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Groundhog Day TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016

Altitude Sickness

by Christian A. Guarino

The Tom Brady revenge tour came to an end on Sunday at Sports Authority Field at Mile High as the Denver Broncos squeaked by the Patriots 20-18.

Quarterback rival Peyton Manning is headed to Super Bowl 50, while Brady is on the road to recovery after taking hit after hit from a relentless Broncos defense.

The loss is disappointing as many (this writer included, see page 13) expected the Patriots to easily weather the sea of orange on their way to Santa Clara, CA.

Patriots fans are upset, focusing the majority of their anger on placekicker Stephen Gostkowski for pushing a first quarter extra point wide right. That one point would prove costly as the Patriots were required to attempt a game-tying two-point play with 12 seconds to play.

We all want, need to vilify an individual for a failure. Simply put, losing is personal. But to

pin the blame for the loss on Gostkowski is simply unfair. His consistency and accuracy are unrivaled in his profession.

Playing the blame game is unfair all round, and the Broncos deserve accolades for playing superbly in their home stadium.

However, as sacrilegious as it may be to say, the loss came in a game where Head Coach Bill Belichick simply was not at his strategic best.

If I continuously heap praise upon the man, am I not justified in occasionally pointing out some less-than-stellar playcalling by the hoodie?

With 6:03 on the play clock, and facing a fourth-and-one from the 16-yard line, Belichick decided against a 32-yard field goal attempt, instead going for it on fourth-and-one. Facing the relentless Bronco passrush, Brady was forced to loft the ball to Julian Edelman who

was tackled for a loss. Turnover on downs.

Three points there would have cut the Broncos lead to five.

What was curious about the call was the fact that the Broncos offense had been stymied by the Patriots defense in the second half. Was Belichick concerned that Manning would morph into his 2006 version, and lead the Broncos on a time-consuming drive?

Aside from the opening drive of the game, an 11-play, 83-yard drive capped by a touchdown (where Manning was literally throwing against air as the Patriots pass coverage was giving the Broncos too much cushion for my liking), the Broncos failed to put together a drive.

Come next season, the Patriots will once again be among the elite teams in the NFL. But don't be fooled, a great opportunity was lost forever in the Mile High air.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Republican Electoral Dysfunction?

At the moment, both Iowa and New Hampshire are on the near horizon and Donald Trump is still in the lead with Texas Senator Ted Cruz inching up to him. Third place seems to belong to Florida Senator Marco Rubio. New Jersey Governor Chris Christie is getting better with his plain talk approach. Poor Dr. Ben Carson is in a free fall and looking pretty critical. As for the rest, heaven help them all. Florida Governor Jeb Bush keeps spending cash, and the more he spends, the more his poll numbers fall. The rest of the pack brings up the rear guard. All of them resemble Lindsay Graham. When he dropped out of the race, he was in 14th place in a pack of 13 candidates.

Who can face off against Hillary Clinton in November? Can Trump beat her? How about Cruz, the ex-natural-born Canadian in the race?

Also, who knows if Bernie Sanders can take out Clinton for the Republicans? Or maybe, the FBI and the U.S. Justice Department might indict her out of the race?

The Republican outsiders are going after the ruling Republicans in Washington. They have their own trump card in Cruz, but Teddy boy is sailing in tough waters at the moment. Lately, I heard Mark Levin on his weeknight radio show calling Cruz a Canadian first, who is in bed with big New York banks, of engaging in "stupid talk."

My best bet to defeat the Democrats in November would be a Christie-Rubio ticket. This ticket could win big-time in 2016, but only if all the other GOP candidates get behind these two guys. What do you think out there? Is it a good idea? Who would you like to see on the GOP ticket in the fall?

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Why Can't The Public Know the Truth About Social Security?

by Allen W. Smith

During the past three decades the American people have been kept in the dark about the true status of the Social Security program. Politicians, from both political parties, give out false and conflicting information on a regular basis, and nobody knows who to believe. At the Republican presidential debate. held in Boulder, Colorado, on the night of October 28, 2015, New Jersey governor Chris Christie shocked a lot of people when he said, "Let me be honest with the people who are watching at home. The government has lied to you and they have stolen from you. They told you that your Social Security money is in a trust fund. All that's in the trust fund is a pile of IOUs for money they spent on something else a long time ago."

As an economist who has devoted the past 15 years of my life to researching and writing about Social Security's financial problems, I was not at all shocked by Governor Christie's words. He just told it like it is, just as I have been doing for the past 15 years. There is no question about the truth of Christie's assertion that the trust fund holds no real assets. Anyone can prove that point by simply checking the annual budgets of

the federal government for the years 1984 to 2010, when the surpluses ended. These budgets make it clear that all of the surplus Social Security revenue was spent; none of it was saved. In each year, the government spent all of its general revenue, plus all of the surplus Social Security revenue, and still had to borrow money to make ends meet.

Every high-level government official and every member of Congress knows the trust fund is empty, and most of them participated in emptying it. But the truth about the trust fund has been kept from the general public for the past 30 years. It is recognized as a taboo subject by most of the media, and anyone who claims the trust fund is empty is ridiculed. Once Christie broke with tradition by telling the truth about the empty trust fund, he was the victim of verbal assault by both politicians and media outlets.

As the government spent the Social Security surplus money, the actual money was replaced with IOUs, which the government calls "special issues of the Treasury." The public has been led to believe that the IOUs are real bonds, just like the marketable Treasury bonds

held by China and our other creditors. But the IOUs are not at all like the marketable Treasury bonds. They cannot be sold or used to pay benefits. They represent only an accounting record of how much Social Security money has been spent on other things.

In 2015, the cost of paying full Social Security benefits was \$84 billion more than Social Security revenue and the gap between revenue and benefit costs will become larger and larger in the years ahead. Since there is nothing of value in the trust fund, the government must borrow the needed money from China, or one of our other creditors, to fill the gap between costs and benefits. The ability of the United States government to borrow money is not without limits. If in a future year the government is unable to borrow the money it needs to fill the gap, Social Security benefits will have to be reduced.

If the surplus Social Security revenue generated by the 1983 payroll tax hike had been saved and invested in marketable U.S. Treasury bonds, there would be \$2.7 trillion of "goodas-gold" marketable Treasury

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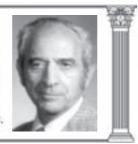
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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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THE GOTHIC SYSTEM



Façade of Reims Cathedral, France

Gothic architecture was born during the 12th century civilization of France. It evolved from the Romanesque-style, of which it was a natural outgrowth. The style is semi-technically defined as a system of vaults, supports, and buttresses, strong enough to bear the crushing weight of the roof. The stability of the structure was maintained chiefly by an equilibrium of counterthrusts.

A few fast explanations are in order at this time. Arches and vaults are in the same family. A true arch or vault exerts a sidewise push called a thrust. When sitting in a church facing the altar, the openings on either side which are spanned by arch-type construction are properly called arches. Arch construction which spans from the left side over the right side is called a vault. Vaults may run

straight across or they may run diagonally. Diagonal vaulting that divides a ceiling into four parts is called "quadripartite" vaulting, and if the division is in six parts, it is called "sexpartite vaulting." If I support a wall by standing tight against it, I am buttressing the wall. If I stand away from the wall and push against it with my arm extended, then my arm becomes a flying buttress.

The 13th century in France was an age of religious enthusiasm. It brought about the construction of about 80 cathedrals and 500 churches. A religious fervor swept the country as cities competed with each other to build the largest and most lofty churches, while people gave money, labor or food.

Gothic architecture in Europe is sometimes called "Christian Pointed Architecture." It started in the area known as the "Ille de France" and then spread throughout the rest of France and into England, Germany, Italy, and Spain. One of the problems that developed with the use of round arches and vaults was that those with varying trajectories exerted varying degrees of thrust. Pointed arches can be brought to any desired height without increasing the thrust, and this was a major factor in the development of the Gothic system.

Three of the major characteristics of Gothic churches may now be listed as the employment of: 1. pointed arches; 2. high vaulted ceilings; and 3. flying buttresses.

NEXT ISSUE: Stained Glass

Families, Elders Apply NOW for Fuel Assistance

ABCD advises those who may need help to get through this winter to apply NOW so their eligibility can be determined and they can get into the fuel aid system.

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Woburn. Last year, over 26,000 households received ABCD Fuel Assistance.

Right now, the highest fuel assistance benefit for struggling families and seniors is \$900. ABCD Fuel Assistance staff note that many customers have used up their entire benefit, or will do so shortly as bitter winter weather rapidly consumes heating oil, gas and electricity. However, funds are still available for customers who have not yet applied this year.

At the current benefit level, families at 100 percent of poverty — with a maximum income of \$24,250 for a family of four or \$11,770 for a person living alone — will receive \$900 in fuel assistance. Help is also available on a sliding scale for those slightly above poverty level in an attempt to keep those families and seniors from falling through the cracks of the benefit system. For example, a family of four earning \$63,704 or a single person with an income of \$33,126 will receive \$480. Larger families living at 200% of the poverty level may also qualify. For instance, a family of 12 earning \$95,556 will receive \$610 in fuel assistance. Applicants must submit

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Steve Morabito

Announces

Candidacy for State Senate

After more than 15 years of serving our Commonwealth, Senator Anthony Petruccelli has elected to resign his seat as State Senator. As someone who is a lifelong resident of the First Suffolk & Middlesex District, I'd like to thank him for representing us with such dedication and distinction. He is a true public servant



and his successor will have some large shoes to fill.

I have the privilege of serving the citizens of Revere as their City Councilor-at-Large and I am grateful that my colleagues recently elected me Vice President of that body. In the time I've been on the council, I have learned how integral the Commonwealth is in helping municipalities function and in addressing the problems that face us. Some issues like potholes and broken street lamps are easily solved, while others are unique to an individual area, such as sea walls which may become necessary should global warming eventually threatens our shorelines.

Other issues are more regional, like the performance issues we're seeing within the MBTA or Massport's efforts to improve the quality of life for those who live near Logan Airport. However, there are other problems that are more systemic and permeate across nearly all cities and towns regardless of geographic location or demographic make-up. These are many of the issues that people are talking to me about. They are concerned with the opioid epidemic that has touched nearly all of us, especially in my hometown of Revere. While it is a national crisis, the threat of terrorism has people extremely frightened and it is the concern I hear about most. We must never forget the Boston Marathon bombing. A final concern that I often hear from people is the increase in gun violence in the communities within the district, and it is taking place in every area including places such as Beacon Hill.

As is the norm in a Presidential election year, we hear a lot of rhetoric being thrown around between candidates. Unfortunately in this election, certain viewpoints are particularly harsh in tone and social impact. As someone who is the child of immigrants, I saw how hard my grandparents and my mother worked to create a good life in America. I see that same spirit in the many hard-working citizens of the senate district that may have been born elsewhere but now call America home. So, when I hear people demonize our fellow citizens simply because of where they were born, it offends me personally. The hard-working people of this country need someone who understands what it's like to work for a living.

As soon as I was old enough to work, I did. I worked many years in retail at Johnnie's Foodmaster Supermarkets as a manager, a job that I loved because I got to interact with people and help them in any way that I could. It was that experience that made me want to become a city councilor. It was while working at Johnnie's Foodmaster Supermarkets that I pursued a college education at Salem State University, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. Also, it was while working at Johnnie's that I found I really enjoyed helping others. I have continued to help people in my community through my work on the City Council and I was very humbled to see that work rewarded when the people of Revere re-elected me this past fall.

I am currently a realtor for Century 21 Northshore. This position has helped me to gain understanding of the housing market and its implications for folks seeking to buy homes. Like at Johnnie's Foodmaster Supermarkets, I feel that this job also allows me to help people in reaching one of the most important decisions they make in a lifetime: the purchase of a home.

Many of the issues that my constituents are talking to me about, some of which I've mentioned, cannot be solved through my work on the city council alone. However, I still want to help solve these problems not only for my friends and supporters in Revere, but for the good people of the Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Cambridge, Chinatown, East Boston, the North End, Winthrop and everywhere in between.

I have been a tireless advocate for the people of Revere and I want to bring my energy and vigor to Beacon Hill to tackle not only the small problems that are easily fixed, but the larger ones that aren't easily fixed. I said that whoever succeeds Senator Petruccelli has some large shoes to fill. I believe that I am that person, and pledge to build on what Senator Petruccelli has accomplished.

I am therefore announcing my candidacy for State Senator for the First Suffolk & Middlesex district of Massachusetts. I will campaign in every neighborhood in the district and look forward to personally meeting the voters of the district to learn about their concerns and suggestions.

> Sincerely, Steven Morabito Candidate for State Senator

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Anthony A. **LAURENTANO**



Anthony A. Laurentano of Medford, formerly of Boston's North End and Somerville, passed away on January 15, 2016.

Loving son of the late Alfonso Lauretano and the late Jean "Gina" (Matarazzo) and her late husband Vito Maniscalco. Beloved husband of the late AnnMarie (Testa) Laurentano. Devoted father of Anthony Laurentano and his wife Maribeth of Lynnfield, Joseph Laurentano and his wife Sandy of Florida, Elaina and Alan Laurentano, both of New Hampshire, and Christine Laurentano of Boston. Loving grandfather of Melissa, Julianna, Gianna, Jayden, and Brandon, and two loving great-grandchildren. Cherished brother of Josephine Maniscalco, Dolores D'Alfonso and her husband Tony, Albert and Rudy Maniscalco. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Anthony worked with his grandfather Emilio Matarazzo to create lights, and decorations for many North End feasts.

Visiting hours were held at the Dello Russo Funeral Home, Medford, followed by inurnment at St. Michael Cemetery, Boston, on January 23rd.

Contributions in Anthony's name may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

May He Rest In Peace

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BEVILACQUA ELECTED TO HAVERHILL CITY COUNCIL

Joseph J. Bevilacqua, has been elected to the City of Haverhill City Council after serving 18 years on the Haverhill School Committee.

Bevilacqua, who is the President/CEO of the 1,000-member Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, noted that he was overwhelmed and honored that the voters of Haverhill elected him to now serve as a member of the Council.

Bevilacqua has recently stepped down after serving two terms as the National Chairman of the National Association of State Workforce Board Chairs, and Co-Chair of the Massachusetts Workforce Investment Board. He serves as the immediate Past Chairman



of the Massachusetts Economic Development Council, where under Bevilacqua's leadership, MEDC celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2015 with a major program at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough. He has served as

the Chairman of the New England Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and the Mass Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and is also the former Chairman of the North of Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau. He currently serves as the Chairman of the United Way's Merrimack Valley Advisory Board. Bevilacqua is a member of the Sons of Italy-Haverhill and is a past recipient of the Grand Lodge's Public Service Award. Bevilacqua is also a recipient of the Pirandello Lyceum's I Migliori award.

He and his wife Toni Ann celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary last year and have two sons, Joseph Louis and Michael Anthony.

Pirandello Lyceum Film Presentation

Rosario Cascio, president of the Pirandello Lyceum, has announced the presentation of the Golden Door (Nuovomondo, New World), an Italian film with English subtitles. It will be shown on Saturday, February 6th, at Boston's North End library, 25 Parmenter Street. Caffe e biscotti will be served at 10:15 am; the film will begin at 10:30 am (SHARP). The film is free. Seating is limited.

Dr. Anna Rocca, Pirandello board member, will present the Golden Door which begins at the beginning of the 20th century in Sicily and depicts a poor, uneducated Sicilian family planning to immigrate to the U.S., having heard reports of rivers running in milk and coins falling off trees. The film has beautiful images capturing the harrowing journey in the hold of a ship filled with men, women and children crowded together through a long journey which included devastating storms. In memorable cinematography, the film focuses on the anxiety of the travelers at Ellis Island as they strive to pass the physical and mental tests which will determine if they stay in America. One of the most poignant scenes is the marriage ceremony in which many of



the women reluctantly accept the proposals of American men because these women have no other way to survive in the new land.

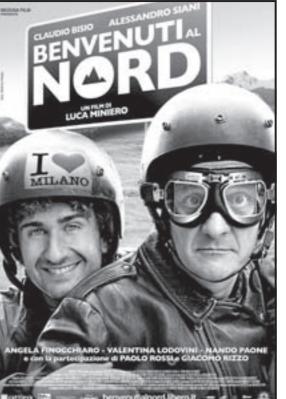
Director Emanuele Crialese has created visuals in this film which are most beautiful. Actors Charlotte Gainsbourg (Lucy, a striking, mysterious English woman), Vincenzo Amato (Salvatore, a widower) and Aurora Quattrocchi (Fortunata, Salvatore's mother) act brilliantly in a story which is magical. The history of the great Italian immigration has never been told so vividly and acted so convincingly.

The title of the film, Golden Door, comes from the famous Emma Lazarus sonnet engraved in bronze on the tablet within the pedestal of the Statue of

"Give me you're tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free *The wretched refuse of your* teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" — Emma Lazarus, 1883

Weather Advisory — If the library is open, the film will be shown. The library telephone number is 617-227-8135. Pirandello and film information 781-640-3637.

IACO Italian Movie Night



The Italian-American Cultural Organization (IACO), an Italian culture group that fosters a greater awareness of the Italian culture based on the South Shore of Massachusetts, will host its annual Italian Movie Night on Monday, February 1st at 7:00 pm at Grove Manor, 160 Grove Street, Braintree, MA. This year's movie will be Benvenuti al Nord or Welcome to the North, a 2012 Italian comedy film directed by Luca Minieror. It is the sequel of the high-grossing film Benvenuti al Sud. It also obtained a great commercial success; it has the third best opening in Italian market history.

Alberto (Claudio Bisio) returns home to Milan with a promotion. Buddy Mattia (Alessandro Siani) from the laidback post office in Campania, gets transferred to Milan just when a new workerefficiency system is introduced that makes everyone rebel. Mattia proves to wife Maria (Valentina Lodovini), that he's got gumption, and Alberto convinces wife Silvia (Angela Finocchiaro) that he's not all business. Skewering north/south stereotypes still gets honest laughter.

Join us as we learn and share our culture. Refreshments will be served. General public and visitors are always welcomed. For more information, contact Richard Leccese at 781-843-5095, or Email rmleccese@beld.net.

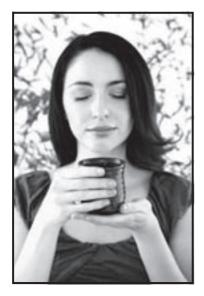
L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

The Light of Spring

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

A few days prior to writing this article, the Boston area experienced its first significant snowfall of the year. Snowflakes fall furiously, like the inside of a snow globe shaken by an overenthusiastic child. Snow drifted on my windows, bathing the rooms in an eerie blue-gray light. Outside at night, I could hear the distant hum of the plows working steadily to clear the roads. On a day like that, spring seemed years — make that *light years* - away. However, as hard as it may be to believe, spring is certainly coming! Stores brim with sparkly hearts for Valentine's Day and lush green aisles of shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day. Winter coats, though we will still need to wear them for quite a while, get pushed to the clearance bins, and brightly colored skirts and bathing suits take their place. Four o'clock in the evening no longer means darkness, but rather the hazy beams of sunset. Even holidays are now heralding the beginning of spring. As we enter into the month of February, it is important to remember that the month begins with a holiday, prevalent in ancient Europe, which marks the commencement of the season. Known as Candlemas in modern day and Imbolc in the land of its Celtic origin, this feast welcomes spring with light, fire and celebrations.

Candlemas, which occurs on February 2nd, honors the event of Jesus's Presentation at the temple by the Virgin Mary, which occurred forty days after his birth. The term Candlemas derives from the prevalent use of candles in the religious ceremonies marking this feast, symbolizing the metaphorical "light" that Jesus brings to the world. The folkloristic origins of Candlemas, however, predate Christianity. The pagan Celts knew this holiday as Imbolc, a date which also functioned as the first day of spring. Some scholars theorize that the name Imbolc translates to "in the belly," and observed the lactation of cattle and the birthing of lambs which occurs this time of the year. Indeed, according to traditional European customs, Candlemas functions as a decidedly spring holiday, laden with superstitions and folklore that set the tone for these superstitions, hailing from agricultural societies, call



weather in order to glean clues about the nature of the year's springtime. A sunny Candlemas, it was said, presaged more winter weather to come, while a cloudy and chill day proclaimed an early spring. This is the root of Groundhog Day, the American holiday also celebrated on February 2nd, whose traditions were brought over by European settlers in the nineteenth century. These weather prognostications are further echoed in an Italian rhyme which declares: "Candelora col sole, tarde primavera," meaning "sunny Candlemas, late spring." As such, Candlemas traditions inspire us to look forward to the signs of the upcoming season as our ancestors did, cherishing the sight of newborn lambs or delicate flower shoots peeking out from under the snow.

Throughout Europe, modern visitors will find spring-like celebrations on Candlemas, many of which honor the evergrowing sun. In France, the traditional food of the day is the crepe, whose round shape and yellow hue resembles the sun. In Italy, various Candlemas, or Candelora, festivities dot the peninsula, often absorbing other religious holidays as well. Despite their differences, these feasts share the common elements of welcoming spring with characteristic light and hope. Residents of Catania in Sicily segue their Candelora fetes into the celebration of their patron saint, St. Agatha, whose feast day falls on February 5th. Light displays illuminate the city streets, where people parade holding candles, statues and relics of Sant'Agata, and chefs display blessed loaves of the season to come. Many of bread and pastries in honor of the saint's status as protector of bakers. At Montevergine, in upon spectators to observe the Campania, candlelit proces-

sions commemorate gay rights and offer prayers for tolerance. Candelora in Naples, on the other hand, means huge street parties replete with bonfires and colorful fireworks that blossom against the dark latewinter sky, symbolizing the more prevalent sunshine to come. The day after Candelora is important in Italy as well. It is the feast day of St. Blaise, or San Biagio, an Armenian bishop who became the patron saint of throat and neck-related illnesses after he saved a boy who was choking on a fish bone. My father always remembered walking to the small church on the outskirts of Sulmona on blustery February evenings when, after a service aglow with candlelights, the priest pressed two blessed candles against congregants' throats to ward off illnesses. These early February holidays, therefore, all feature light as a means of hope and a reminder of spring sunshine to come. This theme of light is so important that it maintains a huge role in the feast days of San Biagio and Sant'Agata, where the promise of spring is blended with healing powers (just as San Biagio protects against illnesses of the throat, Sant'Agata protects against maladies of the breast) to symbolize the seasonal purification of winter into spring.

Folk customs and holidays in Europe welcome spring around this time of the year. They know that though a bitter chill still seeps through the air and crunchy snow blankets the ground, spring will soon arrive in its brilliant, sunny glory. Candlemas constantly looks forward to the springtime and heralds the triumphant return of the season with its emphasis on newborn animals and the warmth of candles. St. Blaise's Day and St. Agatha's Day also incorporate fire symbolism while encompassing rituals of purification — a spiritual spring cleaning, if you will. Whenever we feel blue about the wintry weather outside, and whenever we feel that the cycle of cold will never end, we should look to the message of these holidays and behold the promise of spring. For when we are confident in our hearts that better days will come, our cheer and our hope will turn into forces so strong that no snowstorms can blow them away.

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I Feel Like I'm Living in a Reality Show This Election Season

The Establishment has gone bonkers. They can't figure out what is happening, or have any say over the way things seem to be progressing. Who would have thought that both Bernie Sanders, the former Mayor of the Peoples Republic of Burlington, VT, the guy who honeymooned with his new bride in the Soviet Union, would have a good chance of taking down Hillary Clinton. This is the second time a funny thing happened along her road to coronation. Back in 2008, an unknown upstart named Obama beat her. He was young and she was stale. This time, it is a crusty old man named Bernie who might send her packing into permanent oblivion.

The Democrats in power are doing all they can to rescue her, but even with "all the king's horses and all the king's men," she is looking like Humpty Dumpty all over again. Meanwhile, the ruling Republican elite can't figure things out. The world has gone upside down for them. They thought Donald Trump was a joke, but now the joke seems to be on them as he still leads the pack. Second place goes to Ted Cruz, and the GOP head honchos pretty much hate the idea of a President Cruz.

Their guy, Jeb Bush, keeps spending more and more money and finds himself falling further and further behind in the polls. The other guy they could accept is Ohio Gov. John Kasich, but he isn't doing much better than Bush.

The Democrats keep hiding Hillary with debates, few as they are, either on Saturday nights or against NFL football games. The Republicans are doing nothing but debates. With so many candidates debating, it is starting to get boring.

Conservative talk radio can't figure things out with the GOP. Whenever I listen to Mark Levin, he sounds like the angriest host on conservative radio. He apparently loves Ted Cruz and has taken to calling other conservatives who question Cruz on his naturalborn American status as delivering "stupid talk." After a while, I have to tune the radio volume down, but unfortunately the next night, there's Mark still doing stupid talk on on the "stupid talk."

Over on the Jeff Kuhner Show, his audience has been going bonkers over Trump vs. Cruz. All of a sudden, nobody thinks Trump is a conservative after all. I can only take so much of that chattering, then it's over to good music on AM 740 with Bob the Music Man.

I like Trump but hardly view him as presidential. The same is true of Ted Cruz, and don't get me started on Hillary, who keeps getting rebranded. After all these years, we still don't know who Hillary Rodham Clinton really is. I saw her doing some rebranding recently on one of those "Yo Girlfriend" daytime talk shows trying to look cool, but coming across as Granny from the Beverly Hillbillies.

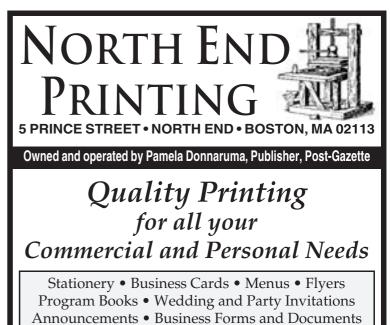
I remain a registered Democrat and will probably be voting for Bernie Sanders out of a Hillary protest. If on November 8th, the American people are faced with a Donald Trump - Hillary Clinton race, I will be going with Trump and hope to God that America doesn't self-destruct.

My choice for president has been going back and forth between Marco Rubio, who I think needs more seasoning, and Gov.Chris Christie. I think maybe America does need a street-smart, smart &#*! Italian guy from New Jersey.

The rest of the GOP pack, tell 'em' to go have a picnic with Lindsay Graham. You remember him, right? In a field of 13 candidates, he came in 14th.

As far as Martin O'Malley goes, he's the Democratic version of Lindsay. As Donald Trump said, "when you are running for president and you are touting that you used to be the mayor of Baltimore, need I say more."

I long for the old days when so many qualified people ran for president! What I really want to see is an end to this reality show I am starring in. I know I signed up with Boston Casting, but this is torture.



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Deployment of Great Green Fleet

First Surface Combatants Deploy Using Alternative Fuel Made from Waste Beef Tallow

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack kicked off the Great Green Fleet with the deployment of the USS John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group (JCS CSG) during a ceremony at Naval Air Station North Island.

The Great Green Fleet is a Department of the Navy initiative highlighting how the Navy and Marine Corps are using energy efficiency and alternative energy to increase combat capability and operational flexibility. At the close of the ceremony, the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Stockdale (DDG 106) left the pier to begin its deployment, becoming the first U.S. Navy ship running on an alternative fuel blend as part of its regular operations.

"When it comes to power, my focus has been about one thing and one thing only: better war fighting," said Mabus. "The Great Green Fleet shows how we are transforming our energy use to make us better warfighters, to go farther, stay longer, and deliver more firepower. In short, to enable us to provide the global presence that is our mission."

The blend fueling the JCS CSG's surface ships contains alternative fuel made from waste beef fat provided by farmers in the Midwest. It was purchased at a cost-competitive price through a partnership between the Department of the Navy and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) aimed at making alternative fuel blends a regular part of the military's bulk operational fuel supply.

With the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) and Stockdale in the background, Mabus and Vilsack explained why this milestone alternative fuel purchase is important to the Navy and Marine Corps, and how it supports America's farmers, ranchers and rural manufacturing jobs.

Secretary Mabus said "Diversifying our energy sources arms us with operational flexibility and strengthens our ability to provide presence, turning the tables on those who would use energy as a weapon against us."

"The Navy's use of renewable energy in the Great Green Fleet represents its ability to diversify its energy sources, and also our nation's ability to take what would be a waste product and create homegrown, clean, advanced biofuels to support a variety of transportation needs,"



USS Stockdale

said Secretary Vilsack. "Today's tional procedures. The Defense is on its way to a secure, clean energy future, where both defense and commercial transportation can be fueled by our own hardworking farmers and ranchers, reduce landfill waste, and bring manufacturing jobs back to rural America."

JCS CSG, the centerpiece of the Great Green Fleet, deployed using energy conservation measures (ECMs), including stern flaps, LED lights, and energy efficient operational procedures, and alternative fuel in the course of its normal operations. Other ships, aircraft, amphibious and expeditionary forces, and shore installations using ECMs and/ or alternative fuels in the course of performing planned mission functions will be part of the Great Green Fleet throughout 2016.

Stockdale is the first surface combatant to receive alternative fuel as part of its regular operational supply. Following the ceremony, Secretary Mabus and Secretary Vilsack flew out to the destroyer USS William P. Lawrence (DDG 110) to witness it replenishing its tanks with alternative fuel from fleet replenishment oiler USNS Guadalupe (T-AO 200). The remainder of the CSG's surface ships will receive fuel from fast combat support ship USNS Rainier (T-AOE 7), which will take on over three million gallons of the alternative fuel blend in Washington state before joining the CSG on deployment.

The advanced fuel blend was produced by California-based AltAir Fuels from a feedstock of beef tallow - waste beef fat provided by Midwest farmers and ranchers, and traditional petroleum provided by Tesoro. Pursuant to Navy requirements, the alternative fuel is drop-in, meaning it requires no changes to ship engines, transport or delivery equipment, or opera-

deployment proves that America Logistics Agency awarded a contract to AltAir Fuels for 77.6 million gallons of the alternative fuel blend, at a cost to DLA of \$2.05 per gallon, making it cost competitive with traditional fuel.

Through the Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA is able to partner with the Navy to help diversify its fuel supply and simultaneously support America's own farmers, ranchers and rural economies.

Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 9, guided-missile cruiser USS Mobile Bay (CG 53), and guided-missile destroyers USS Stockdale, USS William P. Lawrence (DDG 110), and USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) are part of the JCS CSG.

Sailing the Great Green Fleet in 2016 was one of the five energy goals Sec. Mabus set in 2009 for the Navy and Marine Corps. It was named to honor President Theodore Roosevelt's Great White Fleet, which helped usher in America as a global power on the world stage at the beginning of the 20th Century. The GGF will usher in the next era of Navy and Marine Corp energy innovation.

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Docket No. MI16P0213EA

Estate of MARION JESSIE MAINWARING Also Known As MARION MAINWARING Date of Death December 12, 2015 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 Scott David Mainwaring of Portland, OR requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Scott David Mainwaring of Portland OR be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsu-

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 12, 2016.

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

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

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR. First Justice of this Court. Date: January 15, 2016

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Saint Caradoc of Wales

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Britain in the eleventh century was a time of uncertainty, in large measure due to the ever present danger of the Viking raiders. Caradoc was born to a wealthy Welsh family of that period near Brecknockshire. He spent part of his youth as a harp player in the court of King Rhys of South Wales. He fell out of royal favor when he lost one of the king's greyhounds. The king fell into such a fury against Caradoc, he threatened his life. From this disgrace, Caradoc learned the inconstancy of worldly honors. He left the court and went to Landaff, where he received the clerical tonsure from the local bishop and for some time served God in the church of St. Theliau.

Desirous of finding greater solitude, he later spent many years living as a hermit in a little hut which he built himself, He lived near the abandoned church of St. Cendydd in Gower, later taking up residence on Barry Island at St. Issels.

Caradoc's reputation for sanctity became widespread, leading eventually to the archbishop of Menevia promoting him to priestly orders. Caradoc then departed with some monks to the isle of Ary. Norwegian Vikings, who often raided these coasts, attacked the island and carried Caradoc and his monks off as prisoners. But, fearing the judgement of God, they safely released them the next day. After surviving Viking raiders, the hermits were driven from the island by King Henry



I of England. The bishop of



Menevia then assigned the saint to the monastery of St. Hismael, where Caradoc spent the rest of his days as a prayerful hermit in a cell in what is today modern Haroldston, Pembrokeshire. He passed away in 1124. The Church of Saint Caradoc in Lawrenny, Wales, is dedicated to him. The feast of Saint Caradoc is celebrated on April 13th.



ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo

Charcoal-a Beauty Treatment!

Ciao Bella,

You won't find it near your grill in the backyard. It's not the latest discovery since charcoal has been around for a very, very long time. You can find it at your fav beauty counter with quality products.

Activated charcoal is being used to purify skin, acting as a lifesaver for your complexion.

We use all kinds of makeup and never realize that just washing

and rinsing it off isn't enough. Going out into the environment, whether it's cold or hot, wreaks havoc on our skin.

We must take care of our precious mugs and

Lush sells a charcoal soap that I like. Great for cleansing the bod!

I highly recommend a charcoal mask to deep clean and exfoliate.

Mostly charcoal acts as an absorbing, drying agent that draws out impurities almost like a

For camera ready skin.

magnet. Working as a skin-care ingredient, it draws out dirt and oil that does not come off naturally just by cleansing and rinsing.

Charcoal's properties are highly recommended for oily skin and acne-prone skin. However, when used on normal-to-dry skin, it acts as an exfoliant and deep pore

I love a charcoal mask myself having just normal skin; I find it

extremely soothing and a great exfoliant.

So go out and purify!

Buona Giornata,

Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull

Read prior weeks' "All That Zazz" columns at www.allthatzazz.com. Mary is a third-generation cosmetologist and a Massachusetts distributor of Kosmea brand rose hip oil products. She may be contacted at (978) 470-8183 or mary@ mary4nails.com.

Propane Gas Association of New England Offers Tips to Keep You Safe During Winter Storms

The Propane Gas Association of New England these areas frequently. This will help reduce is asking consumers to take simple steps to aid in keeping propane tanks filled and families safe during and after winter storms:

Fuel delivery trucks are TWICE as wide as cars, so make sure that your driveway is cleared to a width of 12 feet!

Keep path to tank clear. Ensure that there is a clear path to your tank for deliveries, including your filler pipe if you use oil heat.

Check your sidewall vented flue pipes for damage, or blockage, caused by drifting snow. Use a broom rather than a shovel, and clear

ACROSS

Southern cuisine pie

6. French lake
9. H or O in H2O, e.g.
13. *"Tell _____ I love her"
14. *"A long, long time ___

can still remember how that music..."
15. Cast somebody there

17. St. Louis player 18. First American-born saint, Elizabeth

*"On a dark desert highway, cool

__ again" ___ me what I am today"

is a sound salvation ...

. \$10,000, to a judge, e.g. . *"You ___ again"

wind in

23. Draft pick

*"You

48. Fireplace

for me to

30. Inventor's right Burden

37. Color of a bruise

cleaning up the nation"
40. Bumpkin
41. "Get ____" (1965-1970)

46. 41st or 43rd president 47. 1970s hairdo

41. "Get ____" (1965-1970) 43. *"Isn't it a ____. Isn't it a shame" 44. What a taster does

One-pot meal
. *"I wanna be loved by you,

55. Use a Singer 57. *"Get this party started on a

64. Killed, as in dragon 65. Go a-courting 67. Dome-shaped dessert

69. Another word for Tokyo

"Losing My Religion" band

Pleasingly pretty

Dutch island in the Caribbean

"I love the smell of ____ in the

American Gas Association

11. Carbon monoxide doesn't have this 12. *"It's raining _____, Hallelujah" 15. Finely cut masonry block

Found in written series

9. Between ports10. South American monkey

70. Did not go out to eat 71. Radio genre

1. Surveyor's creation

73. Tears violently

Apiece

6. Porcine fat

just ____" .*"May the road ____ with you"

Saturday night, everybody's waiting

"Just a city boy born and raised in

*"I'm sitting here, doing nothing

the possibility of carbon monoxide poisoning due to blocked or damaged chimneys, flues, and vents.

Contact propane supplier only when tank is 20% full. During and after a winter storm, roads may be inaccessible for delivery. It is recommended that you establish a regular delivery schedule with your propane retailer. Most suppliers advise waiting until your tank is down to 20% full before scheduling your next delivery.

Propane users can find more safety tips online www.pgane.org.



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> Docket No. MI15D4308DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING JOHN L. WANGA

> > vs. TIFFONI C. GOODIN

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Njoroge Kamau, Esquire, P.O. Box 60251, Worcester, MA 01606 your answer, if any, on or before February 18, 2016 If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, it any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR. First Justice of this Court.

Run date: 1/29/16

Date: January 7, 2016 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI15D3581DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

> BAIRD, JANET R. BAIRD, EDSON D.

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for rretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Janet R. Baird, 56 Spear Street, Melrose, MA 02176 your answer, if any, on or before February 19, 2016. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

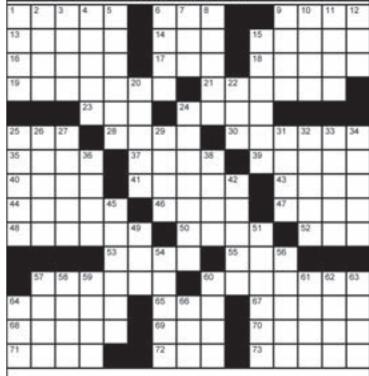
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20. Certain tides 22. Chihuahua's cry

*"Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth, ____ I'm happy"
*"Cause, baby, you're a firework,

come on, show'em what you're 26. Accustom

27. Historic region in northeastern Africa

*"Your lips are movin', tell me do you think I'm

Spanish snack

32. Enlighten

33. TV's "___ Circus"
34. *"'Cause uptown funk gon' give it _Circus"

36. Tiresias in "Oedipus Rex," e.g.

38. Formerly, formerly
42. *"So take _____ broken wings"
45. *"I've got the world on a ____"

49. Charlie Sheen's diagnosis

. Man cave's necessity

54. Waste water pipe 56. What did Jessica Fletcher do?

57. Aquarium organism 58. "Iron horse" track

59. Yamaguchi's court

60. Accompanied by "gloom"?

61. Bad sign 62. Used when citing a reference

63. Two equal a twenty

64. Scholastic aptitude test _ to Joy (Solution on Page 9)



Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

spared a nasty snow storm over the weekend, but we may be hav-

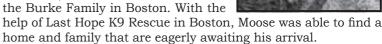
ing a Nor'easter soon ... The snow storms have just begun for this season; however, if you drive through Chelsea, the streets are already torn up with big potholes. What's with that city??? ... Dan Rizzo, former mayor of Revere, is seeking State Senator Anthony Petruccelli's seat. Revere City Councilor-at-Large Jessica Giannino was mulling the idea, but wisely decided not to run. I believe she did the right thing. Despite Giannino always topping the ticket in Revere, she would be losing some Revere votes to Rizzo and City Councilor-at-Large Steve Morabito. Big question! Does Rizzo stand a chance in Boston cities: North End, West End and Cambridge??? Senate seat candidate Joe Boncore from Winthrop is busy rounding up his team of political supporters to run in the special election. It should be an interesting race! ... East Boston people are complaining there are some undesirable Chelsea residents crossing the bridge and causing trouble in East Boston. Buzz is: residents are worried there may be a gang war in progress! With that being said, it was reported overall crime was down 20 percent in East Boston. However, anStreet last week with no details released, so what's going on? ... Orient Heights projects will be all new. Neighboring areas have been waiting for the change for many years. Townhouses and traditional apartments like that on Maverick Street will replace eyesore brick buildings ... The Maverick projects were built after World War II in East Boston to provide veterans returning from war low income rental units. Instead, very few veterans occupied the premises, and eventually the projects built on prime harbor view property became worn down and an alleged haven for the drug market. It's expected these new homes will give neighborhoods a boost, and the government will have higher standards as to who occupies them ... Everyone's talking about the Netflex documentary Making a Murderer!, a view into the Steven Avery case which has caused a firestorm of controversy. Are Avery and his mentally challenged nephew Brian Daasey guilty of killing Teresa Halbach? Or did law enforcement plant enough evidence to convict the two? Recently on the Dr. Phil Show, he interviewed people who believe Avery and Daasey are guilty of murder, but that didn't change the minds of many that say they deserve a new trial. Dr. Phil asked special guest Nancy Grace to voice

other body was found on Border her opinion. Needless to say, Grace opposed the defense's case of planted evidence, and said Avery and his nephew were guilty as charged. Grace is a very dramatic woman, and maybe this time she's wrong. Do Avery and his nephew Daasey deserve a new trial? There are many people that believe they do! ... Heard tickets are still \$30 for "A Taste of Eastie," which makes this night out a real deal ... Here's a slap in the face for Mr. President. After all the money and lifting of sanctions the Obama administration afforded Iran, the Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei told his people in Tehran recently "Be wary of our old enemy the United States." Thank you very much Mr. Khamenei ... President Obama continues his struggle through the U.S. Supreme Court to save 4 million illegal immigrants from deportation. How about all the homeless in America? Are you fighting to provide homes for them? Charity begins at home, Mr. President! ... Some people think Sarah Palin's endorsement will hurt Donald Trump. What do you think??? ... Race shouldn't be a scapegoat to defend Bill Cosby's despicable actions, but it makes one wonder why no one has come out against piggy Bill Clinton's disturbing behavior with women! Till next time!

Virgin Islands Celebrity Rescue Dog Finds Home in Boston

Moose, a dog the Animal Care Center (ACC) of St. John rescued nearly five years ago, has finally found a home and is Boston-bound to live with the Burke family. This kind and loving Pit Bull mix has become a celebrity with fans around the country determined to help him find a home and end his near 1628-day stint as a resident in the St. John shelter.

Moose has seen over 160 dogs enter the ACC and leave to forever homes and has finally found his own home with the Burke Family in Boston. With the



"My family and I are beyond excited to be bringing Moose into our home," said Christine Burke. "I have been following his story on Facebook since August but the timing wasn't quite right then." Their 14-year-old pit mix Tasha had just passed away. "When I saw in December that Moose was coming to Massachusetts, I just knew it was meant to be."

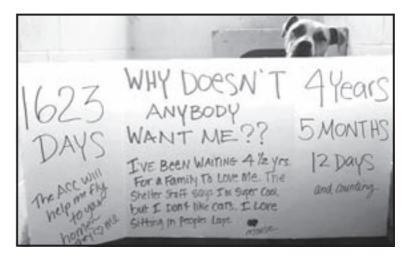
The Riggi's, who have visited St. John and adopted ACC animals in the past, generously donated the private airfare and car service from St. John to Boston to get Moose to his new home.

"My three daughters ask me every day about Moose and his arrival. We are so grateful to the Riggi family for offering to fly Moose home to us. Their generosity and love for animals is amazing," said Burke.

Moose's journey has been a long one, including initial abandonment, countless hours spent with volunteers, and stress caused by prolonged kennel life. The ACC and its volunteers have worked hard over the years to make Moose more adoptable, taking him on hikes, socializing him, and recently starting obedience training at Paradise Paws in St. Thomas. The combined efforts of staff, volunteers, island visitors and even Facebook fans has made Moose's sad story into a success story. Not only has it been an amazing feat for Moose, but it has been a great accomplishment for the ACC as well.

This has been a team effort in that not only has the shelter worked on this, but volunteers, the adopters, his escorts, and Last Hope K9 Rescue," said Ryan Moore, Shelter Manager at the ACC. "He deserves to live a life with a loving family as does every dog, and we are just happy that this is finally happening. It has been a long road for him, but we never gave up."

For more information about the Animal Care Center of St. John, please visit http://www.stjohnanimalcarecenter.com/ or email stjacc@islands.vi.



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Socially Scene

by Angela Cornacchio



Skea ski and snow styles took to the Liberty Hotel runway recently to show the seasons must-have slope looks.

(Photo by Angela Cornacchio)

Socially Scene Reviewed ... Recently the Liberty Hotel got style started off for 2016 with their Fashionably Late presentation featuring Skea.

Now that winter is officially here and the ski resorts are open, it was up to Kathy Benharris and her production crew to showcase the coolest slope styles for the season.

The current collection focused on bright pink and turquoise pastels tied together with classic winter white. The Dynasty models flaunted the must-haves for your trip to the resort; fitted ski pants with matching jacket for the slopes; a cozy vest and mini-skirt for the lodge; and most every look was finished with fur. The design to top the runway show was a tiger print skin suit that is sure to grab attention on any slope!

Boston's fashion community flocks out in support of Benharris as her reputation for always putting on a quality show holds strong. In attendance for this edition of Fashionably Late was CEO of Skea, Diane Boyer, and former U.S. National team skier, Pam Fletcher, Socially Scene was able to catch up with Boyer and, when asked about her role in the company, she commented, "I took over the business from my parents in the 1990s and love what I do. Our tag line is 'Follow your passion to your dream.' I live everyday by those words and

will continue to do so for myself and the Skea lifestyle."

Skea, a family-owned business, was founded in 1972 and is based in Vail, CO. They are a ski and winter lifestyle brand for women, made by women. Their clothing line is meant to give a stylish look to the ladies while hitting the slopes with the boys. You can view their current collection, blog, and even shop on their website at www. skealimited.com.

Winter Fenway Fun ... Red Sox talk has already begun, yet spring hasn't sprung and Fenway Park will transform into a sports zone for winter athletes on February 11th and 12th.

Fenway Park will host a big air snowboarding and free-skiing U.S. Grand Prix tour event. "Polartec Big Air at Fenway" will feature a 140-foot high snow ramp, taller than the light towers at the ballpark, and will bring in athletes from around the world.

As a U.S. Grand Prix event and part of the International Ski Federation's World Cup tour, Polartec Big Air at Fenway will include many of the top big air competitors, including Olympic slopestyle skiing gold medalist Joss Christensen, slopestyle snowboarding Olympic champion Sage Kotsenburg, and Olympian Ty Walker.

You will have the opportunity to cheer on the world's best skiers and snowboarders. The event will feature big air snowboarding and free-skiing like you have never seen before.

The athletes of the U.S. Ski, Snowboarding, and Free-skiing teams push the limits every day to become the best in the world. Unlike competing countries, the U.S. teams receive no government funding and rely on individuals and fans for their financial support.

Boston, be a part of their journey as they go for the gold at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Come out and support our strongest as they hit the slope-style ramp at Fenway Park. For more information on this extraordinary event or to purchase your tickets, visit www.redsox.com/bigair!

Boston Wine Expo ... The Boston Wine Expo, benefitting Tufts Medical Center's Summer Camp Program for Children with Disabilities, will be toasting its 25th birthday this President's Day weekend, February 13th and 14th, at the Seaport Hotel & World Trade Center.

Presented by the Boston Guild of Oenophilists, this silver anniversary edition of the Boston Wine Expo will be one of the country's biggest celebrations of wine, food, and culture. This year's lineup includes wines from around the world, culinary tastings, reserve lounges and VIP experiences, interactive seminars, celebrity chef demonstrations, and features exclusive to the 25th anniversary, such as an educational wine bar hosted by local sommeliers and limited Silver Anniversary ticket experiences.

A favorite highlight to the weekend will return: The Grand Tasting! It gives guests a global adventure in a glass. Whether your palate prefers a full-bodied Pinot Noir, buttery Chardonnay, an elegant Cabernet Sauvignon or a dry Pinot Grigio, the 25th Anniversary Boston Wine Expo will bring the biggest, boldest and best flavors from the vine to Boston. Featuring over 200 producers and nearly 1,800 wines from around the world, oenophiles will travel through the expansive space — sans passport - swirling and sipping their way to "connoisseur" status.

In honor of its milestone birthday, the Boston Wine Expo will debut a wine bar where you can stop and ask members of the Boston Sommelier Society your wine-related questions as well as get a retrospective of the industries past 25 years and what to expect in the next 25 years. Along the way, there will be culinary attractions, including bites from popular area restaurants, as well as dueling Celebrity Chef Stages with appearances by Ming Tsai, Barbara Lynch, Chris Coombs and more. There also is the opportunity to purchase your favorite wines which will be



The Boston Wine Expo will be back at the Seaport on February 13th and 14th. (Photo by biz.bash.com)

delivered to your doorstop with the click of a button through the Drync app.

The Boston Wine Expo's Vintners' Reserve Lounge is the ideal setting for serious wine enthusiasts looking to sip their way through special vintages, as well as unique and small production wines. Located in the Seaport Hotel's Plaza Ballroom, the Vintners' Reserve Lounge gives guests a chance to spoil their taste-buds with these special gems, while enjoying tastings from the city's finest restaurants. New this year, you can indulge your sweet tooth at the 25th Anniversary Dessert Bar featuring delectable treats designed to pair perfectly with the Vintners' Reserve Lounge's wines.

With crowds of thousands every day, the VIP Experience package allows guests to bypass the line forming along the Boulevard of Flags and whisks you inside to the main event thirty minutes early. After availing yourself of the VIP coat-check, toast with some bubbly and get to exploring all that the Boston Wine Expo has to offer. Hit up the VIP Experience Lounge on the Grand Tasting floor to refuel and stock up on essentials like coffee, snacks and wine while lounging on plush sofas. When you're good and ready, depart with an upscale gift-bag filled with exclusive products.

This exclusive anniversary package starts with your raising a glass with the Boston Guild of Oenophilists. After an intimate meet-and-greet with the group who founded the Boston Wine Expo in 1991, your ticket grants you access to the Grand Tasting on both Saturday and Sunday

while sharpening your mind at three educational seminars. Silver Anniversary ticket holders can also relax in the chic VIP Experience Lounge.

The Boston Wine Expo's highly-regarded educational programs for both consumers and those in the trade feature top winemakers and industry experts. In honor of the 25th anniversary, this year's seminar program will be the biggest and best yet with over 40 topics ranging from food and wine pairings, "One Hour Wine Experts," and vertical tasting flights of the world's most sought-after wine producers. Over the years, the Expo has featured a blockbuster line-up of wine celebrities including Dominique Lafon, Dr. Harvey Finkel, Dr. Michael Apstein, Francois Perrin, Joel Butler, Daniel Bruce, Joe Heitz and many more.

As always, sipping at this event supports a special cause. The major charitable benefactor of the 25th Anniversary Boston Wine Expo is the Tufts Medical Center's Summer Camp Program for Children with Disabilities. To date, the Boston Guild of Oenophilists has raised over \$1.4 million for worthy causes.

If you still haven't booked your Valentine's Day plans, what better way than to snuggle up with your sweetie and take a tour with wines from around the world. The Seaport World Trade Center is located at 200 Seaport Boulevard in Boston. This event is reserved for ages 21-plus. Tickets are available by visiting www.wine-expos.com.

A Tasty Treat ... Valentines Day is just around the corner,

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VIDEO by Bob Morello VIEWS ... more than meets the eye

EVEREST (3-Blu-ray) Universal Pictures Home Ent.

Unbridled ambition, a ferocious storm, and the limits of human endurance collide at the top of the world in the whiteknuckle adventure Everest. Following a pair of expeditions to the highest point and most dangerous place on Earth, Everest captures the brutal majesty of the deadly peak, and the boundless courage required to conquer it, with breathtaking cinematography and spectacular storytelling. This 3-disc collection is chock full of extras that bring viewers behind the scenes for a look at the making of the film, as well as astonishing insights about the real-life 1996 summit attempt that inspired it. Based on an incredible true story.

LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE: SEASON EIGHT (5-DVD) Lionsgate Home Ent.

Flash back to 1981-1982, the years that Little House on the Prairie was living season eight. This 5-disc set allows you to relive the newly restored and remastered uncut broadcast length 22 episodes. Experience the Olsens' adoption of Nancy, and every endearing moment of season eight of this epic series. Follow Charles and Mr. Edwards as they search for answers after the death of Mr. Edwards' son; share memories with the Wilders and Ingalls when snowed in at Christmas; witness Almanzo's stroke and the birth of baby Rose; and behold Charles' faith as he pleads for his adopted son's life. Unforgettable!

GOOSEBUMPS (Blu-ray) Sony Pictures Animation Home Ent.

After moving to a small town, Zach Cooper (voiced by Dylan Minette) finds a silver lining when he meets next-door neighbor Hannah (Odeya Rush), the daughter of best-selling Goosebumps series author R.L. Stine (Jack Black). Stine is very mysterious and a prisoner of his own imagination. The monsters that his books made famous are real, and he protects his readers by keeping them locked up in their manuscripts. When the monsters are accidentally unleashed and begin to terrorize the town, it's up to Stine, Zack and Hannah to get them back in their books where they belong!

SWAMP PEOPLE: SEASON 6 (4-DVD) Lionsgate Home Ent.

Swamp hunters fight massive alligators and Mother Nature in this top-rated history series, as they journey into previously unknown, hostile areas of the swamp. Shrewd gators try to outwit the hunters' new methods of capturing their prey. Whether using new indigenous bait, old decoys, or employing a primitive alternative to the modern hook, these hunters constantly adjust their tactics to catch and fill their tags. Enjoy 20 exciting episodes on this four-disc collection.

JESSE STONE: LOST IN PARADISE (DVD) Sony Pictures Home Ent.

Based on the best-selling books by Robert B. Parker, the

Jesse Stone movies chronicle the cases of fictional Police Chief Jesse Stone of Paradise, MA, respected law enforcement officer whose life is complicated equally by alcohol and his relationship with his ex-wife. With things running smoothly in Paradise, Stone (Tom Selleck) agrees to serve as a consultant on an unsolved murder case in Boston. Local police suspect "The Boston Ripper," a killer who is already behind bars, but Stone believes the murderer is a bit closer to home, setting him off on an investigation filled with surprises and grave danger.

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2 (Blu-ray) Sony Pictures Animation Home Ent.

In this all-new monster comedy adventure, everything seems to be changing for the better at Hotel Transylvania! However, Drac is worried that his adorable half-human, half-vampire grandson, Dennis, isn't showing signs of being a vampire. So while Mavis is on vacation, things get batty as Drac enlists his monster friends Frank, Murray, Wayne and Griffin to put Dennis through a "monster-in-training" boot camp!

UnREAL: SEASON 1 (2-DVD) Lionsgate Home Ent.

Set against the backdrop of the fictitious, hit dating competition show "Everlasting," UnRE-AL is led by flawed heroine Rachel Goldberg (Shiri Appleby), a young producer whose sole job is to manipulate her relationships with and among the contestants to get the vital dramatic and outrageous footage that the program's dispassionate executive producer, Quinn King (Constance Zimmer), demands. What ensues is an eye-opening look at what happens in the outrageous world of unscripted television, where being a contestant can be vicious, and producing is a whole other reality.

A GIRL LIKE HER (DVD) Cinedigm

Based on a million true stories. Sixteen-year-old Jessica Burns has a secret that she's afraid to share with anyone except her best friend, Brian Slater. For the past year Avery Keller, her former friend and one of the most popular and beautiful girls at South Brookdale High School, has bullied her. With Brian's help and a hidden digital camera, the evidence of Avery's relentless harassment is captured and finally exposed. But as Jessica begins to face her bully, the two girls reach a critical point, and ultimately reveal there truly are two sides to every story.

THE CONDEMNED 2 (Blu-ray) Lionsgate Home Ent.

After a failed mission to capture the leader of a deadly gambling ring, bounty hunter Will Tanner (WWE Superstar Randy Orton) becomes the hunted — a human target in a game in which contestants must kill or be killed. As high rollers bet on who will survive, Will, his dad (Eric Roberts), and members of Will's team wage an all-out war against the game's mastermind.

The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

LAURA ANN LAVEY, RIP

A good friend of mine for over seven years passed away on January 12th after a long illness. She was only 49 years old. She suffered much the last several years, but courageously fought to live and take care of her daughter Chloe, who is just 13 years old.

Her funeral at St. Augustine's Chapel was packed with family, friends and co-workers. It is always difficult to watch someone good die this way. We ask, "Why so young?" We ask, "Why so much suffering?" We ask, "Why her?" These are questions that none of us can answer. However, all of us have to believe that she is no longer suffering and has gone home to God in paradise.

She will be missed and remembered as a good and caring person. A piece of South Boston died along with her as she passed from this life to the next.

GAS GOING DOWN, DOWN, DOWN

The price of gas at the pumps keeps dropping and don't we like this trend, huh? Look at the price over near Roslindale Square at the ALFA gas station on Washington Street.



GEE, HOW EXCITING, GE IS COMING TO BOSTON

Big news, so it seems, for the Bay State and City of Boston, as General Electric announced it will be opening its corporate headquarters at the Seaport. The move will bring many current employees to Boston. Both Gov. Charlie Baker and Mayor Marty Walsh are jumping for joy over this news; Senator Elizabeth Warren not so much. She has been critical over U.S. corporations who avoid paying their proper share of taxes.

I am not jumping up and down for joy either. Recently, GE announced it has agreed to sell its appliances business to Qingdao Haier of China for \$5.4 billion in cash. Also, the deal includes a 48.4 percent share of GE Appliances owned in Mabe, a Mexican appliance company.

General Electric has moved far from the days when Ronald Reagan was the public voice of

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GE. That was then, this is now. Is it true that former GE employees never think about purchasing anything with the GE label on it? Why is that again?

ANOTHER MOVIE NIGHT IN EASTIE

Coming up at the East Boston Branch Library on Thursday, February 4th, will be *The Thomas Crown Affair*, filmed in Boston back in 1968. It was a great movie starring Steve McQueen, Faye Dunaway and Paul Burke, who played a TV detective for many years on *The Naked City*. If you're old like me, you will remember this longrunning cop show where there were "eight million stories and this has been one of them."

CARNEVALE TIME AGAIN

Seems like we just celebrated Christmas and already there's talk about Carnevale. Don't forget the Carnevale Celebration that will be held at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall on Friday, February 5th. Get your tickets after Sunday Masses or at the rectory.

MESSAGE TO THE LONELY AND DESERATE

The MBTA and Samaritans, Inc. of Boston have teamed up to offer help to folks on subway platforms who are feeling pretty desperate and depressed. How often do we hear of jumpers on the T who sadly decide that life is so bad that jumping in front of a train looks like a good idea? It doesn't happen on a daily basis, but it does happen often enough to at least try and do something positive about it.

The T's "You Are Not Alone" program says even saving one life will have been worth it. In the past three years, there have been 28 deaths ruled as suicides, 16 on the commuter rail and 12 more on MBTA subway tracks.

A big thank you to the MBTA and Samaritans for teaming up on this issue.

COPS CAN SEARCH CELLPHONES

The state Supreme Judicial Court, in a split decision, has ruled that photos found on cell phones are fair game for police so long as they have a warrant. This has alarmed defense attorneys and civil rights advocates who say the ruling chips away at privacy rights. One argument against the ruling is that

it opens the door to potential violations of citizen privacy rights. Search warrants are for a reason, not a fishing trip. However, the Court in this case has ruled that if there is probable cause, the information on a phone should be made available to the cops.

BOSTON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Boston International Women's Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 6th at 1:00 pm at Spinelli's Function Facility on Route 1 in Lynnfield. For more information, contact Francesca at 781-654-5975.

MASCOT FUTURE IN DOUBT?

Up in Tewksbury, for decades, athletes at Tewksbury Memorial High School have proudly worn sweatshirts and jackets that display the school's nickname and an image of a Native American in a feathered headdress. However, a parent of an elementary school student who came home with forms to order Redmen apparel said, "No." She reportedly is uncomfortable with the town's mascot. Spurred on by her and another parent, there will be a public forum on this issue on January 27th to discuss whether it is time for a new mascot.

The battle has begun, as supporters of the Redmen mascot have joined a Facebook group called "Redmen ... Here to Stay" and are buying Redman attire to wear to the upcoming meeting.

Go Redmen!

GREAT LETTER IN 1/19 BOSTON HERALD

"Now that the federal government is looking at housing hundreds of unaccompanied migrant kids at Hanscom Air Force Base ... how will the good liberals of the abutting towns of Lexington and Bedford react if it comes down to taking these kids into THEIR school systems? ... I am sure sanctuary cities are fine with them as long as it is someone else's city."

FIDELITY CEO RICHEST IN BOSTON

Anybody out there shocked by the above news? Certainly not me. Fidelity Investments CEO Abigail Johnson is worth a whopping \$12.3 billion and is rated the richest person in Boston according to a *Forbes* ranking of the wealthiest people in America's 50 largest cities.







Disney on Ice celebrates 100 years of Magic is coming to the TD Garden on February 12-21, 2016. See SPECIAL EVENTS SECTION for further details.

MUSIC

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BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN AND THE E STREET BAND — February 4, 2016. Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band launch *The River Tour*, a nine-week North American trek, on January 16th in Pittsburgh. The announcement of the tour coincides with the release of *The Ties That Bind: The River Collection*, a comprehensive look at the era of the 1980 album *The River that Rolling Stone* calls "Springsteen's best archival release yet."

CARRIE UNDERWOOD — February 23, 2016. Seven-time Grammy winner and Pollstar's three-time top female country touring artist, Carrie Underwood, who just released her fifth studio album, Storyteller. "I can't wait to play new music from Storyteller for the fans," shares Underwood. "I am so blessed to have this career and get to do the things I do, but there is nothing like that moment when I get to step onto the stage to sing and all the fans are singing along with me." The Storyteller Tour — Stories in the Round will be Underwood's first tour "in the round." With the stage in the middle of the arena floor, the 360-degree setting will allow fans on all sides of the arena to get a very intimate and unique concert experience.

THE WHO — March 7, 2016. The Who announced the rescheduled dates for their *The Who Hits 50!* North American tour, which was postponed in September 2015 to allow lead singer Roger Daltrey time to recover from his recent bout with viral meningitis.

ADELE — September 14-15, 2016. Adele will return to North America for her first tour in five years. It's been awhile since Adele said "Hello" to Boston, but the Grammy-winning singer is heading back to town next year! The

1460 AM

English megastar released the North American dates for her "Adele Live 2016" tour last week, which will be her first extensive concert series on the continent in five years. The tour is set to kick off in St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 5th and will wrap up November 15th in Mexico City. Tickets went fast, so find a friend who got some and be very nice to them!

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CHICAGO — February 5, 2016. Legendary rockers Chicago have announced their Heart and Soul Tour 2.0 across America in 2016. Chicago, at first dubbed The Chicago Transit Authority, immediately stood out due to their unique, horn-driven instrumentation and top-notch songwriting, a combination that quickly found a home on free-form FM radio in the late '60s. After 45-plus years in business, Chicago's music has never left the airwaves and the band remains on tour more often than not, playing concerts in every corner of North America. With a catalog of hits including "Saturday in the Park," "Beginnings," "If You Leave Me Now," "Baby What a Big Surprise," "You're the Inspiration," and "Hard Habit To Break," fans are always eager to snap up tickets to catch one of the most successful American rock bands in history. Four members of the group's current lineup -vocalist/guitarist/keyboardist Robert Lamm and horn section members Lee Loughnane, James Pankow and Walter Parazaider - date back to Chicago's formation in 1967. Even today, the band isn't just about nostalgia; Chicago continues to record new singles and albums regularly.

JOHNNY MATHIS — April 8, 2016. With his ever-youthful voice, it's hard to believe that legendary singer Johnny Mathis has been wowing audiences for over half a century — and he's still going strong. That unmistakable voice — both fragile and powerful — singing timeless classics like "Chances Are," "Misty,"

"Brazil," "It's Not For Me to Sav" "A Certain Smile" "My Funny Valentine" and "Twelfth of Never" never ceases to mesmerize listeners into a wistful trance. Anyone who has been lucky enough to get tickets to witness Johnny Mathis perform LIVE knows that he was born to be on stage with a microphone in hand, an orchestra at his back, and a rapt crowd before him. Be it a love ballad, swing tune, or a Latin-flavored number, Johnny executes each phrase with that characteristic panache possessed by crooners of a by-gone era when singers didn't have (or need!) the help of viral YouTube videos to capture the hearts of fans worldwide. Needless to say, serious fans of nostalgic music (also sung by the likes of Michael Bublé, Harry Connick, Jr. and Tony Bennett) who score Johnny Mathis tickets are always in for a "Wonderful! Wonderful!" time.

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BRYAN ADAMS — February 13, 2016 Catch the *Get Up* tour when Bryan plays the Orpheum Theater in Boston, MA, one show only at 8:00 pm.

Adams has been revisiting his past glories in recent years, with 2014 record *Tracks of My Years*, a covers record including tracks from Smokey Robinson and The Beatles, and the 30th Anniversary tour of *Reckless*. Now he's back with brand new material in the form of his thirteenth studio album *Get Up*, a collection of classic, breezy rock 'n' roll, produced by ELO's Jeff Lyne. Visit www. orpheum-theater.com/orpheum_theater_boston for further details.

BONNIE RAITT — March 29, 2016. Bonnie Lynn Raitt is an American blues singer, songwriter and slide guitar player. During the 1970s, Raitt released a series of roots-influenced albums which incorporated elements of blues, rock, folk and country. In 1989, after several years of critical acclaim but little commercial success, she had a major return to form with the release of her album Nick of Time. The following two albums Luck of the Draw (1991) and Longing in Their Hearts (1994) were also multi-million sellers generating several hit singles, including "Something to Talk About," "Love Sneakin' Up on You," and the ballad "I Can't Make You Love Me" (with Bruce Hornsby on piano). Raitt has received 10 Grammy Awards. She is listed as number 50 in Rolling Stone magazine's list of the 100 Greatest Singers of All Time and number 89 on their list of the 100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time.

THEATER

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PIPPIN — February 2-14, 2016. A young prince sets out on a journey to find the ultimate meaning of life in the vaudevillian spectacular of Pippin, from Godspell creator Stephen Schwartz, Told by a roving cast of an anachronistic acting troupe, the musical first wowed audiences in 1972, seducing them with an astonishing musical fable set to a rousing 1970's rock score, including the hits "Magic to Do" and "I Guess I'll Miss the Man." With elements of surrealism and naughtiness, there is a moving core to this quest for fulfilment, told through a medieval fable that still connects with contemporary audiences. Revived on Broadway by Director Diane Paulus (Porgy and Bess and Hair), this new incarnation of Pippin won four 2013 Tonys, and is now hitting the road for a bombastic and vivid tour of the USA!

THE SOUND OF MUSIC — March 29-April 10, 2016. The hills are alive! A brand new production of The Sound of Music, directed by Jack O'Brien, is coming to you. The spirited, romantic and beloved musical story of Maria and the Von Trapp Family will once again thrill audiences with its Tony, Grammy and Academy Award-winning Best Score, including "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi," "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," "Edelweiss" and the title song. "We plan to look more closely at this remarkable work — to tear off the varnish of the past and reveal one of the great, fresh glories of musical theater." says threetime Tony Award-winning Director Jack O'Brien. The Sound of Music features music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, book by Howard Lindsav and Russel Crouse, suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp. The Sound of Music enioved extraordinary success as the first live television production of a musical in over 50 years when it aired live on NBC in December, 2013, 2015 marked the 50th anniversary of the film version,

which continues to be the most successful movie musical in history.

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REALISH HOUSEWIVES OF BOS-TON: A PARODY — March 29-April 3, 2016. Brawls! Booze! Botox! The Realish Housewives are coming to the Shubert Theatre. Get ready for oodles of hometown reality in this totally original and outlandish — parody performance, where you'll meet Rovanka, the baroness of an uncertain ethnicity; Claudia Louise, glamourous and conniving in equal measure; Desiree, neck supermodel; Brooke, self-made business tycoon; and Gwen, the only one in the bunch with half a brain. Laugh along as these loony ladies who lunch, along with your host, Randy, take on the current events and people making headlines in Boston ... that is, if they don't strangle each other first. Even the audience gets in on the act in this can't-take-youreyes-off-it train wreck that's guaranteed to leave you and your best frenemies laughing 'til you cry your false eyelashes off! The Realish Housewives of Boston is an original play created and written by veteran Chicago-based comics Kate James and Tim Sniffen.

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DISNEY ON ICE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF MAGIC — February 12-21, 2016. Grab your Mickey ears and get ready for the ultimate Disney experience as Disney On Ice Celebrates 100 Years of Magic. Be charmed by a cast of over 50, with Mouse-ter of Ceremonies Mickey Mouse, sweetheart Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy and Disney Princesses Cinderella, Rapunzel, Ariel, Snow White and Tiana. Relive the magic of Disney's Frozen with Anna, Elsa and the hilarious Olaf as they discover that true love is the greatest magic of all. Sing-along to over 30 unforgettable songs including "Let It Go," "You've Got a Friend in Me," and "Hakuna Matata." Exciting moments from Disney•Pixar's Toy Story, Finding Nemo, Disney's The Lion King, Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin and more will leave the whole family with memories to last a lifetime

2016 ISU WORLD FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS — March 28-April 3, 2016. The International Skating Union (ISU) awarded the United States Figure Skating and The Skating Club of Boston the rights to host the ISU World Figure Skating Championships at Boston's TD Garden. The World Figure Skating Championships will bring close to 200 skaters from around the world (skaters from over 30 countries are expected to participate) to Boston's TD Garden to compete for four international titles. This event is the most prestigious international competition of the year and is the most important annual figure skating competition in the world! Past U.S. winners include Dick Button, Dorothy Hamill, Scott Hamilton, Brian Boitano, Kristi Yamaguchi, Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner, Todd Eldredge and five-time champion, Michelle Kwan.

COMEDY

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TREVOR NOAH — February 12-14. 2016. Trevor Noah has hosted numerous television shows in his native country. including South Africa's music, television and film awards, the South African Comedy Festival and two seasons of his own late night talk show. He had his U.S. television debut on The Toniaht Show with Jay Leno and has also appeared on Late Show with David Letterman, becoming the first South African stand-up comedian to appear on either late night show. He's slated to do the Jimmu Kimmel Show in January, His Showtime comedy special. Trevor Noah: African American premiered in 2013 and he took over for John Stewart on The Daily Show in September.

TRACY MORGAN — February 20 & 21, 2016. Catch Tracy back up on the stage where he belongs when the *Picking Up The Pieces Tour* hits Boston. The comedian returns to the road for the first time following his horrible, life-threatening traffic accident in 2014. The six-vehicle pile-up, which happened on the New Jersey turnpike, left Morgan

in a coma for two weeks, and broke multiple bones. Following an extensive period of rehabilitation, Tracy made his first public appearance following the accident at the 2015 Emmys, and then returned to his spiritual home of SNL to host an episode.

Coming to fame as a stand-up, Morgan became a household name through his seven-season stint on 30 Rock, playing a thinly veiled version of himself named Tracy Jordan. He's also got an impressive list of big screen credits to his name, including roles in Baboozled, Death at a Funeral and The Other Guys.

BOB SAGET — March 4, 2016. For one show only, the man who has starred in many successful television shows, including two of the most family-friendly shows network TV has ever produced ("Full House" and "America's Funniest Home Videos"). But he's also been an out-of-his mind, standup comedian for over thirty years. From his HBO special *That Ain't Right* to his

scene-stealing cameos in Entourage, and

The Aristocrats, it's always effective as

Saget embraces his dark side.

Bob just finished a 9-week run on Broadway in the Tony-nominated play Hand To God. On January 12 he will guest star in John Stamos' Fox series, Grandfathered, and he will be seen in the Netflix series, Fuller House, premiering February 26.

LISA LAMPANELLI — March 5, 2016. Lisa Lampanelli is known as Comedy's Lovable Queen of Mean. This equal opportunity offender is a regular on Howard Stern's Sirius satellite radio shows, and she has appeared on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Late Show with David Letterman, Chelsea Lately, Jimmy Kimmel Live, The Dr. Oz Show and Good Morning America. She was also a cast member on Season 5 of NBC's Celebrity Apprentice.

Lisa is well-known for her many Comedy Central and Friars Club roasts. She has lambasted Jeff Foxworthy, Pamela Anderson, David Hasselhoff, Betty White, Donald Trump and Flavor Flav to name a few. Plus, she was honored to serve as roastmaster on the Comedy Central Roast of Larry the Cable Guy.

Her first ever one-hour HBO comedy special, *Long Live the Queen*, to tremendous ratings.

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Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Be aware, new laws raising the minimum wage go into effect in 14 states this year, most of them as of January 1st. The biggest increases are in Massachusetts and California, which moved from \$9 an hour to \$10. The federal minimum wage remains at \$7.25 an hour.

A survey shows that slender executives make more money than fat ones. The chunky son of the president is apt to be an exception!

Carlo Scostumato says asking your boss for a raise is really a patriotic duty, since the government needs that additional tax on your salary.

Hollywood had its biggest year ever at the box office in 2015, with most of the growth coming from a handful of blockbusters. Ticket sales in the U.S. and Canada totaled \$11 billion, with five films accounting for 22 percent of the year's total box office take.

The noted actor Walter Pidgeon said: "You cannot believe how many letters the studio received over the years, urging that it pressure Greer Garson and me into marriage! Some even urged that we divorce our respective spouses in order to be free to marry each other." That's when I learned that "fan" is short for "fanatic."

Fox News anchor Megyn Kelly revealed that Donald Trump tried ardently to win her journalistic favor before their confrontations at the first Republican debate when she called out his history of demeaning comments about women. Before he announced his run for president, Trump periodically sent Kelly favorable news clippings about her and, sometimes even called to lavish praise personally, but she was not to be buttered up. "I can't be wooed," Kelly told Vanity Fair in an interview. "I was never going to love him, and I was never going to hate him." On the day of the first Republican debate, Kelly became so violently ill with a stomach virus that she kept a bucket under the moderator's desk. "I would have crawled over a pile of hot coals to make it to that debate," she said.

Stay awake! For the first time in seven decades, Adolf Hitler's Mein Kampf is back in German bookstores. Reprints of the Nazi leader's ultranationalist, anti-Semitic manifesto have been banned there by the book's copyright holders, the State of Bavaria, since the end of World War II. But under German law, a copyright expires 70 years after an author's death. So on January 1st, Mein Kampf ("My Struggle") entered the public domain, even though many Germans still consider Hitler's book "dangerous" — particularly now, when xenophobic forces are once again on the rise. To help combat those fears, scholars at Munich's Institute for Contemporary History have spent six years putting together a new, annotated edition of the book. Hitler's 600 pages have swelled to about 2,000, thanks to 3,500 academic notes that set the work in historical context.

Americans are in the car-buying mood, and it's easy to see why, said Karl Brauer in *Kiplinger.com*. Pent-up demand, low interest rates, and cheap gasoline all contributed to 2015 being the best year for auto sales ever, according to the *Kelly Blue Book*. Consumers can continue to use market trends to their advantage to get a great deal on a new car this year.

The brainy Christina Quinlan of Windham, NH, says, "Some men achieve distinction by the kind of car they drive — others by the kind of wife that is driving them."

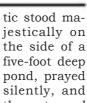
The great Barbara D'Amico of Nahant says, "The used car business is on the boom. Old cars that no longer run are rented to young couples who just want to park."

Is there any music as sweet as that of a car starting on a cold morning?

Time for some unusual stuff. An Israeli scientist reported in 1972 that freezing the big toe was one possible way of curing the common cold.

While perhaps not a phobia in the clinical sense, Winston Churchill's professed dislike of toilets seats was certainly a full-blown aversion. At his home in Hyde Park Gate, London, all of the toilets for house guests were equipped with seats, but Sir Winston's personal commode had none. When a plumber suggested that one be installed, Sir Winston answered testily, "I have no need for such things."

Worst miracle: In Bombay, India, in 1966, a Hindu yogi named Rao announced his intentions to walk on water. Six hundred prominent members of Bombay society were invited to witness the spectacle, with tickets going as high as \$100 each. Garbed in flowing robes, the snowy-bearded mys-



then stepped boldly into the void. He sank immediately to the bottom. Amen.

Unbelievable! A Mexican mayor who promised to take on drug gangs in her city was killed the morning after her inauguration. Gunmen burst into the home of Temixco Mayor Gisela Mota, 33, where they beat her and shot her dead. Three people, including a minor, have been arrested in connection with the killing. "One theory could be that it was a warning to other mayors," said Ramón Castro Castro, the Roman Catholic Bishop of the nearby city of Cuernavaca. "If you don't cooperate with organized crime, look at what will happen to you." Nearly 100 mayors and more than 1,000 municipal officials have been killed since 2006, when Mexican government first deployed troops to fight the nation's drug cartels.

One side effect of the recession was a surge in college attendance. Nearly 3 million Americans enrolled in the fall of 2009, half a million more than in the fall of 2007. However, barely more than half of those students, 52.9 percent, have graduated with a Bachelor's or Associate's degree in the six years since.

The combined working age population of the world will shrink next year for the first time since 1950. This demographics reversal will mean slower economic growth, less demand for durable goods such as cars, and more demand for services like health care.

The University of Southern California is apologizing for requiring all students to detail their sexual histories in a training program on sexual consent. The mandatory on-line class included specific questions about students' sexual frequency, number of partners, and condom use. After students objected, the university apologized "for any offense or discomfort."

Huh? Eliminating the evidence, after a suspected thief in India was forced to eat 48 bananas so the authorities could recover the stolen gold chain he had swallowed. The chain passed through the suspect's digestive tract and its owner then put it in a plastic bag and traded it in at a jeweler for a new, cleaner one.

Good news! A new study found that the mid-life crisis is not a true psychological phenomenon, and that most people are actually happier in their 40s than they were at age 18.

Color commentary: After researchers discovered that people who frequently use profanity are more verbally fluent than those who do not. "Its part of our emotional intelligence to know how and when to use these words," said study author Timothy Jay.

Ah, love. After a four-month courtship, billionaire media mogul Rupert Murdoch, 84, and former supermodel Jerry Hall, 59, are engaged. The couple made it official with a discreet ad in the classified section of *The Times* (U.K.). Murdoch, who has been married three times, and Hall, former long-time partner of Mick Jagger, began dating over the summer after being introduced by family members. I met Rupert Murdoch at a gathering at *The Boston Globe*, where I authored for a while, a weekly column, and he thought it was good reading.

Our great musicologist Al Natale reminds us "Nick" LaRocca, creator of jazz, died in 1961 at the age of 72. In his autobiography, Louie Armstrong said this about LaRocca and his "Original Dixieland Jazz Band." "Only four years before I learned to play the trumpet ... the first great jazz orchestra was formed in New Orleans by cornet player Dominic James LaRocca." Yes, an Italian-American.

Gee, I was the first to introduce be-bop concerts in Boston at the Hi Hat Club. Yes, I am proudly bragging. Ha! Proof? We donated all our jazz archives to the Boston Public Library per their request. At that stage of my life, I was also creating columns for Down Beat magazine. We also did a weekly column for the East Boston Times. Sal Tarbi, one of the owners of the paper, was also a musician who played the bass fiddle. Ha! For the record, we covered my experiences in jazz in one of my books, The Forties, When We Were Dreamers of Dreams, published by Brandon Publishing Company.

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by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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ROLLED GREY SOLE FILLET with Rice and Shrimp Stuffing

6 grey sole fillets*
1/4 pound medium shrimp
20-25 Ritz or Hi Ho crackers
2 tablespoons butter or margarine

1 tablespoon mayonnaise 3 tablespoons white wine 1/2 cup water or clam juice 3/4 cup rice of choice

*Fillet of flounder can be used in place of grey sole fillet.

Cook rice according to directions on the package. Set aside. Peel shrimp and place in a bowl with water and set aside.

Crush crackers thoroughly. Add softened butter or margarine and work it into crushed crackers. Set aside.

Drain shrimp. On a cutting board, cut up each shrimp into half-inch portions and set aside.

Line bottom of a baking casserole dish lightly with mayonnaise. Spread cooked rice over bottom of casserole.

Wash out the grey sole fillet and drain. Using one fillet at a time spread some cracker stuffing mixture in center portion of fillet. Add shrimp portions over the stuffing. Starting at narrow edge of fillet, roll the fillet carefully toward the wider end to create the stuffed roll. Continue stuffing remaining fillet. Place each rolled fillet, side by side, over rice in baking dish. With butter knife, spread some mayonnaise lightly over each fillet roll. Sprinkle some cracker mixture over them and top each roll with 1/8 teaspoon of butter or margarine.

In a cup, mix three tablespoons of white wine in one-half cup of water or clam juice. Spread mixture over rice and rolled fillet.

Place casserole dish in a preheated 375°F oven to bake for fifteen or twenty minutes. Then remove baking dish from oven. Additional water or clam juice can be added to casserole if needed. Return to oven to bake until tops of fillet brown lightly and rolled fillet is fork tender (approx. five to eight minutes).

NOTE: Watching my elders become creative with foods through the years encouraged me to do the same in my home. This recipe resulted from my curiosity to prepare something different for my family with rice and grey sole fillet. During the summer months, I prepare and bake this recipe in a throwaway aluminum baking dish over low heat on my gas grill.



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Estate of
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JOHN CHARLES HOELL
Date of Death April 21, 2015

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Henry J Hoell of North Attleboro, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Henry J. Hoell of North Attleboro, 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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The Trial Court
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Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 Docket No. SU15P3126EA

Estate of JOSEPH F. CRUMP Also Known As NEAL CRUMP Date of Death November 10, 2015

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To all persons interested in the abovecaptioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Joy G. Foley of Waltham, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Joy G. Foley of Waltham, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



It was the winter of 1961 and on a January night the snow was coming down mercilessly. Dad was playing a party with someone's band (I don't remember who the leader was) and they went an hour overtime. Babbononno had gone outside and shoveled a parking space for Dad before the snow was unmanageable. To secure the spot, he put out an old chair, a garbage barrel and a couple of 2x4s which sat on top. I don't know if this parking method has ever existed in the suburbs, but it was commonplace in the city. People living in apartment buildings in the North End or in three-deckers in East Boston, South Boston, Charlestown, and most other parts of the city, used this method to reserve their parking space, and everyone honored it, except for the new guy who moved in next door to us. He evidently came home, saw the reserved parking space, removed the 2x4s and put everything on the sidewalk. When Dad got home, there was about six inches of snow on the ground and an old tan Plymouth in his spot. He circled the streets of the neighborhood for quite a while and luckily found a place to park, but it was

about ten blocks away. When he arrived at 74 Eutaw Street, he was covered with snow as was his bass violin case. His feet were wet as he didn't have boots on when he left the house. Dad also didn't wear hats. Back when I was a kid, he, Babbononno and my uncles, Paul, Nick and Gino, all had fedoras made by "Henry The Hatter" or "Harry The Hatter." Both were well known when hats were in style, but I'm talking about the 1940s. This was 1961, and I hadn't seen Dad wear anything on his head since the end of WWII. When he arrived home, his black curly hair was covered with snow. The front of our three decker had a door that led into an entry way, a foyer area that on modern homes might be called a mud room. The actual door leading into the house was always locked and there were two ways to enter, either with your own key, or by pressing one of the three buzzers that were on a side wall with circular openings next to them and nameplates underneath.

If someone pressed the buzzer in the entryway, a bell would ring in one of the three apartments. You might hear someone yelling through their end of the circular opening, "Who is it?" You would yell through your end of the round opening to let the voice on the other end know who you were. Then a buzzer on the wall near the kitchen door would be pressed and, with a buzzing sound, the front door could be pushed open. That's the way we did it folks!!! (Do any of you remember any of this?)

Dad did not fish for his keys. Instead, he rang the bell. When I yelled, "Who is it," through the intercom, my father let out a barrage of profanity in English, Italian and Spanish. I buzzed him in and he headed up the two flights of steps to the top

floor, where our apartment was located, and he was swearing all the way. By the time he was inside, Mom and Babbononno were both up and asking what happened.

I had the good sense to pour my father a shot of cognac to warm him up and that calmed him down a bit. He asked Babbononno if he had put the barrels out. My grandfather explained in detail what he did with a barrel, an old chair and two 2x4s.

The first thing my father did the next day was confront the owner of the old tan Plymouth. The man, new to the neighborhood, told Dad what he thought of the reserved parking program. His answer was, "Hey, first come, first served. That's the way it goes.'

By the next day, all the car owners in the immediate area, neighbors and friends, knew what Dad had gone through the night before. A couple of the men rang the bell of the apartment where the Plymouth owner lived. When he showed up in his entry way, they told him the neighborhood policy, but he gave them the same answer he gave to Dad.

Both of them replied, "Well, we told you so," and they left.

No one was going anywhere for a day or two because of the intensity of the snow storm. Schools were closed, the MBTA was all off schedule, planes were grounded and the population of Boston was digging out of the mess. This included the man who owned the Plymouth. He shoveled his car out of the snow piles left by the city plows, cleaned the snow from the windows of the car, and started the vehicle up. Just as he pulled out of the stolen parking spot, the engine began to smoke and make strange noises. Just before the engine died, a loud bang could be heard a block away. The impact of whatever opened the hood of the Plymouth, and the engine died, figuratively and literally. By the time the owner was ready to start his car, most of the men in the neighborhood were on a nearby sidewalk observing the situation. As the car's engine banged away, exploded and died, the observers all looked at each other, nodded and all walked away.

No one seems to know what happened to the old Plymouth. When the owner had it towed to a garage, the tending mechanic seems to have found some sort of an incendiary device attached to the engine and both sugar and sand in the gas tank. As far as I know, the car never ran again and had to be junked. The former Plymouth owner had a few choice words for the men of the neighborhood, but when confronted, all of them just smiled and walked away. The next time Dad put the reserve barrels and 2x4s in a parking space surrounded by snow, everything was still there waiting for him when he returned home. For some reason, the former Plymouth owner and his family moved to another neighborhood not long after these winter episodes.

Dad had had it. He and my mother discussed moving to another location. He liked Belmont, Uncle Gino and Aunt Ninna had been living there for a few years and Dad liked the neighborhood. My mother wouldn't hear of moving out of East Boston, and Babbononno joined in with her. As the winter progressed, Dad looked at Belmont properties and found a house he liked. He brought Mom and Babbononno to look at the place and both were adamant about staying in East Boston. Dad told them that he was going to buy the Belmont house, and if they wanted to stay in East Boston, he would pay for the Eutaw Street apartment and they could stay there.

Mom panicked, knowing her place was next to her husband, not next to her father. She convinced my grandfather that they were going to move with my father and that was it. Babbononno really had nothing to say and on Good Friday that year, the last of the Christoforo /Contini family left East Boston and moved to Belmont.

Within a few months, Mom had made some new friends and was happy with her new environs. Babbononno hated it. No place to buy Italian cigars. No place that sold Italian newspapers (including this one), and no Italians to hang out with and discuss the politics of the day. He stayed for a while but then went back to Eastie, but that's a story for another day. GOD **BLESS AMERICA**

LEGAL NOTICE

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

> Docket No. MI16P0359EA Estate of

CATHERINE M. D'ARCANGELO Date of Death October 20, 2015 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 Paul D. D'Arcangelo of Woburn, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Paul D. D'Arcangelo of Woburn, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsu-

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February 22, 2016.

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UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR. First Justice of this Court. Date: January 25, 2016

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To sign up go to neaabaseball.org. Please do not delay. We will have more children than available slots (especially at the 4-9 age level). Eventually there will be a waiting list. The NEAA, John Romano, and Ralph Martignetti look forward to a great 2016 with you and your children. Play ball!

• **Socially Scene** (Continued from Page 8)

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• **News Briefs** (Continued from Page 1)

"Grizzly Adams" Has Left the Woods

I can remember back in the '70s, my parents returning home after the 4:00 pm Saturday mass and supermarket shopping, sitting down in the living room, and putting the TV set on to Grizzly Adams followed by The Lawrence Welk

My parents seemed to love Grizzly Adams, but I never knew why. I watched it a few times, and actor Dan Haggerty looked like what Grizzly Adams should look like.

It wasn't a very good TV show, but it did build an audience. I do remember he had a great beard. When I heard Haggerty passed away, I remembered how much my parents loved that show. They and apparently many others as well.

Ruling-Class Republicans Against Ted Cruz

Recently, the Republican ruling-class threw out the name of former Senator Bob Dole in an attempt to rip apart the Ted Cruz campaign. Basically saying that Cruz would be "Barry Goldwater 1964" for the party's chances in the fall. I could think of another analogy, how about "the Bob Dole of 1996." Even a famous ex-Buffalo Bills OB couldn't save Dole that year. Many thought they would have done better with Kemp actually quarterbacking that campaign.

Racial Foolishness 101

One would think the following could never happen on American campuses in the school year 2015-2016, but that is sadly not the case. This story first appeared earlier this month in the NY Post.

Apparently, racial segregation is now the news back on campuses. In an event designed to shame supposedly racist whites, a retreat was held recently at the University of Oregon, open only to white students. Meanwhile, a "racial aikido" retreat was also held to "empower people of color."

Is this stuff legal, ethical, moral, or does it just plain stink? I wonder how long before separate bathrooms and water fountains are available according to one's race?

We have come so far but apparently not nearly far enough, huh?

Produce or Product?

Big story recently down in Texas when a supposed produce truck crossed over from Mexico into Texas. It contained all the

bonds in the trust fund which

could have been resold to raise

money to pay benefits to the

baby boomers. But none of the

surplus money was saved and

• Truth About Social Security (Continued from Page 1)

fixings for a great salad that would have made Bugs Bunny go daffy. Get it? Daffy! Border agents with drug-sniffing dogs intercepted a half million in pot, stashed in packages that looked like carrots. The bad guys are getting very creative, eh?

Street value of the makebelieve carrots: \$499,000. Stopping them: Priceless.

Trouble Brewing at BLS

There was a big news story last week in the Boston Herald over racial issues brewing inside the corridors of Boston Latin School. According to many tweets, tensions are building up inside the building.

Here's something to take note of. No one inside the school should ever be using the Nword. White kids shouldn't be using it and neither should African-Americans. Isn't it the N-word for them, too? It is time for all the students to respect each other and work together, preparing for their dreams and aspirations.

Sadly, these kinds of issues are cropping up all across the country. We are still far from that dream of judging each other by our character and not our color. Someday soon, hopefully, we will get there together. That is my dream and aspiration.

David Bowie RIP

"There's a starman waiting in the sky. He'd like to come and meet us. But he thinks he'd blow our minds."

> - David Bowie (1947-2016) Democrats Fail to See **Obvious**

If you listen to Democratic spin, most of Trump's strength lies with the most radical fringe of the Republican Right. However, Trump's base is much wider and thicker. He is appealing to frustration felt across the board. Even with people who don't necessarily agree with much of what he says. They just love hearing him give it to those who have been running our government badly for so long. This is not a liberal-conservative issue. It is one born of anger.

Many Americans have now come to the conclusion that there is a ruling-class in Washington, DC, and it is bi-partisan, too. Why do you think both Trump and Bernie Sanders are doing so well?

Latest polls show that even Trump is doing well with Democratic, Independent and nonpartisan voter. Trump has tapped into the voters who feel they have been *&%%\$# by politicians regardless of party.

I could see Trump voters sitting out November if the GOP beats up on him and keeps the nomination out of his hands.

There are millions of middleclass families struggling out there trying to get by, and who have not seen any real recovery following the 2008 recession. Add those at the bottom, bluecollar workers, minimum wage workers, and together you have a solid voting base to grow from.

Trump is saying what the other candidates wish they could say. The Trump machine is working because most Americans are looking for real leaders

Can Trump win? It is not impossible. Is he qualified to be president?

After Barack Obama, who isn't?

This may still be Hillary's election to lose because nobody is better at pulling a loss than Hillary. She was supposed to be crowned in 2008. We all know how that turned out.

Trump has changed the political dynamics this year and I am grateful for that.

NY Mayor Goes for Gold Over Cruz NY Slap

By now the whole nation has heard of that kick in the pants that Ted Cruz gave to New Yorkers when he said Trump had NY values. However, recently thinking ahead to his own upcoming election, Mayor Bill de Blasio sent out a fundraiser letter stating, "Here's what Ted Cruz doesn't understand about us. We are proud of our New York values. If you agree, please chip in \$20, \$10, or whatever vou can afford."

Now there's a bad NY value,

End Quotes

"I will absolutely apologize, sometime in the hopefully distant future, if I'm ever wrong."

Donald Trump, Tonight Show, September 11, 2015

"When I take someone into the operating room, peel down the scalp, take off the bone flap and open the dura, I'm operating on the things that make the person who they are; it's not the covering that makes them who

Dr. Ben Carson

Gridiron Audibles with Christian A. Guarino



MEA CULPA ...

I'm not quite sure what came over me last week. A victory in Denver seemed a mere formality. My only real concern was how to get through the week, the anticipation of Sunday's game continually on my mind.

A realist, heck, a glass halfempty kind of guy, I convinced myself that the Broncos and their quarterback Peyton Manning, were ripe for the picking. In my defense, any sane individually would have felt the same given Manning's body of work in 2015 as prime evidence.

Following the Patriots failed expedition into the Colorado mountains, a 20-18 loss which secured the Broncos a place in Super Bowl 50, I feel as though my last column, arrogantly guaranteeing a win that never came, may have jinxed the Patriots.

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Docket No. MI15P5547EA

Estate of

KAREN JEANNE O'DONNELL

Date of Death November 20, 2014

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above cap-

tioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner James M.

James M. Moynihan of Wakefield, MA has

been informally appointed as the Persona

Representative of the estate to serve with

The estate is being administered under

informal procedure by the Personal Represen-

tative under the Massachusetts Uniform Pro

bate 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 ter-

minating or restricting the powers of Personal

Representatives appointed under informal pro-

cedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any

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can be obtained from the Petitioner

Movnihan of Wakefield, MA

surety on the bond.

I feel like Eddie Mush.

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the ball.

mushed.

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Yes, that loveable loser from

the Bronx Tale film, a guy that

couldn't pick a winner even at

the finish line. Although I didn't

suit up at Sports Authority

Field, I feel as though I dropped

Put ME in the bathroom ...

Sorry Patriots fans, you got

Docket No. MI15P5575EA Estate of

LEFKOTHEA KANAVOS Also Known As LEFKOTHEA S. KANAVOS Date of Death August 23, 2015 **INFORMAL PROBATE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Peter H. Sutton of Boston, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Peter H. Sutton of Boston, MA has been nformally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under nformal 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. MI15P6930EA Estate of LYDIA BACA

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE To all persons interested in the above

Date of Death February 14, 2003

captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Anthony Baca of Hemet, CA. Anthony Baca of Hemet, CA has been in-

formally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Estate of DAVID LEE BOONE, JR. Date of Death May 8, 2009 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Lydia Boone of Washington, NC.

Lydia Boone of Washington, NC has been informally appointed as the Personal Repre sentative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P7126EA Estate of **BILLY JAMES BUCKLEY**

Date of Death August 7, 2010 INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Rebecca Buckley of Mena, AR Rebecca Buckley of Mena. AR has been

informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under

nformal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. Run date 1/29/16

invested. Every dollar of the surplus Social Security revenue was channeled directly into the general fund where it was spent as general revenue on whatever the government chose to spend it on. The bottom line is that the trust fund holds nothing of value which can be sold to raise money. The \$2.7 trillion that was supposed to be available for paying benefits to the boomers was instead looted by

non-Social Security purposes. About Allen W. Smith, PhD Allen W. Smith, author of

the government and spent for

"Raiding the Trust Fund: Using Social Security to Fund Tax Cuts for the Rich" (www. ironwoodpublications.com), has devoted much of his adult life to promoting economic education. He taught economics for 30 years before retiring from Eastern Illinois University in 1998 to become a full-time writer. "Understanding Inflation and Unemployment," Smith's first book, became an alternate selection of Fortune Book Club when it was published in 1976. "Understanding Economics" (Random House; 1986) was used in more than 600 schools in 48 states. In recent years, Smith has focused his research and writing on government finance and Social Security.

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Docket No. MI15P6958EA
Estate of
CLEAVON DAVIS, JR.
Date of Death September 29, 2015
INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Geneva Davis of Montgomery, AL.

Geneva Davis of Montgomery, AL has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P6956EA
Estate of
DANIEL GEORGE FIELDS
Date of Death April 18, 2007
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Donna Fields of Wood River, IL.

Donna Fields of Wood River, IL has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P7036EA

Estate of

SOLOMAN V. GARCIA

Also Known As

SOLOMAN GARCIA
Date of Death March 21, 2015
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Marcella Valdez of Albuquerque, NM, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Marcella Valdez of Albuquerque, NM has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P6933EA

Estate of KATHERINE W. GRAY Date of Death October 26, 2013 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Brandy McDonald of Los Angeles, CA.

Brandy McDonald of Los Angeles, CA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Estate of ALVA FRANKLIN JONES Date of Death April 19, 2008 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Rosie J. Jones of Montesano, WA.

Rosie J. Jones of Montesano, WA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Estate of

MYRTLE LORETTA MABE
Date of Death February 5, 2014
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Lynn Mabe of Morristown, TN.

Lynn Mabe of Morristown, TN has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P6877EA

Estate of DELORES PHILLIPS
Date of Death October 5, 2011

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner

Cassandra Phillips of Bronx, NY.
Cassandra Phillips of Bronx, NY has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety

on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P7131EA
Estate of
PATRICIA ANN POPE
Date of Death March 26, 2015
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Cornelius Cockeran of Macon, GA.

Cornelius Cockeran of Macon, GA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P7128EA
Estate of
JAMIE JEAN QUIROZ
Date of Death November 19, 2008
INFORMAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Mary J. Quiroz of San Bernardino, CA.

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Mary J. Quiroz of San Bernardino, CA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P6847EA

Estate of
SHARON EVETTE ROSS

Date of Death December 20, 2012 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Stan Morrison** of **Texarkana**, **TX**.

Stan Morrison of Texarkana, TX has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P7032EA

Estate of BETTY J. WILEY Date of Death June 24, 2013

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner

Elijah Wiley of Foxworth, MS.
Kenneth R. Owens of Hattiesburg, MS has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P6370EA

Estate of
LEON TERRELL WILLIAMS
Date of Death March 26, 2008
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Thelma Hendley of Douglas, GA.

Thelma Hendley of Douglas, GA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P7130EA
Estate of
MICHELLE WILLIAMS

Date of Death December 29, 2011 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Willie L. Williams of Tucson, AZ.

Willie L. Williams of Tucson, AZ has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P7127EA

Estate of AARON WILLIS Date of Death March 24, 2012

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner

Aaryn Willis of Baltimore, MD.
Aaryn Willis of Baltimore, MD has been formally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety.

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 Representations.

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Docket No. MI15P7028EA Estate of

JULIA FAYE WILSON
Date of Death February 28, 2013
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Tina M. Wilson of Fort Worth, TX.

Tina M. Wilson of Fort Worth, TX has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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documentation to verify income. Applications for fuel assistance are available at ABCD's downtown office and any of its Neighborhood Service Centers, or by calling the ABCD Fuel Assistance Hotline at 617-357-6012. Residents of Malden and surrounding towns may call 781-322-6284. Those living outside of Boston, Malden and surrounding towns may call the MA Heat Line at 800-632-8175. More information, including a list of Boston-area site locations and phone numbers, may be found at bostonabcd.org/fuel-

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Docket No. ES09P1239EA

Estate of ARNOLD H. LOWE Also Known As ARNOLD HOWARD LOWE Date of Death March 11, 2009 INFORMAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Sue Lowe-Centner of Manchester, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Sue Lowe-Centner of Manchester, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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ket No. MI16P0403

Estate of **ELDRIDGE HONAKER PENDLETON** Also Known As ELDRIDGE H. PENDLETON Date of Death August 26, 2015 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Br. Geoffrey Tristram, SSJE of Cambridge, MA, a Will has been admitted to informa probate.

Br. Geoffrey Tristram, SSJE of Cambridge, MA has been informally appointed as the Per sonal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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assistance program or the Winter Emergency Campaign, which distributes emergency fuel assistance and blankets, comforters, and warm clothing to those in need. Your generous gift can save a household from hypothermia, stop a family from turning to dangerous heating substitutes, prevent sickness, and dramatically improve quality of life. If you'd like to donate to ABCD's Winter Emergency Campaign, please call 617-348-6559 or visit bostonabcd. org/give.

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Estate of **DEBORAH JEAN EUDY** Date of Death October 17, 2013 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above estate, by Petition of Petitioner David G. Eudy of Albemarle, NC

David G. Eudy of Albemarle, NC has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Estate of GOLDIE CHRISTINE MIXON Date of Death July 26, 2013 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Randy W. Mixon Sr. of Fairborn, OH, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Randy W. Mixon Sr. of Fairborn, OH 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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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Kelly, Sox Agree to One-Year Deal

The Boston Red Sox and righty Joe Kelly came to terms on a one-year deal for 2016. Kelly went 10-6 with a 4.82 ERA last year. Don't let his ERA fool you. Kelly had a horrible start to the season, but ended 2015 looking like he owned a spot as a number four or five starter. Glad the Sox resigned him.

Quote to Note

"You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you are going, because you might not get there."

— Yogi Berra

Upton Down with Detroit

The Detroit Tigers and free agent outfielder Justin Upton have agreed to a \$132.75 million, six-year deal pending a physical. Upton can opt out of the deal after only two seasons.

The 28-year-old fills a need in left field following the trade of Yoenis Cespedes to the NY Mets. Upton had spent his first nine seasons with the Diamondbacks, Braves, and Padres.

Cespedes is now interestingly the biggest bat left on the free agent market.

What About Cliff Lee?

Lefty Cliff Lee is still a free agent out there. Many teams

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Vehicles are being sold to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing storage and notices of sale:

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VIN #1FDKF37L0HKA73115 2002 ACURA TL

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The above vehicles will be sold

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Docket No. MI16P0194EA

Estate of JACQUELINN NULL Date of Death January 14, 2013 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner LaShaune Null of Dallas, TX.

LaShaune Null of Dallas, TX has been informally appointed as the Personal Representa tive of the estate to serve without surety on

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like him, but apparently not that much. Is he ready to jump right into a team's starting rotation, or will he get injured mid-season like in 2015 when his season was wiped out over elbow injuries?

Lee wants to sign with a contender, but the 37-year-old has found teams questioning his abilities nowadays. If he were in good shape, I could see many teams such as the Yankees, Astros, Jays, or the Orioles taking a chance on him. But right now no one seems in a gambling mood, huh?

Tazawa and Sox Agree on New Deal

The Red Sox and reliever Junichi Tazawa have reached an agreement for the 2016 season. Tazawa, 29, made 61 appearances last season, posting a 4.14 ERA and led all relievers with 56 strikeouts and 16 holds. He has now appeared in at least 60 games for the last three seasons. Last year, he made \$2.25 million and in 2016 reportedly will make \$3.375 million.

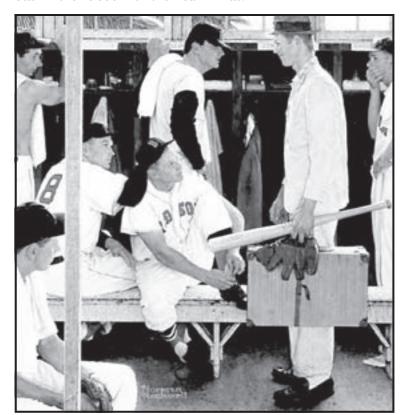
Frank Sullivan, RIP

Frank Sullvan, a two-time All-Star in the 1950s with the Red Sox, passed away recently at 85 years of age. He was one of the Red Sox players immortalized in Norman Rockwell's iconic painting The Rookie. Sullivan had a 90-80 record with a 3.47 ERA in eight seasons for Boston from 1953-60. Over his first five seasons in the Red Sox rotation from 1954-58, the right-hander was one of the top A.L. pitchers, ranking second in starts with 153, third in ERA with a 3.13 ERA, and fourth with 74 wins.

He led the team in ERA in four straight seasons from 1954-57. Sullivan is only one of five Sox pitchers to ever achieve that feat along with Roger Clemens, Mel Parnell, Lefty Grove, and Cy Young.

Sullivan was inducted into the Red Sox Hall of Fame in 2008, 60 years after signing with the team in 1948. He was traded to the Phillies after the 1960 season. In Red Sox team history, he ranks fifth among all pitchers with at least 201

I actually remember this guy, and had his baseball card, too. OUCH, am I getting old or what?



Norman Rockwell's iconic painting The Rookie.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Division 208 Cambridge Street East Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI16P0137EA

Estate of **ELISSA MAE BOTTONI** Date of Death May 31, 2008 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Susan Park of Murrells Inlet, SC, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Susan Park of Murrells Inlet, SC has been

informally appointed as the Personal Repre sentative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under

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LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. MI16P0124EA Estate of EDWARD JOHN PETERSON Date of Death August 4, 2005 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Maureen T. Peterson of Miami, FL, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Maureen T. Peterson of Miami, FL has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

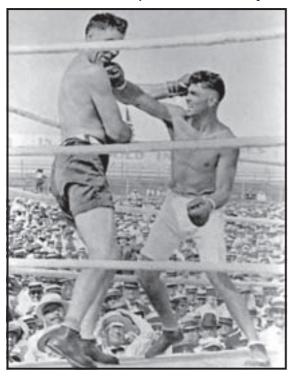
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Does Size Matter?

Super Size Heavyweights are Nothing New



Dempsey reaches Willard with a right.

It is a chorus heard over and over again, "Sure, guys like Dempsey and Louis were good in their day, but today's giant heavyweights would just be too big and strong for them. The old-timers would wilt under the power they would be facing."

I guess before the 21st century, we were living in a world of small people. Those who believe the Klitschkos and Furys of today would beat the greats of the past because they are so big just can't be convinced differently. They think bigger is better and refuse to take into account boxing skill, something that is sorely missing in today's game.

I am including some photos with this article along with details that show very big heavyweights have always been around, and there have been plenty of giant killers to accommodate them.

Jack Dempsey is always the first to come to mind with his brutal destruction of the 6'-61/2", 245-pound Jess Willard. Take a look at the photo of this bout I have included and tell me Dempsey would not have been able to reach the jaws of today's slow moving behemoths. Dempsey, at 187 pounds and standing 6'1", used his speed and power to make Willard's size a liability for the Pottawatomie Giant. Not only did Dempsey defeat Willard, but it was one of the most brutal beatings ever handed out in a championship boxing match. And don't tell me Willard was a bum. A few years before, he had defeated the great Jack Johnson while going 45 rounds in the blazing Havana sun. Sure, Johnson was not in his prime, but he was still a great fighter. Plus, battling in temperatures that reached over 100 degrees is something not many today would be able to do, especially for over two hours.

Dempsey beat two other fighters who were much bigger than he was. The 6'4" Carl Morris, who weighed 226 pounds to Dempsey's 187, lost three times to Dempsey. Once by decision, once by DQ, and once by first round knockout.

In 1923, Dempsey defended his title against South American champion Luis Firpo in a bout that will be remembered for Dempsey being knocked out of the ring. Firpo outweighed Jack by 24 pounds and was as strong as they come. While Dempsey's rather awkward exit from the ring makes this sound like it may have been a close fight, the reality is Dempsey administered almost as savage a beating to Firpo as he did to



Carnera vs. Louis.

Willard. Firpo was down seven times in the first round and twice in the second on the way to being knocked out. Dempsey hit the canvas one time on top of the trip outside of the ring, but those knockdowns were caused more by the rushes from the Wild Bull of the Pampas.

Oddly enough, while Dempsey was truly a giant-killer, he did have some trouble with a fighter smaller than he was. When Dempsey defended the title against Tom Gibbons in 1923, he had a 12 pound weight advantage. The survival-minded Gibbons, a very smart boxer, moved deftly and tied up Dempsey for the 15 rounds while losing a unanimous decision. This is one of Dempsey's most interesting fights to watch in that you see what great boxing moves the Manassas Mauler possessed. He was well taught by the great trainer Jimmy DeForest.

I will briefly mention a few others. Joe Louis was no stranger to fighting opponents who were much bigger than he was. He fought and beat Primo Carnera at 260 pounds to Louis's 196, Buddy Baer who came in at 250 to Joe's 206, and Abe Simon with Louis at 202 to Simon's 254. The Brown Bomber had no problem reaching the jaws of any



Dempsey sparring with Big Bill Tate.

of these giants. Again, Joe had more difficulty with the lighter guys. Billy Conn, Max Schmeling, and Joe Walcott were all smaller than Joe.

Boston's Jack Sharkey didn't believe size mattered either. Jack, at 187 pounds, took on and beat the 6'3", 220-pounds George Godfrey. At 188 he beat Harry Wills who weighed 214. Andnd in his first fight with Primo Carnera, he easily beat the 260-pound strong man though only weighing 201 himself.

Again, it was the smaller guys who gave Sharkey more trouble. He lost to Tommy Loughran and Tony Shucco, both of whom he outweighed by a considerable margin.

I would like to conclude this piece by including another very great fighter of the past whom



Louis attacks Buddy Baer.

many of you may not have heard of. Kid Norfolk was a middleweight and light heavyweight who fought all comers, including Harry Greb. At 5'8" and weighing 182 pounds, he took on the 6'6" 235-pound Big Bill Tate and beat him soundly over ten rounds. Tate was a sparring partner for Jack Dempsey and looked formidable against Norfolk. The Kid used his speed and great boxing ability to run rings around Tate. This fight is available on YouTube, and I strongly urge you to view it. Norfolk vs. Klitschko or Fury? My money is on Norfolk any day of the week.

Does size matter? I guess you good say it does, but often to the benefit of the smaller man.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

IT WAS ONE GAME, NOT A SEASON — Yes, it was embarrassing, but it was just one game in the midst of an 82-game regular season. That's why we feel sorry for Bostonarea native Dave Blatt, who was fired as the head coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers recently — his departure coming just four days after a one-sided 132-98 loss to the powerful Golden State Warriors.

Blatt, who grew up in Framingham and played his college ball at Framingham State, had guided the Cavaliers all the way to the 2015 NBA Finals last June, before bowing to the Warriors in the best-of-seven championship series.

Even after this most recent regular season defeat to Golden State, the Cavs still boasted the best record in the Eastern Conference at 28-11 (.718). And the Cavs actually picked up a couple of more wins after the setback, owning an impressive 30-11 mark on the day Blatt was shown the door.

Call it what you want, but in the long-haul seasons that are the trademarks today of Major League Baseball, the NBA and the NHL, there are just some nights where things aren't going to go your way.

That may well have been what happened to the Cavs. On a team that boasts its own Big Three, all of them had a cold night on the court in this rematch of last spring's NBA finalists.

Superstar LeBron James, for example, who averages over 25 points a game, wound up with only 16. Kyrie Irving managed only eight points on 3-for-11 shooting, while Kevin Love had a measly three points while seeing 21 minutes of action.

It was the perfect storm of an off night for the Cavs — and it happened at a home game in Cleveland, no less.

Still, as bad as it was, it was only one game. The Cavs showed they were pros. They didn't sit around and mope. They went out and won a couple of more games — including a win over the Doc Rivers-coached Los Angeles Clippers, who are currently playing at an over .600 pace and trailing only the Warriors in the Pacific Division.

The doors in the pros revolve and, as Blatt was leaving, another mentor with a Boston connection was getting his own big chance. That would be Tyrone Lue, the top assistant with the Cavs under Blatt and a former assistant with the Celtics during the Paul Pierce-Kevin Garnett-Ray Allen era.

The seat he's taking must be hotter than a blast furnace. We mean, what can one do to improve upon a team that already is playing over .700 ball and went to the NBA Finals last spring?

It's obvious that Cleveland general manager David

Griffin wants to win the NBA Championship — as do all the other 29 teams in the league, by the way. His team certainly has a good chance again this year, although Toronto may give the Cavs a run in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

It's still pure speculation that the Cavs will make the finals, let alone face the Warriors. Golden State must still win the Western Conference playoffs, not exactly a guarantee with a possible matchup against the San Antonio Spurs looming ahead. And we say that knowing that the Spurs put on their own version of a Cleveland cold night recently against the Warriors, losing to Golden State 120-90 as Spurs star Tim Duncan sat out the proceedings with a sore right knee.

Interestingly, Spurs coach Gregg Popovich is still in charge with the powers in San Antonio. They seem to be taking a longer view rather than a short-sighted one as provided through the narrow focus of one game.

But that's not so in Cleveland, however, where a different set of standards appear to be in operation. There, Dave Blatt sits on the sidelines, a "victim" of leading his team to the 2015 NBA finals, of owning the best regular season record in the Eastern Conference this year, and of having his team play at a better than .700 pace. What a world!

TUUKKA RASK ON THE NHL ALL-STAR BREAK — "I think it will help the team by enabling us to charge our batteries. It's always a tough schedule no matter what, so it's good to get a break for a few days, get your mind off things and then get back and get ready to do battle again."

"I think there is still a lot of improvement for us. We've played some good hockey, we've gotten some good wins but we've also been on a roller coaster ride at times. I think we want to find a consistency. We want to bring that level up as a whole group. It's something to work on. We'll try to cut down on some of the mistakes. We're in a good division-type conference. Anything can happen. It's good training for the playoffs because there are no easy games."

SUMMER PREVIEW — When we were crossing the street near the TD Garden a few hours before our most recent snowstorm last Saturday, we beheld a most interesting sight. Coming up to the stoplight was a young couple in a BMW convertible with the top down — even though it couldn't have been much more than 20 degrees at the time. They were all smiles and seemed to be enjoying this unusual experience. Then the light changed and they sped off, a fleeting preview of summer disappearing in the distance.

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