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Columbus Day Replaced by Indigenous Day

by Richard Settigane

Boston's lame duck acting Mayor Kim Janey took it upon herself to eliminate of Columbus Day in favor of Indigenous Day.

Janey didn't even have the decency to have a hearing on the matter. The Italian-American community and organizations are extremely disappointed and discouraged on this decision by Janey.

Christopher Columbus was a hero explorer who endured misery crossing the ocean.

Where do the politicians stand in the matter?

In past years elected officials had no problem participating in Columbus Day parades and events, now because of the "cancel culture" they see fault in Columbus? They are hypocrites. They support the abolishment of Columbus Day for votes, little do they know that they lost votes from the Italian-American community. The Italians came to this country to work, worship and make a better life for their families. We work hard, value our families and contribute to society. Our accomplishments are incredible but you don't see us causing problems. All we want is to honor our day. The politicians sold us out to the woke crowd.

I heard from Revere Mayor Dan Rizzo who was disgusted and stated that this was a direct attack on the Italian culture. Hopefully the next Mayor of Boston will overturn Janey's decision.

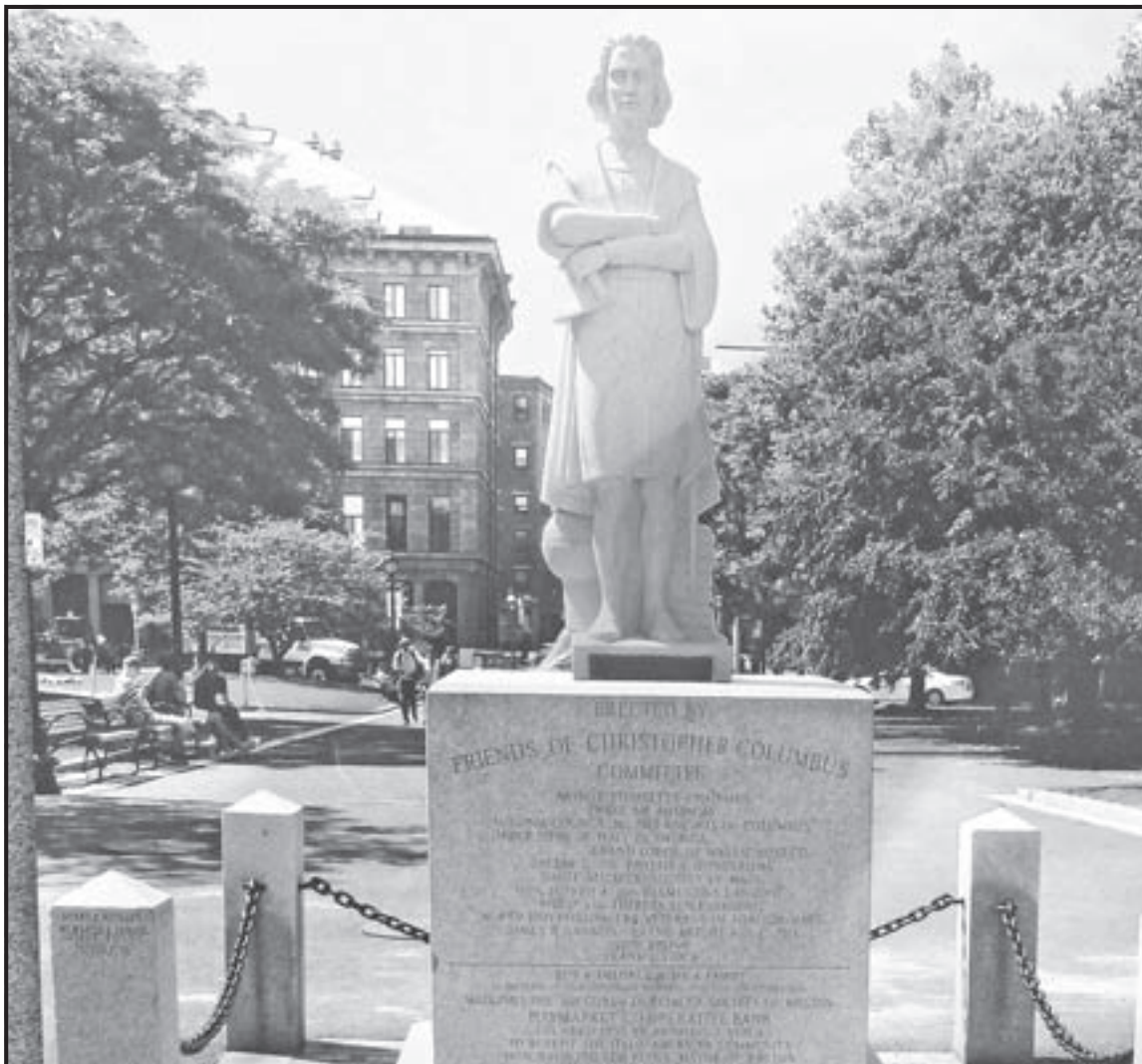
The American people by a two to one margin endorse Columbus Day to remain!

This was how Columbus Day started: Columbus Day was signed into law by President Benjamin Harrison in 1892 as a tribute and an act of forgiveness to the Italian community in response to the lynching of 11 Italians that took place in New Orleans on March 14, 1891. Still today the largest number of people ever lynched at one time in the United States.

The Columbus Day holiday quickly became a great source of pride and a symbol of defiance for the Italian-American community against these murders, to take away Columbus Day is a slap in the face to Italian-Americans!

Viva Columbus ... Viva Italia

Wreath Laying Ceremony at Christopher Columbus Park North End of Boston



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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Defiant Marine Freed

A Marine officer who was sent to military prison for weeks after demanding "accountability" for the botched U.S. pullout from Afghanistan was released on October 5th.

Marine Training and Education spokesperson Capt. Sam Stephenson said in a statement that Lt. Col. Stuart Scheller would be allowed out "as a result of a mutual agreement between Lt. Col. Scheller, his Defense counsel and the Commanding General, Training Command."

Scheller went viral after he posted a video on Facebook in which he tore into military leadership following the August 26th ISIS-K suicide bombing at Kabul airport.

Speaking Truth to Power

"People are upset because their senior leaders let them down and none of them are raising their hands and accepting accountability or saying 'We messed up.'"

The day after the posting, Lt. Col. Stuart Scheller announced he was resigning his commission after 17 years. On a September 16th Facebook posting, Scheller accused General Kenneth McKenzie of 13 counts of dereliction of duty. Days later, the military and Scheller's family confirmed that he had been

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2021 Boston Marathon Moments ...

Monday, October 11th



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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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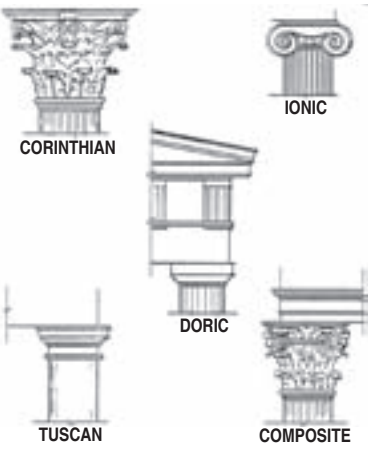
THE CHARACTER OF ROMAN STRUCTURES

The shape, nature or characteristics of all structures that have been built at any time or place in history have been influenced by their geographic location, geology, climate, religious beliefs, and social attitudes. Understanding these influences is a prerequisite to an understanding of the architecture of any country.

Roman building was influenced by the availability of marble, materials for making brick, chalky deposit called tufa (which also made excavations for the catacombs practical), excellent sand and gravel, a clean earth called pozzolana which helped in making a strong and durable concrete, and by exposure to the work of Phidias and the “golden age” of Athens.

The Greeks had developed a civilization of the highest order. When the Romans conquered the Greeks, they brought many Greeks back to Rome and used them as servants and tutors. These tutors and the high degree of Greek cultural development greatly influenced all of Roman life including their architecture.

An order of architecture is a column sitting on its base and the horizontal structure above it, which is called the entablature. The Greeks developed three orders of architecture. These are called Doric, Ionic and Corinthian and were used as structural elements as well as decorative features. Structure and ornament were blended



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into one.

For example, the columns that held up the structure were also the predominant decorative feature. Removal of the columns would cause serious structural problems. The Classical Greeks spent about five hundred years working on and improving all features of their temples, such as the thickness, height, and spacing of the columns and the curvature of all horizontal and vertical lines to correct optical illusion. It is said that the typical Greek Temple was man’s most nearly perfect creation.

When the Romans conquered the Greeks, they accepted and used the Doric, Ionic and Corinthian Orders but added two more of their own design. These two are called the Tuscan, which is not fluted, and the Composite, which is a combination of Ionic and Corinthian.

The Romans generally built their buildings first and then applied the orders as decoration later. Parts of structures are still standing even though the decorative features were removed centuries ago. The two very important structural contributions made by the Romans were the use of concrete and the employment of the arch to cover large areas, thus bringing the element of space into their architecture. They didn’t invent the arch but were the first to use it to any great extent.

NEXT ISSUE: The Roman Forums



CONSOLATO GENERALE D’ITALIA BOSTON

ELEZIONI DEI COMITES

Il **3 dicembre 2021** è il giorno stabilito per le elezioni del rinnovo del Comitato degli Italiani all’Estero della circoscrizione consolare del Consolato Generale d’Italia in Boston.

I **Com.It.Es** sono organismi rappresentativi della Collettività italiana e operano per l’integrazione della comunità italiana residente nel paese straniero i cui si trovano. Il Comitato da eleggere sarà composto di dodici (12) membri, sulla base della consistenza della collettività residente.

A questo importante appuntamento elettorale possono partecipare i cittadini italiani maggiorenni iscritti all’AIRE (Anagrafe degli Italiani Residenti all’Estero) e già residenti nella circoscrizione consolare **alla data del 3 giugno 2021**.

Le elezioni si svolgono per corrispondenza. Per partecipare al voto occorre iscriversi nell’elenco degli elettori, tramite il portale FAST-IT, oppure compilando un modulo scaricabile dal sito web e facendolo pervenire al Consolato per posta elettronica, posta ordinaria o personalmente negli orari di apertura **entro il 3 novembre 2021**.

Il Consolato spedisce nel mese di novembre i plichi elettorali a tutti gli elettori che hanno effettuato l’iscrizione.

Gli elettori dovranno restituire la busta preaffrancata contenente la scheda votata in modo che sia recapitata al Consolato **entro e non oltre il 3 dicembre 2021**.

Maggiori informazioni sono disponibili sul sito web del Consolato Generale d’Italia in Boston **www.consboston.esteri.it**

ELECTIONS OF THE COMITES

The elections for the renewal of **Com.It.Es** (Comitato degli Italiani all’Estero) for the Consular jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Italy in Boston will be held on **December 3, 2021**.

The **Com.It.Es** are entities representing the Italian Community and assisting for its integration in the foreign Country in which they are located. The Committee to be elected will be composed of twelve (12) members, based on the number of residents in the community.

Italian citizens of legal age who are registered with AIRE (Registry of Italians Resident Abroad) and already resident in the consular jurisdiction **as of June 3, 2021** may participate in this important electoral event.

Elections are held by mail. **To vote, you must register in the voters’ list**, utilizing the FAST-IT portal, or by filling out a form available on the website and by sending it to the Consulate by e-mail, by mail or by dropping it off in person during Consulate’s opening hours **no later than November 3, 2021**.


All registered voters who requested to participate will receive a ballot during the month of November.

Voters must return to the Consulate the prepaid envelope with the ballot **no later than December 3, 2021**.

More information can be found on the website of the Consulate General of Italy in Boston www.consboston.esteri.it


Res Publica

by David Trumbull



Christopher Columbus

United a Divided Human Race, For that We Honor Him



Monday we celebrated Columbus day in the North End and throughout Boston, Massachusetts, and the nation. It is fitting that Columbus is one of three mortals to have a federal holiday in his honor.

Prehistoric global migration of mankind left the world with two populations, one in the Old World, the other in the New World, each wholly ignorant of the existence of the other. Monday we celebrated Columbus Day in honor of his historic voyages that opened communication, commerce, and migration between the Old World of Europe and the New World of the Americas. Columbus’ voyages of discovery led directly to Spanish settlements in the New World that became, with time, the many Latin-American nations of South, Central and North America and the islands of the Caribbean. The United States, today a sea-to-sea continental nation with citizens and residents whose ancestors lived in every corner of the globe, likewise traces her beginnings to Columbus. As early as 1738, “Columbia” had entered the English tongue as a name for the 13 British colonies in North America that became our original 13 States. Yes, from the birth of our nation it was understood that it all started with Columbus. That’s why Columbus matters.

The next man to have a federal holiday is George Washington, often called the Father of Our Country, who we honor in February. Many add Lincoln to the February celebration, and undoubtedly, he should be honored, however, he did not get a federal holiday.

Finally, for his role in bringing fulfilment the founder’s declaration that “all men are created equal,” we honor Martin Luther King, Jr. with a federal holiday in January.

Note, the second Monday in October is also Thanksgiving Day in Canada.

City Council to Hold Hearing on BPS Transportation Issues

Called for by Councilor Lydia Edwards

The Boston City Council will hold a hearing this **Friday, October 15th, at 3:00 p.m.**, to discuss issues with BPS transportation. Councilor Lydia Edwards called for the hearing following numerous reports of widespread issues.

“Every year there are always a few issues at the beginning of the school year that get ironed out after the first couple of weeks,” said Councilor Edwards. “This year has been different. Things aren’t getting any better. Families deserve answers and solutions. I’m still hearing from too many constituents about missed school busses and a lack of notice when alternative arrangements need to be made. A missed school bus can mean missed work or missed meals. We need to find solutions to these challenges as quickly as possible.”

The hearing will be livestreamed at **boston.gov/city-council-tv**. Members of the public wishing to testify should email **juan.lopez@boston.gov**.



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Richard Brian Polito



Richard Brian Polito, 58, passed away unexpectedly on October 2, 2021, at his home in Revere.

He was born December 19, 1962, in Boston, MA. He was the son of Lois L. (Fawcett) Polito and the late Richard O. Polito.

Born and raised in Boston, Richard was a family-oriented person who particularly loved being with his grandchildren.

He was a devoted, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend. Family was the most important aspect of his life. He loved animals, entertaining with family and friends, baking, and traveling, he frequently visited Las Vegas, NV, Florida, and the local Dunkin'.

Richard is survived by his daughters Holli Polito and her partner Luis Moreno of Saugus, Emma Cedrone of Revere, and Stevie LaFleur of Fitchburg and two grandchildren, Brendan, and Marianna; Mother Lois L. Polito and her husband George DioGuardi of Revere, MA; Brothers Douglas S. Polito of FL, and Brian K. Polito and his wife Maria of NY; Sister Jennifer Olson and husband Gregory of Lynn. He also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Richard was preceded in death by his father, Richard O. Polito, and his sister, Dorothy G. Polito.

Services: Calling hours were on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at Boston Cremation, Malden, MA. A celebration of life reception took place following the service at the Orient Heights Yacht Club, East Boston, MA.

Tony DeMarco



Beloved Boston icon Tony DeMarco, Boxing Hall of Famer, and former undisputed Welterweight Champion of the World, "The Flame and Fury of Fleet Street," passed away of natural causes on October 11, 2021 at the age of 89. DeMarco captured the hearts of Massachusetts boxing fans and proud Italians all over the country on April 1, 1955, by knocking out Welterweight Champ Johnny Saxon in front of a delirious crowd at the Boston Garden, just blocks from his home on Fleet Street in Boston's North End.

Born Leonardo Liotta, he "borrowed" the name Tony DeMarco from an older friend so he could box professionally, because at 15 years old, Leonardo was not eligible. By showing his friend's baptismal certificate as proof of age, Leonardo was able to get his boxing license, and from that point on he was known as Tony DeMarco.

Following his championship win, DeMarco's historic matches with Boxing Hall of Famer, Carmen Basilio, are still considered two of the greatest fights of all time. Although DeMarco lost the title fight and rematch to Basilio, he went on to fight a total of eight world champions beating the likes of Kid Gavilan, Paddy DeMarco, Virgil Akins, and Chico Vejar.

After his retirement from boxing, Tony moved to Phoenix, Arizona, and opened a successful nightclub, Tony DeMarco's Living Room, which he operated for twenty years before returning to Boston where he resided for the rest of his life. Referred to as "The Champ" in the North End, Tony was always very accommodating to fans and tourists. The unofficial ambassador of the North End, Tony would often be seen chatting with fans and posing for pictures with them. Former Mayor

Thomas Menino renamed Fleet Street to Tony DeMarco Way, and several years later, in 2012, Tony was honored with a statue at the corner of Cross and Hanover streets, the entrance to Boston's North End. Tony's autobiography, Nardo: Memoirs of a Boxing Champion was released in 2011, and in 2019, Tony DeMarco was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame to take his place alongside many of the champions he faced during his career.

Predeceased by his son Vincent Liotta, daughter Sylvia Liotta, brother Andrew Liotta, and sister Mary Liotta Scolaro, he is survived by his wife Dorothy McGarry, stepchildren Jessica

Hain and husband Christopher of Leander, TX, Rachael Talbot and husband Paul of Auburn, MA, Jason McGarry of Franklin, MA, Paul McGarry and wife Rachel of Millis, MA, grandchildren Rosemary, Reagan, Tyler, Catherine, and Abagayle, as well as his sister Josephine Liotta Vitale of Medway, MA, several nieces and nephews, and many dear friends and fans.

The family will receive visitors on Monday from 2pm to 8pm in the J.S. Waterman-Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial St., Boston. Complimentary valet attendants at front door. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday at 11am in St. Leonard Church, 320 Hanover St., Boston. Please meet at church.

At the family's request, please omit flowers. Donations may be made to The Liotta Family Scholarship and mailed to the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame, Massachusetts Chapter, 51 Pleasant St., Malden, MA 02148.

For online condolences and/or directions, please visit: www.watermanboston

Joseph "Moe" A. Valarese

Joseph "Moe" A. Valarese, 80, of East Boston, passed away on October 10, 2021.

He was born and raised in Boston's North End, a son of the late Dominic and Angelina (Albanese) Valarese.

He was a member of Construction Laborers Union #22, and St. Leonard Church.

Moe was predeceased by his beloved wife Domenica "Donna" (Frontera) Valarese. He is survived by his daughters Donnamarie Lacolla and her husband Dennis of Malden and Maryann Valarese

of East Boston, his son Dante Valarese and his wife Rebecca of Winthrop, six treasured grandchildren, Joseph Valarese and his wife Annmarie of Revere, Nico Lacolla of Malden, Nichole Frallicciardi of Woburn, Dante Jr., Lily and Annabelle, and two



adored great-grandchildren Lorenzo and Carmine Valarese. Moe was predeceased by his son Joseph Valarese and Moe's twin brother Michael "Harpo" Valarese.

Visiting hours at J.S. Waterman-Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial St., will be Thursday, October 14th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Complimentary valet service is available in front of the funeral home. The Boston DPH mandates mask be worn at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be Friday, October 15th at 9:00 a.m., from J.S. Waterman-Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial St., followed by the Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m., in St. Leonard Church, 320 Hanover St., both in Boston.

Burial will follow in St. Michael Cemetery 500 Canterbury St., Roslindale (Boston), MA.

Lorraine A. (Lauretano) Sarno

OCTOBER 1, 2021

Lorraine A. (Lauretano) Sarno, died on Friday, October 1st at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston following a lengthy illness, she was four days shy of her 89th birthday.

Lorraine was the beloved wife of 64 years to the late Henry C. "Hank" Sarno, Jr. Loving mother of Lydia A. Paoletta and her husband Anthony of Revere, Joanie Sinclair of Wakefield, and Lorraine S. Sarno of Revere. Cherished grandmother of Kristopher J. Sarno of Revere, Bianca A. Paoletta of Revere, Desiree S. Sinclair of Lynnfield and the late William J. Sinclair, IV. Great grandmother of Billy and the late Arianna Olivia. Dear sister of Lillian Natola, Arthur Lauretano and his wife Mary Anne, all of Medford, and the late Mary Capraro, Vincenza Cincotti, Olga Rugnetta and Alfonso Lauretano. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

Lorraine was born and raised in Boston's North End and was an alumna of the Julie



Billiard School, Class of 1951. Lorraine married her husband, Henry "Hank" Sarno on June 12, 1955. The couple remained in the North End, where they began their life together and raised their family. They lived in East Boston, until 1990, when they settled in Revere. Lorraine worked for over 25 years at the CNA Insurance Company, as a word processor. She retired to help raise her grandchildren, which she loved to do. Lorraine was a fabulous cook and baker. Her love for her family was demonstrated every day because they are what mattered the most to her.

Family and friends attended a Funeral Mass on Thursday, October 7th at St. Anthony of Padua Church, in Revere.

Lorraine was laid to rest with her late husband Henry C. Sarno, Jr. at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, MA following the Funeral Mass.

Remembrances may be made to Arianna's Army, Webster First Credit Union, 509 Main Street, Saugus, MA 01906.

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

When Italy Turns Eerie

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Halloween season is officially upon us! An old-fashioned holiday wreath hangs upon my door, boasting Victorian images of smiling pumpkins, girls sporting pointy witch hats, and bats in mid-flight. Jack-o-lanterns and arched black cats grin mischievously from store shelves, with thin lights flickering inside them like little captured sunbeams. The cornstalks and scarecrows that adorn my neighbors' front steps speak of the concluding harvest season, while the colorful leaves that flutter to the ground against the backdrop of a slate-gray sky remind us that the year itself now winds down to its close. Halloween is the time to revel in all these examples of a world turned upside-down, of the pleasure of the unknown and the thrill of everything that is mysterious and spine-tingling. Though modern Halloween celebrations are largely an American phenomenon, the United States does not have a monopoly on spooky imagery or mythical creatures. Across the ocean in Italy, people also ready themselves for Halloween, and may draw upon their own unique mythology and folklore. So in the spirit of Halloween, let's dive into the eerier side of Italy, the side that you may not find in tour books but certainly plays an important part in the Italian character!

Italy has long had a fascination with the occult, stretching back to the days of Ancient Rome. The modern Italian prejudice against the number seventeen, similar to the American superstition of unlucky thirteen, stems from the burial customs of the Romans. The

Roman numeral for seventeen, XVII, can be rearranged to spell VIXI, or the Latin word meaning "he lived" — a phrase frequently carved into ancient tombstones, and therefore linking the number with death. Ancient Rome's penchant for the macabre did not end with numbers, however. Romans shivered with fear over the *lemures*, or terrifying ghosts. These ethereal beings haunted certain houses or roads because, as many ghost stories stated, they could find no rest due to an improper burial or some sort of injustice committed against them during their lifetime. The Romans even devoted the month of May to a holiday called *Lemuria* which sought to appease these spirits, and this creepy feast may form the origin of an olden superstition that advised against marrying in May. Ancient Romans also resorted to supernatural omens in order to predict the future. Priests known as *augurs* interpreted the flight of birds to divine looming events and outcomes. *Haruspices* had to report the future with a much yuckier method: they scoured the entrails of sacrificed animals for omens! While modern Italians are certainly less superstitious than their ancient counterparts, many remnants of Rome's mysterious folklore persist to this day, such as the ubiquitous charms against the evil eye and the popular red horn-shaped amulets said to bring good luck.

Though Ancient Rome's love for the mysterious is well-studied, contemporary Italy nevertheless brims with a plethora of scary monsters and eerie folktales. Werewolf stories abound in Italy, where the hairy

shape-shifting beast bears the name *licantropo*. The fear of the *licantropo* hearkens back to the time when the wolf stood as the most dreaded predator in the forests of Europe, especially during the nights of the full moon, when certain men could morph into this formidable animal. My father frequently spoke of hearing the plaintive howls of wolves in his secluded Italian village, and such a chilling memory is a testament to the strength of the werewolf myth. Similarly, the witch, or *strega*, constitutes a complex symbol in Italian society, sometimes functioning as an example of evil and other times signifying benign and astute female power. The gift-bringer of the Italian Christmas season, *La Befana*, is even depicted as a kindly fairy-witch figure. Unique mythological creatures also roam localized areas of Italy. The *Badalisc* is a large, hairy beast that inhabits the Alpine woods of Lombardy in northern Italy. It can only be captured on the Epiphany, and this event forms a part of the region's folksy holiday celebrations to this day. Visitors to Naples may hear tales of the *Monaciello*, or "little monk," a gnome-like creature who resides in the city's old abbeys, monasteries, and canals, playing harmless tricks on people and offering help to wayward travelers. Meanwhile, the famous Lake Como boasts its own version of the Loch Ness Monster, a living dinosaur known as the *Lariosauro*! With all of these fascinating legends and beings, Italy is a prime destination for Halloween thrills and hair-raising adventures.

Halloween provides us with the wonderful opportunity to have fun with the mysterious. From witches to ghosts to vampires, all of the hidden, spookier aspects of society come out to play during this chilly autumnal night. This Halloween season, I will also be thinking about the mythical creatures and unnerving legends that form a part of my Italian heritage, old and new. After all, folktales and myths do a lot more than just give us a thrill. They connect with the universal fears, concerns, and desires of people across generations, emotions made manifest in guiding superstitions and metaphorical monsters. Let's celebrate the unknown on Halloween and reflect on how it impacts our lives as humans and our collective unconsciousness. Halloween teaches us that there is far more to the world than immediately meets our eye, and the legends and beings of yore are prime examples of this lesson!

Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz is a high school history teacher. She appreciates any comments and suggestions about Italian holidays and folklore at adicens089@gmail.com.

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**THINKING
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by Sal Giaratani

I Still Need My Uncle Pete's Ribs Don't You Know?

by Guest Columnist Anthony Moulaison

East Boston has never been short on great places to eat, whether it is Italian, Latino, Chinese, or straight up American, but southern BBQ was not so easy to find around here. Some Friday nights during the late '90s and early '00s, after my mom got out of work, my family would head down to Uncle Pete's Hickory Ribs, a local sit-down/takeout BBQ joint. It was on Bennington Street in Day Square, at the site of an old Dairy Queen, and opened in 1995, when owner Pete Cucchiara turned his hobby of smoking pork and beef into a full-time business.

There was a hickory smoker on the premises behind the counter and glass, where the BBQ dry rubbed meat would sit in there for six hours, tenderizing and delicioufying the St. Louis-style ribs and pulled pork. Great slices of meat are only part of the BBQ experience though, as Pete's also had a cornucopia of sweet sides.

The sweet potato biscuits with icing on top, the home-made baked beans, and the deliciously buttery mashed and sweet potatoes were worth giving up your first born child for. All of these could be enjoyed in the cozy dining room right next door to the smoker/takeout counter area, where you could watch the meats turning into mouthwateringly woody goodness. Pete would walk around the shop often, making sure everyone was satisfied with how the food and service was, putting a home-style spin to the place. The roll of paper towels on each table for when the finger-lickin' good fare got too messy certainly boosted that vibe.

Pete's wife Pha, who was from Thailand, even added a Thai twist to the menu, with her Thai peanut slaw and Thai fish cakes, for those customers who weren't in the BBQ spirit that day. There was also pulled jerk chicken, adding a Jamaican slant to the usual southern

spices. My mom would usually get the jerk and the Asian slaw when we went, as she was never a straight up BBQ fan, finding it to be too sweet and not hot enough. The accolades would start flying in about this unassuming establishment five minutes from Logan Airport, as Pete's won best in ribs and pork in a 2000 BBQ contest at the East Coast Grill.

They would eventually move to Squire Road in Revere in 2006, as the rent became too high at the Eastie location. Unfortunately, they only lasted in the new location for three years, as Pete would sadly pass away in March 2009, with the restaurant closing soon thereafter. For a 14-year period though, Uncle Pete's could lay claim as the best BBQ joint in the Boston area, at least from this writer's perspective. With reasonable prices and delicious Midwest BBQ, they kept the people coming back for more.

Many great restaurants have come and gone in East Boston over the years. Whenever we were hankering for slabs of hickory smoked ribs and an old country atmosphere brought to the city, Pete's Hickory Ribs was the place to be.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
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ROBERT J. CLOUGH
Date of Death: May 10, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Sarah J. Clough of Malden, 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 Sarah J. Clough of Malden, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Surety on the bond in 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 October 25, 2021.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
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A Special Moment in Autumn

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Autumn has always been our favorite season. The mellow cool days and chilly nights help create a feeling best described in German as *gemutlich* (cozy). Some years ago we decided to make the most of the coming Autumn by traveling to Innsbruck, Austria, a University City set high in the Alps. After making the necessary arrangements at work and home, and renting an apartment on Maria Teresa Strasse, we boarded Swissair with Mom for a one month stay in Innsbruck.

Although the trip was hastily arranged, we managed to rent an apartment on Maria

Teresa Strasse, Innsbruck's main street leading straight to The Old Town. We arrived late at night, bought three Weisswursts, a food we would fall in love with, and went straight to bed. The following morning, we left our apartment passed through a flower bedecked courtyard, passed through an ancient wooden gate to the street, and were greeted by a wonderful sight, students and workers rushing to school and work framed in the background by the Old Town and the famous Golden Dachl with Mountains completing the picture. This was the world we had hoped to see and Innsbruck

did not disappoint us, it was spectacular

It was a Sunday afternoon on our third week in Innsbruck that we decided to take a walk along the promenade flanking the River Inn from which the city takes its' name. It was late in the afternoon and the city was bathed in that distinct golden light of Autumn we love so much, all heightened in beauty by the glorious setting surrounding us.

The sound of the River rushing down from the mountains filled the air which was scented with Juniper carried from the mountains on chilly gusts of wind. In the distance was a chestnut vendor roasting the Autumn favorite over a metal barrel, his face aglow from the low flame he constantly tended; a father buying a paper cone of the steaming chestnuts for his little boy. It was an unforgettable scene in which the fabric of life seemed pulled away, time stood still, if just for a few seconds, and we were offered a glimpse of heaven.

We are certain that such moments are available to all of us in one way or another, when they happen, recognize what is happening and consider them a gift as we still consider our moment a gift these many years later.

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

Four Women "Quattro Donne"

subtitle, A North End Love Story

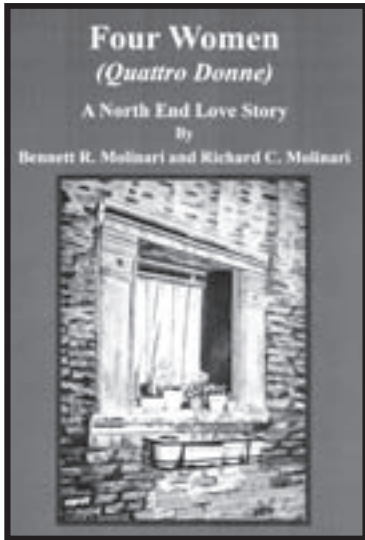
In the next few weeks this column will feature excerpts from this book.

CHAPTER 60

Hiding Out at Zia Elena's

It was 10:30 in the evening when Pietro and Carla arrived at Elena's house. They arrived to find the front door wide open, the sound of music and singing coming from the backyard. Carla and Pietro passed through the house and into the backyard where they were greeted by a surprised Zia Elena. "Pietro, you came to our party and you brought *questa bella signorina con te* (this beautiful girl with you)." "Aunt Elena, *la signorina* is Carla Ricci," Pietro explained. "Bravo, bravo, she's very pretty, Pietro. The two of you make a beautiful couple," Elena said with a twinkle in her eye. Pietro began to blush as he bent over to give Elena a kiss on the cheek. Elena responded by opening her arms, grabbing both Carla and Pietro by the waists, and shaking them back and forth. Elena's exuberance was contagious, causing Carla to laugh. Turning to Pietro, she said, "I love your aunt. She's full of life."

Elena broke away for only a second, returning with two plates of spaghetti piled high. Handing one to Pietro, the spaghetti sauce splashed onto his shirt. "Now I know I am at your house, Zia Elena" Pietro said laughingly. "I'm already splashed with food." Carla took the plate from Elena carefully, not wanting to be Elena's



next victim. Once she had the plate of spaghetti firmly in her hand, she looked back at Pietro and burst into laughter, for now even his trousers were splashed with tomato sauce. Pietro looked down at his trousers then at Carla, shrugged his shoulders as if to say, welcome to Zia Elena's, and began laughing. Elena grabbed both by their hands and pulled them deeper into the garden where her children and grandchildren were celebrating a birthday party. When Carla shouted out, "Elena, whose birthday is it?" Elena uncertain, simply responded, "I don't know, but sit down, have a glass of wine and enjoy yourselves."

Pietro and Carla sat under an arbor, heavily laden with

grapes, Elena would be turning into wine in just a few weeks, for now, they served as wonderful decorations for a birthday party. Elena pulled up a chair, sat beside the couple, and curiously asked, "Why did you come at such a late hour? *C'e' qualcosa di sbagliato in mia sorella, Lucia* (Is something wrong with my sister, Lucia)?" Looking at Carla, Pietro responded cautiously, "No, Zia Elena. Cousin Carmela suggested we come to stay with you for a while. Is it possible for us to be here for a few days?" Without a moment's hesitation, Elena responded, "*Certo, che puoi restare qui* (Of course, you can stay here). I know of your troubles." Then, mischievously she continued, "But you must stay in separate rooms." The last remark caused Carla to blush as Pietro responded wholeheartedly, "Of course Zia Elena, we will stay in separate rooms." "Pietro, you will sleep with Giovanni, my oldest son. Carla, you will be with Suzie and Josie, my youngest daughters." Pietro breathed a sigh of relief, knowing Elena would be putting them up for a few days, but was there ever a doubt? The word "no", was simply not in her vocabulary. Elena never asked Pietro why it was necessary for the couple to be at her house. It was enough that Mom sent them to her, and she trusted Mom's judgment.

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

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Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

Acting Mayor of Boston Kim Janey came in last in the September primaries, could this be one of the reasons “Trying to get rid of the Columbus Day Holiday”? Because her information about him is all wrong!! ... I heard many, many people enjoyed the Columbus Day festivities in Boston and elsewhere and look forward to the holiday each year. It’s a shame that acting Mayor Kim Janey doesn’t see it that way, and is trying to get rid of the Columbus Day holiday in honor of Christopher Columbus. If you research history, you’ll learn it wasn’t Columbus that committed the alleged crimes. Columbus was a good man. According to history books some of the crew members that Columbus left in charge pilfered and abused Islanders when Columbus was off sailing to other destinations.

When Columbus heard of the atrocities he brought those responsible back to Spain to be prosecuted. Christopher Columbus founded many Islands, including the West Indies and the Americas. It’s too bad Janey hasn’t read deeper into history. However, had Christopher Columbus been someone from her background and heritage Janey and all the ultra liberals would feel differently and not be so adamant in destroying a holiday we’ve celebrated for decades. Amen! Amen! ... Annissa Essaibi-George, candidate for Mayor of Boston has a good chance of winning. She knows the Boston school system and her agenda is inviting! Michelle Wu is also a good candidate, but lacks in my estimation, the Boston educational system know-how to put Boston public schools back on the map ... Did you know that interest rates and inflation are on the rise again,

especially now that Joe Biden is president expect to pay higher rates for mortgages, auto loans, and credit cards ... According to news reports there’s an outbreak of measles in U.S. states where Afghanistan refugees have arrived. This country is about to burst. With Central Americans and Mexicans crossing our borders illegally every day, and every country we try to protect, the United States ends up with their citizens who bring in diseases. And, once some of them get comfortable they start groups that want to change our traditions. American taxpayers are disgusted and want an end to the freebee’s this country is allowing. If they want to live here, they need to pay taxes like everyone else! Enough already!!! ... Michelle Wu, candidate for Mayor of Boston’s name will appear first on the ballot, after her name was drawn in the lottery ... Till next time. Stay Healthy!!!

George “Gigi” Reppucci

Garden

by Sal Giarratani

On Friday, September 24th the North End community gathered at the Nazzaro Community Center to dedicate the side garden in memory of George “Gigi” Reppucci who cultivated his flower garden for years, always trying to make it more beautiful each succeeding summer. It was a labor of love on his part.

Whenever you walked by, you would call out his name and he would invite you over to take a moment of relaxation. He always had his radio tuned to WJIB listening to all that great music that added to the ambiance of this little urban oasis.

The only thing in the summertime that would drive him away from his garden was his sun tanning spot down at the Mirabella Pool on Commercial Street. If it was a hot and sunny day, that is where you would find him and of course his radio would be on 740 am WJIB, too. No one better sit in his spot, that’s all I can say. I ended up being a part of this crew. One day I got there late and he said “I saved you this spot and chased someone away from it for you.” Then I knew I was in with Gigi.

He will forever be missed at his garden and down at the pool from all his many friends and family too. Gigi was the Man.



Marilyn with her nephew Anthony just after the sign dedication was unveiled for the first time.

BUS NETWORK REDESIGN

Virtual Public Meeting

The MBTA and MassDOT will host a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, October 27th, at 6:00 P.M. to discuss the Bus Network Redesign Project. An initiative of the Better Bus Project, the MBTA and MassDOT’s Bus Network Redesign Project is taking a look at the bus system as a whole in order to recommend a new network that better serves the needs of the region.

The project’s second public meeting will present the approach and principles used by MassDOT and the MBTA to propose a transformed bus network through the Bus Network Redesign process. These design principles will shape the draft network map that the MBTA will share and discuss extensively with the public later this winter.

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. Members of the public can register for the meeting online. The meeting will be

recorded and posted online for those who cannot attend.

MORE ABOUT BUS NETWORK REDESIGN:

The Bus Network Redesign Project completely re-imagines the MBTA’s bus network to reflect these changes and to create a better experience for current and future bus riders. This redesign reflects rider feedback collected during one of the early phases of the Better Bus Project. It builds on work already done and guides recommendations for changes that address route design, frequency of service, hours of service, and coverage area.

This plan prioritizes riders in transit-critical communities like Roxbury, Everett, Chelsea, Mattapan, and Lynn. It is a once-in-a-generation attempt to make bold, foundational improvements to the bus network for the people who depend on it most.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

These meetings are accessible to people with disabilities and those with limited English proficiency. Accessibility accommodations and language services will be provided free of charge upon request, as available. Such services include documents in alternate formats, translated materials, assistive listening devices, and interpreters (including American Sign Language).

For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation and/or language services, please email: publicengagement@mbta.com.

For further information about Bus Network Redesign and to sign up for project updates, visit: mbta.com/projects/bus-network-redesign, or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or Instagram @theMBTA.

Julie Billiard

Class of 1970 Celebrated their “50” High School Reunion

On September 22, 2021 the Julie Billiard class of 1970 celebrated their “50” High School Reunion. (A year late)



(L-R) First Row: Darlene Zecchino, Patricia Tanso, Theresa Rago, Maria Chiuli, Diane Latta; Second Row: Debbie Papa, Cynthia Meriano, Maureen Bruno, Louise Vivolo, Lucille Rago, Grace Lovasco; Third Row: Rita Campo, Bridget Wozniak, Mary Morrissey, Rosetta Rago, Maria Dello Iacono



George Reppucci, Anthony Reppucci and Jody Tamburello standing by their Uncle Gigi’s plaque.



Nazzaro Center staff members - (L-R): Carlo DiRenzo, Michelle DeVeau, Manuel Montrond, Laurie D’Elia, and Patricia Giovanniello

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



This is a special story. It doesn't involve Nanna, Babbononno or my parents, but corresponds to the values that they used in bringing me up. It all began in the fall of 2013 when I underwent surgery at Mass General Hospital. As I convalesced, a priest came into my room, introduced himself and asked me if I was comfortable. As the conversation began, I asked him where his accent was from as I didn't recognize it. It turned out that Fr. Joseph Owusu Boafo was one of 15 children born into a Catholic family in the West African country of Gambia. When it was time for Fr. Joseph to leave, he extended a blessing in my direction and placed his hand on my forehead. Immediately, I felt a surge of energy run through my body as if it was electricity. I mentioned him to my wife, Loretta, but dismissed the results of the physical contact.

Seven years ago today, one of my closest friends passed away, General Bill Hurley.

His wife, Sandy and the family gave him a military funeral Mass at their church, the Holy Rosary in Winthrop. As the casket was being brought into the church, I was standing at attention with several members of my military organization, the Veterans Association of the First Corps of Cadets. A side door of the church opened and a priest exited. We stared at each other, both knowing we had made contact somewhere in the past. Being at attention, I couldn't talk, but was determined to catch up to Fr. Joseph later. When communion was distributed, I got in his line, and after handing me the host, he placed his hand on my forehead and I felt that same surge of energy run through me that I had experienced when I met him in 2013. A year later, Sandy Hurley had a one-year memorial Mass said for her late husband, and I and several First Corps members attended. Fr Joseph officiated and when I accepted the communion from him, I asked for a blessing for my new granddaughter, Lina. He placed his hand on my forehead, and for the third time, I felt a surge of energy run through my body that I still can't explain.

Fr. Joseph is now a parochial vicar at St. Joseph and Saint John the Baptist collaborative parishes in Quincy. As a result of Sandy Hurley's input and the fact that St. John the Baptist is my close friend, Dr. Dean Saluti's parish, Fr. Joseph is now the spiritual representative of the First Corps of Cadets and Dean's organization, the Greater Boston Renaissance Lodge of the Sons and Daughters of Italy.

When Sandy called and mentioned that on Sunday, September the 26th, there would be a 25th anniversary celebration of priestly ordination for Fr. Joseph, I immediately accepted her invitation. My wife and I followed Dean and Margie Saluti to St. John the Baptist and were joined by two other First Corp members, Generals Joseph Carter, and Michael Finer. The Mass reminded me of



General Michael Finer and Fr. Joseph Boero

the High Masses I used to experience as a child when I was a parishioner at the Sacred Heart in East Boston. Following the Mass, a lawn buffet was held for Fr. Joseph and the attendees of the celebration. Unfortunately, only one in our crowd, General Finer, was able to stay and greet Fr. Joseph. I was so impressed with everything I experienced, I decided to do a column on the good Father and share it with you:

Fr. Joseph came from a very religious family that, as I mentioned at the beginning, included 15 children. They were

Joseph and St. John the Baptist in Quincy, but due to his ministry at Mass General, he cares for sick and dying patients, also. His hospital work brings him to Belmont's McLean Hospital where he integrates his faith with skills that help patients who suffer from physical, emotional, and spiritual distress. One of his main concerns is what he calls "the addiction epidemic" that ravages the lives of people on a daily basis, and with his skills, he concentrates on helping this distinct population.

As I mentioned, Fr. Joseph is one of 15 children. Among his siblings are two Catholic priests, a nun of the St. Louis order and a Marist brother. One of his strongest influences was his mother, a devout woman who recited the rosary every morning and attended daily Mass. Unfortunately, his mother recently passed away. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Fr. Joseph couldn't get home to attend her funeral. If I may, my column extends heart-filled condolences on the behalf of the Renaissance Lodge and the First Corp of Cadets. If any of my readers are interested in contacting Fr. Joseph, he is a parochial vicar at St. Joseph



Colonel Dean Saluti, Dr. John Christoforo, General Joseph Carter, and General Michael Finer

a humble farming family, but his parents stressed the importance of education and religion to each child. As a result, all became actively involved in church activities. From the age of six, Fr. Joseph had desires to become a priest. He started out by serving as a Mission Boy for the Irish Missionary Priests that served in Gambia. Knowing Joseph wanted to become a priest, they entered him as a seminarian in the Holy Spirit Order. He was 17 at the time.

By 1987, Fr. Joseph began a three-year study of philosophy, one of pastoral experience and four years of theology. He was ordained in 1996, at the age of 33. For the next 10 years, he served at the Holy Family Church and the Star of the Sea parishes in Gambia. This was followed by more religious studies, this time in Ireland.

Coming to America, Fr. Joseph studied counseling psychology at Boston College and received two masters' degrees, later becoming a priest at the Holy Rosary Parish in Winthrop. Simultaneously, he served as a full-time Catholic Chaplain at Massachusetts General Hospital (where I met him back in 2013). He is now a parochial vicar at St.

and St. John the Baptist collaborative parishes in Quincy.

As I think back, I was raised with the dogma of Catholicism, but as I became more aware of the world I lived in, I began to question everything. Education didn't help, as it opened doors I didn't even know existed. So, being curious, I investigated what was out there. In terms of religion, As a result, I questioned everything I was ever taught. I looked into Orthodox Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and even the Hindu faith. What they collectively did was convince me that what I was brought up with was, for me, what I felt strongest in. I also discovered something else; as you get older, you start to question your own mortality and I wonder what's beyond this life, and that scares me. So to remain comfortable, I maintain my Catholic faith.

I can thank people like Nanna, Babbononno, my folks, my wife and spiritual leaders like Fr. Joseph for their influences that have kept me believing in who I am and what contributions I might leave behind that are beneficial to my family, friends, and the public at large.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



by
Marianna
Bisignano



One of Italy's most famous sweets are biscotti. Plural for *biscotto*, translating to biscuit or cookie and named "bis" and "cotto" or twice baked, after their original method of baking. The second bake is intended to draw moisture out of the dough and increases their shelf life. Biscotti were perfect for traveler's years ago, and known to be a staple of sailors, soldiers, shepherds and fishermen. Legend has it that they were even enjoyed by Christopher Columbus on his long voyages at sea. Food historians have always given credit to Tuscany for creating the first biscotti, *Cantuccini* (made with almonds) and today, biscotti appear to be favored more than ever. I don't know of an Italian coffee bar that doesn't serve them! Ranging from soft and crunchy, to dry and hard, and plain to flavored, the varieties are endless. Italy's preferred method of eating the hard, dry biscotti has always been to "dunk" them in a glass of Vin Santo and now, even "dunking" in coffee is accepted. Those on the softer side go well with either a coffee or cappuccino.

Sifting through my Nonna's recipes, I found one I remember her making often. It is titled "Italian Biscotti," and in the upper corner, she wrote "Lovie's recipe," She was referring to her older sister, my Zia Nancy. This recipe must have been given to her well over 60 years ago. Flavored with the perfect balance of anise and vanilla, "Zia Nancy Delia's Italian Biscotti" are crisp on the outside, soft on the inside, and just amazingly delicious. These are definitely too soft to dunk, but nonetheless, make a perfect accompaniment, as my Nonna served them, to a fresh brewed cup of coffee or espresso!

ZIA NANCY DELIA'S ITALIAN BISCOTTI

Biscotti Italiani di Zia Nancy Delia



3 eggs
1 ½ cups sugar
½ cup shortening, melted
¼ pound butter (1 stick),
melted

1 ½ teaspoons anise extract
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
½ cup milk
5 cups all-purpose flour
4 ½ teaspoons baking powder

Preheat the oven to 350°. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper and put aside. In a large bowl, beat eggs and sugar until light and fluffy. Add cooled shortening and butter, mix well. Add milk, anise and vanilla extract, beat well. In a medium bowl, sift flour and baking powder together. Take 2 cups of the flour mixture and add to the wet mixture, beat until smooth. On a wooden board, pour remaining flour mixture and make a hole in the middle. Add liquid batter and mix well with your hands, until dough forms. Divide dough into 4 pieces. Roll each section into a log about 1 ½ inches in diameter, and the length of the cookie sheet. Place two logs, spread apart, on each of the prepared cookie sheets. Pat down so they are even in height, and bake at 350° for about 25-30 minutes, until light brown. Remove from the oven, slice each log into ¾ inch pieces. Place slices face down on cookie sheets and second bake at 375° for 10 minutes (turning over at the 5-minute mark) or until golden brown. Cool on cookie sheets and store in a cookie tin to retain crispness.

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

Happy
Birthday
John Christoforo

New for the Holidays: Prices, Shipping Rates and Dates

Plan Ahead with Pricing and Shipping Deadlines for the 2021 Holiday Season

It looks to be another odd year for holiday celebrations. The biggest question likely on most minds is do we make merry in person or virtually? No matter your plans, the Postal Service is ready to do its part to handle your special holiday greetings and gifts. But we also need you to do your part, and that is to make sure you get those packages and good wishes to your Post Office location on time.

NEW PRICING

There are plenty of holiday — and winter — themed stamps available to adorn your greeting cards this year. You can find them in our online Postal Store or at any one of our more than 34,000 Post Office locations. As a reminder, on Aug. 29th, the cost of a First-Class Forever stamp increased three cents, from 55 cents to 58 cents. There are also temporary price increases in place through Dec. 26th, 12:01 a.m., Central time for both retail and business customers for some of our more popular shipping products, which also includes military shipping — Priority Mail Express (PME), Priority Mail (PM), First - Class Package Service (FCPS), Parcel Select, USPS Retail Ground, and Parcel Return Service. International products are unaffected. These temporary rates will keep the Postal Service competitive while providing the agency with the revenue to cover extra costs in anticipation of peak-season volume surges similar to levels experienced in 2020.

Temporary pricing increases for Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express, Parcel Select Ground and USPS Retail Ground are as follows:

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 - Zones 1-4, 0-10 lbs. - \$0.25
 - Zones 5-9, 0-10 lbs. - \$0.75
 - Zones 1-4, 11-20 lbs. - \$1.50
 - Zones 5-9, 11-20lbs. - \$3.00
 - Zones 1-4, 21-70 lbs. - \$2.50
 - Zones 5-9, 21-70 lbs. - \$5.00
- All other **retail** shipping services:
- First-Class Package Service - Retail - \$0.30

A zone pricing calculator is can be found online. A complete list of **business** products and prices is also available online.

The temporary adjustment is part of “*Delivering for America*,” the Postal Service’s 10-year plan for achieving financial sustainability and service excellence, which calls for appropriate pricing initiatives. Even with the temporary increase, the Postal Service has some of the lowest mail postage rates in the industrialized world and continues to offer great values in shipping.

2021 HOLIDAY SHIPPING DEADLINES

The Postal Service recommends the following mailing and shipping deadlines for expected delivery by Dec. 25th to domestic addresses and APO/FPO/DPO (Air/Army Post Office/Fleet Post Office/Diplomatic Post Office) addresses*:

- Nov. 6th — APO/FPO/DPO (all ZIP Codes) USPS Retail Ground service
- Dec. 9th — APO/FPO/DPO (all ZIP Codes) Priority Mail and First-Class Mail
- Dec. 15th — USPS Retail Ground service
- Dec. 16th — APO/FPO/DPO (**except ZIP Code 093**) USPS Priority Mail Express Military service
- Dec. 18th — First-Class Mail service (including greeting cards)
- Dec. 18th — First-class packages (up to 15.99 ounces)

- Dec. 20th — Priority Mail service
- Dec. 23rd — Priority Mail Express* service Alaska
- Dec. 18th — Alaska to/from Continental U.S. – First-Class Mail
- Dec. 18th — Alaska to/from Continental U.S. – Priority Mail
- Dec. 21st — Alaska to/from Continental U.S. – Priority Mail Express Hawaii
- Dec. 17th — Hawaii to/from mainland – Priority Mail and First-Class Mail
- Dec. 21st — Hawaii to/from mainland – Priority Mail Express

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• News Briefs

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incarcerated. He now awaits a hearing to decide whether he will be court-martialed.

Happy Birthday To ...

Lt. Colonel Oliver North just celebrated his 78th birthday last week on October 7th. Happy Birthday and Semper Fi to you.

Can You Believe It?

Can you believe it! Last Thursday, October 7th was the 26th anniversary of the opening of the Fleet Center back in 1995, which replaced the historic Boston Garden. The original new name for the arena replacing Boston Garden was going to be the Shawmut Center. Can you imagine if that name ended up on the marquee? The woke crowd would have been all over that either then or now. Using Indian names BAD. Thank God it finally ended up TD Garden because most people simply call it the Garden like back in the old days.

End Quote

“It is easier to build strong children than repair broken men.”

— Frederick Douglass

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI21C0992CA
In the Matter of
DEBORAH WRIGHT GREGORY
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Deborah Wright Gregory of Concord, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Deborah de Fauconberg.
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 November 09, 2021. 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: October 12, 2021
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 10/15/2021

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VIN # 1FMEU7DEXAUA46496

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VIN # 5TETU62N86Z242251
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Signed
Todisco Services, Inc.

Run dates: 10/15, 10/22, 10/29/2021

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI21D2746DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
BARBARA SANON
VS.
JEAN FRANTZ PRINCE

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 **Barbara Sanon, 402 Rindge Ave., 9C, Cambridge, MA 02140** your answer, if any, on or before **November 08, 2021**. 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: September 27, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/15/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
Docket No. SU21C0406CA
In the Matter of
ANDREW MARTINEZ, III
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Andrew Martinez, III of Boston, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Andrea Kylin Martinez**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of November 16, 2021. 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. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 08, 2021

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Run Date: 10/15/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
Docket No. SU21C0457CA
In the Matter of
SARAH JOAN MARX
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Sarah Joan Marx of Boston, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Sarah Joan Halix**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of October 28, 2021. 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. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 27, 2021

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Run Date: 10/15/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
Docket No. SU21C0455CA
In the Matter of
LAURA BETH HALIS
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Laura Beth Halis of Boston, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Laura Beth Halix**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 27, 2021

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- 2001 TOYOTA COROLLA**
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- 2005 NISSAN ALTIMA**
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- 2010 FORD F-350**
VIN # 1FTWW3BRXAEA22310
- 2018 SUBARU FORESTER**
VIN # JF2SJARCXJH470923
- 2006 HONDA ODYSSEY**
VIN # 5FNRL38736B414238
- 2006 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER**
VIN # 1GNDT13S862322840

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Signed
Todisco Services, Inc.
Run dates: 10/08, 10/15, 10/22/2021

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- 2008 DODGE NITRO**
VIN # 1D8GT28K58W167181
- 2000 LEXUS LS**
VIN # JT8BH28FX0175811
- 2002 TOYOTA CAMRY**
VIN # 4T1BE32K32U620018
- 2018 CHEVROLET TRAX**
VIN # KL7CJLSBXJB642173
- 2005 JEEP LIBERTY**
VIN # 1J4GL48K55W574398
- 2008 SUBARU IMPREZA**
VIN # JF1GE61698H507620

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Signed
Todisco Services, Inc.
Run dates: 10/01, 10/08, 10/15/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
The Probate and Family Court Department
Middlesex, SS Division
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI86P2404

NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF
TRUSTEE AND APPOINTMENT OF
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
NOTICE

To all persons interested in the **Trust Under the Will of Charles J. Paine**, a petition has been presented by **Bradley R. Cook, Charles M. Ganson Jr. and Brenton H. Dickson** in the above-captioned matter praying that **John A. Leith** be appointed co-successor trustee without sureties on his bond due to the resignation of former Trustee, **Bradley R. Cook**.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said court at Woburn before ten o'clock in the forenoon on **November 1st, 2021**.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of said Court at Woburn, this 4th day of October, in the year of our Lord **Two Thousand and Twenty-One**.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/15/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI21C0985CA
In the Matter of
CHAVALI VENKATA SRI HARI NARAYAN RAO
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Chavali Venkata Sri Hari Narayan Rao** of Burlington, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Hari Chavali Rao**.

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 **November 04, 2021**. 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: October 07, 2021
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 10/15/2021

EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani

Red Sox Pull Off
Surprise Upset Over Rays

The Boston Red Sox have done it again. First, they made quick work of the New York Yankees, and then this past Monday, they did likewise to the heavy favorite Tampa Bay Rays winning the best of five against the Rays, three games to one.

Now, the Red Sox will play Friday evening against the Astros best of five series. At this point in time, the Red Sox are hitting their stride at the right moment, as the AL Championship Series is the last move toward playing in the World Series.

October baseball still lives on in Boston!

Oldest Baseball Player
Passes Away

Eddie Robinson, a four-time All-Star who won a World Series in 1948 with the Indians died October 4th at his ranch in Bastrop, Texas. He was the oldest living former Major League Baseball player at 100 years old.

He served in the Navy in World War II, and played for seven teams, including the Yankees from 1954-56. He also worked in several organizations and was a general manager for the Braves and Rangers.

Tony DeMarco
Champ of All Time

I know Tony DeMarco never played professional baseball, but I can't help mention that Tony was my first real hero. Tony was from the North End, my neighborhood. Tony as a regular guy who made it to the top, and will always be the "Champ" to me.

Tony DeMarco passed away on Columbus Day. I heard about it at a wreath laying ceremony at the Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park. As I walked over to the waterfront for this event, I passed right by Tony's statue at the corner of Cross and Hanover Streets, as I often do and looked at it. DeMarco

may not be known by many tourists who stop and stare at the bronze statue, but if you're Italian-American or a North Ender, you know who he was, and know he was "Rocky" before Sylvester Stallion made his movie.

I was still a North Ender living at 37 Salutation Street and seven years old. The following morning after Tony's received his world championship belt, my dad took the family to Fleet Street where Tony lived. My dad hollered up (the North End doorbell) to congratulate him and he came to the window looking like James Dean and hollered back down to my dad. My mom and dad were friends with him. He looked like a young guy early 20s to my 7 years of age.

I am glad that he got to see himself inducted into the U.S. Boxing Hall of Fame back in June 2019. He deserved that honor and always made the North End proud of him.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI21P5047EA

Estate of
JAMES HERBERT MORRIS
Also Known As
JAMES H. MORRIS

Date of Death: **December 22, 2001**
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

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

Run date: 10/15/2021

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI21P5001EA

Estate of
RICHARD L. RIGAZIO
Also Known As
DICK RIGAZIO

Date of Death: **July 11, 2001**
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Richard J. Rigazio** of Arlington, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Richard J. Rigazio of Arlington, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

Run date: 10/15/2021

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI21D2991DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
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ANGELA KIRUMIRA MUTEBI
vs.
ALEX MUTEBI

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Angela K. Mutebi, 247 Ridge Lane, #310, Waltham, MA 02452** your answer, if any, on or before **November 11, 2021**. 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: September 30, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/15/2021



Tony DeMarco

World Champion
Boston's Champion

We Will Miss You Champ

I got the news Monday morning October 11th that former World Welterweight Champion Tony DeMarco had passed at the age of 89. It seems fitting the Champ would take his final count on Columbus Day, the holiday recognizing another great Italian.

I know Tony was up there in years and his death should not have come as a surprise, but it was to me. Tony was as much a part of Boston as Old Ironsides and the Common and it just seemed he would always be there. Born in the North End he was living not far from where he was brought up and within footsteps of the place where he won the title. He always filled a room and was quick to toss a friendly left hook at friends who walked up to greet him. Even though those left hooks were thrown in fun and friendship, they still packed a wallop.



Tony DeMarco was a people person. He loved talking and was never short with anyone. He would answer questions and always had great stories to tell. Quick with a smile, I never saw him angry. He also remembered everyone, making everyone who met his acquaintance feel special. I was proud to call him my friend.

Before I knew Tony, I ran into him at an event. I told him I thought he was one of the great fighters. He asked me if I had done any boxing. When I responded I had but was so far removed from what he had accomplished it didn't seem like I did. He looked at me and said, "You had the courage to step into the ring, that makes you a champ, too." You can see why he had the ability to make people feel special.



There has been and will be much written about Tony DeMarco the boxer. His career was outstanding. At this time, I want people to remember Tony DeMarco the man. I am sharing a memory that my friend Mike Matarazzo wrote upon hearing of the Champ's death. It's what I call a Tony story of which there are many. I'm sure it will make you smile, and he would love that.

"Like so many people, I was able to call Tony DeMarco my friend. I met Tony when I was working for Gov. Weld.

Later, while I was collecting the boat tax for

DOR, Tony would meet me for lunch once or twice a week.



The first time he met me for lunch, he asked me what I wanted. I told him that I was in the mood for a prosciutto, tomato, basil and mozzarella sandwich.

He told me that he knew just «the» place. Well, the place turned out to be several places. One place to buy the prosciutto, one place to buy the tomatoes and basil, and another to get the mozzarella.

With all the ingredients in separate bags, we went to a bakery where he ordered two rolls and asked the baker to put the sandwiches together for us with a little olive oil.

While it took most of my lunch hour, I did get to eat the sandwich on the corner of Fleet Street with Leonardo Liotta a/k/a Welterweight Champion Tony DeMarco — "The Flame and Fury of Fleet Street."

Rest in Peace my friend. You were a great fighter and a humble gentleman.

— Mike Matarazzo

Thank you Mike for allowing me to share that.

My deepest condolences to Dottie DeMarco who was by Tony's side all the time and was his chief second in life.

God Bless You Tony, Boston will not be the same without you.



HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



SAVARD STARTS SECOND CAREER AS HEAD COACH

The bridge that crosses over the expanse of a river (or the tunnel that goes under it) are all that separate former Bruins player Marc Savard from the NHL and his new coaching duties just a short distance away in Canada.

That's because Savard, who played five years for the B's, is now a first-year head coach with the Windsor Spitfires, the Ontario Hockey League team that plays its games right across the river from Detroit, home of the Red Wings.

In that sense Detroit and Windsor are sister cities, across from each other in a fashion similar to Boston and Cambridge. Except, of course, they are in different nations.

Over the summer Savard, whose NHL career was curtailed following a pair of concussions about a decade ago, came aboard in Windsor after serving as an assistant coach with the St. Louis Blues during the 2019-2020 season.

According to the Toronto Star, a major factor in his hiring were his positive comments about coaching.

"If you are still talking about when you played and how things were when you were a player, I don't know if that will lead to any success as a hockey coach, Spitfires GM Bill Bowler told writer Dave Feschuk. "But all Marc talked about was coaching. If you care about coaching and are trying to learn a new craft as a coach, then I think you have a great chance to be a successful coach."

The year that Savard served in St. Louis was the one following the Blues' most memorable campaign. During that prior season they were literally in last place in the then 31-team NHL on New Year's Day and wound up winning the 2019 Stanley Cup by beating the Bruins 4-1 in a Game Seven victory in June at the TD Garden.

The following fall Savard came aboard and things continued smoothly for the Missouri-based franchise. The Blues were leading the Western Conference with a 42-19-10 record across 71 games when action was halted in March due to the COVID outbreak.

When play resumed during the summer St. Louis went 0-2-1 in the round robin tournament and then was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs by Vancouver.

Marc Savard appeared to have the hockey world by the tail about a quarter of a century ago as a promising player in the Ontario Hockey League, the major junior circuit that he will now tour as a head coach.

During the 1994-1995 season Savard put up an eye-popping 139 points and two years later added another 130. That made him the top junior league point producer in Canada in two out of three years.

It also brought him to the New York Rangers' organization where he amassed 74 points with Hartford during the 1997-1998 season

As a center, Savard made his living passing the puck, often in a successful manner. In many years he normally had many more helpers on the ledger than actual tallies. His final season with the Atlanta Thrashers (2005-2006) proved to be his most productive with 97 points next to his name.

And talk about timing. The two words following that total were "free agent." Thus it was that Marc Savard joined the Bruins, signing a four-year, \$20 million contract.

For the B's it was money well spent. During the 2006-2007 campaign he had 96 points, 74 of them coming as assists. He played in the All-Star Game the following year and scored the winning goal with 21 seconds left in the contest. He also had 78 points that season.

In 2008-2009 he led the team with 88 regular season points and added 13 more in 11 Stanley Cup Playoff games.

The year 2009-2010 was a bittersweet one for Savard. On the one hand, he signed a seven-year, \$28 million contract extension, meaning he had now inked two pacts with Boston worth a total of \$48 million.

The bad news came when he sustained the first of two well-publicized concussions. The initial one came on March 10, 2010 when he took a shoulder hit in a game against Pittsburgh. Although he recovered enough to compete in the playoffs, he continued to experience post-concussion symptoms over the summer.

As the 2010-2011 season got underway, the one that would lead to a Stanley Cup title for the B's, Savard was held out for the first 23 games, then returned for the next 25. A second concussion came on January 23, 2011 while playing Colorado. A month later Savard was officially ruled out for the remainder of the season.

His teammates saw to it that he got his name engraved on the Stanley Cup and that he rode in the victory parade through the streets of Boston.

But that January 23rd contest would be the last time Savard would ever play in an NHL game. Over the summer, it was announced that he would be held out for the entire 2011-2012 campaign.

"It is unlikely that Marc will ever play again," stated then Bruins' GM Peter Chiarelli.

Doctors would conclude that Savard had probably sustained at least four additional concussions dating back to his formative years in the game. He officially remained with Boston until the summer of 2015. Both Florida and New Jersey later picked up his contract when it was included as part of player trades. He officially retired on January 23, 2018, seven years after leaving the ice for the final time.

And about going forward? "Right now, I don't see myself as an NHL head coach," Savard told the Toronto Star. "But I don't see myself as an assistant either. We will see what opportunities arise. Who knows what the future holds."