

## \$6.4 Million for North End Knights of Columbus HQ

*MassDevelopment Issues Tax-Exempt Bond to Repurpose Knights of Columbus Building for Senior Affordable Housing*

MassDevelopment has issued a \$6.4 million tax-exempt bond on behalf of 41 N. Margin Senior Apartments, LLC, an affiliate of East Boston Community Development Corporation (EBCDC) and Affirmative Investments, Inc., which is using bond proceeds to receive a 99-year lease from Ausonia Home Association for a portion of its property at 41 N. Margin Street in Boston’s North End. EBCDC and Affirmative Investments are also using bond proceeds to convert the property, which has been vacant for two years and was previously the headquarters for the Ausonia Council 1513, Knights of Columbus, into the Knights of Columbus Apartments that will feature 23 one-bedroom units of affordable senior housing

to be rented to households earning no more than 60% of the area median income. The project includes renovating the building, adding two floors where the housing units will be located, and constructing a 1,600-square-foot addition that will serve as the new quarters for Ausonia Council 1513, Knights of Columbus. Eastern Bank purchased the bond. “MassDevelopment is proud to help bring affordable senior housing to one of the most historic neighborhoods in Boston, through East Boston CDC and Affirmative Investments, Inc.,” said MassDevelopment President and CEO Dan Rivera. “The Knights of Columbus headquarters played such an important role in the life of the neighborhood so we are



Rendering of 41 N. Margin Street by architect Michael Angelo Interbartolo, Jr., AIA.

### News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

#### Principal Says Education Based on Racism

Sherwood High School Principal Melissa Baran was slammed as a “BLM Marxist” for saying education has its roots in “white supremacy.” Baran addressing the Sherwood School District on the outskirts of Portland, Oregon said, “Historically, our under-represented students, our most vulnerable students that are experiencing a variety of difficult circumstances ... the system hasn’t been working for them.” Baran, added that, “Education as a whole was built on the system of oppression and white supremacy, and we are trying to talk about that more.”

#### How Many Masks are Too Many?

The CDC is now recommending that everyone wear two face coverings after a new study found that doubling up can improve mask performance against COVID-19 by about 50 percent. Wearing a cloth covering over a disposable mask significantly helps reduce exposure to the deadly virus, the CDC study found. Users should make sure no air is escaping from the area under their eyes or from the sides of the mask, the agency said.

#### NBA Tells Cuban to Play The National Anthem

The NBA has told Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban to restart the playing of the National Anthem before the team’s home games after Cuban apparently stopped doing so because of his concerns about unifying the nation in these turbulent times. The NBA says the National Anthem will be played before the start of each game. Prior to Cuban’s reversal after told to do so by the NBA, Anthony White, the Vice President of the Fort Worth Police Officers Association

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honored and excited to see the property continue its legacy as a safe and affordable home for many area seniors.” “This project will help to create much needed affordable senior housing in the heart of Boston’s North End,” said Pamela Feingold, Senior Vice President and Head of Community Development Lending at Eastern Bank. “Eastern Bank is proud to provide the construction and permanent financing for this project, and we thank MassDevelopment and the entire group of funders for expanding secure and stable housing to the elderly.” In addition to the tax-exempt bonds, MassDevelopment assisted the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development with the approval of federal low-income housing tax credits, which will provide approximately \$4.7 million in equity for the project. “The members of Ausonia Council 1513, Knights of Columbus, are excited to work with East Boston CDC, Affirmative Investments, and state and city governments to provide 23 affordable, elderly apartments to give residents an opportunity to remain in the neighborhood,” said John Pagliuca, Grand

Knight of Ausonia Council 1513, Knights of Columbus. “We believe that using Ausonia Home Association’s property to address the shortage of affordable housing in the North End fulfills our charitable mission to improve the quality of life for people in need.” East Boston Community Development Corporation (EBCDC) is a nonprofit community development corporation dedicated to enhancing the life of low-income residents of East Boston through community services such as elderly housing, affordable and accessible housing, economic development programs, and support for residents of public housing facilities. EBCDC has developed or co-developed more than 1,000 units of subsidized housing and manages 700 subsidized rental apartments. “EBCDC, AI, the Knights of Columbus, MassDevelopment and the City of Boston have, once again, formed an exciting partnership that will result in affordable housing that will create an opportunity for those senior citizens who have long ties to the North End to remain in the community,” said East Boston Community Development Corporation President Albert Caldarelli. Affirmative Investments, Inc. partners with mission-driven

organizations by contributing its real estate finance and development expertise to expand housing opportunities and deliver critical services in low-income communities. Since its founding in 1984, Affirmative Investments has facilitated the financing and development of \$921 million of affordable housing nationwide, representing more than 6,200 units and 81 New Markets Tax Credit deals totaling 4.5 million square feet of space with development costs of \$2 billion. “We are so pleased to move forward with this exciting project for the North End community and cannot thank the Knights of Columbus enough for their generosity and vision,” said Affirmative Investments President David Ennis. “And MassDevelopment is a great and supportive partner.” MassDevelopment, the state’s finance and development agency, works with businesses, nonprofits, banks, and communities to stimulate economic growth across the Commonwealth. During FY2020, MassDevelopment financed or managed 341 projects generating investment of more than \$2.69 billion in the Massachusetts economy. These projects are estimated to create or support 10,871 jobs and build or preserve 1,787 housing units.

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# Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



**VIRGINES VESTALES**  
*(The Best Little Virgins in Old Rome)*



Early 18<sup>th</sup>-century depiction of the dedication of a Vestal, by Alessandro Marchesini

Nothing in Rome is said to be more ancient than the institution of a maiden priesthood. As was mentioned in a previous issue, the worship of Vesta goes back to the time when it was difficult but necessary to obtain fire. The sacred fire, the source of all Roman life and power, was kept alive in an edifice known as the Temple of Vesta. It was constantly tended by a group of virgin priestesses that were known as the Vestals.

At Rome, their number started at four, but was increased to six about the time of the early Republic. During primitive times, the possession of fire was the greatest gain that man had yet made, and to lose it was the greatest misfortune for the community. The chief, or the so-called king, fulfilled a most important duty towards his people by keeping a fire always burning, from which they could at any moment kindle their own. Nothing could be more natural than for the chief's unmarried daughters to be placed in charge of this precious hearth, under the protection of Vesta, the goddess of fire.

The number of Vestals corresponds to the idea that they were originally the daughters of one family, and that they were

the king's daughters is traceable to their position of honor in the Roman State. They have been compared to the nuns of the Roman Catholic Church, and the Atrium Vestae has been called their convent. There was a close resemblance in their vow of chastity and the cutting of their hair.

They were dressed entirely in white, with a coronet shaped headband (infula), ornamented with ribbons (vittae) suspended from it, and also a white veil or hood (suffibulum) made from a piece of white woolen cloth with a purple border.

It is here that the resemblance ended, for instead of poverty and obedience, the Vestals enjoyed great independence and luxury. They were exempt from the common law, and not even subject to the censor's authority. They enjoyed a most conspicuous freedom, having the right to "hold property and to make a will. These rights alone exceeded those of the average females of the times. The Vestals also enjoyed great political importance, often interposing to save a life, to restore harmony at critical moments, or even to carry out the provisions of important wills. Death was the penalty for injuring them, and any-

one whom they escorted was also protected from assault. Meeting them by chance in the street also saved a criminal who was being led away to punishment.

**NEXT WEEK:**  
*Virgines Vestales (continued)*

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**Res Publica**  
*by David Trumbull*



**Democrats Intent on Using  
Pandemic to Permanently Change Elections**

Massachusetts Republican Party Chairman Jim Lyons on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> blasted legislation filed by Democrats that seeks to make universal mail-in voting a permanent fixture in Massachusetts, a system he pointed out that "half the country doesn't trust."

"The Democrats are trying to use the COVID-19 pandemic as an excuse to permanently change how we vote," Lyons said, referencing the so-called VOTES (Act fostering voting opportunities, trust, equity, and security) Act, a proposal that calls for same-day voter registration, two weeks' worth of early voting, and no-fault vote-by-mail.

Proposals outline in the legislation are backed by Secretary of the Commonwealth William Galvin, among other Democrats.

"Just this past year, we saw thousands of ballots mailed to residents who had long since changed addresses, and meanwhile Secretary Galvin has so far refused to even acknowledge a request made by Republicans to hold a review of the last election's strengths and weaknesses, and instead he and the rest of the Democrats want to make mail-in voting permanent," Lyons added.

Lyons pointed to concerns voiced by several town clerks regarding the lack of signature verification systems and references photos that surfaced ahead of the 2020 election of reams of ballots sitting unattended outside several Massachusetts town halls.

"Voters deserve a free, fair, and secure election process," Lyons said. "When half the country doesn't trust that process, Democrats should find out why before trying to make it permanent."

He also singled out language in the VOTES Act stipulating ballot signature comparison inspections "except if a family member signed the application ... or if the voter received assistance in signing the application or the envelope."

"That line about 'voter assistance' is classic Democrat Party-speak for ballot harvesting," Lyons said, referencing the controversial practice of allowing third parties to collect and deliver ballots. "Voters need to feel assured that their vote counts, and proposals like these only serve to sow more doubt and division."

The proposal for permanent mail-in voting may not even be constitutional. Shira Schoenberg, a reporter for *CommonWealth* magazine notes, "The Massachusetts Constitution explicitly says the Legislature can authorize absentee voting for just three reasons: if someone is out of town, physically disabled, or cannot vote on Election Day due to a religious belief."

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Opposition to 25 Atlantic Avenue Development Proposal



Dear Editor,

We want to explain why we adamantly oppose the current plans to develop the property for luxury condominiums. The following are some of the reasons why at a recent meeting of the North End Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) members voted 41 to 0 to OPPOSE this project (with 1 abstaining). We shall try to make this letter brief out of respect for your time.

1. The developer owns a neighboring building where he operates a construction company. He has proposed to develop a 5-story luxury residential building with an elevator exiting onto a roof deck recreational area that stands 8'2" above the roof.

2. Before the developer purchased the property, neighbors from 63 Atlantic Avenue met with him to see if we might try to develop the property in a manner that would benefit the neighborhood. A two-story parking garage that would be attractively landscaped and serve the adjoining residents was proposed. The developer did not like the potential economic return for the project.

3. At a later meeting with the developer, we were told that he had purchased the 25 Atlantic Avenue property without contingencies for permitting. He showed us plans for a 4-story building. We gave him comments on how his building might be improved, and we were grateful that he did not seem intent on maximizing every square foot of FAR. We said we would work with him.

4. However, at our next meeting with the developer he showed the Trustees of The Prince Building new plans. He had added another story, so now it was a 5-story building, using up every square foot of FAR possible. He smiled and said "My bank made me do it." We asked if he had consulted residents of the neighboring Howe & Bainbridge building, as they would surely be most affected by the loss of light, air and views. He had not.

5. The developer is now pushing forward with a building that would stand out as a mediocre monolith of granite and limestone that would cut off views of the classic brick buildings in the North End for the considerable pedestrian traffic walking on Atlantic Avenue. It will also obliterate the views of Boston Harbor enjoyed by residents of Howe & Bainbridge on Commercial Street. Its façade would be a cold, dull, uninviting wall that would sap vitality, light and views from neighbors and visitors.

6. The developer has been denied a building permit for his proposed building because he needs the approval of the Board of Appeal under Section 54-18 of the Boston Zoning Code. This provision prevents a developer who has torn down a building in existence on June 24, 1985 from constructing a new building with height in excess of that which existed on the site on that date. This provision of the Zoning Code was intended to avoid the sins that happened in the West End when developers destroyed a neighborhood by tearing down historic structures and replacing them with higher (and more profitable) buildings in the name of "neighborhood improvements." The building previously on the property was designed by a nationally recognized architect and was sensitive to the light, air and views of its neighbors. The buildings were approximately 16 feet high.

7. The developer tore down the old buildings, then paved over the property and used it as a parking lot. The city shut it down because he did not have a permit for parking.

8. Currently there are 6-7 parking spots on Commercial Street adjacent to the lot. The proposal shows that there will

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## Dolores (DeRuosi) LaMattina

October 20, 1935 ~ February 10, 2021

Dolores LaMattina (DeRuosi) life-long resident of East Boston, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on February 10<sup>th</sup> at the age of 85.

Beloved wife of the late Salvatore LaMattina.

Devoted mother of Salvatore LaMattina and his wife Lisa of East Boston, Robert LaMattina of New Hampshire, David LaMattina of New Hampshire, and John LaMattina of East Boston.

Dear sister of Mary Roach and the late Sue DiRosa and Joseph, Angelo, Richard, David, Salvatore, Anthony, Peter, and Sylvester DeRuosi.

Cherished grandmother of Robert, Lauren, Liana, Domenic, Bella, and Maximo.

Adored great-grandmother of Reggen.

Family and friends honored Dolores' life by gathering at Sacred Heart Church, East Boston on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> for a funeral mass



in celebration of Dolores' life. Services concluded with Dolores being laid to rest with her husband at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, MA.

Dolores was a long-time employee of the City of Boston, working the front desks of the Paris Street Gym and Pool for many years. She was adored by members and staff for her warmth, humor, and generosity. She enjoyed spending time with her family, and brought them together for Sunday dinner at her home every week. She was so proud

of "her boys," and she shared that same pride with her grandchildren. She will be missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Salesian Boys and Girls Club, 150 Byron Street, East Boston, MA 02128 go to: <https://secure.donationpay.org/salesianclub/index.php>, or the East Boston Social Centers, 68 Central Square, East Boston, MA 02128.

## Peter D. Cardinale

March 22, 1924 ~ February 9, 2021



Peter D. Cardinale, life-long resident and advocate of Jeffries Point, East Boston, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at age 96.

Beloved husband of the late Joann (DiStasio) Cardinale.

Devoted father of Joseph Gaeta of East Boston, Peter D. Cardinale and wife, Stella, of East Boston, Craig Cardinale and wife, Michelle, of Saugus, Peter Cardinale and wife, Patty, of California, and the late Louis Cardinale.

Dear brother of Orazio Cardinale of East Boston, and the late Cosmo, Bennedetto, Frank, Joseph, Anna, and Mary.

Cherished grandfather of Louis, Nicholas, Ava, Kellsie, Megan, Christopher, and Joseph Gaeta.



Adored great-grandfather of Vincent, Gianni, Brody, Alessandra, and Brock.

Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends honored Peter's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston, on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, and again on Wednesday morning before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Church, East Boston, for a funeral Mass celebrating his life. Services concluded with Peter being laid to rest with his beloved wife, Joann, at Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum, Malden.

Peter was a member of Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association. He was a Navy Veteran who served in World War II. Peter and Joann liked to visit Piers Park and participated in the many activities held there.



May they rest in peace

## Louis Piccadaci, Jr.

June 6, 1945 - February 14, 2021

Louis Piccadaci, Jr. of Stoneham, formerly of the North End, passed away on February 14, 2021, at the age of 75.

Born in Boston on June 6, 1945 to the late Louis Piccadaci Sr. and Josephine (Macauda). Devoted father of Christine Pesce and her husband Steven of Wakefield, and Louis Piccadaci and his wife Gilda of Wittmann, AZ.

Cherished grandfather of Marissa and Alexa Pesce. Dear brother of Sandra Cammarata and her late husband John Cammarata Sr. of the North End, Tina Maschiocci and her late husband Anthony of South Boston, and the



late Gaetano Piccadaci and his surviving wife Carol of Randolph. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Louis was a past member of the Back Bay A Capella Group and a member of the Sons of Italy in Winchester. Louis enjoyed spending time with his family and loved playing cards and singing. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.

Visitation was held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home Thursday, February 18, 2021, followed by a Graveside Service at St. Michael's Cemetery 500 Canterbury St, Boston.



# L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

## Hope and Renewal on Our Lenten Journey

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.*



Deep inside, we know that spring is coming. Not even layers of snow can disguise the rosy light of a late evening sky or the increasing chatter of birds singing from the bare bushes. However, for many of us, the winter season still reigns supreme. The thermometer dips to the low twenties, causing nights when the air stands so chill that I want nothing more than to rush home and gulp down a mug of hot chocolate. Winter's thick blankets of snow will likely remain on the ground for a long time — but even when there is no snow, the ground below us still reveals unsightly patches of dirt and dry grass left over from summer. Seasonal produce also varies unpredictably, as the oranges and lemons of winter peter out before the tender herbs and peas of spring can line the supermarket shelves. Rather than a herald of gloom, however, this liminal period simply represents nature's renewal and regeneration for the rapidly approaching spring. Once we understand that nature proceeds to awaken from her slumber underneath all this snow, seasonal periods like Lent will make even more sense. The vernal equinox and the joyous celebration of Easter loom closer every day, and just like the natural world around us, we too must purify our beings and examine our consciousness before embarking on a springtime adventure. With its restorative qualities and voyage of discovery, the Lenten season safely carries us over into spring.

This year, Lent began on February 17<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday. It covers a 40-day period prior to Easter, the most important feast in the Christian calendar. These days serve to prepare the faithful for Easter through

purification rituals such as prayer, fasting, charity and self-reflection. The timing of Lent is highly symbolic, as it occurs during a seemingly barren season in which nature also purifies herself after a long winter, emerging ready for the rebirth of spring. In order to appreciate the glory of Easter and spring, however, we need to embrace the seasonal transition with contemplation and introspection, an opportunity which Lent generously affords us. When my father was a child in Italy, Lent, or *la Quersima*, functioned as a somber and austere period, matching the chill sterility of nature. Though the rules have relaxed since then, the rite of purification remains the crux of Lenten customs in Italy and beyond. This explains the popular practice of giving up a bad habit or an indulgence for Lent, a tradition which is not mentioned in the Bible but nevertheless fits seamlessly with the folkloric cleansing rituals of the season. The purpose of this Lenten abstinence should not be deprivation, but rather a chance to examine our values or priorities and improve ourselves. This Lent, for example, I gave up my browsing some of my favorite websites, in order that I may break my smartphone habit and spend more mindful time with my family. The promise of Lent, however, stands in the fact that all of our hard work will be rewarded with a beautiful springtime. After all, the English term for Lent shares the same root with the word *lengthen*, referring to the growth of daylight in the spring sky!

Lent means more than saying goodbye to your favorite treat, though. In Italy, this meditative time inspired the creation of unique folk traditions and customs that would come define

the tapestry of pre-Easter celebrations. The most famous Lenten rule involves the forbidding of meat on Fridays; as such, ingenious Italian cooks devised many fish and vegetable dishes for these days. A visitor to Italy during Lent will notice farmers' markets bursting with fresh fish and *baccalà* (dried cod), along with the first spring vegetables, from which can be crafted a nourishing minestrone. Italians also snack on *quaresimali*, or almond biscuits, which, as the name suggests, are made especially for Lent. According to the author Helen Barolini in her book *Festa*, a simple and customary Italian Lenten dessert is *pizza fritta*, fried dough sprinkled with sugar. My mother and grandmother would frequently whip up this dessert when I was younger, much to my pleasure, though I only recently learned of its Lenten connotations. The people in Italy also celebrate the fourth Sunday of Lent as *Mezza Quaresima*, or mid-Lent. These festivities mark the halfway point of Lent and honor the imminent arrival of Easter, and many Italian towns and cities hold parties and processions reminiscent of Carnival. Of course, due to the self-reflection and sacrifice that accompanies Lent, it is important to remember that giving is just as powerful as abstaining. People in Italy and around the world commemorate Lent with charity and community service, and truly there is no better way to spread the light of spring than by helping others.

When the glitter of Carnival and the crumbs of St. Valentine's Day candies are swept away, the erratic and unfruitful period between winter and spring can seem even more barren and cold. However, the journey of Lent reminds us that the promise of Easter and spring, is never far away. Just as sprouts begin to stir beneath the frost and robins fly back from their winter homes, just as buds nuzzle out of tree branches and melting snow drips down the street drains, we too can enter a meditative period of self-examination and inner cleansing. We can ready ourselves for the joy that is spring. Lent permits us to challenge ourselves, perform charitable acts, and observe new and exciting traditions of the world. With Lent, we honor change and rebirth, darkness and light, and emerge as better people into the spring sunshine.

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## It's All about Power and Control And Always Has Been!

As someone who has been reading some great political commentary in the *American Statesman* for a number of years, now, I really agree with Don Loucks and his recent commentary, "The new propaganda is to censor conservative voices." So glad I started reading this great Austin, Texas daily newspaper years ago. I enjoy reading it when I am on my annual family vacation down in Austin, and when I am 1,600-miles away back up here in Boston I check it out online.

Living in Boston, but really loving Austin where part of my family has lived for many years, I love the Blue Dot of Texas — the City of Austin, which by the way looks pretty centrist compared to Boston's liberalism. The cancel culture is indeed

"in full censorship mode" as Loucks points out. It is "verboten" to merely mention voter fraud. Look at what happened to Mike Lindell, CEO of My Pillow who lost his platform. Nowadays, one can even be fired for talking about any issues related to the outcome of the 2020 elections.

Kudos to Loucks for bringing up the subject of free speech. He is right as he states, "A virate of tyranny has combined to suppress free speech: Big Tech, Big Business, and Big Government. After all, they have the most to lose — power and control."

The longer this pandemic goes on, the more we see the power of government seeking more ways to control us in the name of science but, at times, it is merely political science.

## Commentary

# TRUMP GETS SECOND ACQUITTAL

by Sal Giarratani

Twice now the Democrats unsuccessfully tried to impeach former President Donald Trump, once as the sitting president and once as a private citizen. They failed miserably in that goal even more so in the second Senate trial.

This time around one could see clearly this was all about the hatred Democrat leaders in Congress have for Trump and the millions who voted for him. They knew they didn't have the votes to convict him in the U.S. Senate, but went ahead just to beat him down politically.

The case the House managers made was so flimsy. In the end they could not prove that Trump incited the riot or so-called insurrection because even they were aware that the planning for the storming of the Capitol

was planned at least days or more in advance.

If they had been coherent and not seemingly vengeful for all things Trump, they could have written up better their one count indictment on the president's alleged actions following his speech but they didn't go there because they apparently didn't know how to properly write and document their case on the indictment charge. It was just all theatre and face time for Democrats.

Whether Trump runs again in 2024 will be up to him. His voters are feeling good right now with this huge Democrat defeat. Now all eyes will be on the 2022 mid-term elections and the Republicans could be poised to take back the House and add members to the U.S. Senate term.



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# PHILIP'S SALON

## Celebrates 60 Years in Business

by Sal Giarratani

Philip's Salon celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and I started chatting with Maria Russo and discovered she has been chatting up customers while styling their hair since 1968, first at 34 Charter Street and for the past 14 years at 437 Hanover Street. Alongside her for many, many years has been Doreen Merola, her ace co-worker. These two women have built a great clientele list. Many of their "regular" customers have been customers for decades. Maria said her business has become a generational one, too. She's been styling hair so long. For some folks this place has become a family tradition passed down from grandparents to parents and then to their children. Hey, when you find a good place, you keep it.

It all began with Maria's dad, Filippo Guarino who was a hairdresser in Mirabella, a small town in southern Italy. For many years, he took his craft to Buenos Aires before immigrating to the United States in 1957, and soon set up shop on Prince Street and finally 34 Charter Street. From the age of 13, she helped around the shop, sweeping, shampooing clients, and removing curlers from their hair. At 30 years old when her father retired, she gave up her dream of going to art school to run the salon.

Doreen, a longtime stylist who has worked side-by-side with Maria for decades now, says she still remembers at age seven accompanying her mother to



L-R: Doreen Merola and Maria Russo



Filippo Guarino

hair appointments and helping Maria's father by washing hair brushes, and adds the salon's success is attributed to the familial atmosphere and clients feel at home and share stories.

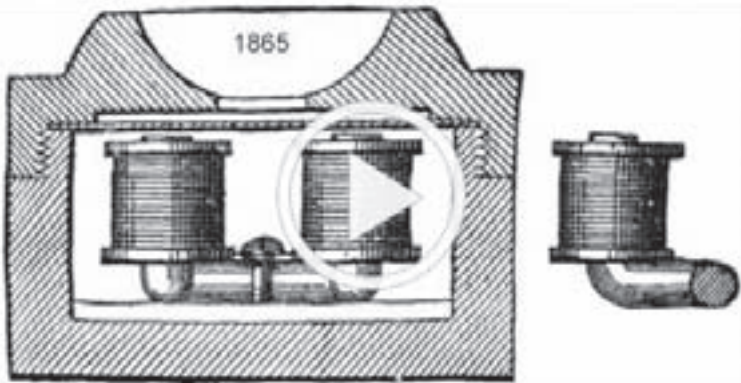
Hair salons have an unwritten rule, what's discussed in Philip's Salon, stays in Philip's Salon, like going to the doctor's or maybe confession.

Jumpstart to today, it has been 14 years (2006) since Maria moved to Hanover Street on the main drag of the North End, and customers keep coming back over and over again, as they did on 34 Charter Street and before that since 1961.

Maria even knows many of her father's longtime customers who are still clients and friends today, like Marylyn Reppuci, Vivian Tirella, Anna Melillo, and Vinnie DeLeo who is the oldest and longest client.

You know what they say about a good hair stylist, once you find one you keep that stylist, like having a good doctor or auto mechanic.

## Garibaldi-Meucci Museum Virtual Tour



Antonio Meucci — The true inventor of the telephone

With travel restricted to many places, and many things still shuttered to the public, there is still an opportunity to "get out" to explore a bit of our Italian culture and heritage. This is afforded through on-line videos offered by The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum (GMM) located in Staaten Island, New York. The GMM is the historic home of the true inventor of the telephone, Antonio Meucci, and the unifier of Italy and legendary hero of two worlds, Giuseppe Garibaldi.

Online ([www.garibaldimeucci-museum.com](http://www.garibaldimeucci-museum.com)) you can take a virtual tour of the museum, read about the home itself, and read stories about General Giuseppe Garibaldi and Antonio Meucci, both in English and Italian. Also, each week, usually on Wednesday, there is a short video entitled "A Few Minutes at Meucci's", in which an artifact, Italian custom, Italian tradition or an interesting part of the museum structure is discussed. There is no charge for these on-line visits.

The GMM is a national Italian-American Cultural Heritage Museum whose purpose is to collect, hold, own, maintain, preserve, and exhibit historical objects and artifacts relating to the lives of General Giuseppe Garibaldi and Antonio Meucci; promote an understanding of Italian-American heritage and a positive image of Italian-Americans; and conduct educational, cultural, and artistic programming designed to eliminate ethnic and racial prejudice for a diverse and growing audience.

If you would like to know more about the Museum, its programs offered to members, receive its newsletter, or become a member, please visit the Museum's website at [www.garibaldimeucci-museum.com](http://www.garibaldimeucci-museum.com).

Meanwhile, "let yourself out" and enjoy "A Few Minutes at Meucci's."

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The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum ... *an Italian American Cultural Heritage Center* is located at 420 Tompkins Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10305.

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Docket No. MI21P0534EA

Estate of

NORMAN T. CAMPANARO

Date of Death: November 06, 2020

INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner John Nicholas Campanaro of Whitinsville, MA, Petitioner Michael Timothy Campanaro of Bellingham, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

John Nicholas Campanaro of Whitinsville, MA, Michael Timothy Campanaro of Bellingham, 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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## NORTH END AGAINST DRUGS

### Art Challenge



North Enders have all been so strong and creative throughout the past year. Let's support our children in celebrating their amazing efforts. Please ask your child to create a work of art, such as a drawing, painting, poem, or story, illustrating an activity that your family has done together during the pandemic. All participating families will be entered into a raffle for a chance to receive a gift card supporting a local business.

Rather than identifying winners, we are hoping to display the art in the neighborhood for North Enders to enjoy.

Please leave your entry at the Nazzaro Center by Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to have your child's name, age, and #NEAD visible on the project.

If you have any questions, or if you have any difficulty in submitting the entry in person, please contact Ann Fitzgerald at [annbfitzgerald@yahoo.com](mailto:annbfitzgerald@yahoo.com) or 781-858-6519.

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# Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

The Banana Boat in Revere has closed permanently. The Banana Boat was founded in 1977 by Tony and Ann Schena along with Bobby and Maureen Fanara as an investment property when they heard there was a possibility a casino was coming to the beach. When that didn't happen, Ann and her husband Tony decided to hang onto the property and open an ice cream shop. The business enjoyed 43 years of success ... Numbers are decreasing in East Boston with the COVID-19 virus. The average number of tests each day was about 375, also down. However, 2,154 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 7.8 percent were positive, a 17 percent decrease from the 9.4 that tested positive two weeks ago ... Residents feel Revere Beach has become just another street in Revere with all the new condo construction losing its ambience of the water to rows of condos ... States are looking to help their vulnerable communities as vaccine distribution ramps up. Though coronavirus vaccines being administered is not as President Joe Biden hoped for, 1.5 million per day, the U.S. has gotten closer, having averaged 1.3 million new shots a day ... Starting last week Governor Baker lifted the 25 percent capacity restriction

to 40 percent for restaurant, stores, and museums ... Say goodbye to Friendly's Ice Cream. The 130 remaining Friendly's location name have been sold to BRIX Holdings. The new owners hope to revive the business and plan to keep all locations, and add new food choices and ice cream flavors to the menu .... Joe Biden isn't in office a month and gas is creeping up, and roads are getting crowded. God only knows how many illegals' have been allowed into this country that we are supporting while we bust our humps, they work for cash, pay no taxes, and refuse to learn English. GREAT COUNTRY! ... On February 7<sup>th</sup>, Revere Police reported a shooting, a shooting incident, and two house fires. WOW! ... Pharmacies and grocers grapple with whether their employees or the public should get the first dibs on unused shots as they start to offer appointments. Customers and workers are wondering what happens to extra doses left un-used at day's end, and who might get access to one! ... How much more is the tax payer expected to endure in impeachment costs against former President Donald Trump to insure that Trump will never run again. Many, many believe Trump did not encourage the riots on the State Capitol, it's like saying he started the riots with Black Lives Matter. PUT THE BLAME ON TRUMP FOR EVERYTHING! ... *Till Next Time!*

# Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles Encouraging Customers to Renew Expired Inspection Stickers

**Over 584,000 Active MA Vehicle Registrations Currently  
In Need of Annual Emissions and Safety Inspections**

*Law enforcement currently encouraged to use their discretion and help  
remind and not cite expired drivers whenever possible*

*1,800 local inspection stations conducting business in accordance with  
public health guidelines and safety protocols; station locator available at  
<https://www.mavehiclecheck.com/apps/station-locator>*

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is ramping up customer communication efforts to encourage anyone driving one of over 584,000 registered vehicles with an expired Massachusetts' inspection sticker on their vehicle's front windshield to make a plan to get their annual inspection and update their sticker as soon as possible. All vehicles registered in Massachusetts must pass a yearly vehicle emissions and safety inspection, also known as the Massachusetts Vehicle Check Program, which is essential to the safety of the Commonwealth's environment and roadways.

At the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, some extensions were granted to annual inspection stickers expiring between March and May of 2020, however those extensions have since expired and no further extensions are planned. There are 1,800 local inspection stations, many of whom are small businesses, across Massachusetts that are open for business and conducting inspections in accordance with state public health guidelines and safety protocols. Customers are encouraged to visit the Inspection Station Locator to find a location near them and plan their trip to update their sticker.

"Annual motor vehicle inspections are an integral part of helping ensure that vehicles travelling on roadways across the Commonwealth are deemed safe and not releasing dangerous emissions that can be harmful to individuals and the environment," said Acting Secretary of Transportation and CEO Jamey Tesler. "We are thankful for all of the work and collaborative efforts that are currently underway with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Massachusetts State Police, local law enforcement, and key businesses partners and stakeholders to remind customers with expired inspection stickers to have their vehicles inspected as soon as possible."

"The RMV encourages any customer with an expired inspection sticker to make a plan to get their inspection and sticker updated," said Acting Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "Resources are readily available to help customers locate a convenient inspection station and guide them through the inspection process, following all safety and social distancing protocols to keep customers and inspection station staff safe."

The RMV is teaming up with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), Massachusetts State Police (MSP), local law enforcement, and other

business partners to remind customers of this time-sensitive requirement. While driving any motor vehicle without a valid inspection sticker is a traffic violation that may result in a fine and impact individual insurance rates, the RMV is asking law enforcement to use their discretion at this time and help remind and not cite those with expired stickers it's time to renew.

"The emissions and safety inspection ensures motor vehicles operating in Massachusetts are safe, properly maintained, and not emitting excess air pollutants in our communities, which will improve air quality for us all," said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg. "MassDEP, along with our program partners, encourages Massachusetts residents to renew their stickers to ensure that their vehicle emission systems are inspected yearly."

"The Massachusetts State Police and local law enforcement are aware of the difficulties of prompt vehicle inspection renewal caused by the pandemic and agree that a reminder may be an effective temporary alternative to a citation during this current period," said Massachusetts State Police (MSP) Colonel Chris Mason.

"We encourage individuals to proactively check the current status of their motor vehicle inspection stickers, and not wait to schedule a safety inspection, if warranted," said Chelsea Chief of Police and President of the Massachusetts Major City Chiefs of Police Association Brian Kyes.

"You're safe with us," said New England Service Station and Automotive Repair Association President Edgard Fayad. "The COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic has been dynamic and intense for all of us in the past year. Our inspection stations have implemented thorough safety measures designed to reduce the risk of COVID-19 for both our staff and customers including clear signs to adhere to social distancing, increased cleanliness and hygiene practices, monitoring customer access to waiting areas, and masks required at all times. From the start of this pandemic, gas and service stations have been considered essential and we continue to be committed to helping the families and communities we serve stay safe."

RMV records show that approximately 584,000 active vehicle registrations in Massachusetts currently have an expired inspection sticker. An email reminder will be sent to the 437,000 individuals with an address on file. Other communication efforts will include social media outreach, reminders to RMV business partners and law enforcement, and buck-slip reminders will be included in registration mailings to encourage customers to "Check Ya Stickah" and take appropriate steps as needed.

For the latest RMV updates and information, follow the RMV on Twitter @MassRMV.

For additional information on RMV service offerings during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit [www.mass.gov/rmv](http://www.mass.gov/rmv) or <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/rmv-covid-19-information>.

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Docket No. MI21P0309EA

Estate of  
ANTONIO PALMIERI  
Date of Death: September 29, 2020  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Raffaella Agostino of Sherborn, MA**, Petitioner **Genoveffa Grieci of Framingham, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Raffaella Agostino of Sherborn, MA**, **Genoveffa Grieci of Framingham, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Docket No. MI21P0420EA

Estate of  
JOSEPH C. FAHERTY  
Also Known As  
JOE FAHERTY  
Date of Death: December 16, 2020  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Cathy Bryant of Woburn, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Cathy Bryant of Woburn, 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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Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
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Docket No. SU20P2022EA

Estate of  
WESLEY MARVIN THOMAS  
Also Known As  
WESLEY THOMAS  
Date of Death: February 14, 2020  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Traci Thomas of Pittsburgh, PA**.

**Traci Thomas of Pittsburgh, PA** 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. MI20P5766EA

Estate of  
SYLVIA HENDERSON SKINNER  
Also Known As  
SYLVIA H. SKINNER  
Date of Death: October 13, 2020  
LETTERS OF AUTHORITY FOR  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

To:  
**Jonathan S. Skinner**  
16 Conant Road  
Hanover, NH 03755

You have been appointed and qualified as Personal Representative in Unsupervised administration of this estate on December 29, 2020.


These letters are proof of your authority to act pursuant to G. L. c. 190B, except for the following restrictions if any:

### CERTIFICATION

I certify that it appears by the records of this Court that said appointment remains in full force and effect. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court.

Date: January 22, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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# Blessed Alexandrina Maria da Costa

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Alexandrina was born on March 30, 1904, in Balazar, a rural parish of Póvoa de Varzim, Portugal. Her father abandoned the family when she was very young leaving the family impoverished. Alexandrina never had more than eighteen months schooling before being sent to work on a farm at the age of nine. In her teens she started to work in Balazar as a seamstress along with her sister.

In March 1918, when she was fourteen an incident changed her life. Her former employer along with two other men tried to break into her room. To escape them, Alexandrina jumped 13 feet down from a window, barely surviving. Her spine was broken from the fall. Until age 19, Alexandrina was still able to “drag herself” to church where, she would remain in prayer, to the great amazement of the parishioners. During the early years,



Alexandrina asked the Blessed Mother for the grace of a cure.

At the age of twenty-one, she became totally paralyzed and permanently bedridden. Alexandrina accepted this affliction as God’s will for her and an opportunity to offer herself totally as a “victim soul” for the conversion of sinners. For a period of three and a half years, she received the mystical gift of

experiencing each Friday the pains of Christ on the Cross. She remained bed-ridden for about 30 years.

According to her Vatican biography, from March 1942, for about 13 years until her death, she received no food except for the Holy Eucharist, and her weight dropped to about 73 pounds. She was examined by medical doctors, with no conclusion.

Alexandrina requested for her tombstone these words: “Sinners, how much I want to tell you ... Do not risk losing Jesus for all eternity, for he is so good. Enough with sin. Love Jesus, love Him!” On October 13, 1955, before breathing her last, Alexandrina declared, “I am happy, because I am going to heaven.”

She was Beatified April 25, 2004, by Pope John Paul II. The Feast Day of Blessed Alexandrina Maria da Costa is October 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

## Four Women “Quattro Donne”

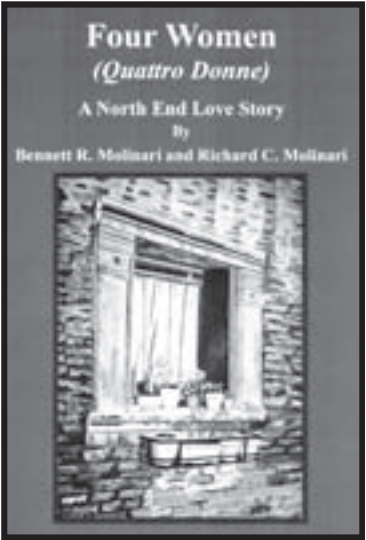
subtitle, A North End Love Story

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

### CHAPTER 41 The Clam Bake (continued)

It was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the men were out on the flats digging for quahogs, while the women were in the kitchen preparing food for the evening's clambake.

Auntie Angie decided to let lose the bomb. She motioned to Grandma to take a seat at the table. Mom immediately knew something was in the wind. “Angie, what’s going on? Mama never sits while we’re preparing food.” “Carmela, sit beside Mama, Stella stop cooking and sit at the table for a couple of minutes. I have something to tell you.” When everyone was seated, Auntie Angie pulled up a chair and placed her knee on it, assuming her classic pose, this time telegraphing, “I have something important to say.” Auntie Stella, reading her sister’s body language, looked up at the ceiling and exclaimed, “Oh boy, here comes trouble.” Auntie Stella’s remark was expected by Auntie Angie, so she remained quiet, determined to drop her bomb with its greatest effect. Looking at Mom with her mouth slightly twisted, the bomb dropped. “Your aunt and uncle know everything about Pietro and Carla.” “Which aunt and uncle?” Mom questioned, somewhat apprehensively. Auntie Angie, once again said, “Your aunt and uncle know everything.” Auntie Stella, thoroughly exasperated, shouted out, “She always does this! Whenever she has a bomb to drop, she acts this way!” Auntie Angie returned her classic remark, “Stella shut up and let me talk.” Grandma, exercising her authority, stepped in and continued, “Gerardo and Velia know everything about Pietro and Carla, and it’s a scandal in their eyes.” If anyone was going to drop one of the biggest bombs of the decade, Grandma was determined it would be her, aggravating Auntie Angie. Mom



recognizing big trouble was on the way, piped up, “Angie, you’ve got to be kidding. How do they know?” Auntie Angie still annoyed over the fact that Grandma dropped the bomb and she didn’t, angrily shot back, “Carmela, don’t act foolish. How do I know the way they found out? What’s important is they know everything. It must have been some big mouth from the North End who telephoned them.” Auntie Stella, not wanting to be kept out of the conversation, chimed in, “Mama, you better call them or else they will come to America, and there really will be trouble. If the big shots in Italy think they’re going to cause trouble with us, because of what’s going on between Pietro and Carla, they’re crazy.” Grandma responded, “We need to speak to Pietro, but the time has to be right. We need to let him know his parents have found out what’s going on between him and Carla. When we return to Boston, I will send a telegram to Gerardo and Velia to calm them. The worse thing we can do is to remain silent. When I write the telegram, I want all my daughters around me.” Auntie Angie, still smarting from the fact she didn’t drop the bomb, approved, and the four women, after talking it over for a while agreed, the best time to speak with

Pietro would be Friday morning. Grandma and Mom could take him for a walk around the neighborhood and inform him, his parents know everything, and unless they can be assured, all is well, and there is nothing serious going on between him and Carla, they will be coming to America.

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. MI21P0536EA  
Estate of  
RICHARD W. MELANSON  
Date of Death: November 27, 2020  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Jeanne Melanson of Billerica, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
Jeanne Melanson of Billerica, 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. MI21P0546EA  
Estate of  
NATALIE GILLINGHAM  
Date of Death: December 18, 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 Philip G. Gillingham of Chelmsford, 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 Philip G. Gillingham of Chelmsford, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.  
IMPORTANT NOTICE  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of March 12, 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: February 12, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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**JOHN HUGHES 5-MOVIE COLLECTION (5-Blu-ray) Paramount Home Ent.**

Five essential classics are in the *John Hughes 5-Movie Collection*. *Pretty In Pink*; celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, starring Molly Ringwald and Andrew McCarthy. Andie (Ringwald) is a high school girl from the other side of town. Blane (McCarthy) is the wealthy heartthrob who asks her to the prom, resulting in the painful reality of peer pressure. *Ferris Bueller’s Day Off* also celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Matthew Broderick stars as a delightfully charming high school student who, with his girlfriend Sloane (Mia Sara) and best bud Cameron (Alan Ruck), ditches school to enjoy one perfect day as a kid with no responsibilities. *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* stars comedy greats Steve Martin and John Candy, and follows a businessman (Martin) who is struggling to get home for Thanksgiving, but burdened by multiple travel mishaps, as well as the company of the annoying traveling salesman (Candy). *She’s Having a Baby*, is a romantic comedy making its Blu-ray debut. Starring Kevin Bacon and Elizabeth McGovern, the film follows an aspiring writer who must face up to the responsibilities of marriage and fatherhood, despite his persistent doubts and unfulfilled ambitions. *Some Kind of Wonderful*, also makes its Blu-ray debut, starring Eric Stoltz, Mary Stuart Masterson and Lea Thompson. Young love is the story when Watts (Masterson) finds her feelings for her best friend Keith (Stoltz), run deeper than just friendship. When Keith gets a date with the most popular girl in school (Thompson), the girl’s old boyfriend is unable to let go of her and plans to get back at Keith.

**GOD OF THE PIANO (DVD) Film Movement**

Anat (Naama Preis) has never been able to reach her father’s exacting musical standards, so the family hopes of producing a talented composer rests on the shoulder of her unborn son. After giving birth to a son that is born deaf, Anat’s will to raise a musical genius who would befit her respected, musically accomplished family only becomes stronger, and she takes drastic measures to make sure her son becomes the musical prodigy her father always wanted. But when the boy grows up indifferent to achieving his destiny as a great pianist, Anat is forced to stand up to her father and confront the harsh realities of her past. Exploring the uncertain nature of prodigy and the price one plays for being labeled a genius, *God of the Piano* is the stylish debut feature from Itay Tal.

**ELIZABETHTOWN (Blu-ray) Paramount Home Ent.**

Hotshot designer Drew Baylor (Orlando Bloom) has been fired from his job and dumped by his girlfriend, and just when things couldn’t seem to get worse, he receives word that his father has passed away, completely unraveling his life. After being asked to travel to Elizabethtown, Kentucky, to make sure his father’s dying

wishes are fulfilled, a life-changing romantic odyssey awaits, after meeting flight attendant, Claire (Kirsten Dunst), she’s beautiful, unstopably positive, and just the gal to guide Drew on his journey back home and to teach him what it means to live and love along the way. *Elizabethtown*, a heartfelt romance, is on Blu-ray, and available for the first time in this limited edition release, that boasts a fantastic rock ‘n’ roll soundtrack. Also starring Susan Sarandon, Alec Baldwin, Judy Freer, and Jessica Biel.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. MELISSA: SPECIAL EDITION (Blu-ray) Filmrise**

Her name is Melissa Lucio. For over ten years, she has awaited her fate on Death Row, and is now on her last appeal. Melissa was the first Hispanic woman sentenced to death in Texas. To many, Melissa looks like she is responsible for her daughter’s death: having abused two-year-old Mariah, day after day, until she died of blunt head trauma. But, strangely, Melissa was never known to be violent, and no one had ever seen her being abusive towards Mariah. The film explores Melissa’s life journey, highlighting the bizarre miscarriage of justice she has endured. It is the portrait of one woman against the entire system. A film by Sabrina Van Tassel.

**THE LITTLE PRINCE (Blu-ray) Paramount Home Ent.**

From the director of *Kung Fu Panda* comes this critically acclaimed, beautifully animated, re-imagined take on Antoine de Saint-Exupéry’s classic story, *The Little Prince*. At its heart is “The Little Girl” (Mackenzie Foy), prepared by her mother (Rachel McAdams) for the very grown-up real world. After her eccentric, kind-hearted neighbor, “The Aviator” (Jeff Bridges) introduces her to an extraordinary world where anything is possible, she learns of *The Little Prince* (Riley Osborne). And so begins the magical and emotional journey where one learns, amongst other things, it’s the human connections that matter most. Additional voice cast members include, Marion Cotillard, James Franco, Benicio Del Toro, Ricky Gervais, Albert Brooks, Paul Rudd and Paul Giamatti.

**LADY SINGS THE BLUES (Blu-ray) Paramount Home Ent.**

The essence of Billie Holiday, one of America’s most loved and memorable blues singers, is captured brilliantly in a tour-de-force debut performance by singer Diana Ross. Filled with the greatest songs of the incomparable ‘Lady Day,’ this film won Image Awards for “Best Motion Picture,” “Best Actress” (Ross) and “Best Actor” (Billy Dee Williams), as well as a Golden Globe for Ross as the year’s “Most Promising Newcomer — Female.” The stunning film biography also received five Academy Award nominations, including Diana Ross for “Best Actress.” Richard Pryor stars as the unforgettable “Piano Man.”

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

by Sal Giarattani

**PRESIDENT BIDEN HAS BEEN ON A MARATHON EXECUTIVE ORDER SIGNING SPREE**

We can’t say it’s true or not, but the rumors are flying that during one of the sessions Biden’s aide asked him what he wanted for lunch and placed a menu in front of him. Biden allegedly signed the menu.

True or not, the vision is very close to how many Americans view the new President.

**THE PRICE AT THE PUMP**

Don’t know about you but prices for gasoline are all over the place. Over in Dorchester at Neponset Circle, I am just amazed. Two gas stations near Florian Hall are selling 87 octane for \$2.75 and \$2.79 respectively, BUT right in the Circle by the ramp to 93 North, the price is still only \$2.29.

**WHAT IS FREE SPEECH?**

I got into a civil discussion with a friend about free speech and U.S. Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Georgia, and how the Democrats got her good. My friend says she was talking nonsense and her opinions weren’t factual. I retorted where do the rules say you have no free speech unless you can verify your opinions? He didn’t have an answer because nowhere in the Constitution or the Bill of Rights is veracity mentioned as a qualification for free speech.

It is easy to have your free speech protected if it is popular speech, but the true test is the ability to say things that are controversial.

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI21P0527EA  
Estate of  
EVELYN LEVINE  
Date of Death: April 06, 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 Marilyn G. Novak of Sudbury, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Marilyn G. Novak of Sudbury, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of March 12, 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: February 12, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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**MARY WILSON PASSE AT 76 ON FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

The legendary Mary Wilson, co-founder of The Supremes along with Diana Ross, helped define the Motown sound in the ‘60s. Wilson, along with Ross and Florence Ballard were in their teens in 1961, when Berry Gordy signed them to his new record company. Within three years’ time, they had their first Number 1 song, “Where Did Our Love Go.” After that, it was hit after hit, after hit. Ed Sullivan had them on his Sunday night show endlessly. They had 12 Number 1 hits in all. The group was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hal of Fame in 1988.

**THIS PAST SATURDAY ...**

WMEX Boston 1510AM did a tribute to Mary Wilson, a great special with interviews, stories, and of course, the songs of Mary Wilson and The Supremes. Kudos to WMEX’s own legend Jimmy Jay behind the mic. I loved it. It made for a Saturday morning of great music.

**THIS OUT OF THE UK: PUBS TO REOPEN IN APRIL BUT ...**

Prime Minister Boris Johnson who used to be a conservative, I thought, before the pandemic is

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**2006 BMW 325**  
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D & G Towing  
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Docket No. MI21P0351EA  
Estate of  
JEANNETTE M. LaROCHE  
Date of Death: December 02, 2020  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

**David A. LaRoche of Waltham, 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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making little sense lately. Take his idea that Pubs will open up again in April if the COVID-19 numbers allow it. However, if they do reopen there is one stipulation. No beer or alcohol allowed. Huh? What sense does that make. A pub without beer is like a zoo without animals or a supermarket without food.

It is illogical. You can go to your favorite pub with your friends for a drink ... of water, soda, milk, coffee, maybe cough medicine and castor oil, but, order a pint of ale and you go into quarantine immediately. Has the world gone mad?

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**2010 TOYOTA CAMRY**  
Vin #4T4BF3EK5AR038788  
**2005 HONDA PILOT**  
Vin #2HKYF18495H517533  
**2002 VOLVO S60**  
Vin #YV1RS61R622149922  
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Vin #WVWBU73C96P163340  
**2008 MAZDA MAZDA 3**  
Vin #JM1BK32G481139293  
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Vin #2GNFLGEK9E6295237  
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**2011 BMW 328xi**  
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Vin #1HGCG6550YA018361  
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Vin #1GCHK29U94E272344  
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**2010 DODGE CHARGER**  
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Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
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Docket No. MI21P0186EA  
Estate of  
MARY HAGAR CURRIER  
Also Known As  
MARY H. CURRIER  
Date of Death: July 18, 2020  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **William G. Currier of South Burlington, VT**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**William G. Currier of South Burlington, VT** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Babbononno didn't know his birth date. He knew he was born in February of 1875, on a cold winter's day back in Foggia, an east coast city in the province of Puglia. As a result, Nanna and the family gave him February 22<sup>nd</sup>, George Washington's birthday, as his birthday. He didn't mind as he loved American history and was a fan of George Washington. He often said, if he was born in this country back in Washington's time, he would have ridden with him to fight the British for American independence. So, we celebrated February 22<sup>nd</sup> as Babbononno's Day.

It was the winter of 1955, and my mother and her brothers all met to plan an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party for their father. Nanna wasn't part of the meeting because they wanted the main present to surprise her, also, a new big screen television set. Dad and my uncles knew someone who owned an appliance store on Washington Street in Boston who would sell them a state-of-the-art TV for a wholesale price. The store owner was a weekend musician whom the men in my family knew well, seeing they were all musicians.

Around the second week in February, Dad and Uncle Nick made the purchase and put the carton containing the TV in the trunk of Dad's '54 Chevy, tied the trunk lid down tight to hold the oversized container in place, as it was really too big to fit in the trunk with the lid closed, and then headed to our house in East Boston to store the gift until Babbononno's birthday.

Dad wanted to store the crate at Uncle Nick's 1<sup>st</sup> floor apartment on St. Paul Street in Brookline, but the apartment was so small and the box so big, it wasn't a practical idea. The only problem was that we lived on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of 74 Eutaw Street. There were two sets of steps to get the TV through the entry of the house and two winding flights of steps to get the carton up to our apartment on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, a location we affectionately called the penthouse.

I was in high school at the time and arrived home just as Dad and Uncle Nick pulled up in front of our house. For the next half hour, with Mom supervising from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, my father, Uncle Nick, and I maneuvered the crate up the steps to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

Dad was swearing under his breath in Italian and Spanish. When Uncle Nick asked him what was wrong, Dad reminded him that they were going to have to maneuver the box down

the steps, deliver it to Nanna and Babbononno's apartment, which was on the second floor of a three-decker on Lexington Street, near the corner of Putnam and Lexington. We left the crate at the top of the stairwell at our place so no one would trip over it or bump into it.

February 22<sup>nd</sup> was on a Tuesday and all the men in the family planned to come home early for a dinner party at my grandparents' apartment on that date. They all made sure that they weren't playing with their hands on that night. Well, the 22<sup>nd</sup> rolled around and Uncle Nick, Dad and I, somehow, got the large carton carefully down the flights of steps to the street and relocated it, once again, in the trunk of Dad's '54 Chevy.

Mom was already at her parents' apartment with both she and Nanna cooking Babbononno's favorite foods. By about 5:30 the rest of my uncles showed up with their families and it sort of felt like a Sunday afternoon. Babbononno never knew what the commotion was all about when my father and three uncles headed downstairs. This time, Dad and Uncle Gino walked the large carton up the narrow flight of stairs to the second floor. They left it out of sight when they reached the landing and told Babbononno that they had forgotten to lock their cars ... that's why they all had to head down to the street. My grandfather bought it, and concentrated on who wanted what to drink before dinner.

Mom and Nanna actually cooked two separate meals, one for the family and one for Babbononno who liked pasta with oil, garlic and black pepper, and baked fish with lemon. We had ravioli, meatballs, sweet sausages, gravy meats, stuffed artichokes, stuffed mushrooms, green beans, and garden salad. It looked like a combination of Friday night and Sunday afternoon dinners, but, what the heck.

After dinner, Uncle Paul, who was the designated birthday cake presenter, brought a large rum cake to the table with eight candles lit, each one representing ten years. Babbononno was told to make a wish and blow out the candles, which he did as quickly as he could as he had a sweet tooth and could hardly wait for the first bite.

After dinner, Babbononno opened his presents ... a new white dress shirt and tie from my cousins Paula and Ellie, underwear from Mom and my aunts, and a bottle of Italian

brandy (Mouquin) from me. Then, Uncle Nick told his father that the big surprise was out in the hallway, and Babbononno had to take his radio off the table in the living room.

When the crate was placed next to that table, my grandfather was told to open it carefully. He followed the instructions he was given, and when he saw the big screen TV, his eyes filled with tears. He had no idea that the family knew what he wanted.

Dad knew more about electronics than my uncles did and his job was to plug in the TV, attach the antenna, a set of rabbit ears, (remember those???) and make all of the adjustments for a clear picture. Within a few minutes the black and white TV came to life and Babbononno was thrilled.

Uncle Nick knew that my grandfather would never understand the instruction booklet that came with the set, so he and Dad spent the next half hour showing Babbononno and Nanna how to operate the knobs that controlled the off and on, the changing of the channels, the horizontal hold, the vertical hold, the brightness, the contrast, and the sound volume. Eventually they got it, but I know it took several tries and many future phone calls to one or more of my uncles for help. That set lasted many years and made old age just a little easier for Nanna and Babbononno. With the rabbit ears, they could watch channels 2, 4, 5, 7, 38, and 56. That TV was "state-of-the-art" with a large seventeen inch black and white screen that took four minutes to boot up once the set was turned on. So, to you, Babbononno, "Happy Birthday" ... "Felice Compleanno" and may: **GOD BLESS AMERICA**

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208 Cambridge Street  
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Docket No. M120P4513EA

Estate of  
**OLEG V. SHISHKO**  
Date of Death: September 29, 2019  
CITATION ON GENERAL  
PROBATE PETITION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition has been filed by Irina I. Shishko of Framingham, MA requesting that Michael Usatin, individually and as President of Arbat Electric Services Inc. of Newton, Massachusetts produce documents requested in the said Petition dated January 6th, 2020, in accordance with the Massachusetts General Law for Discovery.

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 March 01, 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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 01, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/19/2021



by  
**Marianna  
Bisignano**



The season of *Quaresima* (Lent) that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday, has significant meaning in Italy. For Italian Catholics, these forty days are a time of abstinence, prayer, and almsgiving. Attending mass, giving up something or doing good deeds, and refraining from meats, sweets, and chocolate, was once customary. The rules of the church have become less stringent, and culinary practices have changed. Today, refraining from meat is only required on Ash Wednesday and every Friday up until Easter. As a result, Meatless Fridays have become one of the most well-known Lenten traditions in Italy, as well as here in the states.

Nevertheless, many of the older Italian Catholics, including those in my own family, continue to abide by the conventional practices. Some even refrain from eating meat on Fridays year-round. Growing up, my Nonna made a variety of "Meatless Friday" dishes. One in particular that she favored, "Linguine with Cabbage and Beans," came from the farmers in Sicily. This easy to make *cucina povera* dish consists of savoy cabbage, butter beans, garlic, and spices. When topped with freshly grated cheese, this dish is hearty, nutritious, and makes an absolutely delicious Meatless Friday meal!

LINGUINE with CABBAGE and BEANS  
*Linguine con Cavolo Cappuccio e Fagioli*



- 1 ½ to 2 heads savoy cabbage,  
cleaned and chopped  
6 cloves garlic, finely chopped  
½ cup (more if needed) olive oil  
2 to 3 cups water  
Salt
- 1 to 2 teaspoons hot pepper  
flakes  
2 cups cooked butter beans  
4 to 6 quarts salted water  
1 pound fresh or dry linguini  
Freshly grated parmesan

Place olive oil and garlic in a large skillet and cook over medium heat until the garlic is softened, not brown. Add the cabbage and about 2 cups water to this pan, stir together well. Cover and cook over medium heat for about 10 minutes. Add the rest of the water only if needed, salt and hot pepper flakes to taste, and cook an additional 15 minutes, or until cabbage is tender. Add the cooked butter beans, stir, cover and remove from heat.

Simultaneously, in a large stockpot, bring 4 to 6 quarts of salted water to a rolling boil. Add linguine to the pot and cook until al dente. Using a slotted spoon, remove linguine from water and add to the cooked cabbage and bean mixture, toss together. Add some pasta water and additional salt and hot pepper, if needed. Place in serving bowls and top with a generous sprinkling of freshly grated parmesan cheese. *Enjoy!*

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

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

had tweeted "I won't spend another cent on @dallasmavs."

Jeep Puts Brakes  
On Super Bowl Ad

Bruce Springsteen's Super Bowl commercial was yanked off YouTube after the rock legend's DWI went viral. The clip about "The Middle" is no longer on the Jeep YouTube page. You can still get it on The Boss' Instagram account though.

The company said that they have put a pause on the Jeep commercial from the Super Bowl until the facts can be

established, adding, "Its message of community and unity is as relevant as ever. As is the message that drinking and driving can never be condoned."

No word yet what kind of vehicle he was driving when charged with driving under the influence.

End Quote

"For bitterness does not envy pleasure. Bitterness finds pleasure on the spot from which bitterness springs."

— Anonymous


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• Letter to the Editor (Continued from Page 3)

be one sidewalk cut out to allow access to their two-car garage door, so the neighborhood will lose one or two parking spots. However, the developer is adamant that they will be adding two parking spots! Please review the attached photo.

9. The developer’s original plans for development were turned down by ISD because they did not show a loading zone, as well as other violations. An off-street loading zone is required under the Code for a building of this size. The more current plans show a proposed 10’ x 20’ loading zone dropped into the driveway easement that services 38 automobiles entering and exiting the garage at 63 Atlantic Avenue. The developer did not disclose to ISD that the proposed loading zone is squarely within a driveway easement that explicitly states “[s]aid easement area is not to be used for the parking of vehicles, and is to be kept free and unobstructed at all times.” Had the developer revealed this restriction to ISD, they certainly would also have cited the lack of a legitimate loading zone as another reason for denying a building permit.

10. During three separate public meetings with neighbors, the developer did not reveal light, air and view studies that would show the effects of his proposed building on his neighbors, each time saying the studies were “not quite finished.” At the fourth meeting, he revealed his “preliminary shadow studies”, but has presented nothing to

show how the project will affect his neighbors’ views, which is a key consideration under Boston Building Code Section 54-18.

11. The project proposes 6 luxury condominium units that will be selling for well over \$1.5 million each. There has been no offer by the developer of any critically needed support for low income housing for the neighborhood. There is no benefit to the neighborhood from this project, other than tax revenue for the City and profit for the developer, while sacrificing property values and quality of life for neighbors.

12. The footprint of the proposed building takes up almost every square foot of the developer’s land. The land is within 250 feet of Boston Harbor, and Chapter 91 requires that 50% of the development project be open space. The developer has proposed that he be allowed to use the *existing* City sidewalks that surround his property to satisfy DEP’s 50% open space requirement, in exchange for an obligation to improve and maintain the sidewalk for the City in perpetuity. If DEP were to allow such use, it would require the City to join in the developer’s petition and would set an awful precedent for waterfront property throughout the City and the Commonwealth. It would clearly violate the spirit and intent of Chapter 91.

Sincerely,  
Cathy and John McDonnell

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Stevens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 539A, that on **March 12, 2021 at 10AM**, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

**2014 HAWKE DUMP TRAILER, BLACK**  
Vin # 4BABD102GEM031203  
*Benjamin DeFosses*  
61 Payson Hill Rd., Apt. 2B  
Rindge, NH 03461

**2002 NISSAN ALTIMA, SILVER**  
Vin # 1N4AL11EX2C254401  
*Jadier Dias Dos Santos*  
56 Magoun Ave.  
Medford, MA 02155

**2005 HYUNDAI ELANTRA, GRAY**  
Vin # KMHND46D45U130332  
*David Kabic*  
*Jillian M. Vargas*  
3950 N. Lake Shore Dr., Apt. 617C  
Chicago, IL 60613

**2001 BUICK CENTURY, GOLD**  
Vin # 2G4WS52J311108847  
*Tyler Callahan*  
14 Veterans Memorial Dr.  
Peabody, MA 01960

**2005 VW JETTA, GRAY**  
Vin # 3VWSA69M95M073495  
*Manuel O. Lara*  
36 College Ave.  
Medford, MA 02155

**2007 MERCEDES BENZ S550, BLUE**  
Vin # WDDNG86X17A142260  
*Tin Soe*  
17 Jones Ct.  
Newton, MA 02458

**2005 NISSAN ALTIMA, WHITE**  
Vin # 1N4AL11D95C136223  
*Faykenon St. Elot*  
11 Woodland St., Apt. 2  
Everett, MA 02149

**2007 VW PASSAT, GRAY**  
Vin # WVWAK73C67P108959  
*Vincent Vo*  
51 Wellington Rd.  
Medford, MA 02155

**2007 TOYOTA CAMRY, GRAY**  
Vin # 4T1BE46K87U021039  
*Brenford F. Stone*  
23 Courtland St., Apt. 1  
Everett, MA 02149  
Run dates: 02/19, 02/26, 03/05/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
**Middlesex Probate and Family Court**  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
**Docket No. MI21P0454EA**  
**Estate of**  
**DONALD ELLIOT CROCKETT**  
Also Known As  
**DONALD CROCKETT**  
**Date of Death: September 04, 2020**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Christopher T. Casey of Salem, 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 **Christopher T. Casey of Salem, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
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**Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: February 09, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/19/2021  
From the Law Offices of:  
Casey & Lundregan PC  
71 Washington Street, 2nd Floor  
Salem, MA 01970  
978-741-3888

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
**Middlesex Probate and Family Court**  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
**Docket No. MI21P0532EA**  
**Estate of**  
**EDDIE JOSEPH LeBLANC**  
Also Known As  
**EDDIE J. LeBLANC**  
**Date of Death: August 29, 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 **Claudine M. True of Hudson, 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 **Claudine M. True of Hudson, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.  
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**Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: February 12, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/19/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

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Probate and Family Court  
**Middlesex Probate and Family Court**  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
**Docket No. MI21P0548EA**  
**Estate of**  
**ALBERT EUGENE CHRYST**  
Also Known As  
**ALBERT E. CHRYST**  
**Date of Death: November 01, 2018**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Alice M. Danielson 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 **Alice M. Danielson of Burlington, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.  
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**Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: February 12, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/19/2021

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
**Middlesex Probate and Family Court**  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
**Docket No. MI21P0272EA**  
**Estate of**  
**GERARD F. HURLEY**  
**Date of Death: November 21, 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 **Robert W. Hurley of Natick, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that **Robert W. Hurley of Natick, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.  
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**Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: February 12, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/19/2021

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
**Middlesex Probate and Family Court**  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
**Docket No. MI21P0541EA**  
**Estate of**  
**DEBORAH S. LEIGHTON**  
**Date of Death: November 23, 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 **Julia L. Leighton of Arlington, VA** and **Anne E. Leighton of Chicago, IL** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that **Julia L. Leighton of Arlington, VA** and **Anne E. Leighton of Chicago, IL** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.  
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**Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: February 12, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/19/2021

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
**Middlesex Probate and Family Court**  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
**Docket No. MI21P0537EA**  
**Estate of**  
**LUCY CARPENELLA**  
**Date of Death: October 18, 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 **Michael A. Carpenella of Reading, 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 **Michael A. Carpenella of Reading, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.  
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**Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: February 12, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/19/2021

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Probate and Family Court  
**Middlesex Probate and Family Court**  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
**Docket No. MI21P0538EA**  
**Estate of**  
**ROBERT JAMES FLYNN**  
Also Known As  
**ROBERT JAMES FLYNN, JR.**  
**ROBERT J. FLYNN**  
**Date of Death: December 13, 2014**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Linda J. Calo of Chelsea, 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 **Linda J. Calo of Chelsea, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.  
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**Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: February 12, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/19/2021



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Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
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Docket No. MI20P5255EA  
  
Estate of  
MICHAEL J. CAREY  
Date of Death: April 26, 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 **Derek E. Vogel** of Colleyville, TX requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that **Derek E. Vogel** of Colleyville, TX be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 09, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/19/2021

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208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
  
Docket No. MI21P0458EA  
  
Estate of  
SUSAN W. NESSEN  
Date of Death: December 07, 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 **Robert L. Nessen** of Concord, 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 **Robert L. Nessen** of Concord, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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Date: February 09, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/19/2021

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
  
Docket No. MI21P0135EA  
  
Estate of  
JANEZ MEGUSAR  
Date of Death: October 21, 2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Paul H. Beattie** of Snoqualmie, WA and **Jason M. Cotton** of Cambridge, 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 **Paul H. Beattie** of Snoqualmie, WA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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Run date: 02/19/2021

EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani

Ozuna Back with Braves  
Four-Year Deal

The Atlanta Braves are bringing back Marcell Ozuna signing the slugger to a \$65 million, four-year deal. Ozuna was the 2020 HR and RBI leader. The deal includes a fifth year club option for \$16 million with a \$1 million buyout. He had signed a one-year deal last year as a free agent.

He batted, 338 with 18 homers and 56 RBIs, narrowly missing the Triple Crown and mostly played as the club’s designated hitter after the NL adopted the DH rule.

Billy Conigliaro Dies at 73



A few years ago, I was down by Fenway Park at Tony C’s restaurant & bar where folks had gathered to remember the Impossible Dream Team, the 1967 Boston Red Sox. The place was packed and we gathered to push for the Red Sox to retire Tony Conigliaro’s #25 in his honor. I met up with Richie Conigliaro, who was organizing that evening’s event and I also met up with Billy Conigliaro and his wife Keisha. I can’t tell you how great it was to step back in time and talk to those members of the “Cardiac Kids” there that evening like George Thomas, Rico Petrocelli, and Jose Santiago to name a few. I left there with autographs and great memories, too.

I was so saddened to hear of Billy Conigliaro’s passing at age 73. I remembered the year 1970 when I was 22 years old watching both Tony and Billy playing the outfield at Fenway Park. Tony hit 36 homers and 116 RBIs, and Billy had 18 homers and 16 doubles.

I was glad to have finally met and talked with Billy about our younger days when baseball was still baseball. I send my condolences to the entire Conigliaro family.

Benintendi Goes To  
The Royals



The Boston Red Sox just traded away outfielder Andrew Benintendi, age 26, to the Kansas City Royals in a three-way deal that also included the NY Mets. He was always a fan favorite and came on like gangbusters back in 2017 when he finished second for Rookie of the Year. However, he never quite lived up to expectations and had injuries, too. I think it will be a good trade for him and hopefully he can come back and start anew for his new team. The Royals are getting a good outfielder in him and I am hoping he bounces back from the last two seasons and wish him well.

NEAA Baseball on for 2021

According to NEAA Baseball Commissioner Ralph Martignetti baseball registration is on right now. If your kid’s arte interested now is the time to register at [neaabaseball.org](http://neaabaseball.org).

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208 Cambridge Street  
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Docket No. MI21P0522EA  
  
Estate of  
JANE A. LLOYD  
Also Known As  
JANE LLOYD  
Date of Death: November 05, 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 **Laurie J. Lloyd** of Natick, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that **Laurie J. Lloyd** of Natick, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 12, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/19/2021

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
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Docket No. MI21P0328EA  
  
Estate of  
TIMOTHY ALAN NOLAN  
Also Known As  
TIMOTHY NOLAN  
Date of Death: November 16, 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 **Christine Rose Nolan** of Belchertown, 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 **Christine Rose Nolan** of Belchertown, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of March 09, 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: February 09, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/19/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
  
Docket No. MI14P5636EA  
  
Estate of  
MARGERIE F. HOYT  
Also Known As  
MARGERIE HOYT  
Date of Death: September 07, 2014  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **S/A - Formal Appointment of Successor PR** has been filed by **Donna H. Gibson** of Wellesley, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that **Donna H. Gibson** of Wellesley, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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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 March 12, 2021.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 12, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 02/19/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Suffolk Division  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300  
  
Docket No. SU20P1874EA  
  
Estate of  
MORITZ FLORIAN KIRCHER  
Date of Death: August 15, 2020  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Lara K. Rotter** of Brookline, MA.  
**Lara K. Rotter** of Brookline, 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: 02/19/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Suffolk Division  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300  
  
Docket No. SU20P1851EA  
  
Estate of  
RONALD ALAN GACICIA  
Date of Death: April 01, 2020  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Karen M. Gacicia** of Boston, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Karen M. Gacicia** 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.  
Run date: 02/19/2021



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# Johnny Bratton vs. Kid Gavilan II

## No Rope a Dope in this Fight



Johnny Bratton

Recently, I received an email from my friend boxing historian Mike Silver, the author of *The Arc Of Boxing*. Mike included a link to a YouTube video of the second Kid Gavilan vs Johnny Bratton fight. Mike described the bout as one of the best he has seen and commented that “This is BOXING.” After that ringing endorsement I had to take a look for myself. Mike certainly was right. The fight was indeed entertaining as well as a textbook example of how much boxing has devolved over the years.

Kid Gavilan and Johnny Bratton fought three times during the period from 1951 to 1953. In their first fight Gavilan won the NBA World Welterweight Championship from Bratton. In their third fight the Kid defended the title against Johnny. Their second fight was a ten round non-title affair.

Rare today, non-title fights were not unusual years ago. They would take place when the fighters would come in over the weight limit of the division the title holder was in. This was prearranged and the fans knew they were not going to see the champion risk his belt. It was a way for a title holder to stay busy without the hoopla of the match being for the title. It was also an opportunity for someone not rated high enough to get a chance at fighting a champ and even in losing good enhance his reputation by showing he could stay in there with the best.

The second Gavilan/Bratton fight was a bit unusual as the two had fought for the title just six months earlier. In that fight, held on May 18, 1951, Bratton fought with a broken jaw from the fifth round on but lasted the full distance while losing a decision. Just six months later on November 11, 1951 the two would meet again, this time in a non-title fight. And what a fight it was.

You might think Bratton would have been a bit gun shy after having taken a licking in their first encounter, but at the opening bell he came out with guns blazing. Of course, Gavilan was there to meet fire with fire, and this led to a very “entertaining” fight. It also was a display of two ring wise boxing

veterans plying their craft.

For the first three rounds Johnny tried matching Gavilan’s speedy combinations. This led to some great exchanges but The Kid was getting the best of them. In the 4<sup>th</sup> round Bratton changed tactics and started looking to counterpunch. He had more success with this strategy. Gavilan was a very rhythmic fighter and Johnny was trying to break that rhythm by making moves to throw the Champ off his game. Bratton even mimicked Gavilan’s trademarked bolo bunch in an effort to rattle him. In the seventh round the two tried to outdo one another while digging into their bags of tricks. Gavilan used head feints and a shuffle



The Kid and Johnny weighing in.

(yes, this move was around long before Ali trademarked it), and Bratton at one point pointed to the crowd in order to distract the Kid. Neither fell for the tactics but it is fun to watch them trying to one up each other.

There’s a few things that really stand out in this fight, things that you will not see today, or for that matter, ever again in boxing. In the entire 10 rounds the fighters only clinched two times and neither of these was a hug fest. They also only went



Gavilan lands a right on Bratton in their first fight.

to the ropes on one occasion. This fight, like so many from the age of boxing when it was an art form, took place almost entirely away from the ropes.

In the eighth round Bratton was stepping back from Gavilan and went back to the ropes. He immediately responded by neutralizing the champ’s left hook by placing his right hand on the inside of Gavilan’s elbow while stepping away from the ropes. This was one of two times that the referee stepped in, and even that action by the third man



Kid Gavilan

was not needed as the two were breaking on their own.

It is also a pleasure to watch how these two artists used their left jabs. Today, most fighters hold their hands up against their faces in what makes them look like they are wearing ear muffs. It is impossible to throw a decent jab from that position, not that any of them seem interested in throwing jabs anyway. Both Johnny and the Kid used a classic stance where the left hand is held low and out in front of them while the right hand is kept open and held high in order to parry the opponent’s punches. Having the left in this position allows for the punch to travel a shorter distance while also leaving the option of turning it into a hook or an uppercut, and for the real masters, a hook off the jab. It is also a great defensive position as Bratton showed in the 8<sup>th</sup> round when he was able to disarm Gavilan by grabbing the inside of his elbow and walking him away from the ropes. The left can also be raised in a stiff arm fashion to deflect a punch. They both employed feints in an effort to get the other to lead, knowing that a fighter is most vulnerable when he is throwing a punch.

It’s funny, but at one point the referee took a round away from Gavilan for holding and hitting. This was weird as other than with their fists the two hardly held at all. I think the ref was feeling unneeded and wanted to justify being paid.

At the end of the ten rounds the decision was announced as a draw. If not for the referee taking away the round from Gavilan, the champ would have won the fight.

The two would meet one more time in November of 1953, this time for the title. Gavilan won a one-sided decision over fifteen rounds. The press reported that Bratton was thoroughly beaten by the 12<sup>th</sup> round but he held on until the final bell.

I highly recommend viewing the second fight between these two excellent fighters. You can watch it a number of times, as with any great work of art you will notice new things each time you see it. And Mike was right; it is a very entertaining fight.

He was the man who ended an era, brought celebration by way of a joyous conclusion and thereby closed the record books on two of the most referenced words in professional hockey.

For it was George Armstrong, Toronto’s veteran right wing, who scored the final goal in the “Original Six” era back in the spring of 1967.

Armstrong, a former team captain of the Leafs who died at age 90 in late January, brought down the curtain on the era when he scored an empty net goal with 47 seconds left in game six of the Stanley Cup Final, providing the insurance tally in a 3-1 victory over Montreal and the ticket for Toronto’s victory parade.

Montreal and the Maple Leafs had made it to the championship round that spring, the last time that only a half dozen teams would constitute the league. Come the fall of 1967 six additional franchises would take to the ice as the first teams in what we now call the Western Conference.

And the additions would keep on coming--right through this year. Starting in the fall of 2021, Seattle will join the league, increasing the number of teams in the National Hockey League to 32. It seems light years away from the Original Six era that existed from 1942 through 1967.

Boston, Detroit, Chicago, Toronto, the New York Rangers and the Montreal Canadiens came to be called that after three teams that had competed in the NHL during the 1930s dropped out--the New York Americans, the Montreal Maroons and the St. Louis Eagles (formerly the Ottawa Senators). That left the Original Six.

It was an era unlike any other. For a quarter of a century each NHL team had only five opponents, creating a scenario where rivalries deepened and fan followings of teams and individual players became fantastically fervent.

It was an era when all players competed without helmets and visors and all goalies guarded the crease without wearing masks. In short, it was an era that would be considered frightening today by some and probably at least highly questionable by even the most ardent followers of the game in contemporary times.

For the vast majority of the Original Six era, hockey ended around the time Major League Baseball season began--often by mid-April.

But as more games came to be added to the regular season schedule, the end date of the Stanley Cup playoffs gradually crept into late April and finally crossed over into the early days of May.

And thus, it was that game six of the 1967 Stanley Cup Final was played on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Canadiens and Maple Leafs had finished second and third in the 1966-1967 regular season standings behind the Black Hawks.

And just as an aside, where were the Bruins? At the bottom, way down there with a 17-43-10 regular season mark. The two telling stats for the B’s that year: they scored the fewest goals of any team (182) while allowing the most tallies of any franchise (253).

Perhaps the most stunning result of that year’s playoffs came in the opening round when Toronto upended Chicago by winning the series in six games. During the regular season the Black Hawks (who became the Blackhawks in 1986) had amassed a total of 94 points while the Maple Leafs had just 75.

The teams split the first two games in Chicago. But then the action shifted to Maple Leaf Gardens where Toronto came alive and won both games, evening the series at 2-2.

Back in Chicago, Toronto came away with a 4-3 victory in game five and then closed out the series in game six with a victory at home.

The surprising win propelled the Maple Leafs into the SCF. Both teams split the first two games in Montreal and did the same with the next two in Toronto, with the Maple Leafs winning game three in double overtime.

But Toronto really got hot late in the series, winning both game five and game six while allowing Montreal only one goal in each of those contests.

And so it was that when George Armstrong scored his empty net goal with less than a minute remaining in game six to provide the Leafs with their 3-1 victory it would be the final time the puck had crossed the crease in the Original Six era.

The championship really would prove to be the Stanley Cup Final for Toronto in more ways than one. The triumph would be the fourth Stanley Cup title for the Leafs during the 1960s--the franchise also having captured the Cup in 1962, 1963, and 1964. It was the perfect conclusion to mark the end of an era as well putting the capstone on an outstanding span of achievement--four Cup titles within six years.

But as the decades have rolled on the 1967 victory has, in reality, proved to be the Stanley Cup Final for Toronto since It would also be the last time that the franchise would take possession of the trophy. That’s right. After George Armstrong and his teammates skated off the ice with Lord Stanley’s Cup on that early spring night back in 1967, Toronto has never stood on hockey’s summit since. The last time the Leafs got close was back in 2002 when they lost to the Carolina Hurricanes in the Eastern Conference Finals.

Fast forward to 2021 and the picture has brightened--at least during the early phases of the shortened 56-game schedule. As of February 16<sup>th</sup>, the Maple Leafs were leading the North Division (comprised entirely of teams based in Canada) with an 11-3-2 mark, good for 24 points, four more than second place Montreal.

There are plenty of games to go but one can’t find fault with a successful start. It is more than enough to warm the hearts of those residing in the city that sits along the icy shores of Lake Ontario during these cold midwinter days.

And somewhere, George Armstrong, whose career in hockey as a player, coach, executive and ambassador to the game spanned 70 years, is smiling.