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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Target Profits Down 52 Percent

An unexpected and ominous pullback in customer spending ahead of holiday shopping pushed third quarter profits at Target down 52 percent after it was forced to slash prices with American shoppers feeling the squeeze of inflation.

The Minneapolis retailer voiced caution about its sales and profits during the fourth quarter because of what it's seen from its customers in recent weeks. They're waiting for sales rather than buying goods at full price and finding ways to cut down on spending in other ways, too.

Shares of Target fell 11 percent and other retailers seemed to be in the same boat. Macy's and Kohl's fell more than 8 percent and Nordstrom down more than 10 percent. Walmart shares went flat.

Pillow Fight Over GOP's Future

My Pillow CEO Mike Lindell says he could or might launch a long-shot bid to become the next Republican National Committee Chair. He has been criticizing the current chair Ronna McDaniel. *Poliotico* reported that there are other potential rivals for the seat held by McDaniel including outgoing U.S. Rep. Lee Zeldin and Trump White House Communications Aide Mercedes Schlapp.

No Whites Need Apply?

According to a *New York Post* article, a black executive was recently fired after he reportedly warned his supervisor that she couldn't refuse to hire white people according to his lawsuit. Marlon McWilliams was hired in September as the vice president of Employer Partnership at Climb Hire, a California company dedicated to supporting minorities entering the workforce.

According to his Federal Court lawsuit filed in Manhattan, he was stunned when the company CEO who is white allegedly stated during a company retreat "that she adamantly refused to hire white people into senior roles at Climb Hire. The CEO Nitzan Pelman denied the allegations and called the lawsuit "completely baseless."

Chevron OK for Venezuela

Chevron recently received a U.S. license letting it expand its production in Venezuela and bring

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Green Line Extension (GLX)

Medford Branch to Open December 12th

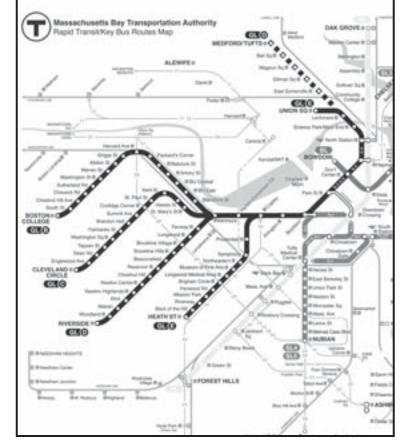
Outgoing MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak made the announcement about the opening date at a meeting of the MBTA Board of Directors.

The Medford branch of the Green Line Extension originally scheduled will open in December 2021 will finally make its grand opening on Monday, December 12th.

The Green Line's Medford extension — which stops at College Avenue, Ball Square, Magoun Square, Gilman Square, and East Somerville stations — is anticipated to carry riders on more than 50,000 trips each day and give riders as far as Tufts University an easier commute into downtown Boston. GLX will provide service in areas that historically did not have access to fast and reliable public transit. By supporting an increased ridership this project will significantly reduce vehicle emissions on the road.

"We had some additional work we wanted to get done. We also wanted to be sure that we were doing everything we needed to do, not only on the Medford branch, but across our system," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak

According to Poftak, the MBTA has been using empty trains to run a demonstration of service for several weeks. In addition, he highlighted two new traction power substations



at Pearl Street and Ball Square that will feed the Medford line.

After the Medford Branch opens: E Branch trains will terminate at Medford/Tufts. D Branch trains will terminate at Union Square

At Lechmere and Union Square stations, all riders will need to validate their CharlieCards or tappable CharlieTickets at a fare vending machine prior to boarding, or use the fare box at the front of the train. Please note that old, insertable CharlieTickets can only be validated at onboard fare boxes.

"The Green Line Extension is going to help us tremendously, especially in the hillside in South Medford," Lungo-Koehn said. "But it doesn't fix our concerns with regards to the better bus network redesign."



50TH ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS PARADE

Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 12:30PM (rain date Sunday, December 18th)
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Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Christmas Parade, the North End Athletic Association will bring Santa to visit the North End. Santa will arrive by helicopter on Sunday, December 11th at 12:30 p.m., at the Christopher Columbus Park

End of Boston.
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Mouse, Wally and Tessie of

on Atlantic Avenue in the North

the Boston Red Sox, Blades of the Boston Bruins, Elsa and Anna, Darth Vader and many other Christmas characters, along with Santa's Elves will be joining the Parade.

Santa and all his friends will join the Annual Christmas Parade that makes its way through the streets of the North End. Spreading Christmas cheer along the parade route will be the Consul General of

Italy in Boston Arnaldo Minuti, the Boston Fireman's Band, the Aleppo Shriners Units, the Italian American Band, Woburn High School Marching Band, Danvers High School Marching Band, Saint Anthony and Saint Lucy Feast Societies, La Madonna Del Soccorso Di Sciaca Society and so much

All are welcome to join the fun filled day.

Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



CHICKEN NERO

Some astrologers predicted a long reign for Nero and some even described the return of all of his former fortunes. These dreams were soon shattered by the news of uprisings and revolts in the provinces. He immediately formed many wicked plans of monstrous proportions. He planned to degrade and assassinate the commanders of the armies along with the governors of all of the provinces; to massacre all exiles as well as all men of Gallic birth then in the city of Rome; to direct the armies to ravage the provinces; to poison the entire Senate at banquets; and then, as a "piece de resistance," he planned to release all of the wild beasts that were held in captivity so that they could roam the streets while he set fire to the city. Needless to say, these plans did not make him the prime candidate for the "Man of the Year" award.

Meanwhile, realizing that the end might be near, he put some poison in a golden box and sent his most trustworthy servants to Ostia to get a fleet ready. After evasive answers and outright refusals, he put off further decisions until the following day. He awoke about midnight to find that he had been completely deserted with the exception of two or three freedman, and is reported to have cried, "I have neither friend nor foe!" He ran out to throw himself in the Tiber but stopped when his feet hit the cold water, thereby providing inspiration for the culinary concoction of later generations called "chicken Nero." This is where the chicken is served in a standing position with its feet in borsch.

He accepted an offer to use a



villa about four miles away and traveled part way by horse and the rest of the way by walking or crawling through the brambles. Word was soon received that he was declared a public enemy by the Senate and that they had ordered punishment in the ancient fashion. This kind of punishment consisted of being stripped, secured by the neck in a kind of fork, and then beaten to death with rods. Thoughts of this kind of execution along with the sound of approaching horsemen forced him to say, "What an artist the world is losing!" Then with the help of the freedman, he drove a dagger into his throat and he was gone. It is said that in death his eyes protruded from their sockets in such a fashion that all who saw him shuddered with terror. Funeral rites were conducted and his ashes were deposited in a family tomb.

In retrospect, it should be noted that while history should regard Caligula as the most grotesque figure ever to serve as emperor of the Roman Empire, Nero certainly finished a close second. He was degenerative in his habits and shameless in his personal appearance. He longed for immortality and everlasting fame. He achieved his immortality through his deeds though, of course, not through his person. His depravity and cruelty will certainly live in the hearts of Christians for all of the time that they remain on earth. The manner in which he attempted to achieve everlasting fame was exactly what made him one of the most infamous persons to ever draw breath. He and he alone were responsible for the persecution of St. Peter and St. Paul. The huge obelisk in front of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome should serve as a constant reminder of two of the most brutal men that this world has ever known.

The obelisk was brought to Rome from Heliopolis in old Egypt and was transported via a special boat that was constructed by Caligula. It was later placed on the spina (median strip) of Nero's circus, and it was at the base of this obelisk that St. Peter and countless numbers of Christians were martyred. It was moved from its original position to its present location by Pope Sixtus in 1586.

Caligula died at the age of twenty-nine after four years of reign and Nero died at the age of thirty-one after fourteen years of reign. Oh how history would have been changed if these two cruel and evil men had never walked upon the face of this earth!

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Docket No. MI22P5735EA Estate of CHRISTIAN R. DOWLING Also Known As CHRISTIAN REGAN DOWLING, **CHRIS DOWLING**

Date of Death: September 14, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above cap tioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Joanna T. Dowling of Winchester, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Joanna T. Dowling of Winchester, 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: 12/02/2022



27th Annual Christmas Program for North End Children Only

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on Sunday, December 11th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at St. Agrippina's Chapel at 459 Hanover Street

- All who wish to attend please call 617-363-2678 between November 22 and December 5th. To confirm you must supply your child's name, age, gender, address and phone number so that we can report to Santa's cives.
- Please, you must confirm no later than December 5th. All children 10 and under will receive a picture with Santa and a gift. Children must present & accompanied by an adult, Also: Face Painting, Balloons, Characters, Gift Bags. Please Bring a Camera!
- Saint Agrippina's Christmas Program is for North End Residents Only,



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After two years, The Gilardi Group is thrilled to announce the return of the Toys for Tots Fundraiser Celebration in support of the U.S Marine's holiday program, back for its joy of the holiday season and spreading the message of hope for less fortunate children through gifts of new toys.

Please join us on Wednesday, December 7th, from 5:30 to 9:00PM for a night of great food and live entertainment as we collect non-violent, unwrapped toys for children in need. The event will be held in the Divine Design Center at 2 Battery Wharf.

We look forward to seeing you there! For your convenience, you can drop off your toys beginning November 1 at The Gilardi Group, Gibson Realty Gibson Sotheby's International Realty's North End office 2 Baldwin Place, Boston 617.529.4461

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Friday, December 2, 2022

OUR POLICY: To help preserve the ideals and sacred traditions of this our adopted country the United States of America: To revere its laws and inspire others to respect and obey them: To strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty: In all ways to aid in making this country greater and better than we found it.

Anthony "Moe" Aiello



Anthony "Moe" Aiello, age 85, of Andover passed away on Sunday, November 27th.

Born and raised in Boston's North End, he was the son of the late Joseph and Jennie (Bellitti) Aiello.

Moe was the beloved husband of Theresa (Vivolo) Aiello; they were together since the age of 16 and got married on Valentine's Day. He was the devoted father of Maria Antonelli and her husband William of Andover, and Maryann Surette

and her husband David of Woburn. Moe was the loving grandfather of Candice Burnett and her husband Todd, Elisa Camrell and her companion Marc Russo, Brendan Surette and Anthony Surette. He was the loving great-grandfather of Ava and Malcolm Burnett, and dear brother of Pauline Petrillo and her late husband Butch, the late Sam Aiello and his late wife Spinney, the late Rose Scolastico and her late husband Tony, and the late Anna Birkmeir. Moe is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Moe settled in Medford in 1986, and was employed for many years at Tufts University. He and his wife moved to Andover two years ago

Moe loved baseball and watching all sports, as well as scratch tickets. He enjoyed taking trips to Atlantic City with his wife and friends from the Arlington Men's Club, but favorite of all was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted in the Dello Russo Funeral Home, Medford on Friday, December 2nd. Services concluded with burial at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Anthony's name may be sent to the Foundation for Sarcoidosis research, online at www.stopsarcoidosis.org.

In Remembrance

Joseph "Dom" Compochiaro

June 21, 1938 – December 8, 2014

Eighth Anniversary



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Professor Philip J. DiNovo is the Founder and President of the esteemed American Italian Heritage Association and the American Italian Heritage Museum in Albany, New York. He has also been knighted by the Italian Government and is a respected figure in America's Italian community.

The Tragedy of Monongah, West Virginia



On December 6, 1907, one hundred and fifteen years ago, an explosion ripped through the Monongah mines that shook the earth for miles. According to the record, 362 miners were killed, 171 Italians died in that mine tragedy. The number of miners working that day may have been underestimated because often young boys assisted their farther and were not always "officially" counted. Some estimates state that perhaps as many as 956 lives were lost. It is a matter of record, that it was, and is the worst mining disaster in our history.

Who were those Italians that worked in that mine? They came from some of the poorest parts of Italy. Many came from the regions of Campania, Calabria, and Abruzzo to work in the coal mines of West Virginia. Often they were told if they worked in the mines they would have a secure job and the voyage paid for. I don't think they had any idea of the many challenges they would have to deal with. These Italians came like millions of others to "L America" to better their lives.

Today, we read about mine disasters in the United States and around the world. Are you able to imagine the working conditions in the mines in the 1900s? I will tell you they were inhumane, especially in the mines of Monongah. Why would they do such dangerous work? I think most do such dangerous work? I think most Americans have no idea how difficult life was people living at that time, especially the immigrants. If they wanted to feed their families they had to do to what ever work was available.

Most Italian immigrants were unskilled or semi-skilled and most work during that period was dangerous! The workers has almost no rights and the government often was the protector of the employer. I only recent read about the Monongah tragedy, it has remained largely buried for almost 115 years. Thanks to Prof. Joseph Tropea who have conducted field research on the subject that the truth is finally emerging. We also must recognize that contribution to Prof. Joseph D'Andrea also has actively working to publicize the Monongah disaster.

This historical tragedy should not be hidden from the public, it remained hidden too long! Italian Americans who treasured our heritage need to tell America about this tragedy. Recently at my aunt's funeral I delivered the eulogy, it was teaching moment. I wanted the younger members of the family to know how hard may aunt and family worked so hard and made so many sacrifices in order to make the American dream possible for them. The Monongah tragedy is also a teaching moment for all Italian American organizations. I hope we all will commemorate the 115th anniversary of this mining disaster. What a price our Italian immigrant grandparents and parents paid to make life better for us. Not only in mines but doing most jobs, the hours were very long, often dangerous, treated poorly, and too often the conditions were inhumane! If we don't tell our story who will? You may be sure we will tell this story in our American Italian Heritage Museum & Cultural Center in Albany, NY.

So many Italian American scholars today are researching our past, we need to encourage and support them. I am amazed at the number of books being published on the Italian American experience! We need to buy these books, encourage our public libraries to have them on their shelves. Give one of these books as a gift to one of the young members of your family; let us get past our food and to the heart of what it means to be and Italian American. We will not treasure what we do know. To know is to read and experience. I have a good social life and I like to have a good time but we also have to get serious about preserving our Italian heritage!



Memorial to the miners that died from Frosolone, Molise, Italy



FONE 2022, 3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

This Holiday Season, The Friends of the North End is again raising money for the various charitable organizations within the North End.

The charities we will be donating to are: NEAD, NEAA, NE CHRISTMAS, NEMPAC, BILL FARIA SCHOLARSHIP FUND, ST. LEONARD CHURCH, NE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NAZZARO CENTER, ABCD NE/WE, FONE LIBRARY AND ST. FRANCIS HOUSE We are appealing to each member to support this cause by donating to this fundraiser. Any amount is appreciated; it will make a big difference to the children and residents of the neighborhood.

Trusting you will take this opportunity to uphold the mission of FONE and reply before December 10, 2022.

Arthur (Sonny) Lauretano, FONE Secretary

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO, SAMMY VISCIONE, AND MAIL TO: Arthur Lauretano, 27 Guild Street, Medford, MA 02155-1206

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Santa's Special Day

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



The Christmas season, that most wonderful time of the year, is fully upon us! I feel its merriment whenever I take a sip of spicy eggnog, its velvety texture warming me inside with the taste of the holidays. On the first day of Advent, my husband and I decorated our home for Christmas, setting up our small tree and placing an evergreen wreath on our door. The twinkling lights of these adornments shine through even the darkest midwinter night, while the greenery reminds me that the cycle of life rolls on despite the blustery cold of the season. Christmas carols, ubiquitous on the radio now, compose the soundtrack of my days now, filling them with the sounds of jingle bells. However, the most inescapable symbol of secular Christmas celebrations remains the jolly man in the North Pole himself — Santa Claus! Santa Claus appears everywhere nowadays, from thrones in shopping malls to television ads, from cookie faces to household decorations. Sometimes, Santa Claus manifests as the elegant Father Christmas — a serious-faced man clad in long, intricate robes, holding a staff. More often, however, he is a rotund, merry-faced man with a bushy white beard and a red suit, a bag bursting with gifts slung around his shoulder. Though Santa Claus has become a prominent figure in Christmas commercialism, at his purest form he is a comforting symbol of the mirth, goodwill and kindness which characterize this season. This complex character even has his own holiday on December 6th, a day abounding with Christmas

The idea of Santa Claus may seem rather strange, even bizarre. Here is a man who lives in the North Pole, wears red, owns a toyshop run by elves, and hops aboard a sleigh to deliver presents to children on Christmas Eve. Why is this figure so attached to the holiday season? Like most Christmas symbols, Santa Claus derives from both Christian and pagan roots. Some of his characteristics hearken back to the Norse god Odin, who led a wild hunt across the midwinter night sky on an eight-legged stallion. Children would leave carrots out overnight for Odin's horse, similar to the tradition of offering cookies and milk to Santa Claus. Elves also form a major part of Scandinavian folklore, where tales abound of magical creatures who are especially active during the Twelve Days of Christmas. Nevertheless, Santa Claus's most immediate ancestor is St. Nicholas of Myra, a fourthcentury bishop hailing from Asia Minor, now modern-day Turkey. St. Nicholas became famous for his generosity, eventually serving as the patron saint of children. His association with gift-giving stems from a famous legend in which he secretly made gifts of gold to three sisters too poor to afford a dowry. The very name "Santa Claus" is a corruption of "St. Nicholas," hailing from Dutch settlers who brought the figure of Sinterklaas to America. In other countries, such as England, Santa Claus's name is "Father Christmas." This corresponds to his Italian moniker as well, as the jolly man is known as Babbo Natale — literally, "Father Christmas." Though the premiere gift - bringer in Italy remains *La Befana*, the kindly witch who circles the world on Epiphany Eve, *Babbo Natale* yields enormous presence there as well, and Italian children write letters to the merry, redsuited man.

St. Nicholas, Santa Claus's predecessor, even boasts his own feast day on the 6th of December. My grandmother hailed from the southern Italian city of Bari, which holds the relics of the saint, and as such la Festa di San Nicola, or St. Nicholas's Day, endured as one of her most cherished holidays. She always spoke fondly of citywide celebrations on this day, replete with parades and processions, most centered around the Basilica di San Nicola. In other areas of Europe, St. Nicholas's Day functions as a quaint and charming precursor to Christmas, a day devoted to the happiness of children. Children in Germany, Hungary and the Czech Republic leave their shoes or boots on the windowsills during the eve of St. Nicholas's feast, only to find them filled with candy and trinkets in the morning. Polish children find small bags of candy tucked under their pillows, while their counterparts in France bake gingerbread and brioche to mark the holiday. My family honors St. Nicholas's Day with customs that awaken my inner child. My husband's parents bless and distribute candy canes on this day, sharing the joy of this nostalgic treat. I bake an eggnog cake for this feast. Silky and warm, studded with golden raisins and topped with a brown sugar streusel, this cake tastes like the Christmas festivities. As its scent fills the air, I become thankful for the pleasures of home and hearth that form the crux of holidays like St. Nicholas's Day.

Though the modern age seems bent on commercializing Santa Claus, we should pay attention to the true significance of this enigmatic and jovial figure. A combination of Christian and pagan roots, Santa Claus celebrates the values of compassion and kindness. The feast day of his predecessor St. Nicholas honors children and is imbued with the optimism and generosity that characterizes the Christmas season. While it may seem far too easy to impatiently wait for Christmas's arrival, St. Nicholas's Day serves as a welcome reminder that the whole Advent period brims with unique and special holidays that reveal the various facets of Christmas. During the holidays this year, let us make a pact to face life with the same sense of magic and wonder that typifies Santa Claus, or Father Christmas, or Babbo Natale. When we look at Christmas with joyous, childlike eyes, we can finally enjoy the true magnanimous spirit of the holidays, making our souls as bright as Santa Claus's smile!

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.



Police Details Versus Civilian Flaggers?

As I read an article in the Boston Bulletin ("Flagger Debate Gets Heated," November 24th), about the clash between city councilors and police union officials has been getting quite heated, I wondered if members of the city council actually know what they are talking about.

City Councilor Kendra Lara recently advanced the hearing order on police details at construction sites, which are only assigned to police officers. It was news to me that the city pays detailed officers in a timely manner and then must await payments from construction firms. Why doesn't the city demand the firms pay quickly and if they don't bar them from future construction work within the city until payment is made? Police details shouldn't be causing the city to lose any money.

The City of Austin, which I am familiar with, only has civilian flaggers and no police. They are directly employed by the contracting firm doing the road work. They are part of the road crew. They have no police powers and can only hope that motorists pay attention to their directions. In Austin, most motorists do.

While many labor activists and city councilors say police details receive \$50.42 an hour, which is the state-mandated prevailing wage, which could benefit Boston residents struggling to pay rent, there is no law that work details must be covered because when there aren't enough police details to cover every work site, the company just turns one of its employees on the job into a quasi-flagger.

If civilian flaggers are allowed, the city wouldn't be hiring them, the companies will, so how does this change benefit taxpayers, provide jobs to the jobless, and protect public safety? This is all smoke and mirrors and civilian flaggers will not be receiving a \$50.42 hourly salary either.

City Councilor Felix Arroyo stated that contractors currently owe \$24 million to the City of Boston and so the city needs to ban any contractor from work at any construction site. They will, you can bet, pay up quickly what they owe.

As far as asking for the demographics of officers doing details, that is absurd. Are we talking about public safety for construction workers on site? Or are we talking about something else here?

Allowing unarmed civilian flaggers is no great cash cow for people looking for work. There is no law or ordinance on the books that requires police details on site. Ending police details on work sites means that companies will use their own employees. Why do those opposed to police details think flaggers will be better or just become a new city jobs program?

Perhaps it is time for the Boston City Council to start doing research on flaggers in large American cities across the country. They could start with Austin. The real question councilors haven't answered is, do they really think police officers provide public safety on work sites, and would replacing them with civilian flaggers holding large stop signs be the same?



North End Christmas Fund Luncheon

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— Se habla español —

A book by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari, lifelong residents of the North End, entitled:

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

This week's column concludes excerpts from Four Women "Quattro Donne,"

If you haven't picked up your copy of this book yet,

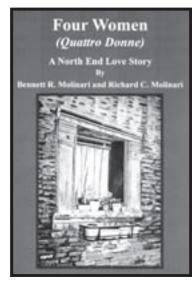
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The Departure (continued)
In the distance, we could hear the conductor shouting, "All aboard!" Suddenly, we knew it was time for us to say goodbye, and once again, emotions bubbled up and tears flowed.

"Lucia aspetta, Lucia aspettami," could be heard rising above the noise from the crowd in South Station. It was Aunt Elena and her eight children coming to say goodbye. It would only be minutes before Grandma would be gone, Aunt Elena intended to fill them with as much emotion as possible. Tearfully, she embraced Grandma, then turned to Pietro and Carla embracing each of them. She then shouted out, "Ti voglio bene!" (I love you). And as if in a chorus, we all shouted out, "Ti voglio bene, Zia Elena!"

Gradually, we made our way to the train, the family surrounding the departing travelers. Dad and Uncle Jimmy helped carry their bags onto the train, placed them on the luggage rack above their seats, then stepped back onto the platform. Pietro and Carla stood on the upper steps of the train, their arms wrapped around each other. Grandma remained on the platform close to her family. Egidio also stood close to his sons, kissing each of them goodbye.

Before mounting the steps, Grandma called her daughters to her. "Angie, Stella, Carmela,



before I leave, you must promise me something. I want the three of you to clean and take care of our shrine and promise to keep a candle lit in front of the Madonna, as I know you will. Non lasciare mai la Madonna nell'oscutita' (Never leave the Madonna in darkness)." One by one, each of her daughters gave her a parting kiss, then Grandma motioned to Egidio to help her onto the train. The train lurched and slowly began to move. Egidio grabbed hold of Grandma, steadying her on the steps. It was a gesture instinctively done, reassuring her daughters that Grandma was in good hands. Carla and Pietro were on the top steps waving their goodbyes. The conductor, who had been watching our parting scene, motioned to Grandma and

Egidio to step up into the train, prompting Carla and Pietro to move into the compartment. Not wanting to lose sight of Grandma, Mom, Auntie Angie and Auntie Stella began walking beside the moving train. Suddenly, Grandma appeared at the window along with Egidio, Carla and Pietro surrounding her. Grandma began waving her little handkerchief, catching the attention of her three daughters. In a final parting gesture, Mom stopped, placed her hand on her heart, kissed it, and waved in their direction. Auntie Angie and Auntie Stella followed. The sisters stood side by side, waving to their parting loved ones. They stood, not moving, until the train was out of sight. Finally, they turned and slowly walked to rejoin the rest of the family. With their arms around each other's waist, they walked the distance separating them from the family. Mom stopped, turned to her sisters, with a burst of joy erupting through her tears, shouted, "Angie, Stella, let's go to the church to light a parting candle at the shrine as Mama asked!" Auntie Stella joined in, "Then we can clean the shrine." Followed by Auntie Angie "Yes, we will clean the shrine, as Mama wished." With that, the sisters joined hands and continued to walk toward their waiting family.

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; Greetings from Boston, Faneuil Hall

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the South American country's crude oil to the United States. The decision grants broader rights for the last big oil company still operating in U.S.-sanctioned Venezuela. However, it restricts any cash payments to Venezuela, which could reduce the oil available to export.

Needle Buyback Okay by Pols

The NY City Council overwhelmingly passed a needle buyback program pushed by a number of progressive councilors. The tax-funded yearlong program, a policy that critics say will only increase drug use, is set to begin after the first of the year. The NYC Health Department will set up buyback locations in 5 of the city's 51 council districts. Addicts can earn up to 20 cents per used syringe they return up to \$10 daily.

One critic, Councilor Bob Holden, D-Queens stated, "Instead of focusing on resolving addiction, this city is perpetuating the problem by giving drug abusers money to continue their habits."

Scholarship Lost Over Slur

The University of Florida has rescinded a football scholarship offer to a high school prospect for using the N-word while rapping along with a song. Standout quarterback Marcus Stokes, of Nease HS in Ponte Vedra Beach posted a video of himself mimicking the lyric

as he rode in a car. "Welcome back, n-----," he can be heard saying in the since deleted two-second clip.

Texas Sends in Border Tanks

The Texas National Guard is readying to deploy 10 tank-like armored vehicles along the state's border with Mexico. Governor Greg Abbott declared that the recent numbers of illegals immigrating amounts to an "invasion" by the Mexican cartels.

End Quote

"The most dangerous person in the world is Randi Weingarten. It's not even close."

— Mike Pompeo, referring to the national teacher's union leader

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner June E. Shank of Peabody, MA.

June E. Shank of Peabody, 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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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Ciao Bella,

The season is the reason to celebrate this year to the hilt! No more lock downs! Get out and enjoy the beauty of friends gathering with fancy cocktails and shopping sprees to satisfy the soul.

My annual Christmas poem that I wrote many moons ago still graces these pages!

Enjoy ...



'Twas the Week before Christmas when all through the salon The scissors were clicking; the mad rush was on. The hairdressers were busy primping the coifs; Perm odor, tinting, hair spray — what cough? The nail-techs stayed sitting; painting their art, And the patrons were in and out like a dart. The receptionist was praying for the end of the day, While just out the window she noticed a sleigh. And in walked a lady all covered in flour; She said she'd been baking for hours and hours. "I've seen to the children, but what of myself? "My husband's been busy and couldn't spare an elf. "My nails are all broken; my hair feels like glue; "I hope there is someone who can make me feel new." With that gleam in her eye it was hard to say "no" -*Mary volunteered for the job — ho, ho, ho!* Shampoo, shampoo, how do you do? Rollers and gel — need the dryer too. With a trick of her brush she was coiffed in a flash; Manicured, painted, and dried in a dash. Her nails were all shiny—painted "jungle-red." The smile on her face left nothing unsaid. As she waved us good-bye, Merry Christmas to all, Everyone stopped to see the great haul. While out the window we all began to peer At a giant sleigh and eight strong reindeer! Our lady hopped right in and with a nod to go Off went her chariot above all the snow. Jingle, jingle, jingle you can hear the bells ring. It was a sight to behold there were songs to sing.

 ${\it Buona~Giornata~and~God~bless~the~United~States~of~America!}$

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Florence, Italy Exchange Students Visit Boston in Style

by Virginia Gardner & Bernie Golding



Massachusetts State Representative Jeffrey Rosario Turco from the 19th Suffolk District (Winthrop, Revere) hosted a private tour of the historic Massachusetts State House for over 20 Italian exchange students from Florence, Italy on October 26, 2022. The students were part of the Italy/USA Student Exchange Program which celebrated its 40th anniversary this year with Newton North High School in Newton, Massachusetts. The State House is the capitol and seat of government for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is one of the oldest state capitols currently in use.

The National Chapter President of the Italian American Alliance Virginia (Papa) Gardner enlisted fellow Newton North alumni Bernie Goulding to help coordinate the tour of the Massachusetts' State House for the group of exchange students visiting from Florence. Representative Turco stepped forward and originally volunteered to help arrange a private tour for the students, but he then graciously cleared his schedule in order to personally showcase the historic building for the visiting students.

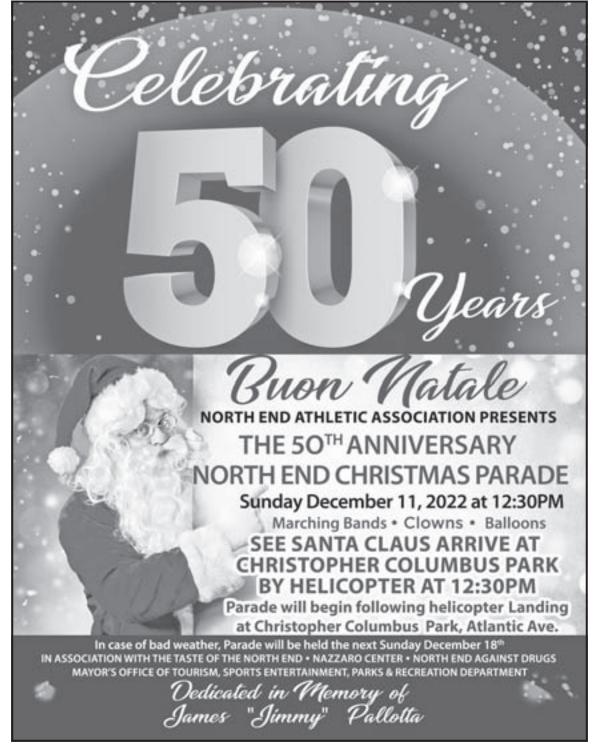
"Both history and education are vital in building bridges among people and across cultures. I am so pleased these students could experience the rich connection this amazing landmark has to both Italian and Italian-American culture, and the important role this building has played and continues to play every day in American History. It is not often a Member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives has an opportunity like

this and I was honored to be able to meet with such an impressive group of students from Italy," said Rep. Turco.

The exchange students experienced firsthand the interior of the House Chamber where State Representatives meet during legislative sessions. The public is usually restricted to the gallery seating area and the floor of the Chamber is typically off-limits to visitors. Members may bring guests into the Chamber when the House is not in session. The students experienced 'up close' the Speaker's Rostrum and the lectern where legislators speak on behalf of bills pending before the General Court.

The student's extensive tour of the historic building included architectural elements, historical background, and the legislative process. Some of the highlights of their visit were Doric Hall, the Hall of Flags, Nurses Hall, the Grand Staircase, the Women's Memorial, and the Senate Chamber. A typical scheduled State House Tour usually takes approximately 30-45 minutes. The exchange students toured the building and spoke with Rep. Turco for almost two hours before continuing on to other historic sites in Boston.

After the event, Rep. Turco said "I am very impressed with the enthusiasm and interest the students from Florence demonstrated in learning about the history of our Commonwealth, as well as their interest in the vital contributions Italian immigrants have made to our Republic and to the American democratic process."









If President Biden does not seek re-election, a surprise candidate will arise. That candidate could very well be former First Lady Michelle Obama who has been very visible lately. When it happens don't forget you read it here first.

Over in the Republican Party it would be best for the party if former President Donald Trump decides not to peruse his election bid. Trump's candidacy would cause dysfunction among many potential candidates. The Republicans can only win if they reunite and endorse a younger qualified candidate who will go on and beat whoever the Democratic candidate is. At this time Florida Governor Ron DeSantis coming off a large landslide victory for re-election against a former governor, DeSantis would be the best candidate to go on and be the next President of the U.S.

On Sunday, December 11th, the North End Athletic Association will host the 50th Annual

Christmas Parade, According to Ted Tomasone this will be the best and largest Christmas Parade ever held in the North End. I understand that Miss Massachusetts Skarlet Ramirez will participate in the parade. I plan to watch the parade in front of Spangnuolo's Restaurant on Hanover Street.

Over in Revere there is a reliable source stating that Mayor Brian Arrigo will not seek re-election

It is also rumored that Arrigo may relinquish the mayor's seat before election day, that would mean that the President of the City Council would be the acting mayor until a special election will take place. The Council will elect its new president the first week of January.

"I am not afraid of dying; I just don't want to be there when it happens!"

— Woody Allen

Richard Settipane can be reached at 857-204-9798.

Silver Line Extension Alternatives Analysis Virtual Public Meeting

The MBTA will host a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, December 13, at 6 p.m., to discuss the **Silver Line Extension** Alternatives Analysis. This study will determine the feasibility, benefits, and cost of extending Silver Line service to Everett and the surrounding communities.

At this meeting, the project team will present and discuss evaluation results of the Tier 2 alternatives. The project team will be looking for feedback from the public on these alternatives.

The meeting will be held virtually via **Zoom**. The meeting will be recorded and posted online for those who cannot attend. Members of the public may also share feedback online.

About the Tier 2 Alternatives: In the summer of 2022, the

project team identified several potential options for extending Silver Line service from Chelsea into Everett and on to neighboring communities.

The Tier 2 Alternatives are grouped into two categories: those that are considered extensions of the SL3 service and those that are being evaluated as a new service, referred to as SL6. The SL3 extensions connect Chelsea to the Orange

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ACROSS 1. Concert units 5. *Kevin to Buzz in "Home Alone" 8. Emphatic no

- 21. Aggregate 22. Gangster's gun 23. *Mount Crumpit's misanthrope 26. They refuse to believe #23 Across
- Howard, directed a movie about
- 31. High regard 34. Like dental exam 35. Bullying, e.g.
- 37. Popular deciduous tree 38. Kaa of "The Jungle Book' 39. Cleopatra's necklace
- 40. *Like characters in Will Ferrell's famous Christmas movie
- 42. Use a Singer 43. Continuing forever

12. Phyllo, alt. sp.

13. Chicken of the sea? 14. a.k.a. papaya 15. Biblical firstborn 16. Aquarium show star 17. Type of squash 18. *Like George Bailey's life 20. Struggle for air

- Wonder Woman's ability to fly, e.g.
- 47. Galley propeller 48. Type of consonant
- 50. Corner chess piece
- 52. *Nicolas Cage's character gets a glimpse of a different life (2 words)
- 56. Like famous Moulin 57. Computer image
- 58. French money 59. Alleviated
- 60. Target of a joke 61. Iditarod ride
- 62. *Nick Claus' brother, a repossession agent
- 63. Famous frat house
- 64. Black and green brews

DOWN

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- 4. Sudan, in French
- 5. Rides the wave
- 6. Ear bone, a.k.a. anvil
- 7. Jezebel's idol 8. *Griswold family's pastime
- Part of B.Y.O.
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Holiday Movies



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- 27. Use the blunt pencil tip
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- 29. Lots and lots
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- 33. *Human from North Pole comes to NYC 36. *Bill Murray movie, inspired by Charles Dickens
- 38. Water-covered sandbank
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- 52. Trivial lies
- 53. Drug smuggler
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Saint Osmund of Salisbury

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Osmund was born in Normandy, France; he was the son of Henry of Seez, a Norman Count. Osmund came to England just after William the Conqueror, his mother's halfbrother. Osmund became William's chaplain until he was promoted to Lord High Chancellor of Britain in 1072.

In 1078 he succeeded Herman as bishop of Salisbury, a See that had been formed by uniting the dioceses of Sherborne and Ramsbury. The Episcopal seat for the new diocese was at Old Sarum, where the cathedral was built in the same enclosure as the royal castle. Osmund completed and consecrated the cathedral and formed a chapter with its own constitution, which became a model of other English cathedrals. The Use of Sarum (or Use of Salisbury, also known as the Sarum Rite) is the Latin liturgical rite developed at Salisbury Cathedral and used from the late eleventh century until the English Reformation.

Osmund was known for his administration and for his scholarship. He had a great love for books and liked to copy them himself and to bind them with his own hands. According to the chronicler William of Malmesbury, he was known not only for his learning but for his purity, for his strictness with himself and with others, and for a commendable lack of avarice. Osmund also promoted the veneration of Aldhelm, the Anglo-Saxon abbot of Malmesbury and bishop of Sherborne. Osmund accompanied the transfer of Aldhelm's relics to the Cathedral of Sarum.

This event marked the end of the period in which Aldhelm and other Anglo-Saxon saints had been under attack by the Normans and by Archbishop Lanfranc.

Osmund's appointment to the See of Salisbury did not bring to an end his part in the administration of the kingdom, and he took part in collecting the information for William's Domesday Book. Domesday which is the medieval spelling of "Doomsday Book." The Book is a manuscript record of the "Great Survey" of much of England and parts of Wales completed in 1086 by order of King William I, known as William the Conqueror. The manuscript was originally known by the Latin name Liber de Wintonia, meaning "Book of Winchester", where it was originally kept in the royal treasury. The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle states that in 1085 the king sent his agents to survey every shire in England, to list his holdings and dues owed to him. He was present at the council of Sarum, when in April 1086 the results of the Domesday survey were presented to the king.

Osmund died on December 4, 1099, and was buried in his cathedral at Old Sarum. In 1226 his body and its tomb were transferred to the new cathedral of Salisbury, a few miles away from Old Sarum. The Feast of Saint Osmund is December 4th.







SIOUXSIE AND THE BANSHEES - ALL SOULS (Vinyl LP) UMe

All Souls is a new collection of Siouxsie And The Banshees tracks personally curated by Siouxsie Sioux, which collates classic tracks and rarities into an Autumnal celebration. Siouxsie And The Banshees were undoubtedly one of the most influential, fearless, and uncompromising bands to come from the punk era and this selection clearly illustrates their varied and unique musical approach. All Souls opens with 1982s "Fireworks" which is one of three iconic singles featured here alongside "Spellbound" (recently used to end Stranger Things Season 4) and closes with the mesmerizing "Peek-A-Boo." Also included is "Halloween" from the band's classic Juju album mixed with more idiosyncratic tracks such as "El Dia De Los Muertos," a B-side from the "Last Beat Of My Heart" single, "Something Wicked (This Way Comes)" from the single of "The Killing Jar" and "Supernatural Thing" from 1981s "Arabian Knights" single all of which are making their first appearance on vinyl in decades.

STEELY DAN - CAN'T BUY A THRILL (Vinyl LP) / UMe

Led by the songwriting and virtuoso musical duo of Walter Becker and Donald Fagen, Steely Dan released an extraordinary run of seven albums on ABC Records and MCA Records from 1972 through 1980. Filled with topline musicianship, clever and subversive wordplay, ironic humor, genius arrangements, and pop hits that outshone the Top 40 of its day, their records, which were as sophisticated and cerebral as they were inscrutable, were stylistically diverse, melding their love of jazz with rock, blues, and impeccable pop song craft. Steely Dan's classic ABC and MCA Records catalog will return to vinyl with an extensive yearlong reissue program of the band's first seven records. The series kicked off with the album that started it all, Steely Dan's legendary 1972 debut LP, Can't Buy A Thrill, now in its 50th anniversary year, featuring the band's breakthrough hits, "Do It Again," "Reelin' in the Years," and the recently viral "Dirty Work," with original lead vocalist David Palmer.

KISS: CREATURES OF THE NIGHT 40 (3LP-Vinyl Deluxe Edition) UMe

KISS' Creatures Of The Night 40 has been released in celebration of the 40th anniversary of KISS's seminal 1982 album that crushed fans' expectations with a huge, back-to-rock sound and has become a fan favorite and cult classic. Having rechanneled their efforts into consciously making a return to the hard rock that they were known for, KISS — Paul Stanley, Gene Simmons, and Eric Carr — unleashed Creatures Of The Night in October of 1982. In addition to a harder sound, the album is also noted for its heavier, darker mood. The single "I Love It Loud" has been performed on nearly every subsequent KISS tour, while "War Machine," the ballad "I

Still Love You," and the title song also featured heavily in their live sets for a number of years. Also of note is "Killer," which featured the group's first songwriting collaboration with their soon-to-be-guitarist Vinnie Vincent. The Creatures Of The Night 40 Deluxe Edition has 25 total tracks with 15 unreleased, and the original 1982 album newly remastered — Creatures Of The Night, Saint And Sinner, Keep Me Comin', Rock And Roll Hell, Danger, I Love It Loud, I Still Love You, Keller, and War Machine. Rarities include: Betrayed, Deadly Weapon and Not For The Innocent. Live tracks include: Creatures Of The Night, War Machine and I Love It Loud. Also included is a 20-page booklet featuring - New interviews with Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley, Liner Notes by Ken Sharp, and Unreleased Photos and Rare Visuals. After an astonishing 49-year career, KISS — Paul Stanley, Gene Simmons, Eric Singer and Tommy Thayer and are currently on their 'End of the Road' world tour.

A NEIL DIAMOND CHRISTMAS (2LP-Vinyl) Capitol/UMe

Celebrate the full breadth of Neil Diamond's holiday spirit with the release of A Neil Diamond Christmas, a special, artist-curated compilation of the greatest songs culled from Neil's four beloved and best-selling Christmas albums. The tracks selected for this compilation all originally appeared on September 1992s The Christmas Album, October 1994's The Christmas Album Volume II, October 2009s A Cherry Cherry Christmas, and November 2016s Acoustic Christmas. All tracks have been newly remastered, along with a stunning new mix of "O Holy Night," originally released on The Christmas Album. Side A: Happy Christmas (War Is Over), The Christmas Song, Jingle Bell Rock, White Christmas, You Make It Feel Like Christmas, and Morning Has Broken. Side B: Santa Claus Is Coming To Town, Silver Bells, Cherry Cherry Christmas, Sleigh Ride, Winter Wonderland and Christmas Medley: It's Almost Day / Make A Happy Song / We Wish You A Merry Christmas. Side C: O Holy Night*, Little Drummer Boy, O Come, O Come Emmanuel / We Three Kings Of Orient Are, Silent Night, O Come All Ye Faithful, and Mary's Boy Child. Side D: Children Go Where I Send Thee, The First Noel, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Angels We Have Heard On High, Christmas Prayers, and Joy To The World.

THE OMEN - ORIGINAL **MOTION PICTURE** SOUNDTRACK (LP-Vinyl) Varese/ Sarabande

The Omen re-issue features the original 12-track 1976 soundtrack album pressed on red vinyl with black splatter. The Omen was a special project for Jerry Goldsmith: the only time he won an Oscar in his long career for Best Original Score. He was also nominated for Best Original Song for "Ave Satani" his chilling "Black Mass" that inverted the Latin Mass into a dark paean to the Devil.

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

I LOVE MY CLASSIC ROCK ON 100.7 FM

This past week while listening to Classic Rock WZLX 100.7 FM, while driving on the road to somewhere, The Who came on playing "Baba O'Riley." I LOVE that song and cranked it up.

SOUNDED 10 TIMES WORSE THAN THE BLIZZARD OF '78

Several Upstate New York communities had the snowstorm of all snowstorms or, as the locals there might say, just another day in their winter. The snow in places like Buffalo or East Aurora received some 60 inches of snow. In Orchard Park where the Buffalo Bills play, the number reached 77 inches. Thank God, my grandparents never immigrated to Buffalo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO THOSE **NOVEMBER 20TH BABIES**

As we all know by now, we now have an 80-year-old president for the first time in U.S. history as Biden just hit that mark. Dick Smothers turned 84, John Bolton, 74. Celebrating heavenly birthdays are Bobby Kennedy (96) and James Michael Curley (148) too.

30TH ANNUAL **CHRISTMAS FAIR AT** EAST BOSTON CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

East Boston Central Catholic School will be holding its 30th Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 3rd from noon to 4:00 p.m. (enter lower level). Delicious food, photos with Santa, gift sales, raffles, and a whole lot more.

50TH NORTH END CHRISTMAS PARADE

Santa is coming to town and will be arriving by helicopter for the annual North End Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 11th (rain date Sunday, December 18th) beginning at 12:30 p.m., at Christopher Columbus Park on Commercial Street. Sponsored by the North End Athletic Association. Who doesn't love this annual tradition?

TIME TO STOP THE "STEAL" RHETORIC

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Estate of

MARIA F. ESTRELLA

Also Known As

MARIA FATIMA ESTRELLA

Date of Death: May 13, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above cap

tioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Racquel

P. Estrella of Milton, MA, a Will has been

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been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without

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Former President Donald

Trump is not letting up on the has put out 12 Christmas 2020 election being fixed and stolen from him. He keeps repeating it. Now, in Arizona, Republican Kari Lake is saying the same thing over her very close loss to the Democrat candidate. At this point, whether or not elections have been fixed or stolen, without real proof, it is meaningless to keep repeating this.

I am of the opinion that there seemed to be two years ago and again this time that state election officials' acted questionably. Without election integrity, how can our democratic republic function properly? If voters stop trusting election results, it indeed puts the whole process into question. I am more concerned about our democratic republic being in peril than I am about our democracy endangered. We are not a democracy and never have been. We are a constitutional-based democrat republic and without our system being accepted as legitimate, what makes us any different from any banana republic we can think of.

Bottom Line — in order to support the process, the process must be trusted. I blame both parties for this issue. If you can't prove any election has been stolen, get over it and move forward. Learn from the past but live in the present.

MARIAH NOT THE "QUEEN" OF CHRISTMAS

A few years ago, I worked with Johnny 2 Dog on one of his sausage carts at Faneuil Hall Marketplace and I hated that loudspeaker that played Mariah Carey's version of "All I want for Christmas." For me, when becomes a form of torture.

Last week, she ended up with plenty of coal in her stocking as the Trademark Trial and Appeal ruled against her attempt to trademark the name "Queen of Christmas." It also told her she couldn't be "Princess of Christmas" or "Queen of Christmas" either.

Elizabeth Chan, by the way,

albums for her daughter Noelle and has used the nickname "Princess of Christmas" for fiveyear-old Noelle.

I started hating that Christmas tune and all I can say is justice has prevailed. Long live the real "Princess of Christmas," little Noelle.

MBTA PRETENDING TO DEAL WITH FARE EVASION

As I have been reading the news about the MBTA taking on fare evasion, I wondered why these news stories weren't being printed alongside those newspaper cartoon strips.

The MBTA Board of Directors votes to approve a useless and unenforceable policy of establishing fines for fare evasion; something the Transit Police cannot even ticket for. The T's Assistant General Manager for policy and transit planning Lindsey Heffernan even admits that without penalties for nonpayment, we are in "a bit of a bind" in terms of our ability to enforce fare policy. A BIT OF A BIND! That is an understatement. It looks like thanks to the Transportation Bond Bill signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker in 2021, which decriminalized fare evasion we are stuck with a conundrum.

Hefferman also added that the Transit police in the near future will have the authority to issue civil citations. Once again. I ask why, if nothing can be enforced on these lawbreakers. The idea of training civilians to provide enforcement support seems the most useless of all policy ideas.

There was some discussion you hear this tune endlessly it mentioned about preventing offenders by marking their driver's license for non-renewal but according to the news story that raised issues of mobility.

> How soon before the Equity Police step in looking at demographics data of those being caught fare evading? Sometimes, it is just better to do nothing because all I have read of new policies is a big bunch of nothing.

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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. MI22P5727EA

Estate of **RUTH NEIBERG** Also Known As **RUTH N. NEIBERG**

Date of Death: July 21, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE** PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Norman A. Neiberg of Newton, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Norman A. Neiberg of Newton, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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> Docket No. MI22P5938EA Estate of

FRANK LEIBER HECHT Also Known As FRANK L. HECHT Date of Death: March 05, 2020 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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

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by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Back on October the 1st, I attended my high school reunion. I graduated from Boston English High School in 1956 and headed right to college after graduation. I believe one of the October editions of the paper had a picture of Sal Giarratani and me together. He also graduated English, but 10 years after I attended. Only one thing saddened me ... I was the only one from my class who attended. For security sake, I asked Loretta to join me as I didn't know if anyone I knew was attending. Fortunately, I met several friends and was happy about that.

When I was in the 9th grade at the Joseph H. Barnes Junior High School in East Boston, I made the decision to attend East Boston High School. Mom was happy with that even though she never finished high school. Babbononno made her quit in the 10th grade and go to work. Nanna and Babbononno were pleased with my choice as Uncle Nick and Uncle Gino had both graduated from there. Dad was not happy. He had taught machine shop at Eastie from 1942 through 1948 and preferred that I attend either Latin or English, both in-town schools. Dad gave me three choices, Latin, English or death. I had a cousin who attended Latin, but he was the type who wore ear muffs and rubbers in the summer and I didn't want to be associated with him and death was too permanent, so I chose English. Latin was an exam school, educating boys from grades seven through 12. It came into existence in 1635 and is the oldest school in America. English was started as a free public high school in 1821, and was open to boys from grades nine through twelve. Each of us interested middle-schoolers was interviewed by someone from the English faculty and I was greeted by the football coach, Bill Stuart. I was accepted and in September of 1953, headed to Montgomery Street in Boston's South End and began my high school career as an English High sophomore.

The South End building had been used by both English and Latin in the 1800s, and later just English. Latin had moved to its current location, Avenue Louis Pasteur in Boston's Fenway area. After the 53-54 school year, English moved across the street from Latin

taking over the building that had been the home of the High School of Commerce. My folks were happy, Babbononno was happy and I was happy.

Over the years at English, I made a lot of friends. The school drew from every neighborhood in the city and I experienced associating with boys that were Irish, Jewish, Chinese, African Americans, Latin Americans, and a few from backgrounds I had never heard of. We had an influx of Hungarians after the country revolted against its Communist government in 1956, and many families escaped and wound up in Boston.

The head master (principal) mentioned at auditorium gatherings that the school had many famous graduates. Among them were financier J. P. Morgan, General Mathew B. Ridgeway (head of the UN forces at the end of the Korean War), architect Louis Sullivan

(Father of the modern skyscraper), and aviation pioneer Samuel Langley. (The first air-craft carrier we ever built was named after him). On a more contemporary level, we had a 1927 grad, Harry Kraft, the father of Robert Kraft (CEO of the Patriots). Robert Kraft and his family attended the 200th reunion. Another famous grad was actor Leonard Nemoy (Mr. Spock from Star Trek fame), and Herb Chambers and Ernie Boch Jr. both famous due to their car dealerships. Oh, I can't forget General Paul X. Kelley, a 1946 graduate who became the commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

After dinner several guest speakers addressed the graduates. Among them was someone I had met at a First Corps of Cadets reception about five years ago. Enock "Woody" Woodhouse II was a 1944 graduate and flew with the Tuskegee Airmen in WWII. (A couple of days later, a section of Logan International Airport was re-named for him.) He might be one of the last of the Tuskegee Airmen left alive.

During cocktail hour, Loretta and I were sitting at a table listening to a jazz trio. An old-timer asked if he could sit and was staring at me after we said he could. He then asked, "Aren't you John Christoforo." I replied, "Guilty," and he proceeded to tell me he was a fan of my column and had been reading

Nanna & Babbononno for many years.

When dinner was served, Loretta and I sat with General Joseph Carter who is a 1973 EHS grad. Joe had been a superintendent of police in Boston, head of the MBTA police and Police Chief in Oaks Bluff before he retired. He is a brother member of the Renaissance Lodge of the Sons and Daughters of Italy and the First Corps of Cadets.

When Loretta and I left, she drove and I began reminiscing about my years at English High (53-56). When Jose Duarte was the head master, a group of guys from the mid fifties (myself included) were members of the alumni association and helped plan activities for graduate gettogethers. Unfortunately, many of the board members I served with are no longer with us, and the ones that are, are no longer active.

Then, as we continued to head home, my memory brought back some of the fun days that can never be repeated. One funny thing I remember was when someone hung a picture of the school nurse on the locker room wall with the caption, "When Miss ____ starts to look good, transfer to a coed high school." Back then, we were an all boy's school with an all male faculty. The elderly nurse was the only female in sight. Due to a federal mandate during the 72-73 school-year, English became co-ed and times changed.

Continuing with my remembrances, I thought of the curriculum that was based on traditional English schools from the UK. First of all, we dressed with a jacket or sweater and tie. There were no other choices. We called our teachers Mr., Dr., or just sir. They addressed us my mister or master, not by our first names. The one exception was my junior homeroom teacher who addressed me as "Silent John," because I couldn't keep my mouth shut. When Mr. Gifford, my English teacher, told me I had a flair for writing, I said, "Maybe someday." Twenty years later I would prove him right. But, being a street kid from East Boston, I had no intention of going to college and never took the exams necessary to attend one. Working one day as a construction laborer changed my mind. When I came home with my hands covered in blood blisters, I knew Dad was right all along, and using my English High years as a background, passed the entrance exams for Boston State College and headed there the following September. I have never regretted it.

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One of the most warm and comforting aromas you'll experience this time of year is the scent of cookies baking in the oven. In the kitchens of Italian American homes, Christmas Cookie baking is a tradition that usually begins weeks before the holiday is here. The *nonnas*, *mamas* and *zias* come together and recreate family recipes that have been passed on through the ages. Flour and sugar are everywhere as the scents anise, almond and citrus fill the air. Cookies are perfectly baked, elegantly decorated, and then carefully organized on platters and trays. Jordan Almonds or *Cannelini Ricci* fill in the empty spaces, clear cellophane wraps them tight and a beautiful bow makes the finishing touch to each of the platters and trays!

In my home, Christmas cookie trays included an assortment of homemade Italian cookies, one more delicious than the other. In the weeks leading up to *Natale*, I am going to be sharing some of my family's favorite recipes. "Almond Apricot Biscotti" are crisp and crunchy, but not too hard to be able to bite into and eat. They make a beautiful addition to a Christmas tray and taste amazing alongside a hot cup of cocoa or steaming latte!

APRICOT ALMOND BISCOTTI Biscotti Mandorle Albicocche



½ cup butter, softened 1 cup granulated sugar 2 large eggs

2 large eggs 1 teaspoon pure almond extract 2 cups all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon baking powder ½ teaspoon salt 1 cup dried apricots, chopped ¾ cup sliced almonds

Preheat the oven to 350° . Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, add the butter and sugar. Beat until light and fluffy. Add almond extract and eggs, and cream together. Mix in the apricots and almonds and gradually sift in the flour, baking powder and salt and mix until a soft dough forms. Divide dough in half and shape each piece into a 12-inch log. Place both logs apart on the prepared baking sheet and pat down until they are about an inch and a half in height. Bake for about 25 to 30 minutes or until underneath cookies are a light golden color. Remove from the oven, let cool for about 10 minutes and slice on the diagonal into 2-inch slices. Place back on their sides on the baking tray and place back in the oven to cook for about 10 to 12 minutes on each side. Cool and enjoy!.

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

• Silver Line Extension

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Line while the SL6 Alternatives connect Everett and Chelsea to Kendall or Downtown Boston.

About the Silver Line Extension Alternatives Analysis:

The purpose of the Silver Line Extension Alternatives Analysis is to assess the feasibility, utility, and cost of various alignment and service frequency options of an extension of the Silver Line, providing high quality transit from Chelsea through Everett and on to Somerville, Cambridge, and/or Boston.

Accommodations:

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

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Docket No. MI22P5604EA

Estate of ROBERT D. NEWTON Also Known As BOB NEWTON

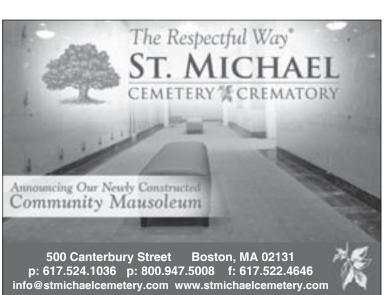
Date of Death: May 24, 2022 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Christopher M. Newton of Wayland, MA, Petitioner Matthew R. Newton of Charlestown, RI, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Christopher M. Newton of Wayland, MA, Matthew R. Newton of Charlestown, RI, have been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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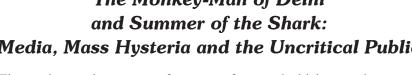
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THOUGHTS BY DAN **ABOUT THIS & THAT**

with Daniel A. DiCenso

The Monkey-Man of Delhi and Summer of the Shark: Media, Mass Hysteria and the Uncritical Public



The spring and summer of 2001 saw two cases of mass hysteria take hold of two countries, halfway around the world from each other. But both in India and the United States, the press jumped on the frenzy, evidence, rationality and integrity be damned. Exploitative media is, of course, still very much alive more than twenty years later but the two cases of 2001 are an intriguing window into a world still unfamiliar, much less preoccupied, with the term 9/11. In a matter of months the world, and the media, would change.

Mass hysteria was nothing new in the spring of 2001. In December of 1997 a number of children in Japan became dizzy after watching an episode of Pokémon featuring the use of strobe lighting. Hospitals later revealed that while a few kids did suffer mild epileptic seizures after viewing the episode most were the result of mass hysteria.

Still, it baffles the mind how easily the press in India turned the story of the Monkey-Man of Delhi into national panic without even the crudest of tangible evidence. It began in May of 2001 when rumors began circulating around New Delhi that a creature resembling an ape was attacking locals. Descriptions varied with the animal ranging in size from four to eight feet and some even claimed in wore armor, though the simian features remained consistent. Nothing, not even the usual rudimentary tracks, fuzzy photos or obscure sounds, however, was brought forth. At most some attack victims demonstrates bite marks and scratches but they looked no worse or different from the bite marks of any number of small animals.

Of course, this was all the press needed to stir a city into a panic that caught global attention. The New Delhi police had no choice but to take the hysteria stirred by the case if not the substance of it, seriously, setting up hotlines for witnesses venues for practical jokers and

Undoubtedly a portion of the public truly did believe a strange creature was running amuck in the village, with two locals dying trying to pursue what they believed was the animal (one jumped off a roof and another fell down a staircase).

By the end of May the panic of the Delhi's Monkey-Man had died as quickly as it had begun. To calm the public's fears, city officials rescinded a power-out mandate began earlier in the season to conserve energy as a heat-wave was striking the city. Tellingly, the panic started just as the power-out mandate took effect and ended just as it was rescinded. All it took was one unsubstantiated rumor for the masses to believe that any creature or sound they could not identify in the darkness must have been the Monkey-Man.

By comparison, the Summer of the Shark which terrorized beachgoers a month later and for the rest of the summer of 2001 in the United States was a far more rational and understandable concern. Nonetheless, it remains in many ways one of the all-time test cases of how both the media and the uncritical public can take facts that are not untrue unto themselves and turn them into an undue cause for alarm.

Indeed, the Summer of the Shark was launched by an incredible story of survival. On July 6th of that year, eight-yearold Jesse Arbogast was bitten by a bull shark while wading in the shallow waters of Gulf Island's National Seashore. Arbogast would lose his arm in the attack before a bystander pulled him out of the water. The ease with which Arbogast's uncle was able to kill the shark and drag it to shore indicates it was sick or older. Miraculously, the Arbogast's arm was recovered from the shark's mouth and surgically reattached. Despite the loss of blood, Jesse Arbogast

A number of attacks followed in the ensuing weeks. Not

which soon became favorite far from where Arbogast was 0 R C C 0 R E R F G S D A U S S G Α C E N S S S E 0 R 0 W E R S R 0 Α 0 0 G E C 0 S E В



attacked 48-year-old surfer Michael Waters suffered a bite from what he and doctors presume to have been a shark. Two other victims survived shark attacks in Florida that week with a few fatalities occurring by the end of summer.

The sensationalist nature of the media's coverage of the ensuing shark attacks during the summer of 2001 (likely inspired once it had whetted its appetite with the Jesse Arbogast story) created a frenzy culminating in TIME magazine dubbing it (as the cover story) The Summer of the Shark. The Summer of the Shark is a particularly interesting study case because throughout it facts were never fabricated. Nothing necessarily untrue was said, numbers were not manipulated. But they were, however, released without perspective or explanation. It is this kind of case that is harder to deconstruct for a terrorized public (since the facts are not wrong in the obvious sense) and therefore far more harmful.

For instance, in mid-August various news outlets released helicopter footage of "hundreds" of sharks swimming up the Florida coast, painting the phenomenon as a "shark epidemic" but, as Loren Coleman said in The Copycat Effect: How the Media and Popular Culture Trigger Mayhem in Tomorrow's Headlines, "Television news people categorized it as a major scare for life and limb, but shark migrations occur annually and are as natural as birds flying south for the winter."

About decontextualized numbers? The summer of 2001 saw 76 shark attacks and so was dubbed "Summer of the Shark", but the 85 shark attacks of the summer of 2000 caused little stir. Further, the attacks of 2001 resulted in five fatalities, the attacks of 2000 in twelve.

How, then, to account for the attacks of 2001 creating such a stir? John Stossel perhaps explained the phenomenon best. "Instead of putting risks in proportion, we hype interesting ones. Tom Brokaw, Katie Couric, and countless others called 2001 the "summer of the shark." In truth, there wasn't a remarkable surge in shark attacks in 2001. There were about as many in 1995 and 2000, but 1995 was the year of the O.J. Simpson trial, and 2000 was an election year. The summer of 2001 was a little dull, so reporters focused on sharks."

Tragically, before September was over the world would realize how far shark attacks were from being the biggest threat to safety and how we longed for the days of a slow news

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Selecting and Keeping Your Christmas Tree Looking its Best

by Melinda Myers



Proper selection and care of your Christmas tree will keep it fresh and looking its best throughout the holidays.

(Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)

The hunt for the perfect tree is oftentimes an important part of family tradition. Buy local whenever possible by supporting local Christmas tree growers. Purchasing locally grown trees also reduces the risk of spreading unwanted pests into your landscape. Your local University Extension Service and Department of Natural Resources provide updates on any threats.

Family tradition may dictate your tree choice. Many prefer the fragrance of balsam fir and needle retention of other firs like Fraser, white, Grand, and Noble. Though not a true fir, Douglas fir needles have a wonderful aroma when crushed. White pine lacks the fragrance that many prefer. Its pliable branches only support lightweight ornaments, but the soft needles have less bite than the popular Scots or Scotch pine. This evergreen has stiff branches that support heavier ornaments and its needles hold even when dry.

Check for freshness. A fresh tree will last throughout the holidays. Run your hand along the stem. The needles should be pliable yet firmly attached to the branch. Avoid trees with lots of moss, lichens, vines, broken branches, and other signs of

Look at the overall shape and size of the tree. Stand the tree upright to make sure it will fit in the allotted space. Check the trunk. It should be straight and

the base small enough to fit in your tree stand.

Make a fresh cut, removing at least an inch from the base of the trunk before setting it in the stand. Straight or diagonal cuts work equally well. A diagonal or V-shaped cut may make it difficult to properly support the tree in the stand.

Proper watering is key. Fill the stand with water and check it often. Fresh trees can absorb as much as 2 quarts of water in the first 24 hours. Keeping your tree stand filled with water is the best way to keep your tree looking its best throughout the

Once your tree is in place, you can add lights and decorations. Then take time throughout the busy holiday season to relax with your favorite winter beverage and enjoy the beauty of your Christmas tree.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses How to Grow Anything instant video and 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 website is: www. *MelindaMyers.com.*

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Stanley Service**, **Inc. 3430 Washington Street**, **Jamaica** Plain, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after December 17, 2022 beginning at 10:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing storage, and notices of sale:

2012 VOLKSWAGEN TIGUAN VIN # WVGBV7AX7CW095104 2017 GMC ARCADIA VIN # 1GKKNXLS5HZ220939

Vehicles are being stored at Stanley Service, Inc. and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed Bill Blinstrub, Owner Run dates: 12/02, 12/09, 12/16/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Brighton Towing, 100 Hano Street, Allston, 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 10, 2022 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2011 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE VIN # 1J4RR5GT3BC525947

1990 NISSAN 300ZX

2010 GMC ARCADIA VIN # 1GKLVMED7AJ195208

Vehicles are being stored at 100 Hano Street, Allston, MA, and may be viewed by appointment only.

> Signed **Brighton Towing** Run dates: 11/25, 12/02, 12/09/2022

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 10, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

2010 NISSAN SENTRA VIN # 3N1AB6AP8AL644981

2008 HYUNDAI ELANTRA VIN # KMHDU46D88U554006

2006 JEEP COMMANDER VIN # 1J8HG48K46C352641

2012 KIA FORTE VIN # KNAFU4A26C5631796

2005 HONDA PILOT VIN # 2HKYF18575H512520

2017 HONDA CIVIC VIN # 19XFC2F58HE203611

2008 CHRYSLER SEBRING

VIN # 1C3LC55R88N135271 Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco

Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed by appointment only.

> Signed Todisco Services, Inc. 11/25, 12/02, & 12/09/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

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2008 FORD TAURUS
VIN # 1FAHP24W48G143180
2017 CHEVROLET EQUINOX
Vin # 2GNFLEEK8H6196000
2000 FORD EXCURSION
VIN # 1FMNU41S3YED60245
2005 NISSAN ALTIMA

VIN # 1N4AQL11D15C349621
2010 FORD EDGE
VIN # 2FMDK4KC7ABA62422
2001 HONDA CIVIC

VIN # 2HGES16531H593215 Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed by appointment only.

> Signed Todisco Services, Inc. 11/18, 11/25, & 12/02/2022



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Harper Gets Elbow Surgery Opening Day in Doubt

Bryce Harper powered his way through the past season with crucial homeruns and big base hits that carried the Phillies from the last NL Wild Card spot into the World Series. How much better might he have been playing without a torn ligament in his elbow? Well, he just had surgery on his right elbow. He's recuperating now and time will tell if he will be ready for Opening Day on March 30th. Phillies President Dave Dombrowski said there is no timetable on Harper's recovery, the surgery was scheduled for November 23rd. Too soon to tell yet how long he will be out of action.

Happy Birthday Big Papi and to ...

Dave Ortiz just turned 47 years old on November 18th.

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Docket No. MI22P5538EA

Estate of

RICHARD H. LEVINE

Date of Death: December 05, 2019

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above cap-

tioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Emily L.

Levine of Newton Centre, MA, a Will has been

Emily L. Levine of Newton Centre. MA

has been informally appointed as the Personal

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David "Big Papi" Ortiz

Everett Scott who played shortstop on three Red Sox championship teams (in the 1910s) would have been 130 years old the day after Big Papi's birthday.

The End of 300 Game Winners?

Baseball hasn't celebrated a new 300 game winner since Randy Johnson in 2009 and he very well might be the last ever 300 game winning pitcher. The only guy with at least a slim chance might be Justin Verlander but he's already 37 years old and he needs MAYBE three seasons or four to do it. Still possible but we will have to wait and see. He's at 244 wins right now with the Astros unless or until he is rumored to go free agency. This past season he was 18-4 with a 1.75 ERA. Even if he won 18 games each of the next three seasons, he would still sit at 298 wins.

Why, the lack of newer 300 game winners has to do with the math. Starters now average only 5.2 innings a game. Getting into the seventh inning as late as 2000 is now not going to happen. Forget about going nine innings like back in the '50s, '60s and '70s.

Pedro Martínez who won 219 games says only Verlander can get to 300. Beyond Verlander, I am comfortable saying, no, no more 300. The main reason is the money they make and the way the game is played now. It's not going to allow somebody to play that long and sacrifice their bodies for that long and at the time get enough repetitions to get 300.

Now if a starter can get

through the order twice is all that is getting expected which usually happens around the fifth inning.

Dave Hillman, RIP and ...

Dave Hillman, a right hander for eight seasons who finished his career in 13 appearances with the 1962 brand-new NY Mets recently passed away at 95 years old.

Meanwhile, on a happier note, happy birthday goes out to Jose Tartabull who just turned 84. His nine-year MLB career included 255 games for the Red Sox from 1966-68. Tartabull was a light-hitting Cuban outfielder known for his speed on base and in the outfield. He is also remembered for one of the biggest defensive plays of the 1967 Impossible Dream Team throwing out Ken Berry of the White Sox from right field when he tried tagging up from third in the first game of an August 27 double hitter and the double play by Tartabull ended the game. Tartabull, by the way, hit only two career home runs in 1,857 at-bats. His son Danny Tartabull meanwhile hit 262 homeruns during his career (1984-97).

Thanksgiving Gridiron Scoreboard

This year for the second year in a row, my old alma mater Boston English (New Mission) beat Boston Latin. This time 52-44. My niece Danikka Moses attended the English-Latin game at Harvard Stadium in two roles. She graduated from Latin and is now the assistant principal. This year Uncle Sal was happy with the win, my niece was not.

Meanwhile, over in Quincy, they played the annual Quincy - North Quincy Turkey Day game. I work as a full-time sub at Quincy High School and my daughter graduated North Quincy back in 2004. Quincy won this year 40-35. Last year, North beat Quincy in the last couple of seconds in the game. This year Daddy was happy, my daughter was not!

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Docket No. MI22P5731EA Estate of

MERZIA G. CRONIN
Date of Death: May 19, 2022
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Arlene
L. Najarian of Needham, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Arlene L. Najarian of Needham, 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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Docket No. MI22P4490EA
Estate of
CHARLES BLASE McCARTHY
Date of Death: June 28, 2022
INFORMAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Margaret K. McCarthy of Santa Rosa, CA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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Margaret K. McCarthy of Santa Rosa, CA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI22P6049EA

Estate of
ANTHONY P. MONACO
Also Known As
ANTHONY PETER MONACO
Date of Death: August 22, 2022
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner A. Peter Monaco of Winchester, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

A. Peter Monaco of Winchester, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Petitioner. Run date: 12/02/2022

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Docket No. MI22P5988EA

Estate of ELENA MARTIGNETTI

Date of Death: March 09, 2021 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Alessandro Martignetti of Kittery, ME, Petitioner Michelina Mawn of Medford, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Alessandro Martignetti of Kittery, ME, Michelina Mawn of Medford, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI22P5684EA
Estate of

ANTONIOS PAGANIS

Date of Death: September 07, 2021

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioners Constantine Paganis of Plymouth, MA and Petitioner Stathis Paganis of Arlington, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Constantine Paganis of Plymouth, MA and Stathis Paganis of Arlington, MA have been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI22P5713EA Estate of HARVEY TENEN

Date of Death: August 16, 2022 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Jillian Tenen** of **Phoenix**, **AZ**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Jillian Tenen of Phoenix, AZ has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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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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> Estate of ANGELA PARSONS Date of Death: August 05, 2022 INFORMAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Michael J. Parsons of Newton, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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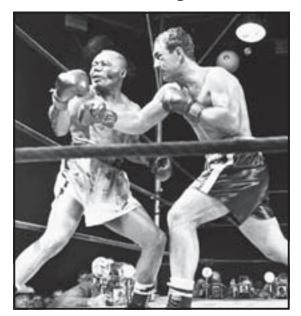
Michael J. Parsons of Newton, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Have You Thought of These Champs as Counterpunchers?



Rocky Marciano lands a right on Walcott

Who comes to mind when you think of a great counterpuncher from Boxing's past? Harold Johnson would certainly jump out. Gene Tunney? Joey Maxim? Jersey Joe Walcott? Willie Pastrano? There were many, but when you think "counterpuncher" your mind probably drifts toward the great stylists. However, think about some champs who are best remembered as "sluggers" and upon closer examination you will find many were really terrific counterpunchers. It was an adage among old school trainers that a fighter is most vulnerable to being hit when he is throwing a punch. That's why counterpunching was part of the basics of learning to be a boxer, a major part.

It has been said all too often that Rocky Marciano was willing to take three punches in order to land one. The reasoning was that between Rocky's ability to absorb punishment and his tremendous power this was a logical tradeoff. Well, I doubt his trainer Charley Goldman would have counseled the champ to do that, and indeed he didn't. Watch the Rock in action once he was developed into the experienced contender and champion he became and you will see a serious counterpuncher.

In his first fight with Jersey Joe Walcott, a man known for his superb counterpunching, watch Rocky as he moves in on the champion. Yes, Marciano is putting on the pressure and being aggressive, and yes, Jersey Joe is landing some solid punches and actually leading on points as the fight enters the later rounds, but Rocky is not leaving his chin out there to be hit. He is using feints and trying to anticipate Walcott's punches so he can land counters. He is looking to time the champ's jab, not an easy thing to do with the cagey Walcott, and slip inside where he can do damage. The myth that Rocky would just charge forward absorbing punishment in order to land punches is quickly dispelled when you pay attention watching footage of him in action. Indeed, the final punch of that historic fight happened when the two are attempting to beat the other to the punch. Both had anticipated the other was about to throw a right hand and Rocky got his right off just inside of Joe's own right hand. Walcott received the decisive punch while throwing a punch.

Rocky will never be remembered as one of the great "boxers" along the lines of a Gene Tunney or Muhammad Ali, but he should be known for his counterpunching.

Another slugger who was tops at counterpunching was Jack Dempsey, He may be best known for his brutal destruction of Jess Willard over three rounds, but most won't think of that performance as a great example of counterpunching, but it was. Watch the opening of the fight and you will see Jack being cautious and tentative. He is darting in and out and feinting, mostly with his body. He is measuring Jess, but more importantly, he is trying to get Willard to lead to him thus giving him the opportunity to counter with his own punches. When that happens Jack is on him like a lion attacking its prey. Yes, the assault is vicious, but it was not wild. Jack was calculating and methodical. He didn't "walk through" Jess. He forced openings and then took advantage with laser targeted counters.



Dempsey moving in on Willard

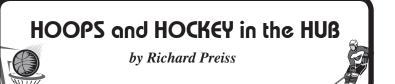
Dempsey did this in all of his fights, and like Marciano, he would pressure his opponents, but that pressure was used to force them to lead, and then he would move in as those leads made his opponents vulnerable.

One final example is Joe Louis. Again, I'll take a fight that is remembered for its brutality and viciousness: his second battle with Max Schmeling. The fight lasted just 2 minutes and 4 seconds, but was probably the worst beating a heavyweight champion ever administered to a challenger in such a short time. While our memories are mostly focused on the final minute of the fight it is important to pay attention to the opening minute where Joe is watching very carefully for the right hand of Max, the hand that did so much damage to him in their first fight, and at the same time looking to counter Schmeling's left jab which he is prodding the challenger to throw. Max does manage to land a decent right on Joe, but Joe keeps using pressure feints that move the German backwards and also draws him into throwing his jab. When he takes the bait, or more correctly is forced into biting, Joe is all over him. As with Dempsey, Louis is not wild but rather very methodical while throwing rapid fire combinations with lethal power and all in a very controlled manner.



Louis stands over Schemling

So here I have put forth three fights by three great champions all known for their punching power. Indeed, these men could hit, but I hope they get the appreciation they deserve for their amazing boxing skills, particularly their counterpunching.



THE NIGHT PATRICE PRODUCED HIS FIRST POINT — We thought quite a bit about the journey that culminated on November 21st when veteran Bruins Center Patrice Bergeron registered his 1,000th regular season point in National Hockey League competition.

There is an old saying that a thousand-mile journey begins with the first step. In keeping with that, we realized that there was a night that Bergeron produced his initial point in the NHL — and that there could be an interesting story behind that.

Bergeron was selected by the Bruins as the 45th pick overall in the 2003 NHL Draft following an amateur career in Quebec. He made the Bruins right away and was seeing action in only the fourth game of the season when his name came on the scoreboard for the first time.

It was October 15, 2003 and the Bruins were playing the Dallas Stars on the road in Texas, over 2,000 miles from their home building on Causeway Street. The new facility had opened in the fall of 1995.

The game was scoreless until late in the first period when Brian Rolston found the range and put the puck past Dallas netminder Marty Turco. P. J. Axelsson got credit for the first assist on that tally with Bergeron being awarded the second — his first NHL point. Later in the third, with Dallas having pulled Turco in favor of a sixth skater with less than a minute remaining, Rolston scored an empty netter for a 2-0 victory, with B's captain Joe Thornton getting the assist.

That night, some 19 years ago, seems like a time tunnel in some ways.

Mike Sullivan, a native of Scituate who played his collegiate hockey at Boston University under legendary coach Jack Parker and later played for B's, was the head coach of the Bruins. Success for him behind the bench would come later in another place — Pittsburgh — where his teams would win the Stanley Cup in 2016 and 2017.

Over on the other side was the man who would one day become Bergeron's boss. Yes, that was Don Sweeney playing in his one and only season for the Dallas Stars, his final campaign as a defenseman in the NHL after playing for the Bruins for 15 seasons. That night he would skate 12 shifts, spending about nine and half minutes on the ice.

Another opposing competitor was Bill Guerin. Born in Worcester, he grew up in the Springfield suburb of Wilbraham before playing at Boston College. He played 18 seasons in the NHL including two with the Bruins and three with Dallas. The night of Bergeron's first assist, he had put in an impressive night on the ice — 22 shifts with some 25 minutes of ice time (check). Today, he is the general manager of the Minnesota Wild.

It is important to note that Bergeron's NHL statistics would have been even more impressive if not for the 2004-2005 lockout season when no games were played in the league. Many NHL players opted to play overseas that year but Bergeron chose to play for Providence, the Bruins' AHL affiliate.

There he played a full season, seeing action in 68 games while scoring 21 goals and adding 40 assists for a total of 61 regular season points. Providence made the playoffs that year and Bergeron played in 16 games, scoring five times and contributing seven assists for 12 points.

So, while it is not fair to compare AHL totals with NHL totals, it can be said that if there had not been a lockout, Bergeron undoubtedly would have been a very active contributor for the Big B's if there had been a season, scoring numerous goals and assisting on many others.

He also lost the vast majority of the 2007-2008 season when he sustained a serious concussion in October that caused him to miss the rest of the season, some 72 games.

In short, if not for those two situations, he would have reached the 1,000 point mark sooner than November 2022 — at least one season earlier, if not before.

THE THANKSGIVING DEMARCATION — The Weekend of the Big Feast came and went and at the close of play on Thanksgiving weekend, it was the Bruins that were sharing the top spot atop the entire 32-team NHL with New Jersey. Both teams had amassed 36 points at the juncture.

Which undoubtedly made Bruins President Cam Neely mighty proud since he is one of those who believes that how the teams stand at Thanksgiving are a pretty good indication of their positions when the close of the regular season arrives in April.

But December could be a month of reckoning with a pair of big games early in the month. On December 5^{th} , former Bruins head coach Bruce Cassidy comes back to the Hub, about six months removed from his dismissal as the pilot of the B's.

Now, he will lead the Vegas Golden Knights into the Causeway Street facility for a showdown game against the franchise that formerly employed him. And the Knights are a top-flight team — leading the Western Conference on the morning after Thanksgiving with 32 points. The B's closed out the month of November by beating the Tampa Bay Lightning at the Garden on November 29th to remain undefeated at home, raising their point total to 38.

Then on December 11th, the Bruins visit Las Vegas for another contest against the Knights. Those two games mean quite a bit for both Cassidy as well as his former team. If the B's remain undefeated at home prior to the December 5 game, it would be a feather in their former coach's cap to come away with not only a victory at the Garden but also halting the home winning streak as well. Winning both games would be frosting on the cake for Cassidy and an obvious letdown for not only the Bruins players but for team executives as well.

Of course, The Thanksgiving demarcation and how well teams fare in the regular season doesn't necessarily apply to the playoffs. Tampa Bay finished the 2018-2019 regular season with 128 regular season points but was swept out of the first round of the playoffs by Columbus. In that same season, St. Louis was in last place on New Year's Day in 2019 and went on to win the Stanley Cup in June. Go figure.