC of cancelling his policy over his “social media profile.” Schilling also tied the company’s alleged retaliation to “the coming storm” and recent election of Joe Biden.

Schilling tweeted that he and his family will be fine, but “PLEASE understand that this is and will in no way be a ‘one off.’ The coming storm, this is the future if we allow Democrats the power they fraudulently came into. At their core, this is exactly who they are! Power and control.”

Say what you will about Schilling, he says what he believes and says it loudly. He should get into the Hall of Fame for his courage in standing up for America against the Blame America Crowd who would like nothing better than to silence him and his ilk.

The Mets Sign Matz For Good Money

Recently, the NY Mets agreed to a \$5.2 million contract with 29-year-old, left-hander Steve Matz following his horrible 2020 season. The only way things could have been worse for him and the Mets would have been if this past season had been longer.

Matz made six starts and three relief appearances. He finished a perfect 0-5 with a 9.68 ERA.

Red Sox Bring Back Perez

The Red Sox and lefty Martin Perez have agreed on a one-year \$.5 million deal. He was the best of the 2020 season for the Sox as he led the team in starts with 12, had a 3-5 record and a

4.50 ERA. Not exactly Cy Young but, look at the starting rotation. They don’t have much to start with so Perez fits right in with this team, that will probably go nowhere in 2021. Right now they have Nate Eovaldi, maybe Chris Sale mid-season, and who knows about Eduardo Rodrigues still recovery from side effects of COVID-19.

Yankees Sign

Twice Cy Young Winner

The NY Yankees signed Corey Kluber, a two-time Cy Young Award pitcher to a one-year contract worth \$10-\$11 million. The 34-year-old hurler was the top AL pitcher in 2014 and 2017.

In 2019 with the former team known as the Indians, he made only seven starts, threw only 35.2 innings with a 5.80 ERA. He has been jury-prone to say the least. The Yankees are hoping he can return to form and help with the Yankees starting rotation.

Remember Danny Doyle?

Happy Birthday to former Red Sox second baseman Danny Doyle who just turned 77 a few days ago. He was a .250 career hitter and played with the sox from 1975-77. He hit .310 for the AL Pennant winners in 1975, and helped them to the World Series that year, and also had a 22-game hitting streak that year. Doyle was replaced by Jerry Remy in the 1978 season.

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Docket No. MI20P5837PM

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
JAMES HUGHES
of Ayer, MA

RESPONDENT

(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Apple Valley Center of Ayer, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **James Hughes** 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 Personal 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 **February 02, 2021**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 05, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/22/2021



How to Ruin a Fighter Management of Johnny Coiley Is a Textbook Case



Johnny Coiley

For anyone following the Boston boxing scene in the late 1960s and 1970s the name Johnny Coiley will certainly ring a bell. John was an outstanding amateur fighter who turned pro in 1969. He was a slick boxer with a solid punch who went on to win the New England Middleweight Championship.

John was never in a dull fight, using his rapier like left jab to keep his opponents at bay and also as a way to set up his solid right hand. Sixteen of his 24 wins came via stoppage.

Fighting most often at the Boston Arena, he also made stops in Taunton, Portland, Maine, and the Boston Garden. His biggest win was over veteran Mike Pusateri for the New England title. The two had fought to a draw and Johnny pulled out the win in their rematch. Things were looking good for the Cambridge middleweight, as he had developed a loyal following of fans.

Meanwhile, in New Orleans another young prospect was making a career for himself. Tony Licata, trained by the legendary Bill Gore and managed by Lou Viscusi, was also compiling an impressive record. Tony was also a smart boxer/puncher whose lightning fast combinations earned him the name "Machine Gun Tony." Tony began his pro career a little ahead of Coiley and was facing stiffer competition than the New England Champ.

In 1971, John Coiley's manager agreed to have his young prospect travel to New Orleans, Licata's hometown, to face Machine Gun Tony. The wisdom of taking this fight could be questioned. While both fighters had similar record, Licata at 29 fights with 1 loss and 1 draw, and Coiley with 24 fights, no losses, and one draw, the level of competition was quite different.

Out of the opponents Coiley faced only two had winning

records. By far his biggest and most impressive win was over Mike Pusateri, and that was a major victory for him. Licata had also defeated Pusateri.

Out of Licata's 29 opponents, only five had losing records and these were fighters he faced early in his career. By the time he was signed to fight Coiley he had wins of such solid fighters as Gene Wells, Walter Opshinsky, Danny McAloon, Luis Vinales, Dave Adkins, and a knockout victory over Lowell's very tough Larry Carney.

Despite this vast difference in the quality of their opposition, Johnny's manager still agreed to the fight with Licata, and on October 27, 1971 they fought over ten rounds with Tony winning a one sided decision. John was cut under his left eye in the fight.



Tony Licata

They told me Tony had actually carried Coiley for the ten rounds in their first match. Their strategy was to get a rematch in Boston where they felt Licata would get more exposure and be able to advance his career.

His trainer Bill Gore had trained Willie Pep and had connections in the Northeast. It was a smart move on their part abetted any the horrible decision by Coiley's manager.

As for the rematch, it was sad to watch. Licata gave it his all this time. That, combined with the fact that Johnny was



Tony Licata squares off with Johnny Coiley before their rematch.

Soon after returning to Boston, Coiley's manager was offered a return fight with Licata by promoter Sam Silverman. The fight would be held at the Hynes Auditorium in Boston. The Coiley team immediately accepted the fight, despite the fact that Johnny was still cut under his eye. The fight would take place just six weeks after the New Orleans battle, hardly enough time for the cut to fully heal. The cut prevented Coiley from sparring in preparation for the fight for fear it might worsen the injury. The only ring work he got was 3 rounds with a heavyweight a week before the contest. In contrast, Licata put in 70 rounds and was injury free.

Why on earth would Johnny's manager agree to the rematch on such short notice and under these conditions? He shouldn't have. This was gross mismanagement, the kind that results in bad things happening to young fighters. It is boxing malpractice. John was clearly out of his league when he fought Licata the first time. He was given a boxing lesson in New Orleans where Machine Gun Tony's superior experience showed. There was no shame in losing to a fighter of Licata's talent in his hometown, Coiley needed to reset and work his way up facing the type of opponents Licata did with his career. Instead, he was back in on short notice with the man who was his better.

At the time, I spoke with people who were close with Licata's management team.

poorly trained for the fight and still injured from the first fight, led to a blowout. Tony gave Coiley a beating for seven rounds. In the eighth he dropped him with a left hook, that knockdown caused a bone separation in John's lower back. In the ninth John would once again hit the canvas. In serious trouble he would now be saved by referee Jimmy McCaron who stopped the fight.

Coiley was shattered by the loss both physically, and more seriously, emotionally. He was back in the ring less than four months later stopping Danny Perez in Boston. That would be the last time his hand would be raised in victory. He had six more bouts after that, being kayoed five times with one fight ending in a draw. I saw him kayoed in Waltham, MA by Stan Johnson. It was an even more brutal beating than the one he got from Licata. This punishment took a severe toll on him.

Back to the question of why his manager took the rematch with Licata? Well, I suppose it could be chalked up to stupidity. Maybe it was greed, but we aren't talking a million dollar fight here. Boxing is different than other sports. Stupid management in baseball or golf results in losing and embarrassment. In boxing it results in brain injuries and even death. There is no excuse for what was done to a handsome and intelligent twenty-one year old middleweight from Cambridge, MA in 1971.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



A SPLENDID SILVER SETTING — That perhaps is the way to think of the 25th anniversary of the most recent National Hockey League All-Star Game to be played in the Hub.

It was the 46th annual showcase of the game's greatest stars with the Eastern Conference defeating the Western Conference 5-4 on a last minute goal by Bruins veteran star defenseman Ray Bourque back on January 20, 1996.

The game took place in the same arena we go to today — now called the TD Garden but then, in its first year of operation, known as the FleetCenter. The building had opened with an inaugural concert in September, 1995 followed a few days later by a preseason game between the Bruins and the Montreal Canadiens.

As always with a change, some found it difficult to accept a different location. Over the decades they had grown used to the idiosyncrasies of the only pro sports arena they had ever known. But time and technology had placed the handwriting on the wall.

Opened in the 1920s, it simply could no longer meet the expectations of a more modern era. In addition, media members from other cities were often writing articles comparing amenities of the newer facilities in their home communities with the conditions they experienced in the Original Garden.

The All-Star contest was only the second in the Hub, the first coming way back in 1971. There had been a nice promotional buildup to the event starting in the fall when a press conference was held at the FleetCenter to unveil the official logo that would be featured on souvenirs and sportswear.

In addition, the two honorary captains for the contest were on hand, a pair of NHL performers who were central to perhaps the most remembered moment in Boston's long and storied hockey history.

Opponents on that occasion, both Bobby Orr and Glenn Hall both wore broad smiles as they were introduced at the press conference. Their presence brought back memories of May 10, 1970 when Orr had scored his immortal goal by putting the puck past Hall, the goalie for the St. Louis Blues — giving Boston its first Stanley Cup Championship in 39 years.

As the weeks wound down towards the date of the game, expectation ramped up at a fever pitch. Although there were 17,565 seats in the arena, it was estimated that only about 1,500 would be available to the general public.

Most went to Bruins season ticket holders while others went team executives from throughout the league as well as high-ranking officials at NHL headquarters. A good number also were reserved for sponsors and the league's "corporate partners."

At the time it was thought to be the toughest ticket to obtain, only to be exceeded three years later by the 1999 Major League

Baseball All-Star Game at Fenway Park. There wasn't a public sale for that game. Only Red Sox season ticket holders could purchase tickets.

The game at the FleetCenter was a good one, in contrast to some later matchups that seemed just to feature high scoring and little else.

But the one in the Hub was competitive, with the Eastern Conference gradually building up a 3-0 lead by early in the second period on goals by Eric Lindros, Pat Verbeek and Jaromir Jagr. But then the Western Conference came to life, scoring a trio of goals by Brett Hull, Paul Coffey and Paul Kariya against a lone marker by the East's Brendan Shanahan. The second period ended with the East holding a slim 4-3 lead.

The final period was scoreless until the West's Teemu Salanne found the range with about three and half minutes remaining. That would have provided an ending worthy of the game. But there was more to come.

In a storybook ending Bourque got possession of the puck in the crease and put it past Western Conference goaltender Felix Potvin with 37 seconds left, giving the East a 5-4 victory. For his heroics, Bourque was named the MVP of the game.

Thus, Boston had not only hosted a highly successful event but the winning goal had been scored and the MVP honors had been awarded to one of the best players in Bruins history on the home ice of the B's. If you had written that in a novel, they would have said you made it up. Yes, at times, reality is truly better than fiction.

Bourque was the center of attention in the postgame press conference. The only time he paused a bit was when someone asked about the check he put on Kariya, the former University of Maine standout then playing for Anaheim.

There is an "understanding" by the players and team executives that the All-Star Game will essentially be a non-checking event. After all, no general manager would send his best players to an All-Star Game to expose them to the possibility of injuries.

Bourque's check on Kariya came during a brief quiet interlude and the resulting contact with the boards was heard throughout the arena. When asked about it, Ray put his head down for a moment and then faced the media with a somewhat sheepish smile on his face and said "I forgot."

Cam Neely, now the President of the Bruins, was the only other member of the B's, to play in the 1996 All-Star Game. Jagr, who played a portion of one season plus the playoffs with the B's in the spring of 2013, is believed to be the last player on either roster to still be playing competitive hockey. At age 48 he now plays overseas for HC Kladno in the Czech League.

The 1996 NHL All-Star Game — featuring a historic ending with everlasting memories in a splendid setting.