

# 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Trellis Lighting Ceremony

On Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, The City of Boston, the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park, and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department hosted the 19<sup>th</sup> annual holiday lighting of the signature trellis at Christopher Columbus Park in the North End.

The park transformed into a beautiful holiday wonderland when the park's 260 feet of trellis were set aglow with 50,000 glowing blue lights along with 14 beautifully decorated trees near the Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, and throughout the park.

On hand to kick-off the festivities of the upcoming holiday season were Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan

Woods, Joanne Hayes-Rines, President of the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park, Postmaster of Boston David C. Guiney, who revealed a newest stamp, students from the North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC), vocalists Ackeem Hill and Sharon Zeffiro, also in attendance were Mayor Michelle Wu, State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Councilor at-Large Erin Murphy and other local politicians.

Guests were treated to cookies and hot chocolate from the Boston Marriott Long Wharf, clam chowder from Joe's Waterfront, and a visit from Santa Claus and other holiday guests.



(Photos courtesy of Gerri Palladino and Matt Conti)  
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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### New Year's Eve Like Auld Times Again

The annual Times Square New Year's Eve ball-dropping bash is back at full strength said outgoing Mayor Bill de Blasio. Proof of vaccination and a valid photo ID will be required for those over 5 years old to attend. When asked why a vaccine mandate applies to an outdoor event where transmission is rare, the city's medical experts said that revelers would be packed together during the festivities for hours, making the spread of the virus more likely.

### Tax the Rich Ruse

"Be honest. Does anyone really believe that any of these new schemes that President Joe Biden conjures up every few days to 'tax the rich' will cause Bill Gates, Elon Musk, or Warren Buffett to pay more taxes?"

— Stephen Moore

### Biden's OSHA Overreach

At Biden's behest, OSHA Administration finalized a rule to require employers to become the government's quasi-vaccine police. Alfredo Ortiz's group, Jobs Creators Network has filed a lawsuit on behalf of Main Street to block the mandate, which would only worsen a chronic labor shortage.

The White House has used an "emergency" loophole to sidestep the usual process. However, at the same time cases and fatalities have fallen since the Delta variant wave appears crested. There is no grave danger out there justifying such an overreach.

### The Rush to Jab Our Kids

Throughout the pandemic, we constantly are being told to follow the norms of both science and medicine, but the campaign to vaccinate school children seems

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## Boston Common Tree Lighting

Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

The City of Boston and guests from the Province of Nova Scotia will celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting on Boston Common on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The City of Boston's signature holiday celebration returns on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. as the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and title sponsor Province of Nova Scotia host the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Boston Common Tree Lighting adjacent to the Visitor's Information Center at 139 Tremont Street.

This is the 50<sup>th</sup> year that Nova Scotia has given a tree to the people of Boston as thanks for relief efforts following the December 6, 1917, explosion of a munitions ship in Halifax Harbor. Within 24 hours of the disaster, a train loaded with supplies and emergency personnel was making its way from Boston to Nova Scotia.

"After last year's virtual celebration it is an honor to welcome residents and visitors of all ages back to Boston Common in person to light the Nova Scotia Christmas tree and holiday lights through the park," said Mayor Michelle

Wu. "Our bonds of friendship and perseverance have turned the memories of a tragic day in 1917 into the tradition of this wonderful gift enjoyed by Bostonians for half a century."

WCVB Channel 5's *Chronicle* Co-Anchors Anthony Everett and Shayna Seymour will once again host Channel 5's live broadcast of the event beginning at 7:00 p.m. featuring appearances by Santa Claus, Rudolph, and Frosty along with musical performances by Kim Cherry, OrigiNation Dance Troupe, and a full roster of talent to be announced.

The official holiday season kick-off in Boston includes the lighting of the City of Boston's official Christmas tree and trees throughout Boston Common and the Public Garden. Boston's official 2021 Christmas tree is a 60-year-old, 48-foot white spruce tree from Orangedale, Municipality of the County of Inverness, Cape Breton. The tree has been donated by the landowner L'Arche Cape Breton Community, a non-profit organization that creates safe, supportive homes and meaningful work for people with disabilities.

The holiday lights throughout both parks will light up in sequence shortly before 8:00 p.m. when Mayor Wu is joined onstage by members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Santa Claus, Rudolph, and Frosty. The show will close with a pyrotechnic display by Atlas PyroVision.

The event is supported by presenting sponsor Amazon, key sponsors Exelon Generation and Bank of America, and media sponsors WCVB Channel 5 and The Boston Globe. A sampling village will feature giveaways from Xfinity, Dunkin' seasonal drinks and snacks, cookies from Levain Bakery, eggnog provided by H.P. Hood, LLC, and Drake's Cakes famous pastries.

Sponsors of the "Make the Common Glow for the Holidays" appeal that makes lighting of the Common and Public Garden possible include The Lynch Family Foundation and The Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau.

For additional tree lighting information, please call 617-635-4505 or go to [www.boston.gov/calendar/boston-common-tree-lighting](http://www.boston.gov/calendar/boston-common-tree-lighting)

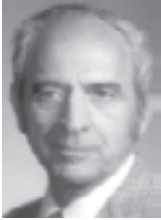
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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



THE ROMAN AQUEDUCTS



Map of Aqua Appia in Rome

An aqueduct is a pipe, conduit, canal, or trough used to convey water from one place to another. At one time, approximately 350 million gallons of water poured into Rome each day from as many as 14 great aqueducts in order to serve their needs for thermae, public fountains, and for domestic use.

One of the first of these aqueducts was the Aqua Appia, which brought water from springs seven miles east of Rome and was completed about 312 B.C. The reservoir for the Aqua Appia was located near the Tiber and consequently only supplied a part of the city.

Forty years later in 272 B.C. they completed the second aqueduct by drawing from the Anio River on high ground near Tivoli about 20 miles from Rome.

The Aqua Marcia was third and came from springs in the upper valley of the Anio a distance of 38 miles but, in order to avoid some low lands and to maintain the proper pitch, a circuitous route increased its length to 61 miles. The last seven miles entering Rome were supported on arches. It was completed in 144 B.C. and was built at a cost of approximately 8 million dollars.

The fourth, named the Aqua Tepula, was only 13 miles long, the last half of which was supported on the arches of the Marcia.

The Aqua Virgo served the Baths of Agrippa, so named because of the young maiden that pointed out the location of the originating springs. Water from these springs is still being brought to Rome in a newer aqueduct, which is called the Trevi ..., need I say more.

Next came the Aqua Claudia, built by Caligula and Claudius, and completed about 50 A.D. It brought water from the Subiaco a distance of 45 miles and in some places was carried on stone arches over 100 feet high.

One of the longest aqueducts seems to have been the Anio Novus, which was completed about 50 A.D. and ran about 62 miles. The first 49 miles were subterranean.

Some of the others had names like Aqua Felice, Aqua Paolo, and Aqua Alexandrina.

Most importantly, they all started in the surrounding hills and were brought into Rome on a gradual pitch, sometimes going miles off course in order to avoid steep grades. The portion on the ground ran in concrete channels or pipes and above ground on beautiful stone arches. Some of these conduits supplied a stream of water entering the city 40 feet deep and two feet wide running at about five to six miles per hour in a continuous current. They coped with this by making sharp changes in direction about every mile and by providing reservoirs at strategic locations. Settling tanks had to be provided to remove much of the chalky matter with which the water was loaded.

A study of Roman antiquities made about 100 years ago stated that if all of the water from all of the aqueducts could be brought together at one point, it would create a stream 25 feet wide and 6 feet deep constantly running at a speed four or five times faster than most rivers. These aqueducts also furnished the water required to sustain the beautiful villas and the farms that covered the countryside during imperial times. Most of the water furnished to the inhabitants was free. There were about 600 open reservoirs in the city for use by anyone. The only requirement was that you bring your own “secchia” or bucket. (MWRA Please Note.)

Today, about 2,000 years later, one cannot speed through the Campania in an air-conditioned train, bus or car and view the standing remains of these majestic structures without some passing thought to the vision, daring and wisdom of those Roman engineers.

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Route 1A Corridor Study

Virtual Public Information Meeting Scheduled for  
Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

Study Will Identify Opportunities to Improve Connections  
For People Walking, Biking and Taking Transit and Address Safety Issues

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing it will be hosting a virtual Public Information Meeting for the Route 1A Corridor Study on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. The link to register for the upcoming meeting can be found at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84781902856?pwd=aSt5MWowb2xxM2xmNFZVeEV0Y3J3Zz09>.

The Route 1A Corridor Study seeks to assess the potential uses of the MassDOT and MBTA rail parcels located between Route 1A and the Chelsea Creek and evaluate the Route 1A corridor between Bell Circle in Revere and Day Square in East Boston. The study will identify opportunities to improve connections for people walking, biking and taking transit, and address safety issues and potential impacts of climate change.

At the meeting, MassDOT will present an overview of the project goals and objectives, and what the team has found so far, and facilitate a discussion and gather feedback on the project from meeting attendees.


Information on the study can be found by visiting the project website. Specific questions can be submitted to study team members at [Rt1ACorridorStudy@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Rt1ACorridorStudy@dot.state.ma.us).

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Dog Photos with Santa!

Please join us in the **North End Dog Park** on **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.** for dog photos with Santa!

Off leash play will be closed during this event and all dogs are required to be on leash. Photos with Santa will be taken by RUFF with a professional camera with the option of also using your phone camera for instant photos! Edited photos will be available shortly after the event. Human and doggie treats will be handed out at the event. Special thanks to Boston Police officer, John Quinn, who is the Santa dog whisperer!



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We will be holding 2 virtual informational meetings through Zoom


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Catherine (Bono) Geany

May 11, 1922 – November 18, 2021

Catherine (Bono) Geany of Medford, formally of the North End of Boston, passed away peacefully on November 18<sup>th</sup>, surrounded by her loving family as the recited the Holy Rosary for her soul.

“Katie” as she was known to her North End childhood friends, grew up on North and Fleet Streets at a time when the descendants from the town of Sciacca, Sicily, inhabited that area, close to the North End waterfront. During those decades (1920s to 1970s), that section of the North End was a neighborhood on to itself (North, Fleet, Clark, and Lewis Streets). It was a little Sicilian fishing village.

Katie’s parents (Filomena Graffeo and Raimondo Bono) were both from the town of Sciacca in Sicily. Her father was a fisherman in Sicily and continued his work as a fisherman in Boston. The name of his boat was *The Saint Calogero* (Patron Saint of Sicily).

Raimondo was founding member of the Madonna del Soccorso Society di Sciacca of Boston (1910), which sponsors the annual Fisherman’s Feast held each August.

Katie never missed a feast in all of her 99 years. She made sure she was always there to see the Madonna come out of her chapel at the start of the feast for the Blessing of the Fleet on Thursday, and the Grand Procession on the Sunday.

Katie had the honor of making two of the Madonna’s capes and the vest, which carries the Madonna’s jewelry during the feast. She was very devoted to Madonna del Soccorso di Sciacca (The Blessed Mother of Help) and Saint Anthony.

She brought up her family to be devoted to the Madonna as well. Her Catholic faith was paramount. Faith and family was most important to her. She, along with her loving husband (of 50 years) the late James Geany raised five children (John, Mary, Raymond, twins Filomena (Phyllis) and Jimmy. She was adored by four loving grandchildren (Michael, Michelle, Kristi, and Johnny), and four great-grandchildren (James, Ryan, Tyler, and Andrew). She is survived by her younger sister Virginia (Jenny) Cobuccio. She was also



loved by many nieces and nephews who referred to her as “Auntie Rina” (from Caterina).

Katie was the very last of her generation of “Sciaccitanni” attending the Madonna’s feast in recent years. Her generation was the first “American born” from the great wave of Italian immigrants that settled here in America at the turn of the century.

She was also part of what has been called “The Greatest Generation,” and she certainly was a “Great One”! She will be deeply missed and forever in our hearts. May she rest in peace.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in her honor at her parish Church of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., 600 Pleasant Street, Malden (Rt. 60), MA.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Immaculate Conception parish of Malden may be made in Catherine’s memory, Thank you.

Following Mass, there will be a Christian Burial at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford, MA. All are invited to attend.



(L-R): Raymond (Bono) Geany former President of the Madonna Del Soccorso di Sciacca Society of Boston, Catherine (Bono) Geany, and Jimmy (Bono) Geany, former Chairman of the Fisherman’s Feast of Boston

May She Rest In Peace

Vincenza “Vicki” Destefano

Vincenza “Vicki” Destefano, 50, of Boston’s North End, passed away on November 21, 2021. Beloved daughter of Antonietta (Merluzzo) and the late Antonio Destefano. Loving sister of the late Maria Destefano. Cherished Godmother of Daniel Fabbo-Gibbons, aunt of Avelina Fabbo-Barrasso and Confirmation Sponsor of Maria Perez.

Also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Vincenza was a member of St. Lucy Society. The family will receive visitors on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm in the



J.S. Waterman-Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial St., Boston. COMPLIMENTARY VALET PARKING AT FRONT DOOR. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Leonard Church, 320 Hanover Street, Boston on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

Services will conclude with entombment in Holy Cross Mausoleum, Malden.

Donations may be made to: National Kidney Foundation, Finance Department 30 East 33rd St. New York, NY 10016 or at [www.kidney.org/donate](http://www.kidney.org/donate)  
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May She Rest In Peace



# L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

## The Return of the Light at Advent

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Every year, I unfailingly hear the same refrain uttered from the lips of exasperated coworkers and family members: “The Christmas season starts earlier and earlier each year!” This nebulous phenomenon is actually known as Christmas creep, and it can be a real pain for those of us who wish to enjoy each season slowly, watching it unfurl naturally. I remember staring in shock at a commercial featuring Santa Claus which aired a few weeks before Halloween, and marveling at the boxes of Christmas lights that stocked store shelves before the last jack-o-lanterns or witches’ hats made their way to the storage room. Then, of course, comes Black Friday, the day of long lines snaking out of department stores at the wee hours of the morning and crowds jostling to find the perfect deal. I try to avoid the rampant commercialization of Christmas. My Black Friday tradition involves a refusal to set foot in any store; instead, I spend a quiet day watching television, grading papers or eating sushi with my husband. I prefer to settle into the Christmas season calmly and organically, savoring it with the same appreciation as a cup of velvety eggnog. For this reason, I am especially thankful that the calendar sets aside a special time devoted to *waiting*, a value which too often seems lost in our fast-paced world. This period of reflective spirituality is known as Advent, and it brims with its own fascinating customs and traditions as it patiently ushers in the joyful Christmas holiday.

Advent, which begins on November 28<sup>th</sup> this year, stretches across the four weeks prior to Christmas. The meaning of this deeply significant time period has changed considerably from its medieval roots. In the early days of Christianity, Advent meant

spiritual cleansing in preparation for Christmas. It was time set aside for fasting, and vestiges of this practice can be seen in the many European cultures, including the Italian, which serve seafood rather than meat during the traditional Christmas Eve dinner. However, modern Advent celebrations focus more on the delightful anticipation for Christmas. This forms the symbolic crux of the Advent wreath. Every Sunday during Advent, someone lights one of the four candles — three purples, one pink — on the wreath until they all burn radiantly on the last Sunday of the season. These luminous candles cut through the dark nights of winter and reference the reemergence of light at Christmas, religiously through the birth of Jesus, and metaphorically through the slowly lengthening days after the winter solstice. I honor Advent with several quaint family traditions. My husband and I light a candle on our Advent wreath every Sunday, accompanied by the reading of an appropriate Bible verse and the singing of an Advent carol like “O Come Emmanuel.” When we visit his parents, we attach a special ornament to an old cloth Advent calendar that they have held for years. On the first Sunday of Advent, I set out my Christmas decorations and begin baking my holiday cookies as well. These customs instill in me a keen eagerness for the Christmas festivities while still allowing me to revel in the unique delights of Advent.

During Advent, I also pause to remember my father’s childhood memories of a Christmas season in Italy. Advent had a rustic and simple charm in his hometown of Sulmona, nestled in the mountains of the Abruzzi region, and every tradition was imbued with a profound sense of holiness. Bagpipe

players known as *zampognari*, decked out in folkloric garb, still descend from the frosty mountain pasture to the haunting tune of their ancient Christmas melodies. They make their way to Rome and stay there until the Italian Christmas season ends on the holiday of the Epiphany. Throughout Advent, *presepi*, the quintessential Italian Christmas decoration, begin to appear throughout the whole country. *Presepi*, or Nativity scenes, adorn private homes, city plazas, and village squares, sometimes with live actors portraying the members of the Holy Family. These Nativities form such an indispensable part of Italian Christmas celebrations in part because they were created by the country’s beloved patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi. My father always remembered with great love and nostalgia the enormous *presepio* he helped construct in his town church, replete with moss and running water. Finally, Advent signals the arrival of the ubiquitous Christmas markets in Italy. These enchanting bazaars grace nearly every Italian city, with the most famous located in Piazza Navona in Rome. Stalls burst with Christmas ornaments, toys and edible treats, all to the soundtrack of performers and musicians entertaining the shoppers. Tourists line up to try famous fruit-studded Christmas breads like *panettone* and *panforte*. These markets are just one of many customs which add to the magical charm of an Italian Advent, a season which excitedly awaits the arrival of Christmas while also commemorating the spirituality of the holiday.

I realize that it can be all too easy — and frustrating — to get caught up in the frenzied rush which frequently characterizes the holiday season. The incessant drone of commercials and the overwhelming surge of people in a crowded mall can either propel us to buy more and more material goods, or rather hide away home. However, by honoring Advent, we give ourselves a reprieve from the holiday turmoil. This period shines with the themes of anticipation, light and the humble pleasures of a Christmas season spent with loved ones. It is a time for waiting, for shivering with the hope that soon light will break through the dark winter evenings and that the world will unite with love and joy. This Advent, always be sure to focus on the real pleasures of the holiday — all which are symbolic, communal, spiritual — rather than the commercialism, and always keep faithfully anticipating the light to come.

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THINKING  
OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani

### They’re in an UpROAR on North Shore



John Paul Moran, Rayla Campbell, and Marcie McCauley

The Crystal Community Club up in Wakefield was jam-packed recently with folks from all over the North Shore and East Boston, too. A new group has emerged under the leadership of Caroline Colarusso, Marcie McCauley and several others to unite Americans together who are concerned about the direction our nation has been taking lately, tired of being innocent bystanders and motivated to take action in rescuing our Nation, one community at a time.



John Paul Moran and Caroline Colarusso

People came from every walk of life to listen to others share their personal experiences of the loss of essential rights including issues such as employment, medical care, parental rights, education, and to hear ideas on what we can do to fight together for these rights.

A new voice has arisen, called Rescue Our American Republic, ROAR for short. (Go to [restoreouramericanrepublic.org](http://restoreouramericanrepublic.org)). I went, I listened, and I joined up with other folks from the North Shore who want their America back again.

How ironic that back in the ’70s, I joined ROAR (Restore our Alienated Rights) fighting against a Federal Court order that instituted a forced busing plan for Boston Public Schools and now I am back with a new ROAR this time to rescue the Republic itself.

Together with other like-minded groups like United Cape Patriots down on the Cape and Islands, patriots are all working to protect and defend our rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights as our birthright.



A 1974 ROAR placard

Back in the ’70s, I was a young patriot, today, still a patriot, not so young but with the same energy needed to restore our constitutional rights once again. Standing up for freedom is a never-ending job. Government must be our business, because either we run it or it runs us. Our elected officials are not the government we are the government. We don’t work for them they work for us.

There are indeed no such entities as “innocent bystanders” and it appears that on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Wakefield there were no innocent bystanders at that meeting either; only Americans speaking out loudly and clearly demanding their America back.

“If not now, when? If not us, who?” I don’t know who said that, but it must become the anthem of who we are. It must become what we believe and it must become our mission.

*It is time to ROAR again!*

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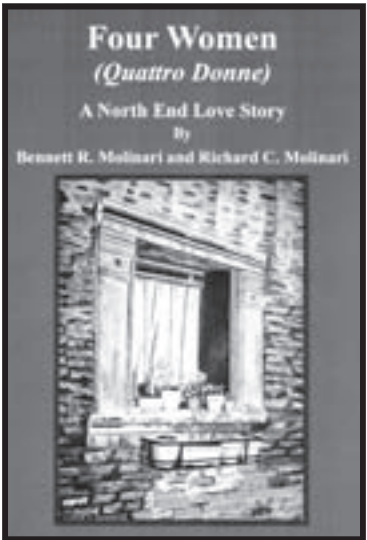
In the next few weeks this column will feature excerpts from this book.

CHAPTER 64  
The Arrangement  
(continued)

“I’ll be there tomorrow with my sons, and Carla better be there with that holy cousin of yours,” Egidio said sarcastically.

He turned and headed back to his building, but before mounting the stairs, he turned, pointed at Mom, in his most threatening voice warned, “Remember my words, if anything happens to my daughter, I will get even with you.” Auntie Stella, who had been uncharacteristically quiet, could no longer contain herself. “That’s all you Riccis are good for. You like to threaten people. You are all a bunch of *cafoni*.” Her calling Egidio a *cafone* didn’t bother him, instead, he seemed to pride himself in being a boor. He shouted back, “This *cafone* will have the last word.” With that, he mounted the stairs, a few seconds later, slammed the door shut to his flat, in a final act of defiance.

Mom and Auntie Stella quickly ran back to Grandma’s, to report what had just transpired. Once Grandma knew the Riccis would be at the meeting planned by Father Francesco, she asked Auntie Angie to call Elena and inform Pietro and Carla of the meeting planned for the next day. Auntie did as Grandma asked, and Elena passed on the information to Pietro who then informed Carla. Carla, knowing her father’s temper and that of her brothers, was immediately seized with fear and apprehension at the thought of Pietro meeting with her family. “Pietro, I beg you, don’t take part in the meeting tomorrow. It’s no use, let me return to my father’s house.” “No, Carla.” Pietro, taking Carla by the hand, his touch seemed to calm her. “Carla, what choice do we have? Yes, you could return to your family and we could go our separate ways, but we love each other. We could run away together, but we would always live in fear of your family finding us. We



can’t stay at Aunt Elena’s any longer, for sooner or later, we will be found out. Our only choice is to do what Father Francesco asks, to meet with your family and mine, and place our destiny in the Hands of God.”

“Pietro, I understand what you’re saying. I believe God will help us, but I also know my father’s temper and my brothers’ anger, and what they are capable of doing. You were brought up in a different world. You never experienced such things; therefore, I believe you could be going into this like a lamb to slaughter.”

Carla at this point was crying, caught up in the emotions of her words. Pietro drew closer to Carla and began stroking her hair. He gently kissed her on her lips and in a whisper quietly said, “Carla, I am a man not a boy, and I am not afraid to do this. I will place my trust in God and in the wisdom of Father Francesco, I ask you to do so as well. My family would never put us in danger.”

Carla began to smile. Looking straight into Pietro’s eyes, she whispered in return, “Pietro, I love you and I don’t want to see you hurt. I will go with you tomorrow, but tonight, I will pray to Saint Theresa, who I always turn to, and ask her to guide us tomorrow.” Pietro, drawing Carla closer to himself, quietly whispered, “Tonight, we will pray to Saint Theresa together, and together we will place our trust in the Holy Saint.” Carla then returned to the chores that Elena had given her, and Pietro went into the garden, where he was busy repairing the grape arbor. Aunt Elena remained at a distance, picking tomatoes while watching the couple, knowing they were in love and trying not to disturb them. As for Pietro and Carla, they would meet that evening in the garden under the arbor. As promised, they would pray to Saint Theresa for guidance and protection.

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Docket No. MI21P5892EA

Estate of  
**SAUL STERN**  
Also Known As  
**ZOLTAN STERN**

Date of Death: September 01, 2021

**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 **Debra (a/k/a Deborah) Macht of Bloomfield, CT** and **Ronald D. Stern of Sudbury, 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 **Debra (a/k/a Deborah) Macht of Bloomfield, CT** and **Ronald D. Stern of Sudbury, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 16, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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## Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

Here’s some good old-fashioned Turkey talk. Goble Gobble “All those elected officials that choose to eliminate Columbus Day and replace it with Indigenous Peoples’ Day should eat crow, not Turkey this Thanksgiving along with the States that did likewise.” If Columbus hadn’t discovered America, we wouldn’t be here and there wouldn’t be a Thanksgiving Day to celebrate. Shame on you Massachusetts elected officials who voted that Columbus Day should be changed. Without Columbus, the pilgrims wouldn’t have landed in Plymouth and there would not be a Thanksgiving Day. Liberals do not deserve to eat turkey, because their feet belong in their mouths ... What happened??? How did Revere City Councilor Tony Zambuto get knocked out? Zambuto served a distinguished 20 years on the council never missing a council meeting or being late! Zambuto was loved by his constituents and did a lot for the Revere community. I never heard a bad word about him! So what happened??? ... Boston voted against a planned East Boston substation. But it doesn’t matter the project remains on track, in the face of intense local and now citywide opposition. So, the will of the people doesn’t matter I guess ... Attorney General Maura Healey endorsed Lydia Edwards for Senate with a kick off at LoPresti Park in East Boston. The campaign was joined by Unite Local 26, which also endorses Edwards ... The merger, expected to be completed with The Rockland Trust Bank and East Boston Savings Bank, was on November

12<sup>th</sup> subject to regulatory approvals ... Recently, Mayor Michelle Wu announced a list of transition advisors that include Eastie Farm founder and director Kannan Thiruvengadam. Thiruvengadam helped contribute to the Democrat Party’s platform, and has worked for years advocating the resiliency and sustainability across Eastie and the city ... Everything has doubled and tripled. You can’t even go out to dine without it costing a week’s salary, and bad service to boot! All because of COVID-19 or was it Joe Biden? There are shortages in supermarkets and stores, and ships with merchandise with unperishable goods remain in the harbor. Gas prices have soared ever since Donald Trump left office. Despite inflation consumer spending has jumped to 1.7 percent ... Amazon is expected to pay \$500,000 for neglecting to tell tens of thousands warehouse workers in California about COVID-19 last year ... The *Boston Strangler* movie will be filmed in Belmont December 6<sup>th</sup> by 20<sup>th</sup> Century Studios. The movie is based on a true story that took place back in 1963, where a handyman working in an apartment in Boston strangled numerous women to death. To this date, there is controversy on whether the man convicted of the crime was truly the man that did it!!! ... According to studio location manager they looked at 65 houses in Massachusetts before selecting the one in Belmont because it represents the iconic, New England, Greater Boston town and fits in the world they are trying to create! ... *Till Next time, Stay Healthy and Enjoy Thanksgiving!!!*

## Saint Sylvia

*by Bennett Molinari  
and Richard Molinari*



Little is known about Saint Sylvia’s early life. She is believed to have been born in the year 515 AD in either Sicily or Rome. Apparently she was of a distinguished family as her husband; Gordianus was a high Roman official. She had two sons, Gregory and a second son,

whose name did not survive through the ages.

Sylvia’s son Gregory would become Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church. Sylvia was noted for her great piety, she gave her sons an excellent education. After the death of her husband, Gordianus around 573, she devoted herself entirely to religion. Sylvia was renowned for her beauty throughout Rome. Saint Gregory’s sanctity and intellectual brilliance are in no small way due to his mother.

Gregory converted his paternal home into a monastery. Sylvia thereafter retired to a solitary and quasi-monastic life in a little home near the Church of Saint Saba on the Aventine Hill. It became her custom frequently to send fresh vegetables to her son on a silver platter. She passed away in 592 A.D. The veneration of St. Sylvia is of early origin. In the ninth century an oratory was erected over the site of her former home, near the Basilica of San Saba.

Pope Clement VIII (1592–1605) inserted her name under November 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Roman Martyrology. She is invoked by pregnant women for a safe delivery. The Feast Day of Saint Sylvia is November 3<sup>rd</sup>.



• **Trellis Lighting Ceremony** (Continued from Page 1)



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VIEWS... more than meets the eye

by Bob Morello

YOUNGER: THE COMPLETE SERIES (10-DVD) / Paramount Home Ent.

Darren Starr's series *Younger*, Stars two-time Tony Award winner Sutton Foster as Liza Miller, as a 40-year-old mom passing herself off as a 20-something assistant. Though her ruse lands her a dream job in publishing, a hot young boyfriend, and a fun new millennial squad, cracks began to form in her plan as she realizes that her secret was hurting those closest to her. *Younger* follows Liza's journey through professional ups and downs, on her way to discovering that the truth can be so much better than fiction. This 10-disc set includes all 84 episodes from the unforgettable series. Packed with special features, including deleted scenes from every season and over 30 minutes of hilarious bloopers. A definitive ... must-own collection for *Younger* fans.

DC'S LEGENDS OF TOMORROW: THE COMPLETE SIXTH SEASON (3-Blu-ray) / Warner Bros. Home Ent.

Season Six brings the Legends their most bizarre challenge yet in *DC's Legends of Tomorrow*. After a decadent night celebrating their victory over the Fates, they discover that aliens have abducted Sara Lance. Desperate to find her, Ava Sharpe sends Mick Rory and Behrad Tarazi to recruit a new Legend: a gun-totin' Texan with special powers, named Esperanza "Spooner" Cruz. Elsewhere, Gary Green has been keeping a secret, Nate Heywood and Zari Tarazi must work together to avert a nuclear disaster, and an argument between John Constantine and Astra Logue leads to unforeseen consequences. The timeship Waverider's crew have dealt with monsters, time anomalies, and most recently, villains from Hell, but this season they will face something even more challenging and bizarre ... space aliens! Join the galaxy's wildest misfit heroes as they cross paths with David Bowie, Spartacus, Amelia Earhart, Fidel Castro and John F. Kennedy over 15 riveting episodes.

EDMOND (DVD) MVD Marquee Collection

An encounter with a fortune-teller leads businessman *Edmond* (William H. Macy), to confront the emptiness of his life and marriage. Appalled, he flees into the vortex of the city's underbelly, plummeting into the free fall he mistakes for liberation. To Edmond's surprise, it's dark outside: hookers charge, pimps are violent and the guy on the corner is a conman. Edmond is robbed, beaten and left bewildered. But there's a strange comfort at the bottom. Exhilarated by a random act of violence, Edmond picks up a waitress, Glenna (Julia Stiles), but their riotous sex plays leads first to conflict and then to murder. With nothing to lose but his liberty, Edmond spirals further out of control, towards prison, disintegration and a very brutal redemption.

EMILY IN PARIS: SEASON ONE (DVD) Paramount Home Ent.

From Darren Star, the creator

of *Sex and the City*, and *Younger*, comes the delightfully fun and deliciously frisky new comedy *Emily in Paris: Season One*. Golden Globe® nominee\* Lily Collins stars as the title character, Chicago marketing executive Emily Cooper. After suddenly landing a dream job in Paris, Emily embraces her adventurous new life and says *oui* to possibility as she juggles work, friendships and romance while navigating a whole new culture. *Season One* received an Emmy® nomination for Outstanding Comedy Series and a Golden Globe nomination for Best Television Series — Musical or Comedy, and includes all 10 episodes from the inaugural season, and over 30 minutes of deleted scenes and exclusive featurettes that delve into the casting process, the show's exquisite fashion, and what it's like to actually film in Paris. Très Chic!

WILDLAND (DVD) / Film Movement

Following the tragic death of her mother, 17-year-old Ida moves in with her estranged aunt and three male cousins. Ida initially finds comfort in their home, filled with tenderness and care. But the darker reality of her family's criminal way of life and toxic dynamics slowly pushes her to accept violence, addiction and intimidation as normal. When an accidental murder fractures their fragile loyalties to each other, tension builds as love and violence become impossible to separate.

RAGTIME (2-Blu-ray) / Paramount Home Ent.

Oscar-winning\* director Milos Forman's acclaimed drama and cinematic epic *Ragtime* celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a Limited-Edition two-disc Blu-ray. The film was originally released on November 20, 1981, is based on E.L. Doctorow's best-selling novel, *Ragtime*, and tells an unforgettable story of disparate characters in New York City in the early 1900s. From the emerging New York suburb of New Rochelle to the flashy spectacle of Atlantic City, a family faces racial tensions, scandals, and violence that will test everything they believe in. Music by Randy Newman the film boasts a spectacular cast. Presented in collectible packaging featuring a foldout image of the film's theatrical poster.

VANILLA SKY (Blu-ray) / Paramount Home Ent.

A mind-bending roller coaster ride of romance, suspicion, sex and dreams, *Vanilla Sky* was produced by Cameron Crowe, Tom Cruise and Paula Wagner, and features visually stunning cinematography in this mind-bending dramatic thriller, including an unforgettable sequence in New York City's Times Square. The film, originally released on December 14, 2001, follows a self-indulgent and vain publishing magnate (Cruise) who finds his privileged life upended after a vehicular accident. Penélope Cruz, and Cameron Diaz also star in *Vanilla Sky*, presented with collectible packaging featuring a foldout image of the film's theatrical poster and an interior spread with key movie moments.

The time has come, the walrus said,  
TO TALK OF MANY THINGS  
of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarattani



Sal Giarattani from Eastie with Jimmy Coughlin from Weymouth, two regular callers on WMEX Boston, 1510 AM, recently met at the veteran's monthly food distribution site at the radio studio in Marshfield for the very first time.

(Photo by Jo Brochu)

PROUD MEMBER OF THE 530 AM CLUB ON 100.7

I like getting up early and usually start my day by listening to Karlson, McKenzie & Heather on Boston's only classic rock station in the mornings on WZLX 100.7 FM. I love the show's three hosts. I have been a fan of Karlson & McKenzie going back to their days on Eagle 93.7 years and years ago. Adding Heather to the mix only made this show better today than yesterday. The 5:30 a.m. show is super great. There's lots of loose-ending crazy banter with just enough classic rock getting played on air. If you are an early bird, go to 100.7 as soon as you get out of bed.

TOMPKINS ENDORSES EDWARDS

Recently, Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins has endorsed Lydia Edwards in her bid to become the next senator of the First Suffolk and Middlesex Senate District.

RESTAURANTS DON'T DESERVE CUSTOMER BACKLASH FOR WAIT TIMES

One of my favorite eating places is Mike's City Diner

over in Boston's South End. As a kid, I lived for a time on East Springfield Street and in those days this diner at the corner of East Springfield and Washington Streets was a popular fish & chips joint designed in art deco style.

Whenever I sit at the counter today at Mike's, I still see a lot of art deco occupying the walls of this place. The food has always been great and the crowds always long, but things got worse during the pandemic as distance protocols kicked in and with the long lines came seemingly even longer wait times. Restaurants do what they can and many like Mike's City Diner survived the worst of these recent times and is still open while many other eateries didn't fare so well and shuttered their doors forever.

Kudos to Jay Hajj, who has owned this eatery since 1995, and the place like many others became short-staffed, but this place still serves roughly 500 folks per weekend day because it is a go-to place for the quality of its menu.

Things in the restaurant world have not yet returned to normal and all we can hope is that it returns as soon as possible but meanwhile Jay and his wait staff keep plugging away doing what this place always does, which is to serve great meals to hungry customers.

A while ago, this diner had a couple of incidents with unruly customers, which resulted in a visit from the Boston Police. Hajj shared a photo of a sign on Facebook and wrote, "When you have to call the cops twice in one day for unruly and insulting customer behavior, it's time for a reminder. Thankful for my devoted staff and loyal customers!"

Never been to Mike's? Get yourself there pronto. My favorite breakfast: a Spanish omelet with grits (best grits served in



Caitlin Hemdal recently left the Maverick Marketplace in East Boston, and during her time behind the bar, she was the best vanilla latte barista ever. Shown in the photo wishing her well in the future is another barista Grace Richardson saying her goodbyes.

Boston), a cup of hot coffee, and a toasted dry raisin bagel.

SAD NEWS TO REPORT

The music world has lost two superstars from the '60s and '70s. Philip Margo, one of the founders of The Tokens just passed away on November 13<sup>th</sup> at age 79 from a stroke. I remember this band well going back to its biggest hit "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" from 1961, and then for a return appearance in the 2013 soundtrack for *The Circle of Life*.

I saw them perform twice. Once back in 1969 at the Ware Memorial Auditorium and again a few years back at one of the feasts in Boston's North End when I posed for a photo with the group all wearing their cool light purple suits. This group by the way was inducted into the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame back in 1994.

Also, on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jay Black from Jay and the Americans passed away from complications from pneumonia at 82 years old. Jay's real name was Dave Blatt.

Back in the mid-'60s when I was a founding band member of The SilenSirs in Roxbury, we always liked covering their many hits like "This Magic Moment," "She Cried," "Cara Mia," and of course, "Only in America."

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COMPLETE SETTLEMENT  
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Virginia D. Livingstone (formerly Virginia D. Lee) of Wayland, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, the allowance of a proposed distribution, Allowance of Amended 1st & Final Account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.  
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Date of Death: July 16, 2021  
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PUBLICATION NOTICE  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Denise P. Jantzen of Concord, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
Denise P. Jantzen of Concord, 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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Date of Death: June 30, 2021  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Attorney Richard A. Kelley of North Andover, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
Run date: 11/26/2021



# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Back in the day, the week after Thanksgiving brought the musicians in my family into the Christmas season, and that was our busiest time of the year. Up until the '70s, most music was live. DJs were just coming into vogue and there was a reason why. Many of the older musicians refused or couldn't play the music the younger people liked to listen and dance to. They came up with every reason in the book as to the negatives attached to, especially, rock and roll, but whether they couldn't feel the music or understand it, they didn't want to play it. Most of the rock groups couldn't play the traditional dance music and the compromise was to hire a DJ.

Dad, Uncles Nick and Paul played mainly society music, working with the dance bands of Boston. If I was not playing steady somewhere, I would let it be known that I was available and the work rolled in. Back then, there were Christmas parties beginning the weekend after Thanksgiving Day and continued until December 25<sup>th</sup>.

For many years, Dad played at Santa's Enchanted Village at Jordan Marsh. New York had Macys and Gimbals, but Boston had Filenes and Jordan Marsh. Jordan's, as most Bostonians called the long gone department store, would have Santa Claus stationed in their Enchanted Village, and during the afternoons of the Christmas season, had a trio dressed in Tyrolean costumes playing for the kids and their parents. Dad was the bass player with the trio. Danny Cavicchio played accordion and Charlie Opper was on violin. They were quite a site dressed with lederhosen (Swiss leather short pants with suspenders), knee length stockings and Tyrolean Alpine hats.

Most businesses had Christmas parties for their employees and they all had live entertainment. The bands that serviced the parties were hired during the day for a two or three hour time interval, and there might be two or three parties to play on any given day. Dad and Uncle Nick would hire chauffeurs to take them from one job to another. Parking in downtown Boston has never been easy, and with jobs being spaced close together, being let off in front of a designated building was a lot easier (and cheaper) than hunting for a parking space.

I began teaching school in Boston in the early '60s, but was able to book in the late afternoon Christmas parties in

downtown. I really never worked with Dad as we played the same instrument, bass violin, but many times, I worked with Uncle Nick who played tenor sax and often led the small groups that played throughout the city. The nights were just as busy during the Christmas season. There were many parties held in the function rooms of Boston hotels and private clubs. Organizations like the Masons, the Elks, the Moose, the K of C, the VFW, the Sons of Italy and dozens more, all held parties in their buildings usually located in the suburbs, which made it easier on the parking situation, as most had their own parking lots.

If all of us were playing and finished early, we would head to our house where Mom and Babbononno would be waiting with a pot of coffee and something to eat in case we hadn't eaten on the jobs. Babbononno was long retired from the music business, but lived again through the stories the men in his family told about playing with the different bands we had worked with. He knew that we played what might be called music from the American songbook. All of the musicians who played these single engagements never used any written music. Whatever tune it was ... was memorized. Most of the top men in Boston had at least 1,000 or more songs they could play from memory. If we played a set of, let's say six songs, all we had to know was the key for each, and as the leader would segue from one to the other, he would hold up a series of fingers to indicate what the new key was ... one finger for the key of F, two for B flat, three for E flat, four for A flat, an arched thumb and index finger for the key of C and an index finger pointing down for the key of G. These were the most common keys and most of the dance tunes, the fox trots, waltzes, polkas, etc. ... were written in these keys.

Quite often, Dad and Uncle Nick would talk about the men in the bands they were working with that day or/and night. Babbononno could often identify with the names. If it was a multi-generational family in music, he most likely knew their fathers or uncles especially if they were Italian. Italians, Jews and African Americans dominated the music business back in the day. There were, of course, people from every other ethnic group, but the main body of commercial musicians were from those three backgrounds.

During some of those years, I was working the nightclub

scene, which meant that I couldn't play the Christmas parties that my Dad and Uncles played. More often than not, those nighttime parties were held at nightclubs and private halls in the suburbs making it a lot easier for the musicians.

As we headed into the early '70s, I met Dean Saluti and we became fast friends. He was in graduate school at the time, and to earn tuition and living expenses, was working as a bartender at Lucifer's, one of three nightclubs located in the same building called the Kenmore Club in Kenmore Square. Uncle Nick knew the owner and I often would meet my uncle at Lucifer's for a last call drink. Chances were that we finished at either midnight or 1:00 a.m., and Lucifers closed at 2:00 a.m.. Once the club closed, Dean, Uncle Nick and I would head to Chinatown for a bite to eat before going home. Dean would tell stories about what happened in the club that night and who some of the people were that frequented the place, and Uncle Nick and I would talk about the jobs we had played and how the people were into the spirit of the season.

Dad wasn't interested in "hanging out" after a late job, and would head home, so he wasn't part of the late night scene. Aunt Dorothy (Uncle Nick's wife) had retired and was living in Florida. As soon as the holidays were over, Uncle Nick would head south for a couple of weeks and then, maybe a weekend a month, until he retired. When he did retire in the late '70s, he headed to Florida and Aunt Dorothy, permanently.

Today, it's a toss-up as to whether a Christmas party has live entertainment or a DJ. When I speak to full-time musicians (and there are only a few of them), they tell me how difficult it is to make a living at their craft. Most of the luckier ones learned other trades and work days and have made music an avocation. The COVID epidemic has worsened the situation, so I guess I was one of these luckier ones. I taught public school during the day and played music at night. Now in my old age, until last year and the COVID-19, I attended the type of functions I used to play. Most of them are quite fun, but those days gone by ... they were quite an adventure and I was on top of my game and earning pretty good money. Oh yeah, another thing, I was young and that made part of the difference.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



by

**Marianna Bisignano**



As the holidays are upon us, you are bound to find beautifully decorated trays of ricotta cookies on tables throughout Italian homes everywhere! These soft, sweet pillowy delights are melt in your mouth delicious, and have always been a favorite of adults and children alike. Recipes for them vary and some are made with butter, others use margarine or shortening. Flavors typically include vanilla, lemon, orange and almond and some are left plain, while others are iced and sprinkled with decorative nonpareils.

My Nonna had so many different recipes for ricotta cookies. Honestly, I remember one being more delicious than the other. Among them, there was one called Ricotta Cookie Slices or *Fette di Biscotti alla Ricotta*. She would make these into the shape of a log, using a small scoop to drop the sticky batter onto the baking sheet. The logs would be baked, cooled, then iced and sprinkled with small colored dots. They resulted in what you might consider a soft ricotta biscotti, and they were absolutely scrumptious. Nonna always made these using vanilla, but Ricotta Cookie Slices are equally as delicious when flavored with lemon, orange or almond. They are the perfect soft biscotti to have on your table during the holidays, or at just about any other time of the year!

**RICOTTA COOKIE SLICES**  
*Fette di Biscotti alla Ricotta*



- 1 cup margarine or butter, softened (I use butter)
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 container (15-ounce size) ricotta cheese
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 4 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

- Icing**
- ¼ cup butter, softened
  - 3 or more cups confectioners' sugar
  - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
  - Whole milk, added 1 tablespoon at a time
  - Nonpareils

Preheat oven to 350°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper, set aside. In a large mixing bowl, cream together margarine and sugar, increase speed and beat until light and fluffy for about 5 minutes. Lower speed and add ricotta, vanilla and eggs, one at a time, until blended. Sift in flour, baking powder and salt, mix together until dough forms.

Using a small scoop, drop dough onto baking sheet into a log shape the length of the baking pan and about 2 ½ to 3 inches wide and 1 ½ inches tall. Repeat and place the logs apart, as this dough spreads when baking. Bake for about 25 to 30 minutes or until logs are a light golden color underneath and the insides are cooked lightly golden (they will be soft). Gently remove cookies with a spatula and cook on a wire rack.

**To make icing**, in a medium bowl, beat butter and vanilla on low speed, and then gradually add confectioners' sugar and milk, a tablespoon at a time, until desired consistency is reached. Ice cooled logs, sprinkle with nonpareils, and allow icing to harden. Slice, place on a tray and serve.

Marianna Bisignano is a psychologist for the Boston Public Schools and can be reached at [nonnasrecipebox@gmail.com](mailto:nonnasrecipebox@gmail.com)


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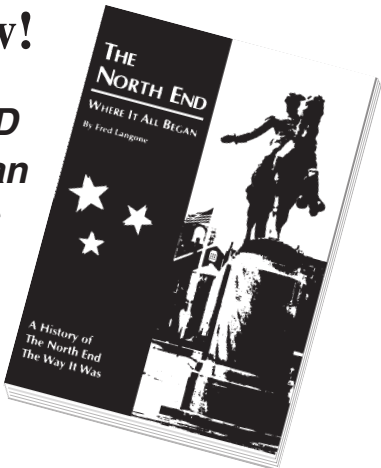
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# Gift Spring Blooms for the Holiday

by Melinda Myers



Give a gift of Months of Blooms, pre-planted bulbs to brighten up the recipient's home during the winter months or all year long. (Photo courtesy of Gardener's Supply Company/gardeners.com)

Give the gift of spring this winter to gardeners and non-gardeners alike. A pot of tulips, daffodils or other spring flowering bulbs is sure to brighten a dreary winter day and elevate the recipient's mood.

Spring flowering bulbs need 12 to 15 weeks of temperatures between 35 and 45 degrees to initiate flowering. This happens naturally in areas with cold winters. Bulbs are planted in the fall, receive the chill they need, and add welcome color to the spring garden.

Those in warmer climates, typically zones 8, 9 and 10, need a different approach. In those areas, low chill bulbs that don't need as long a cold period or pre-cooled bulbs are grown. The pre-cooled bulbs also sold as pre-chilled, have received the needed cold period and can be grown like annuals.

No matter where you garden, spring flowering bulbs can be chilled in a spare refrigerator. Keep bulbs away from apples and pears. These fruits give off ethylene gas, a natural hormone that does not harm people, but can hasten ripening and interfere with flowering when bulbs are stored in the same refrigerator compartment. Check the pots occasionally and water when needed to keep the soil slightly moist, but not soggy wet.

Some friends and family may appreciate a DIY bulb forcing kit as their gift. Spring flowering bulbs, potting mix, and a container with drainage holes are all that is needed. Provide directions

for assembly, suggestions for providing the cold treatment if needed and proper care.

Others may prefer a gift that requires minimal care like Gardener's Supply Company's *Months of Bloom*. Order once and these pre-planted bulb gardens are delivered to the recipient monthly for 3, 6 or 12 months. Just water when the potting mix starts to dry and enjoy watching the spring flowering bulbs sprout, grow and flower.

Keep spring flowering bulb gardens in a cool, bright

Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer to prevent root rot and apply a dilute solution of any flowering houseplant fertilizer.

Once the leaves turn yellow and die or the soil in the garden warms and the danger of frost has passed, you can move them into the garden. Tulips and hyacinths perform best in sunny areas with well-drained soils. These two bulbs tend to flourish for a year or two and then produce few or no flowers. Keep that in mind as you plan for the future.

Daffodils and grape hyacinths will grow in sun or shade and a variety of soil types. These tend to be long lived as they grow and spread over time.

It may be two years before you have flowers but it's a great way to extend the enjoyment of a holiday gift.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses How to Grow Anything DVD series* and the *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Gardener's Supply* for her expertise to write this article. Her web site is: [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
Docket No. MI19D1657DR  
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY  
PUBLICATION AND MAILING  
EVELYN HOCHEN  
vs.  
ISMAR D. HOCHEN  
To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court.  
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.  
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Hannah Krispin, Esq., Krispin Law, 50 Chestnut St., 2nd Floor, Needham, MA 02492** your answer, if any, on or before **12/28/2021**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.  
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 16, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/26/2021

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000  
Docket No. MI21P5713EA  
Estate of  
PHYLLIS NATALIE CABEL  
Date of Death: September 25, 2021  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Jose A. Cabel of Malden, MA**.  
**Jose A. Cabel of Malden, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
Run date: 11/26/2021

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Suffolk Division  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300  
Docket No. SU21P2221EA  
Estate of  
NONNIE S. BURNES  
Date of Death: August 14, 2021  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Richard M. Burnes, Jr. of Boston, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Richard M. Burnes, Jr. of Boston, 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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an insane rush job. Ninety-five percent of people in poverty-stricken countries haven't yet received one dose, but now officials want to vaccinate 50 million young children who are at minimal risk from COVID. Just 66 children ages 5 to 11 died of COVID in the last year, less than the number of children who die from the flu.

John Tierney at *City Journal* warns the push to jab these kids goes "against ethics and evidence."

## Our Public Schools Are Failing

In Virginia, 84 percent of black students lack proficiency in math and 85 percent in reading skills. These are horrible numbers. What is happening in Virginia is a nationwide issue and the victims of these horrible proficiency numbers cross all color lines, too. The United States ranks 38<sup>th</sup> in math skills and 25<sup>th</sup> globally in education period.

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Suffolk Division  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300  
Docket No. SU21P1136EA  
Estate of  
JAMES H. DICK  
Date of Death: February 08, 2021  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Alison A. Dick of Rye, NH**.  
**Alison A. Dick of Rye, NH** 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: 11/26/2021

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
Lowell Justice Center  
370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor  
Lowell, MA 01852  
(978) 656-7700  
Docket No. MI21P2971EA  
Estate of  
CARYN ANN CHRISTIE  
Also Known As:  
KAREN A. CHRISTIE,  
CARYN A. CERUVELS,  
KAREN ANN CHRISTIE  
Date of Death: February 27, 2020  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Gary O. Christie of Concord, NH**.  
**Gary O. Christie of Concord, NH** 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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To quote Armstrong Williams at *The Hill*, It is our duty "to actually engage with the people running for office, as opposed to blindly following what the mainstream media tells you."

## Detroit is Going, Going, Gone

Detroit, "the Motor City," has apparently lost its engine and has fallen into ruin and lost most of its people who couldn't wait to turn off the lights, shut their doors and run as fast and far from this hellhole. Every once in a while we hear the spin that a rebirth is just around the corner, but a new report spells out just how really bad this place is today.

According to the *Detroit Free Press*, 57 percent of "public school students are considered chronically absent this school year," meaning they've missed at least 10 percent of school days already.

As the late U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-NY, once stated on a different subject, "The future is spoken for." OUCH!

## End Quote

"The secret of change is to focus all your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new."  
— Socrates

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000  
Docket No. MI21C1099CA  
In the Matter of  
JACOB JOHN LUTH  
CITATION ON  
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Jacob John Luth of Framingham, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Jacob John Almeida-Luth**  
IMPORTANT NOTICE  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 10, 2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.**  
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court  
Date: November 12, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run Date: 11/26/2021

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000  
Docket No. MI21P5844EA  
Estate of  
JOHN J. RENZULLO  
Also Known As:  
JOHN JAMES RENZULLO  
Date of Death: September 20, 2021  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Elaine M. Lavagna of Malden, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Elaine M. Lavagna of Malden, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
Run date: 11/26/2021

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE  
Notice is hereby given by **Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **December 04, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.  
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Vin # 1J8HR68227C574909  
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2008 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE  
Vin # 1J8GR48K28C147831  
Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed by appointment only.  
Signed  
Todisco Services, Inc.  
Run dates: 11/19, 11/26, 12/03/2021

LEGAL NOTICE  
Notice is hereby given by **Export Enterprises, Inc., 50 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell or junk the following vehicles on or after **December 11, 2021 beginning at 10:00 AM** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:  
2001 BMW 325i  
VIN # WBAAV33491FU86020  
2016 NISSAN LEAF  
VIN # 1N4BZ0CPXG310856  
2002 TOYOTA COROLLA  
VIN # 2T1BR12E82C561908  
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VIN # 5FNRL18652B008869  
2007 CHEVROLET TAHOE  
VIN # 1GNFK13057R167912  
2005 SUZUKI VL800K  
VIN # JS1VS55A852106877  
Vehicles are being stored at 142 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, and may be viewed by appointment only.  
Signed  
Export Enterprises, Inc.  
Run dates: 11/26, 12/03, 12/10/2021



LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI21P5895EA

Estate of  
ALAN S. TEAS

Date of Death: October 12, 2021

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 Maureen Messina of South Yarmouth, 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 Maureen Messina of South Yarmouth, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 15, 2021.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 17, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/26/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI21P5152EA

Estate of  
EUNICE LUCILLE HOWITT

Date of Death: November 24, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Alison H. Otto of Framingham, MA and Michel Howitt of Blackwood, NJ requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Michel Howitt of Blackwood, NJ and Alison H. Otto of Framingham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 16, 2021.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 18, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/26/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
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Docket No. MI21P5910EA

Estate of  
MARIA F. COELHO  
Also Known As  
MARIA FREITAS COELHO

Date of Death: February 14, 2021

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 Manuel Soares of Burlington, 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 Manuel Soares of Burlington, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 15, 2021.

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

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 17, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/26/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

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Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. MI21P5914EA

Estate of  
STEPHEN F. VOGEL

Date of Death: August 05, 2021

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 Sandra M. Vogel of Natick, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Sandra M. Vogel of Natick, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 15, 2021.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 17, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/26/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI21P5758EA

Estate of  
ROBERT BORR

Date of Death: August 02, 2021

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

Brenda Borr of Framingham, 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: 11/26/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., 2 Emery Road, Allston, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after December 11, 2021 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2006 TOYOTA CAMRY  
VIN # 4T1BE32K66U150413

2016 HONDA CIVIC  
VIN # 19XFC1F3XGE205822

1998 HONDA GL1500C  
VIN # 1HFSC3400WA104198

2020 YONGFU YN50QT-8  
VIN # LL0TCAPH3LG001537

2021 YONGFU YN50QT-8  
VIN # LL0TCAPH2MG008464

2017 AUDI A4  
VIN # WAUANAF41HN006357

2011 KIA OPTIMA  
VIN # KNAGM4A72B5110055

1998 CHEVROLET G30  
VIN # 1GBHG31R3W1017749

2014 TOYOTA COROLLA  
VIN # 2T1BURHE6EC050352

2008 TOYOTA COROLLA  
VIN # 2T1BR32E28C930993

2019 HONDA CIVIC  
VIN # SHHFK7H30KU418329

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

Signed  
D & G Towing  
Run dates: 11/26, 12/03, 12/10/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath Highway, Somerville, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell or junk the following vehicles on or after December 4, 2021 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2008 PONTIAC G6  
VIN # 1G2ZG57N484101312

1997 HONDA CIVIC  
VIN # 2HGEJ6624VH584471

2013 NISSAN ALTIMA  
VIN # 1N4AL3AP7DN488211

1999 HONDA ACCORD  
VIN # JHMC6G667XXC030520

2008 CADILLAC ESCALADE  
VIN # 1GYFK63808R174726

2008 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN  
VIN # 1D8HN44H88B175609

2001 TOYOTA RAV4  
VIN # JTEHH20V310022350

Vehicles are being stored at 142 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed  
Pat's Towing  
Run dates: 11/19, 11/26, 12/03/2021

• Extra Innings (Continued from Page 12)

number one fan, was one of the fans who left in disgust. He was also upset with the way the fans were treating him for supporting QB Sanchez, while most fans were calling for the player's head. Well ... Mark would head butt someone's butt and fumble, and that would come to define his playing career for

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Docket No. MI20P0184EA

Estate of  
ODETE AMARAL  
Also Known As  
ODETE G. AMARAL

Date of Death: October 09, 2019

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Maria M. Amaral of Medford, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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

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

Run date: 11/26/2021

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Docket No. MI21P5877PM

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G. L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

In the matter of  
SUSAN R. SMITH  
of Weston, MA

RESPONDENT  
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Peter H. Smith of Newton, MA, Helen F. Smith of Newton, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Susan R. Smith is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Peter H. Smith of Newton, MA, Helen F. Smith of Newton, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of December 14, 2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 16, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/26/2021

all-time, so maybe the other fans had a point.

The Jets would score 2 touchdowns and net a safety in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, but the Pats would add two of their own in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, even though the game was all "butt" decided after the infamous play and antics that transpired in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. New England would go on to lose to the Baltimore Ravens 28-13 in the AFC championship, who beat the Patriots on their way to a 34-31 Super bowl victory over Colin Kaepernick and the San Francisco 49ers. The Jets would languish, finishing 6-10, and Mark Sanchez did not let the door hit him on the way out, as he was cast aside to make way for the newly drafted Geno Smith. Sanchez was only 26 at the time, but he would never be a full-time starter again, and he left the NFL after the 2018 season. For Pats fans, it was the best of times, and for Gang Green, it was the worst of times, but neither side will ever forget the Butt Fumble on Turkey Day.

LEGAL NOTICE

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 December 02, 2021 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:

2010 NISSAN ALTIMA, BLACK  
Vin # 1N4AL2EP7AC118369  
Roderick Madison  
350 S. 600 E, Apt. 325  
Salt Lake City, UT 84102

2006 FORD ESCAPE, RED  
Vin # 1FMCU95H56KA25862  
Sabrina Bazemore  
1 Nutfield Ct., Apt. 32  
Derry, NH 03038

2010 HYUNDAI SANTA FE, BLUE  
Vin # 5NMSGDAB0AH414408  
Ciera Baptista  
113 Kingston Ave., #3  
Louisville, KY 40214

2012 HYUNDAI SONATA, BLACK  
Vin # 5NPEC4AB6CH427033  
Hardilpreet Gill  
188 Florence St., Apt. 2  
Roslindale, MA 02131  
Run dates: 11/12, 11/19, 11/26/2021

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Docket No. MI20P4480EA

Estate of  
GAIL LESLIE FLEMING  
Also Known As  
GAIL L. FLEMING, GAIL FLEMING

Date of Death: April 02, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by Anne C. Rosenberg of Natick, MA and Amanda M. Fleming of Worcester, MA requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

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 December 06, 2021.

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 08, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/26/2021



Boxing




Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



# Happy Thanksgiving



*“When I’m worried and I can’t sleep  
I count my blessings instead of sheep  
And I fall asleep counting my blessings”*

Irving Berlin (*Count Your Blessings*, 1954)

Thanksgiving is a time for us to give thanks for all we have, but we should take time to count our blessings everyday. No matter how down you may feel there is always much to be thankful for. One blessing on my list everyday is having been born in this country. Whether you were born here or came from another land and are now a citizen, you really hit the jackpot having the United States as your home.

There are many naysayers out there who barrage us with negative talk about this great country. Ignore them, be proud and feel blessed to have so much. With all of its faults, this is a very great and good country. We forget that at our peril. Everyone, have a Happy Thanksgiving, and forget the sheep at night; count your blessings instead. You’ll find you have many.



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



## Clearly a Beavis & Butthead Moment in this 2012 Turkey Game

by Guest Columnist Anthony Moulaison

On a cool Thanksgiving night in 2012, the New England Patriots and the New York Jets squared off in front of a crowd of over 79,000 fans at MetLife Stadium. There was nothing particularly noteworthy to be gained by either team with a victory, as the Pats had a 3 game lead over Gang Green in the division standings. The game started uneventfully, with a scoreless 1st quarter. The Pats had driven deep into Jets territory by the end of it, and Quarterback Tom Brady started the scoring in the 2<sup>nd</sup> with a short pass to Wes Welker on the first play to put the Pats up 6-0, with an extra point kicked by Stephen Gostkowski to make it 7-0.

The Jets would get a good kickoff return of 37 yards to start their next drive, and they made it all the way to the New England 31 before linebacker Brandon Spikes forced a fumble on a running play up the middle that was recovered by defensive back Steve Gregory. The Patriots wasted no time making the Jets pay for the blunder, as Shane Vereen caught a short pass to the left from Brady and scampered all the way to the end zone for an 83 yard score. The kick through the uprights was good, and the Pats were now up 14-0. Unfortunately for the Jets, the pain was just beginning.

After a touchback kickoff by Gostkowski, the Jets QB Mark

Sanchez started things off ok, with an 11 yard pass for a first down. On the next play however, Sanchez muffed a handoff to Fullback Lex Hilliard by mistakenly turning right instead of left, as the play had called for. Sanchez then tried to make the best of a bad situation, as he attempted to run it himself. At the same time, Patriots defensive tackle Vince Wilfork had locked horns with Jets right guard Brandon Moore, and Sanchez had run out of real estate, so he decided to slide instead of taking a hit from one of the Patriots bruisers on the line. As he did he went helmet first into the guard’s rear end, and immediately lost possession of the football, as Moore tumbled on top of him. Steve Gregory was having a good day, probably the best of his career, as the dislodged pigskin bounced right in front of him. He picked it up and dashed to the end zone to give the Pats a 20 point edge, and Gostkowski put another one through the uprights to make it 21 nil. For New York Jets fans it seems, the torture never stops, as Joe McKnight would drop the ball on the ensuing kickoff, with Julian Edelman catching it in the air and scrambling into the Jets end zone to make it 28-0, after Gostkowski booted another through, of course.

Jets coach Rex Ryan was having a conniption on the

sidelines, as I’m sure many Jets fans were that day. He was seen visibly mouthing the phrase “un-@#\$%ing believable” on TV. As luck would have it, this writer was at that game, and I was having the time of my life watching all the Jets fan sulk, booing heartily, and many even starting to leave the game even though it was only early in the second quarter. The Patriots had scored 3 times in 52 seconds, and the hometown crowd was flabbergasted. The fans that were left called for coach Ryan to put backup and Christian athlete extraordinaire Tim Tebow into the game. New England would add on another score before half-time, as Julian Edelman caught a 56 yard pass from Brady, to make it 35 to 0. The Jets would get their first 3 points on a Nick Folk field goal right before the gun, but the fans had had enough, emptying out the stadium and hoping that maybe they could salvage the holiday by heading home to have a hot turkey sandwich.

The sad thing was, Lenny Kravitz was there for the half-time show, and he played his new song called Jets, in honor of his favorite gridiron team. It was an excellent little gig, although it was extremely loud, but nobody was really left there to hear it. “Fireman” Ed Anzalone, the Jets mascot and

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**A PREVIEW OF THE PLAYOFF POSITIONS** — That’s how current Bruins President Cam Neely and former B’s coach Claude Julien view the NHL standings on Thanksgiving Weekend even though it will be a number of months until the conclusion of the regular season.

Both are of the opinion that how the teams stand at this time of year is a pretty good indication of how things will work out by the end of the regular season. Right now that seems a bit distant since the final day of action in the regular season is April 29<sup>th</sup>.

So download the standings from one of the days on Thanksgiving Weekend (or clip them out if you are a fan of print edition newspapers) and consult them again on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Bruins, for example, will have played only 18 games of the 82 scheduled contests by November 28<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday of Thanksgiving Weekend. That leaves some 64 games remaining.

Thus, with so much of the schedule still to be played, these potential previews can turn out to be quite inaccurate. Consider, for example, the 2018-2019 season when the St. Louis Blues got off to a poor start. They began the 2019 portion of the schedule literally occupying last place in the entire league, yet went on to not only make the playoffs but to win the Stanley Cup, defeating the Bruins in six games.

So, with all due respect to Cam Neely and Claude Julien, consider these previews with a wayward eye. As has come to pass in prior seasons, there could well be several teams battling for the final playoff spots right down to last day.

**BRIEFLY A BRUIN BUT A KEEPER IN COLUMBUS** — Once he played for the B’s on Causeway Street, but if you were not paying close attention, you might have missed him.

He was number 61 — Rick Nash — in the twilight of his career. Traded to the Bruins by the New York Rangers just before the trade deadline in 2018, the regular season was so close to a conclusion that he actually saw action in more games during the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

But now Nash, the current director of player development for Columbus, will be honored this coming March 5<sup>th</sup> when his number will be retired in a pre-game ceremony. It was the Jackets that originally selected him first overall in the 2002 NHL Draft after he amassed 138 points across 112 games during a two-year stint in the Ontario Hockey League.

And on hand for the ceremony will be Nash’s final team — the Bruins. They will be playing Columbus that day as the former Blue Jacket has his number raised to the rafters, the first player to be so honored in the history of the Columbus franchise.

Nash requested a trade after nine years in Columbus yielded just one brief playoff appearance (2009). He went to the Rangers for most of six seasons, save for those final weeks in 2018 when he was sent to the Hub.

A forward, he still holds the Columbus franchise records for most games played (674), most goals (289); most assists (258) and most points (547). He earned two gold medals at the Winter Olympics (2010 and 2014) as a member of Team Canada.

While with the B’s he played in 11 regular season games scoring three goals to go with three assists. In the 2018 playoffs that followed he saw action in 12 contests, finishing with three goals and two assists.

His last NHL game as an active player came on May 6, 2018 as Tampa Bay scored a 3-1 victory to eliminate the Bruins 4-1 in the second round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

**IGINLA INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME** — Former Bruin Jarome Iginla received the notification of his election to the Hockey Hall of Fame when he was otherwise busy, as he tells it.

While standing in line at a rental car counter in British Columbia, Iginla received not one, but two calls from Toronto that attempted to inform him of his selection. Not realizing the nature of the calls, he hung up twice.

As a report on NHL.com noted, only when he received a text message from Lanny McDonald, the chairman of the Hall of Fame, telling him to call back, did he finally receive the news that every NHL player would love to hear as a career capstone.

Iginla’s story was one of many that came out of this year’s Hall of Fame celebration that saw him join the ranks of those already enshrined. A prolific scorer as a forward, he played the first 16 years of his career in Calgary before being traded to Pittsburgh for the final 13 games of the 2012-2013 season. That was the year that Boston lost to Chicago in the Stanley Cup Final.

As a free agent (and perhaps encouraged by the B’s performance), he signed a one-year contract with the Bruins over that summer. The veteran proceeded to play in 78 games during the 2013-2014 campaign, scoring 30 goals and adding 31 assists for a total of 61 points across 78 games as the B’s won the Presidents’ Trophy by compiling the most points (117) during the season.

He also scored five goals and had two assists in 12 postseason contests. The Montreal Canadiens eliminated the Bruins in a second round Eastern Conference Playoff series that went the full seven games.

Not re-signed by the B’s due to salary cap constraints, he later played with Colorado followed by a partial year with Los Angeles before hip surgery in 2017 curtailed his career.

His final statistics include 625 goals and 675 assists for an even 1,300 points across 1,554 games. He added 37 goals and 31 assists in 81 career playoff games. He also won two gold medals in the Winter Olympics (2002 and 2010) as a member of Team Canada.

And although he left the Bruins, he never really departed from the Boston area. According to internet sources, he and his family have lived in Chestnut Hill since 2017.