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Edwards Wins Special State Primary for State Senate

by Sal Giarratani

Lydia Edwards is now bound for an historic victory next month after claiming victory in Tuesday's special state senate election and said, "I'm proud of who I am, of hope I got here. We did this. We did this."

Edwards garnered 77.49 percent of the vote to fill the seat in the Massachusetts State Senate in the First Suffolk & Middlesex District, according to the Boston Election Commission. Revere School Committee member Anthony D'Ambrosio, 25, wound up with a 22.17 percent share of the Boston vote.

Lydia Edwards is currently Boston City Councilor representing District 1, which includes East Boston. "I am just overwhelmed by this moment. Boston put me on the map ... and it took a lot to get here." At another point during her victory speech, she said, "We won Winthrop 60-40."

Edwards is now a lock-in guaranteed to win the general special election to be held on Tuesday, January 11th.

No Republican ran in the GOP state primary so Edwards



District 1 Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards victorious in Tuesday's Special State Senate Election

is on track to become the first woman and first person of color to represent the Senate district.

The seat was vacated earlier this year by Joe Boncore, who left for a position as CEO for MassBio, which triggered the special election.

During the campaign, many across the district were impressed with Anthony D'Ambrosio out on the campaign trail. He definitely has a future in politics if he wants it. We have not heard the last of him.

Baker-Polito Administration Announces 2.1 Million At-Home COVID Tests for 102 High-Need Communities

State Announces Initiative to Make Purchasing Tests Easier for Municipalities

The Baker-Polito Administration announced plans to increase access to at home COVID-19 test kits for residents across the Commonwealth. The Administration has secured 2.1 million iHealth Labs over-the-counter (OTC) at-home rapid antigen tests that will be delivered to 102 towns with the highest percentage of families below the poverty level. These free tests will be available for distribution to the public by each municipality, with an emphasis on increasing access for individuals and families who are facing financial hardship.

"With the holidays approaching, we encourage residents to utilize rapid tests as a convenient way to keep family members and friends safe at gatherings," said Governor Charlie Baker. "While these tests are widely available at many pharmacies and retail locations across the Commonwealth, we are making it even easier for residents to get free rapid testing through these initiatives."

"Massachusetts has developed a nation-leading testing infrastructure, with free testing available across the Commonwealth," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "Increasing access to these free OTC rapid antigen test kits will serve as another tool to combat COVID-19."

While the initial 2.1 million OTC rapid antigen tests will be distributed to 102 high-need communities across the Commonwealth, the Administration is finalizing plans to allow municipalities and other public entities to directly purchase tests from test manufacturers at fixed, state-negotiated prices. The Administration posted a procurement opportunity on Friday,

December 10th for manufacturers, and municipalities will be able to order in January 2022. The Administration will provide more details on how municipalities can procure these tests later in the coming weeks. Municipalities are able to utilize American Rescue Plan Act funding, as well as Federal COVID-19 Relief funding to purchase the rapid antigen test kits.

At-home COVID-19 rapid antigen test kits are a fast, easy and convenient way to test for COVID-19. In addition to the Administration providing iHealth Labs OTC at-home rapid antigen test kits and allowing municipalities to directly purchase tests, residents can visit local pharmacies or order online to purchase rapid test kits on their own, as needed.

Massachusetts performs more COVID tests than almost any other state in the country thanks to the hundreds of existing testing locations across the Commonwealth; including 38 free state sponsored Stop the Spread testing sites. Residents can continue to access these COVID testing sites during the holidays. All testing sites are listed here: mass.gov/gettested.

HOW THESE COMMUNITIES WERE SELECTED:

The 102 municipalities in the Commonwealth with the highest proportion of families at or below the poverty level are receiving iHealth Labs OTC at-home rapid antigen test kits in this initial distribution. All twenty of the Commonwealth's most disproportionately impacted equity communities were included by these criteria. In total, the 102 municipalities account for nearly 3.7 million

Massachusetts residents.

iHealth Labs OTC at-home rapid antigen test kits will start to be delivered to the eligible communities this week by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, in partnership with the Massachusetts National Guard. Tests will be distributed proportionally across the 102 communities based on the proportion of families living at or below the poverty level within their respective communities.

While each city or town will be able to determine how best to distribute tests within their community municipalities are asked to prioritize those most in need, allocating equitably and at locations accessible to individuals and families who are determined to be in high need and as quickly as possible during the holiday season.

The Commonwealth is paying \$5 per test. All tests come in packs of two. The tests can be completed in 15 minutes without the need to send a sample to a laboratory; a mobile phone or computer is not needed for any part of the test. Individuals 2 years of age and up can use the tests regardless of vaccination status or whether or not they have symptoms.

CDC last week issued guidance on self-tests like the iHealth tests, with information on when to consider self-testing, how to complete the tests, and how to react to a positive or negative result.

COVID-19 rapid tests are one of many risk-reduction measures, along with vaccination, that can protect individuals by reducing the chances of spreading COVID-19.

For information on testing, visit: mass.gov/gettested

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Efforts to Save Peace Park Going Strong

I often drive through Egleston Square on Washington Street where Jamaica Square meets Roxbury and every time I drive there I have noticed that Peace Garden by a traffic light in a small corner lot. It has been a place of hope for this neighborhood for many years now and it seems it may be sold by Clear Channel, its corporate owners, for a housing proposal. While more housing is much needed, the neighborhood is advocating with the city to save the park for neighborhood folk.

According to Rosana, who owns the Latino Beauty Salon across from the park, it's "the heart of the neighborhood." She says of the park at the corner of School and Washington streets, "It is the only community space that we have."

New Sheriff Down at the Border

Recently, the U.S. Senate held a confirmation hearing on Biden's choice of Tucson, AZ Police Chief Chris Magnus as the new commissioner of the U.S. Custom & Border Protection Agency. The Senate vote was 50-47 along party lines.

Many Republicans had a problem when Magnus found it difficult to answer the question whether or not we were experiencing a crisis down at the southwest border. It appeared he was dancing all around that question and never actually answered it.

It appears this police chief has quite the woke history, which is mainly why he was Biden's nominee for this critical position down at the border. Many of those police officers, past and present, are known not to have been in sync with his immigration views and some of them had been speaking out during the Senate hearings.

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THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT DECEMBER 18, 2021

December 18th - 11:00 a.m.: All are welcome, *Christmas Liturgy*: Sponsored by The Italian School Di San Leonardo celebrated by Father Giadio DeBlasio, a native Italian Priest from Boston College.

December 18th - 3:00 p.m.: In the Peace Garden, the *Saint Leonard Choral Society* (President Mrs. Laurie Warlock) presents a Christmas Carol Concert with Music Director Dr. Dan Drzymalski.

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT DECEMBER 19 - 24, 2021

December 20th, 21st, 22nd - 7:00 p.m.: Fr. Rick

Martignetti, *The Gift of Jesus: A Christmas Mission*
December 21st - 5:00 p.m.: *Advent with Mary*: Mass, Rosary, and meeting with Ivan

CHRISTMAS EVE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

4:00 p.m. - *Confession*

5:00 p.m. - *Mass*

Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021

Mass - 9:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. Italian; 12:00 p.m.

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12:05 p.m. - *Mass*


5:00 p.m. *Mass St. Stephens Church* (This year only)

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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



THE ROMAN COLOSSEUM



A gladiator standing over his defeated foes in the Colosseum, waiting for the Emperor to signal thumbs up or thumbs down *Pollice Verso, With a Turned Thumb*, by Jean-Léon Gérôme.

For centuries, the Roman Colosseum was considered to be the most extravagant expenditure for public amusement ever made in the world. It was intentionally built as a place for the wholesale destruction of human and animal life for the amusement of spectators, and for witnessing these scenes of murder and butchery, which were repeated hour after hour, day after day, and month after month.

We know that this amphitheater was the scene of fearful barbarities during the persecutions of the Christians. We also know from earlier columns that the reason for these persecutions was because the Christians worshiped their own God and would not pay homage to the Emperor nor would they serve in the Roman Army. They were also falsely charged with starting the fire that burned two-thirds of

Rome in 64 A.D. Because of these events, Nero banned Christianity and started the persecutions, which lasted for 250 years.

The structure was also used for Gladiatorial combats for 300 years. For the provision of this fatal service to the Emperor, the empire, and the glory of the Colosseum, they always kept ready in Rome about 10,000 gladiators, held as prisoners. They were strong, athletic, well fed, well lodged, skilled in the use of combat weapons, and had at one time been soldiers themselves who had fought against the Roman Legions and in some instances even defeated them. One thing was for sure; they were absolutely certain of an early death.

The sheer stupidity of it all seems to be the manner in which these herds of human beings accepted their fate, yielded to the ceremonial atmosphere

of the arena, considered this mortal combat as a duty, made the grand procession around the combat area, yelled the famous Ave! And then flung themselves against man or beast in a fight to the death.

The last Gladiator fights took place in 404 A.D. and the last wild beast fight in 503 A.D. Bull fights were held there from 1312 to 1362. No chariot races were held in the Colosseum, these were reserved for the Roman Circus.

There are those who have said that while the building was imposing, because of the nature of its activity, it was never considered beautiful. The exterior was faced with travertine, and had the Tuscan, Ionic and Corinthian Orders superimposed on the first, second, and third stories respectively. The interior had marble facing on the emperor's ringside platform. There was a marble throne, marble seats for the dignitaries and row upon row of stone seats for the spectators. Huge masts projecting from the upper story were equipped to hold brightly colored awnings, which protected the spectators from the summer sun.

During the 15th and 16th centuries, it was used as a quarry to furnish building stones for a number of churches and palaces. The destruction was stopped after two-thirds of the original material was removed. The structure was later consecrated to the memory of the Christian martyrs.

The building got the name Colosseum from the colossal statue of Nero, which stood near it in Ancient Times.

It has been said many times: While stands the Colosseum, Rome shall stand. When falls the Colosseum, Rome shall fall.

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by David Trumbull



What's Your Favorite Christmas Movie?

Democrats' favorite Christmas movie is *Miracle on 34th Street*.
Republicans' favorite Christmas movie is *It's a Wonderful Life*."



I first heard that aphorism at a holiday party over two decades ago. It's been around longer than that and I haven't been able to determine who first said it and when.

On the face the saying makes sense. After all, what better movie for adults who still believe in Santa Claus than ***Miracle on 34th Street***? Besides (watch out for plot spoiler) the picture's crisis is resolved when a huge federal government agency — the Post Office — comes to the rescue. And with a divorced mother rearing a child alone, *Miracle* features a non-traditional family, surely a plus in the eyes of liberals.

It's a Wonderful Life, on the other hand, celebrates the infinite worth of an individual human being, a worth that far exceeds even the biggest financial fortune. In *Wonderful Life* the hero's crisis is resolved (another plot spoiler) by the spontaneous voluntary action of family, friends, and local community; emphatically *not* by the government. The film also shows people in fervent prayer, not to some generic higher power but to the God of the Bible as worshipped by Protestant and Catholic believers. That alone must drive some liberal's nuts when the film is broadcast over the *public* airwaves.

But the game can be played the other way. *Wonderful Life* presents negative stereotypes of bankers, so much so that when it was released some Hollywood observers (but not, as is erroneously asserted on some liberal websites, the Federal Bureau of Investigations itself) charged that it was a vehicle for communist propaganda. The charge is easy to ridicule today, but in the 1940s communist infiltration of the motion picture industry was a real and serious threat to American values. Now look at the favorable treatment — not to mention free advertising — that *Miracle* gives to two large department stores! Main Street Republicans surely must find that refreshing compared to the negative views of business that Hollywood gives us today.

The lesson? *It's just a movie!* Enjoy them both, or whichever ones you choose to watch this holiday season. Santa's list does *not* include your political affiliation, but he does have a lump of coal for those who would strip our public life of all sense of Wonder at the Love of God and thankfulness for all Miracles big and small.

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Date of Death: February 24, 2021

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Mary Ann Larocque of Roslindale, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Mary Ann Larocque of Roslindale, 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: March 26, 2021

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Three Cheers for Bobby Franklin

Bobby, you couldn't have said it better, in your article printed in the November 26, 2021 *Post-Gazette*! In fact, you hit the nail on the head! Yes, we must count our blessings every day. For no matter our nationality, our birthplace, or status in life, no nation on Earth can compare to ours, whose freedom causes any citizen's heart to swell with pride – a freedom won over and over again by courageous, heroic servicemen and women who fought valiantly for us. God bless you, Bobby Franklin. I also enjoy your colorful and exciting coverage of boxing memories, and any other subject you choose to pursue.

Keep up the good work, and stay STRONG!

Peter Gillen Colwell
East Boston, MA

Thank You from

The Friends of the North End

We would like to thank all those members whose enduring devotion to the North End was demonstrated by their generosity during our second Christmas season fundraiser.

The Friends of the North End raised \$3,000 that will be distributed to eleven local organizations and charities.

FONE is not solely a fraternity, but a vestige of our revered Italian neighborhood. Many of us no longer live in the North End, however, it joyfully lives in our hearts and memories. A testimony to that is our frequent boasting of a lifelong relationship to the community and a steadfast mission of support to many worthy North End organizations. We are all fortunate to readily recall precious memories of a boyhood that linger forever and to be able to give back in a modest way to a place we still cherish.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2022 to all our Friends and Families.

Sonny, Sammy, and Victor

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Walter P. Luongo



Walter P. Luongo of Boston's North End passed away peacefully on December 12, 2021.

Beloved son of the late Peter and Jennie (Arigo) Luongo. Loving husband of Grace (Sgro) Luongo. Adored father of Janice Luongo of the North End, Christine Hadaya and her husband George of the North End, and Peter Luongo and his wife Susan of Revere. Cherished grandfather of six and great-grandfather of six. Dear brother of the late Rena DiNunzio, Marie Luongo, Gloria DiBella, and Helen Renda. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



Late Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army serving in WWII; former commander of VFW Post 144 North End.

Visitations on Thursday, December 16th at St. Leonard Church, Boston, followed by Mass of Christian Burial. Burial was private.

Donations in Walter's name, in honor of: Justin Hadaya may be made to: DUP15 Alliance, P.O. Box

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May He Rest in Peace

St. Agrippina's 26th Annual Christmas Program

St. Agrippina's membership held its 26th annual Christmas Program for North End children on Sunday December 12th. The program once again, was a huge success! Santa Claus arrived at St. Agrippina's Chapel via fire engine with plenty of toys for all the good boys and girls. There were many families anxiously waiting for his arrival, while holiday music played. Santa Claus took an individual picture with each child, gave him or her an age appropriate gift, a balloon and a gift bag filled with school supplies and candy treats for many children. The Boston Celtics Dancers made a special guest appearance to help Santa Claus! A very merry good time was had by everyone that attended.

The membership would like to thank the following for their continued support of the program. The VFW Post 144 North End, Bencotto Resteraunt, Mikes Pastry, Umberto's Pizzeria, North End Fire Station, Balloons Over Boston, Hill Side Press, and The Boston Celtics.

The membership of St. Agrippina's Society is very proud of our annual Christmas Program for North End Children. Our membership would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. We thank everyone for their participation and we look forward to seeing everyone at our next annual feast.

Viva St. Agrippina!!!



L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Solstice, Symbols and Holiday History

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Lately, it seems as if the world around me can be defined in terms of light — or, sometimes, lack thereof. When I wake up in the morning, a sky as black as a stormy sea greets me, sending me scuttling towards the comfort of a warm breakfast. During the day, the sun is low in the sky, gracefully sending golden spangles of light through the bare trees. The upcoming winter solstice, after all, serves as the darkest day of the year, when night wraps its cloak around the feeble sunlight of a short day. However, the winter solstice also marks the return of the sun, as after this date the sun will stay for a longer time in the sky. No wonder that so many midwinter festivities, from Christmas to Hanukkah to Kwanzaa, emphasize the theme of light! In preparation for the winter solstice on December 21st, I decided to pay attention to the origins of the Christmas symbols and customs that surround us. I found a fascinating tale of history and metaphor, of the yearning for light and eternal life. Below are a number of Christmas customs and their beginnings, in the context of both our Italian heritage and universal human nature:

• **Pre-Christmas Holidays:** Historians have identified several ancient feasts that served as symbolic precursors to the secular celebrations of Christmas. Our ancestors in Italy gathered for a wild weeklong festival known as Saturnalia starting on December 17th. This holiday honored Saturn, the god of agriculture and time. During Saturnalia, slaves and masters exchanged places, a harbinger of the misrule that characterizes that Christmas, New Year and Epiphany traditions to this day. Ancient Romans also exchanged gifts on Saturnalia, a custom which has survived in the modern Christmas. Meanwhile, the people of Northern Europe celebrated a holiday known as Yule. They adorned their homes with greenery as an example of eternal life in the midst of the

dark winter, and lit candles not only for warmth but to symbolize the return of the sun after the solstice. We still see greenery and candles in our contemporary Christmas decorations, and we still use the word Yule to describe the Christmas season!

• **December 25th:** In her comprehensive book *Encyclopedia of Christmas and New Year’s Celebrations*, author Tanya Gulevich outlines the fascinating story of how Christmas became associated with the date of December 25th. The earliest Christians did not celebrate Christmas. In fact, though Christmas gets more attention, Easter, which honors the Resurrection of Christ, remains the most important holiday in the Church calendar. Christians were observing Epiphany, the day that the Three Kings visited Baby Jesus, before they observed Christmas. The first mention of Christmas falling on December 25th occurs in a calendar from 336 A.D. In the year 350, the Pope officially declared December 25th as the date of the Nativity. Some scholars theorize that this date was chosen to bring a Christian perspective to winter solstice celebrations, as the birth of Jesus symbolically offered a return of light in the world.

• **Christmas Trees:** Mention the word “Christmas,” and the first image that may pop into your mind is that of an illuminated, beautifully decorated evergreen. Pagan’s long venerated trees in the winter. Evergreens were considered symbols for eternal life, as they persisted through the cold, barren winter. Romans even adorned their homes with greenery for the solstice celebration of Saturnalia. The Christmas ornaments hanging from the trees, meanwhile, may derive from the medieval practice of paradise plays. Performed around Christmas, these folk dramas recreated the Biblical tale of Adam and Eve. A tree festooned with apples, symbolizing the Tree of Knowledge in the Garden of Eden, formed

the centerpiece of these plays. Christmas trees didn’t catch on in America until people caught wind of the fact that the fashionable Queen Victoria celebrated the holiday with a tree, a remnant of her German heritage. The Christmas tree has spread to Italy as well, where it stands as a well-known holiday decoration and is known as *l’albero di Natale*.

• **Holly and Mistletoe:** Like the Christmas tree, holly speaks to the potent allegory of eternal life around the winter solstice. An evergreen plant, holly was worshipped during the winter by European pagans. It acquired a Christian perspective in the Middle Ages, when its leaves came to symbolize Jesus’s thorny crown and the red berries His blood. Meanwhile, mistletoe, a plant sacred to the Celts, also became equated with rebirth due to its status as an evergreen. The custom of kissing under the mistletoe may derive from ancient Scandinavia, where mistletoe served as emblems of peace. According to tradition, enemies who passed each other under a mistletoe branch had to lay down their arms and call a truce. In Italy, holly is known as *agrifoglio* and decorates homes for Christmas and New Year’s. Mistletoe, or *vischio* in Italian, holds a special place in the country’s culture because it was the fabled “Golden Bough” the mythological figure Aeneas needed in order to placate the gods during his journey into the underworld.

• **Yule Log:** There is nothing like a warm, crackling log on the fire to conjure images of a cozy, joyous holiday. However, the yule log’s origins are shrouded in mystery. Ostensibly it derives from the Germanic Yule celebrations, the feast celebrating the winter solstice in which greenery and fire were brought indoors to form a literal and symbolic barrier against the cold air. Yule log traditions vary across the world. The English hold a plethora of superstitions around the Yule log, such as one which states that bad luck will follow if the Yule log is extinguished before the night, or that log contains healing properties. The French eat *buche de Noel* or a sponge cake shaped like a log, during their Christmas Eve dinner. In Italy, the Yule log is called *il ceppo di Natale* and is blessed with prayers and songs.

The Christmas traditions which surround us burst with rich symbolism and complex spiritual significance. They remind us of the comfort and joy which characterizes the holidays and link us to the universal hopes and desires of our ancestors. These customs tell us that though the nights around the solstice appear dark and gray, the love of family and of our shared humanity ignites the most brilliant light of all. This season, be sure to view the ubiquitous symbols of Christmas with new eyes, and spread the love of the holidays to all you encounter!

Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz is a high school history teacher. She appreciates any comments and suggestions about Italian holidays and folklore at adicenso89@gmail.com.

THINKING
OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani

WHEN IT COMES TO COVID DO NOT BE AFRAID *That Should Be the Only Mandate*

Recently, Veronica Robles Cultural Center over in East Boston held a vaccine clinic. It was definitely a positive day for the people of East Boston. The threat of COVID and its variants will unfortunately be with us for the foreseeable future and will become a part of our everyday life.

COVID scares folks because it is so new and still so filled with unknowns. Should anyone take the jab? Why should you refuse? How much knowledge do you have on it? Are you just believing or denying what you read or because what someone told you what they read?

Community leaders must work together to encourage the vaccines not as a cure all, but a necessity to survive this virus without severe symptoms. I have come to believe this vaccine is not the same as the polio vaccine I remember receiving back in the early '50s during the polio epidemic.

I was vaccinated back in April 2021 with the J&J vaccine. I knew there were no guarantees with it. I was about to schedule my booster shot after gathering for Thanksgiving with family members where everyone was vaccinated, nine of us, myself included, ended up testing positive for COVID. Fortunately, because we were vaccinated previously, none of us had severe symptoms. My symptoms were quite mild in nature.

I believe if we want more folks to get vaccinated, we must tell people the truth. The vaccines don’t prevent catching this virus, but the vaccine do prevent people from getting into real serious medical issues.

I also believe there is no need for all this panic being orchestrated by Democrats and their allies in the media who appear to like to scare folks into getting jabbed. According to a page one of the *NY Times* news story (December 13th), the greatest threat of COVID is to older Americans. Three-quarters of all COVID deaths in this nation have been those 65 years old or older. When it comes to younger children, the survival rate is 99 percent, for the rest of us, it is 98 percent.

Eventually, COVID will end up like the Spanish Flu, which still lives, but herd immunity ended that pandemic and took it off the front pages. Meanwhile, we must live with COVID and be smart, and part of being smart is taking the jabs when you can.

The more we educate people on just what the so-called vaccine is, the more people will roll up their sleeves. Many are hesitant simply because they think the jabs are a scam. We all have choices to make. While I have taken the jab and await my booster jab, I still believe folks shouldn’t be mandated. Once you give people the real facts and real science, most will not run from the vaccine needle.

We can’t go on living our lives being afraid of our own shadows or looking for boogymen under the bed. COVID-19 is not a *bête noir*. It will pass! We will wake up from it. COVID gets into our bodies, but we don’t have to let it get inside our heads. The sky may be getting darker, but the sky isn’t falling yet.

If you’re vaccinated, good, but still stay serious and smart about this public health threat. We should do what we can together as a community. Fear is never a good motivator for doing what must be done, it usually gets the opposite effect

The world isn’t doomed. We will survive. We shouldn’t allow ourselves to be puppets of the fake news media. They don’t care about us or this viral disease. They care about ratings. We need to turn them off. They sew division. We need to show some unity and common sense.

Generations get called sometimes to take a big step for the right thing. This generation today stands at a junction. We can allow ourselves to be frozen by fear or we can move forward. I choose to move forward. All we have is the present. The only real moment that counts is the one we are standing in at this moment in time. Our future depends on us doing what’s right at this moment in time.

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

Four Women “Quattro Donne”

subtitle, *A North End Love Story*

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

CHAPTER 66
The Meeting

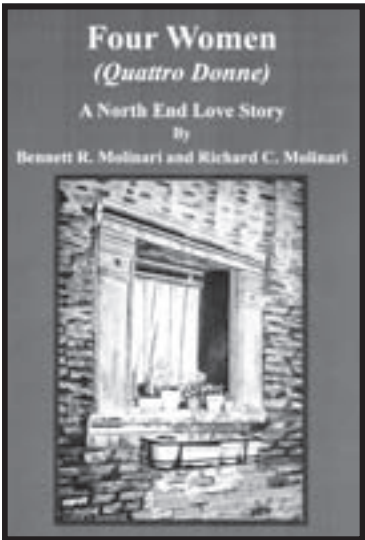
“Buongiorno, Lucia.” “Buongiorno, Brother Nino,” Grandma replied. “Buongiorno, Angelina, Stella and Carmela.” Brother Nino speaking with a thick accent. “Padre Francesco is waiting for you, follow me.” Brother Nino ushered the four women into a large, paneled library, where Father Francesco was waiting for them. “Lucia, you and your daughters take a seat on the couch where we can talk.” Father Francesco sat on a large comfortable armchair facing them. The women took their seats, casting anxious looks at Father Francesco and one another. They sat for a moment in silence, before they could speak; there came a voice from just behind them, in the far corner of the room. “Good morning aunt, good morning cousins.” It was Pietro, he had arrived earlier with Carla. Both had an air about them, one that suggested they were on vacation, but they were betrayed by the look of anxiety on both their faces. Grandma, immediately rushed over to the couple, embracing first Pietro, then Carla.

“It’s so good to see both of you. I’m happy you’re here. Come sit with your cousins and Padre Francesco so we can talk.” Without saying a word, the couple walked over to the three sisters. They exchanged kisses, cheek to cheek, but the sense of joy that usually accompanies such unexpected encounters was absent, replaced by feelings of anxiety coupled with a sense of foreboding. “Aren’t you a beautiful family,” Father Francesco began.

“Carla, Pietro, I assume my sister made you comfortable while you were at her home?” Grandma asked. “Yes, Aunt Elena made us very comfortable,” Pietro replied. “Carla was your stay with Elena pleasant?” “Yes, Lucia. Your sister is very kind.” “Yes, she is kind,” Grandma replied. “You must have noticed her house is not well kept.” Carla smiled. “She has a charming house, and she’s a wonderful woman.”

Mom, happy to see Pietro, took him by the hand. “Pietro, I’m so happy to see you. Angie, Stella, aren’t we happy to see Pietro?” They responded in unison; they were happy to see him. Once again, a silence fell over the room, broken by Father Francesco when he announced, “We should await the arrival of the Riccis before we begin our discussion.” Father Francesco’s simple statement set in motion an explosion of glances from sister to sister, mother to daughters and finally, Carla to Pietro, ricocheting back to the cousins and Grandma.

“Please help yourself to coffee,” Father Francesco offered, gesturing to the espresso pot placed on the coffee table between them. Grandma placed the bag of taralli, clutched in her hands till now, on the table beside the coffee pot. “Padre Francesco, I brought you some taralli,” she said while grinning in the direction of Auntie Stella,



knowing Auntie Stella wouldn’t say a word in the presence of Father Francesco. Realizing Grandma was still retaliating for her earlier remarks, Auntie began to roll her eyes, muttered some little song under breath, and cast a glance at the ceiling. Grandma seizing her advantage, which were few and far between with Auntie Stella, opened the bag and placed the taralli on a plate on the far end of the coffee table. After arranging the taralli neatly, she picked one up and handed it to Auntie Stella. “Mangia Stella. They go well with espresso.” Auntie Stella crossed her legs and began rocking her leg back and forth. She was obviously mad. All this drama taking place under the nose of Father Francesco, who was totally unaware of what was going on, but obvious to Mom and Auntie Angie, who exchanged quick glances of amusement at one another, knowing Grandma had gotten the best of Auntie Stella. In a sign of defiance, Auntie Stella took the taralli and began tapping it on the table, causing the china to rattle. “Stella, stop! Dunk the taralli in the espresso and enjoy it.” Mom couldn’t contain herself any longer and began to snicker, knowing an old battle was raging on in front of Father Francesco. That set off snickering from Auntie Angie, while Father Francesco looked in bewilderment, not fully understanding the little drama that was taking place before his eyes. Father Francesco

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picked up a taralli, broke off a piece and was about to dunk it into his espresso, when a loud knock was heard at the front door. Immediately, a sense of foreboding filled the room. Carla and Pietro exchanged glances and turned to Father Francesco almost as if pleading for help. Father Francesco, reaching over, clasped both Pietro and Carla’s hands in his hands, giving them a look of reassurance. Grandma in turn, looked anxiously at her daughters. Immediately, they came together as one, sensing danger might be at the door. “Go to the door, Brother Nino,” Father Francesco requested. “I believe the Riccis have arrived.” Brother Nino, who was seated at the far corner of the room away from the group, responded by slowly exiting the room, making his way to the entry hall.

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

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Docket No. SU21P2551PM
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
THOMAS MARSHALL
of Boston, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Brigham and Women's Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Thomas Marshall** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Dennis Marshall of Brockton, 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 **January 13, 2022**. 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.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,
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Saint Egwin

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Born in the seventh century of royal blood, Egwin was a descendant of Mercian kings. He may possibly have been a nephew of King Ethelred. Egwin entered a monastery, and was eventually enthusiastically received by royalty, clergy, and the people as the Bishop of Worcester, England. As bishop, he was known as a protector of orphans and the widowed and a fair judge. Some clergy complained that he was too strict with them. A group of them, with the support of the king, made an official complaint against him.

Egwin travelled to Rome to present his case to Pope Constantine. According to legend, he put a pair of shackles on his legs and threw the key into a river before he began his journey to Rome. On the sea

crossing a fish was caught — and when it was cut open, it was found to be carrying the key to his shackles. He accepted this as an expression of the Will of heaven and removed the shackles. According to another version of the legend, the fish was caught in the Tiber, after Egwin had appeared before the Pope in Rome. The Pope dismissed the charges against Egwin and he was soon restored to his diocese.

Upon Egwin’s return to England, he founded Evesham Abbey, which was dedicated to Our Lady. The site for the abbey was chosen at a place where a shepherd had experienced a vision of Mary. The Abbey became one of the great Benedictine houses of medieval England.

Egwin undertook a second journey to Rome, in company with both Coenred and King Offa of Essex. St. Egwin died on December 30, 717 AD and was buried in his Abbey at Evesham, to which his shrine brought many medieval pilgrims. His relics were so popular that, when the abbey church required a major rebuilding in 1077, they were taken on a highly successful fundraising tour of southern England, initiating miraculous cures at Dover, Oxford, Winchester and elsewhere. The Feast of Saint Egwin is December 30th.



Evidently, money and size does not bring victory. Revere School Committeeman Anthony D’Ambrosio out spent Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards and was still defeated. D’Ambrosio had hundreds of signs, including billboards in the Special Senate Election Tuesday.

The late former New York Governor Mario Cuomo must be turning in his grave, that his two sons have disgraced him. Former Governor Andrew Cuomo was forced to resign and Chris Cuomo was fired by CNN.

Mario Cuomo was an honest and distinguished accomplished Governor. Evidently, the apple does fall far from the tree in this situation.

Heard from former Attorney General Frank Bellotti, who at 98 years old goes to his office every day. Also, he still personally prepares his special Italian recipes.

Dr. Oz wants Dr. Fauci to be fired for his ineffective response to his duties. Oz is a candidate for Pennsylvania governor in next year’s election. Dr. Oz’s response to Dr. Fauci’s faults should be an asset for his candidacy.

Governor Charlie Baker’s decision not to seek re-election will bring many candidates — Republications and Democrats — seeking the governorship. Some well-known and new candidates will rival.

North End Seniors
Day Tripping



The North End Seniors have so much to be thankful for this holiday season. On Wednesday, November 17th, through the generosity of Ted Tomasone and the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) the seniors headed to Warwick, RI for an Asian buffet lunch, and then on to the Twin River Casino.

On Thursday, November 18th, the seniors were treated to a full course Turkey Dinner made possible by Carla Gomes, owner of Antico Forno and Terramia. Carla never ceases to amaze by always contributing to so many causes, we are so lucky to be able to call her a wonderful neighbor and true friend.

Ed Cormier and his team at the North End Rehabilitation and Healthcare center and his team sent everyone home with bake and serve pies.

Aaron Michlewitz and Lydia Edwards also stopped by with cupcakes and a turkey raffle.

Thanks also to Laurie D’Elia from the Nazzaro Center for always being there for us, and Erin Miller our volunteer bingo caller extraordinaire.

Much love to each and everyone who added such joy and made our week so special.

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Docket No. MI21P6032EA

**Estate of
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JAMES R. FARRELL, SR.**

Date of Death: June 21, 2021

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The Italian American Alliance AMICI Project

Uniti in Forza “Stronger Together”



By Virginia (Papa) Gardner IAA National Interim President, photos by Ross Scabin

On November 20, 2021, The Italian American Alliance, Amici Project, hosted a night to remember, four years in the making. Amici Project founders Ross Zagami, Tony Sestito, James DiStefano, Domenic Amara, and founder of the Italian American Alliance, the late Dr. Frank Mazzaglia, saw their dream become reality when the Italian American Alliance (IAA) and Amici Project presented *Uniti in Forza “Stronger Together”* realizing their dream of a cultural exchange between Italy and America.

Amici Project committee members James DiStefano, Domenic Amara, Jeannine Camarda, Marisa Di Pietro, Michael Colomba, Carol Rossi, Florence Guidara, Virginia Gardner, Ross Zagami, Domenico Susi, Marissa Sestito, Lino Rullo, along with Kathy DiStefano and George Gardner, worked late into the night to transform the Watertown Sons of Italy Lodge 1036 hall into a Grand Palace for the *Uniti in Forza* dinner, concert event.

Music was in the air all evening. The crowd enjoyed a command performance by world renowned Italian Tenor Alberto Profeta, accompanied by Pianist Maxim Lubarsky, Bass Guitarist Tino D’Agostino, Lead Guitarist Sal Di Fusco, and drummer Guy Zagami. The Arlington High School Jazz Band under the direction of Tino D’Agostino played as dinner was served. Italian American Alliance member and Amici Project Executive Director Ross Zagami serenaded the crowd with an amazing rendition of “My Way.” Speakers were Italian American



World renowned Italian Tenor Alberto Profeta

Alliance President James DiStefano, Chairman Domenic Amara, Ross Zagami, Tony Sestito and Consul General of Italy in Boston Federica Sereni.

A special thank you to Michael Colomba, owner of Brelundi Italian restaurant in Waltham, for providing an incredible Italian dinner and to the Watertown Sons of Italy Lodge 1036 for donating the hall.

The Amici Project was founded four years ago as a project of friendship with the purpose of promoting and expanding cultural programs between Italy and the United States. This Amici Committee was formed in cooperation with Italy’s Consul General Frederica Sereni.

Italian American Alliance President James DiStefano said following this event he has received numerous calls and emails from attendees stating this was the best event they have ever attended. The music, cuisine, and atmosphere were second to none. Italian American Alliance Chairman Domenic Amara stated: “This partnership between the Italian American Alliance and the Consul General of Italy in Boston was an eminently successful first step in bringing real authentic Italian art and music to people in America from all walks of life.”

The Italian American Alliance has shown the power of friendship and love thru the Amici Project event. Friends, Amici, look for more to come from the Italian American Alliance. We have just begun.

To become a member of the Italian American Alliance contact Marisa Di Pietro at mdipietro@ebsoc.org Follow us on Facebook. The Italian American Alliance.



Standing L-R: Domenic Amara, Ross Zagami, Alberto Profeta, Consul General of Italy in Boston, Federica Sereni, James DiStefano, Tony Sestito, Marissa Sestito, Virginia Gardner, Lino Rullo. Seated L-R Carol Rossi, Jeannine Camarda, Marisa Di Pietro and Florence Guidara



The Arlington High School Jazz Band under the direction of Tino D’Agostino



Florence Guidara, Marisa Di Pietro, Brenda Buonanno, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America President Denise Furnari and Consul General of Italy in Boston Federica Sereni



World renowned Italian Tenor Alberto Profeta, Maria Pia and Gaetano Fodera, Michael Colomba, owner of Brelundi Italian restaurant in Waltham, Nino and Adele Indiciani



The Arlington High School Jazz Band Students enjoying the evening and dancing to the Tarantella



World renowned Italian Tenor Alberto Profeta, accompanied by Pianist, Maxim Lubarsky, Bass Guitarist, Tino D’Agostino, Lead Guitarist, Sal Di Fusco and drummer, Guy Zagami.



THE STAND 2-PACK / (4-Blu-ray) CBS Home Ent. + Paramount Home Ent.

Based on Stephen King’s best-selling novel, *The Stand* is Stephen King’s apocalyptic vision of a world decimated by plague and embroiled in an elemental struggle between good and evil. The fate of mankind rests on the frail shoulders of the 108-year-old Mother Abigail (played by Ruby Dee in the 1994 miniseries and by Whoopi Goldberg in 2020 adaptation) and a handful of survivors who navigate through life post-pandemic. Their worst nightmares are embodied in a man with a lethal smile and unspeakable powers: Randall Flagg (Alexander Skarsgård) the evil “Dark Man,” tries to construct a new civilization based on destruction, power, and torture. Included in this 4-disc Blu-ray set is the original Emmy Award® winning 1994 miniseries as well as the 2020 Adaptation.

BEAVIS AND BUTT-HEAD DO AMERICA (Blu-ray) / Paramount Home Ent.

Beavis and Butt-head celebrate the 25th anniversary of the film that changed the landscape of American cinema and forever altered the course of human history with *Beavis and Butt-head Do America*. The intrepid adolescent heroes wake up to find their beloved television stolen, they embark on an epic journey across America to recover it, and perhaps score with some chicks. On their way they encounter a murderous smuggler and his treacherous wife, an FBI agent with a predilection for cavity searches, a couple of rather familiar-looking roadies, a little old lady, Mr. Anderson (and his trailer), and Mr. Van Dreesen singing. An insanely epic, big-screen box office hit, now on Blu-ray.

HAROLD AND MAUDE (2-Blu-ray) / Paramount Home Ent.

Director Hal Ashby’s coming-of-age comedy, *Harold and Maude* written by Colin Higgins, celebrates 50 years in this beautifully restored Blu-ray release. Harold (Bud Cort) is a death-obsessed teen who falls for Maude (Ruth Gordon), a happy-go-lucky, eccentric 79-year-old. To a lilting Yusuf/Cat Stevens soundtrack, Maude teaches Harold a valuable lesson about making the most of his time on Earth. The incredible soundtrack, was composed and performed by Yusuf/Cat Stevens and completely remixed to add clarity and depth.

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escapades. *Rick and Morty* has become a multi-platform sensation not just on television, but across digital, gaming, live streaming, retail, and fan experiences.

TWO FROM SERGEI EISENSTEIN: OCTOBER & ALEXANDER NEVSKY (DVD) / Corinth Films

Produced to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the Russian Revolution, *October* quickly became another of Sergei Eisenstein’s experiments in film form. Eisenstein uses explosive montage to create the spirit of revolution — in this case, the events in St. Petersburg during the months leading up to the Bolshevik revolt. The hero of the film, as Eisenstein saw it, is the proletariat. Its triumph, its victory, is the Revolution, and Eisenstein’s insistence on speaking the language of pure film shoves his mad rush of images straight into the viewer’s mind in an unforgettable way.

After *October*, Eisenstein changed his cinematic approach, turning instead to historical sources, contradictory audiovisuals, and theatrical sets for his grandiose yet subversive sound-era work. *Alexander Nevsky*, Eisenstein’s landmark tale of Russia thwarting the German invasion of the 13th century, was wildly popular and quite intentional, given the prevailing Nazi geopolitical advancement and destruction at the time. The last free city in Russia, Novgorod, calls Prince Aleksandr Nevsky, who had defeated the Swedish in a previous battle, to defend the city.

THE ADDAMS FAMILY (Blu-ray) / Paramount Home Ent.

It’s the big screen debut of everyone’s favorite frightening family, as the beloved classic *The Addams Family* celebrates its 30th Anniversary. Packed with plenty of treats, tricks and turns, this remastered edition features director Barry Sonnenfeld’s extended Mamushka dance sequence, which expands the memorable dance number, as well as the original theatrical cut, and an assortment of fun special features. The tale begins when long-lost Uncle Fester (Christopher Lloyd) reappears after 25 years in the Bermuda Triangle. Gomez (Raul Julia) and Morticia (Anjelica Huston) plan a celebration to wake the dead, but Wednesday, (Christina Ricci) barely has time to warm up her electric chair before Thing points out Fester’s uncommonly “normal” behavior. Could this Fester be a fake, and part of an evil scheme to raid the Addams fortune?

DARK BLOOD (Blu-ray) / Filmrise

Misael (John Leguizamo) is imprisoned, waiting to be sentenced for a revenge crime against the man who killed his child. During his confinement, he must adapt to a new life of abuse, including injury and humiliation by the guards and other prisoners. His former life starts to become a distant memory as he appears to be forgotten by his loved ones. Misael, lonely and abandoned, finds affection and tenderness in Sarna, the dog of the prison.

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

by Sal Giarratani



Sal Giarratani and Tania Del Rio (Photo by Tania Del Rio)

I looked like a cross between St. Peter and Rasputin. Nowadays, I look like Colonel Sanders from KFC.

I showed it off at the Harvest on Vine Food Pantry in Charlestown last week when I was sprung from my cellblock and re-entered the world again. A friend of mine from Eastie who has been volunteering there, Tania Del Rio, decided to take a selfie with me showing my new beard.

Tell me what you think of it. Decide if it stays or should it go as that old song goes.

ALLEN J. JARASITIS, RIP

I lived in Charlestown many years in the late ’60s, ’70s, and into the ’80s, and became friends with many Townies

activists back when all of us were so much younger than today. Recently, I saw the obit for Allen J. Jarasitis. I remember when he had his law office on Main Street for years under the Main Street El. He was appointed a judge (Associate Justice, Mass Trial Court), too. He died unexpectedly at age 82 on December 9th. He will be missed by his family and his many friends. He was Townie Strong and Townie Proud. His funeral was held this past Wednesday at St. Mary’s Church.

KUHNER SHOW SHOULDN’T BE JUST AN ECHO CHAMBER

A recent caller to the Jeff Kuhner show wanted to know if Jeff Kuhner could give his fans a Christmas present by putting a pause on Moonbat Democrats who like calling in from time to time, especially “Bill from Sudbury.”

Jeff thought he might let listeners decide that question through a radio poll, but Sandy, the show’s producer, reportedly nixed that idea not wanting the radio show to become simply an echo chamber.

On this, I agree with Sandy. The show is better when critics of the show call in to debate Kuhnerman.

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Docket No. MI21P6234EA

Estate of
MARY L. DESORCY
Also Known As
MARY DESORCY

Date of Death: October 06, 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 **Elizabeth A. Cullen of Watertown, 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 **Elizabeth A. Cullen of Watertown, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the **Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 07, 2022.**
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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 10, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 12/17/2021

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Docket No. MI21P6284EA

Estate of
NEAL DECLAN O'BRIEN
Also Known As
NEAL D. O'BRIEN

Date of Death: November 16, 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 **Margaret A. Hoag of Acton, 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 **Margaret A. Hoag of Acton, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the **Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 17, 2022.**
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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 15, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 12/17/2021

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Docket No. MI21P6345GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of
DONALD W. GRESHAM
of Bedford, MA

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Nancy E. Gresham of Concord, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Donald W. Gresham** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Nancy E. Gresham of Concord, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
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 **January 10, 2022**. 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: December 13, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 12/17/2021

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



When I was a kid, I belonged to the Trinity Neighborhood House, a settlement house located at 406 Meridian Street in the Eagle Hill Section of East Boston. The house was built in 1847 for a local businessman named Noah Sturtevant. In 1917, it became the Trinity House, a recreation facility and day nursery for locals established by the Trinity Church in Copley Square, a member of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. In 1966, it merged with the East Boston Social Center and has been rehabbed to provide elderly housing for neighborhood folks, but is registered as a landmark, which means that changes to the outside of the building are prohibited.

The Trinity House was within walking distance of Eutaw Street where we lived and I joined the settlement house to learn model making (model planes, that is) and how to play basketball. At one point, I even learned how to box and ballroom dance, but this was years later. They even had a Cub Scout troop in operation at the center, and I joined for a short time, but I had to quit when they told us that we would have to attend a particular Protestant Church that was an affiliate. I wound up joining the Cub Scouts at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, our parish. Things were that restrictive in those days.

Well, it was 1949, and I was making model planes one evening a week and playing basketball on another and learning to box on another. When I first started, a man named Mr. Dudley was the director. He was replaced by a local, J.J. Dana, and after a basketball game one night, he informed the teams that the Trinity House was having a children's

Christmas party and we were invited to attend with our folks, if they could make it. I told my mother and grandparents about the party when I got home, but the date and time conflicted. Nanna and my mother would be preparing for the Christmas Eve and Christmas day dinners, and Dad would be playing with the band he was with, back then. The only one left was Babbononno.

I asked my grandfather to bring me to the party and he accepted. When I gave him the date and time, he cancelled out a trip to whatever social club he frequented on that night and we were set to go. On the night of the party, Babbononno was dressed in a suit, shirt and tie. He always had to look the part which included a spit-shine on his shoes. He supervised my dressing capabilities and helped me tie a necktie, fearing that I couldn't make a four-in-hand knot. Once he was satisfied with the way I looked, we headed to Meridian Street and the Trinity House.

When we arrived, we were greeted by Ms. Orr, one of the directors and Edith DeAngelis, her assistant. (Years later, the late Dr. Edith DeAngelis would become an advocate for all things East Boston, but that's a story for another day.) Once inside, there was entertainment and music for us kids, and later, soda and cake. After the treats were consumed, we all sat down and the Gospel According to St. Luke was recited by Ms. Orr as she held a Bible in front of the guests describing the birth of Jesus. After, we might hear *The Night Before Christmas*, written by Clement Clarke Moore, or *Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus*, written by Francis P. Church. When the evening would come to an end, there was a little gift for each of us that was handed out by Ms. Orr as we exited the building. Babbononno had a sweet tooth and the cake and soda was always to his liking. With him satisfied, I knew that there would be no complaints once we got home.

Around the same time, the Scout Master at the Sacred Heart Church would hold a Christmas party for the kids in the Cub Scouts. His name was Bill McGonagle, and his wife, Mary Jane, was our den mother. I would attend the general party at the church and on another afternoon, a party at the McGonagle house which was on Saratoga Street, a few blocks away from the Sacred Heart.

Back then, Christmas time was a busy period for the men in my family. Dad was playing at Santa's Village in the Jordan Marsh Department Store during the afternoons and several parties in the evenings up to December the 24th. Neither he nor my uncles worked on Christmas Eve. They all had morning jobs on Christmas morning. Uncle Nick played a Christmas party for the kids at the Fernald School in

Waltham. They were all special needs, and to him, this was give back. I don't remember where Uncle Paul played but he had something every Christmas morning, as well. For years, Dad played a Christmas morning party aboard the U.S.S. *Vulcan*, an aircraft repair ship that was based in Boston. Much of the crew was composed of Bostonians and they and their families attended a Christmas morning party aboard the ship with good food, good entertainment and a visit from Santa for the children of the men who manned the ship.

I often attended the morning party with my father and loved the idea of being on a war ship with the kids of the sailors who manned the vessel.

Later in life, beginning when I was about 18 or 19, I followed suit. I was in college at the time and often attended class in a tuxedo, carrying my bass violin under one arm and books under the other. I wasn't afraid of the bass being stolen if I left it in my car all morning, but was always worried about the wood cracking in the cold and the strings going out of tune due to the temperature outside the car.

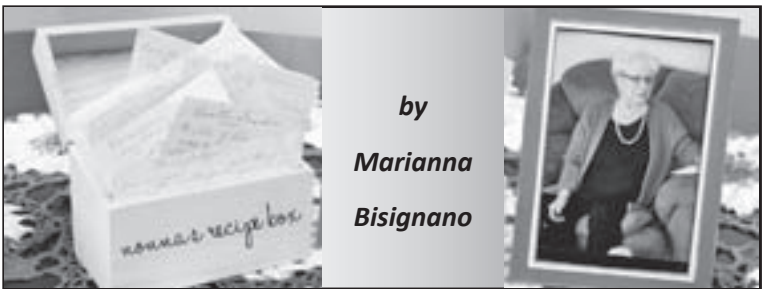
When I began playing for the Ken Reeves Orchestra, we often had several afternoon parties to play, one after another. Most businesses would have parties in their offices for a couple of hours. This was at a time before DJs were invented. Everything was live music. On a given afternoon, I might play a party from 3:00 to 5:00 and rush to another location and play a second party from 5:30 to 7:30. I would then have a half hour to rush to where ever I was playing that night and entertain at another party or maybe two, if they could be squeezed in together without overlapping.

If we had jobs to play on the 24th, Dad, my uncles and I would make sure that they ended before it was time to head home and the Christmas Eve fishes that my mother and Nanna would prepare. If there were jobs that were booked for Christmas Eve, everyone in the family would have a backup musician who was Jewish to cover them. They had agreements with Jewish musicians and Dad and my uncles would cover for them on Jewish holidays when work interfered with their religious practices.

Things worked out well. Back then, a good part of Boston's Musicians' Union was a combination of Italian and Jewish musicians. More often than naught, during the rest of the year, they worked together and helped each other out at holiday time.

Those days are long gone. The money I made paid for my college tuition, and then some. Beyond this, I had fun. Looking back at the first part of the story, I guess I've had fun all of my life ... no complaints, and its now two generations later.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



In many Italian-American homes, the celebration that takes place the night before Christmas is called "The Feast of the Seven Fishes." While abstinence from meat was observed, in my Sicilian family, that name was always frowned upon. Christmas Eve or *La Vigilia* (the vigil), as my mother called it, was the most sacred and celebrated of all of our holidays. The preparations preceding this evening, took place for days on end, and the foods, desserts and drinks, were more than plentiful. Served buffet style, we'd have breads, cheeses, antipasto and snail salad. Seafood dishes of clams, shrimp, calamari and smelts and of course, desserts, cookies, and pastries, and even a side table for wine and drinks. Our family gathered on this magical evening to eat, drink, exchange gifts, and then off to midnight mass we went. This was a night where lifelong memories were made!

When I think of *La Vigilia*, I picture my Nonna in her Christmas apron cleaning the squid for the pasta sauce she made only for this special night. Or my mom, who'd be frying shrimp; I honestly can't think of anyone that loved this holiday more than she did. The air was filled with love and the food was incredible. When it came time for dessert, everyone was usually so full that they didn't touch any of it. The only exception to this was, my "Zia Paulette's Pineapple Lime Jell-O Mold". I waited every year for this; it was the perfect ending to this amazing feast! Many Christmas Eve's ago, I asked my Zia Paulette for her recipe. When she gave it to me, I wrote it down on one of her red cocktail napkins. Ironically, I still have the napkin with the recipe written on it. This light and fluffy dessert is flavored with hints of lime, pineapple, and nuts. It's easy to make, delicious to eat, and it looks absolutely beautiful on a holiday dessert table. *La Vigilia* symbolizes what has always meant the most to my family, as well as myself; family, our Sicilian heritage; religious values, food, and of course, love. I hope you and your loved ones enjoy my "Zia Paulette's Pineapple Lime Jell-O Mold" as much as our family always did. *Buon Natale Con Amore!*

ZIA PAULETTE'S PINEAPPLE LIME JELL-O MOLD



- 1 3-ounce package lime jell-o

1 cup boiling water

1-pint good quality vanilla ice cream
- 1 8 ounce can crushed pineapple, drained well

¾ cup chopped walnuts (the recipe calls for 1 cup, I use less)

Lightly grease or spray a jell-o mold, set aside.
Place jell-o in a large heat proof bowl, add the boiling water and whisk together well. Immediately add the vanilla ice cream and stir until melted. Add the crushed pineapple, mix well. Finally, add the nuts and mix until all ingredients are combined. Pour into prepared jell-o mold and refrigerate until set. Serve and refrigerate leftovers.

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

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Docket No. MI21P6212EA

Estate of
DAVID MICHAEL IRZA
Also Known As
DAVID M. IRZA

Date of Death: November 09, 2021

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Stephen T. Irza of Concord, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Stephen T. Irza 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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THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso



The Rosie Ruiz Marathon Flim-Flam

On April 21, 1980 Rosie Ruiz was crowned female winner of the 84th Boston Marathon with a record breaking time of just under two hours and thirty-two minutes, cutting her own finishing time for the New York City Marathon the previous year by twenty-five minutes. And that time qualified her for the Boston Marathon.

However, almost from the start, things weren’t looking right. For one thing she demonstrated an ignorance of jargon familiar to most runners, nor of the Wellesley College students who were out cheering the women runners on and she arrived at the finish line without the sweat or heart palpitations expected from a marathon participant, especially one completing the race in such a record time.

Ruiz accounted for the latter observations simply by stating, “I got up with a lot of energy this morning.” But what she could not explain was why no other runner could recall seeing her at the race, not even the ultimate first-place or second place winners Jacqueline Gareau and

Pati Lyons respectively. Neither could she be seen in any video footage of the event.

Two witnesses who did see her were two Harvard students who later recalled her emerging from a crowd of spectators on Commonwealth Ave about half a mile from the finish line.

Meanwhile, New York was conducting its own investigation and, after interviewing witnesses and accounting for her timing, Ruiz was disqualified retroactively from the New York City Marathon. Because that event qualified her for the Boston Marathon she was by extension retroactively disqualified. However, Boston Athletic Association conducted its own investigation into the matter and also concluded to disqualify Rosie Ruiz from the Boston Marathon, Gareau was then recognized as the first place winner.

Ruiz left New York soon after and ran into legal problems involving embezzlement and drug dealing but she always maintained that she ran the entire course of the Boston Marathon.

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His wokeness apparently goes back to at least 2014, when he ended up at a BLM protest in Richmond, CA getting photographed holding a BLM Placard.

Does Climate Change Cause Mega-Tornados?

If you listened to Biden talk of that killer tornado that devastated a large swart of real estate across several states such as Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas and Kentucky, climate change may have been a big factor in the event’s deadliness. The death toll continues to rise as rescuers find more bodies and are still looking for more possible survivors.

Several Biden officials have been talking with media types alluding to climate and pushing the Build Back Better Bill up on Capitol Hill as if increased government spending can prevent future tornados, Why, many Americans ask, are political types turning this natural disaster into a political opportunity?

Wallace Jumps Fox Ship For CNN

Chris Wallace is leaving the Fox News Channel for a new streaming service on CNN. After 18 years he has ended his FOX News Sunday. He told his viewers he was ready for a new adventure and hoped folks would check it out. Wallace, now 74, is the son of legendary CBS reporter Mike Wallace who hailed from Brookline, MA.

Things Are Crazy In Texas, Too

Recently, down in Baytown, Texas, folks were attending a candlelight vigil for someone murdered in town. During the vigil, a gunman showed up and starting shooting, one dead, 13 wounded.

Remembering Frank Sinatra
The legendary “Old Blue Eyes” Frank Sinatra just had

another birthday on Sunday, December 12th. It would have been his 106th birthday and in honor of this important anniversary, a statue in his honor was unveiled at Sinatra Park in his hometown of Hoboken, NJ.

End Quote

“I would like to sit down with the president and have a conversation with him and tell him the facts of what happened (at the Kenosha riots in the summer of 2020).”

— Kyle Rittenhouse

I say, just go away Kyle and stay out of trouble. Nobody cares what you think.

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Docket No. MI21P6148EA

Estate of
PHYLLIS A. MCCARTHY

Date of Death: September 25, 2021

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Marilyn J. Salvas of Watertown, MA, Petitioner Kevin J. McCarthy of Hamden, CT, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Marilyn J. Salvas of Watertown, MA, Kevin J. McCarthy of Hamden, CT 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: 12/17/2021

Do-it-Yourself Holiday Centerpiece

by Melinda Myers



It is possible to create a festive holiday centerpiece crafted from materials found in winter gardens.
(Photo credit: MelindaMyers.com)

have the water they need. Use high density foam when working with evergreen boughs and branches.

No need to moisten the foam when using dried and artificial material. This material makes it easier to create your arrangement.

Consider purchasing a few seasonal flowers for added color for your special event. These can be placed directly in the floral foam or water filled florist tubes set in the arrangement. Simply remove faded flowers and replace as needed.

Or use miniature poinsettias, kalanchoes and cyclamen for longer lasting living color. Tuck them in the bed of greens or use them to decorate each place

setting. Check the soil moisture frequently as the small pots dry out quickly.

The possibilities are endless, and the results are sure to brighten your spirits no matter how you are safely celebrating this holiday season.

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 nationally-syndicated *Melinda’s Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her web site is: www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Estate of
DOREEN R. ZARBA
Date of Death: August 17, 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 **Hon. Robert Langlois (ret.)** of **Wellesley, 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 **Hon. Robert Langlois (ret.)** of **Wellesley, 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: December 09, 2021
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 12/17/2021

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Docket No. MI18P1578EA
Estate of
DOROTHY SIMMONS GIBSON
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DOROTHY S. GIBSON
Date of Death: July 16, 2017
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A - Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Andrew M. Marrochello** of **Wynantskill, NY** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Andrew M. Marrochello** of **Wynantskill, NY** 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,
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ERMADA M. BERARDUCCI
Also Known As
EMMA BERARDUCCI
Date of Death: April 02, 2021
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Wilma R. Berarducci** of **Quincy, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Wilma R. Berarducci of **Quincy, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.
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Run date: 12/17/2021

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI21P5916EA
Estate of
ELAYNE P. LEE
Date of Death: July 19, 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 **William Chi of Framingham, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **William Chi 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 January 07, 2022.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 10, 2021
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 12/17/2021

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by Sal Giaratani



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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 27, 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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Todisco Services, Inc.
Run dates: 12/10, 12/17, 12/24/2021

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI21P5712EA
Estate of
MARY THERESE MCKINNON
Also Known As
MARY T. MCKINNON
Date of Death: September 04, 2021
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Deobrah J. Gass** of **Wilmington, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Deobrah J. Gass of **Wilmington, 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: 12/17/2021

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. MI21C1180CA
In the Matter of
SHEENA ANN FREMAULT
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Sheena Ann Fremault** of **Waltham, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Sheena Ann Fremault Macedo**.
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 27, 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: December 08, 2021
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 12/17/2021

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. MI20P1037EA
Estate of
JOHN JOSEPH HAYES, JR.
Also Known As
JOHN J. HAYES, JR.;
JOHN J. HAYES
Date of Death: August 11, 2021
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Megan L. Carlson** of **Upton, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Megan L. Carlson of **Upton, 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: 12/17/2021

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Armstrong the Great



Henry with his wife and daughter



Poster for *Keep Punching*, the movie he starred in



Henry having his hands taped by his mentor Harry Armstrong



Henry and Billy Conn on the set of *The Pittsburgh Kid*. The two sparred in the movie



Armstrong beating Barney Ross



Armstrong defeating Lou Ambers in 1938

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



GOING ... GOING ... GONE? — Will the NHL be going to the Winter Olympics in China? That’s the big question that looms larger every day.

And that’s because we now know the deadline date concerning when an absolutely final decision must be rendered.

According to published reports, it is January 10th — less than a month from now. A decision could come earlier but that January date is Olympic hockey’s decisive day — when the speculation halts and a move forward either encompasses the NHL or it does not.

Just a couple of days after that became widely known, former Boston College and Boston Bruins player Bill Guerin was appointed the GM of USA Hockey, the organization that is responsible for selecting the nation’s Olympic team.

Born in Worcester and raised in the Springfield suburb of Wilbraham, Guerin was on three Olympic teams. He is currently the General Manager of the Minnesota Wild.

As we stated in a previous column, NHL executives and the NHLPA agreed back in early September that the league’s players would participate. But there was a caveat: Both entities reserved the right to back away because of evolving COVID-19 conditions that could impact player safety.

It is not a small decision since approximately 150 NHL players are tentatively set to compete in the 12-team tournament in Beijing. At the very least, Team USA and Team Canada are expected (as of now) to have rosters comprised entirely of NHL players while other nations will feature varying numbers of the league’s performers. Guerin’s first big task — and right on deadline — is to preside over the selection of NHL players for the Team USA roster.

But things are far from improving in the NHL. Hours before the Bruins game against Vegas on December 14th, for example, both Brad Marchand and Craig Smith were placed in COVID-19 protocols. The start of their absence coincided with the return of head coach Bruce Cassidy, who had just completed a COVID-19 sidelining. He is slated to be an assistant coach with Team Canada at the Olympics. In addition, B’s assistant Chris Kelly also has returned from protocol.

The absence of Marchand and Smith came a day after the NHL postponed three games involving the Calgary Flames, including contests at Chicago and Nashville and a home matchup with Toronto. In addition, the Flames practice facility was closed until further notice.

Calgary thus became the third team to have games postponed due to COVID-19 conditions. Back in November, Ottawa had three games postponed while the New York Islanders had two. Scenarios in the NHL are not looking good as a decision deadline looms. So what could happen on (or before) January 10th?

The NHL and NHLPA could

reaffirm their decision to participate. In that case, it would be left up to individual players to decide whether to compete in China or not. In a recent piece, New York Post columnist Larry Brooks, citing one of his sources, indicated that some players might decline offers to join Team USA. Could other NHL players take their places? Yes, but would they? That’s another question that would have to be answered. Which players would want to go and which might decline is part of uncertainties that Guerin will have to deal with.

If the NHL pulls out, the Olympic tournament would still be held. Teams would fill roster spots with players from outside the NHL. Team USA, for example, could assemble a roster consisting of recently retired NHL players plus Americans playing in Europe, the minor leagues or for college teams. This is the Plan B team that Guerin must also put together.

In fact, such a squad has already competed under the Team USA banner. It happened in 2018 when the NHL decided not to compete in the Olympics held in South Korea. That meant that Team USA featured players from a variety of backgrounds, including Harvard star (and Scituate native) Ryan Donato — now with the Seattle Kraken.

But that team was put together with plenty of advance notice. A complicating factor is that the AHL, for example, is scheduled to play through the three-week Olympic window in February, meaning players, if selected, would miss numerous league games. College players, by comparison, could miss the stretch run as teams jockey for playoff berths in the various conferences and the NCAA regionals. College coaches might not be pleased, especially on short notice, to lose star players at such an important juncture.

Then there is the matter of scheduling. The Olympic Break encompasses most of February, meaning that arenas may well have contracted for events such as concerts to fill in those empty dates.

If the NHL decides not to participate, what happens to the Olympic Break? Is the three-week shutdown still observed or is an alternative schedule — one without the Olympic Break that was sent to executives at all franchises over the summer but was never published — activated for the remainder of the regular season?

With the Break, the regular season is set to conclude at the end of April with the latest possible date for a potential Game 7 in the Stanley Cup Final penciled in for June 30th. Without the Break, does the NHL simply continue to play in February and March with the regular season ending in early April? Is that even possible, now that some buildings may have scheduled other events.

All matters that are now on the table for hockey’s powers that be as the days dwindle down to a defining decisive moment.