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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Chuck Turner, R.I.P.

Former Boston City Councilor Chuck Turner who represented District 7 covering most of Roxbury passed away on December 25th, at age 79. He was a character who always stood out for being a Roxbury/South End community activist for over 50 years before getting elected as a councilor.

He was always out there fighting for the causes he believed in. Living life for his area of Boston that often was overlooked at City Hall!

When his public career ended, he still fought on as a private citizen. He wrote the book on community activism. Agree or disagree, he fought the good fights as he saw them.

Christmas Day Tragedy

When I heard the news about the reported double murder/suicide over at the Renaissance Garage by the Orange Line Station owned by Northeastern University, I felt so sorry, especially for the two children, 5 years old and a baby less than 1 year old.

How does a mother throw her children off a garage and then jump over right after them. How troubled was this 40 year old mother? She did it on Christmas Day too. No one knows why such things happen except that they often do.

As someone who worked over 40 years for the State Department of Mental Health as both a mental health counselor and then as a police officer, I know holidays, birthdays and anniversaries of death often play a big role when folks lose all hope.

Mental illness is a disease and not a personal failing. We need to work on making mental health care more available to folks in need and we need to somehow take the stigma out of it too. A mother apparently so distraught that she gives up on life and decides to take her kids along for the ride

Many of those with this disease are rarely violent people. However, there is a very violent world going on inside their heads. Sometimes medicine works sometimes it doesn't. I am a firm believer that there are many folks out there living a life that is five minutes to midnight. Their lives are very painful to them but they never act out and close those last five minutes of a hopeful life. And then there are those folks who struggle with their agony and then close out those last 5 minutes and what happened at that garage on Christmas Day happen.

I pray for her and her kids and her husband too. Sometimes the unexplainable happens and all we can do is pray for those who need our prayers.

There's Nothing Shallow About Eddie Shallow from Clam Point

I have been friends with Eddie Shallow since the days of the Anti-Forced Busing fight. I met him at the same time I met his pal Charlie Ross who did the boxing column right here up until the day he died. Recently, Eddie did a good piece about jobs and the economy and I wanted to share some of his thoughts.

"Democrats are determined to restore green energy, workers of America hear this: Former Vice President Joe Biden and current candidate for President in 2020 declared I am willing to sacrifice thousands of oil and gas jobs for clean energy."

Last I heard, you cannot fly airplanes with electricity. Patriots want jobs as they have since Donald Trump became President and established the greatest economy that we the people have ever known! He accomplished this under duress by all print and electronic media who fought him every step of the way.

It is amazing that every paper in the nation despises him and record crowds stood in line for endless hours to get a seat at one of his rallies filling every seat to capacity. The media does everything in their power to misinform the people regarding Trump. However, the people at these rallies applaud his every word. The media continues to betray people of America with their deception and will continue to do so right up to Election Day. Meanwhile more jobs are created each month under Trump.

Voters of America, vote Democrat at your own peril. It will cost you your job, which will be going back overseas as they were under Obama.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Make Way for La Befana!

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



If we were only to take a quick glance around us, the Christmas season appears to basically have finished. Scraggly trees stand forlornly next to dumpsters and dusty ornaments once again occupy shelf space in the closet. Dwindling leftovers and stale cookie crumbs speak of the great holiday feasts the previous week. However, according to both religious and folkloric calendars, we are still in the midst of the Christmas season! Christmas lasts for twelve days, up until January 6th, which is the feast of the Epiphany. In Italy, the Epiphany, or la *Epifania*, is a significant holiday with traditions that equal those of Christmas Eve. An ancient feast day, the Epiphany honors the visit of the Three Magi to Baby Jesus. On the eve of this holiday, Italian children excitedly head to sleep, knowing that in the morning they will find their stockings full of presents from La Befana, Italy's premiere gift-bringer. Along with the arrival of La Befana, the Epiphany also ushers in the Carnival season, a joyous time of mischief which paves the way for spring. With its appealing imagery of magical witches and playful silliness, the Italian Epiphany bursts with unique and fascinating customs.

Nowadays, Italian children will receive presents on Christmas from Babbo Natale, or Santa Claus. However, La Befana has still retained her status as Italy's most famous folk figure and favorite giftbringer. Who exactly, then, is this mysterious character? La Befana, whose name derives from a corruption of the word "Epifania," is a fairy-like witch who, like her male counterpart, drops presents in the stockings of good children while leaving behind coal for the naughty. She is typically depicted as an old woman in raggedy clothes mounted on a broomstick. A well-known legend explains La Befana's connection to the Biblical story of the Epiphany. According to this folktale, La Befana was sweeping her house when the Three Magi approached her, inviting her to accompany them on their way to find Baby Jesus. La Befana initially declined, saying she was too busy with her cleaning. However, she later changed her mind and hopped on her broomstick, flying through the sky in an effort to find the Magi. Unfortunately, she was never able to locate them, and still soars through the air with her broom to this day, depositing presents for children as she continues to search for Baby Jesus and the Magi. When I was a little girl, I was frightened of La Befana, whose stern and haggard countenance formed a sharp divide to the jolly and merry-faced Santa Claus. My apprehension was amplified by the haunting traditional melody my grandmother sang, which intoned: "La Befana vien di notte/Con le scarpe tutte rotte/ Col vestito a la Romana/Viva, viva La Befana!" (Translation: "La Befana comes at night/With her shoes all broken/Dressed in the Roman style/Long live La Befana!"). However, I now love La Befana for her powerful symbolism of feminine strength and her unique sense of magic. Many scholars believe that the figure of La Befana originated from old folk goddesses who oversaw the transition from winter to spring, which intensifies her cultural significance.

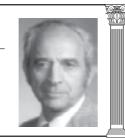
As a matter of fact, the Epiphany as a whole functions as a threshold to the arrival of spring. The winter solstice has already passed, and the hours of sunlight slowly lengthen. The sapphire-blue skies and golden sunsets of these midwinter evenings instill in me an excitement over the turning of the yearly cycle. Though we can

of course expect more months of snow and cold, the promise of spring now unfolds quietly before us. The Epiphany ends the Christmas season, as is evident in an Italian dictum which proclaims: "La Epifania tutte le feste le porta via" ("The Epiphany sweeps all the feasts away"). However, the Epiphany does introduce another season, that of Carnival. Carnival, the precursor to Lent and Easter. extends from the Epiphany to Mardi Gras, or the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. As such, Carnival serves as a spring festival, a herald to the still far-off festival of Easter. All over the world, people bake King Cakes on Twelfth Night, or the eve of the Epiphany. King Cakes are bread made specifically for the Epiphany and Carnival season, with variations differing worldwide. In France, King Cakes contain a flaky crust and an almond frangipane filling. Spanish King Cakes are adorned with candied fruit. Louisiana-style King Cakes are ring-shaped, with a cinnamon-sugar swirl inside and a colorful topping. I make this kind of King Cake every Twelfth Night, decorating it with the traditional Carnival colors of green, purple, and yellow. I follow the folk custom of hiding a chickpea inside the cake — whoever finds it will receive good luck in the coming year! With such a cheerful dessert promising good times ahead, the revelry of Carnival can officially begin!

Though the Twelve Days of Christmas are nearing their close, the celebrations do not have to end. The Epiphany provides us with ample ways to bring more festivity into our life. We honor the arrival of La Befana, the magical witch who fills children's stockings with presents under the cover night, who symbolizes the ancient strength and power of women while also ushering the change of the seasons. We can celebrate Carnival, that long welcome to spring that fills our days with color and laughter. As the Christmas season yields to the bright new days of January, we should always maintain our childlike wonder and our love for the magic and mysteries of Mother Earth inside us. So let us get ready for La Befana, for she lights our way to a joyful season of hope and promise!

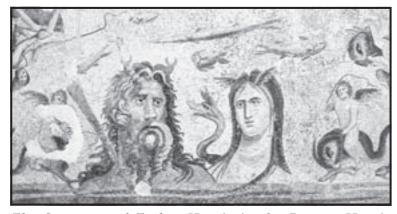
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Stirpe by Prof. Edmund Turiello Nostra A weekly column highlighting some of the more interesting aspects of our



THE TITANS OF MYTHOLOGY

ancestry...our lineage...our roots



The Oceanus and Tethys Mosaic in the Zeugma Mosaic Museum, Gaziantep, Turkey

The primary Titans of Greek mythology were brought into being through the union of Uranus (Heaven) and Gaea (Mother Earth). In other words, heaven and earth reigned supreme and then combined their powers to form the Titans, the elder gods.

Oceanus, the first born of the Titans, became god of the stream named Oceanus, and he dwelt in a grotto beneath it. He married the sea goddess named Tethys, and that union produced the gods of all the rivers on earth in addition to 3,000 ocean nymphs. When moving from place to place, Oceanus traveled through the air on a winged monster called a hippogriff. This creature had the head of an eagle and the body of a horse. Coeus was the second born of the Titans. His union with Phoebe, the goddess of Starlight, produced two daughters that were named Asteria and Leto. After maturity, Asteria turned herself into a quail and plunged into the sea in order to escape the advances of Zeus. Leto eventually became the mother of Apollo and Artemis (Minerva), two of the most famous divinities in the entire Greek Pantheon.

Hyperion, the original sungod united with Theis to pro-

duce the sun gods, Helios or Sol, the moon goddesses, Selene or Luna, and the goddess of dawn or morning. Enos or Aurora, Iapetus, who was regarded as the ancestor of the human race, married the daughter of Oceanus, to produce Prometheus, Atlas, and Epimetheus. Prometheus became the savior of mankind (in mythology), Atlas, bore the sky on his shoulders, and Epimetheus became the husband of Pandora.

The Titaness Mnemosyne was the Greek goddess of memory. By Zeus, she became the mother of the nine Muses. Originally, they were the nymphs of springs, whose waters gave inspiration to all who bathed in them. They are listed as 1. Calliope, the Muse of epic poetry and eloquence; 2. Clio, the Muse of history; 3. Euterpe, the Muse of Lyric, song; 4. Thalia, the Muse of comedy and rustic poetry; 5. Melpomene, the Muse of tragedy; 6. Terpsichore, the Muse of dancing; Erato, the Muse of erotic poetry; 8. Polymnia, the Muse of sacred songs and 9. Urania, the Muse of astronomy.

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Cronus, Father of the Gods



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Second Boston Common Master Plan *Open House Announced*

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Friends of the Public Garden invite the public to the second Boston Common Master Plan Open House on January 15, 2020, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Josiah Quincy School Auditorium, 152 Arlington Street. The entrance for the meeting is located at the corner of Arlington Street and Marginal Road with an accessible entrance located to the right. Off-street parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Public transportation is available via Tufts Medical Center station on the Orange

As "America's First Public Park," Boston Common is an oasis in downtown Boston and one of the most treasured green spaces in the world. The goal of the Master Plan is to create a Common that will serve the people of Boston and visitors

alike while protecting this special place for decades to come.

During this open house, attendees will have the opportunity to hear an overview of the Boston Common Master Plan project and receive an update on the work that has been accomplished to date, hear a summary of the extensive public feedback that has been received, hear a discussion about user needs and infrastructure needs, consider initial concepts for improving the Common, and learn about next steps. Interpretation and translation services for this event are available at no cost by contacting Laura Cawley of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at Laura.Cawley@boston.gov or by calling 617-961-3013.

The Open House format will include a slideshow presentation, question and answer period, and an opportunity for active participation within small breakout groups. Park users, abutters, and other stakeholders are urged to attend this important open house as continued participation is needed in order to plan the brightest future for Boston Common.

Over the past several months, project proponents have been deeply engaged in a conversation about the future of Boston Common and the level of engagement has been significant: 4,340 people have completed an online user survey; nearly 1,200 people have engaged in constructive dialogue at 10 "Mini Common" pop-up events held in neighborhoods around the city; and 140 people attended the first Open House on October 29, 2019, to generously share their observations, hopes and aspirations for this amazing place.

For more info, visit www.boston commonmasterplan.com.

North End Against Drugs' Benefit Dinner at Domenic's Restaurant

Thanks to the generosity of Damien DiPaola, Owner/Chef of Domenic's Restaurant on 54 Salem Street in the North End, North End Against Drugs is able to offer a fantastic three course meal and dessert for \$50 per person. 100% of the proceeds will benefit North End Against Drugs' programs for youth, teens, and families in the North End.

The event will be held on Monday, January 20, 2020, at Domenic's. There will be seating's at 5:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m., and 8:30 p.m. Space is limited at each seating, so you can reserve your spot in advance by contacting Azzurra or Nick at the restaurant any day after 4:00 p.m., by calling 617-982-6142, reservations are required. Please state that you are reserving for the N.E.A.D. event.

"North End Against Drugs is extremely grateful to Damien for his generosity. He is a fabulous chef and is offering his talents, his restaurant, and this wonderful opportunity for us to raise much needed funds in a fun, family-friendly, and delicious atmosphere, and we are truly thankful," stated N.E.A.D. President John Romano.

"This is a very important evening to raise money for a very good cause. A lot of us have been affected by someone close to us, a friend or relative that has been affected one way or another by drug use." stated Damien DiPaola, "Whatever little we can do, does make a big difference."

We hope to see all of our friends and neighbors who enjoy all of our events attend this wonderful evening to help us take full advantage of this fantastic event!

DIAMONDS ROLEX ESTATE JEWELRY Bought & Sold Jewelers Exch. Bldg. Jim (617) 263-7766 Listed are the menu options, the cost of the event includes soft drinks, but does NOT include gratuity or any alcoholic beverages. If you have any questions or want more info about the event or N.E.A.D, you can reach out to John Romano at 617-750-9749 or *jromano45@gmail.com*.

FIRST COURSE (select one)

MIMMOS MEATBALLS beef/pork/veal meatballs, marinara,parmigiano/romano

ESPRESSO LOVE RIBS dry rub St. Louis pork ribs

BACCALA FRITTA beer batter fried cod morsels, Calabrese spicy aioli

STUFFED CALAMARI fresh local calamari filled with xvoo, bread, garlic, and pecorino, slowly simmered in tomato sauce.

ZUPPA Di COZZE native mussels steamed in a light tomato broth, oregano.

or BIANCO native mussels steamed in white wine, lemon, and garlic

BABY EGGPLANT Ovals of fried sweet Japanese eggplant with tomato sauce, Parmigiano, and basil.

SECOND COURSE

(select one)

PORK BELLY AMATRICIANA crispy pork belly, roman tomato sauce.

BOLOGNESE a savory Bolognese style sauce, Bombolotti

CALAMARI FRA DIAVOLO fresh local calamari in a spicy tomato sauce, with spaghetti

MUSSELS MARINARA fresh mussels swimming in a nice marinara sauce, spaghetti

PALERMITANA Rapi greens, garlic, pignoli nuts, sundried tomatoes, currants, touch of hot, spaghetti

PUTTANESCA spaghetti in a spicy tomato sauce with galic, olives, capers, and basil.

GNOCCHI light potato pillows bathed in tomato, with fresh mozzarella, and basil

THIRD COURSE (select one)

PORK CHOPS VESUVIO thin cut chops, rosemary, potatoes, onions, peppers, cherry peppers, and chianti vinegar

SWORDFISH SICILIANO thin cut, 24-hour marinade, XVOO, garlic and lemon, flash grilled

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Free, Cage free, Air Chilled.
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Evans chicken breast marinated
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and lemon, atop grilled rapi
greens

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Cookie Swap (exchange) at Nazzaro Center



1st Cookie Swap at the Nazzaro Center



Laurie D'Elia

Laurie D'Elia did the 1st Cookie Swap at the Nazzaro Center on Thursday, December 19th, everyone had to wear something festive at this gathering of friends.



Everyone made a special cookie and received a container which they had to fill with each individual cookie until all the cookies were gone. D'Elia had pizza, coffee, snacks, and prizes. Each individual had a Christmas name tag like Jingle Bella, Elf, or Mrs. Claus. D'Elia really went out of the way to

make this event special for everyone. It was a fun night.

Laurie D'Elia is a special individual who has put a lot of effort and time doing many events: Bingo, movie night, or day trips.

A special "thank you" to Laurie for all she does for the North End.

Give Your Christmas Tree

a Second Life in the Landscape

by Melinda Myers



Adding berries, fruit and seeds to your recycled holiday tree provides needed the birds to enjoy. (Photo by Melinda Myers, LLC)

add organic matter to the soil. Move your cut Christmas tree outdoors after the holidays. Use it as a windbreak or for added shade to prevent drying of tender evergreens. Strategically place your discarded tree on the windward side of rhododendron, boxwood, and needled or broadleaf evergreens subject to winter burn. Place it on the south side of these plants to shade them from the drying winter sun.

needles will be right where they

belong. And don't worry they will

not make the soil too acidic. In

fact, as they breakdown they will

Remove and use the branches as winter mulch over bulbs and perennials. Layer the boughs over the plants and frozen soil to keep the soil consistently cold. This reduces the risk of early sprouting and winter damage that can occur during winter thaws.

Or set the tree in the landscape for a bit of added greenery. Secure it in a snow pile or use stakes and guy wires if the soil is not frozen. Then add a bit of food for your feathered visitors. Decorate the tree with fruits, berries, and seeds the birds can enjoy. Hang strands of cranberries and slices of oranges on colorful yarn and homemade bird ornaments to complete the edible display. The birds will enjoy the added food and shelter and you will enjoy watching these visitors to your landscape.

Then save the tree for trellising beans and peas in the garden. The vines will grow up and over, masking the bare tree branches. Growing vertically saves space and makes harvesting easier.

As spring arrives, consider chipping and shredding your tree into mulch for trees and shrubs or pathways in the landscape. No chipper? You and your neighbors may want to rent a chipper to shred these and other prunings for use as mulch in your landscapes.

And, if this is not possible, check for recycling resources in your community. Many municipalities have special pickups for Christmas trees. These are chipped, shredded and made available for citizens to use in their landscapes.

Always check on any alerts of live Christmas trees and greens shipped in from other regions of the country. These may contain pests that can infest your landscape or harm native plantings and local Christmas tree farms in your area. The Department of Natural Resources or your local Extension Office should have information on any such threats. They can provide information on proper disposal.

And once you discover the value of this free resource, you may find yourself collecting a few more from neighbors who buy locally grown trees. Although, if your family is like mine, they may ask that you wait until dark to drag your treasures back home.

Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses How to Grow Anything DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her web site is: www.MelindaMyers.com.

Museum of Science, Boston

Announces Winter/Spring Adult Programming Lineup

Tickets Now on Sale for a Lively Season Featuring Live Music from Dutch ReBelle, a Closer Look at CRISPR, an Astrophysics Dance Piece, eGaming Tournaments and More

This January, the Museum of Science kicks off a Winter/ Spring lineup of cutting-edge and entertaining after-hours programming for adults. From January through May, the Museum will host a wide variety of thought-provoking events from an electrifying performance from award-winning Bostonbased hip-hop artist, Dutch ReBelle, to an eGaming Fortnite tournament. The Museum of Science announced today that tickets for this Winter/Spring's lineup are now available at: http://www.mos.org/adults.

"This winter and spring, we are thrilled to offer such a variety of immersive music experiences, conversations, dance, theater, and more for every adult in Boston," said James Wetzel, Co-Producer, Adult Programs at the Museum of Science Boston. "Each season, we look forward to introducing our audiences to a diverse range of new and returning voices, topics, perspectives, and performances alike. I am so thrilled to kick off this incredibly dynamic season and continue to fuse together art, science, and technology in unprecedented ways that are only possible here at the Museum of Science."

SubSpace is the Museum's experimental playground for developing fresh, original, social experiences for adults. The popular series has grown dramatically over the past several years. The 18+ event series has included programming that has taken over nearly all areas of the Museum, from live podcasts and talks in the Blue Wing, including Jonathan Van Ness's visit in February 2019 and Isabella Rossellini's in October, to re-envisioning the Planetarium as a venue for some of the most exciting live performances in the city.

Programming for the 2020 Winter/Spring Season includes: **Caspian** On Circles Experience, January 16th, 7:00

Experience, January 16th, 7:00 p.m.: Don't miss your chance to hear the newest release from Caspian, a Beverly-based instrumental rock band, whose fifth album, *On Circles*, will be released by Triple Crown records on January 24th. Hear the record in its entirety before its release, with a unique fusion of art and sound in the immersive and intimate setting of the Charles Hayden Planetarium, featuring visuals designed specifically to the album.

Medusa: Reclaiming the Myth, January 30th, 7:30 p.m.: After a sold-out run as part of the Museum's Summer Thursdays, What Time Is It, Mr. Fox? Return to the Charles Hayden Planetarium for a one-



Medusa: Reclaiming the Myth

night-only encore of *Medusa:* Reclaiming the Myth! This animated audio play with live band performance, retells the Medusa tale for the modern era. Join us in your Grecian best! Costumes of a Greek or Roman mythological character or creature or one's personal version of Medusa encouraged!

First Person Cinema: Serenity, February 11th, 7:30 p.m.: Join the Boston Science Fiction Film Festival and the Museum of Science for an exclusive interactive screening of sci-fi classic, Serenity, under the dome of the Charles Hayden Planetarium with live commentary from special guests Dr. Rebecca Housel and comedian Ken Reid! The Boston Science Fiction Film Festival ("Boston SciFi") is an 11-day cinematic event held at the historic Somerville Theatre from February 7th to the 17th. The 2020 edition marks the 45th anniversary as the longest running genre fest in America. For more information visit: bostonscifi.com.

Dutch ReBelle, March 5th, 9:30 p.m.: Dutch ReBelle is known for "mixing introspective, punch-lined filled lyrics with heart pounding production" and she returns to the Charles Hayden Planetarium for one night only this Spring! ReBelle earned national attention early on with electrifying performances at SXSW, A3C and the Brooklyn Hip-Hop festival. Publications like XXL noted ReBelle "spearheading her way into blogs because of her poetic style ... lyrical bravado ... and fiery talent." Don't miss this incredible performance as Dutch ReBelle takes over the dome with her singular, tour de force live show.

Obscured Vision: A Night of Sonic Storytelling, April 29th, 7:00 p.m.: After a sold-out premiere event this Fall, the smashhit show Obscured Vision: A Night of Sonic Storytelling returns to the Museum for an encore performance! Take your seat, slip on a blindfold, and experience an evening of sensory storytelling that will showcase the power of sound and the

original alternate reality — the spoken word. Join the Museum of Science, in collaboration with science reporter and producer Ari Daniel, to be transported into the beating hearts of four narrative journeys, featuring innovative sound design from Ian Coss.

Spirits Podcast Live! May 6th, 7:30 p.m.: Spirits podcast, a boozy dive into mythology, folklore and urban legends, comes to the Museum for Science for a live show this Spring! Spirits is a history and comedy podcast about mythology, folklore, and urban legends. Every week hosts, Amanda McLoughlin and Julia Schifini, pour a drink and dive into a new story from around the world. Hear fresh takes on classic myths and learn new stories from around the world, served up over ice by two tipsy history geeks.

eGaming: Fortnite Tournament, May 21st, 7:30 p.m.: The eGaming sensation is BACK at the Museum and ready to take the Planetarium medium to competitive new levels. Whether you are an expert player, new to the esports arena, or simply a fan of the phenomenon — this is your ultimate chance to explore the future of athleticism in exhilarating new ways with an immersive Fortnite tournament- grab your ticket for a shot at competing and taking home the ultimate \$250 prize! In collaboration with One Up Games. RECURRING THROUGHOUT

THE SEASON:

Music Under the Dome, every Friday and Saturday night: These musical experiences engage audiences in a sensory journey full of innovation, artistry, and imagination set to a pulsating soundtrack of music's greatest icons. New titles premiering this Winter! In January, The Divas Experience!

Book Club for the Curious, second Thursday of each month: Feeling inquisitive? Looking for a good conversation? Love science and books? Free and open to the public, these monthly discussions focus on science, technology, and their impact on society. Taking place at the CIC, 245 Main Street, Floor 2, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Visit *mos.org/adults* for a complete line up of events.





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The Day I Met Danny Aiello in Everett



Back in 2006, I signed up as a movie extra and thus began my connection with the Boston Casting Agency. I always liked to talk and was never afraid of doing new things. I was selected for a bit role in a gangster comedy called *STIFFS*. It starred among many the actor Danny Aiello who was then about 73 years old. I never knew he was so tall; about six foot four. He was a very imposing guy

and, as I would discover, with a great sense of humor.

I actually saw the movie about two years ago in Austin with my now deceased nephew Dominic. It was not the best movie ever! Certainly not as good as *Do the Right Thing* (1989) for which Aiello received an Oscar nomination as supporting actor playing a pizza guy named Sal whose shop was located in a Black neighborhood in Brooklyn. He was part good guy and bad guy. Aiello was also in *Moonstruck* with Cher (1987), *Fort Apache: The Bronx* (1981) among many movies.

Well, this great actor just passed away at age 89. The burly guy was a stage actor long before he moved to film. After eleven years in New York, appearing in seven Broadway plays, he made his movie debut when he was 40 years old. He grew up on West 68th Street before moving to the South Bronx.

His film debut, if you could call it that, was in *The Godfather II* (1974). The scene showed someone sitting in the passenger seat of a car and then you only see the hands of Danny Aiello rising up from the back seat with holding a rope who then strangles the unsuspecting victim who never saw his demise coming.

Aiello married Sandy Cohen who grew up in the Bronx. She survived him along with two sons and 16 grandchildren. Another son passed away in 2010. He sounded like a great family man, a rarity in Hollywood.

Aiello wrote a memoir, I Only Know Who I Am When I Am Somebody Else. Ain't that the truth?



North End Against Drugs will host its Annual Super Bingo on Sunday, January 26th, at 1:00 p.m., at the Nazzaro Center, 30 N. Bennet Street, North End, Boston. Doors will open at 12 Noon; games begin at 1:00 p.m. There will be 19 games, plus a coverall.

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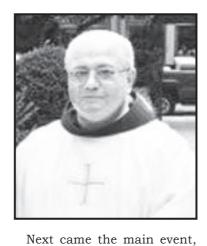
Thank You Father Antonio

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Before Father Antonio slips away from our midst, we would like to acknowledge the invaluable contribution he has made to Saint Leonard Parish and the people of the North End in the fifteen years he has spent as Pastor.

Following in the footsteps of Saint Francis, founder of the Franciscans, who once heard the call from Christ to rebuild His Church, Father Antonio spent his 15 years as Pastor rebuilding Saint Leonard Parish. He began with the Peace Garden, turning it into the lovely oasis that it is today. This was followed by a sorely needed access ramp to the Church. Without missing a beat, he restored the crumbling convent, dilapidated from years of abandonment, into the comfortable and much needed rectory which also houses both the Parish gift shop and office.

Father Antonio then turned to Saint Leonard Church, first restoring the exterior of the church, pointing the crumbling walls, repairing the dome and slate roof. Then it was the stained glass widows, restoring glass and resetting glass in new metal housing. From the beautiful rose window to its clerestory windows, the stained glass was restored to its former glory



restoring the interior of Saint

Leonard Church. The restoration included cleaning and repainting every fresco and the magnificent coffered ceiling, darkened from years of encrusted grime, the Stations of the Cross and sanctuary as well as the crumbling Prince Street foyer. The warped wooden floor was torn up and rebuilt, replaced by durable and lovely marble. All of the sound and appearance. Finally the bells of the church were repaired, their silvery sound once more summoning the faithful of the North End to services and a lovely memorial shrine was recently placed in the garden.

Father Antonio leaves the Parish, his legacy a magnificently restored Church and a Parish in extremely sound financial shape.

Thru the many thousand encounters, both spiritual and personal, to the reconstruction of the Peace Garden followed by rebuilding the old Franciscan convent to the restoration of Saint Leonard Church, as well as his support for Saint John School, Sacred Heart Church and Saint Stephen Church, Father Antonio has been a beacon of strength and an indefatigable catalyst for reconstruction and restoration. To countless people including the authors of this article, Father Antonio has been both mentor and support, generously allowing anyone willing, the opportunity to serve God and His Church, while at the same time taking on the burden of reconstruction. Thank you Father Antonio for so faithfully following in the footsteps of your inspiring Founder, Saint Francis of Assisi.

shrines and statuary that line the side aisles were repainted or replaced when necessary, with the magnificent statues of Saint Francis and Saint Claire, carved in Ortisei, Italy culminating the effort. This led to new candlestands, a much needed bathroom, new pews and Baptismal font followed by a magnificent new organ, beautiful in both

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Adult Book Discussion Club Wednesday, January 15th - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - January's selection is Daniel Keyes's 1958 novel Flowers for Algernon. Books may be picked up and checked out at the library's front desk. **CHILDREN'S EVENTS**

Little Groove Family Concert — Saturday, January 18th - 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Families sing, dance, and make music together with Little Groove. Ideal for families with babies, toddlers, or preschoolers.

Toddler Story Time — Tuesdays, 10:30 -11:00 a.m. Listen to stories, sing songs, and learn together through movement and play. This story time is ideal for little ones who have started walking and moving on their own.

Baby Story Time — Tuesdays, 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Enjoy gentle stories, songs, and lap bounces for pre-walking babies and caregivers.

Kids' Crafternoons — Every other Monday, January 13th & 27th, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Use different art supplies to create a project to take home. Ideal for kids 3-8 years old.

Tween Tuesdays — Tuesdays, 4:00 - 5:00 **p.m.** Explore science, engineering, technology, or art through different hands-on activities. For kids 10-12 years old.

LEGO Club — Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Drop in after school to build whatever you can imagine with LEGOs and DUPLOs. For kids of

BTU Homework Help — Wednesdays, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. The Boston Teachers Union sponsors a Homework Helper program in each of the Boston Public Library branches. The BTU provides a teacher to help children with their homework for free.

Mindful Minis — Thursdays, January 9th -February 13th (6 weeks), 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Join Mindful Minis teacher Lauren after school for a stress-reducing and wellness-promoting activity! Activities will include breathing exercises, mindful coloring, yoga, emotional awareness, and sensory description exercises! For 5-7 years old.

Teen Creative Writing Group — Fridays, 3:30 4:30 p.m. (starting January 10th) Use writing prompts to spark new ideas or work on your own creative writing project. Share your writing if you choose, and get feedback from other teen writers in a supportive, pressure-free space.

Vittoria (Palermo) Fazzolari



Vittoria (Palermo) Fazzolari, age 91, of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on December 25, 2019, surrounded by her loving family.

Beloved wife of the late Francesco Fazzolari. Loving mother of Rosa Napoli and her husband Giuseppe of Revere, Rocco Fazzolari and

his wife Teresa of Abington, Teresa Schirripa and her husband Francesco of Winthrop, Frank Fazzolari, and Nancy Giangregorio and her husband Pasquale of Revere. Cherished Nonna of 10 grandchildren and 13 greatgrandchildren. Dear sister of the late Domenic Palermo, Adolfo Palermo and Immacolata Fazzolari. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral was at the Magrath Funeral Home in East Boston on Monday, December 30, 2019. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, in East Boston. Entombment in Woodlawn Cemetery,

Donations in Vittoria's memory may be made to either: Care Dimensions or Dementia Association.

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by Mary N. DiZazzo







Ciao Bella,

Happy New Year all! Hope everyone enjoyed some fine holidays. I know I certainly did. In early December we planned our annual Christmas Caroling party. I inherited my Mom's piano several years back so the event is also sentimental. My husband David hires a professional pianist to tap out a songbook he put together. This recent fellow played and sang along to really stir up our company in festive song. Naturally there was plenty of food and drink. There was also our Cabana boy dressed only in a kilt to stir more things up! It was a marvelous party as Noel Coward would say. I plan on bringing that wondrous feeling into 2020. Hanging on to the good feelings and letting the bad go is a beauty and health regimen I highly recommend. Less frowning and lesser wrinkles as well!

Now I'm sure there are a great many of us who will make that same New Years resolution to eat healthier and lose weight. It's all done in good faith. However, here are a few Beauty foods that are low in calories and good for your skin.

Blueberries — have the highest amounts of antioxidants, giving protection against free-radical damage from pollution and the sun.

Walnuts — have a high concentration of vitamin E which is a powerful antioxidant keeping skin smooth and plump.

Kale — great in soups. The darker the better. Packed with vitamins A, B, C, and K, and beta carotene, which increases cell turnover, tightens and detoxifies.

Citrus Fruits — vitamin C has many benefits helping to reduce dark spots, aiding with collagen production which brightens overall skin tone.

Greek Yogurt— a probiotic good for your gut as well as boosting the production of ceramides which are healthy fats in skin. Also helps from recovery from exposure to UV rays.

So my Glamazons welcome in our New Decade 2020 with a lovely smile and carry on!

Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!

- Mary N. DiZazzo-Trumbull

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Saint Fiacre of Breuil

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Fiacre was born in Ireland at the end of the sixth century AD. He was raised in a monastery where he became a monk and obtained knowledge of "herbal medicine." Fiacre was ordained a Catholic priest, and elevated to the rank of abbot." In time, he had his own hermitage possibly located near Bennetsbridge, County Kilkenny, Ireland.

At that time, much of the world's learning and knowledge was brought to the monasteries and left in the care and protection of the monks. Travelers brought seeds and plant material, as well as cultural enlightenment from as far away as Africa, the Holy Land and Asia. St. Fiacre's days at the monastery gave him a deep love of silence, the joys of planting and harvesting crops and an appreciation of nature. He decided to establish a hermitage for prayer. He traveled south and chose a wooded area by the Nore River for his home, with a cave for meditation, a well for



drinking water and the river for irrigating his garden.

Monks in those days were regarded as physicians of the body as well as the soul. Soon people were flocking to Fiacre for prayers, food and healing. He fed the hungry and healed the sick with herbs from his garden and prayed for all who came to him. Longing for greater

solitude, Fiacre left Ireland and traveled to France. He arrived in 628 at Meaux where Faro the Bishop of Meaux granted him land in a wooded area near the Marne River.

Fiacre cleared the ground of trees and briers, made himself a cell with a garden, built an oratory in honor of the Blessed Virgin, and made a hospice for travelers which developed into the village of Saint-Fiacre in Seine-et-Marne. Many came to him for advice, and the poor, for relief. His charity moved him to attend cheerfully those that came to consult him; and in his hospice he entertained all comers, serving them with his own hands, and sometimes miraculously restored to health those that were sick.

Fiacre passed away on August 18, 670, and his body was interred in the local church of the site of his hermitage. The Feast Day of Saint Fiacre of Breuil is August 11th.

Festa della Befana

At the Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts

The Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts annual Festa della Befana (Befana Kids' Party) will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2020, is a wonderful celebration of Epiphany and the opportunity for families and children to be together. This year entertainment will be by Violet The Clown

and of course, the Befana di Boston (watch on YouTube!) will give out gifts to all the children!

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Continental money

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Annual Holiday Model Train Show Comes to Roslindale Square

by Sal Giarratani



Several times a year, members of the Bay State Model Railroad Museum hold model train shows open to the public. On Sunday December 8th, their club's site on South Street was packed with parents, grandparents and, of course, an endless supply of little kids showed up to check out all the model trains upstairs on the second floor. There were lines going upstairs and lines coming downstairs. It was a bit difficult to move around checking out all the great trains, buses, streetcars etc. Little kids stood up on stools to get a great view of the magic of trains roll by.



How many of us had model trains as kids back in the '50s? I know I did and most of mine were second hand too. Even back then, trains were kind of expensive. I found my trains mostly at second hand stores or rummage sales. I would seek out the trains I liked and collected as many tracks as I could find. The more track, the bigger your imagination could be.

I bought a couple of new passenger train cars in Downtown Boston at Eric Fuchs model train store on Tremont Street near Court Street. Every time my parents took a walk into town with me and my brother, we had to pass this train store and look at the giant scale model city with all those trains running all over the store from the rear to the front window. It





was so cool to us.

Going to this latest train show in Roslindale brought back so many great childhood memories. I remember once my brother and I repainted an old set of trains. They were probably made during WWII. They were rusty and so the two of us painted those old discolored train cars a bright blue and were so proud of ourselves.

I always assumed that those old trains we found for real cheap belonged to kids like us who simply grew too old to play with them anymore. You know if we didn't do the same thing as we aged out of childhood, those



trains would be worth a fortune today.

Getting back to this Model Railroad Club, it has been in Roslindale Square for some 35 years now but was actually founded back in 1968. As I watched the members of this club at the recent weekend show, I saw grown men having so much fun with their trains. With all the craziness in the world, it does seem really good to escape today and feel like you once did when life seemed safe and all was in order. When, trains and toys and laughter filled our homes.

Bay State Model Railroad Musem, 760 South Street, Roslindale, MA 02131, 617-327-4341, bsmrm.org

NEXTTRAIN SHOW IN MARCH - check online for date.



Pet News

from the Gazette

by Marie Simboli

Fun Things to Do with Your Dog in the Winter

Don't let the colder weather and the shortened daylight hours prevent your dog from spending all their pent up energy and getting plenty of exercise. Even in extreme temperatures, it's important to keep your dog both mentally and physically active. Just remember that new temperatures mean new safety precautions for your pup. Not all breeds are suited for outdoor play in winter, and even dogs with thick coats are subject to frostbite or hypothermia. A good rule of thumb is: if you're cold, your dog probably is, too. Bundle them up and check for signs of cold weather injury or damage, like cracked or bleeding paw pads. Also, ice and rock salt can be extremely bothersome to dog's sensitive paws, so consider using dog booties or putting a coat of balm or petroleum jelly on their paws before taking them outside.

Here are some creative winter activities to keep your dog busy during this sometime dreary time of the year:

Scavenger Hunt: Snow is the perfect hiding spot for fun things toys, tennis balls, treats, etc. Hide items all over the backyard and test your dog's tracking skills! Tracking is great way to keep your pup's sense of smell strong and see their problem-solving skills in action. What's more, your dog will get lots of exercise running around, playing with toys and eating treats. The combination



of nutrition, mental stimulation and play will keep your pup busy and active.

Sledding: Embrace the winter spirit by taking your dog to a nearby park or sledding hill. If you have small kids, set up a short course and have your dog (or dogs), pull the children for a ride. Make sure your dog doesn't pull the sled down any steep incline so they aren't accidently run over by the sled. Additionally, make sure your dog is wearing a harness. Having your dog pull a sled while wearing just a collar could hurt their neck. Your

pet shouldn't pull more weight than what they can handle. If they are pulling a sled full of small children, make sure an adult is always with the dog in case he gets scared and wants to run away.

The winter months can be hard on our pet, especially if they are cooped up and inactive. If you don't have the time or energy to take your dog outside in the cooler months, bring them to a Dogtopia for some indoor fun and exercise with their furry friends!!!!

Enjoy your time with your pet. *Unconditional Love*

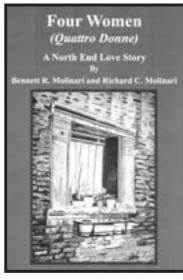
Introducing a new book by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari, lifelong residents of the North End, entitled:

Four Women "Quattro Donne" subtitle, A North End Love Story

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

It was on Saturday, roughly three weeks after Pietro's arrival in Boston, Grandma decided Pietro ought to meet her sister Elena and the relatives living in East Boston, just a five-cent ferry ride away. She asked Mom to accompany her. Since we loved the adventure of the ferry ride, we asked Mom if we could come along. Mom cautiously agreed, but warned Bobby, "I don't want you taking Charlie to the railing of the ferry. He might fall overboard. The two of you will sit with me."

The ferry ride over to East Boston was always a fun experience; for five cents, you got yourself a twenty-minute mini ocean voyage. The ferry pier was located on Atlantic Avenue. There were two ferry boats that made the crossing to East Boston. One was docked in the North End, while the other was docked in East Boston, allowing for a continuous flow of passengers and freight. The boats had a wooden super structure, painted dark green, that sat upon what looked like a large grey barge with a rounded bow, protected by rubber tires, acting as bumpers. When docking, the



ferry would be nuzzled into a pier having the same rounded shape as the ferry's bow, receiving the ferry with a series of slams and bangs, as it came to a stop. Once stopped, a wooden gate would lift and automobiles, pushcarts, anything with wheels were pushed or driven off the lower deck as passengers disembarked, climbing down from the upper deck. Once emptied, the process was reversed, as carts, wagons and automobiles were pushed or driven onto the lower deck,

and passengers climbed metal staircases, on either side of the ferry's superstructure, to the upper deck. During the crossing, parents took time to socialize with neighbors while their kids played pirate, dangling off the side of the ferry, driving their parents and the skipper crazy. The idea was to make the skipper blast his horn, stand and yell from his cabin. We knew he had to remain at the wheel, so we could taunt him through the entire trip then run like crazy, leaping to the pier, just before docking. Often, making the crossing to markets on the opposite shore, were smelly trucks carrying chickens in wooden cages. The kids would slip between the parked cars till they reached the offending truck, and release as many chickens as possible from their cages. The truck driver would be frantic, torn between chasing after his chickens and wanting to grab us. Every so often, a chicken would run right off the deck straight into the ocean. This would set off curses from the truck driver as he watched his profits sink with the frantic chicken.

Four Women "Quattro Donne" is available at R. Del Gaudio Gift Shop, 17 North Square, North End, (617-227-5915), adjoining the Paul Revere House; Barbara's Bestsellers, South Station (857-263-8737); Post-Gazette, 5 Prince Street, North End, (617-227-8929); lulu.com; molinaridesign.net; Amazon.com; and BarnesandNoble.com.



GAME OF THRONES: THE COMPLETE SERIES (33-Blu-ray) HBO Home Ent.

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RAISE HELL: THE LIFE & TIMES OF MOLLY IVINS (DVD) Magnolia Home Ent.

The story of media firebrand Molly Ivins, six feet of Texas trouble who took on the Good Old Boy corruption wherever she found it! From her early days as a journalist in Texas to her celebrated byline in *The New* York Times, Molly was never one to keep her opinions to herself. Both celebrated and feared for her biting truth, Molly came to be an iconoclast of Texas culture, all while still owning a gun, drinking beer, and being a voice of the people. Wielding a pen that was mightier than any sword, her razor sharp wit left both sides of the aisle laughing, and craving ink in her columns. She knew the Bill of Rights was in peril, and said "Polarizing people is a good way to win an election and a good way to wreck a country." Molly's words have proved prescient. Now it's up to us to raise hell.

TWIN FLOWER (DVD) Film Movement

Sixteen-year-old Anna (Anastasiya Bogach) is on the run, escaping from a violent event so traumatic that she will no longer speak to anyone. Pursuing her is Manfred (Aniello Arena), an obsessed human trafficker who employed her father. On the road she is rescued by Basim (Kalil Kone), a teenage orphan and illegal immigrant from the Ivory Coast, whom also has been abused by life. Together the two adolescents embark on a perilous journey towards a new beginning, traveling through the deserted lands, woods, villages

and breathtaking landscapes of Sardinia.

GUNSMOKE: THE SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH SEASON (DVD) CBS Home Ent. & Paramount Home Ent.

SEASON 16: Marshal Matt Dillon (James Arness) faces multiple challenges in this season, a 24-episode collection of classic tales of the Old West. Wily junk dealer Dirty Sally pays her first visit to Dodge, crazed "Jaekel," obsessed with his exwife, assaults Festus, female physician "Sam McTavish, M.D." tests Doc's (Milburn Stone) dominance, and against the backdrop of spectacular scenery in Taos, New Mexico and the snow-covered Black Hills in Custer, South Dakota, Dillon pursues crafty quarry "Chato," and holds off marauding Indians intent on capturing a "Snow Train." SEASON 17: Marshal Dillon's life hangs in the balance in a thrilling 3-part adventure, a highlight of 24 outstanding fulllength episodes that comprise this season, once again featuring spectacular location scenery as the backdrop for numerous exciting adventures. A feral child is Kitty's (Amanda Blake) only hope for survival after a horrific stagecoach crash, Newly must convince a veteran scout not to ruin his life with vengeance, there's a "New Doctor in Town," and Matt fights off outlaws in the harsh wilderness while trying to reunite a young boy with his saloon girl mother.

LYNYRD SKYNYRD - I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU: THE LASST 72 HOURS OF LYNYRD SKYNYRD (DVD) MVD Visual

At the height of its fame in 1977, the popular southern rock band, Lynyrd Skynyrd, was struck with tragedy - a plane crash that killed the band's founder and lead singer Ronnie Van Zant, several band members, and the plane's two pilots. I'll Never Forget You: The Last 72 hours of Lynyrd Skynyrd, chronicles the story of three survivors: security guard Gene Odom, backup singer Leslie Hawkins, and guitar tech Craig Reed. These survivors give their firsthand accounts of the wild times of the band, the 72 hours leading to the crash, the harrowing crash itself, and its aftermath. The documentary features original behind-thescenes film footage of life with the band before the crash, dramatic reenactments illustrating key dramatic scenes, and highend CG animations — including a simulation of the plane crash that matches the NTSB report. Rare interviews with four first responders were also captured, filmed on location at the crash site in Gillsburg, Mississippi. Based on Gene's book, I'll Never Forget You, this documentary offers the fond remembrances of one man's journey with this legendary band, and the loss of his dearest friend. Gene's unique perspective and down-to-earth sensibility grants unique access to the behind-the-scenes story, the celebration and the tragedy. The film weaves the three survivors' stories and what might have been, and Lynyrd

Skynyrd's place in history.

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

DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BUT ...

I don't know about you but I don't listen to Conservative Talk Radio the way I used to. I can take a bit of Jeff Kuhner in the morning, a touch of Rush Limbaugh, almost none of Sean Hannity's hyper-manic yelling and pretty much I find Mark Levin a boring college professor delivering a lecture in a large hall. I remember those days well. I sat in the back and used to take a mid-day nap until the class was finished.

The only really good conservative talk host now is Buck Sexton, a no-nonsense, kinda humorous and intelligent guy who gives me more facts and opinion than all the rest combined. He's not an old fart but a 30-something guy not far from my daughter's age. He's on Conservative Talk am 1200 weeknights from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. He's the man when you want to know the latest on anything. He's not self-centered like most of the rest.

By the way, when Jeff Kuhner is off, they keep putting Holly Robichaud on in his place. The nice lady knows what she's talking about, but she really doesn't have a radio voice. What's wrong with Brittany? She knows her stuff, too, and she definitely has a radio voice and personality. We want Brittany.

ANIMALS TALKING AT HARVARD?

The Harvard Museum of Natural History will be hosting

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Estate of PRISCILLA TROUTMAN Also known as

Also known as
PRISCILLA R. NORTON,
PRISCILLA R. TROUTMAN
Date of Death: December 14, 2019

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Emily C. Troutman of Nashua, NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Emily C. Troutman** of **Nashua**, **NH** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

important notice

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 24, 2020.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM
PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 27, 2019

Run date: 1/3/2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

an Animal Talk ongoing event from now through January 31st. Come to the museum dressed as your favorite animal and learn how animals talk!

Remember Polynesia the parrot told Dr. Dolittle, "ANIMALS DON'T SPEAK WITH SOUNDS. WE TALK WITH OUR EARS, OUR FEET, OUR TAILS — WE USE EVERY PART OF OUR BODIES TO TALK."

Tag the museum with your photos and drawings using the Hashtag #HarvardAnimalTalk. Visit the museum during this ongoing event.

HERE'S SOMETHING THAT KEEPS BUGGING ME

Why are gas prices all over the place depending on where you are? In Eastie, the price is a good 40-45 cents higher than, say, over in Roslindale or West Roxbury. Ain't it all the same gasoline that all those tanker trucks haul? Just thinking out loud! No one ever wants to give an answer to my question because I think we all know why the prices fluctuate depending on what area you are in.

GUIDO INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT OF MASSACHUETTS POLICE ASSOCATION

James Guido, a police officer with the Revere Police Department for 34 years and its chief since 2017, has been installed as president of the Massachusetts Police Association at a recent ceremony at Casa Lucia in Revere.

There are approximately 18,000 police officers who are MPA members. Founded in 1990, it is the oldest police association in Massachusetts which works on legislation on behalf of police officers. Congrats to Jim from this corner.

DOESN'T ANYBODY KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LOWER ROXBURY AND THE SOUTH END?

I get so tired as time goes on and I get older. Am I the last guy standing who knows the difference between these two distinct Boston neighborhoods? Or where the community border is found?

Once again on a news story about the private-public redevelopment announced last summer by the late Billy McGonagle of the BHA blurred the lines. This partnership between the developer Beacon Communities of the Lenox Public Housing Apartments with the BPDA still referrers to the site as the South End and the upcoming first public meeting will take place in the Mandela homes apartments also identified as in the South End.

Billy and I always liked talking about Boston neighborhoods. He came from Southie and I came from both the South End and Lower Roxbury. He and I laughed that so many folks had no conception of where the South End left off and where Lower Roxbury began.

Am I the last guy who knows the difference? I hope not. I know there are still many others out there who were always proud of growing up in LOWER ROXBURY as I was.

I HAVE ONE GOOD REASON FOR NOT SEEING THE IRISHMEN ON NETFLIX

My one good reason besides the fact the movie is twice as long as it should be is Robert De Niro is in it and I can't stand this guy. I used to like him but in his old age he has become a crank, a wannabe hoodlum, a fake gangster and a Mr. Tough Guy who can't stop sounding ignorant when he talks Trump Trash as if anyone cares about his opinion on anything.

He was a guest on Michael Moore's *Podcast* not long ago and I don't have to say where things went on that show. De Niro was actually nasty about doing things to Trump. If he were less famous, the Secret Service might be knocking at his door for a chat.

Recently, Danny Aiello passed away. He was such a classy guy. De Niro not so much!

N.E.A.D. and B.C.Y.F. Nazzaro Center's

Family Trip to Old Sturbridge Village



An awesome evening enjoyed by all who attended. Special thanks to N.E.A.D. board member and B.C.Y.F. Nazzaro Center's Executive Director Steven Siciliano for organizing the trip.

North End Against Drugs and the Nazzaro Center recently ran a Family Fun Night Trip to Old Sturbridge Village. A bunch of families from both agencies traveled down to Sturbridge to enjoy Christmas by Candlelight at Old Sturbridge Village. Thanks to both agencies and the North End Athletic Association the group traveled by motor coach, ate pizza before the trip, and enjoyed a fun-filled enchanted evening at the Village.

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



When I was a kid in East Boston, the hectic lifestyle my family would lead during the Christmas season would come to an abrupt end. Dad and my uncles would return to just playing during the evenings of the midweek and definitely on weekends. Dad would also be back to work days at his job in the Boston School Department, Uncle Nick was back in his office at the musicians union as the vice president, and Uncle Paul would rejoin the printing company he worked for. Babbononno, long retired, would reconnect with his pals at the storefront societies in both the North End and East Boston. The one exception to Babbononno's activities was the Christmas season of 1958. Just before the holidays arrived that year, Nanna passed away.

During WWII, my grandmother, Nanna, had a heart attack, and after a long stay in the hospital, recuperated to the point she resumed normal but abbreviated activities. During the mid 1950s, she developed breast cancer and after operations that seemed successful, went through the primitive recuperative steps that were necessary for survival. She was often in pain and succumbed to the disease after it spread to her lungs late in 1958. Christmas 1958 was not a happy time.

During WWII, after her heart attack, Babbononno sold the big house on Eutaw Street in East Boston as it was too much for Nanna to handle. They rented an apartment on Princeton Street for a few years, and later moved to Lexington Street, where they were living when Nanna passed away. Babbononno was up there in years and the decision was made for him to move in with us. Backtracking again, when Babbononno sold the house at 70 Eutaw, Dad and Mom rented a third floor walk up at 74 Eutaw, two doors away. The house was and still is attached to number 72 Eutaw. 74 Was owned by the parents of a woman Mom had grown up with and her husband was someone Dad had grown up with. They had the 3rd floor apartment available and we moved the distance of two houses away from where I was born.

The apartment consisted of four connected rooms, a hallway bathroom and a small room at the end of the hallway near the staircase that brought us to the third floor. That room was

occupied by a single brother of the landlord's wife. When he moved out, wanting to try his luck in California, Dad rented the room to be used as either a workshop or a music room. It would serve as both until Babbononno moved in with us early in 1959. My room was a small one just off the kitchen, but when Uncle Gino and Aunt Ninna were married after the war and were just starting out, they moved in with us. For almost a year, they took over my bedroom and I had the couch. When they finally found an apartment, I had my bedroom back. When it was Babbononno's turn, the tools headed for the cellar and the spare room became the bedroom my grandfather would sleep in.

It was difficult at times as I was in college and often studied at the kitchen table. Dad would play almost every night leaving both Mom and Babbononno at home. Mom had a circle of lady friends in the neighborhood and a couple of evenings a week, would tie up with them for tea and gossip. That left Babbononno with me and he developed a curiosity about the things I was studying, especially history which was one of his favorite subjects. As a result, we had many conversations of the historical developments of the world, but I often met with a couple of East Boston friends that attended college with me. We had an informal study group that was on-going and I often had to leave Babbononno alone at night. When this happened, I felt sorry for him as he would sit in front of the TV which bored him, or he would reread one of the Italian newspapers he loved, including this one.

Parking at night became a problem not long after WWII ended. With everyone on the street buying new cars, Dad had to hunt for a parking space when he came home after playing with his band at night. Seeing he had to get up early the next morning, he was often upset if he had to drive around the neighborhood until he could park. By the time the '60s rolled around, things got worse. I had just started on a teaching career, was playing music as many nights as I could handle and began taking courses toward a master's degree. One winter's night Dad couldn't find a parking space on our block. It was snowing, and by the time he drove home from his job, it was late due to slow moving traffic. He searched for an hour and finally found a spot on another street blocks away. He then trudged home in several inches of snow with a bass violin under his arm, swearing all the way in two languages.

He told Mom at dinner that next night that he wanted to buy a house with a garage and a driveway somewhere outside the city. My mother was so attached to East Boston, she didn't want to move. When the scenario was repeated, Dad told Mom that he was going to move and he would pay for the Eutaw Street apartment for her and Babbononno. Mom knew he meant what he said and knew that her place was with her husband. That spring, they bought a house in Belmont. We were familiar with the town as Uncle Gino and Aunt Ninna had built a house there not long after my aunt delivered a set of twins to this world.

Babbononno didn't want to leave East Boston either, but didn't want to stay alone. He gave in and on Easter weekend of 1961, we left East Boston for Belmont. At first, I couldn't sleep at night ... it was too quiet: no sirens on the streets, no planes landing at Logan after flying directly over the house ... no noise at all, just crickets and birds to entertain us. We got to love it, but Babbononno hated it. Back in East Boston, he could go to his clubs and play cards several times during the week. He could also head to Central Square where he could buy the Italian newspapers he loved along with the Di Nobili cigars he loved to smoke. Belmont Centre which was a close distance from us offered nothing Italian back then and Babbononno, as I said, hated it.

Finally, the decision was made after long conversations with my uncles; Babbononno was to head back to East Boston. An apartment was found near Maverick Square and we moved him there. My mother was off the wall one day when I returned home from work. When I asked her what was the matter, she said, "I called your grandfather a while ago and a woman answered. It turned out to be a neighbor near his age and seeing he was in his mid 90s and she pushing 90, I told my mother that the most erotic thing that could happen would be them holding hands. Mom had to accept the relationship ... we did.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

by Marianna Bisignano

In Italy, on January 6th, La Festa dell'Epifania The Feast of the Epiphany is a holiday as significant as Christmas day, especially for Italian children. The Epiphany commemorates the 12th day of Christmas when the three Wise Men arrived at the manger with gifts for Baby Jesus. Italian legend claims along their way, the Magi encountered La Befana, a witch-like woman on a broom, and invited her to join them in their journey. She refused, yet later regretted



her decision. Befana set out in an attempt to bring gifts to the child herself, but never found the manger. Instead, she left these gifts for other children, throughout the land. As a result, every January 5th, on the Eve of the Epiphany, Italian children leave out their shoes or put up stockings for the Befana to fill. On her broomstick, La Befana flies, and fills the socks of good girls and boys with fruits, sweets, and presents. For those not so good, she leaves a lump of coal. My Nonna told me she always looked forward to finding oranges and dolls made out of clothespins, in her stockings!

As with any Italian celebration, there is of course, the inclusion of special foods. For La Befana one well-known treat are small sugar like cookies, called Befanini. My Nonna made a rendition of these that were a bit different, yet, so much tastier then the typical. "Nonna's La Befana Star Cookies" are an iced butter crunch cookie decorated with little colored balls. Absolutely beautiful to look at, and incredibly scrumptious to eat!

NONNA'S LA BEFANA STAR COOKIES Biscotti Stella La Befana Nonna

6 cups all purpose flour 4 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon salt 1 cup crushed corn flakes

(about 4 cups whole) 2 cups margarine or butter,

softened 2 cups confectionary sugar

2 teaspoons vanilla extract 4 tablespoons whole milk

4 cups confectionary sugar 1 1/2 to 2 teaspoons vanilla

extract whole milk nonpareils

star shaped cookie cutters

In a medium mixing bowl, stir together flour, crushed cereal, baking powder, and salt. Set aside. In a large mixing bowl, beat margarine or butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg, vanilla, and milk. Mix well. Add flour mixture, mixing thoroughly. Wrap dough in plastic wrap and chill about an hour, or until firm.

Preheat oven to 350°. Roll chilled dough on lightly floured board to about 1/8-inch thickness. Cut with floured star cookie cutters. Place on parchment lined cookie sheets. Bake in preheated oven for about 8 minutes or until done. Cool on wire rack.

To make icing, mix confectionary sugar, vanilla extract and enough milk to make a thick glaze. Ice cookies, sprinkle with nonpareils, and let dry.

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Public Meeting

155 Portland Street - Onyx Hotel

Wednesday, January 15 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Boston City Hall 9th Floor BPDA Board Room One City Hall Square Boston, MA 02210

Project Proponent:

Back Street Boston Holdings, LLC

Project Description:

The Proponent proposes to develop a nine (9) story hotel addition to the existing 112-room Onyx Hotel at 155 Portland Street. The addition will be developed on the 5,478 SF parking lot immediately abutting the hotel. The Project will add approximately 40,725 gross square feet, providing approximately seventy-seven (77) additional hotel rooms, ground floor flexible retail/restaurant space, proposed rooftop amenity space and improved operational space along the Friend Street elevation. No additional parking will be provided at the Site in connection with the Project. The Project will also involve a reconfigured, improved first floor lobby layout within the existing hotel. In total, the expanded hotel will contain approximately 189 guest rooms and will comprise approximately 91,000 square feet of gross floor area.

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Close of Comment Period: 1/31/2020

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For events going on in Massachusetts this WINTER,

visit the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism Web site at www.massvacation.com

Nanna's New Year's Resolutions for Babbononno Resoluzioni Per Il Nuovo Anno

If you eat on it, wash it SE CI MANGI, LO LAVI If you take it out, put it back SE LO PRENDI, METTILO A POSTO If you mess it up, clean it up SE LO SPORCHI, PULISCILO (LO DEVI PULIRE) If you turn it on, turn it off SE LO ACCENDI, LO SPEGNI If you drop it, pick it up SE LO FAI CADERE, LO RACCOGLI If it rings, answer it SE SUONA, RISPONDI If it barks, take it for a walk SE ABBAIA, PORTALO PER UNA PASSEGGIATA If you open it, close it SE LO APRI, LO CHIUDI If I cook it, eat it SE LO CUCINO, LO MANGI (DEVI MANGIERE) If I say, "do it," don't ask why SE DICO, "FALLO," NON CHIEDERE, "PERCHE"

THOUGHTS BY DAN **ABOUT THIS & THAT**

with Daniel A. DiCenso

The Sinking of the Lusitania And its Consequences

The sinking of the RMS Lusitania, just over three years after the sinking of the Titanic, has been paled by the legendary scope of the latter ship's sinking, due in no small part to the fabled reputation of the "unsinkable" ship. The Lusitania had, also, had a pretty uneventful run about eight years since its maiden voyage in 1907 and, finally, because it was sunk by a torpedo, the ship is dismissed simply as a casualty of war.

But the sinking of the Lusitania was a turning point for the United States' entry into WWI, though we would not declare war until two years after, and carries its share of mysteries and conspiracies.

The sinking of the ship followed a dispute between Great Britain and Germany over the latter declaring unrestricted use of the waters surrounding the British Isles for its U-boats, a position which also put Germany in a difficult position with the United States which President Wilson was trying to maintain a neutral stance for. But, a rupturing of that neutrality was a longtime coming and a seeming inevitability.

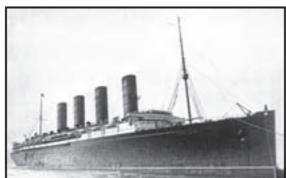
Before and after claiming unrestricted use of the waters around Britain, Germany has torpedoed a number of American ships off the coast of England but, because these were not civilian ships, the neutrality was sustained a bit longer.

The German Embassy in New York, in fact, had issued a warning shortly before the Lusitania set out for its 101st voyage about the perils facing Americans that chose to cross the Atlantic on English vessels. Nonetheless, many prolific Americans embarked on the Lusitania as it prepared its trip form New York to Liverpool. Captain Thomas Turner (who would survive the sinking) took an ambivalent attitude toward the warnings from the Admiralty seriously concerning the presence of U-boats in those waters and the ship set sail on May 7, 1915.

Just before 2:30 in the afternoon, the ship was hit by a German torpedo on the starboard side, triggering a second explosion from one of the damaged boilers and in less than twenty minutes the ship sank beneath waters about eleven miles off the coast of Ireland killing 1,198 of the 1,959 people onboard, including 128 Americans.

Naturally, by the time the sinking made headlines on both sides of the Atlantic there was an





outcry and much outrage. Germany, however, maintained that the Lusitania was not a neutral ship and, even if it was, had not identified itself as such by the use of flags, was carrying a substantial amount of war munition (something that Great Britain admitted to be true decades later), and violated cruiser rules.

Britain denied that the Lusitania was being used as a military ship and public opinion in the United States was beginning to shift toward entering the war. Still, President Wilson refrained from declaring war, thanks in part to Germany issuing a reluctant apology for the sinking and agreeing to change its laws regarding unrestricted use of English waters.

Any hope of staying out of the Great War that Woodrow Wilson may have been entertaining were final dashed in November of 1915, when a German U-boat torpedoed Italian liner SS Ancona off the coast of Tunisia killing a near 300 passengers, including twenty Americans.

Though Germany once again issued an apology and new agreements were once again drawn, the United States entry into the war already seemed

Germany confirmed this in January of 1917 by going back on its promises and resume unrestricted use of Allied waters and, the following month, sunk the American ship Housatonic though after giving the crew the chance to abandon ship on its lifeboats (no lives were lost in this incident).

The sinking of American ship continued and President Wilson (who had narrowly been reelected for a second term) declared war against Germany on April 2, 1917.



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Docket No. MI19P5310EA Estate of **RHODA STOLOFF**

Date of Death: August 18, 2019 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Amy F. Wayne of Newton, MA, Petitioner Robert E. Stoloff of Hull, MA a Will has been admitted to

Amy F. Wayne of Newton, MA, Robert E. Stoloff of Hull, MA have 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 Represen tative 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 car 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 Petitione

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Docket No. MI19P3191EA

Estate of ROBERTA SIROLS ARDIZZONI Also Known As **ROBERTA SIROLS**

Date of Death: April 08, 2019 INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner John Ardizzoni of Medford, MA.

John Ardizzoni of Medford, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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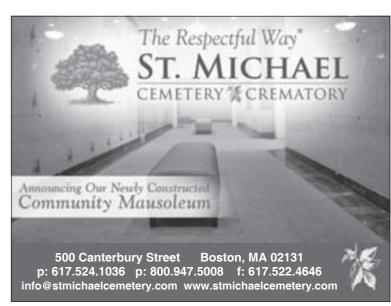
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Docket No. MI19D4075DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING YASMINE ST.EUGENE

vs. EMMANUEL ST.EUGENE

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Desertion.

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 Yasmine St.Eugene, 20 Newtowne Ct., #229, Cambridge, MA 02139 your answer, if any, on or before January 27, 2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: December 16, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 1/3/20

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Docket No. MI19P6149EA Estate of

PAUL N. WENTZELL
Date of Death: July 28, 2019
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Karen A. Wentzell** of **Woburn, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Karen A. Wentzell of Woburn, 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 Represen tative 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. MI19P5841EA

Estate of PAMELA J. PRICE Also Known As

PAMELA JUNE PRICE
Date of Death: July 4, 2019
INFORMAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Cambridge Trust Company by Jeffrey P. Cole of Boston, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Cambridge Trust Company by Jeffrey P. Cole of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI19P6445EA
Estate of
LAWRENCE M. DeSTEFANO
Date of Death: November 22, 2019
INFORMAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Stephen A. DeStefano** of **New Salem, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Stephen A. DeStefano of New Salem, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI19P5864EA

Estate of YEN TSAI FENG Date of Death: September 6, 2019 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Brian S. McNiff** of **Melrose**, **MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Brian S. McNiff of Melrose, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI19P6130EA

Estate of
ANN U. WEISMAN
Also Known As
ANN F. WEISMAN, ANN WEISMAN
Date of Death: October 18, 2019

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Steven Clark Weisman of Framingham, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

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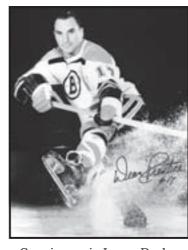


EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Why Doesn't Boston Sports Media Remember Dean Prentice?



Growing up in Lower Roxbury in the late '50s into the early '60s, I remember going over to the Emmanuel House on Newcomb Street after school at St. Rita's Grammar School. My brother and I loved playing table hockey. I had names for all the tin players on the game table, and left-winger Dean Prentice was my favorite player in those games.

Dean Prentice died this past November 2nd, at age 87. Prentice played 11 seasons with the NY Rangers before being traded to the Boston Bruins for the unforgettable Don McKenney and Dick Meissner on February 4, 1963.

While Prentice never was elected into the Hall of Fame for his great career, you can compare him to those getting into the Hall of Fame today. I agree with *NY Post* sports writer Larry Brooks "that No.17 has been wronged by a succession of HHOF selection committees."

From 1955-56 through the 1961-62 seasons, Prentice was 10th in the NHL with 358 points (163 goals). He was a fan favorite in both Madison Square Garden for the Rangers and at Boston Garden for the pre-Big Bad Bruins in Boston.

Prentice played through the 1973-74 season, retired with 860 points (391-469) in 1,378 games for a .555 ppg. He was a member of the Bruins for three seasons (1963-64, 1964-65, and 1965-66). He finished his NHL career with the Minnesota North Stars, but never made it to the Stanley Cup.

The year Prentice left the Bruins, Boston met a future great hockey player in Bobby

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Docket No. MI19C0924CA
In the Matter of

ALEKSANDER ANDRZEJ SOBSTYL
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Aleksander Andrzej Sobstyl of Belmont, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Alexander Roxon.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 16, 2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court Date: December 17, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 1/03/20

Orr and those Big Bad Bruins had taken their first baby steps and it was on to 1970 and the Stanley Cup.

Here Come the Worcester Red Sox

The team has a logo and a nickname. Henceforth, they will be known as the WooSox. The PawSox will play out the 2020 season at McCoy Stadium and then move to Worcester's Polar Park for the 2021 season.

Their cap sports a heart in the "W" and is seen as "ubiquitous" Worcester, since this city has declared itself "The Heart of the Commonwealth

But Hold Up Wareham Crying Foul

Seems the Wareham Cape Cod Baseball League team is gearing up for a lawsuit claiming the Triple A team's logo is just a rip off of the Wareham team's "W." They say the WooSox "W" has to go or else. And according to the U.S. Trademark and Patent Office, the college made their "W' official in 2014.

Now it will be up to teams of lawyers to figure this out before the first pitch is thrown.

Just Finished Binging All Those Rocky Movies, Again

I still think *Rocky IV* was the worst, and the *Rocky* out in 2006 was the best. Hollywood never saw the Rocky phenomenon coming during the Bicentennial. They thought it would be a big loser. Turned out Sylvester Stallone knew what he was doing with this pretty inexpensively made movie that turned into a winner and led to several more great boxing movies.

I think the movie came out

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Docket No. MI19P6322EA
Estate of
SAMUEL S. CRISAFULLI, JR.
Date of Death: October 28, 2018
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Beth Crisafulli of Natick, 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 **Beth Crisafulli** of **Natick**, **MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 16, 2020.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM
PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 19, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 1/3/2020

just at the right time. We were celebrating our American Pride and our history is full of underdogs with the eye of a tiger. Do you know anyone who sees a *Rocky* movie and doesn't start shadow boxing immediately? Didn't think so.

Well, recently a New Jersey class trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art included going to run up the steps to reach that Rocky statue and just before the kids were planning to run and be filmed by the high school principle, Sylvester Stallone came at the group of students and they couldn't believe it was him. At first, they thought he was a lookalike, but then saw he was the real thing. They not only got to run up the stairs, they met Rocky himself and got photos to prove it to their parents.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by TODISCO TOWING OF 94 CONDOR STREET, EAST BOSTON, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A that they will sell the following vehicles.

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

> 2008 GMC ENVOY Vin #1GKDT13S982149426 2011 GMC TERRAIN

Vin #2CTFLXEC6B6430241
2014 CHEVROLET MALIBU
Vin #1G11E5SL0EF233951

2005 DODGE RAM 1500 Vin #1D7HU18NX5J577946 2003 CHEVROLET MALIBU Vin #1G1NE52J83M741688

2005 TOYOTA SIENNA Vin #5TDZA23C65S232225 2012 FORD EXPLORER Vin #1FMHK8D89CGA01294

2015 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE Vin #1C4RJFAG7FC822286 2007 HONDA CR-V

Vin #JHLRE48387C091528 **2004 TOYOTA RAV4** Vin #JTEHD20V440027864

2006 BMW 325xi Vin #WBAVD13596KV00899

1999 SUBARU LEGACY Vin #4S3BG6857X6651107 2006 HONDA CIVIC

Vin #1HGFA16816L001466 2015 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE Vin #1C4RJFAG7FC822286

2014 INFINITI Q50 Vin #JN1BV7AR4EM693626 2005 NISSAN SENTRA Vin #3N1CB51D25L452504

2009 NISSAN ROGUE Vin #JN8AS58V79W188767 2004 TOYOTA PRIUS Vin #JTDKB22U240033697

2012 HONDA CIVIC Vin #2HGFB2F83CH324381

2004 CHEVY 1500 p/u Vin #1GCEK14K8oRZ233229 The above vehicles will be sold

at public auction at
TODISCO TOWING
94 Condor Street, E. Boston

JANUARY 18, 2020 at 9:00 AM

Run dates: 1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 2020



The Speed Bag ... Wasn't Always So Speedy



Jack Sharkey with Ernie Schaaf looking on

The speed bag has been a staple in boxing gyms for decades, but in more recent years it has fallen out of favor. I'm not sure why that is but I would guess it has to do with the greater emphasis now placed on power over speed. It should also be noted that even in days past there were trainers who did not believe in using it. Cus D'Amato believed it created bad habits in a boxer such as raising up the head while hitting it. Others just didn't see any benefit in improving skills by using one.

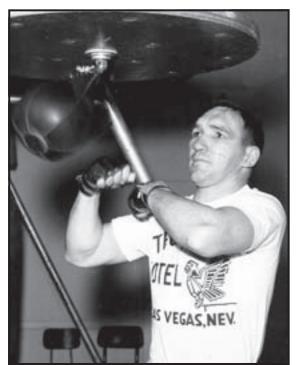
Of course, the speeding wasn't always used in the fashion made famous but boxers such as Sugar Ray Robinson who looked like he was tap dancing with his fist when he went to work on



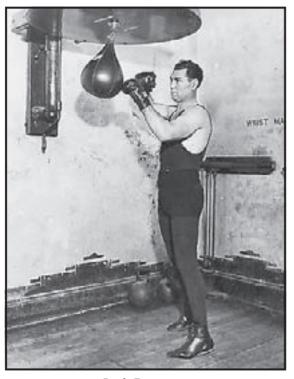
Tony DeMarco

the speed bag. His example set the template for years after as the speed bag became smaller and fighters worked hard to hit it faster.

In the first half of the 20th Century what came to be known as the speed bag was much larger. Fighters from John L. Sullivan through Max Schmeling would use it to perfect particular punches. They would also hit it rhythmically but not so fast in order to build up stamina. This method actually created better hand/eye coordination than the rapid tattoos of the later



Gene Fullmer



Jack Dempsey

boxers. The reason for this is because when hitting the larger, slower moving bag the eyes would be able to focus in on the movement. The rapid fire punching that came later on made it so the bag moved to fast for the eye to stay tuned into it. Instead of building eye/hand coordination it became ear/hand coordination as the timing of the strikes was in tune with the sound not the sight of the bag moving.



John L. Sullivan

While the merits of the old style vs. the later style of speed bag can be debated, the argument but whether or not it is a good tool for training fighters can also be debated, one things is for certain; working out on the speed bag is an excellent method for improving cardio fitness while not causing injuries to muscles or joints. The loose motion while having one's hands up above chest level is the best exercise for the heart. It's also good mentally as the rhythmic movements are good for the psyche.

So, if you want to get into a fitness routine the speed bag is a great way to go. I should warn you though your neighbors may not appreciate the noise.



Jack Johnson

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

The fireworks were launched a bit early back in early July of 2013, consisting of a notification, followed by a day of inactivity and culminating with a press conference worthy of the assignment that had been successfully completed.

Thus it was that the sports world first learned that one Bradley Kent Stevens had been hired as the $17^{\rm th}$ head coach of the Boston Celtics, that sequential number corresponding exactly to the number of NBA Championships that the franchise had accumulated over the course of the decades.

That a search had been underway was no surprise, of course, given the recent resignation of Coach Doc Rivers. However, the fact that the objective had been to sign Stevens, a successful young coach on the college level, was something that hardly anyone expected.

Many thought the hire would be someone with years of head coaching experience at the NBA level (or a top assistant) with the outside chance that a veteran college coach might get the call.

But while such speculation raged, the members of the Celtics front office were otherwise engaged. They arrived in Indianapolis and were not recognized. They then moved on to the residence of the Stevens family where Celtics General Manager Danny Ainge presented Stevens with a six-year, \$22 million offer.

Stevens said yes but it should be noted that it was hard for him to leave the Butler University community.

Only in his early 30's at the time (he's now 39) Stevens had become a deity on the campus, working first in an administrative position at Butler before being named to a full-time assistant coaching position at the start of the 2001-2002 season. During his six years in that position, Butler amassed a 131-61 record, won three regular season league championships and went on to postseason play four times.

Stevens became the head coach of Butler beginning with the 2007-2008 campaign. He didn't waste any time as the Bulldogs came through with a 30-win season.

They were ranked in the Top 25 of the two national weekly polls for 19 consecutive weeks, including three weeks in a row in the Top 10.

At age 31, he became the third-youngest coach in Division 1 to lead his team to 30 victories. He was the youngest to do so in more than 50 years.

Up through the 2012-2013 season Stevens would go on to compile a 166-49 record to go with two Horizon League Coach of the Year awards, six trips to postseason tournament play plus three league tournament championships. He also led Butler to the NCAA Division 1 Final Four National Championship Game on two occasions.

So yes, Stevens was the most prominent person at Butler. But he was also beloved by the community, a feeling that he indicated many times was mutual both by his words and deeds.

In fact, Stevens did not sign the contract offer sheet right away. The Celtics executives left it with him, saying it could be sent by fax after he had read it over completely and had thought about it.

The document, signed and sent, was in the Celtics executive offices when the group returned to the Hub.

And with that a media advisory was cent out over the internet.

And with that, a media advisory was sent out over the internet, informing media members of the signing of the new coach and the scheduling of an introductory press conference with Stevens that was set for July 5^{th} .

The move had caught virtually everyone off guard. In an age when nearly everyone has a smartphone (complete with camera) the Celtics had managed to keep a secret. It was the Celtics franchise that first announced the hiring of Stevens, not a media outlet that had learned about it through "sources."

And secondly, of course, the Celtics had hired a college coach — and a young one at that. There had been only one other coach in the history of the Celtics who had been hired at a younger age. You might remember him — Arnold "Red" Auerbach.

The day of the press conference — held at the then Celtic practice facility in Waltham (the team now has a more modern facility in the Boston Landing section of the Hub), the team executives came down a rear stairway quietly from behind the assembled media members, an action that served in a symbolic way to recall how they had indeed pulled off the stunning move of two days earlier.

During the press conference Danny Ainge revealed that although Stevens was young, he had been on the Celtics radar screen for quite some time.

A losing first season in the NBA would be followed by second and third year campaigns in which Stevens would hit his stride, leading the team to two consecutive playoff appearances.

The fourth season was memorable as Stevens led the team to a 53-29 regular season record and an appearance in the Eastern Conference Finals against Cleveland, a team led by NBA megastar LeBron James.

One year later, it was nearly an exact repeat as the Celtics completed the regular season with a 55-27 mark and advanced all the way to the Eastern Conference Finals once again — once more to be denied a berth in the NBA Finals by LeBron James and the Cavaliers.

Last year, of course, there was a letdown, as the C's lost to Milwaukee early in playoffs.

But now, in the present 2019-2020 season, hope once again springs eternal. The Celtics have been in or near first place in the Atlantic Division for most of the 2019 portion of the schedule.

Nothing is settled yet, of course and there is more than half of the regular season remaining. But barring unforeseen circumstances, the Celtics should earn a high playoff berth and be ready to contend for a long run in the postseason.

Stevens signed a contract extension in 2016 so he should still have multiple attempts to acquire Banner 18 for the franchise. The time for accomplishing that achievement, however, may well be now — with the right coach and the right players on board to make that long sought after goal a reality. Whether that takes place will be the talk of the town for the first half of 2020.