



Story of the Christmas Crèche

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



St. Leonard Church in Bosotn’s North End celebrates the Christmas season with a beautiful snow covered Creche.

(Photo by Toni Gilardi)

We ran this column several years ago and have often been asked to run it again Hopefully in this year like no other, the story of the origin of the Christmas Crèche with its universal meaning will help offer hope and shed light amidst the uncertainty of our times.

Christmas is far and away the most nostalgic and sentimental season of the year. There are traditions we associate with Christmas, observances that we faithfully perform every year that speak of family and friends often no longer with us. There are certain foods that are prepared only at Christmas or special ornaments that appear every year to take their place on the Christmas tree, most every family has traditions associated with Christmas that extend back into the mist of time.

Of all the traditions we lovingly perform at Christmas, none is more meaningful than arranging the Crèche under the Christmas tree. Each piece occupies a special place with a family story attached that enlivens it, giving it a special meaning known only to our loved ones.

The origin of the Christmas crèche (from the Latin cripta meaning crib) is remarkable in itself for it resides with St. Francis of Assisi, the Saint who called himself, “a fool for God.” The story has come down

to us through the writings of Saint Bonaventure in his *Life of Saint Francis* and through tradition. Francis is attributed with the introduction of the Presepio to the many customs associated with Christmas. The Presepio is described as a three dimensional representation of the birth of Jesus Christ, composed of mobile figures artistically arranged as well as realistic elements such as houses, rocks, plants etc.

The earliest representation of the Nativity can be seen in a fresco found in the catacombs of Saint Priscilla, 2nd century AD, portraying the Mother and Child, the Three Wise Men, Saint Joseph, and above a star with eight points.

In the year 1223, three years before his passing, Saint Francis was visiting Grecio, a small town in the hills of Tuscany, to celebrate Christmas. Francis realizing that the chapel of the Franciscan hermitage would be too small to hold the congregation for Midnight Mass found a niche in the rocks near the town square and set up an altar. He took a manger and filled it with hay, tied a donkey and an ox near it and with a crowd of people from the neighboring countryside, attended the celebration of Mass in front of the crib.

It was from this simple beginning that the Nativity scene, as we know it today evolved. The earliest Presepio or Nativity

Scenes in Italy date to the 14th century. Ambrogio della Robbia created the first multicolored Nativity Scene in terracotta, found at the church of the Holy Spirit in Siena. The Council of Trent, which closed in 1563, issued precise norms for devotion to the saints and relics and encouraged the diffusion of the Presepio or Nativity scene as an expression of popular piety

The 17th century saw the appearance and development of scenic effects. Nativity Scenes became a mirror for the culture which produced them, reflecting the society of the day incorporating aspects of daily life with traits of intense realism: they were enriched with unusual and exotic elements and scenery. At this time the Presepio began to step out of churches to be displayed in the home, large statues were replaced with wooden figures sometimes partly of straw with head and limbs in terracotta, wax or wood adorned with sumptuous clothing.

The Nativity Scene as we know it today, whether simple or elaborate is the representation of the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, Who came into the world to redeem mankind; it is the most monumental event in human history, represented in tiny figures beneath our Christmas trees inspired by Saint Francis.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Shutting Down Business Not Based on Science

Governor Charlie Baker and Mayor Marty Walsh are pushing back on restaurants and bars again by allowing fewer and fewer customers dining inside but at least it is not as bad as New York. Gov. Andrew Cuomo and NYC Mayor Bill de Blasi ending indoor dining to prevent the spread of COVID.

Some 75 percent of the recent surges in new COVID-19 cases have been traced to private house parties and only 1.4 percent to eating establishments. Shutting down restaurants or severely limiting seating capacities will only ensure a move to more house parties and more infections

In the meantime, more and more businesses are going through economic hardships and will shut down which will affect more peoples’ income. Already it has been predicted that some 20 percent of all local restaurants have closed for good and each day more add to that list.

Things are bad enough with the great hardships caused by the pandemic and now added to the mix are the crushing mandates of our political leaders at the state and local levels.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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RELIGIOUS GROTTOS



Dictionaries define religion as belief in divine or superhuman powers. Some sources say the etymology or origin of the word is doubtful, however its Latin root “religio” is defined as reverence, sanctity, sect, cult, or object of veneration.

The history of building construction reflects the manners, customs, and degree of civilization of nearly all known periods of man’s existence. As each nation developed its social customs and religious beliefs, so did it develop its architectural character. From the dawn of civilization, men have built shelters as protection from the weather, from beasts, and from the attacks of other men, but it is the history of the shelters that they have built for their gods or God, or because of their religious beliefs, that seems to cause all of the bits and pieces to fall together as in some giant jigsaw puzzle.

It all started in Egypt, which is known as the cradle of the art of architecture and the seat of the earliest known civilization of which we have any clear knowledge. That ancient

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Mayor Martin J. Walsh’s COVID-19 Press Briefing

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

COVID-19 CASES AND TESTING DATA:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts reported on Tuesday, December 22nd **3,293** new confirmed cases, bringing the total to **318,143** cases. The state reported **43** new deaths, for a total of **11,549** people who have passed away due to COVID-19.

The City of Boston on Tuesday, December 22nd reported **253** new cases, for a total of **36,476** cases. The City reported **3** new deaths, bringing the total to **975**

FOR THE WEEK ENDING ON DECEMBER 13TH:

We had an average of **5,212** people tested each day. That’s down slightly compared to the week before. That does not include college testing.

The average number of positive tests each day for Boston residents was **447**. That’s about the same as the week before.

Our current community positivity rate was **8.0%**, up from **7.2%** the week before.

Dorchester, East Boston, and Hyde Park remain the neighborhoods with the highest positivity.

The Mayor said that our case numbers remain concerning, and that our hospital numbers also remain higher than we’d like to see. The City is staying in close touch with local hospitals

to understand what they are seeing, and how we can support them.

UPDATES ON MOBILE TESTING SITES:


There are more than 30 testing sites in the City of Boston, including mobile testing sites which are free and open to all, regardless of symptoms. This week the mobile sites are:

- **In Hyde Park, at Boston Renaissance Charter School on Hyde Park Ave:** On Saturday, December 26th. This site is drive-thru only, and appointments are required.
- **In Roxbury, at Washington Park Mall on Warren Street:** Saturday, December 26th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required.


With Christmas this week, there will be reduced hours for mobile testing. As always, call ahead if you are looking to get tested. To learn more about these or any of our testing sites, visit: **[Boston.gov/Coronavirus](https://boston.gov/coronavirus)** or call **3-1-1**.

The Mayor encouraged everyone to get tested. He said that the more people who get tested, the better idea we have of how the virus is affecting our communities, which will help the City direct resources to the places they are needed most.

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EDITORIAL

THE NEW
COVID RELIEF PACKAGE

by Sal Giaratani

Americans have been suffering for many months now due to the virus pandemic and to the political reactions of political leadership at the state and local levels. Things have been really bad since last March and finally there is a glimmer of hope the vaccine is here.
Thanks to President Trump's Warp Speed initiative, vaccines were developed and are already in use. Hopefully, the worst of this pandemic is behind us. We might blame Trump for his slow start but thanks to the federal warp speed drive, vaccines that usually take years, developed in months.

However, what is sad is the reaction up on Capitol Hill with that COVID relief package that has been stalled since late July and was passed on Tuesday, December 21st at 11:45 p.m. EST. A more than 5,000 page measure that contains far more pork than beef for the struggling working-class and middle-class economy badly impacted by endless economic shutdowns imposed by governors and mayors mostly from blue states I might add.

In the end, the House and Senate came to an agreement on a package that does very little to those most in need of some relief from their devastation since last March. The bill that goes to President Trump will contain, one, a \$600 one-time stimulus check to everyone earning less than \$75,000 per year and an additional \$300 for 11 weeks to those unemployed due to the COVID pandemic.

The Republicans back in late summer were offering more money to American people but the Democrat leadership under Speaker Nancy Pelosi wouldn't support that earlier measure and subsequent measures since until this bill was just passed.

There is too much pork going overseas in the bill that has little to do with the plight of American workers and those small business folks trying to keep their business afloat and the local economy alive. We see the middle-class economy getting whacked, along with it the jobs of those employed in this economy.

President Trump should not sign this stimulus package and he should go on national television and tell the American people to demand that Congress pass a measure that helps the American people survive. This is no time to add on items and pet projects but to protect the American people.

It is time for Congress to stop flapping their gums and do their job?

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Anthony J. LoVuolo
May He Rest In Peace

Anthony J. LoVuolo of Stoneham passed away on Thursday, December 17th. He was 56. Born in Boston, he was the son of Anthony J. and Barbara (Pasqua) LoVuolo.

Anthony was the beloved husband of Janine (Sticco) LoVuolo for 30 years. He was the devoted father of Anthony D. and Nina C. LoVuolo. He was the cherished son of Anthony "Tony" and Barbara (Pasqua) LoVuolo. He was the dear brother of Billy LoVuolo and Sue Greco and her husband Joe. He was the loving Unkie of Joseph and Alana Greco and the caring owner of his two furry companions Enzo and Gigi. He is also survived by lots of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Anthony was a fun loving, outgoing, caring man who loved to have a good time; he was always the life of the party and when he walked into a room his presence alone would light it up. A natural people person Anthony talked to every-



one and anyone who would listen to him. He always said to his wife Janine "why do you have to talk to everyone" (when realistically it was he who did all the talking).

Anthony loved to travel to the Cape and Florida with his family. He enjoyed spending time walking the beach and soaking up the sunshine. When Anthony was not spending time on the beach, you could find him snuggling up on the couch with his two fur babies Enzo and Gigi.

A funeral mass will be celebrated in St. Leonard Church, Hanover Street, Boston, on Monday, December 28th at 10:00 a.m. with social distancing protocols. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Visiting hours have been respectfully omitted.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent in Anthony's name to the West End Boys and Girls Club, 105 Allston Street, Allston, MA 02134-5030

Michael L. Romano
May He Rest In Peace

Michael L. Romano, 54, lifelong resident of the North End of Boston, passed away, unexpectedly on Friday, December 18, 2020.

Michael is the devoted father of Mikayla Romano and Antonio Romano. He is the beloved son of Louis and Joanne (Giuggio) Romano of Stoneham. Michael is the loving grandson of the late Michael and Marie Giuggio, and the late Leo and Lena Romano. He is the great-nephew of the late Carmen Giannato and his wife Angelina. He is the loving nephew of the late Janis Wozniak and her surviving husband Anthony, Michele Vozzella and her husband Charles and Ralph Giannato and his wife Charlotte. Michael is the loving cousin of Anthony Wozniak and Danielle Wozniak, Michael Vozzella and his wife Stefania, Jenna DeCicco and her husband Matt, Tiffany Giannato Deberardinis and Sandra Giannato. Michael is survived by his special companion Elizabeth Vitello and her daughter Juliana. Michael is also survived by his former wife, the mother of his two children, Roseann Matarazzo Romano and many dear friends.

Michael was a loving and devoted father to his



children and loved spending time with his children and family. He worked for MassDOT, as an Incident Response Operator (IRO), since 1991. He was the Vice President of the Sulmona Club and a member of the Madonna Della Cava Society of the North End. He loved going to Disney World, Cape Cod, Maine, and New Hampshire. He enjoyed golfing at Maplewood Country Club in Bethlehem, New Hampshire. He was an avid Yankees, Chicago Blackhawks, and Dallas

Cowboys fan. He loved his alone time with a good newspaper or puzzle and enjoyed playing gin with "The Boys." He loved wearing his shorts in all weather conditions and was obsessed with the Minions.

Due to the current situation and in consideration for everyone's health and safety, funeral services and burial are private. There are no visiting hours. There will be a memorial mass at St. Leonard Church in the North End in the future.

In Michael's memory, please consider a contribution to one of the North End Feast Society's.

To leave an online condolence, please visit www.watermanboston.com

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Opening Up to a New Year

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

Note: **L'Anno Bello** is reprinting articles that were written before the Coronavirus pandemic. Obviously, advice on gatherings and reunions contained within are not applicable to this current time when social distancing (and mask wearing!) is the best practice. Please read these articles as a testament to the joy and love that imbues Italian celebrations — and as suggestions for ways to spend time in the future once this pandemic is finally over.

Sometimes, it appears as if the bulk of our Christmas festivities end the moment we flip over the December 25th calendar page. Gone are “Jingle Bells” and “All I Want for Christmas is You” from the radio, replaced by the steady rotation of everyday hits and standards. Gone are the tantalizing unwrapped presents from beneath the tree, having now been revealed of the surprises within. However, contrary to popular perception, the season of Christmas actually lasts for a much longer time. As the old carol about the three French hens can attest, Christmas continues for twelve days after the proper feast ends. The real close of the Christmas season occurs on January 6th, or the holiday of the Epiphany. Italians afford each of the Twelve Days of Christmas a special significance. December 26th, for example, is the feast day of St. Stephen, and Italians celebrate *la festa di San Stefano* by visiting family or going skiing in mountain resorts. For me, the Twelve Days of Christmas contain a magical and enchanted quality, laden with the sensation of being far removed from the bustle and grind of ordinary days. I spend the Twelve Days of Christmas in a haze, taking advantage of the vacation to catch up on grading, eat leftovers from the Christmas dinner, shop in blissfully uncrowded stores, and visit family members who have arrived from overseas. However, I also prepare for the most mysterious feasts of the Twelve Days of Christmas: the twinned holidays of New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day. Bursting with folklore and tradition, these holidays seek to welcome a new beginning with hope and luck.

New Year’s Eve carries a distinct and unique feeling from



other days of the year, a strong atmosphere of anticipation and excitement. It is an aura that imbues the ordinary activities people undertake during the day on New Year’s Eve — walking the dog, going to the grocery store, visiting the hair salon — with a captivating patina of both nostalgia and enthusiasm, propelled by the knowledge that old year will soon give way to a new and exciting chapter. Even the twilight sky seems different on New Year’s Eve, glowing with a jewel-like blue tone indicative of the unhurriedly lengthening days. The tangible peculiarity of New Year’s Eve gave birth to a plethora of luck-themed folk traditions related to the holiday. New Year’s Eve is a time inherently rife with insecurity, as we ponder whether the upcoming year will be worse or better than the last, sundry superstitions seek to improve good fortune within the next twelve months. The practice of making a lot of noise at the stroke of midnight, reflected in the abundant party horns and noisemakers of today, derives from the ancient belief that supernatural creatures wandered the Earth during times of transition. Loud noises could effectively scare these evil spirits away. Certain foods also possess lucky qualities for the New Year. In Italy, lentils are considered an auspicious food for New Year’s Eve, since they are thought to resemble small coins and as such attract prosperity. They are usually paired in a dish containing a spicy pork sausage known as *cotecchino*. My grandmother fondly remembered a more unusual luck ritual practiced in the olden days in

Italy on *la Notte di San Silvestro* (“St. Sylvester’s Night” — this is what Italians call New Year’s Eve, since December 31st is also the feast day of the fourth century Pope Sylvester I). She had to exercise great caution walking through the streets of Naples, where she was a boarding school student in the 1940s, during this night, as people tossed old and broken items out the windows in order to ring in the New Year with a fresh start! I am not throwing anything out of my windows, but I do love to celebrate the New Year in a folksy and traditional manner with my family. We gather together and enjoy a special

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**THINKING
OUT LOUD**

by Sal Giarratani

Once a Neocon, Always a Never Trumper

I was not surprised to see that Jeff Robbins, a syndicated newspaper writer, had recently compared President Trump’s Oval Office to being infested with disease-laden toxics in need of a good fumigation.

He takes a knock too at Rush Limbaugh when this radio host stated, “(It) can’t go on this way. There can not be a peaceful co-existence of two completely different theories of life, theories of government, theories of how we manage our affairs.”

Obviously, Limbaugh was simply expressing what millions of Americans are coming to realize. We do have two Americas. The one that keeps moving further away from our constitutional democratic republic and the one which believes that 244 years ago our Founding Fathers were on to something great, a government where power rose up from the people and not down from their government rulers.

Robbins quotes Abraham Lincoln prior to the start of the Civil War that people really need to think about what it means to destroy our national fabric but I also remember something General Robert E. Lee said during the days before the Civil War erupted. He saw anarchy and civil war before us and hoped to God that this moment would pass.

America is more divided today than it has been since the Civil War when one nation divided into two. Then, it was based on principles and geography; today it is based on principles that cross through all of our states.

Rather than ridiculing President Trump and the nearly 75 million of us who voted for him on Election Day, we need to find a way to bring us all together.

I believe the integrity of our election system has been called into question by what happened this past election in Wisconsin, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Michigan. Did the many apparent irregularities in those states rise to the level of upturning election results is truly and forever in question! With the Courts keeping out of the fray and as if the alleged voter fraud were the third rail not to be touched.

Joe Biden speaking on the day the Electoral College certified his 306 electoral votes, he stated that in this nation, our leaders do not take power but that power is granted from the people. Many wondered if that really is true anymore. This is the issue I feel Jeff Robbins just doesn’t understand.

Like Robert E. Lee I really do fear for the future of America and what it should mean to each and every one of us.

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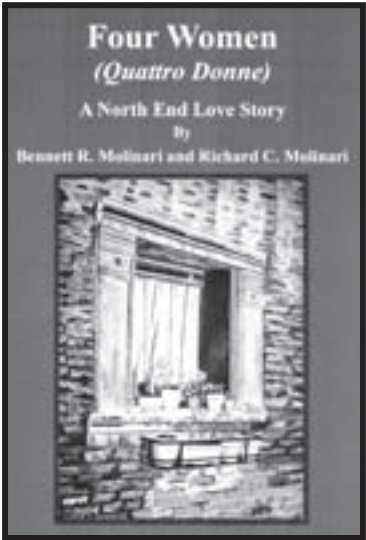
Introducing a new book by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari,
lifelong residents of the North End, entitled:
Four Women “Quattro Donne”
subtitle, **A North End Love Story**

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

CHAPTER 36
Stormy Waters

The Riccis came into the backyard in order of seniority, Egidio leading the group. Frank, the oldest brother, came next, followed by Alberto and Roberto. Mario and Lorenzo remained in Boston to mend fishing nets, their specialty, for an upcoming trip. Carla remained to cook and keep house for them. Egidio greeted Grandma with a kiss, while Frank, Alberto and Roberto stood back, waiting to see how Grandma and the family would receive them and their father. After Grandma kissed Egidio on the cheek, she beckoned to the three brothers to join our clam bake, a signal that all was forgiven, particularly what had happened at the school dance a couple of weeks ago. They responded immediately, headed to the table where each of them took a heaping plate of Grandma’s delicious spaghetti. The brothers sat on the steps leading down to the garden, while Egidio took a chair next to Grandma at the head of the table. From their position on the steps, the brothers were able to size up Pietro sitting beside Mom. Tension kept building in Pietro, who could feel their eyes sizing him up. Spotting what was going on, Dad decided to walk over to the brothers and asked them if they would like to play a game of bocce. The brothers declined, preferring to remain on the steps where they could intimidate Pietro.

Feeling more and more uncomfortable and wanting to break the tension, after completing supper, Pietro motioned



to Anthony, Bobby and Charlie to join him for a walk. Once Pietro and the brothers left for their walk, Auntie Stella let loose with one of her bombs. She asked Egidio, “Where’s Carla and why isn’t she with you?” Auntie Angie turned beet red. Daggers were jumping from her eyes as she motioned to Mom to shut her up. “She remained in Boston to keep house for her brothers, Mario and Lorenzo,” Egidio replied. Auntie Stella quickly shot back, “Why didn’t they all come with you?” The table began to shutter, as Auntie Angie was boiling mad and ready to leap at Auntie Stella. Normally, she would have screamed out, “Stella shut up!” Restraining herself in front of company, she simply asked Auntie Stella to go to the kitchen and bring out more spaghetti. Seconds later, Auntie Angie followed Auntie Stella into the kitchen. Once the door closed behind her, muffled sounds of what appeared to be

an argument between the sisters could be heard. Grandma, trying to distract Egidio from what was taking place in the kitchen, struck up another chorus of “O Sole Mio.” The brothers, knowing something was going on in the kitchen between Pietro’s cousins, didn’t utter a sound. Mom, sizing up the situation, ran into the kitchen to warn her sisters that the Riccis were sitting on the steps, straining to hear everything being said. Entering the kitchen, she gestured to Angie and Stella to be quiet, the brothers were listening. Auntie Angie, needing to express her anger, resorted to Italian sign language. She called Stella by name. The moment Auntie Stella turned in her direction, Auntie Angie began to bite her hand, a Neapolitan gesture that means, I can kill you. From that point on, not a word was spoken for the Riccis to hear, but Auntie Angie made it quite clear that Auntie Stella should shut up.

The three sisters emerged from the kitchen pretending to be laughing for the benefit of the Riccis, carrying fresh bowls of spaghetti to the table, leaving the Riccis puzzling as to what just took place in the kitchen. As the three sisters sat at their places, Egidio, once again responded to Auntie Stella’s question. “Lorenzo and Mario remained in Boston to repair the family’s fishing nets. Carla remained to tend house and prepare meals for them. Fishing nets require constant maintenance, Mario and Lorenzo are experts in this regard.” Auntie

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NEW Health, a federally qualified health center and an affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Medical Center, will continue to offer COVID-19 testing in Charlestown and the North End this season. The testing sites opened this past summer to all NEW Health patients and all residents of both neighborhoods, regardless of symptoms or insurance.

- The North End site is open Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and has been moved into the alleyway directly behind NEW Health at 332 Hanover Street in order to provide more cover from the elements; the entrance is on North Bennet Street. Walk-up patients only.

- The Charlestown site is open Monday through Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and has been moved indoors to the Crossroads Resource Center at 15 Tufts Street; both drive-up and walk-up options remain available.

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Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

T'was the night before Christmas and there is a silence in the sky. No thunder in the clouds and reindeer bells can't be heard. So is Santa on his way??? It doesn't feel that way ... Up in the North Pole Santa is busy sending out letters to East Boston kiddies, residents and business friends. Santa's Elves were laid off due to the pandemic, and no toys were made. The Elves have gotten fat and lazy and the Reindeers just lag around eating all day. Mrs. Santa Claus is disgusted, she hasn't been able to get her hair and nails done, so she cooks, eats and cries a lot ... This is the first Christmas that Santa can't deliver toys to children. So Santa decided to write letters ... Santa writes, *my dear friends in East Boston, Santa will be missing all of you this year due to the virus. Many believe it's a deadly bacteria spread throughout the world from China to kill off the population. Being hundreds of years old my risk is high of contacting this virus. As much of the public is afraid to leave their homes, so am I. The world is suffering, from unemployment. Small businesses and restaurants have been hit the hardest! The world of Washington*

politics continues to relish in power, glory and money. How long can Washington bureaucrats continue printing money to give out stimulus checks? Businesses want to open without government rules ... So, this year I send greetings from above to all the people I have come to love ... Kelley's Pub, I'll miss the red carpet treatment you extend me. Santarpio's Pizza the same goes to you. To my friends at the banks, Everett Savings, East Boston Savings and First Priority, I send Christmas Greetings and a Happy New Year. To my friends, State Representative Adrian Madaro, State Senator Joe Boncore, Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards, newly elected Revere State Senator, Jessica Giannino, Revere City Councilor Tony Zambuto and Dan Rizzo, I miss you guys and I'll see you hopefully next year. To President Donald Trump, you've done the best job of any sitting president. Your achievements exceeded putting America First. Being replaced by Democrat Joe Biden, has to have come as a blow to you and the party (my condolences). ... My dearest and oldest friends, the Lombardo family; Vinny, you're the best, continue your charity work and my blessing to you and your family. Joe

Macabe of J&M Mechanical if ever I need services I'll call upon you. Joe Mario of Century 21 your support over the years, coming out to greet me has not gone unnoticed, I'll see you next year I hope? To the Seniors at the Central Square Senior Center, I miss you already ... And looking back, Gus Serra, if it weren't for you, East Boston people would not be paying only forty cents to travel through the tunnel ... Cargo Ventures if I can't get my toys to the kiddies next year I'll call upon your outstanding service ... My friend Joe Young, you haven't been seen around, hope all is well with you and Doug Curtis! ... East Boston Community Development Service, Director Al Caldarelli, keep up the good work you're doing in East Boston and Winthrop ... So with sadness in my eye, and before I cry, I want to apologize for not being able to come and bring toys to the kiddies, and enjoy the friendship the people of East Boston have bestowed upon me. My Elves are saddened after being without a job for months. I promise you this, come hell or high water; my sled will land next year with reindeers so jolly, and toys so plentiful that no pandemic can stop this jolly ole soul from delivering my toys to all the good girls and boys. So, to my friends and residents of East Boston, hang in there, and let me be clear 2021 will be a better and more prosperous year. Merry Christmas!

IS MBTA VERSTATING BUDGET ILLS DUE TO COVID?

by Sal Giaratani

A message from Public Transit Public Good Coalition:

"We need a transit system that works for all. This means safe, affordable, and accessible service for all communities. Even as COVID-19 has reshaped our lives, public transit remains essential to the riders who make hundreds of thousands of trips a day, especially to the frontline workers who have kept our communities running during the pandemic. The MBTA's Fiscal Management and Control Board should vote no on service cuts."

Is the MBTA overstating its worries over a \$579 million budget deficit due to COVID-19 and talking about imposing major reductions in service planned for next spring and summer? An independent transit panel, The MBTA Advisory Board, which represents the cities and towns served by the T, said "that there was no budgetary justification for a host of proposed changes."

Marty Walsh recently held a press conference and was joined by Mike Vartabedian, of the Machinists Union District

15 and, Lee Matsueda from Community Labor United and Rick Dimino, president and CEO of A Better City.

"These proposed cuts are a threat to our economy, our regional climate and housing goals, our collective health, and our work to close inequities across all facets of city life," Walsh said in a statement. "I offer my assistance in working with state legislators as well as the incoming Biden-Harris administration to find solutions that do not involve inequitable service cuts."

The MBTA did make cuts and the cuts were far less than expected. It does look like management did listen to what folks were saying. The transit system remains, however, deep in the red and is still hoping for some action on the federal level to help mitigate the losses resulting from the pandemic and the drastic drop in ridership.

The future of Mass Transit across the country has been put into jeopardy and we are a long way from a real solution but one must be found and the sooner the better.

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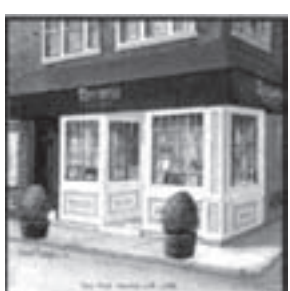
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I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all who donated to our Toys for Tots drive! The outpouring of generosity despite these challenging times has been uplifting and encouraging. Your donations will help bring the hope and joy of Christmas to less fortunate children and families in our community.

Judging by the outcome of this year's drive, I predict next year's campaign will garner another phenomenal haul.

Wishing you and yours a safe and happy new year!



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Sharing the good news and a big thank you to Friends of the North End for raising funds for neighborhood organizations! Group's communication is below.

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A total of \$1,965.00 was collected and distributed to the following organizations:

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by Melinda Myers

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Transform weatherproof summer and fall containers for winter. Fiberglass, plastic, cement and wood will hold up to the cold, ice and snow. Don't subject terra cotta and glazed pots to the harsh elements that can cause them to crack. Remove faded fall flowers and add a bit of potting mix to fill the container within two inches of the top. Or select a new weatherproof container and fill it with potting mix.

Consider your overall landscape design and other outdoor winter decorations when creating or purchasing a holiday planter. Place a couple of winter planters on your front steps or dress up your patio, deck or balcony and enjoy the view from the comfort of your home. Don't overlook those hanging baskets. Fill them with winter greenery to elevate your winter containers to a fun new level.

Fresh-cut needled evergreens like spruce, white pine, fir and broadleaf evergreen boxwood and holly combine nicely to form the backbone of your container design. Make it easy by using spruce tips to create vertical interest in a container. You only need to set a few in the center of the pot to look like a pro. Surround these with

graceful white pine boughs to anchor the arrangement to the container.

Add sprigs of other evergreens for additional texture and shades of green. Next, it's time to put your creativity to work. For those that prefer a natural look, consider white birch branches and stems of red twig dogwood, corkscrew willow or contorted hazelnut. Add a bit more color with berry laden winter holly branches and dried seed rudbeckias, allium, and coneflower seed heads or hydrangea flowers. Finish off your arrangement with a few evergreen cones and a bow.

Or add a bit of glitz with painted and glittered cones, twigs, ornaments, or other holiday adornments. You can purchase these or create your own with a bit of paint and glitter. Just make sure your materials will hold up to the winter weather.

Once your arrangement is complete, water thoroughly. The moist soil helps keep greenery fresh and in place. Once the soil is frozen you can stop watering. The cold weather will help keep your greens looking good throughout the holidays and beyond.

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Winter container gardens brighten up the landscape all season long. (Photo by MelindaMyers.com)

antitranspirant. These materials help seal in the moisture, delaying the browning of cut greens. Always read and follow label directions carefully. Most need to be applied to evergreen boughs outdoors and allowed to dry before bringing it indoors or beginning your arrangement.

For additional ideas and a bit of inspiration, watch my Create Beautiful Outdoor Evergreen Containers video. You will find more ways to enhance your landscape with winter containers.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses How to Grow Anything DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Her web site is: www.melindamyers.com

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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

CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE
Well, this has certainly been a year we will never forget no matter how hard we try. Seems like the curtain went down on normal back around St. Patrick's Day, the vaccine for the virus is out and folks have already started to give it a shot. I can't wait to roll up my sleeve.

I hope everyone is masking up, doing so isn't the end of the world. Also, keep distancing yourself when you are out and about. To tell you the truth, even before this virus struck, I always kept my space between strangers out in the world. I hate getting sick. I got my flu shot, too.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year.

REMEMBERING FOLKS
Remembering Speaker Thomas P. Tip O'Neill Jr. His birthday would have been December 12th and he would have been 108 years old. Frank Sinatra would have just turned 105 on December 12th. Finally, my dad Dominic Giarratani Sr., would have been 108 on December 22nd.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday wishes to Clara, the world's best vanilla latte maker over at the Maverick Marketplace Cafe. She's a mere 23 years old.

LOVE JIMMY JAY ON WEEKENDS ON WMEX
I so love WMEX Radio on 1510 am on the dial. Every Saturday and Sunday, Jimmy Jay holds down the fort with some great music and great interviews. Several weeks ago, he interviewed Ruth Pointer from the Pointer Sisters. She actually has written her memoir of sorts called *Still So Excited*. Two weeks ago, he interviewed Brenda Lee; before that the likes of Bill Medley of The Righteous Brothers and before that Connie Francis. Now, there is someone you can call a survivor of life. Glad to hear her songs again.

Getting back to Ruth Pointer, I so loved the Pointer Sisters and did lots of disco dancing to their music. They had a sound worth dancing to, and I did just that. Eventually, I will be checking out her new book and I will let you know my take on it.

Finally, this past week, Jimmy played a great Christmas song I never hear before by Tommy James & the Shondells called "It's Christmas Again"; I wonder how that one got past me back in the day.

I also heard a great new recording by the Classics IV. Yes, they are still around and singing, but just not this year when time stopped or all of us. Their new recording is their

first ever Christmas song; "All I Want for Christmas is You," a neat Classic IV spin on an old holiday tune.

HERE'S A SHOUT OUT TO ...
Rosa down at Salon International in East Boston on Lubec Street, the Winthrop House of Pizza making the best take out pizza in town since 1975, and to Clark and gang down at Carmella's on Cottage Street in the Point. Season's Greetings to all of them.

RETURN OF THE SPACE SAVERS



Finally, something normal has happened again with the arrival of a winter snowstorm and all those space savers.
(Photo by Sal Giarratani)



2020 WORLD SERIES (Blu-ray) Shout Factory
The Los Angeles Dodgers are World Series champions of 2020. On a quest for redemption after losing the World Series in 2017 and 2018, the Dodgers clinched their 2020 title in six games against the Tampa Bay Rays during a season — a year — so unique. The Fall Classic pitted the two best teams of a condensed regular season and expanded Postseason at a neutral site, the new Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas. The Dodgers and Rays would split the first four games in a back-and-forth affair. Clayton Kershaw and Walker Buehler were stellar for the Dodgers in Games 1 and 3, and the offense loaded up with go-ahead home runs from Cody Bellinger and Justin Turner. After a shocking loss in an all-time great Game 4, the Dodgers still needed two more wins to put to rest the ghosts of recent Postseason disappointments. The Dodgers jumped to an early lead in Game 5 behind Mookie Betts and Willie Mays World Series MVP Corey Seager. The legendary southpaw Kershaw and a trio of relievers would keep the Rays at bay to set up the clinch in Game 6. The Dodgers would take a late lead this time behind the duo of Betts and Seager again, and a whole new generation of Dodgers fans would celebrate their own heroes and championship, the first for the franchise since 1988 when Kirk Gibson hit an improbable home run. In five years at the helm, Manager Dave Roberts has now led the Dodgers to five consecutive NL West Division titles, three National League™ pennants, and one World Series title, returning the Commissioner's Trophy to the franchise whose first championship was led by the iconic Jackie Robinson.

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JIU JITSU (DVD) Paramount Home Ent.

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RAINING IN THE MOUNTAIN (Blu-ray) Film Movement Classics

During the Ming Dynasty, a Buddhist abbot charged with protecting the sacred handwritten scroll of Tripitaka prepares to name his successor. An aristocrat and a general arrive at his secluded mountaintop monastery promising to help in his search, but are in fact scheming to secure the scroll for themselves, setting the stage for a battle of both wits and fists. Soon, the monastery is transformed into an epic battle for the scroll, with each player caught in a web of betrayal. This late-period masterpiece from King Hu, infuses the trailblazing auteur's transcendent style of martial arts cinema with an insightful mediation on spiritual principles.

LOVE AND MONSTERS (Blu-ray) Paramount Home Ent.

Seven years after the Monsterpocalypse, Joel Dawson (Dylan O'Brien), along with the rest of humanity, has been living underground ever since giant creatures took control of the land. After reconnecting over radio with his high school girlfriend Aimee (Jessica Henwick), who is now 80 miles away at a coastal colony, Joel begins to fall for her again. As Joel realizes that there's nothing left for him underground, he decides to venture out to Aimee, despite all the dangerous monsters that stand in his way. The fun-filled and action-packed adventure also stars Dan Ewing, Michael Rooker and Ariana Greenblatt.

TROMPIE – UPONDO & NKINSELA (DVD) Film Movement

IndiePix Films invite home audiences for a thoroughly entertaining trip to Sollywood with two all-new, adventure-filled home entertainment releases in their acclaimed Retro Afrika collection: Trompie and Upondo & Nkinsela. Trompie (1975), is the only feature film adapted from Topsy Smith's incredibly popular book series, Trompie is set in 1970's Apartheid South Africa, in the picturesque town of Kwaggaberg, and follows Torien, the leader of a neighborhood "gang," and his three mischief-making pals: Bikkies, Rooie, and little Dawie. Together, they're know as the Boksombende, and they're typical 12 year olds, full of brilliant ideas and escapades, and whenever they find themselves in a pickle, they talk their way out of trouble, repentant or not. Upondo & Nkinsela (1984), features Pondo and Nkinsela, two haphazard, dysfunctional friends who end up going on a series of crazy adventures. From ruining a bride's wedding day to destroying a client's hairdo in a beauty salon, to escaping a ghost, talent agents, and mob bosses, the two friends always seem to come out on top, despite the havoc they cause wherever they go, in a feature-length series of 13 vignettes.

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• COVID-19 Briefing (Continued from Page 2)

ROLLBACK TO THE STATE'S REOPENING PLAN:

Governor Baker announced a 25% capacity limit for most industries. These restrictions are in effect starting this Saturday, December 26th until January 10th.

As a reminder, on December 16th, Boston moved back into a modified Phase 2, Step 2 of reopening, for at least three weeks. We are also going to be following the State's rollback on capacity. But that does not change the industries temporarily closed to in-person use in Boston:

- Museums, movie theaters, gyms, etc., will not reopen to in-person use until at least January 6th.

Starting Saturday, December 26th, in accordance with the State's new restrictions, restaurants, close contact personal services, places of worship, indoor golf facilities, and retail businesses in Boston will be reduced to 25% capacity. Office spaces will be reduced from 40% to 25% as well.

The Mayor reminded everyone that the goal of these rollbacks is to slow the spread of the virus now, so we can avoid a more severe shutdown later. For more information about reopening policies in Boston, visit: [Boston.gov/Reopening](https://www.boston.gov/reopening).

FEDERAL COVID-19 RELIEF PACKAGE:

On December 22nd Congress passed a \$900 billion COVID-19 relief package.

The Mayor, who has continually called on the Federal Government to do more to help the American people during this crisis, thanked the Massachusetts delegation for their advocacy on the issue.

He said that this bill is a necessary step in the right direction. It provides support for families, small businesses, schools, and vaccine distribution; it helps protect jobs; it boosts unemployment benefits; it provides more access to food through increases to SNAP benefits; and it extends the federal eviction moratorium.

However, the Mayor insisted that Congress must go further to help the American people, saying, "The Biden-Harris administration plans to act immediately to bring comprehensive support. We hope that will include direct

aid to cities and towns. This crisis is far from over. People and communities are still struggling, every day, and recovery is going to be a long process. We need the Federal Government to do its part in getting the country back on its feet. That is what we expect from the leaders we elect to Washington. So it is my hope that, when Congress returns from break, they will not waste a moment in delivering the aid that the American people deserve."

HOLIDAY HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDANCE:

The Mayor reminded residents that this time of year, we sometimes see an uptick in package thefts and car break-ins.

He urged people to make arrangements to ensure packages won't be left unattended, whether they're sending or receiving them. The Postal Service offers special delivery instructions which can be submitted through their website.

The City is also reminding everyone not to leave valuables in their cars and to double check that cars are locked. If you must keep valuables in your car, keep them out of sight.

For tips on avoiding theft, and what to do if you experience it, are available at: [BPDNews.com](https://www.bpdnews.com).

He also reminded everyone to remain vigilant with COVID-19 precautions throughout the holiday season, saying, "We are still in a critical period of this crisis. The virus does not go away during the holidays. This is not the time to let your guard down. We all have the responsibility to keep our communities, and each other, safe. Our choices now could make all the difference in what our January and February look like."

He reiterated that during the holidays, you should celebrate only with the people you live with; there should be no holiday parties; and that the City strongly encourages all Boston residents not to travel, as travel increases the chance of getting and spreading COVID-19.

If anyone is planning on gathering with family outside your household or traveling, we urge extreme caution. In Boston, indoor gatherings should be limited to 10 people or fewer, and everyone should stay six feet apart and wear masks when they are not eating or drinking.

The Mayor issues a reminder that getting tested for COVID-19 does not protect you from infection. In other words, you cannot "test your way in or out" of a safe, traditional holiday gathering. No matter what, gathering in a group will increase your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19. If people do gather, the Mayor said, you should get tested before and after.

The City has posted additional holiday health and safety guidance on its website.

The Mayor acknowledged the hard decisions and hard conversations families have been having this holiday season, saying: "I know it's hard to be away from the people you love — especially during the holidays. And it's hard to say 'no' to our loved ones. Many of us have been having difficult conversations with family members about what to expect this year. Instead of gathering in person, consider safer ways to connect — such as through virtual platforms. This is a time to be creative, and keep the holiday spirit alive."

NEW TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITY FOR SENIORS:

The Mayor discussed one of the ways the City has gotten creative this holiday season. Most years, the Age Strong commission hosts a Holiday Calls event at City Hall for seniors. Usually, we welcome hundreds of seniors to City Hall to make free, long-distance phone calls to loved ones around the country and the world.

This year, we can't bring the seniors into City Hall. But we're more concerned than ever about isolation, loneliness, and economic insecurity among our elders. So we're teaming up with partners on a special program in place of the phone call event.

AT&T is making a \$30,000 donation to our partner Tech Goes Home, the digital equity nonprofit. Tech Goes Home will work with our Age Strong Commission to provide devices and technology training to older adults.

The Mayor said, "Access to technology is a pressing need in Boston's older community, and we want to do everything we can to keep our seniors connected. I want to thank AT&T, Tech Goes Home, and our Age Strong team for keeping this tradition alive and helping our residents connect with their loved ones this holiday season."

He also encouraged seniors to reach out to our Age Strong Commission to learn more about ways to stay connected and engaged in the New Year.

Coping with isolation and loneliness:

The Mayor closed with a message for anyone who is struggling with mental health issues or other challenges right now, saying: "The end of the year is a time for reflection, and we will all be reflecting on a very difficult year. Many people have been hit hard by the pandemic. We have all had to make sacrifices. It's okay to feel overwhelmed, tired, or sad. Don't be afraid to talk to someone or ask for help."

He shared some of the resources available, if you are feeling hopeless or lost:

You can reach out to a health provider or trusted community

organization, or you can call **3-1-1** and we'll connect you to resources.

You can also call or text the **Samaritans 24/7 Helpline** at **877-870-4673**.

For people facing domestic violence or abuse of any kind: Never hesitate to call **9-1-1** if you or someone you know needs help.

The Mayor said that he appreciates the community's help with this, asking everyone to stay in touch with friends, family, and neighbors so that no one feels alone this holiday season.

He closed with this reflection: "We still have a long way to go in this crisis. But we have turned a corner in this pandemic. And we have reasons to be optimistic. The vaccine is rolling out. Every day, people are getting vaccinated — including right here in Boston. When the time comes, I ask everyone to follow the lead of our health care heroes and medical experts and take the vaccine. It's another act that we can all take as individuals to protect ourselves and our families, and bring our community safely through this crisis. We are finally at a point where we feel like we have less days ahead of us in this virus, than we do behind us. And while we don't know exactly when this pandemic will end, we know that better days are coming. So I am asking everyone to hang in there. Take care of yourself, and look out for one another. Listen to the public health officials and keep doing your part to stay safe and protect those around you. We will get through this difficult time, if we all continue to work together."

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• **Stirpe Nostra** (Continued from Page 2)

country was originally a narrow strip of land on both banks of the Nile River, and we know it now as the Nile Valley. We also know that ancient man walked into this valley before 10,000 B.C. However, the Egypt that is of concern at this writing is the culture that started about 4400 B.C.

It is most important to understand that the ancient Egyptian believed in life after death through the immortality of his ghost or double which he called “ka.” Thus, because of his religion, it was considered very essential to preserve the body after death in order that the ghost might retake possession of it at some future time. He was reluctant to throw dirt over a dead body, hence the employment of tombs and stone coffins. These stone coffins were eventually given the name of sarcophagi (plural) and

sarcophagus (singular). A statue or portrait of the deceased was placed in the tomb so that the returning ghost might recognize those features, which the corpse had lost. This point is also most important because it certainly identifies an origin of religious or memorial art. Food, drink, and money were also provided to start the journey into the new life. Because of their religious beliefs, the Egyptians mummified their dead, and built indestructible places of burial, such as pyramids and multi-roomed tombs.

If you have ever received spiritual gratification because of a visit to a religious grotto, or because of a memorial service for a deceased member of your family ... remember ... so did the Egyptians, 4,400 years ago.

NEXT ISSUE:
Some Religious Origins

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10-U Commerce Way
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Docket No. MI20P5479EA

Estate of
GERALD M. GOOLKASIAN
Also Known As
GERALD GOOLKASIAN
GERALD MICHAEL GOOLKASIAN
Date of Death: October 30, 2020

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Amy R. Goolkasian of Lexington, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Amy R. Goolkasian of Lexington, 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: 12/25/2020

• **Four Women “Quattro Donne”** (Continued from Page 5)

Stella unable to contain herself, reiterated, “It doesn’t seem fair they should be left in Boston, while the rest of you are enjoying yourselves.” Auntie Angie seemed ready to jump out of her skin after Auntie’s last remark. Once again, she kicked Mom under the table to get her to say something to quiet Auntie Stella. Before Mom could get a word out, Egidio offered, “I agree, next time, we will all come together.”

The families spent the rest of the evening at the dinner table, talking about mutual family friends, church, Saint Theresa Society, and everything else they had in common. They

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Docket No. MI20P5480EA

Estate of
BENJAMIN PHILLIP KESSEL
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BENJAMIN KESSEL, BEN KESSEL
Date of Death: September 20, 2020

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Irene F. Kessel of Natick, MA**.

Beverly G. Rich of Natick, 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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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
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Docket No. SU20P2060GD

NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of
Guardian of a Minor

In the interests of
JORDIN LEE PECORA
of E. Boston, MA
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 11/02/2020 by **Theresa F. Pecora of Derry, NH** will be held 01/08/2021 02:00 PM Motion. Located at www.zoomgov.com, Meeting ID: 161 898 2922

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: November 27, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/25/2020

talked about everything but Carla, preferring to keep that subject untouched, yet she was ever present in the words that were never spoken.

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

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Docket No. MI20P5582EA

Estate of
MAUREEN DRISCOLL MESSURI
Also Known As
MAUREEN D. MESSURI
Date of Death: July 11, 2020

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

John A. Messuri of Arlington, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Docket No. SU20P2061GD

NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of
Guardian of a Minor

In the interests of
SKYLAR RAINE PECORA
of E. Boston, MA
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



It's Christmas time, and when my grandparents were alive, this was the point in time, they began to buy the non perishables that would be on the dining room table on Christmas Eve and Christmas day. On his way home from work, Babbononno would make a side trip to the North End and buy the things that wouldn't go bad over time. He would buy nuts, dates and figs that would follow the main meals on both Christmas Eve and day. Seeing he had a sweet tooth, there was a candy store on Salem Street that could put a dent in his wallet. He would combine both American and Italian candy in his order just in case we kids didn't like the Italian stuff, but we liked everything.

Next, Babbononno would check out the meat markets on Hanover and Salem Streets and order things he wouldn't be picking up until around the 23rd or 24th. He would do the same at Giuffre's Fish Market which was just outside the Sumner Tunnel. Christmas Eve is traditionally celebrated with seven fishes, and Babbononno wanted to make sure he could obtain eels and the fish he considered the best for December 24th, so he would order them. From there, he would head to a store to buy Italian coffee and biscotti that accompanied espresso after dinner. On his way to meet up with his friends for a cup of coffee or a drink, my grandfather would stop at the liquor store on Hanover Street and buy a bottle of Italian brandy, and maybe Stregga, and Gagliano, the sweet after dinner drinks the ladies might enjoy. Once he would leave his friends, it was a tossup as to whether he would take the T to get home or stick his thumb out in front of the Sumner Tunnel and hope someone would give him a lift to East Boston.

Nanna and my mother would do the same with the East Boston vendors around the same point in time. They wanted to make sure their orders could be accommodated when the time came. There was one thing left besides the perishable foods, and that was solely up to Babbononno to take care of. My great uncle Tony's homemade wine.

Uncle Tony or Zi'Antonio was Nanna's brother and Babbononno's best friend. My grandfather considered him the best winemaker on the East Coast and would buy a couple of gallons of Zi'Antonio's best when either Dad or one of my uncles could drive him to Orleans Street in East Boston, where Uncle Tony lived.

None of my relatives in Babbononno's generation drove. They relied on their sons to drive them where ever they had to go. Back then, the women didn't drive either. Mom got behind the wheel of Dad's 49 Chevy only once for a driving lesson, but gave up after a couple of minutes and Dad was grateful she quit.

When it was time to buy the wine, usually my father would take Babbononno to Uncle Tony's. Both my great uncle and grandfather would sample the vintages and Babbononno would choose the ones he wanted. During the selections, the two of them would sample the various wines that were displayed on the kitchen table. This meant that by the time we were ready to head home, Babbononno was feeling no pain and neither was my great uncle.

I remember one episode in particular. Dad drove Babbononno to Uncle Tony's and I tagged along hoping some of my cousins might be around. None were and I wound up sitting at the kitchen table with the old timers and Dad. One of Zi'Antonio's sons was home, John Ceruolo. Cousin John had been blinded years earlier and lived with his parents for safety sake. He was standing up leaning against the kitchen stove. To get to the sink, anyone heading in that direction had to pass by John. Seeing that Babbononno wanted to wash out his glass after each type of wine he sampled, he had to pass cousin John. The first few times there was no problem, but after the wine started to take effect, Babbononno would bang into John with, "Oh scusa, Giovanni." The contact was made both on route to the sink and on the way back. Finally, in exasperation, cousin John yelled out, "Zio Mike, who the hell is blind around here, you or me?" Dad laughed but I was afraid to open my mouth. Needless to say, by the time we got Babbononno back home, it was time for him to take a nap.

Later in the week, it would be determined who would be at the dinner table on Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Once this was established, the lists could be completed that would determine how much food to order. Of course, if Nanna and Babbononno were going to have a table of 12 people, Nanna and my mother would cook for about 20, just in case.

When Christmas was about 2 or 3 weeks away, our phone would ring off the wall. Band leaders and contractors would call looking for Dad to play just about every type of Christmas

party that could be planned. Some were down town office parties with 2 or 3 musicians playing music of the season. Dad booked in everything he could spacing the events out so they wouldn't overlap. Some of them were so close Dad had to hire a chauffer to get him from one place to another in order to be on time. Even back then, parking in down town Boston was next to impossible. Dad's driver would stop in front of the building where the office was located and Dad would run inside carrying his bass violin. As soon as he was in the right office, the cover would come off the bass, the other side men would get ready and the music would begin. One year, the *Globe* did an article on Dad calling him Boston's busiest bass player.

This routine would continue for Dad, Uncle Paul and Uncle Nick through the afternoon of Christmas Eve. At around 4:00 p.m., the offices would empty out and the men in my family would head home. Chances are they rested or napped before it was time for the traditional Christmas Eve at Nanna's table. Gone would be the tuxedos worn that afternoon. In place of the black bow ties would be Christmas neckties that were apropos for a Christmas Eve dinner.

We would feast of the variety of fish that Nanna, Mom and Babbononno cooked. Babbononno would have to skin, clean and cook the eels as no one else would touch them. As a matter of fact, I can't remember anyone except Babbononno eating eels.

While the men of the family waited for the different courses to be served, they discussed the places they had played for those two or three hour Christmas parties. Sometimes complaining sometimes bragging about the sidemen that were with them. The next day, Christmas, was a repeat of the night before. This is the way it was all through Christmas season when I was a kid and the money Dad and my uncles made put the food on the table.

From the descendents of Mike and Jenny Contini, (Nanna and Babbononno) Buon Natale e Felice Capo d'Anno. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Stay safe in 2021, and may GOD BLESS AMERICA

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JANUARY 2, 2021
at 9:00 AM

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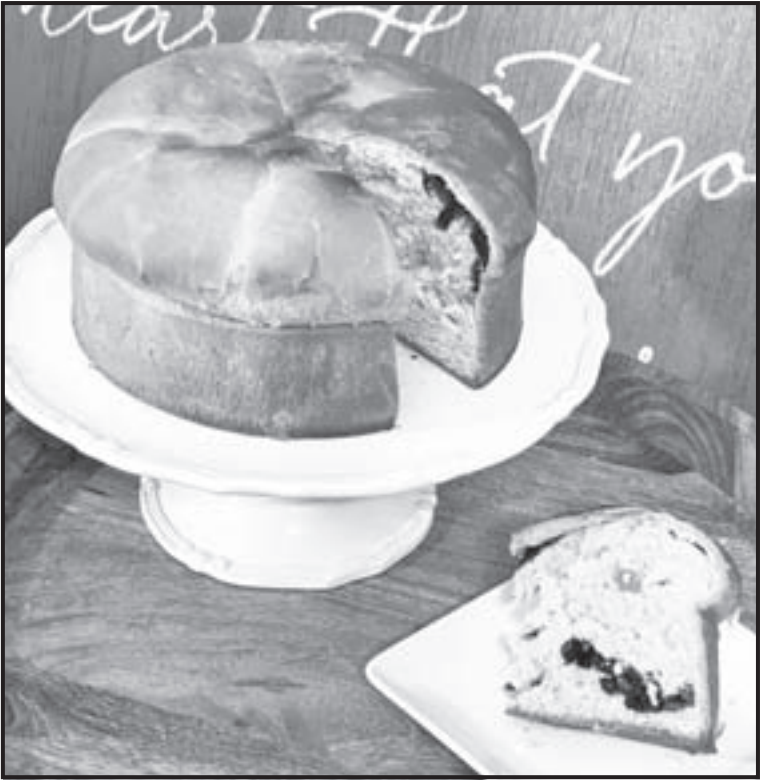


In Italy or here in America, if you live in an Italian household, there's no doubt in my mind you must have received at least one beautifully wrapped *panettone* during this holiday season! This Italian Christmas cake is often referred to as "*pane di tonno*" or "luxury cake" and originated in Milan many centuries ago. While various legends surround its origination, in Italy it remains customary for people to bring a *panettone* along when invited into a home during the holiday season for an espresso, lunch, dinner or dessert.

Growing up, I cannot begin to describe just how many beautifully wrapped *Panettone* I watched friends and relatives bring to my family during the holiday season. Of course we never wasted food so on Christmas morning or even during the weeks ahead, *panettone* was served in a variety of ways! It was eaten after dinner for dessert and even served lightly toasted and buttered for breakfast. My favorite of all was when we used a *panettone* to make bread pudding or *Budino Di Pane Di Panettone*, as it is often referred. This easy to make dish uses few ingredients and is absolutely delicious to serve as a breakfast on a weekend or holiday morning and equally as scrumptious when adding a dollop of fresh mascarpone whipped cream, and plated as a dessert! I encourage you to take those beautifully wrapped *panettone* you received as gifts this holiday season and turn them into a *Budino Di Pane Di Panettone* your family and friends are sure to love!

PANETTONE BREAD PUDDING

Budino Di Pane Di Panettone



- 1 loaf panettone bread (I use homemade, store bought can be substituted), cut into cubes

8 large fresh eggs
1 1/2 cups heavy cream
2 1/2 cups whole milk
1 1/4 cups granulated sugar

Generously butter a 13 by 9-inch baking dish. Arrange cubed panettone in the dish, evenly. In a large mixing bowl, beat together eggs, cream, milk and sugar. Pour this mixture over the panettone, pressing the bread down to ensure it is evenly immersed. Cover and place in the refrigerator for a half hour.

Preheat the oven to 350°. Uncover panettone custard mixture and place in the oven for 40-50 minutes, or until it is golden colored and cooked in the center (mixture will still be very moist). Cool until firm.

***Flavoring/extracts are not necessary in this recipe as the flavors are already in the panettone!

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

Happy Holidays

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• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

A recent letter to the editor in the *New York Post* pointed out something worth mentioning. As the letter writer Mary Cecilia Kelly of Rye, NY stated, “Remember when President Trump said, “They’re coming after me, but they’re really coming after you.” Their power grab has grown under the guise of handling the pandemic.

Wonder Woman 1984 For Christmas

Due to the pandemic restrictions, *Wonder Woman 1984* premieres on HBO Max on Christmas Day; it’s the follow up to the 2017 blockbuster movie *Wonder Woman*.

Latest Poll Numbers On Question of Voter Fraud

On Tuesday, December 14th, President-elect Joe Biden took to the airwaves to say “the will of the people prevailed ... This election was honest, free and fair ... I’m convinced we can work together for the good of America - now is the time to turn the page.”

However, there still appears to be many folks out there across America not ready just yet to turn any pages. According to the latest polling data available, a majority of Americans seem to agree that issues of voter fraud are serious problems for them. Another poll showed that 83 percent of Republican voters believed that the presidential election results were rigged by the Democrats. Thirty percent of Independents believed the same thing. More surprising, 20 percent of Democrats agreed too.

Whatever Happened To Journalism 101?

Boy, did the fake media ignore Hunter Biden’s troubles until after the election with that Biden “win” over President Trump. All the usual suspects, MSNBC, CNN, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc., The *Washington Post*, *NY Timers*, ABC, CBS blacked out the Hunter story and waited until after Election day, surprise, surprise.

Too often it is so obvious that the media has forgotten its mission. It is one thing for Kevin Cullen in his *Boston Globe* commentary to attack Trump talking about the return to

competence but quite another to read those *Associated Press* news stories filled with anti-Trump editorializing running through them. News stories should be fact filled news; not hidden biased editorializing.

How about YouTube saying it will no longer allow users to upload videos claiming that President Trump lost the election due to election fraud!

What about *Reuters*? Days before the election Biden proudly bolstered in a video that either most of us have seen or heard that his team had put together “the most extensive and inclusive voter fraud organization in the history of American politics.”

Immediately Biden Democrats and a chorus from the fake media said the words were taken out of context.

Reuters went even further. According to this news agency, Biden “likely meaning to say voter protection instead of voter fraud.” We shouldn’t be getting an independent news source’s interpretation of what Biden meant to say. That’s not their job. How can any of us trust a media that forgets its role delivering news?

Getting back to the Hunter story, why did the whole lot of them, fake media and big tech, suppress everything until after Election Day? Sounds like collusion to me.

Anybody want to get a FISA warrant?

Democrats Want Us To Run and Hide

There is a State Representative candidate down in Texas named Terry Meza who reportedly wants to abolish the so-called “Defend your Castle Law” that

allows homeowners to defend themselves inside their own homes if someone illegally enters it looking to rob the place. This Democrat liberal wants the homeowner to run and hide until the culprit leaves with the loot.

NCIS on the Mark

CBS-TV’s *NCIS*, starring Mark Harmon averaged 15 million viewers last season - TV’s most – watched Broadcast series according to Nielsen ratings.

End Quote
“If you want to be happy, be.”
— Leo Tolstoy

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Lowell Justice Center
370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor
Lowell, MA 01852
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Docket No. MI20P4616EA
Estate of
JOAN CRAWFORD
Date of Death: September 09, 2020
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Richard W. Crawford of Melrose, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Richard W. Crawford of Melrose, MA, Michael B. Crawford of Rockport, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Notice is hereby given by Pat's Towing, 50 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell or junk the following non-titled moped/scooters on or after January 2, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.
2015 TAOTAO CY50-E
VIN # L9NTEACX6F1100010:
Towed per the SHA on 07/14/20:
Last registered owner unknown.
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VIN # ZAPC161A435001467:
Towed per the SPD on 09/05/20:
Last registered owner unknown.
2016 TAOTAO CY50-E
VIN # L9NTEACX0G1301421:
Towed per the SPD on 09/06/20:
Last registered owner unknown.
2013 ADLY BULLEYE GTC
VIN # RFLDC0517DA005852:
Towed per the SPD on 07/14/20:
Last registered owner unknown.
2012 GENUINE SCOOTERS
BUDDY 50
VIN # RFVPAP5A7C1008669:
Towed per the SPD on 08/25/20:
Last registered owner unknown.
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VIN # L9NTEACB3E1172141:
Towed per the SPD on 10/03/19:
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2020 ZNEN ZN50QT
VIN # L5YACBPZ3L1101956:
Towed per the SHA on 09/16/20:
Last registered owner unknown.
2020 TAOTAO PONY 50
VIN # L9NTCBAE4L1000707:
Towed per the SPD on 08/07/20:
Last registered owner unknown.
2020 YONGFU BINTELLI
VIN # LL0T6APR1LG000198
Vehicles are being stored at 142 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, and may be viewed by appointment only.
Signed
Pat's Towing
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• L'Anno Bello (Continued from Page 4)

meal that ends with my chocolate-vanilla marbled ring cake for dessert. Ring cakes are yet another lucky food for this feast, since their shape symbolizes the cycle of the year. I enjoy hearing my grandmother tell stories about the quirky traditions that characterized New Year’s Eve in her small Italian hometown, such as sweeping out the door with a broom at midnight in order to chase away the old year. Sometimes my family plays Bingo together, known as *tombola* in Italian. Games of chance are popular components of New Year’s festivities around the world, for they mimic the unpredictable thrill of good fortune. We watch the televised New Year’s celebration in New York, and when the famed Times Square ball finally drops at midnight, we hug and kiss and wish each other a happy New Year. This is my favorite tradition, as it reminds me that being surrounded by the love of family and friends is the best wish I can ask for all year! New Year’s Day is far more low-key. Known as *Capodanno*, or “head of the year,” in Italian, this is a day devoted to recuperating from the previous night’s parties. Superstition advises that the way you start the New Year is the way you will end it, so I like to spend New Year’s Day doing a little bit of all the things I love, such as writing, reading, baking and watching a movie. New Year’s Day is also laden with a unique and pleasant feeling. The sky seems bluer, the birds sing loudly, and snow sparkles like diamonds on the ground. I believe the whole world is starting anew!

The twinned holidays of New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day are purely magical, brimming with mystery and anticipation and the electrifying hope of good fortune. They are two feasts of the Christmas season that shine with unique lore and traditions. They inspire us to start a new cycle encircled by the love of family and with a hopeful optimism in our hearts. By greeting the New Year with joy and goodwill, as customs

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Docket No. MI20P5530EA
Estate of
MARY C. BEAUDRY
Date of Death: October 20, 2020
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Madeline Y. Morrison of Bedford, VA, Petitioner William N. Friedler of Boston, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Madeline Y. Morrison of Bedford, VA, William N. Friedler of Boston, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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around the world dictate, we are actually creating our own good fortune. Whether we feast on lentils or shout loudly at the stroke of midnight, New Year’s traditions remind us that love and confidence are exactly what we need to equip our journey into the unknown. Yes, it can prove frightening to leave behind the familiar and the comfortable and start fresh, but New Year’s celebrations offer us the chance to improve our outlook on life. Without an ending, there can be no beginnings, or opportunities for journeys of self-discovery. This New Year’s, surround yourself with loved ones and promise to carry an attitude of cheer and wonder for the next twelve months to come!
Happy New Year to All! *Buon Anno!*

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

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Docket No. MI20P5484EA
Estate of
MARY M. PIERCE
Date of Death: September 26, 2018
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Eugene A. Pierce of Medford, MA**. **Eugene A. Pierce of Medford, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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Docket No. MI20P5497EA
Estate of
ISAAC O. MEHREZ
Date of Death: September 16, 2020
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Mary P. Mehrez of Belmont, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Mary P. Mehrez of Belmont, 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. MI20P1370EA
Estate of
KLAUS W. KORTEN
Date of Death: August 20, 2019
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Geraldine B. Korten of Natick, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Geraldine B. Korten of Natick, 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. MI20P5055EA
Estate of
VIRGINIA MARGARUTE BRAY
Date of Death: October 10, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Tammy Bray Atwood of Burlington, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that Tammy Bray Atwood of Burlington, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 11, 2021.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 14, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Finally Justice for The Negro Leagues and Its Players

The Major League Baseball organization has finally done the right thing in recognizing that the Negro Leagues were Major Leagues and its players Major Leaguers and their stats

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Docket No. MI20P5516EA

Estate of
IRENE T. FLYNN
Date of Death: September 15, 2019

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Michael F. Flynn of Tewksbury, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Michael F. Flynn of Tewksbury, 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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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN
FRENCHMAN'S COVE CONDOMINIUM
OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

CASE No. ST-2019-CV00569

Plaintiff
vs.
VIRGINIA C. ALEX,
CHRISTOPHE G. ALEX, GEORGE C. ALEX,
the known heirs of JAMES C. ALEX, and
"JOHN DOE" the unknown heirs of
JAMES C. ALEX, Deceased,
and all other persons Claiming a right, title,
lien, estate or interest in Timeshare Interest
Number 0223P04 with Usage of unit on an
annual basis within the Platinum Season, in
Frenchman's Cove
Condominium St. Thomas, United States
Virgin Islands, *Defendants*.

ACTION FOR DEBT FORECLOSURE OF
LIEN AND BREACH OF CONTRACT
SUMMONS

To: "John Doe", the unknown heirs of
JAMES C. ALEX
301 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116

Within the time limited by law (see note below) you are hereby required to appear before this Court and answer to a complaint filed against you in this action and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment by default will be taken against you as demanded in the Complaint, for **DEBT, FORECLOSURE OF LIEN AND BREACH OF CONTRACT**.

Witness my hand and the Seal of this Court this 4th day of November, 2020.

TAMARA CHARLES
Clerk of the Court

Matthew J. Duensing, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Law Offices of Duensing & Casner
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P.O. Box 6785
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00804
Frenchman's Cove Condominium Owners' Association, Inc.
Law Offices of Duensing & Casner,
P.O. Box 6785,
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00804

NOTE: This defendant, if served personally, is required to file his answer or other defenses with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney within twenty one (21) days after service of this summons, excluding the date of service. The defendant, if served by publication or by personal service outside of the jurisdiction, is required to file his answer or other defense with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the attorney for the plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the completion of the period of publication or personal service outside of the jurisdiction.

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Major League stats.

I will have more to say on this in the next few weeks. The cut-off date for the Negro League stats was 1948. These leagues didn't officially end until I believe 1952, too bad! Hank Aaron played at a very young age in that league after baseball itself was officially integrated. I had wished Aaron had hit at least 18 homers before being called up by the Braves just before that team headed for Milwaukee. Only five of his home runs were added to his

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Docket No. MI20P5104EA

Estate of
LETIZIA DELICATA
Date of Death: September 02, 2020

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Leo J. Delicata of Portland, ME**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Leo J. Delicata of Portland, ME 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. MI17P4334EA

Estate of
DOROTHY W. LEE
Date of Death: April 10, 2017

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Virginia D. Livingstone (formerly known as Virginia D. Lee) of Wayland, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 04, 2021.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 04, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 12/25/2020

MLB totals. I so wanted him to regain the All-Time Home Run lead over Barry Bonds.

What's Wrong With The Indians Team Name?

The Cancel Culture continues rolling along. Chief Wahoo, the team mascot, is already out for this team and now it seems so is the very name Indians, too. I can see the mascot going, but what is wrong with saying the word Indians? The self-hating American Left will leave no stone unturned in trying to erase our nation's past. How is all this cosmetic uproar making America better?

As far as mascots go, they all gotta go. Every name is verboten. The Indians are looking for a new name, but it is such a difficult task. What wouldn't be considered offensive nowadays to the American Left looking to be so inoffensive and benign?

Happy Birthday To. .

Cecil Cooper just turned 71 years old. The first baseman was with the Red Sox from 1971-76 and hit .283 before being traded for Bernie Carbo and George Scott. Scott, "The Boomer" had been traded to the Brewers when Cooper was to replace him at first and then Cooper was traded to get Scott back.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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

2015 DODGE CHALLENGER
VIN # 2C3CDZBG8FH715875

2005 FORD FOCUS
VIN # 1FAPP36N55W241766

2016 YONGFU YN50QT-8 SCOOTER
VIN # LL0TCABH4GYC63358
Towed per the BPD on 08/19/20
Last registered owner unknown.

2018 CHICAGO SCOOTER CO.
VIN # L4HCATA11J6000239
Towed per the MSP on 10/01/20
Last registered owner unknown.

2019 YONGFU YN50QT-8
VIN # LL0TCAPH0K5000001
Towed per the BPD on 04/17/20
Last registered owner unknown.

2020 ZHWEKI ZW50QT
VIN # LT4Z1NAA6LZ000176
Towed per the BPD on 04/30/20
Last registered owner unknown.

2019 GENUINE SCOOTERS BUDDY
VIN # RFPVAP5A6K1125352
Towed per the BPD on 08/20/20
Last registered owner unknown.

2019 YONGFU YN50QT-8
VIN # LL0TCAPH0KY48206Y
Towed per the BPD on 08/10/20
Last registered owner unknown.

2019 YONGFU YN50QT-21
VIN # LL0TCAPX8KY680477
Towed per the BPD on 09/23/20
Last registered owner unknown.

2020 YONGFU YN50QT-8
VIN # LL0TCAPH7LG001556
Towed per the MSP on 06/06/20
Last registered owner unknown.

2011 TAIZHOU CITY KAITONG
VIN # LYDTCCKPF8B1501597
Towed per the BPD on 05/24/20
Last registered owner unknown.

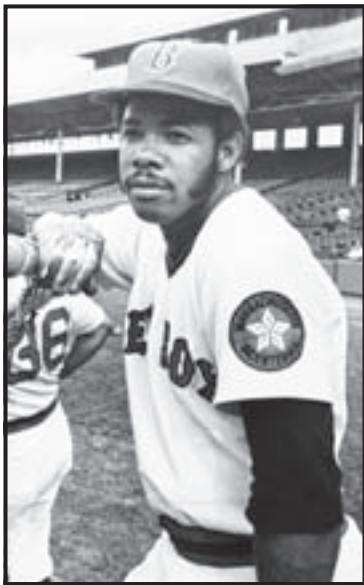
2006 YAMAHA YZF-R6
VIN # JYARJ12E66A009478
2016 PIAGGIO FLY 50 4V
VIN # ZAPC526BXG7001997

2020 TAOTAO POWERMAX 150
VIN # L9NTCGPG0L1010317

2000 HONDA SA50
VIN # H1AF1603YD101019

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

Signed
D & G Towing
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Cecil Cooper

With the Brewers, Cooper went on to be one of the best players in Milwaukee franchise history, hitting .302 with 201 HR and 944 RBI in 11 seasons. That Bicentennial deal helped both teams. An old fan

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI20D2797DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
MARCELO O. PORENCIO
vs.
ANTHONY MACHADO

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Desertion.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Marcelo O. Porencio, 5 Greenleaf Place, #2, Melrose, MA 02176** your answer, if any, on or before **January 26, 2021**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 15, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 12/25/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Export Enterprises, Inc., 50 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell or junk the following vehicles on or after December 26, 2020 beginning at 10:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

2014 NISSAN SENTRA
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VIN #1FTFW1EV7AFA19503

2004 INFINITI G35
VIN #JNKC51F14M718877

2003 MERCEDES E500
VIN #WDBUF70J23A239015

2017 CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN
VIN #1GCVGAFFXH1123379

2005 CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN
VIN #1GAHG39U351226713

2005 FORD E350 VAN
VIN #1FDWE35S85HA88078

2004 FORD RANGER
VIN #1FTZR15E54PA24119

2004 ACURA TL
VIN #19UUA66254A076020

2004 CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN
VIN #1GCGG25V341109661

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

Signed
Export Enterprises, Inc.
Run dates: 12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 2020



George Scott

favorite Scott returned to Boston and fans in Milwaukee loved Cooper.

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VIN # LB2G9TAAXK1003735:
Towed per the MSP on 09/09/20:
Last registered owner unknown.

2020 ZHEJIANG RIYA MOTORCYCLE CO.
VIN # LEHTCB131LR801747:
Towed per the MSP on 05/02/20:
Last registered owner unknown.

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Signed
Export Enterprises, Inc.
Run dates: 12/18, 12/25, 2020; 1/1/2021

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Docket No. MI20P5595EA

Estate of
MELINDA CHAMBERLAIN DIETRICH
Also Known As
MELINDA C. DIETRICH
Date of Death: October 31, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Daniel F. Vinton of Overland Park, KS** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Daniel F. Vinton of Overland Park, KS** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 11, 2021.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM
PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 14, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 12/25/2020

Boxing



Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

Colorful Boxers — Colorful Art

Leroy Neiman Artwork For Programs and Poster

In the '60s and '70s

Leroy Neiman was a terrific artist and one of his favorite subjects was boxing. He had a great eye for the sport that translated into his artwork depicting it. He was often commissioned to do the posters and cover work for many of the fights during that period, and he could often be seen at ringside with his sketch pad out. Leroy spent a lot of time around the gyms where he got to know the boxers and trainers quite well.

Here is a selection of his poster and program art for a number of fights.



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HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



SUMMERS ON THE CAPE LEAD TO A BIG JOB IN NEW YORK — Yes in a way, that is what the Cape Cod baseball league is all about. Do well there and you may, just may, impress the scouts enough to be selected in the MLB draft and eventually make the roster of a Major League team.

But that's not the only way to start down a career path in baseball. The latest evidence of that is Jared Porter, who interned in the front office of the Brewster Whitecaps of the Cape Cod League nearly two decades ago. It all paid off just recently when Porter, now 41, was recently named the General Manager of the New York Mets.

However, there is more to Jared than just a fascination with baseball. You see, he went to high school in our region at Thayer Academy in Braintree, where he played with Brian Sullivan, the brother of former Bruins head coach Mike Sullivan — now the bench boss of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

He served as the captain of both the baseball and hockey teams at not only Thayer but later at Bowdoin College in Maine. "He was a very good defenseman," Mike Sullivan told *New York Post* writer Greg Joyce in a phone interview when discussing his cousin.

As related in another *New York Post* piece, it was Ben Cherington, then the former Red Sox minor league director (and later Sox GM) who interviewed Jared for a position with the Red Sox farm team in Fort Myers, Florida.

But the expected short interview took two hours as Porter discussed the players performing in the summer league at some length. "Jared loves players," Cherington told *Post* columnist Joel Sherman. "He loves to learn about players, evaluate players, watch players and get to know players. He loves everything about the process and has for a long time."

Mike Sullivan, who is 11 years older than Jared, played at Boston University and then for more than a decade in the NHL before embarking on a coaching career. After serving as the Bruins head coach he later went on to guide Pittsburgh to two Stanley Cup championships.

Jared chose the front office side almost immediately after college. He went on to experience several successful seasons as both the Rex Sox and Chicago Cubs won World Series when he was affiliated with them. He later moved on to the Arizona Diamondbacks and now is back east with the Mets.

"He could have just as easily wound up on the hockey side," said Mike Sullivan. "But obviously it has worked out for him and we (the entire Sullivan extended family) are thrilled. We all know how difficult it is to be successful in pro sports. Jared has worked extremely hard to get the opportunity he has been given with the New York Mets. I know he will do a great job. He is really smart and has a sense of humility about him that resonates with a lot of people."

Porter will have his work cut out for him as the Mets finished

last in the National League East Division with a 26-34 record over the much shortened MLB regular season in 2020, missing the playoffs for the fourth straight year.

However, expectations for the future are high, following the sale of the Mets to billionaire hedge fund manager Steve Cohen. The New York media feel that translates into money to spend toward the acquisition of high quality free agents.

But Porter may not go that route. "There are buy-low opportunities, there's minor league free agency, Major League free agency, first round picks, 20th round picks, \$10,000 signings from Latin America, \$1 million signings from Latin America." In short, his selections may come from anywhere and everywhere.

Whatever happens, it will be interesting, particularly when the Mets come to Fenway to take on the Red Sox in interleague contests. Let the games begin.

HUBIE BROWN RETURNS — The veteran ESPN basketball broadcaster will return to calling NBA games this season after sitting out the bubble in Orlando this past summer.

However, given that he is 87, he will begin the season by calling games remotely, either from home or in a studio located in Bristol, CT, the home of the network.

After playing college hoops and graduating from Niagara University in 1955, Brown joined the U.S. Army and played for its basketball team. He eventually spent nine years coaching at the high school level in New York State and New Jersey.

He then became an assistant at William and Mary and later at Duke University before joining the Milwaukee Bucks as an assistant in 1972. The Bucks of that era — included NBA superstars Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Oscar Robertson, a team that the Celtics defeated in seven games for the 1974 NBA Championship.

He then became the head coach of the Kentucky Colonels of the American Basketball Association (ABA), leading them to the league championship in 1975.

After the Colonels folded with the merger of the ABA and the NBA in 1976, he became the head coach of the Atlanta Hawks, followed by the New York Knicks and (much later) the Memphis Grizzlies. He got his broadcast start in the middle of the 1980s and has continued on that path ever since. Welcome back to the NBA, Hubie.

STILL ATOP THE CHARTS AFTER ALL THESE YEARS — It was 50 years ago (December 21, 1970) that a king visited the White House. He was not a king who reigned over a geographical nation but rather one who was recognizable across America and throughout the world.

For it was on that day five decades ago that Elvis Presley (called "The King of rock and roll" by many people) visited President Richard M. Nixon in Washington. A half century after his visit, the photo of Elvis with President Nixon remains the No. 1 picture requested by those contacting the National Archives.