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\$2.5 Million North Square Reconstruction Project

Mayor Martin J. Walsh celebrated the groundbreaking of a \$2.5 million reconstruction project of North Square in the North End on October 11th. The project, when completed, will transform North Square into a livable, walkable, multimodal, green and sustainable square, developing its identity as a cultural destination, while accommodating all users of this historic space.

"In Boston, we are just as excited about our future as we are proud of our past," said Mayor Walsh. "Today, we begin the next chapter of North Square, one of the North End's most treasured, historic places. I want to thank everyone who lent their voice to this process, and I look forward to seeing the transformation of this square."

North Square is one of Boston's oldest occupied neighborhoods and is a part of a vibrant community fabric in the North

End. A popular tourist destination, North Square features the Paul Revere House and the Freedom Trail, which receives four million annual visitors.

- Project highlights include:
 New, wire-cut brick around
- the perimeter of the project
 A reset of granite blocks in the roadway and center plaza
- area
 New accessible granite paver pedestrian paths throughout
- the square
 Reset nautical chain in roughly the same location
- Moon Street (Sacred Heart Church side) raised to same level as the sidewalk and plaza to ease crossings and call motorists' attention to the large number of pedestrians in the Square
- Enhanced street lighting within the square to improve its functionality and safety

"North Square has been for almost 400 years a working



square, a convening place, and a beloved piece of the North End's rich history," said Nina Zannieri, Executive Director of the Paul Revere Memorial Association. "We are so pleased that the Mayor has made this special space a priority and are looking forward to a fully rejuvenated and accessible North Square that allows it to continue to serve as a critical part of the history and fabric of the North End."

The community design process began in 2014, and priorities resulting from those discussions led to the current designs for the square, which include

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

The Colts Have Unveiled a Statue of Peyton Manning

The Indianapolis Colts have unveiled a statue of Peyton Manning on a plaza outside Lucas Oil Stadium (what a horrible name for a stadium, sounds like a place the Oilers should be calling the team's home) and hundreds of fans were there for the ceremony.

I hope the statue doesn't have him dressed in a Confederate uniform, because the U.S. History Deniers would be marching against it.

Speaking of the Colts ...

At that recent Colts-49ers game, many players took a knee during the National Anthem and Vice President Mike Pence got up after the anthem ended and walked out of the stadium in protest. Kudos to the former Governor of Indiana for doing so. Players have a right to protest anytime they want, except while they are at work. Do it on your own time and not on our dime.

Trump Still Creating Horrible Optics

Sometimes I just wonder about President Trump being so tone deaf. He goes down to San Juan, P.R., to a distribution center and starts tossing rolls of paper towels at the large crowd assembled as if he were Brady looking for Gronk. These people on the island have far more to worry about than having enough paper towels. Hey, at least he wasn't tossing toilet paper, which would have been a pretty [deleted] thing to do.

Do you think he thought the folks he was facing needed these paper towels to absorb all the water

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Mayor Walsh, Massport Announce New Commitments to East Boston

City and Massport to Partner on Key Projects to Enhance East Boston Neighborhoods

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) recently announced new commitments to the residents of East Boston, including Phase II of Piers Park on Boston Harbor, additional funding for the East Boston Foundation, operational funding for a new senior center for East Boston residents, and a traffic study to help mitigate congestion on Neptune Road. These commitments were identified as high impact projects by both the City of Boston and the community members and organizations of the Logan Impact Advisory Group (LIAG) through their review process for both the Terminal E modernization and the addition of 5,000 new parking

"I am proud to partner with Massport to enhance the thriving neighborhood of East Boston. These projects build on our commitment to provide new and additional pathways for economic mobility and avenues to improve quality of life for residents," said Mayor Walsh. "From improving and building upon our green spaces, to enhancing our streetscape, to providing

members of our communities a new place to gather, when we invest in and improve our neighborhoods together, great things happen."

Mayor Walsh announced a new Orient Heights Senior Center to serve the senior residents of East Boston, with Massport providing operational funding for this important project. The City of Boston will help facilitate this plan, with vital input from the community incorporated into all aspects of the project.

"Community spaces and engaging programming create meaningful connections in our neighborhoods that are important for older adults," said Emily Shea, Commissioner on Affairs of the Elderly. "We look forward to continuing to build supports and services here in East Boston."

"As one of Logan Airport's host communities, East Boston has been impacted by the airport in many ways, and today, I'm proud to join my colleagues from the City of Boston and Massport to announce these new commitments which will, no doubt, have positive impacts on East Boston

for many years to come," said State Senator Joseph Boncore.

The award-winning Piers Park is an active community center in East Boston with lush greenscapes, playground equipment, exercise equipment, and a pier extending into Boston Harbor with gazebos highlighting the neighborhoods of East Boston. The park features some of the most spectacular views of the Boston skyline. Opened in 1995, the park won the 2014 "Best of Boston" Award for "Best Green Space" in the city. Several local organizations offer programming in the park, including free concerts from Zumix, exercise offerings such as tai chi and yoga, and the annual Eastie Pride Day.

"These commitments present exciting opportunities for East Boston and are the result of a collaborative, community-driven dialogue among local stakeholders," said State Representative Adrian Madaro. "A ten-year extension and increased funding for the East Boston Foundation, a new senior center, and an expanded Piers Park will have lasting impacts on our neighbor-

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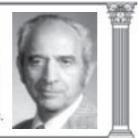
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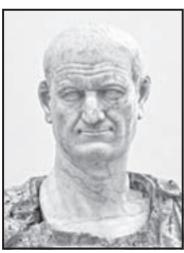
A weekly column highlighting some of the more interesting aspects of our ancestry . . . our lineage . . . our roots.



VESPASIAN'S COLOSSEUM, PART II

We know that the Colosseum was the scene of fearful barbarities during the persecutions of the Christians; however, it was also used for gladiatorial combats during the first 300 years after it was built. For the provision of this fatal service to the emperor, the Roman Empire, and the glory of the Colosseum, they always kept ready in Rome about 10,000 gladiators who were held as prisoners. They were strong, athletic, well-fed, well-lodged, skilled in the use of combat weapons, and had at one time been soldiers themselves who had fought against the Roman legions and, in some instances, even defeated them. One thing was for sure; they were absolutely certain of an early death. The sheer stupidity of it all seems to be the manner in which these herds of human beings accepted their fate, yielded to the ceremonial atmosphere of the arena, considered this mortal combat as a duty, made the grand procession around the combat area, yelled the famous "Ave!" and then flung themselves against man or beast in a fight to the death.

There are those who have said that while the building was imposing because of the nature of its activity, it was never considered beautiful. The exterior of the structure was faced with the famous Italian travertine. This is the building



Vespasian Marble. Ca. 80 CE. Inv. No. s.n. Naples, National Archaeological Museum

stone that shows the characteristic worm-eaten texture. It also had three orders of Roman architecture: Tuscan, Ionic, and Corinthian, superimposed on the first, second, and third stories respectively. The interior had a marble facing on the emperor's ringside platform, as well as a marble throne. Huge masts projecting from the upper story were equipped to hold brightly colored awnings, which protected the spectators from the summer sun.

The last gladiator fights took place in 404 A.D. and the last wild beast fight in 503 A.D. But bullfights were held here as late

as 1362. If it appears to a visitor to Rome and to the Flavian Amphitheater that more than half of the building stones have been removed, it is because the Romans themselves have done more harm to their own city than all of the invading armies put together. We are reminded that, during the Renaissance era, many of these priceless buildings of antiquity were used as quarries to furnish building stones for a number of churches and palaces. This structure has been despoiled by vandals and plundered by the Romans themselves, but majestically it still stands as one of the great landmarks of the world. It has been said many times that while the Colosseum stands, Rome will stand, and when the Colosseum falls, Rome will fall.

In retrospect, it can be said that Vespasian brought Rome out of the chaos that followed the death of Nero, Galba, Otho, and Vitellius. He restored order to the government and public finances and, although he leaned strongly toward autocratic or dictatorial side of administration, he succeeded in restoring a confidence and dignity to Rome that had heretofore been lost. History regards him as a good emperor and I think I'll just have to rate him as a 9½.

NEXT WEEK: Titus the Dissembler

Res Publica

by David Trumbull



Attorney General Sessions Issues Guidance on Protections for Religious Liberty

On October 6th, Attorney General Sessions issued guidance to all administrative agencies and executive departments regarding religious liberty protections in federal law and made the following statement:

"Our freedom as citizens has always been inextricably linked with our religious freedom as a people. It has protected both the freedom to worship and the freedom not to believe. Every American has a right to believe, worship, and exercise their faith. The protections for this right, enshrined in our Constitution and laws, serve to declare and protect this important part of our heritage."

The memorandum was issued pursuant to President Trump's Executive Order No. 13798 (May 4, 2017). The guidance interprets existing protections for religious liberty in federal law, identifying 20 high-level principles.

- 1. The freedom of religion is a fundamental right of paramount importance, expressly protected by federal law.
- 2. The free exercise of religion includes the right to *act* or *abstain from action* in accordance with one's religious beliefs.
- 3. The freedom of religion extends to persons *and* organizations.
- 4. Americans do not give up their freedom of religion by participating in the marketplace, partaking of the public square, or interacting with government.
- 5. Government may not restrict acts or abstentions because of the beliefs they display.
- 6. Government may not target religious individuals or entities for special disabilities based on their religion.
- 7. Government may not target religious individuals or entities through discriminatory enforcement of neutral, generally applicable laws.
- 8. Government may not officially favor or disfavor particular religious groups.
- 9. Government may not interfere with the autonomy of a religious organization.
- 10. The Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 ("RFRA") prohibits the federal government from substantially burdening any aspect of religious observance or practice, unless imposition of that burden on a particular religious adherent satisfies strict scrutiny.
- 11. RFRA's protection extends not just to individuals, but also to organizations, associations, and at least some for-profit corporations.

12. RFRA does not permit the federal government to second-guess the reasonableness of a religious belief.

- 13. A governmental action substantially burdens an exercise of religion under RFRA if it bans an aspect of an adherent's religious observance or practice, compels an act inconsistent with that observance or practice, or substantially pressures the adherent to modify such observance or practice.
- 14. The strict scrutiny standard applicable to RFRA is exceptionally demanding.
- 15. RFRA applies even where a religious adherent seeks an exemption from a legal obligation requiring the adherent to confer benefits on third parties.
- 16. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, prohibits covered employers from discriminating against individuals on the basis of their religion.
- 17. Title VII's protection extends to discrimination on the basis of religious observance or practice as well as belief, unless the employer cannot reasonably accommodate such observance or practice without undue hardship on the business.
- 18. The Clinton Guidelines on Religious Exercise and Religious Expression in the Federal Workplace provide useful examples for private employers of reasonable accommodations for religious observance and practice in the workplace.
- 19. Religious employers are entitled to employ only persons whose beliefs and conduct are consistent with the employers' religious precepts.
- 20. As a general matter, the federal government may not condition receipt of a federal grant or contract on the effective relinquishment of a religious organization's hiring exemptions or attributes of its religious character.

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offered the following statement in response:

"The Attorney General's guidance helpfully reaffirms that the law protects the freedom of faithbased organizations to conduct their operations in accordance with their religious mission. The guidance also reaffirms that the federal government should never exclude religious organizations from competing on an equal footing for government grants or contracts, and religious entities should never be forced to change their religious character in order to participate in such programs."

IS BOBBY CAPPUCCI BAAACK?

by Sal Giarratani



The Cappucci Billboard has faded to black at the corner of Bennington and Neptune streets. (Photo by Sal Giarratani)

Back in the early '80s, when I still lived in Charlestown across the ways from Engine 50 and St. Mary's Church, I used to write in the old *Charlestown Patriot* and was pretty active in the community and local politics. In 1983, I attempted to run for the brand-new District 1 School Committee seat, but in the end decided not to do it. During that brief campaign period, I met up with Bobby Cappucci on the campaign trail and we became friends. At that time, he was interested in the District 1 city council race. As I said, I dropped out of my race and he was unsuccessful in his.

However, over the course of the next few years in Charlestown, Cappucci was like the energizer bunny. Running, running, and running again!

I can remember doing bingo games with him over at Star of the Sea in Eastie and those old ladies loved him. Back then, he was using his whole name — Bobby Meaney Cappucci — because he wanted Townies to know he was half-Irish like me. However, I must say, "Meaney" may be an Irish name, but it sounded kind of negative to me.

Persistence did pay off for him after John Nucci gave up his school committee seat and Cappucci finally got elected. However, the euphoria was short-lived after Mayor Ray Flynn abolished the school board, thus ending Cappucci's hard fought for campaign victory.

He ended up getting appointed a Boston Police Officer in his fifties. It was all quiet on the political front for a couple of decades, and then he retired. I almost forgot about him until this year when he announced his bid for Mayor of Boston. He had come out of the woodwork. He campaigned hard as usual. Put his own money into the campaign. Went door to door, printed campaign material, and even bought five billboards across the city's landscape — one of them by the onramp to both tunnels by Neptune and Bennington Streets. Every day, on my way into Boston, I would pass his face. Still a very likable guy!

I had to wonder why he picked the mayor's race to re-enter the political arena, especially when Mayor Marty Walsh was up for re-election against District 7 city councilor Tito Jackson. He was just an afterthought along with Joseph Wiley, who was also running for mayor. (I graduated with Wiley in the Class of 1966 at Boston English High School.)

Cappucci finished a distant third place and Wiley an even more distant fourth. I wonder now, why those Cappucci billboards are still up. Will we see Bobby Cappucci back on the ballot again? I think we will. I always thought he was too nice for politics. As I said, those old ladies used to love him, but sadly all those old ladies are dead now. I hope he runs again but lowers his sights. You don't re-enter politics after a long absence by running for mayor. He should have run for a citywide City Council seat. I could see him doing that job. He needs to stay rested and tanned. Who knows, luck might strike him twice. I know he always makes elections interesting and God knows we need candidates who are not so into themselves all the time.

The world doesn't revolve around Bobby Cappucci, Cappucci revolves around wards, precincts and polling places.

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Carl L. Sutera, Jr.

Carl L. Sutera, Jr., of the North End passed away at home on October 10, 2017.

Devoted father of Anna and Wayne McKinnon of Easton, Tracy and James Burgio of Quincy, and the late Carl L. Sutera III. Loving



grandfather of Matthew, Mitchell and Mark McKinnon. Former husband of Laura (Holly) Sutera. Dear brother of Lucy Graffeo of Somerville, Mario Sutera of the North End, Sal Sutera of N. Reading, Marie Tarantino of Winthrop, the late Beatrice Catanzaro, Freddy Sutera, Leo Sutera, Vincent Sutera, Josephine Catanzaro, Annette Papa, and Catherine Cadigan. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Carl was a retired employee of the City of Boston, BTD (Transportation Department).

Visiting hours in the O'Brien Funeral Home, 146 Dorchester Street, South Boston, Thursday, October 19th, from 4:00-8:00 pm. Funeral Mass in Sacred Heart Church, 12 North Square, North End, on Friday, October 20th, at 11:00 am. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend all services.

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Joseph Barisano "Ray Barron"

Ray Barron, legendary Boston advertising, marketing and public relations executive, passed away peacefully on October 15, 2017, at the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital in Bedford, MA. He was 93 years of age. Barron was president and founder of Barron, Hillman and Mellnick, Inc., for close to four decades, among many other roles. But here at the Post-Gazette, he is remembered

as one of its most popular columnists, author of "Ray Barron's 11 O'Clock News." Barron accomplished many things in his life and he certainly made us laugh!

Born in Boston, his given name was Joseph Barisano. He began to use the professional name of Ray Barron at age 16 during his career as a musician and orchestra leader. A gifted and talented drummer and pianist, Barron lived in New York City during the early years of his career, where he would meet his future wife, actress Marilyn Mitchell, then hostess of children's radio and television shows. Together they had two daughters, Karen and Robin. He is a graduate of Boston English High School and Burdett College, and attended (Military) Civil Affairs School in Shriveham, England, as well as Harvard School of Business, SBANE seminar.



Ray Barron at Richard F. Aylward's grave in Soisson, France, October 1945.

Barron was a World War II Army Veteran and served his country in the European Theater. He was awarded four Battle Stars among other citations. As a musician/bandleader he performed at a variety of venues. In the late forties, Barron hosted a weekly jazz show on WVOM and later served as a Talkmaster on WMRE, both in Boston. And for close to four decades, Barron served as President of Barron, Hillman & Mellnick, Inc., of Boston, an advertising, marketing and public relations agency he founded in 1956 (originally named Ray Barron, Inc.). The agency became known as one of New England's leading advertising agencies and received many professional awards for excellence in advertising. Barron was selected by an Ad East magazine poll as one of New England's most creative individuals in advertising and by Madison Avenue as a "mover and a shaker." Upon selling his advertising agency, he accepted an appointment as public relations director of the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Barron was also a widely read newspaper and magazine columnist for publications such as the Boston Herald, New England Ad Week, Downbeat



Snow Concerto in Blue by Ray Barron

Magazine and, of course, the Post-Gazette. He was a marketing instructor for over a decade at the New England School of Art and Design and served as a member of the School's Board of Directors. Barron was also a prolific writer, television and radio commentator, lecturer, and mentor to many people. He was the author of several books and had over forty years of guest speaking engagements at

schools and professional organizations, receiving numerous awards, including Northeastern University's Speaker of the Year Award. He was often referred to as a Renaissance man for his creative accomplishments in addition to his success in business.

A life-long resident of Nahant, MA, Barron was an active member in the local community. He was



You know you hit big time when someone turns you into a cartoon caricature.

the founder of several community organizations, including the Nahant Friends of the Library and the Nahant Arts Association. His other affiliations included Advertising Club of Greater Boston, New England Broadcasting Association, Public Relations Society of America, Italian Americans in Communications, Dante Alighieri Society, North Shore Music Society, and the Dante University Foundation.



Ray's fantastic man cave.

Barron was predeceased by his beloved wife of forty-nine years, Marilyn Mitchell Barisano. He is survived by his daughter Robin Waters and her husband Paul of Swampscott and daughter Karen Barisano Gordinas of Nahant. His also leaves his sisters Eve Barisano of East Boston, and Joan DiCenso and her husband Sal of East Boston; his granddaughter Kerry Gordinas Voznyak and her husband Michael, grandson Kyle J. Waters, and great granddaughter Teagan Voznyak; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation on Saturday, October 21st, from 11:00 am-12:00 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 284 Nahant Road in Nahant, followed immediately by a Funeral Mass. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Nahant Council on Aging, 334 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908. Arrangements are under the direction of the Solimine Funeral Home in Lynn, MA. See directions and guestbook at www.solimine.com.

because of their highly symbolic and extremely universal

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Magic in the Air: The Story of Italian Fairy Tales

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Magic — the word rolls off your tongue like a charm, filled with wonder and possibility. It conjures images of puffs of colorful smoke and cards that disappear into the air. I particularly think of magic during the month of October, when signs of the mystical side of life surround me. Leaves shining on the pavement after a chilly rainfall, candles flickering inside toothy jack-o-lanterns, the foreboding sky of an early evening, the cackle of witches all these elements make October a month in which to revel in the supernatural and in the spooky sense of the unknown. This longing for the mysterious taps into our primordial collective unconsciousness, as some of our earliest introduction to magic tropes and beings came from our childhood. The wonderful world of fairy tales opened our eyes to a plethora of bizarre, subversive, and enchanting elements. These were tales where powerful women could shape a person's destiny with wishes and spells, where animals and trees talked, where the assurance of a happy ending always came as a result of an arduous and mutable journey. Fairy tales have proved so instrumental in shaping our psyche that modern scholars debate, dissect and study them in the halls of academia. My introduction to fairy tales came as a result of my grandmother, Nonna, whose bedtime stories evoked an Italian countryside full of tricky gnomes, prowling wolves, and wise, grizzled crones. The spooky, magical month of October is perfect for diving into the folktales of Italy and the motifs that make them still so popular today.

Any mention of fairy tales specific names of these stories' protagonists, from Snow

Repeated through oral tradition and echoing across generations, these characters have mutated and morphed to fit the values, mores, and customs of each time period or locale, while still keeping the core of their stories intact. Italy boasts variations of several of our beloved fairy tale protagonists. An early version of Cinderella, called Cenerentola, is present in the collection of seventeenth-century poet Giambattista Basile. In Basile's tale, a girl named Zezolla is forced to work in the kitchen by her stepmother until a fairy living in a date tree magically prepares her for a royal ball. Basile also recorded a story similar to Rapunzel, in which the main character was named Petrosinella, or parsley, and was held captive by an ogress rather than a witch. Another fairy tale named Maria, the Wicked Stepmother, and the Seven Robbers blends elements of Snow White with those of Hansel and Gretel, as a young girl named Maria is abandoned in the woods at the behest of her stepmother, only to stumble across a home belonging to seven robbers and eventually marry a prince. However, my absolute favorite fairy tale, the one most laden with foreboding and symbolism, is Little Red Riding Hood. The Italian version of this tale, La Finta Nonna ("the false grandmother") incorporates all the familiar elements — a girl visiting her grandmother and realizing that something is wrong but also adds other unique components. For example, the creature who eats the grandmother is an ogress rather than a wolf. Furthermore, Little Red Riding Hood herself manages to defeat the ogress and release her grandmother, rather than instantly brings to mind the depending on a huntsman. Talk about girl power!

Fairy tales, whether origi-White to Little Red Riding Hood. nating in Italy or not, endure

archetypes. In fact, I find that the most common fairy tale motifs frequently remind me of my time in Italy over ten years ago, particularly the days spent in my father's quaint hometown of Sulmona in the mountainous Abruzzi region. One such archetype is the enchanted forest, or woods filled with magic, mystery, and the tingling possibilities of both danger and opportunity. In Sulmona, where the forest stretched endlessly in a sea of lush emerald green and trees whispered secrets in the wind up the mountainside, it was easy to imagine elves and gnomes hiding among the foliage. The concept of the crone appears in many fairy tales as well. These immensely powerful, wizened old women wielded their abilities for good, as in the case of fairy godmothers, or for bad, as in the case of sinister witches. These examples of female agency always impressed me, especially in a genre which often took a more traditional approach to gender roles. In their positive iterations, the crones remind me of my own wise and resourceful nonnas. Finally, there is the image of the wolf. The wolf was once the most feared animal in Europe, and as such figured in many folktales as a symbol of menace and the unknown. In fact, though Italy has its own rendering of Little Red Riding Hood, most Italians are also familiar with the famous version in which a wolf swallows the grandmother. My father frequently spoke of having to ride his bicycle home late at night during his childhood, snaking through darkened mountain roads as wolves howled in the distance. Fairy tales tap into our subconscious fears and desires, and therefore their symbolism will always be repeated and reinterpreted with each passing generation. As Halloween approaches, my

thoughts turn to everything that is spooky and, well, magical. Fairy tales perfectly encompass the mood of the wondrous month of October, a month that sees the mystical dance of the harvest and ends with a festival honoring the unknown. From enchanted forests to women who can grant wishes with the wave of a wand, from conniving ogresses to cunning wolves, fairy tales weave a rich tapestry of human anxieties and yearnings made manifest in the most bizarre and metaphorical of ways. The power of fairy tales is so strong that every culture of the world contains unique fables that speak to both localized and universal concerns. This can be seen in the folktales of Italy, which blend familiar fairy tale characters with special twists and motifs. This October, I plan to spend a dark, cozy evening enveloped in the world of folklore, and I hope that the charm and magic of fairy tales touches your lives as well!

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The Sometimes Slow Process of Following the Evidence

I can't stop thinking about the recent horrific and unthinkable mass shooting at the music concert in a venue next to a major hotel over in Las Vegas, Nevada. Without any clear motive to date, conspiracy theories are coming forward. Tin-hat wearing folks seem to obsess on wanting to make sense of it all. Some think the whole thing is a giant cover up. Others think he was a CIA operative. Then there are those who think the CIA took him out up in that 32nd floor hotel room. Don't forget Area 51 and the X-Files! Maybe he was working with the Mr. Spock and the Vulcans. What about the Manchurian Candidate with Frank Sinatra?

Talk radio hasn't help as radio hosts feed into this lunacy. People are getting polled on the radio on an issue they have nothing to go on yet. I want to know if Paddock attacked alone. I want to know if he had any ISIS links. I want to know why the hotel waited reportedly a good six minutes before calling 9-1-1 after receiving reports that someone was shooting up on the $32^{\rm nd}$ floor. This delay alone could end up being the cause of increased carnage down on the ground. It could also mean a slew of law suits from victims of the mass shooter.

I commend the actions thus far of Sheriff Joe Lombardo, moving forward on the facts at hand. This case remains fluid and he seems to be doing the best he can to keep informed about this case. Sheriff Lombardo of Clark County, unlike many other well-known sheriffs across the country, is staying clear of politics and just doing pure law enforcement and investigation.

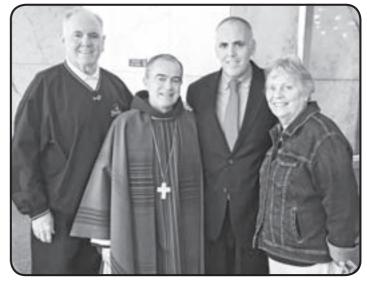
I hope we come to know why Paddock did what he did and whether he even had a motive besides just being a sociopath. Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman called the killer "a crazed lunatic full of hate." Partial autopsy findings reportedly showed no abnormality in the suspect's brain, such as a tumor, to explain his actions. The mayor probably should not be publically speculating out loud.

Everyone wants to know everything quickly, but things must move at a pace that gets to the evidence and possible motive. This isn't like TV, where everything gets solved in a one-hour episode.

Talk show hosts shouldn't be throwing red meat on the plate just to stir up audiences and improve ratings. Calling the FBI incompetent serves no good purpose. The FBI has lost much respect since the Boston Marathon Bombings, but stating that President Obama and James Comey politicized and destroyed the integrity of the FBI since the days of J. Edgar Hoover is a big stretch, since Hoover clearly had politicized the FBI himself with all those alleged secret files on high-profile Americans.

We need to slow down and wait for more information. Las Vegas was the largest mass shooting in America's history. We must learn from it. America has become a shooting gallery. We need to work together, not as Democrats, Republicans, liberals or conservatives, but as Americans united in taking positive actions without the need to knee-jerk or bash others for not agreeing with us.

This is a matter of life and death and we must choose life.



The Flynns organized a hurricane relief effort in South Boston for the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico recently. People made significant food, money, and clothing donations. L-R: former U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican and Mayor of Boston Ray Flynn, Archbishop Roberto Gonzales of Puerto Rico, Ed Flynn, and Mrs. Kathy Flynn at St. Anthony's Shrine in Boston.



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OCTOBER 12[™] Day of Disgrace

by Adolph Case

Letter to the *Boston Globe* in Response to the Article by Roland Merullo:

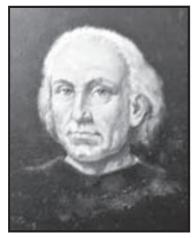
Good morning. No, not a good morning, especially on Columbus Day!

Poor Columbus! He died in anonymity — the typical announcement of one's death was posted in the local square of the deceased. On the day of Columbus' death, however, there was no such announcement. Thanks to Columbus, however, John W. Henry and Roland Merullo are having the time of their lives. Without Columbus, they would not be here.

In his, Columbus and Italian-Americans — a sad marriage, from his first line, "When I was a boy, my father owned a book called, 'Columbus WAS first'. I never read it. I'm sure he never read It ... " Yet, Merullo condemns "Columbus' record of brutality or his pivotal role in the heinous practice of owning and selling human beings. Torture, punitive amputations, wholesale slaughter of the generally peaceful native peoples he encountered on his four voyages."

In his first voyage, wherein Columbus showed the world how to sail to "China-India" by going west on the unknown Atlantic, Columbus landed in the waters adjacent to two continents unknown to the world. In his Log, he called the new "Indians" and described them as handsome, primitive, and docile — a people who could easily be conquered. (He was made to understand that others were cannibals; and so reported in his Log. They had no religion as such nor knew how to read or write). He took five of them onto his two ships (the third was grounded and the crew left behind in what was to be the first settlement of Europeans in "China-India"). While on board, two jumped off the ship and swam back ashore. The other three became successful icons in the Queen's court where the Europeans saw for themselves that China-India had been successfully reached by his sailing westwards.

In his second voyage, wherein he hit the bull's eye again in reaching his destination, Columbus discovered that those "docile" Indians had massacred the entire settlement. In



Christopher Columbus by David Workman Commissioned by Adolph Caso

that Log, Columbus showed no sign of retribution against anyone. He couldn't, even if he wanted to: The Spaniards were in charge.

In his third voyage wherein he showed the Spaniards how to successfully reach "China-India", Columbus was bound in chains and sent back to Spain.

Acquitted of any charge, Queen Isabella sent Columbus back to "China-India". On his return, Columbus was allowed to live the rest of his life in oblivion. His only wish: in his will, he gave money to the city of Genova, with the hope of sending crusaders to free the holy land from Muslim oppression.

So, what did Columbus do for the native "Indians"? Directly, nothing! Indirectly, the natives did away with cannibalism. They became Christians. They learned how to read and write. They began to record their history. They became active in every aspect of modern life. They became humans having the freedom to evolve into independent citizens — their heads on their shoulders. With the help of their church, they did away with institutionalized slavery unlike the new Christians — from Africa, Europe and America, they exploited those poor souls by capturing and enslaving them by their own chiefs and kings. As important, because of Columbus' discovery of sailing west to reach the east, his discoveries through later immigrations, Columbus put an end to the practice of decapitating hundreds of thousands of individuals by their own "noble" leaders, thus saving the lives of untold numbers of future natives. And, not to forget: because of Columbus, the pervasive practice of human sacrifice by the removal of the heart came to an end. Generations upon generations of human beings have been saved. One is to ask: where is the heart of Mr. Merullo? Finally, Columbus introduced to them, Jesus — their ultimate Savior.

Long after Columbus' death, and because of Americo Vespucci, neither the indigenous people nor the Europeans knew of the existence of the North and South American continents.

The haciendas needing to be manned by "Indian" slaves did not exist; and, the cotton fields of North America requiring slaves from Africa did not exist either. Beyond and after Columbus, himself, there was little humanism among either the Europeans or of the "Indians": they are the ones who turned slavery into the repressive institution we have come to know so well. One should want to know: when, how, and who created this abominable institution; and, even try to discover who dismantled it.

Were it not for Columbus, the 1620 shores of Plymouth MA would never have welcomed that Mayflower!

In its October 12, 2017 edition of the Boston Globe, its editors have one single entry of the day Columbus revealed to the world, on our behalf, how to reach America. On the last page of the Sports section — THIS DAY IN HISTORY: the editors report that "In 1492 (according to the Old Style calendar) Columbus' expedition arrived in present-day Bahamas." Even in this pithy reference, the calendar may be wrong, and that, the expedition — not Columbus landed in the Bahamas.

Mr. Merullo, you said that neither your father nor you read the book on Columbus. Yet, you call yourself a spokesman for the Italian Americans!

Adolfo Caso

American of Italian descent ready and honorably ready to salute any statue of Christopher Columbus.



NEMPAC Showcases Local Musicians at Intimate Art Gallery

Presenting "Boston Composers: Then and Now"

The North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) brings classical music to a contemporary art setting in its inaugural concert for the 2017-2018 Bijou de la Vida Concert Series, "Boston Composers: Then and Now!" The concert on Friday, October 27, **2017, at 7:30 pm** will feature local and professional musicians performing pieces by Boston's finest composers, past and present, under the direction of NEMPAC Artistic Director, Dr. Christina Wright-Ivanova, who will also perform on the piano. Other performers include Rachele Schmiege (soprano), Shadwa Mussad (violin), Mitch FitzDaniel (baritone), Alexis Lee (cello), and Sherri Snow (soprano).

The program ranges in songs for children and adults, beginning with 20th century composer Leonard Bernstein's "A Cycle of 5 Kid Songs" and concluding with current composer and pianist Heather Gilligan's "Living in Light." Dynamic both in its variety of musical movements and mix of jovial and somber compositions, the concert will celebrate and follow the evolution and diversity of Boston's musical landscape.

Prior to the concert, NEMPAC will host a reception beginning at 6:30 pm. During this time, guests will have the opportunity to explore the gallery's artwork while enjoying a pairing of wine and cheese before the concert's 7:30 pm start time.

Bijou de la Vida Art Gallery is located at 390 Commercial Street. We hope to see you on Friday, October 27th. (Pre-Concert Reception at 6:30 pm, Concert at 7:30 pm.)

For cost and more information go to www.nempacboston.org.

ABOUT NEMPAC: The North End Music and Performing Arts Center is the North End of Boston's key resource for arts programming. A group of North End mothers founded NEMPAC in 2001 in an effort to create musical programming for their children. In 2004, the Robert White Foundation donated to NEMPAC their cityoperated space located off the Prado (the Paul Revere Mall) In the North End. This space, consisting of four private music studios, a storage basement, and an office, is where NEMPAC began to flourish. Today, we are serving over 900 students a week through our education programs and partnerships, including the Eliot BPS Innovation School, Charlestown Working Theater, and the St. John Catholic School. Our concerts are making the North End of Boston a destination for arts and culture. As we continue to grow as a Performing Arts Center, we continue to ensure we are engaging our audiences with creative, quality, and innovative programming.



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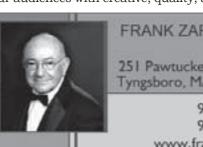
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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo

Muslin Cloths



I can't express how important it is to wash your makeup off every night! Bacteria buildup and broken eyelashes are just a few of the consequences when your face is not cleansed every night. Even a day spent busy without makeup must be cleansed to purify your skin from those outdoor radicals.

So lately I've been looking into the best way to cleanse. A Muslin Cloth has been a solution. These woven cloths have been around for centuries. However, they have made a comeback. Not like cleansing brushes,

which can cause breakouts due to bacteria buildup, the Muslin Cloth offers a cleaner approach to cleansing. They make a great exfoliator. To use, dampen the cloth first with warm water, apply cleanser, and gently massage into your skin. The Cloth will buff away surface impurities such as dirt, oil, left over makeup, and dead skin cells. It can also gently remove waterproof mascara. Great for getting rid of nasty blackheads! Rinse thoroughly.

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So my Glamazons ... go out and wash that mug properly! Buona Giornata and God Bless the USA!

— Mary N. DiZazzo-Trumbull

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Saint John of God

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

John of God was born João Duarte Cidade on March 8. 1495, in the District of Évora, Kingdom of Portugal. He was the son of André Cidade and Teresa Duarte, who belonged to a once-prominent family that was impoverished but had great religious faith.

One day, when John was eight years of age, he disappeared from his home. Exactly what happened to him is uncertain. John became a homeless orphan in the streets of Oropesa, near Toledo, Spain. He was eventually taken in by a man named Francisco Mayoral and the boy settled down as a shepherd.

The farmer was so pleased with John that he wanted him to marry his daughter and to become his heir. When he was about 22, to escape his master's well-meant, but persistent, offer of his daughter's hand in marriage, Cidade joined the military and fought for Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor. He was sent to fight French forces at Fontarabia. While serving there, John was accused of dereliction of duty. He was condemned to death, and that would have been his fate had not for some more tolerant officer, who intervened to win his pardon.



in Oropesa for the next four years; he then re-enlisted into the military and went to fight in Hungary against the Turks, leaving Oropesa for a final time. For the next 18 years he served as a trooper in various parts of

Cidade experienced a major religious conversion on Saint Sebastian's Day (January 20th) in 1537, while listening to a sermon by John of Ávila, who in time became his spiritual director. Ávila encouraged him to improve the life of the poor. Cidade returned to the farm At the age of 42, Cidade suffered

an acute mental breakdown and was confined to the Royal Hospital. He was visited by John of Ávila, who advised him to be more actively involved in tending to the needs of others rather than in enduring personal hardships. Cidade gradually returned to health and, shortly after, left the hospital to begin work among the poor. He established a house where he tended to the needs of the sick poor, at first doing his own begging. For some time, he was alone in his charitable work, begging by night to secure the needed medical supplies, and by day attending to the needs of his patients and the hospital.

Slowly Cidade drew to himself a dedicated circle of disciples who felt called to join him in his service to the sick and poor. He organized his followers into the Order of Hospitallers, who were approved by the Holy See in 1572. The Brothers Hospitallers of Saint John of God, as they became known, in time would care for the sick in countries around the world. Cidade passed away on March 8, 1555. He was canonized on October 16, 1690. March 8th is the Feast Day of the Saint who would become known as Saint John of God.

East Boston Savings Bank 31st Annual Holiday Charity Auction

On Tuesday, November 7, 2017, the employees of East Boston Savings Bank will be holding the $31^{s\bar{t}}$ Annual Holiday Charity Auction. The event will be held at Danversport Yacht Club, 61 Elliot Street, Danvers, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Last year, East Boston Savings Banks raised and distributed \$60,000 thanks to the generous support of many people and companies who attended the event, donated auction items, or made cash donations. All the food served at the Auction is donated by local restaurants and bakeries, or made by our employees.

Every dollar we raise at the Auction goes to the non-profit agencies we support.

The five local non-profit organizations provide valuable services to families throughout the communities served by East Boston Savings Bank. The organizations that will benefit from this year's Auction are: Crossroads Family Shelter, Citizens Inn (Haven from Hunger), East Boston Social Center, Greater Medford Visiting Nurse Association, and Bread of Life.

East Boston Savings Bank is reaching out to ask for support for this important event by making a cash donation or donating an item for the Auction. Items that are always popular include the latest electronics, sports tickets and memorabilia, gift certificates,

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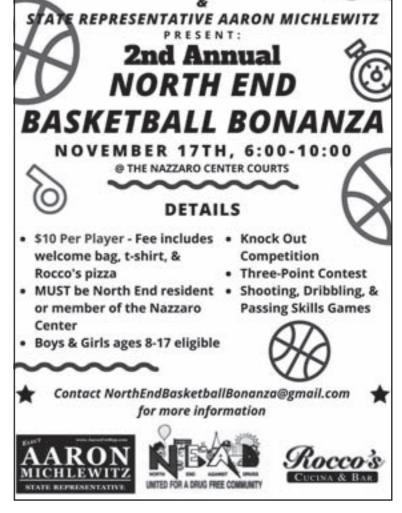
gift baskets, handcrafted items, holiday items, and toys and

We encourage you to join us the night of the Auction, where a dinner buffet will be served.

In order to ensure we receive your donation in time for the event and can give proper recognition the night of the Auction, we would appreciate receiving your donation by Friday, October 27th. Checks should be made payable to East Boston Savings Bank - Charitu

This event would not be successful without your generous support. If you have any questions, please contact Executive Assistant Diane Eliopoulos at 978-977-2202 during regular business hours, or by email at deliopoulos@ebsb.com.

We appreciate your time and your generosity and hope to see you at the Auction on November 7th.



NORTH END AGAINST DRUGS

Happy First Birthday Lina



First birthday party of Lina Christoforo, daughter of Beth and John Christoforo III. John is the son of columnist John Christoforo, and the great-grandson of the relatives his father's column is named after, Nanna and Babbononno.

Revels Salon at the Dante Alighieri Society

Friday, November 17th



Enjoy Italian food and wine and a preview of December's Venetian Christmas Revels

Join us November 17th at 7:30 pm in Cambridge at the Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts 41 Hampshire Street, for Italian food and drink and an intimate preview of the 47th annual Christmas Revels, proudly set this year among the busy streets and canals of Renaissance Venice!

With delicious breads, cheeses and desserts from Eataly and with a glass of fine Italian wine in your hand you will enjoy a night of glorious love songs and beautiful music featuring our star performers, amazing period instruments and a charming children's chorus. In addition, our sword dancers will perform the mysterious Bal do Sabre dance from Bagnasco in the PiedMont.

Patrick Swanson (Artistic Director of The Christmas Revels) will be on hand to fill in some of the details of this rich Italian themed holiday celebration including colorful illustrations from our productions.

Food and wine included in ticket price. Cash bar available for other beverages. Validated parking at the nearby Kendall Square Cinema will be available.

This event is a collaboration between Revels and the Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts.

To learn more and order tickets go to www.revels.org/salons, (Dante Alighieri members receive a discount with Promo Code)

About The Christmas Revels

Since 1971 over two million people have attended The Christmas Revels which takes its audiences each year to a different time and place to explore and celebrate the world's cultural traditions. This year, The Christmas Revels: A Venetian Celebration of the Winter Solstice will be presented December 8-27 at Harvard University's Sanders Theatre in Cambridge. Details at www.revels. org/christmas



Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

loween to all you little witches and goblins! Have a safe and happy

fun-filled Trick or Treat! ... State Rep. Adrian Madaro's endorsement of Lydia Edwards is the cherry on the cake. Everyone in East Boston loves Representative Adrian Madaro, and if he believes Lydia Edwards is the candidate for East Boston, then voters should follow his lead ... East Boston residents want an end to the multicondo buildings going up in an already congested city that is starting to look like the streets of Hong Kong ... Heard longtime homeowners on London street are disgusted with proposals for new buildings and property additions on their street by out-of-town owners who reap the harvest with profits and go home to their cozy peaceful neighborhoods. An absentee owner on London Street is trying to make a three-family into a four-family by adding an additional floor. Another absentee landlord on the same street is looking to gut his three-family and make it into a seven-unit condo complex by using his land in the back.

Happy Hal- Angered neighbors cry, "Where and when will it end? Enough is Enough!" ... Our deepest sympathies to the families of the victims that were killed at the Mandalay Bay Music Concert. Professionals are starting to speculate on what is causing so much bad behavior. The news media doesn't help when they focus on protesters that burn and loot. Or, celebrities that use the media to bad mouth the President. Athletes that dis' our Flag! Or hateful groups that play out to the media for attention! Maybe some of the above is prompting anger to

build up in disgruntled people! ... Democrats Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey didn't waste a minute to grandstand on gun control! Instead of offering their help to the families of the victims in the Las Vegas disaster, these two ultra-liberals choose to turn the Las Vegas tragedy into a political issue! We realize we need tougher laws, but to disarm people with lawful records is ludicrous! ... CAUTION: Scammers are making phone calls to unsuspecting victims posing as IRS agents warning the victim they owe money to the IRS (they sound legit) and warn if the victim fails to send a check for \$3,000 within a period of time, they'll issue a bench warrant and have them arrested. These phony scammers give bogus names, badge numbers, employee numbers, and case file numbers. The Internal Revenue Service does not make phone calls. If you become one of their potential victims, HANG UP and call the police! ... Is Revere Councilor John Powers in favor of more housing developments in an already densely populated area? Voters want to know why Revere Ward 5 Councilor John Powers is stalling on voting when it comes to adding more multi complexes in Revere. Talk of low income housing is in the planning from the corner of Ocean Ave and Revere Street down past the former Cove nightspot. Councilor John Powers has allegedly refrained from voting on this project until after the election (November 7th). Powers has also allegedly refrained from voting on the Revere Beach Boulevard development, which consists of more apartments or condos that stretch from the St. George Condominium Complex to the end of the block, possibly eliminating two businesses ... Until next time!

MBTA Orange Line and Haverhill Commuter Rail **Bus Shuttles Between Some Stops**

Saturday, October 21st and Sunday, October 22nd

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Mass-DOT) is reminding members of the public that throughout Saturday, October 21st, and Sunday, October 22nd, shuttle buses will replace subway and commuter rail services at the following locations due to the ongoing Woods Memorial/Route 16 Bridge Replacement Project:

Orange Line — Shuttle busses will replace trains between Wellington Station and Oak Grove Station on October 21st and October 22nd.

Commuter Rail — The Haverhill Line Commuter Rail will provide shuttle bus service between Haverhill and North Station, with the exception of Malden Center Station, on October 21st and October 22nd.

Regular MBTA Orange Line and Haverhill Commuter Rail service will resume at the start of service on Monday, October 23rd.

Rivers Edge Drive, which travels under Route 16, will also be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic, with Wellington Circle and Santilli Circle as the alternate route to reverse direction. Appropriate signs, channeling devices, and traffic control measures will be used to guide drivers through the area.

These impacts are necessary in order to allow for construction operations as part of the \$81.3 million project to replace the bridges carrying Revere Beach Parkway (Route 16) over the Malden River (Woods Memorial Bridge) and over the MBTA/ Rivers Edge Drive.

MassDOT encourages drivers to seek alternate routes, if possible, to avoid delays. Drivers that must travel through the affected area should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution while traveling through the work zone.

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For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

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CODE BLACK: SEASON TWO (DVD) CBS DVD + Paramount

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L.O.R.D: LEGEND OF **RAVAGING DYNASTIES (DVD)** Lionsgate Home Ent.

Supernatural warriors clash with dark forces of evil in this electrifying fantasy-adventure. In a distant time, seven lords who wield powers beyond imagination share dominion over a world. But when one lord falls from grace, the others must summon all their magic to stop an epic war that is ravaging the land – and threatening the order of the universe.

GLORY (DVD) Film Movement

Tzanko Petrov, a railroad linesman, finds millions in cash on the train tracks. After turning all the money over to the police, the state celebrates his good deed with a televised press conference and a shiny new wristwatch that promptly stops working. Meanwhile, Julia Staikova, head of public relations for the corrupt Ministry of Transport, loses his old watch, which was a cherished family heirloom. Tzanko's humble reality collides with a bureaucratic and mediaobsessed professional world, as he desperately struggles to recover both his watch and his dignity in this Capra-esque tale.

3 IDIOTAS (DVD) Lionsgate Home Ent.

International star Martha Higareda shines in this laughout-loud comedy! When three nerds named Felipe, Beto, and Pancho met at college, they instantly became best buddies - and earned a reputation for

creating chaos wherever they went. Pancho had everything smarts, a promising future, and a loving girlfriend, Mariana (Higareda) – and then he disappeared on graduation day. Now, years later, Felipe and Beto set out on a hilarity-filled quest to find their long-lost pal and reunite him with Mariana.

2:22 (Blu-ray) Magnolia Home Ent.

New York City air traffic controller Dylan Branson is a guy at the top of his game, until one day at 2:22 pm, a blinding flash of light paralyzes him for a few critical seconds. Suspended from his job, Dylan begins to notice the increasingly ominous repetition of sounds and events in his life that happen at exactly the same time every day. As he's drawn into a complex relationship with Sara, Dylan must break the power of the past, and take control of time itself.

VIKINGS SEASON 4, VOLUME 2 (Blu-ray) 20th Century Fox Home Ent.

Battles, treachery and power grabs rage on in Vikings Season 4, Volume 2. After Ragnar's return to Kattegat escalates tension among his sons, he and Ivar the Boneless set out to fight the Saxons. Meanwhile, a prophecy that a woman will rule Kattegat deepens the feud between Aslaug and Lagertha. With its fascinating plot twists, seething emotion, and spectacular effects, this breathtaking series continues to conquer. This Bluray copy also allows viewers to go behind the scenes for more action, lust, and excitement in 10 unrated episodes

2 BROKE GIRLS: THE SIXTH AND FINAL SEASON (DVD) Warner Bros. Home Ent.

Full-time BFFs Max and Caroline are now part owners of the Brooklyn diner where they work. As if that weren't bad enough for their new partner, Han, the girls' cupcake window has been transformed into a dessert bar. As Max and Caroline work around the clock, Han waits on tables, Earl shoots off wisecracks, and Sophie and Oleg's new-baby drama provides interruptions galore. In the friends' love department, Max takes up sexting, while Caroline opens up to romance. The questions are: Will the Hollywood version of Caroline's rags-to-riches story flop? Or will the film boost our broke entrepreneurs to the next level of success?

THE BEST OF THE CAROL **BURNETT SHOW (6-DVD) TimeLife**

The Best of The Carol Burnett Show celebrates the 50th anniversary of the TV institution with 16 of the best episodes from all eleven years of the show together in one collection. "Mrs. Wiggins," "Carol and Sis," "The Oldest Man," "The Family," "As the Stomach Turns," and a marathon of movie spoofs are back, along with some amazing bloopers. Great guest stars and lavish stage productions grace each disc. Carol's question-andanswer openers with the studio audiences are no less entertaining. She might offer a hug or a shout out, or flee from a rampaging gorilla after letting loose with one of her Tarzan yells.

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

KUHNERMAN STILL PREACHING TO THE TIN-FOIL CROWD

As I listen to the Kuhnerman while driving around in my car, I have started to get a bit irritated with him. He seems to keep feeding red meat to his audience. He's been talking lots about Las Vegas as is everyone else, but he has been getting a bit harsh with the police investigation. He talks openly about how bad the FBI is. Are they incompetent or are they covering up their deletes? He goes back and forth on Sheriff Lombardo, too. Talking about cover-ups doesn't help. The tin-foil crowd loves this guy. Don't get so impatient, it takes more time to locate evidence in real life than on a Law & Order: SVU episode.

Forget theories and stick to the facts and hopefully collect evidence that will show just what happened, when it happened, and if we're lucky, why it happened.

ANNUAL POOCH PARADE

Write this down on your calendar: October 21st, at 10:00 am, at Ingleside Park in Winthrop for the Third Annual Pooch Parade. Dress up you pooch. Best Dog Costume and Owner. Fun for all.

KUDOS TO MY FRIEND JIMMY BRETT

Canada's Consul General David Alward presented Jim Brett, president of the New England Council, with a first edition of With Faith and Goodwill; 150 Years of Canada-U.S. Friendship. It was a token of appreciation to commemorate a shared relationship and friendship of the New England Council and the ties that bind Canada and the U.S.

GET THE LED OUT CONCERT JANUARY 12th

Don't forget the date January 12th when the American Led Zeppelin Get the Led Out concert shows up at the Lynn Auditorium for a one-night stand. For more information, go to LynnAuditorium.com or call 781-599-SHOW.

WERE YOU AT THE EAST BOSTON SOUP KITCHEN FUNDRAISER?

Over the past weekend, the East Boston Soup Kitchen held a very successful fundraiser at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. As state Rep. Adrian Madaro has stated. "When a community comes together, it can do great things," and this is just one example ... We often pull together, consolidate resources, and work on building solutions like the East Boston Soup Kitchen.

THINK ABOUT JOINING THE ITALIAN AMERICAN **ALLIANCE**

There is a new group out there called the Italian American Alliance that seeks to provide a voice that unifies the Italian American groups around here. Its purpose is to unite the Italian American community to share in the pride in our values and our accomplishments. If you are interested, please call 774-293-5017 or email frankwrote@aol.com.

McCLELLAN HWY ONE LANE DURING AM RUSH; WHY?

Driving up the ramp to the Summer Tunnel at Neptune and Bennington has become a nightmare during the morning rush that goes on all day and seems to never end. One reason is that there is usually only one lane open for traffic heading to the tunnel. Why?

Adding to this issue is the re-make of the Central Square traffic flow. We never had traffic lights in the middle. Now we do. All traffic comes to a creep. Someone thought Central Square traffic would move more smoothly with the addition of a new set of traffic lights, but it hasn't been helpful.

JOHNNY PIZZI SAYS SIT DOWN TO SAL

Bumped into Johnny Pizzi the other day outside Floramo's in Chelsea. He was there with friends before I got there. As I passed him, I told him yet another bad joke. He looked at me and smiled, telling me to get a table quickly before the seats were all gone. I've told him jokes before, but he never repeats them up on stage at Giggles. On the way out, I met two Chelsea cops who were looking under their seat for something. I asked them if the meat dropped on the floor. They responded "Only looking for keys."

ROSLINDALE OPEN STUDIOS

13th Annual Roslindale Open Studios is back on this weekend, October 21st and 22nd, starting both days at 11:00 am. For more details, go to roslindale studios.org.

GOING BACK IN TIME

A longtime friend of mine. Dan McCole from Southie, is a great local artist whose paintings of his South Boston neighborhood are unbelievably great. I recently saw one of an old streetcar heading up East Broadway on its way to City Point, Castle Island, and Pleasure Bay. As a kid, I missed those City Point streetcars that by then had turned into buses; but these streetcars were over at Egleston Square taking fami-



"All aboard, all aboard, next stop L Street." Painting by Dan McCole

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

lies up to the Franklin Park Zoo and I remember riding in them. Wooden, orange-colored and, I thought, quite ancient at that

SAY GOOD-BYE TO CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENTS?

Watching the beginning of Revere's Columbus Day parade, I noticed some Civil War reenactors getting ready to march. I feel sorry for these guys. They can't perform those fake battles with the Rebels anymore since they started taking down everything that rings Confederacy. If you do get to see another Civil War enactment before all are banned, it will probably feature Union soldiers shooting other Union soldiers.

SEATBELT PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT?

Looks like the Great and General Court is back again with some secondary enforcement of the law. You get a fine if you are pulled over for, say, speeding, but no surcharge. Under the new law, it would be an automatic surchargable event for the driver.

I see it as one more way to make more money off the taxpaying public. I always wear a seatbelt while driving because I think it is dumb not to do so. But, once again, over 90 percent of the time, this new law would be unenforceable. One more example of our elected folk just trying to take care of us and go into our pockets, too.

BOB DeLEO COMEDY NIGHT

The Committee for Bob DeLeo will be holding a Comedy Night THIS Friday, October 20th, at the Winthrop Yacht Club. For more information, call 781-686-9199. If you're looking for a good laugh, this could do it.

CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN AT BEACHMONT VFW

The Beachmont VFW Dinner/ Dance celebrating Halloween with both pork roast and Alan LaBella will be held on Friday, October 27th. For more information, call 781-284-9724. Prizes for best costumes, or come as you are.

MAKE-A-WISH SCAM ALERT

A new scam in the name of the Make-A-Wish this, hang up! Foundation is cropping up across the country. Someone from the "Consumer Protection Agency" (which does not exist) will call to inform you you've won \$450,000 as a second place winner in the Make-A-Wish Foundation Sweepstakes (which also does not exist). Guess what else doesn't exist? The If you plan to donate, make sure your money is money! You'll be asked to pay an upfront processing fee of \$4,500. If you don't have the cash, the caller will offer to loan it to you — you just need to supply your bank routing information for a wire and organizations before opening your heart transfer. A similar scam raked in \$20 million when and wallet.

it was pulled seven years ago. If you get a call like

HURRICANES SCAM ALERT

In the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, charity scams are coming at us by text, email, phone and social media. Scammers look to take advantage of our desire to help victims. going to the right place. Check Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org), Charity Watch (www. charitywatch.org), and Give.org to verify names

Report scams to local law enforcement. Contact the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork for more information on fraud prevention.

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



On October 21, 19??, Angelina Contini Christoforo gave birth to a son ... and here I am!

Tomorrow is my birthday and I love birthday parties. But I now have to share October celebrations with my daughter-in-law and grand-daughter. Out of the three of us, my grand-daughter will have the biggest birthday party, because she will be one year old.

Most everyone in the family loved birthday parties, especially Babbononno. He never admitted it nor would he ever tell anyone his true age. I think the reason he agreed to having parties in his honor was the fact that they included birthday cakes and he had a sweet tooth.

Babbononno was a little guy. If he stretched his neck and was measured, he might have made it to five feet even. If his vertical image was shortchanged, he compensated with his personality, and when Nanna was alive, he was always the life of the party. After she passed on, he never partied again. That was his way.

I remember Mom wanting to celebrate his 70th birthday in 1945, but he said, "No, I want to wait until my boys come home." Uncles Nick and Gino were in the service and the war was still raging as the year began. February was the month of Babbononno's birthday, but the war would not end until early fall, when Japan surrendered. So, the only celebration in February was a special dinner that Nanna cooked, which included his favorite foods.

Both my folks liked birthday parties, but preferred just going out to dinner. Dad loved the Red Coach Grill, which was out on Route 20 in Sudbury (I think). He had a love for a thick end cut of prime rib with a baked potato on the side. Mom preferred Chinese food and we always headed for the Cathay House in Chinatown for her birthdays. Dad had played there when they had entertainment in the old days, and knew the owners. Any time we would head there, Dad would call ahead of time and we would be treated like royalty. I remember the owner once saying something to Dad that stuck in my mind: "Johnny, if it wasn't for Chinese and Italian restaurants and the food they offer, the world would starve to death." Until the past few decades, these were the only places where you could sample ethnic foods. There was a Greek restaurant on Stuart Street in Boston, the Athens Olympia, and across the street a German restaurant, Jacob Wirth's, but that was it. Oh, wait a minute,

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Granddaugher Lina

there was Dinty Moore's in an alleyway that separated Tremont and Washington Streets. It served Irish dishes. And there was the Casbah on the second floor of a building on the corner of Tremont and Stuart. It served Middle Eastern specialties as did the Red Fez on lower Washington Street in the South End. Beyond these places, the only restaurants around town were seafood places or steak houses.

I remember a Taco Bell that opened on Route 1 North back in the '60s. It didn't last six months. No one knew what Mexican food was, and I think most everyone thought what came out of Mexico was too hot to eat.

At one point, a Japanese restaurant opened in the Fresh Pond area of Cambridge. It was June, and Dad's birthday was approaching. When I asked him what he wanted to do on his special day, he mentioned that he had never eaten Japanese food and wanted to try it. I happened to have known the original owners and they were Japanese, but from Argentina, not Japan. When we arrived, I was greeted by the owners in Spanish and they waited on us themselves personally. People at a table nearby heard me speaking to the owners and one of them pointed at me and whispered to the other, "Listen to that guy, he's speaking

Dad, whenever he could, took Mom, Nanna, Babbononno and me out to dinner. Usually it was just Mom and me, and when it was just the three of us, we were daring enough to try different things. Nanna and Babbononno preferred mainly Italian restaurants, but Dad was adventuresome. I remember going to places like Carl's Duck Farm on the North Shore or a couple of Portuguese restaurants on Cambridge Street in Cambridge.

I remember my introduction to Soul Food. Dad had worked

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at a few jazz clubs in the South End and Roxbury where a couple of rib places were located and he introduced us to southern style cooking, something I still love today.

But, when it came to celebrating birthdays at restaurants, it was Italian or Chinese, mainly Italian. The only problem was the gravy at each place. Without Mom or Nanna saying anything, they would compare what was served to them with their own. If asked, they would say that their gravies were better. This was true especially where Nanna's was concerned.

We headed for my son John's house last Saturday for Lina's first birthday party. Son Michael just finished filming a new movie in New York and came home for a week's stay. He, Loretta and I headed for John and Beth's place to help celebrate the baby's first year on earth. Many of John's boyhood friends and their families were there, as well as John's in-laws. My brother-in-law Mike and his wife, Lin, came in the late afternoon to help celebrate the occasion. Several of John and Beth's neighbors were there also and this gave John the reason to barbecue, which he did to perfection. Because John's in-laws are American, Loretta and I are Nonna and Nonno. I guess we've come full circle since the days of Nanna and Babbononno.

It's time to talk about my new book, TRUE STORIES. It is out and I will be doing a few book signings for those of you interested in reading about growing up in East Boston in the '50s and my attending English High School, and the things I got away with doing as a teenager.

The first of the book signings will be at Jeveli's Restaurant located at 387 Chelsea Street in Day Square of East Boston. I will be there on Friday, November 3rd, from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm. This will be the first book signing for this edition and the cost is \$20.00 ... hope to see you at my favorite East Boston restaurant on

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Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



1/2 pound grated mozzarella

1 tablespoon of parsley flakes

3/4 cups grated Romano or

cheese (optional)

Parmesan cheese

Salt and pepper to taste

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MAMA'S LASAGNA IMBOTTITA Baked Lasagna with Tomato Sauce

Lasagna:

1 1/2 pounds lasagna

6 cups prepared tomato sauce

Ricotta Chees Filling:

3 eggs

1 two-pound container ricotta cheese

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Place ricotta cheese into a strainer to remove any excess liquids. After ten minutes, place ricotta cheese in a bowl. Add beaten eggs. Use electric mixer only on very slow speed or stir by hand. Do not whip. (Optional) Stir in parsley and salt. Add three tablespoons of grated cheese of choice and (optional) mozzarella cheese. Mix thoroughly and set aside.

Partially cook lasagna following directions on the package. Boil lasagna only for five minutes or less (until the pasta becomes limp). Strain lasagna and return to pan. Add cold water to lasagna to avoid sticking together.

Spread some prepared tomato sauce over bottom of lasagna baking tray. Drain several portions of the pasta at a time from cool water. Avoid excess water in the baking tray. Place lasagna strips over tomato sauce in bottom of tray. With a tablespoon, spread ricotta mixture over the lasagna. Using a ladle, spread tomato sauce over the ricotta. Sprinkle grated cheese of choice over the tomato sauce. (Optional) Any meat in the sauce can be sliced and layered over the first layer of lasagna. Repeat the process until all lasagna has been layered into baking tray. Cover the tray with aluminum foil and set aside. Bake at least ninety minutes before serving time in a preheated 350°F oven for about forty minutes. Remove cover and check firmness of ricotta cheese by inserting a thin knife. If needed, return lasagna to oven until knife comes out clean and ricotta is firm. When thoroughly baked, set aside for at least thirty minutes before cutting into squares for serving.

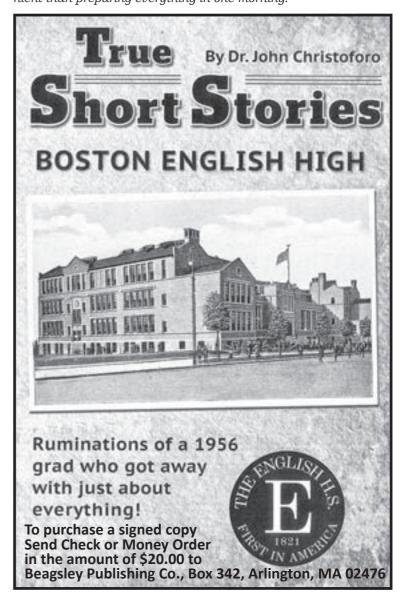
Serve extra meat from sauce in a separate platter when serving the Lasagna Imbottiti.

Serves six.

NOTE: After the electric refrigerator replaced our wooden icebox in the kitchen, I recall that Mama often prepared her sauce and the Lasagna Imbottiti in the evening. She refrigerated the lasagna-filled tray and baked it the next morning.

Her favorite lasagna meat sauce was using ground beef and pork meat. She fried the ground meat loosely in her favorite saucepot. When the meat browned, she added the chopped onion and other ingredients accordingly to create her tomato sauce.

In the morning she baked the lasagna while she reheated her tomato sauce on the stove. A half-hour or so before serving time Mama cut her lasagna into serving portions. If needed, Mama retuned the lasagna tray to the oven at 250°F to reheat. I adopted Mama's way of preparing this meal because I found it more convenient than preparing everything in one morning.



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• North Square Reconstruction Project (Continued from Page 1)

a safe space where residents and visitors can relax, better amenities where children can play, and a green place to keep cool and enjoy nature in the city. Now under construction, the square is expected to be completed by the end of 2018.

In April, Mayor Walsh announced that A+J Art+Design was selected to create a public art project in conjunction with the reconstruction in North Square. Over the last few months, the artist team has been working with the Public Works Department, the Boston Art Commission, and the North End community to further develop their initial proposal. The artists are developing a series of four sculptures to create an intimate and uniquely North End sculptural gallery.

The North Square reconstruction project aligns with the priorities laid out in Imagine Boston 2030 to enhance neighborhoods by improving the public realm, strengthen neighborhood services, and encourage contextually sensitive development to improve urban vitality.

For more information on Imagine Boston 2030, please visit www.imagine.boston.gov.

For more information on the reconstruction effort, please visit keepbostonmoving.org.

Mayor Walsh, Massport Commitments to East Boston

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hood that residents will enjoy for generations."

The extensive planning process for the highly anticipated Piers Park II is already underway as a collaborative effort between Massport and the residents of East Boston. The Piers Park Advisory Committee, an advisory group made up of East Boston residents, will work with Massport and its design and construction consultants to oversee the development of the park. The design, bid and construction process of Piers Park II will cover 4.5 acres of active green space and be located adjacent to the existing Piers Park. When added together, both parks will include over ten acres of green space for the East Boston community.

"The partnership between the City of Boston and Massport on these important promises to the East Boston community will lead to improvements in the lives of a wide range of residents and I am looking forward to seeing these commitments come to life in the coming years," said Boston City Councilor Sal LaMattina.

In addition, Massport will also allocate funds toward the East Boston Foundation to enhance the community of East Boston and the organizations that contribute to the betterment of the neighborhoods within it. Created by Massport in 1997, the East Boston Foundation has provided more than \$10 million in financial support to 95 community programs that benefit children, adults and seniors, from sports and recreation to education, training and child care.

"As both a lifelong resident of East Boston and a member of the Massport Board, today is particularly special as we celebrate these significant commitments to the community," said Massport Board Member John Nucci. "I look forward to seeing Piers Park II grow alongside Piers Park I, one of the centerpieces of community life in East Boston, as well as continued support of the East Boston Foundation, including funding regarding a senior center for our elders, and the commitment to a study of Neptune Road's traffic impacts."

In partnership with the Boston Transportation Department, Massport will also fund a traffic study to help mitigate congestion on Neptune Road extending to Day Square. Nitsch Engineering is working to complete the study, which includes traffic counts at eight intersections and five road segments, completed GIS maps of study area, including identification of land uses, and the building of a digital traffic analysis for the study area.

'We are proud to stand here with the community of East Boston and the leadership of the Mayor and the City of Boston as we celebrate four major commitments that Massport has made to the people of East Boston," said Massport CEO Thomas P. Glynn. "Piers Park II, the traffic study for Neptune Road, funding to the East Boston Foundation and the Orient Heights Senior Center will contribute to the already vibrant community of East Boston."

Neptune Road is challenging for pedestrians as well as for drivers of large trucks who frequently have difficulty navigating the u-turn from the northbound off ramp to 1A southbound due to an inadequate turning radius. This problem for oversized vehicles contributes to traffic delays on Neptune Road, a key connection for access to Route 1A and Logan International Airport, for shuttle buses and other motor vehicles traveling between East Boston and Chelsea, and for local traffic.

"BTD is pleased to have this opportunity to partner with Massport on this transportation study as it is an opportunity to create a 'complete street' design for Neptune Road that is in keeping with our Go Boston 2030 and Vision Zero goals to provide safe and efficient access for all users of Boston's roadways," said Boston Transportation Department Commissioner Gina N. Fiandaca. "Through this process, we will take a forward thinking approach to transportation management, looking at evolving transportation needs, changing roadway use and capacity on Neptune Road. Our focus will be on creating a comprehensive design that will work to mitigate current and future traffic impacts and enhance the surrounding East Boston community."

Massport and the community of East Boston have worked to build a strong partnership over the years. Through supporting youth employment at Piers Park Sailing Center, providing scholarship funds to students of East Boston High School, and creating safe and inviting green space for residents to enjoy, Massport and East Boston are continuing to work to make the community one of the most desirable urban areas to live in Massachusetts.

For more information, please visit massport.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI17P5088EA

Estate of DAVID HARBER Date of Death June 28, 2017 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 Ann K. Harber of Framingham, 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 Kenneth R Harber of Berlin, MA and Judith M. Callahan of Framingham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate 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 November 9, 2017.

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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court Date: October 13, 2017

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 10/20/2017

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Docket No. MI17P5167EA

Estate of **BERNICE NANETTE MODEST** Also Known As BERNICE N. MODEST Date of Death July 20, 2017 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Geoffrey A. Modest of Jamaica Plain, 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 Geoffrey A. Modest of Jamaica Plain, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised admini

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those TV commercials?

Trump-Corker Food Fight

There is nothing worse than a nasty food fight between two powerful politicians. Seeing President Trump tangle it up with U.S. Sen. Bob Corker, who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is childish. Trump doesn't need to act this way, especially with a U.S. senator who has already announced he isn't running for re-election. Corker is now free to move about the cabin without worrying about what he says about Trump. Without an election, his constraints are no longer working. Bad news for Trump!

Will We Ever Know Paddock's Motive?

Not knowing why Stephen Paddock did what he did at that Las Vegas Concert is so unnerving. What was his motive? Did he even have one? Was he simply an unknown sociopath who found his day of doom? We all want answers. We all would like to know there was a motive to the madness that happened far below that hotel window, rain-

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Hollywood and Democrats Covered Up for Weinstein

Funny how once Howard Weinstein crashed and burned, all those Hollywood and Democratic Party elites started coming out of the woodwork telling anyone in hearing range how terrible he was. Where were they all these years? Reportedly, what he was doing was the biggest open secret anywhere. He apparently scared people into silence. As far as politicians were concerned, he showered them with campaign contributions and he survived for over 30 years without as little as a peep from anyone.

Hillary Clinton was asked about Weinstein and said she was "shocked and appalled' by it all. She will, of course, return all the money he sent her way either in the campaign or to the Clinton Foundation. She reminded reporters that every year, she donates 10 percent of her income to charity and will do it again this year.

What a cop-out. How stupid does she think we are? Certainly not stupid enough to have put her into the White House, right?

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"Congress seems to have forgotten that the Obama administration approved the sale of bump-fire stocks not once but twice."

> - Michael Velsmid, NY Post letter writer

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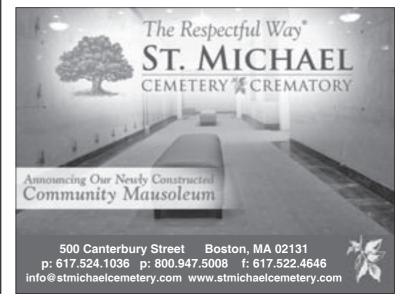
MARGARET MIANO Date of Death July 4, 2017 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Michele M. Price of East Orleans, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Michele M. Price of East Orleans, 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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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.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI17D2408DR **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING** JOSEFINA ACOSTA VALLEJO

CLAUDIO PIMENTAL

To the Defendant:

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

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Gary Allen, Esq., Law Office of Gary Allen, P.O. Box 690213, Quincy MA 02269 your answer, if any, on or before November 16, 2017. 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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 3, 2017

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 10/20/17

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI17P55141EA

Estate of RICHARD P. MUTO Date of Death May 14, 2015

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Christina A. Muto of Port Saint Lucie, FL, requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Christina A Muto of Port Saint Lucie, FL 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 November 8, 2017.

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

Date: October 11, 2017

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 10/20/2017

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI15D1843DR **SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION** KULTHIDA LUENGNIYOMKUL, Plaintiff

MEHN HOUNG SAR, Defendant

To the above named Defendant: A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, seeking a modification.

You are required to serve upon Kulthida Luengniyomkul - plaintiff - whose address is 11 Lexington Street. Belmont. MA 02478 your answer on or before November 16, 2017. 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 in the office of the Register of this Court at

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, this 3rd day of October 2017.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 10/20/17

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI17P3503EA

Estate of NANCY ANN DIETRICH Also Known As NANCY R. DIETRICH & NANCY ANN R. DIETRICH Date of Death May 24, 2017

PUBLICATION NOTICE To all persons interested in the above can tioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Martha Thompson of Holliston, MA, a Will has been

INFORMAL PROBATE

admitted to informal probate Martha Thompson of Holliston, 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: 10/20/17

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Stephens Automotive Transport**, **60 Union Street**, Medford, MA 02155, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 539A, that on November 3, 2017 at 10AM, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

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Kristy Winchester 3 Summit Dr. Apt 12 Reading, MA 01867

1998 HONDA ACCORD, BLACK Vin: 1HGCG1654WA051815

Alayna Lee Cohen 29 Harvard Ave, Apt 43 Medford, MA 02155 1996 VW JETTA, BLUE

Vin: 3VWRA81H3TM067133

Jashon T Eustache-Potter 19 Congress Ave Medford, MA 02155

2001 FORD WINDSTAR, BLACK

Vin: 2FMZA50451BC35414 Boris Manolo Rodas 328 Pearl St Malden, MA 02148

2008 CHEVROLET AVALANCHE, BLUE

Vin: 3GNFK12338G281212 Dee Johnson 133 Ten Hills Rd

Somerville, MA 02145 Run dates: 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 2017



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Ontray Magazine on Target with Yogi-Isms

The latest copy of OnTray Magazine published by Joe Chinzi had a great commentary on the legendary Yogi Berra. I remember him well from back in my youth when the Yankees were constantly in and most times winning both the pennant and World Series. He was an 18-time All-Star and appeared in 14 World Series as a member of the NY Yankees and the Yanks prevailed in 10 of them. A

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Docket No. MI17D3381DR **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY** PUBLICATION AND MAILING JEANINE M. JUMP

JEFFREY L. JUMP

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 impac the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Mark R. Griffith, Esq., The Law Office of Mark R. Griffith, 185 Devonshire St. Suite 302, Boston, MA 02110 your answer if any, on or before November 16, 2017. 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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court Date: September 22, 2017

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 10/20/17

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI17P5079EA Estate of **CINDY JEAN MAMANE** Also Known As CINDY J. MAMANE, CINDY MAMANE Date of Death July 31, 2017 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jacob Shat of Las

Vegas, NV, requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Jacob Shat

of Las Vegas, NV be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised

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 November 3, 2017.

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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR. First Justice of this Court. Date: October 6, 2017

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 10/20/2017 great player and motivator who ended up managing both the NY Yankees and NY Mets. But, for many, it was those great quotes of his that often made no sense. Most of them contained some truth to them, but not enough to make them truthful

There are countless Yogi-isms out and many are attributed to him even though he never said them. Yogi himself once said, "I never said most of the things

One of my favorites based on my 41 years working for the state Mental Health Department goes, "Baseball is 90 percent mental and the other half is physical." I always think of him when I am attending someone's wake and remember Berra's truism, "Always go to other people's funerals, otherwise they won't come to yours."

Remember, it ain't the heat, it's the humility!

Happy Birthday to ... Sandy Martinez (47), Jerry Reed (62) and Bill Landis (75).

Great Quote

Great quote the other day from New York City mayoral candidate Bo Dietl on Mayor Bill de Blasio. Diehl was a former NYPD detective and is often seen talking on the Fox News Network or selling beef on those Arby commercials. Here's the quote on de Blasio, "First of all, I've got to say, go Yankees! I know one thing. Mayor de Blasio's a Boston Red Sox fan! He's not a Yankees fan."

Mets Move to Syracuse

The only thing that got me to write about this story on moving the Met's Triple A team to Syracuse is that Sicily also has a city by the same name ... The Mets have made Syracuse their top minor league affiliate beginning in 2019. The current Triple A team is in Las Vegas after many years in Buffalo. As an aside, the Mets also own the Binghamton Rumble Ponies, a Double A team in the Eastern League. Some minor league teams have names that sound so silly — this is of those names.

My Best Team Growing Up in Roxbury

The year was 1961 and Ralph Houk replaced Casey Stengel,

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court Cambridge Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI17D2494DR **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY** PUBLICATION AND MAILING **RONALD O'NEAL**

To the Defendant:

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

DOROTHY J. O'NEAL

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from tak ing 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 Michael E. Balletto, Esq., Dane Shulman Associates, LLC, 1629 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan, MA 02126 your answer if any, on or before November 22, 2017. 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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR. First Justice of this Court. Date: October 11, 2017

> Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 10/20/17

who took the 1960 Yankees to the World Series after going 97-57 but losing Game 7 to the Pittsburgh Pirates the year before. Houk that year managed one of the greatest Yankees teams to date. The team went 109-53 and hit a team total of 240 homers; Roger Maris broke Babe Ruth's record with 61 homers; Mickey Mantle whacked 54 before getting injured late in the season; and Whitey Ford went 25-4, winning the Cy Young.

The Yankees also easily handled the Cincinnati Reds in the World Series making up for the heart-wrenching loss of 1960 championship.

Great Song by Kenny Rogers

I heard a country song, rather old one at that, by Kenny Rogers, about a little boy going down to a baseball field with his bat and glove and playing a great game of pretend. The song's lyrics are super. "The ball goes up, the ball comes down, the batter swings and the ball hits the ground." He does the same thing two more times then it is Strike 3 and vou're out.

The kid, rather angry at himself, says, "wow, never knew I was that good at striking out

In a sense, this song is more about attitude than baseball. As a guy named Dante Alighieri once said, "If you think you're right, you are." The kid won that match-up at the plate by turning himself from the batter into the pitcher. Next batter

Indians Have Worse Luck Than Sox

The 2017 team of the year went from the Los Angeles Dodgers to the Cleveland Indians, but even the amazing Terry Francona couldn't end the jinx and the Indians have now not won the AL Pennant since 1948, when they took out the Red Sox in a one-game playoff. It was almost a Boston-Boston World Series, but in the end Boston fans would not be denied a World Series victory - not at Fenway Park but at Braves Field

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge S Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI17D3397DR **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING** MAGDA De LIMA BARBOSA OLIVEIRA

DIOGO LIMA OLIVEIRA To the Defendant:

down the street.

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

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from takng 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 Jennifer Hatch, Esq. MetroWest Legal Services, 63 Fountain St., Suite 304, Framingham, MA 01702 your answer, if any, on or before November 22, 2017. 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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR. First Justice of this Court. Date: October 11, 2017

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 10/20/17



Rest in Peace

Terry Downes

Former Middleweight Champ Passes On at 81

Terry Downes fought in Boston on two occasions, losing both times in title fights against Paul Pender. In between those two losses, he stopped Pender in England to win the title. While Terry did not hold onto the championship for very long, he did prove to be a popular and colorful champion.

Downes began his boxing career in earnest while serving in the United States Marines. His parents had moved to the United States when he was a teenager in order to be with his sister, who had lost an arm in a traffic accident. During that time, Terry and a friend decided it would be fun to join the Marines. It was a little more than they had counted on. Downes got into a disagreement with his drill sergeant and ended up in the boxing ring. He



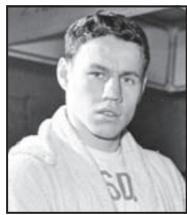
the British and Commonwealth Middleweight Championship in 1959. In 1960, he defeated leading contender Joey Giardello. This victory earned him a title shot against Paul Pender. The fight, which took place at the Boston Arena, did not work out well for Downes, who was

stopped in the 7th round. In the return bout in England, Downes won the title by stopping Pender in the 10th round. The rubber match at the Boston Garden was won by Pender on a decision. After the loss to Pender,

Downes went on a seven-bout winning streak that included wins over Mike Pusateri, Don Fuller, and Sugar Ray Robinson. When asked how he felt after his win against the legendary Robinson, Downes replied with great humility, "I didn't beat Ray Robinson, I beat the ghost of Ray Robinson."

Downes moved up to the light heavyweight division and took on Willie Pastrano for the title. Terry was leading on all scorecards going into the 11th round when Pastrano stopped him. Though promised another shot at the title, Downes decided it was time to quit. When asked why he was retiring, Downes responded, "It was and it wasn't a difficult decision to call it a day. I think my last fight was probably my best fight, and if I couldn't beat Willie Pastrano that night, I don't think that I ever would have beaten him."

Terry Downes retired with a very respectable record of 39 wins and 9 losses. He was also smart enough to know when it was time to quit. He and his manager had invested in the recently legalized betting business in England and were



Terry Downes



Ray Robinson vs. Downes

did well as an amateur and was set to represent the U.S. in the Olympic Games when it was found out he didn't meet the residency requirements.

Downes and his family returned to England where he embarked on a professional career. In 1957, in only his third fight, he was matched against future Middleweight Champion Dick Tiger, who stopped him in the fifth round. When asked after the match who he would like to fight next, he responded in true Downes fashion, "The !@!?X%\$!! who made that match!"

Downes would continue fighting, eventually winning





Pender vs. Downes



seeing a handsome return from the betting shops they had opened.

Downes would also go on to a career in movies, most notably in The Fearless Vampire Killers, where he played Koukol, the hunchbacked servant. He was also very active in charity work and made a number of public appearances until he was diagnosed with cancer. In 2012, he was awarded the British Empire Medal for his charity work.

Terry Downes leaves his wife of 59 years, Barbara; five children, Terry, Paul, Richard, Wendy, and Melanie; and eight grandchildren.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

GORDON'S GONE, BUT IS **THE SEASON?** — Of course not. The "new" Celtics were basically constructed for one purpose: to defeat the two or three teams that stand in their way of winning Banner 18.

When Gordon Hayward went down with a fractured left ankle in the regular season opener at Cleveland, not that much changed, at least with those who speculate on the playoff outcomes in the NBA.

In the NBA, preview sections published by various media outlets all had the Cavs defeating the Celtics in the Eastern Conference Finals this coming spring. We couldn't find a publication that picked the Celtics to advance to the 2018 NBA Finals to face (most likely) the Golden State Warriors or (maybe) the Oklahoma City Thunder. And those projections assumed that everyone on the Celtics roster was healthy.

The Celtics will make the playoffs this season. They are a playoff team without Hayward. And remember, he just might be back for the playoffs, which don't start until the middle of

If Hayward returns for the NBA's "second season," the Celtics would field the team that took the floor to start the regular season opener on October 17th. If that happens, the team as constructed for this year will be the one that competes in the playoffs — assuming all others remain healthy.

If Hayward is not ready, the Celtics will face a stiffer challenge in the playoffs and might even bow out before reaching the Eastern Conference Finals.

But those possibilities are months away. As the events of opening night remind us, the best plans can change in an instant, not only for the Celtics but also for any of their opponents.

There will still be an interest in the Celtics, but now it will be to see how they cope with the adjustments the team must make to the new challenges that have arisen.

COULD ISAIAH RETURN?

- We know it's an off-the- wall possibility, but there is a wayand thus a very remote chance — that Isaiah Thomas could return to the Celtics for the start of the 2018-2019 season.

That's because when he was traded to the Cleveland Cavaliers this past summer as part of the deal that saw the Celts acquire Kyrie Irving, it took place with Thomas only having this season left on his expiring contract.

That means that on July 1, 2018, he will become a free agent and thus will become eligible to sign with any team in the NBA — including the Celtics.

Up until that time, of course, Cleveland will have the exclusive rights to re-sign Thomas, so he could remain with the Cavs.

One aspect of the Thomas situation that has changed since the trade is the projected return of the former Celtics star to the basketball court. Originally thought to miss only the first few weeks of the regular season, he is now not expected to return until at least January.

The longer Thomas remains inactive, the more Celtics Director of Basketball Operations Danny Ainge's once controversial move stands in a positive light. After all, if the ever-popular Thomas had remained with the Celtics, he wouldn't be playing with them now but recovering from off-season surgery.

Essentially, Ainge received Kyrie Irving in exchange for Jae Crowder and an inactive Thomas — and the longer the inactivity lasts, the better the deal looks for Boston this season. The Celts procured a quality player who can take the floor immediately, in exchange for an athlete who can't take the floor for at least a few months.

This takes on a new light following the injury to Gordon Hayward (see above). If Thomas were still with the Celtics, they would be down two quality players at this point. That would have made a big difference.

Thomas missed the season opener against the Celtics and may very well miss the January 3rd game when the Cavs return to the Garden for the first time since ousting the Cs in the 2017 Eastern Conference Finals. The last regular season meeting between the two teams is February 11th on the parquet.

There's no question that Thomas feels emotionally hurt by the trade, given what he feels he did for the Celtics cause during the playoffs last spring. Those included playing in the days immediately following the tragic death of his sister Chyna in a car accident near Seattle back in April plus attempting to play through the injury to his hip.

The injury happened in a game against the Timberwolves late in the regular season as the Cs were vying for the top seed in Eastern Conference. It was aggravated while playing against Washington in the playoffs.

"No doubt about it. I should have sat out the playoffs," said Thomas in a feature article published in Sports Illustrated magazine.

Thomas also feels hurt because he actively participated in the recruiting of Al Horford and Gordon Hayward, doing his part to make the team better going forward.

The Sports Illustrated piece quoted Thomas as saying "I might never talk to Danny again. I'll talk to everybody else. But what he did, knowing everything I went through, you don't do that."

The piece also revealed Celtics head coach Brad Stevens as being at a loss for words. "I've been looking at this wall for five hours, trying to figure out what to say to you," Stevens reportedly wrote in a text message to Thomas.

In addition, Stevens told the Boston Herald: "I'm sure Isaiah knows how I feel about him and how Danny feels about him."

Time (and money, of course) have a healing balm, so the door remains opens a crack for the slim possibility of Thomas' return. It may never happen. But then again, who would have thought that Gordon Hayward would be lost on opening night?

