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East Boston Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner

by Sal Giarratani



News Briefs

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Fortune Cookie Warning

Opened up a fortune cookie recently and the fortune read, "Be patient! The Great Wall didn't get built in one day." I don't think that message was for me. I think I got President Trump's cookie by mistake.

Congressman Wants to Donate His Brains?

Read this a few months back: a congressman from Rhode Island is pledging to donate his brain for research. U.S. Rep. David Cicilline, D-RI, played Pop Warner football as a kid and he thought his brain might be good to study. Seems he once asked a researcher how he could help with CTE research and the guy told him to donate his brain. Who knows, maybe that's why Cicilline is such an awful legislator in the U.S. House.

Hey, if he really wants to help medical science, he could talk to the surgeon in Italy who wants to perform the head transplant that I mentioned in this column last issue. Maybe he could find other colleagues to help such research. Maybe, we could start electing more U.S. Congress members with brains for a change.

March Primary for Ted Cruz

I used to like U.S. Senator Ted Cruz before I saw him in action during the 2016 Republican presidential primary, where I lost my taste for his brand of politics. Next month in Texas, Republicans and Democrats will be going to the polls in party primaries. Cruz will

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The East Boston Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner was held on Thursday, February 8th at the Hilton Garden Inn on Boardman Street. Buddy Mangini was installed for a second term as president and two new members of the Board of Directors, Joe Ruggiero and Amanda Donis, as well as returning members were sworn in by City Councilor Lydia Edwards.

Kudos to Buddy Mangini, who seems to be Mr. Everything in East Boston! No one seems more connected to this community than he is. Buddy also pointed out the efforts of so many who are equally committed to East Boston, saying, "Our neighborhood will always be connected with the rest of the city. Perseverance, pride AND strength are firmly planted in our genes."



(Photos by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

Join ... THE ITALIAN AMERICAN ALLIANCE

FOR THEIR FIRST ANNUAL MASS & MEETING

To mark the first year of its existence, a Mass will be offered for the members and supporters of the Italian American Alliance this Sunday, February 25th, at noon at St. Leonard Church on Hanover Street in the North End. Following the Mass, coffee and pastry will be served at the Sacred Heart Church hall and a short meeting of the Alliance Board of Directors will take place. The setting will also allow for a raffle drawing sponsored by the Alliance. Nearby parking is available at the Haymarket Garage at 136 Blackstone Street. All are invited to attend.

The Alliance is an organization of individuals and affiliated organizations who advocate to government authorities and private entities for causes that are important to Italians and Italian Americans. In the past year, the Alliance has enjoyed support from the Massachusetts Sons

of Italy, the Federation of Italian Organizations, the Dante Alighieri Society, the Pirandello Lyceum, the St. Joseph Society, and the Boston Renaissance Lodge. In the coming year, some fifty other Italian Associations are expected to become affiliated with the fast growing Alliance.

The Alliance came into existence when the Cambridge City Council voted to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day in early 2017. It was in the aftermath of that unfortunate vote that it was decided that one organization should be formed to specifically stand up for our cherished heritage. However, once the Alliance was formed, its Board of Directors became aware of a host of other discriminatory issues and practices, which caused the Alliance to expand its mission in order to address them.

Alliance President James DiStefano announced that the Mass this upcoming Sunday is just the first of a series of events in 2018. "The Alliance is composed of members from all over the state and so the Mass is a perfect way of thanking them for their early support. While most will attend religious services in their own home communities, it's important that they know that this Mass is for them and their special intentions."

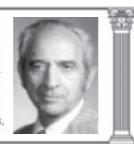
Among its many ambitious plans for the coming year, the Alliance will be working to convince one of the local television stations to provide a distinctly Italian program dedicated to Italian culture and promoting the work of the Italians individuals and organizations throughout the state.

For more information, please contact Frank Mazzaglia at 774-293-5017.



by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



The man who ruled jointly with Marcus Aurelius was his adopted brother. Once again, it might be appropriate to repeat that after the death of Domitian, it became an approved and welcomed policy for an emperor to adopt a successor. Nerva's administration started the grand period of later Rome, when, for nearly a hundred years, the concept of adopting a successor to the empire gave Rome the five best rulers who ever followed, referred to as the "Antonines," or "The Five Good Emperors." This line all started with Nerva, who adopted Trajan, and he in turn chose Hadrian. The brilliant and scholarly Antoninus Pius was the choice of Hadrian, provided that Pius adopt Marcus Aurelius, and this was done.

Although Marcus Aurelius adopted Lucius Verus, he departed slightly from established policy and adopted Lucius as a brother instead of a son and heir. Lucius also contributed his little bit to this departure by dying of a stroke, so that the adopter actually outlived the adoptee and the story of his life can now be told separately from that of Marcus Aurelius.

Lucius Ceionius Aelius Commodus Verus Antonius was given the name Aelius because **LUCIUS VERUS**

his father had been adopted by Hadrian. Later, he was called Verus Antoninus because he was adopted as a brother to Marcus Aurelius Antoninus. History does not classify him as either a good or bad emperor but does imply that his vices were on a par with his virtues and that his lack of ingenuity made it impossible for him to conceal any of those vices. His natural father was the one who was adopted by Hadrian, given the name of Caesar, and then departed from this good earth a short time later.

Lucius was born in Rome on December 15, 130 A.D. Because of his father's association with Hadrian, Lucius was reared in the imperial household and received excellent instruction from Latin and Greek grammarians, rhetoricians, and philosophers. He held a deep affection for them and they returned that affection, but not too much knowledge. He was fond of composing verses and orations; however, his critics never commented on which of these was the better, but rather discussed whether he was he a worse poet or a speaker. There were also more than just a few persons who claimed that the only fairly good things credited to him were, in fact, written by some of the learned men that were kept in his employ.

After passing into manhood, his first important position was as a "quaestor" (treasury official) and later he was made "consul" (high magistrate) along with Marcus Aurelius. For many years, however, he functioned as a private citizen and not as a member of the royal household; he was not singled out for honors as was Marcus, had no seat in the Senate until he was appointed to public office, never rode alongside his father when traveling, and never received any honorary titles except being referred to as the son of the emperor. Lucius was an eager spectator at the circus and in the Colosseum, but always considered his debaucheries to be a contact sport. It was said that he was retained in the royal household as a son of Antoninus Pius only because Hadrian had wanted it that way. Lucius was, however, truly loyal to his adopted father, even though he did not show much affection toward him. Pius, in turn, loved his frank nature and unspoiled manner of life.

NEXT WEEK:

Res Publica

by David Trumbull



Washington Will No Longer be a Roadblock to Rebuilding America



The Anderson Memorial Bridge between Boston and Cambridge, Massachusetts, sits near the heart of Harvard University. The structure's elegant arches and Georgian Revival design help it blend seamlessly into the surrounding architectural style of America's oldest college.

It took eleven months to build the original bridge in 1912. When it came time to repair it nearly a hundred years later, the project dragged on for close to five years — and at a significant cost overrun.

So, with all the advantages of modern technology, why did it take more than five times as long to repair the structure today as it did to create it outright more than a century ago? Unsurprisingly, the reason has little to do with engineering or technical demands. Rather, the Anderson Bridge project was Verus the Squanderer a victim of a bloated, tangled

patchwork of regulatory oversight, including a historical commission, environmental agencies, and state transportation bureaucrats, among

Earlier this month, President Trump released his Legislative Outline for Rebuilding Infrastructure in America, a 53-page document that lays out six principles for reversing this unacceptable course. Here is what the President is calling upon Congress to help him achieve:

1. \$200 billion in Federal funding to spur at least \$1.5 trillion in investments. Federal infrastructure spending will promote State, local, and private investments and maximize the value of every taxpayer dollar. Of this \$200 billion, \$100 billion will create an Incentives Program that will promote accountability by making

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Consulate General of Italy in Boston ELEZIONI PER IL RINNOVO DEL PARLAMENTO ITALIANO – 4 MARZO 2018

Si informa che ai cittadini italiani elettori residenti all'estero ed iscritti nell'AIRE e agli elettori temporaneamente all'estero (legge 459/2001) è stato inviato, al loro indirizzo, un plico contenente il materiale per votare per corrispondenza.

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ELECTIONS FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT – MARCH 4, 2018

Please be advised that electoral packages have been sent to Italian citizens voting abroad (and registered with the Registry for Italians who reside abroad – AIRE), and to voters temporarily abroad (as per Law 459/2001), at their addresses.

Voters must comply with the instructions provided in the electoral package to complete, and return, ballot/s which they must then mail **promptly**, in the postage-paid envelope provided, in order to ensure delivery to the Consular Office no later than 4:00 PM (local time) March 1st, 2018.

Voters who have not received their electoral package may request a duplicate to the Consular Office competent for the jurisdiction they reside in. For more information, you can contact this Consular Office via email (elettorale.boston@ esteri.it) or by phone at (617) 722-9305, also during the weekend days of February 24-25, from 10am to 3pm.

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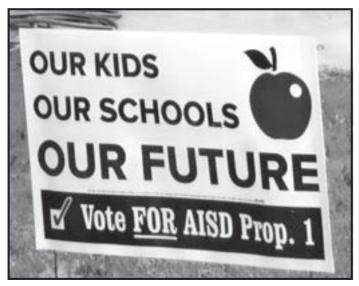
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GUEST EDITORIAL

We Need to Look at Bringing Back an **Elected School Committee**

by Sal Giarratani



Residents and parents within the Austin Independent School District voted last fall to pass a bond measure increasing funds for the children of the district. Parents overwhelming said "yes" to new taxes for their children in public schools. This lawn sign said it all: "Our Kids Our Schools OUR FUTURE."

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

I believe it is high time to restore an elected Boston School Committee, so that the voters and parents have a direct say once again in school department policies. The old elected school committee did have some bad history with politics topping everything else. Not good. In 1991, a home-rule petition abolished the elected school board after being criticized for being dysfunctional. Over time, under late Boston Mayor Tom Menino, the appointed board became little more than a rubber stamp for the mayor's office, which still appoints the current seven-member board.

Do any parents out there think the appointed board cured all the ills of the previous elected school committee? There will always be politics when politicians are calling the shots. It is time to let the people, the actual stakeholders, call the shots again.

I urge City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George to get going with those hearings to review the current appointed structure of the board and get the conversation going with the public. I believe parents can best engage the people who set school policy that impacts their kids' classroom education by using their voices to elect the school committee like other parents all across the commonwealth do.

Just because the Boston School Committee could have been much better decades ago, I don't think taking away the right of citizens to pick their own school committee members is right. We elect the mayor. We elect the city council members. Why not elect school board, too?

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North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) Night of Amore

The North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) presented a lovely, sold-out evening of opera and music theatre songs about "Amore" at Lucia's Ristorante on Sunday, February 11th. Guests enjoyed a delicious three-course meal, including the beautifully crafted heart-shaped homemade ravioli paired with stunning vocals presented by the four professional singers. Song favorites included "Qui la Voce" from Bellini's Opera, I Puritani; Musetta's Waltz from La Boheme, and Bernstein's "Tonight, Tonight" from West Side Story.

The NEMPAC artists included soprano Lindsay Conrad, baritone Tim Gorka, tenor Joel Edwards, soprano Jennifer Jaroslavsky, pianist Melanie Rucinski, and artistic director Rebecca Miller.



"Amore" kicked off NEMPAC's upcoming 2018 Opera Project season and their 8th annual production on June 21st and



Dianne Royle, NEMPAC Board President; Senator Joe Boncore, and Sherri Snow, NEMPAC Executive Director

23rd at Faneuil Hall, The Great Hall. A full opera production of Don Giovanni by Mozart will be performed with orchestra, in Italian with English super titles. Professional singers, musicians, and artists will be led by stage director Rebecca Miller and conducted by Dr. Tiffany Chang. Artist heard at the "Amore" Concert have sung in past Opera Project productions and/or will join the NEMPAC Opera Project for its upcoming season. Tickets will go on sale on March 1, 2018 at www.nempacboston.org/tickets.

NEMPAC extends a sincere thank you to Lucia's Ristorante and Anna and Filippo Frattaroli for hosting this years annual Valentine's "Amore" event.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors to Benefit North End/West End Seniors



L-R: Johannah Malone, Fundraising Specialist ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center; Amanda Glidwell, Director of Admissions, Marquis Health Services; Jennifer Raymond, Director of Physician Relations and Network Development, Marquis Health Services; and Sami Almadi, Administrator/Executive Director, Marquis Health Services

The ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) is grateful for the support and friendship of the North End Rehabilitation and Health Care Center on Fulton Street in the North End. Sami Almadi, Administrator/ Executive Director; Jennifer Raymond, Director of Physician Relations and Network Development; and Amanda Glidwell, Director of Admissions

came to the center to meet with seniors and answer questions about their organization's programs and services. They provided a delicious meal of chicken, pasta, salad, and fruit, and gave seniors goody bags of scarves and hats. The presentation was informative and the seniors had many questions. All in all, it was a cozy day to enjoy one another's company in the drop-in center.





The North End Rehabilitation and Health Care Center will return to deliver a financial workshop presentation and the NE/WE NSC will publish the schedule in advance. The NE/WE NSC and the North End Rehabilitation and Health Care Center look forward to collaborating in the future to offer comprehensive services to the seniors and other residents of the neighborhood.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Let's Hear it for the Oscars!

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

It is that wonderful time of the year again. The time of watching movie stars glide across the red carpet, as graceful as paper swans, wrapped in jewel-hued gowns and suits. It is the time when television channels replay Oscar-winning movies of the past, with iconic images of sultry femme fatales and

tight-jawed heroes and conniving villains flashing across the screen. During the past few weeks, people have devoted much time to recognizing the artistic achievements of a medium that often goes unappreciated, being synonymous with lightweight popcorn fare. Now, however, people are in full recognition of the powerful force that movies play in our lives. Which film of the past year, they ask, best crafted a story that transported us to another time or place? Which director imbued his or her project with the most love and passion? Which actress or actor best delved into the complexities of their role? Yes, it is the time of the year when the Academy Awards are announced. As a long-time lover of film, I will spend the evening of Sunday, March 4th, glued to my television, shivering with anticipation as the little gold statuettes are distributed. While I am watching, I will also pay tribute to the significance of movies to my life and heritage.

Movies have always comprised an integral part of my soul. Indeed, film has contributed to the collective subconscious of people around the world. Much of our notions of good and evil, achievement, love and longing derive from the celluloid world. When I think of selfless romance, for example, I think of cynical café owner Rick Blaine from Casablanca letting his true love Ilsa depart on a plane on a foggy Moroccan night, all for the higher cause of stopping Nazism. Han Solo from Star Wars, on the other hand, forever stays in my mind as the epitome of the rascal with a heart of gold, the guy everybody knows who tries to be tough but cannot conceal his soft side for long. When he reappeared at the end of the film to save Luke the evil Empire, I felt a cheer swelling up inside me. That is



because they are little stories that encompass the spectrum of emotions that give meaning to our existence as humans. I try to catch as many of the Best Picture nominees as I can, though busy work and school schedules make it difficult. However, this past year I did manage to watch Beauty and the Beast, Wonder Woman, and Star Wars: The Last Jedi in theaters, and each time I was swept away by the fantastical magic of moviemaking. I used to attempt to see the Best Picture nominees prior to the Oscar ceremony, but find it more stress-free to view them afterwards when I have time, perhaps on a cozy movie night, snuggling with my husband and a big bowl of buttered popcorn. From dramatic biographies to quirky indie flicks, the year's Oscar-nominated films encapsulated a rich tapestry of the human stories and I want to soon add them to my repertoire. I am also elated that the Oscar nominations this year contain historic milestones — for example, Jordan Peele (Get Out) is the first African-American to be nominated for the trifecta of Best Picture, Director, and Screenplay, while Greta Gerwig (Lady Bird) is only the fifth woman to be nominated for Best Director in film history. After a year when horrible scandals exposed the disturbing, misogynistic, and ugly side of Hollywood, these nominations offer hope for a future of compassion, diversity and activism, while nevertheless alerting us that much progress still needs to be made.

Star Wars, on the other hand, forever stays in my mind as the epitome of the rascal with a heart of gold, the guy everybody knows who tries to be tough but cannot conceal his soft side for long. When he reappeared at the end of the film to save Luke Skywalker from the clutches of the evil Empire, I felt a cheer swelling up inside me. That is why I appreciate film so much,

indelible masterpieces. World cinema
stands all the richer
because of directors
like Federico Fellini,
who brought whimsy
and absurd satire
back to silver screen,
or Vittorio De Sica,
who gave a voice to
Italy's working-class
citizens, or Sergio
Leone, whose revisionist Westerns
reshaped the myth

of the American frontier. Italian film even forms the backbone of an interesting story repeated among my family. When my grandmother was a young and sophisticated student in Rome, she was courted by the studio bigwigs of Cinecittá, the Italian version of Hollywood, to become an actress. Though one of her old-fashioned relatives put an end to this, the story speaks to the splendor of Italian cinema and its ability to inspire dreams in young people, just like the fictionalized Hollywood of legend. In honor of Italian contributions to movies, I often serve star-worthy Italian dishes for my Oscar-watching events. In the past, I have served gorgonzola pasta and tartlets made with berries, lemon, and luxurious mascarpone cheese. A few years ago, I made a mascarpone cheesecake drizzled with chocolate sauce. It was such a decadent and creamy hit that I plan to make it again, an appropriately stylish plate for the most glamorous season of the year.

Films are a roadmap of our hopes, dreams, and values. I encourage everyone to watch at least a few of the Best Picture nominees before the Oscar ceremony on Sunday the 4th in order to find one that resonates on an emotional level. Good movies enrich our lives, as they provide us with visions of another world or new perspectives or characters so strongly written that they remain inside our minds long after the projector has stopped running. This month, I will revel in the Oscars as a means to pay tribute to the films that have enhanced my life journey and I will also pause to honor the Italian movies that have become milestones in my culture and heritage. After all, the ability to view films as more than just entertainment, but as significant social art and artifacts, is an achievement worthy of an Academy Award in itself.

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Stop Worrying, Just Say It

When I was younger, I cared about what others thought about my myriad of opinions. I was always letting others color the way in which I stated my position on an assortment of public policy issues.

When you are young, you are not always that sure. But the older one gets, the more one feels little need to check with others before opening your mouth or your laptop.

At a certain point, you just say (expletive) to your critics, knowing you don't need anyone's approval. When you are younger, everything seems black, white, up, down, good or bad. As we age, we see most of our lives are drowning in gray, all kinds of gray, fifty to a hundred shades of gray, where there are few clear choices to choose from. Guess it might have always been like that, but it went unnoticed in our youth.

I love writing about politics because I love politics and over the years have played it mostly well. BUT lately, politics has been far from fun and far too bitter and hateful. These new politics have no ideology or party label. It is everyone on every subject, no matter how great or insignificant.

Listen to all the bickering between members of the House Intelligence Committee and their competing memos. Adam Schiff versus Devin Nunes facing off as if each was Gary Cooper in *High Noon*. By the way, I always thought Adam Schiff was a great district attorney on *Law & Order*. When did he run for Congress? I didn't see that episode, did you?

I've given up TV for a while. Can't take *CNN*, *MSNBC* or *Fox News*! Need a rest from all the crap that goes for real news.

I've started listening to AM-FM Radio. Lots of interesting stuff there late into the evenings. Some conservative hosts are pretty good, others not so much. I've also caught some radio shows where the hosts all seem certifiably off the deep end of the pool. One night, real late, a parade of looney tune callers must of all been wearing their tinfoil hats to protect from those deadly rays of sanity breaking in.

I have now decided, since I am old enough not to care about my critics out there, to say what I think and say it often. Amazing how you must get old to get wise, if you're lucky. It was so much easier to pontificate when I rambled on endlessly about some politician or some event that I disliked. Now I can't waste time with these trivial matters.

When we all wake up in the morning, we should thank God we are alive. We should concentrate on what is important to us and those we love. We can't get distracted by talking or writing about stupid stuff.

Yesterday morning, I woke up to my radio alarm playing, "Wake up Everyone" by Harold Melvin & The Blue Notes. Another great song to sing every once in a while is "The Impossible Dream" — it isn't just about baseball.

I hope you are getting something out of this commentary; I would hate to see it wasted on people who don't know good journalism when they see it. JUST KIDDING!

FEEDBACK — Let me know what you think. Good writing is interactive. We share ideas and opinions and we all are the better for it. Contact me at sal.giarratani@gmail.com.



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THE RENAISSANCE LODGE, SONS OF ITALY

Annual St. Joseph's Day Luncheon

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018, AT NOON

For over a decade, Renaissance Lodge Officer Barbara Summa, owner of the North End's famous La Summa Ristorante, 30 Fleet Street, Boston's North End, has hosted a traditional Saint Joseph's Day Luncheon for our Lodge and friends. This is many of our Members' favorite event!

The meal will include such favorites as orange and fennel salad; stuffed artichokes; broccoli rabe; pastas, including spaghetti with orange rind and breadcrumbs; various frittatas; many special traditional desserts; and coffee and tea. (If we're lucky, she may even have smelts!)

The price is \$45 and includes Meal, Tax,

and Tip. All meals must be paid for in advance. You can pay for your alcoholic beverages and soda that day.

This event has always been a sellout, so early RSVPs are essential!

SEATING IS LIMITED!!RSVP to Marjorie Cahn at 617-285-6564.

Please make checks payable to "OSIA" and mail to Dr. Dr. Dean Saluti, PO Box 692027, Quincy, MA 02269. Checks must be received before the event.

Park your car on the street or in the Commercial Street lot at the end of Fleet Street. We also suggest that you arrive early and bring your appetite!

North End Seniors Club Celebrate Valentine's Day

by Debra DeCristoforo

On Tuesday, February 13th, the North End Seniors Club celebrated with a party for Valentine's Day.

The seniors enjoyed a fabulous lunch of antipasto and ziti generosity donated by Artu on Prince Street. Dessert a beautiful white cake with whipped cream frosting and festive red flowers — was provided through the generosity of Mike's Pastry on Hanover Street.

Special guests included Senator Joe Boncore, who brought candy hearts. Representative Aaron Michlewitz was unavailable due to an illness, but he sent along beautiful light-up red roses with his aide Packy. City Councilor Lydia Edwards was unavailable due to an AirBnB hearing, but she sent her chief of staff, Gabriella Coletta, and her aide Kathy Carangello with candy and best wishes.

Special thanks to Nick Verrocchi for securing the lunch donations and for providing heart-shaped balloons to add



Senator Joe Boncore enjoying the day with the North End Seniors Club.

to the decor.

The seniors had a fun afternoon and are extremely grateful to the businesses and elected officials and friends for their generosity that made the day so enjoyable.



Five Ways to Cope with the Death of a Pet

The loss of a pet can bring as much grief as the loss of some human friends and family members.

This makes sense when you consider the role our animal companions play in our everyday lives. You cared for your pet's every need and, because they could not speak, you learned to communicate in other ways. Such caring builds intimacy similar to that found between a parent and their infant; love without conflict, jealousy, or any of the other complications found in most relationships. So when a pet dies, the depth of your grief reflects your loss of a special relationship.

"When we lose a pet, we lose a relationship unlike any other," says Ken Dolan-Del Vecchio (www.greengateleadership.com), a family therapist and author of The Pet Loss Companion: Healing Advice from Family Therapists Who Lead Pet Loss Groups.

"Many of us love our pets the way we love our children. But in the immediate aftermath of this unique loss, too often family members and friends say things like, 'Just get another one.' Instead of devaluing your grief over the loss of this important relationship, as others may advise, embrace your sorrow. Your grief is important, for it will lead you to healing and teach you important things about what matters most in life."

Dolan-Del Vecchio offers these tips for those grieving the loss of a pet:

Share your grief with empathetic friends: Spend time with people who understand your closeness with your pet. Even some friends may be insensitive, so be careful to avoid "get over it" types of people. "Unfortunately, many people see animals as if they were nonliving objects," says Dolan-Del Vecchio.

Attend a pet loss support group: Pet loss groups provide a concentrated dose of social support. Meeting with others who also grieve and share similar emotions can boost one's heal-

Keep moving: Exercise is a healer. It boosts feelings of wellbeing and calm, improves sleep, and brightens your mood.

Be creative: Whether you lean towards writing, scrapbooking, ceramics, photography, or making collages, creative projects may contribute to healing.

Spend time in nature: Nothing quiets the mind and soul like a stroll through a park, nature preserve, or by the seashore. "The natural world brings special benefits when your heart has been torn by

grief," Dolan-Del Vecchio says. "The sights, sounds, and smells of nature connect us to eternal, circular stories of life and death in ways that go beyond our usual thoughts and feelings and this experience brings solace to many people."

According to Dolan-Del Vecchio, "It's important to care for yourself when you're grieving your pet. This requires some planning and acts of will, as grief can diminish energy and motivation. You can lessen your distress through self-care. Above all else, be gentle with yourself."

About

Ken Dolan-Del Vecchio

Ken Dolan-Del Vecchio (www. greengateleadership.com) is an author, speaker, family therapist, and leadership and life skills consultant. His books include Simple Habits of Exceptional (But Not Perfect) Parents; The Pet Loss Companion: Healing Advice from Family Therapists Who Lead Pet Loss Groups; and Making Love: Playing Power: Men, Women, and the Rewards of Intimate Justice. Dolan-Del Vecchio founded GreenGate Leadership® after retiring from his role as Vice President, Health and Wellness, at Prudential, where he was responsible for behavioral health services for the company's 20,000 U.S. employees.



Dolores (Payne) Lazzarino

Dolores (Payne) Lazzarino, of Winthrop passed away peacefully on February 15th surrounded by her loving family.

Beloved wife of the late Peter Lazzarino. Devoted mother of Nicholas Mustacchio and his wife Lisa of East Boston, Warren Mustacchio and his wife Anna of the North End, and Jeanine Markiewicz and her



husband Jonathan of Saugus. Dear sister of John Payne and Warren Payne, both of Boston, and the late Diane Byrne. Adored grandmother of Nicole, Michael, Gina, Gabriella, Nick, and Nicholas. She is also survived by her many cherished nieces and nephews, as well as her life-long friend Jan Freda of Winthrop.

Dolores was a member of the Saint Agrippina Women's Society of Boston.

Family and friends honored Dolores' life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home in East Boston on Monday, February 19th, and again on Tuesday morning before leaving in procession to St. Leonard Church on Hanover Street in the North End for a Funeral Mass in celebration of Dolores's life. Services concluded with Dolores being laid to rest in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery with her beloved husband Peter, may they both rest in peace.

In honoring Dolores, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Memphis, TN 38101.



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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo





Brushing your hair and brushing your teeth are a necessary part of health and beauty care every

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The Ancient Chinese were popular in bringing this habit to an actual daily routine. Dry Brushing can be seen as an offered service at spas as of late. There are many potential benefits from Dry Brushing your skin. It helps in smoothing your skin and helps with lymphatic drainage, stimulating the normal lymph flow in the body and helping the body to detoxify naturally. The skin is Brushed in the direction of the heart. The feet and hands are Dry Brushed first aiming toward the heart.

Exfoliating your skin is a noticeable benefit for soft, smooth skin by Dry Brushing. Cleans pores on your face diminish large pores. An all-natural complexion brush should be used for this. Regular Dry Brushing has helped cellulite with some people.

Dry Brushing helps to stimulate and circulate the blood, promoting a feeling of well-being and increasing energy. Something we all can

When choosing a brush, make sure the bristles are Natural and not Synthetic. Make sure your body brush has a long handle to reach everywhere, in-

cluding your back. Use a soft all-Natural bristle

for your complexion. As you form a habit of Dry Brushing your body every day, you will want to use a stiffer

brush. After Dry Brushing, you can shower to wash away built up skin cells.

So, start off your Dry Brushing routine using a softer all-Natural brush with moderate pressure. Then graduate to a firmer brush with firmer pressure. Your skin and body will thank you!

Buona Giornata and God Bless the USA!

 Mary N. DiZazzo-Trumbull Read prior weeks "All That Zazz" columns at www.allthat zazz.com. Mary is a thirdgeneration cosmetologist and a Massachusetts distributor of Kosmea brand rose hip oil products. She may be contacted at (978) 470-8183 or mary@ mary4nails.com.

Saint Gonsalo Garcia, O.F.M.

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Gonsalo Garcia was born in 1557 in the fortified city of Bassein, thirty miles north of Bombay, India. His father was a Portuguese soldier, an immigrant to India, and his mother was a Bassein native.

As he grew up, Gonsalo stayed with the local Jesuits. While there, he became friends with Fr. Sebastian Gonsalves, who become Gonsalo's mentor. He studied grammar, philosophy and Roman history with the Jesuits. When he was thirteen, Gonsalo asked Fr. Sebastian for permission to join the missionaries to Japan. He was denied because of his youth but approved two years later. During the course of his voyage to Japan, Garcia learned Japanese with the help of a Japanese native who accompanied them on the same ship.

Once the missionaries reached Japan, Gonsalo worked as a catechist. He would walk the streets, drawing children to him with his kindness and fluent understanding of Japanese. He worked for eight years in the Japanese missionary fields with the Jesuits. He tried to join the Jesuit order, but he was turned down because of his native origin.

Finally, Gonsalo Garcia lost hope of becoming a Jesuit, resigned his position, and left



to set up a trade. His business prospered and branches were opened in different locales in Southeast Asia.

Gonsalo moved to Manila in the Philippines as a lay missionary. In the Philippines, he was influenced by a Franciscan priest, Fr. Peter Baptista, and soon joined the Seraphic Order as a lay brother. After working with the leper patients there, he was formally ordained as a Franciscan in Manila.

The Spanish Governor of Manila selected Fr. Peter Baptista as the leader of the delegation on a diplomatic mission to Japan. Since he did not know the Japanese language; Gonsalo Garcia was selected to be his translator as well as his companion. Gonsalo immediately accepted this responsibility. The missionaries left Manila on May 21, 1593, and reached Hirado,

a harbor in Japan, on July 8,

After working successfully for four years obtaining many conversions, the Japanese shogun falsely suspected the missionaries of sedition and they were placed under house arrest in their monastery in Miaco (Kyoto) on December 8, 1596. On January 4th, the prisoners who had been sentenced to death began their journey from Kyoto. They traveled six hundred miles from Kyoto to Nagasaki, reaching Nagasaki on February 4, 1597. The next morning, they were taken to a hill known as Nishigaoka where Terazawa Hazaburo, the brother of the Governor of Nagasaki, had planned for the crucifixions to take place. As Garcia was prominent among the missionaries, he was given the middle place. The execution started at ten o'clock in the morning. Gonaslo, Peter Baptist, and the other friars were crucified, along with fifteen teenage boys who were members of the Third Order of Saint Francis and three Jesuits.

In 1627, Garcia and his fellow martyrs were declared "Venerable" by Pope Urban VIII.

Gonsalo Garcia became the first saint from India when he was canonized on June 8, 1862, by Pope Pius IX. His feast day is celebrated on February 6th.

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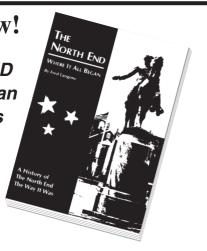
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NEAD FAMILY DINNER/FAMILY TALK

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) will be holding their First Family Dinner/Family Talk of 2018. It will be held on Thursday, March 15th, at 5:45 pm at the Nazzaro Center. Space is limited, so please RSVP ASAP. There will be an Italian dinner along with a great guest speaker.

The speaker for this event will be Dan Toscano - North End resident, lawyer, father, coach, mentor, and founder of North End Hockey!!!

Adults must attend with their children and vice versa. We encourage grandparents to come with their grandkids and families!!! North End residents, Nazzaro Center members can attend.

REMEMBER, **SPACE IS LIMITED**, so please respond by March 5th and let them how many will be attending. For more information or to sign up, contact John Romano at jromano45@ gmail.com.



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The SpeakEasy Stage Presents

EVERY BRILLIANT THING

SpeakEasy Stage Company will proudly present the Boston premiere of the charming and life-affirming solo show EVERY BRILLIANT THING.

Written by British playwright Duncan MacMillan (Lungs; People, Places, and Things) and originally performed by British comedian Jonny Donohoe, EVERY BRILLIANT THING explores depression and looks at the lengths we will go to help those we love. The story begins when a young girl compiles a list of things worth living for in an effort to ease her mother's sadness; things like ice cream, and water fights, and staying up past your bedtime to watch TV. Through adulthood, as the list grows, she comes to understand the deep significance the list has had on her own life and the irrepressible resilience inside us all.

Adrianne Krstansky will star in this one-person show that explores this delicate topic with equal parts grace and humor. Ms. Krstansky recently won both an Elliot Norton and IRNE Award for her work as Lola in the Huntington Theatre Company's production of Come Back,



Little Sheba. Her SpeakEasy credits include lead roles in the Boston premieres of *Tribes*, Body Awareness, and Snakebit.

Marianna Bassham will be making her SpeakEasy directing debut with this production. Ms. Bassham received both an Elliot Norton and IRNE Award for her performance in Speak-Easy's production of *Blackbird*. Her other SpeakEasy acting credits include In the Next Room (or The Vibrator Play); Reckless; and Hand to God. Ms. Bassham most recently appeared as Marc Antony in an all-female production of Julius Caesar for Actors' Shakespeare Project.

The design team for EVERY BRILLIANT THING includes Eric Levenson (scenic and lighting); Amanda Ostrow Mason (costumes); Lee Schuna (sound); and Abby Shenker (props).

Becca Freifeld is the Production Stage Manager.

EVERY BRILLIANT THING will run for five weeks, from March 2-31, 2018, in the round at the Roberts Studio Theatre in the Stanford Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, located at 527 Tremont Street in Boston's South End.

For more info, call the box office at 617-933-8600 or visit www.SpeakEasyStage.com.

Oh, What a Beautiful Season!

The Ogunquit Playhouse Announces Lineup for 2018



"A NIGHT AT THE RACES"

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The legendary Ogunquit Playhouse is thrilled to produce five spectacular musicals for its upcoming season, which includes an all-new production Men, a beautiful new produc-

of the sizzling song and dance celebration Smokey Joe's Café, the U.S. premiere of the hilarious new musical Grumpy Old tion of the classic Oklahoma!, and the first regional production of the sumptuous new musical An American in Paris. Closing out the season is a surprise smash musical sensation that will run for an unprecedented eight weeks, from September 5th through October 28th, which will be announced in March.

"We are elated to be heading into our 86th season with an extraordinary lineup of shows and are very fortunate to be collaborating with show's original producing team on an all-new production of Smokey Joes Café, which will transfer to New York following its run at the Ogunquit Playhouse," stated Bradford Kenney, Ogunquit Playhouse Executive Artistic Director. "We have also been iollowing the development of the brand new musical version of Grumpy Old Men and are delighted and honored to produce the U.S. premiere of this hilarious new production for Playhouse audiences this season. Oklahoma! has had a long history at the Playhouse and we are thrilled to create a new production to celebrate its 75th anniversary. We are also excited to create a fresh new look for our regional premiere of the beautiful musical An American in Paris."

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Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It



A devastating fire in Revere ends a decadesold business! Sozio's Appli-

ance on Squire Road in Revere burned down over the weekend. A popular Revere landmark, Sozio's Appliance was a part of Revere's landscape for many, many years. Firefighters battled a five-alarm fire throughout the night to put out flames that engulfed the entire building. According to reports, Mrs. Sozio was inside the building at the time, but was able to make it out to safety. Three firefighters were taken to the hospital with minor injuries. The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time ... Snowbirds didn't get the weather they expected in Florida in January, but weather conditions have been improving ... All the taxpayer money spent on building the Central Artery to ease traffic congestion hasn't improved the situation! Motorists are still stuck for hours on expressways ... How can a person living in a high-end condo complex after selling a business with a cash flow be getting food stamps??? While the working slob who receives a check every week retires to a senior citizen complex and has to scrimp and scrape just to be able to eat. Something is desperately wrong in America. The government is giving away our tax dollars to so many undeserving manipulators. We need stronger laws and more government investigators to find and identify these frauds! Taxpayers have had enough and want these connivers caught! ... Dodging potholes has become a way of driving. The excise tax you pay is supposed to go towards fixing roads, yet Massachusetts has some of the worst roads in the country. Local driving is a nightmare with trying to dodge huge holes. East Boston, Revere, Everett, Chelsea, and Medford (Mystic Ave.) have some of the worst roads ... Steve Wynn stepped down as CEO of Wynn Casino and Resort Hotel. But here's the best part: Governor Charlie Baker asked politicians to return donations given by Steve Wynn as part of the casino deal ... L.L. Bean Companies has finally had enough and has revised their policy of lifetime returns. Asked why the company decided to discontinue the years-old return policy, they answered customers were returning worn-out shoes and shabby, worn-out articles of merchandise they believe were bought at flea markets. Macy's has a similar policy, where customers are allowed to return worn, smelly clothing with no questions asked. Some employees have admitted Macy's has taken hits on North Face knockoffs that the Macy's Corporation doesn't carry. Who pays for bad business decisions? The consumer, of course, because the retailer certainly won't! ... Dunkin' is dropping the "Donut" on their signs. Dunkin' Donuts does not make a good donut to begin with. You can find bigger and better donuts at almost any donut shop! ... Some good news for blind students. Perkins School for the Blind has welcomed virtual assistance technology at their Watertown campus. Perkins School for the Blind is the first to collaborate with Aira, a technology that helps the visually-impaired community. Aira is like having a sighted person in your pocket. You can ask them a question at any time and they'll have time for you. They will become your eyes, using glasses and a smart phone app to aid blind or virtually impaired people, looking through the cameras to see their points of view and provide verbal help. The service is free to everyone on campus and is available to others for, I presume, a fee. How wonderful is technology, there's no end to what it will do for us in the future ... Till next time!

LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Authority) is soliciting consulting services for MPA CONTRACT NO. L1351-S1 15KV MANHOLE SURVEY UPGRADE CABLE REPLACEMENT. The Authority is seeking qualified Electrical Engineering firm or team, with proven experience to provide professional services to document the underground electrical 15KV and 5KV cable system at Logan Airport. The team will be led by an Engineering Firm as the prime and include an Electrical Contractor as a sub-contractor to survey each electrical manhole. The Consultant must be able to work closely with the Authority and other interested parties in order to provide such services in a timely and effective manner

The Consultant shall demonstrate experience in several disciplines including but not limited to surveying and documenting the layout of an underground electrical system. The contract will be work order based, and Consultant's fee for each work order shall be negotiated. However, the total fee for the contract shall not exceed **One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00)**.

A Supplemental Information Package will be available, on THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018, on the Capital Bid Opportunities webpage of Massport http://www.massport.com/massport/ business/bids-opportunities/capital-bids as an attachment to the original Legal Notice, and on COMMBUYS (www.commbuys.com) in the listings for this project. If you have problems finding it, please contact Susan Brace at Capital Programs SBrace@massport.com The Supplemental Information Package will provide detailed information about Scope Of Work, Selection Criteria and Submission Requirements.

In recognition of the unique nature of the project and the services required to support it, the Authority has scheduled a Consultant Briefing to be held at 10:00 A.M. on THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018, at the Capital Programs Department, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston. Massachusetts 02128. At this session, an overview of the project will be provided, the services requested by the Authority will be described, and questions will be answered.

By responding to this solicitation, consultants agree to accept the terms and conditions of Massport's standard work order agreement, a copy of the Authority's standard agreement can be found on the Authority's web page at http://www.massport.com/massport/business/capitalimprovements/important-documents/. The Consultant shall specify in its cover letter that it has the ability to obtain requisite insurance coverage

This submission, including the litigation and legal proceedings history in a separate sealed envelope as required shall be addressed to Houssam H. Sleiman, PE, CCM, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs and received no later than 12:00 NOON on THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018, at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. Any submission which is not received in a timely manner shall be rejected by the Authority as non-responsive. Any information provided to the Authority in any Proposal or other written or oral communication between the Proposer and the Authority will not be, or deemed to have been, proprietary or confidential, although the Authority will use reasonable efforts not to disclose such information to persons who are not employees or consultants retained by the Authority except as may be required by M.G.L. c.66.

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THE TEACHER (DVD) Film Movement

In an elementary school classroom in Czechoslovakia in 1983 with Soviet-style Communism in full swing — a new teacher, Maria Drazdechova, greets her students with the request that each announces what their parents do for a living. With tremendous ingenuity and unfailing deviousness, she uses that information to wheedle favors, both big and small, from each family. Soon, it becomes apparent that her pupils' grades are tied to how helpful their families can be with favors. While this does not sit well with many parents, others are willing to play along because Ms. Drazdechova is also a highranking official of the Communist Party. Now, with the future of their children at stake, each family must decide whether they are willing to maintain the status quo or stand up against the corrupt system.

EXTRAORDINARY MISSION (Blu-ray) Cinedigm

Extraordinary Mission is a crime thriller from the director of Infernal Affairs. This actionpacked thriller is about justice and one man willing to go to any length to get it. When police officer Lin Kai is assigned to go undercover with a notoriously ruthless drug cartel, attempting to locate the cartel's production base, he unwillingly becomes an addict to their incredibly potent supply. As he works to dismantle the network from the inside, his discovery of an elaborate revenge plot against his police supervisor puts his loyalties to the test.

A FANATIC HEART: **GELDOF ON YEATS (DVD)** MVDvisual

A Fanatic Heart is the extraordinary story of revolution, nation-birth, mythology, disillusion, and how one poetic genius dreamed and sang an entire country into being, from the ravages of poverty and famine and into the raw dawn of a modern state. With over thirty unique performances of W.B. Yeats' epic poetry by leading Irish and British cultural figures, Bob Geldof argues why Yeats and his circle built the cultural scaffolding of a modern, pluralist Ireland but was pushed aside by the narrow-minded Catholic elite of the new Free State — the "Banana Republic" that Geldof, in turn, rebelled against half a century later. Performances of Yeats' poems by Sting, Noel Gallagher, Edna O'Brien, Bono, Van Morrison, Olivia O'Leary, Liam Neeson, Stephen Fry, Dominic West, Richard E. Grant, Bill Nighy, Anna Enright, Colin Farrell, Ardal O'Hanlon, Shane MacGowan, and more.

DUCKMAN: THE COMPLETE SERIES (10-DVD) CBS DVD + Paramount

He's crude. He's rude. He's lewd. Yes, he's the total politically incorrect Duckman (voiced by Jason Alexander), the slovenly, smart-mouthed, private eye ladies don't like and men don't want to be like. Together with Cornfed (Gregg Berger), his portly, porcine partner in crime solving, this defective detective manages to solve crimes and

be a single parent to his hilariously dysfunctional sons at the same time. Now, every irreverent episode from all four seasons is available in this Complete Series collection!

ANIMAL KINGDOM: THE COMPLETE SECOND SEASON (3-DVD) Warner Bros. Home Ent.

Season Two explodes into action with the brash Cody bad boys in the midst of a highadrenaline heist. But their haul is a dud and the frustrated brothers rebel against their all-controlling mother, Smurf, as well as each other. An external threat from Smurf's past adds to the chaos, jeopardizing her position of power. As J graduates from high school, his grandmother presents him with an awesome gift ... and ominous responsibility. By the 13th episode, one Cody will be in prison and another one left for dead. It's shocking what mind games, backstabbing, and lies can do to a relatively normal Southern California crime family. Ellen Barkin captivates as the manipulative matriarch who specializes in hard-core family values and a love so tough it can kill

BLADE OF THE IMMORTAL (Blu-ray) Magnolia Home Ent.

Manji, a highly skilled samurai, becomes cursed with immortality after a legendary battle. Haunted by the brutal murder of his sister, Manji knows that only fighting evil will regain his soul. He promises to protect a young girl named Rin and help her avenge her parents, who were killed by a group of master swordsmen led by the ruthless warrior Anotsu. The mission will change Manji in ways he could never imagine. A cutting samurai epic of suffering, vengeance, and redemption ... a true martial arts gem!

THE STAR (Blu-ray) Sony Pictures Home Ent.

A small but brave donkey named Bo yearns for a life beyond his daily grind at the village mill. One day, he finds the courage to break free and teams up with Ruth, the lovable sheep, and Dave, the hilarious dove with lofty aspirations. Along with three wisecracking camels (voiced by Tracy Morgan, Tyler Perry, and Oprah Winfrey) and some eccentric stable animals, Bo and his new friends follow the star on the adventure of their dreams, filled with lots of laughter - and become part of the greatest story ever told. Includes six sing-along videos from Mariah Carey, Fifth Harmony, Kelsea Ballerini, A Great Big World, and Kirk Franklin. The Star is filled with more than an hour of engaging bonus materials, including the "Star-aoke: Sing Along with Bo & Friends," a dance along to "Life is Good" by A Great Big World, plus a collection of fun lyric videos that will have you singing along to the inspiring music. Families can enjoy crafting and baking with "how-to" videos "Star Mason Jar Votives" and "Sweet and Sparkly Stars." They also can go behind-thescenes to explore the amazing talent who bring these characters to life.

The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

GREAT R&B ON THE RADIO

I had Sirius XM2 on my car radio recently and I must say, I liked it! No commercials or too much stupid babbling. Loved listening to Channel 48 "Heart Soul." I was either on that channel or 49 next-door for "Soul Town." You can take the kid out of Lower Roxbury, but you can't take the "Bury" out of the kid.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Division 208 Cambridge Street East Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI18P0483EA Estate of ROBERTA T. MANNING Date of Death January 3, 2018 **INFORMAL PROBATE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Innessa A. Manning of Lexington, MA, a Wil has been admitted to informal probate.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Innessa A. Manning of Lexington, MA has been informally appointed as the Persona 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 Persona Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Well, my Sirius radio is gone along with the rental and it is back to the next best thing on the radio, 97.7 FM. Great music there, too! It does come with babbling, but it is free radio.

AN EVENING OF MOTOWN

Don't forget, March 3rd, 7:00 pm, at Sacred Heart School Auditorium in Roslindale. Presenting "An Evening of Motown," featuring Soul of Boston. Doors open at 6:00 pm. For more information, go to sacredheartboston.org. Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart School's 100th Anniversary.

ON CLOUD 9 UP IN THE HEIGHTS

There's a new self-serve dog wash and boutique up on Breed Street (How appropriate, huh?) named — GET THIS! — Cloud 9 Laundra-Mutt. It's right next door to Cloud 9 Laundromat. Check it out. Now while your clothes are getting washed, you can wash your puppy dog,

DINED OUT RECENTLY IN WINTHROP

An older friend of mine invited me out to dinner and we decided on the Winthrop Arms in Winthrop. I covered this place a few years back, it's a classy restaurant. Great atmosphere, great food, great service all producing a great time out for dinner. I told my friend that next time dinner was on me. He jokingly said, "Don't wait too long, I'll be 86 on my next birthday!" Guess I'm under a deadline!

YOU"LL FEEL THE EARTH MOVE UNDER YOUR FEET

That's right, this is about Carole King, and her show opens in about two weeks. Beautiful: The Carole King Musical will open February 27th and run through March 4th at the Providence Performance Arts Center. For more details, go to ppacri.org.

SAD NEWS ABOUT THE ELITE

It appears Joe Young's Elite Restaurant may soon close after four decades of a great diner experience. Through all the changes in the East Boston neighborhood, there was always one constant — the Elite, where only the Elite partook.

Trouble started almost as soon as Dunkin' Donuts opened next door. Gone went all the parking spots with the constant in and out flow of customers. Another chain victory. Another sad ending to neighborhood history.

I've been through this before in Charlestown, when Lorraine's Coffee Shop closed up inside the Thompson Square bank building. History sadly repeats itself. You can't stop change, but sometimes watching endings is

NEW DOINGS UP AT LOGAN BEAUTY SALON

Amanda Donis just informed me that the beauty school up Bennington Street and the highway ramp into town is doing quite well. I heard a rumor that there might be a barbershop coming next. Stay tuned here for the latest news on this!

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Docket No. MI18P0501EA Estate of GRACE PATRICIA BARRY

Also Known As **GRACE P. BARRY** Date of Death October 4, 2017

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 Thomas P. Barry of Westford, MA requesting that the Court enter a for mal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Thomas P. Barry of Westford, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsuper

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 proceed ing. 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 5, 2018.

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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR. First Justice of this Court. Date: February 5, 2018

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 2/23/2018

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI18P0707EA

Estate of PAUL FRANCIS FITZGERALD Also Known As PAUL F. FITZGERALD Date of Death January 7, 2018 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 Mary E. Hennessey 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 Mary E. Hennessey of Hudson, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an

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 13, 2018.

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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court Date: February 13, 2018

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 2/23/2018

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



I don't know what the public school schedule is like today, but this is the week we used to call Washington's Birthday vacation week. The Boston schools would close and, prior to the vacation, I would make sure that I was free the weekend before and the weekend afterward and travel to an exotic location with my old friend, Sal Meli. Back then, we were in our 20s and independent. Sal worked for Polaroid and would plan his vacation time around my school department time frame, and we would book a trip to where it was warm. (Sadly, Sal is now living in an assisted living complex dealing with dementia.)

One of my first trips away from my parents and Babbononno was to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Cuba had closed down to American tourism after the revolution and Puerto Rico picked up the slack where Cuba left off. Through a friend of Uncle Nick's at Colpitts Travel Agency in Boston, Sal and I were able to get a good deal for the February vacation week in both San Juan, Puerto Rico, and on the nearby island of St. Thomas, also part of the U.S. I had spread the word of my intentions to the faculty at Hyde Park High School where I was teaching and two of the young single teachers, Pete Clark and Tom Aylward, told me that they would like to join Sal and me, so Colpitts booked a trip for four people.

Babbononno felt it his duty to help prepare me for a trip away from home. He even asked if he could come along to translate for us. When I asked him if he spoke Spanish, he told me he didn't, but he insisted that it was close enough to Italian to make him a good interpreter. Mom got me off the hook by insisting that he was needed at home and he gave up the idea of coming with me.

When my friends and I arrived at Logan Airport, Pete informed us that his elderly mother was sick and he had to cancel out. As we sat in the lounge at the Eastern Airline terminal, I spotted Mike LoPresti, a former senator who I helped out when he ran for office. I had gone to high school with his son, Vinnie, and climbed aboard his father's political train. He was now the owner of the lounge at the Eastern Terminal and came over to our table to say hello. He then told the waiter to give us whatever we wanted, on the house. Pete, the friend who had to back out, put the request to good use, and by the time we were ready to board, he was a

bit under the weather, or should I say, "Under the influence of several scotches on the rocks."

It was snowing, and we were informed that our flight would be delayed an hour, and by the time we left, Pete was feeling no pain. When we returned a week later, I would find out that Pete headed to the parking lot after we boarded but couldn't find his because of the cars all being covered with snow. He wandered around for a bit, became confused considering his state of intoxication, and began to yell for help. His yells brought out the State Police, who took pity on him and brought him to their airport station to sober up. He was well-dressed and didn't look like a derelict or troublemaker, so they sobered him up and helped him brush the snow from his car once they found it. At 1:00 am, our flight took off and headed south, quickly rising above the snow storm.

We arrived in San Juan at daylight and, as soon as we left the plane, I could feel the warm tropical air and felt as if I was home. I don't know why I developed that feeling, because I was born and brought up in Boston and you know what the atmosphere is like up here in the winter. Maybe it was something in my DNA, who knows?

Once our documents were read by an airline attendant, we were ushered to a small plane. The first leg of the vacation was to begin at a hotel in St. Thomas. The plane was a DC-3, a converted two-engine, propeller-driven transport that dated back to WW II.

We flew about 1500 to 2000 feet above the water with the windows open. Once on the ground (and I thanked God for that), an open-top mini-bus was waiting to bring us to an off-thebeach hotel called the Gramboco Inn. When we arrived, I discovered that my suitcases were not with those of the other vacationers. They were lost and would have to be traced from Logan Airport to wherever. Neither of my traveling companions were near my size, which meant I couldn't borrow clothes from them. (Their bags had arrived.)

The clothes on my back would have to do for two days. They located my two suitcases in Rio de Janeiro and they arrived at the hotel late on our second day there. We met a couple of guys from Belmont and one was my size; he lent me a bathing suit until I had my own clothes back. You have to understand that this was in the early '60s, you dressed for everything, and that included a shirt and tie.

When it was time to check

in, I called home to let my folks know everything was OK. Babbononno answered and wanted to know where we were. I told him we were on St. Thomas and he offered to come there to translate from Danish to English for us. When I told him that the U.S. had purchased the Virgin Islands from Denmark in 1916 and that everyone spoke

English, he knew he wasn't go-

ing anywhere. (He didn't speak

Danish, either.)
St. Thomas was and is a dutyfree port, and Sal and I put a
good dent in our wallets purchasing things we could take
back to Puerto Rico — liquor,
cigarettes, and jewelry made
from nine-karat gold. We also
discovered several beaches and
began working on our tans. Sal
and I had no problem; with our
Italian skin under the tropical
sun, we began to bronze easily.
But poor Tom, being Irish on
both sides, just turned red.

We met a group of Navy officers from a submarine. The captain and the lady owner of the hotel were good friends, and when off duty, the lounge at the hotel was their hang-out. That following spring, their sub, the U.S.S. *Thresher*, sank in the North Atlantic, and there were no survivors. (Do you remember that incident?)

On that last night in St. Thomas, my nose began to run. I developed chills in 85 degree heat and lost my voice. Whatever was going around stopped when it came to me and I was sick. I lost my sense of taste and smell to boot. By late morning on the fourth day, we had flown back to San Juan and checked into the hotel Colpitts.

Fortunately, my suitcases arrived with me. Sal asked the hotel's doctor for antibiotics, which helped me within a day or two. But the rest of the story will have to wait until next week as I am out of space.

GOD BLESS AMERICA and a salute to our Presidents this week.

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The Trial Court
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Docket No. MI17D4066DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING YVETTE BARTHELEMY DERIVAL

vs. HERMANN DERIVAL

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Yvette Barthelemy Derival, 18 Carlson Road, 18C, Framingham, MA 01702 your answer, if any, on or before March 20, 2018. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court. Date: February 6, 2018

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 2/23/18

Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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SPLIT GREEN PEA SOUP

- 1 cup split green peas1 medium onion chopped (optional)
- 1 quart of water
- 1 cup small elbow or shell macaroni
- 2 tablespoons of canola or olive oil Salt

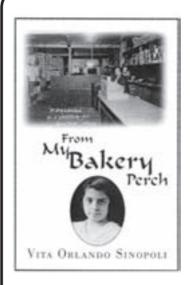
Ham pieces, ham hock, or ham bone are excellent additions to his recipe.

Wash split peas and place in water in a two-quart pan. Bring water to boil and add chopped onion, ham pieces, ham hock, or ham bone as desired. Cook slowly, *partially covered* to prevent overflow of liquids. Check frequently to prevent mixture from sticking or burning. When all split peas have dissolved, add oil and stir. Cover pot, shut burner, and move from burner.

Following directions on the pasta package, cook small elbow or small shell macaroni to tenderness desired. Mix pasta with pea soup and serve together with ham pieces or separately.

Pea soup can be frozen. Defrost first, before heating for use.

NOTE: During the Depression, many of my relatives served Pea Soup often, as did my mother. This economical, nutritious, and easy-to-prepare meal was especially welcomed on our supper table during the cold winter months.



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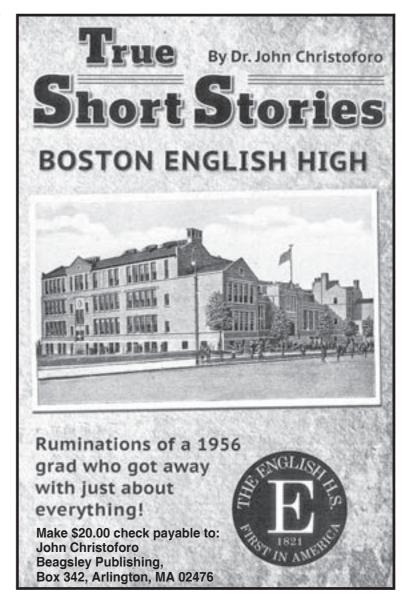
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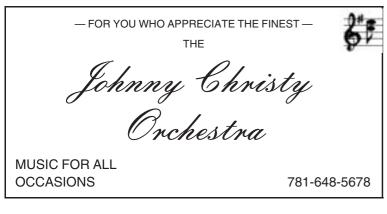
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be on the ballot for re-election and will probably face two challengers. One of his primary opponents is Stefano de Stefano (isn't that a great name for a politician?) I read about him back in November when I was on vacation in Austin, TX. Looked him up and liked him. Last July, the Houston energy attorney left his job at Diamond Offshore Drilling to challenge Cruz. He is a graduate of the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. He says he voted for John Kasich in the 2016 presidential primary. He said he didn't vote for Trump and certainly didn't vote for Hillary.

He might be a bit too liberal for Texas Republicans, but I think he is right for the job. Now, it will be up to GOP voters in the Texas GOP Primary to decide who will be their voice in the Nation's Capital.

Trump Wants What?

President Trump has been touting how great his tax cut was for everyone, putting more money into our pockets on payday. However, he just endorsed raising the federal gas tax to 43.4 cents per gallon, a jump of 25 cents a gallon. What gives? But, good news, the Republicans in Congress won't be supporting it. Thank God for small favors.

First Family Portraits Not to My Liking

We all recently got a good look at the unveiling of the official portraits of President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama that will hang at the Smithsonian Portrait Gallery in the Nation's Capital. They went gaga over both paintings. I looked at them and didn't go gaga. Hey, if they like them, that's all that counts. I would have liked more class and style, but art is in the eye of the beholder.

New Book on Mario Cuomo

I always like Governor Mario Cuomo of New York; he was articulate and well-versed. A classy guy and great orator. A bit too liberal for my liking but

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Docket No. MI18P0519EA

Estate of MARILYN SPEISER Also Known As MARILYN H. SPEISER Date of Death December 19, 2017 **INFORMAL PROBATE**

PUBLICATION NOTICE To all persons interested in the above cap-

tioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Bernice W. Speiser of Wellesley, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Bernice W. Speiser of Wellesley, 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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quite likable. Could have been president in a different time, but not during the Reagan Era. Like Jackie Kemp. Windows of opportunity open rarely and not for long.

There's a new biography out on Cuomo by Saladin Ambar entitled American Cicero and I will be looking out for it. Sounds like a good read.

You Should Listen to Clyde Lewis on 1430AM

Sometimes, late at night, I listen to my radio and 1430AM. At midnight on weeknights is a guy named Clyde Lewis, who hosts "Ground Zero." You never know what subjects will be discussed, his views or those of his radio callers. Lately, he has been all over the FBI but does dive into things like "reverse speech." I kid you not.

Last week, he was talking about alien abductions. No, he wasn't talking about getting kidnapped by someone who overstayed his visa, swam across the Rio Grande, or snuck threw a fence; he was talking about little green men with flying saucers. Yes, real alien

He had caller after caller

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Estate of RICHARD P. SWIFT Date of Death August 1, 2017 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Bernard T. Loughran, Jr. of Watertown, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Bernard T. Loughran, Jr. of Watertown, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts ine iriai Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI18D0324DR **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY**

PUBLICATION AND MAILING RICHARD D. CLOUTIER

vs. SHAO QIONG WU CLOUTIER

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Desertion The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Richard D. Cloutier, 27 Peabody Court, North Reading, MA 01864 your answer, if any, on or before March 30, 2018. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, it any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR. First Justice of this Court. Date: February 16, 2018

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 2/23/18 calling in with how they were victims of little green men who stole time from them. Better to have a glass of wine when listening to this crap.

Big news on this particular show was the story of a Canadian firefighter on a skiing vacation near Lake Placid, NY, who disappeared for six days and woke up in Sacramento, CA, okay but dazed with his wallet, a new iPhone, and a recent haircut. He called his wife, then 911. He woke up at the airport but doesn't know how he got

Radio callers started saying; of course, he was abducted by little green men and taken to California by them. Of course, no one can answer the obvious "Why" question or why the space aliens gave him a new phone and haircut either.

Remember, this radio show is on at midnights and maybe you shouldn't listen to it alone.

Best News I've Heard from Washington Lately

Longtime U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill, won't be running for a 14th term later this year in the midterms. He endorsed someone to replace him by the name of Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, who is a Cook County Commissioner. I hope to God this guy loses in November. He recently voted with a few Democrats in the U.S. House to impeach President Trump. The only guy in Congress I dislike more is U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Georgia, who unfortunately will probably stay on Capitol Hill for years to come, spouting his liberal nonsense.

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Docket No. MI18P0655GD

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

In the Matter of **APRIL J. WHITELEY** of Framingham, MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other nterested persons, a petition has been filed by Department Of Developmental Services of Waltham, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that April J. Whiteley is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Ed Brown of Medford, MA, (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of April 9, 2018. This day is NOT a hearing date. but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 12, 2018

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Federal funding conditional on projects meeting agreed upon milestones.

- 2. A \$50-billion investment in infrastructure for rural America. The bulk of the dollars in the Rural Infrastructure Program will be allocated to State governors, giving States the flexibility to prioritize their communities' needs.
- 3. Empowerment of State and local authorities. The President's plan would return deci-

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Docket No. MI18P0799EA

Estate of ANNA D. WELSH Also Known As ANNA WELSH

Date of Death December 29, 2017 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Mary Jane Mohla of Wakefield, MA, Petitione Dean Doucette of Somersworth, NH, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Mary Jane Mohla of Wakefield, MA, Dean Doucette of Somersworth. NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety

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

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Docket No. MI18P0745EA Estate of MICHAEL J. TORCHIO

Date of Death December 17, 2017 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 R. Torchio of Arlington, MA and Peter J. Torchio of Arlington. MA requesting that the Court enter a for mal Decree and Order and for such other relie as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Michael R. Torchio of Arlington, MA and Peter J. Torchio of Arlington, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an

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 15, 2018.

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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR. First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 15, 2018 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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sion-making authority to the State and local level, including by expanding processes that allow environmental review and permitting decisions to be delegated to States.

- 4. Elimination of barriers that prevent efficient development and management of infrastructure projects. For example, more flexibility will be provided to transportation projects that have minimal Federal funding but are currently required to seek Federal review and approval.
- 5. Streamlined permitting to simplify the approval process. Working with Congress to establish a "one agency, one decision" structure for environmental reviews will shorten approval processes while protecting natural resources.
- 6. Investment in America's most important asset: its people. The President's plan would reform Federal education and workforce development programs to better prepare Americans to perform the in-demand jobs of today and the future.

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Docket No. MI18P0311GD NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

In the interests of JEZABELLA R. CAVALLARO of Waltham, MA Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

- 1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 1/24/2018 by Lisa J. Hanley of Marlborough, MA will be held 03/07/2018 8:30 AM Guardianship of a Minor Hearing Located 208 Cambridge Street, Cambridge
- 2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

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

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

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

Date: January 24, 2018

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 2/23/18

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EXPORT TOWING NOTICE TO OWNERS

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

LEGAL NOTICE

Docket No. SU17P2331EA Estate of

JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ Date of Death August 31, 2016 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Irma Rodriguez of El Paso, TX, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Camille Esparza of Albuquerque, NM has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by TODISCO TOWING OF 94 CONDOR STREET, EAST BOSTON, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255 Section 39A that they will sell the following vehicles

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2003 HONDA ACCORD

VIN #1HGCM55603A100272 2013 HONDA ACCORD

VIN #1HGCR3F80DA018694

2000 NISSAN MAXIMA VIN #JN1CA31D4YT720752

2007 TOYOTA CAMRY VIN #4T1BE46K470706946

2006 BUICK LUCERNE VIN #1G4HD57296U227244

2012 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE VIN #1GNKRFED3CJ320271

2013 HONDA ACCORD

VIN #1HGCR2F72DA223936

2007 FORD TAURUS VIN #1FAFP56U37A135254

2006 BMW 328i VIN #WBAYD13556K412578

The above vehicles will be sold at public auction at TODISCO TOWING

94 Condor Street, E. Boston

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018 at 9:00 AM

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI18P0729GD

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

> In the Matter of SUSAN K. HOLMAN of Arlington, MA

RESPONDENT **Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Michelle A. Mannix of Lancaster, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Susan K. Holman is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Mark Gillis, Esq., of Reading, MA, (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of March 15, 2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,

First Justice of this Court Date: February 15, 2018

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 2/23/18

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Docket No. MI18P0705EA

Estate of **BARBARA JEAN RICHARDS** Also Known As BARBARA RICHARDS, BARBARA J. RICHARDS

Date of Death January 11, 2018 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 R. Richards of Lexington, 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 R. Richards of Lexington, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsu-

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 proceed ing. 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 13, 2018.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a dead-line 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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR. First Justice of this Court. Date: February 13, 2018

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 2/23/2018



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani

Harrelson went to a neu-



Bud Harrelson in Fight of His Life



"Ex-Met Buddy Harrelson was never afraid to mix it up on the field and he brings that same attitude to his toughest challenge: Alzheimer's diagnosis."

- Bob Klapisch

A few weeks ago, I was reading the sports pages of the NY Post, which, by the way, has great sports writers, albeit with a strong bias against any Boston team.

Klapisch is an award-winning sports writer who covered both the Mets and Yankees for the Post from 1983 to 1987. He has authored five books and is a voting member of the Hall of Fame since 1993. His two-page spread on Harrelson was quite compelling and filled with some great gems from Harrelson himself, who pointed out, "I am not afraid. I see a lot of good people who have this just like me. It's ok: We're not alone." Powerful stuff!

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> Docket No. MI18P0615EA Estate of PAUL M. HIGGINS

Date of Death October 3, 2017 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 Nancy E. Winter of Lowell MA requesting that the Court enter a forma

requested in the Petition. . The Petitioner requests that Nancy E. Winter of Lowell, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsuper-

Decree and Order and for such other relief as

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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 9, 2018.

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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR. First Justice of this Court. Date: February 9, 2018

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 2/23/2018 rologist in the summer of 2016 because he was losing words, had difficulty finishing complete sentences, and would find himself losing track of his thoughts in the midst of a conversation. The doctor had him list the things that he found troubling. He'd been dealing with the issue for a few years, going back to 2013 when another doctor thought it had to do with aging, stress, or some kind of depression.

His red flags kept multiplying. Once, he got lost driving someplace he went all the time and zoomed right by his cut-off, forgetting to turn. Another time, he told the new doctor, he got lost heading to spring training camp, a route he could do blindfolded. This time, his memory failed. "I had no idea where I was and it scared the hell out of me," said Harrelson. When the doctor told him and his wife, they both started crying.

Alzheimer's is a very scary diagnosis to handle. There are many stages to it, from memory loss and confusion to full blown cognitive impairment with, finally, a shutdown of normal bodily functions. The time table for each patient is different and Harrelson, at 73 years old, is still a fighter and his progression is still mild to moderate. He calls this the fight of his life. He was one of the original hapless NY Mets. He was part of a team that lost 120 games in their inaugural 1962 season. He also got to go to the World Series with the Miracle Mets a few seasons later. He's known agony and defeat and he knows what it is like to win the World Series, too.

I wish him well as he moves into his future with this disease and passes from his yesterday and then his todays. His family will suffer along with him. He will still be present but not really. I am sure many will be praying for him during this struggle. I know I will. Once a friend of mine told me just before he died,

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The Trial Court

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208 Cambridge Street

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Docket No. MI16P3427EA

Estate of

JEFFREY LEE ALLEN

Also Known As

JEFFREY L. ALLEN, JEFFREY ALLEN

Date of Death July 21, 2015

CITATION ON PETITION FOR REMOVAL

A Petition has been filed by Tory Weigand

of Boston, MA requesting that Lawrence J.

Cohen of Needham, MA be removed as Person

al Representative(s) of said estate also request

ing that Some Suitable Person be appointed

as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said

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Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30)

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Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

without further notice to you.

First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 13, 2018

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estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

To all interested persons:

I think, with Alzheimer's, it could be worse. Harrelson will eventually pass from this world and he won't even remember his last moments, thoughts, and dreams. Not remembering yourself is worse than others not remembering you. Harrelson will always be remembered by his loving family, but unfortunately, at the end, he won't know that to be the case. Good Luck to you, Buddy, on

"The worst thing isn't dying,

[it's] not being remembered.'

this final journey of yours. Indians to Lose Chief Wahoo After '18 Season



Looks like the Cleveland Indians are going to ditch their Chief Wahoo logo from the Indians uniforms in 2019. Folks are calling it a polarizing logo that must go. Apparently, lots of snowflake fans out there think it is a racist symbol. What else is new in today's America? Apparently, the baseball commissioner pressured the team into sending Chief Wahoo packing after being the team's logo since before I was born. The new logo is to be a large "C."

I guess the Braves will be next on the commissioner's hit list. Perhaps, the Angels will be next after that. After-all what about all the atheist fans out there who don't believe in angels? Where do we stop with this political correctness madness?

Do You Hear the Music? "Bad Boy, Bad Boy Watcha Goin' to Do"?

Boy, things were looking pretty good lately for Jose Torres for a spot in the Padres bullpen — that is until his recent arrest on domestic violence charges. Now, according to the manager, Torres has been placed on the restricted list and won't be showing up for spring training.

Garcia Signs with Jays

Lefty Jaime Garcia and the Blue Jays have reached agreement on a one-year, \$10-million contract with an option for 2019 also. Garcia went 5-10 with a 4.47 ERA for the Braves, Twins, and Yankees this past season.

Cashner Goes to Baltimore

Righty Andrew Cashner just got a bucket-load of cash from the Orioles as he signed a 2-year, \$16-million pact. Last season, he went 11-11 with a 3.40 ERA for the Rangers.

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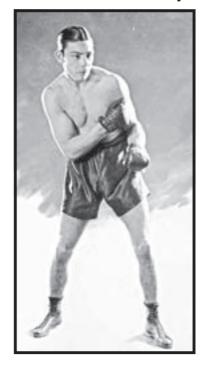
Greb and the Southpaws

I have always maintained boxing is an addiction that is all but impossible to recover from. Once it is in your blood, there is no getting rid of it. This applies to those who have actually competed (once a boxer, always a boxer) as well as to those who get caught up in its very rich history.

It is no secret that baseball fans are sticklers for statistics and boxing isn't quite the numbers game that the American Past Time is. But, in many ways, the Sweet Science is even more fascinating when you start digging into the records of those who once made it a great sport.

It seems like hardly a week goes by when I get a call, or I call, a fellow boxing aficionado and we share some new fact or oddity we have just learned. Sometimes, these little-known factoids just pop into our heads as if some enchanted muse of boxing has whispered to us. It is great fun to share these thoughts and just about always the response is, "Wow! I never thought of that," or "That's really amazing."

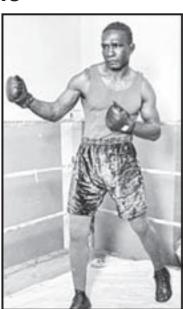
By now, I think we have



Harry Greb

together a game of Trivial Pursuit dedicated solely to boxing. We could also supply enough items to the TV show Jeopardy to keep them going with "Boxing" as a weekly category for

While a lot of these facts may amassed enough material to put not exactly excite the non-



Tiger Flowers

boxing fan, they certainly prove to be great fun for those of us who are really into the history of the sport.

I have shared some of these in the past and this week I want to offer up another.

Harry Greb is considered by just about all boxing historians to have been one of the greatest fighters of all time. A few even rank him at the top of the list. Unfortunately, no film of him in action is known to exist, but just taking one look at his record is enough to confirm his being listed as great.

The other day, I was thinking about Greb and the man from whom he won the title, my friend, the late Johnny Wilson. I remembered talking with Johnny about their fights and how animated he would become when the name Harry Greb was mentioned, even though decades had passed since they fought. I was recalling how Johnny was a southpaw and just how few middleweight champs had been southpaws. Then it hit me. Harry Greb not only won the title from a southpaw but he lost to one, too.

The fellow who defeated him for the title was Tiger Flowers, also a leftie. As far as I have been able to determine, this was the only time that a middleweight champion both won and lost the title to a left-handed opponent. It may be the only time it has happened in any division.

Is that a big deal? Not really. Does it change how we evaluate Greb's greatness? Not at all. However, it is a lot of fun to come up with things like this and it is a reminder about how many hidden gems there are to still uncover in boxing lore.

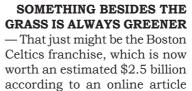
If you are into boxing history, consider yourself an archeologist engaged in digging for more and more information among the ruins left behind. Grab your pick and start your search! You never know what you might find, but I'm sure you can come up with some artifact that will make the rest of us go, "Wow! I didn't know that!"

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HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



published by Forbes magazine. And while the Celtics are in a battle with Toronto for the top spot in the Eastern Conference standings and are fourth in the NBA overall, that dollar figure doesn't quite place them that high in the financial pecking

No, in the rankings of dollars and cents, the Celtics are very green but not as much as some other teams. For the C's and their \$2.5 billion are currently ranked fifth in the thirty-team league, behind the Chicago Bulls, Golden State Warriors, Los Angeles Lakers, and the No. 1 ranked New York Knicks.

The Knicks are currently worth an estimated \$3.6 billion, so the Celtics have some catching up to do with their neighbors in a certain city to the south of Boston. But there is hope. The C's had a 14 percent increase in their financial worth during 2016-2017, while the Knicks' worth went up by "only" nine percent over the same period. So you see, hope springs eternal for those who perform on the parquet in the Hub.

By the way, the NBA team with the highest one-year percentage increase was Philadelphia. The 76ers nearly doubled in value (a 48 percent increase!) and now stand 21st with an estimated worth of \$1.8 billion.

That proves that a franchise can be a big winner without capturing a championship. So the Eagles aren't the only team from Philadelphia to capture the big prize. It all depends on one's perspective. The Eagles were adept at crossing the goal line while the 76ers stood tall when it came to amassing the final figures on the bottom

CROSSING OUT ALL CON-FERENCE CONNECTIONS

– If you don't like the current format of the NBA Finals, with the additional days off to accommodate the long distance travel as the two conference winners fly long distances across time zones, you won't like what's being talked about in current NBA circles.

That's to extend that format to all games throughout the playoffs, from the first round to the final round. Under this proposal, the top sixteen teams in the league - regardless of conference - would make the playoffs.

In addition, the teams might be seeded by record, meaning that some matchups might have an Eastern Conference team playing a Western Conference team in the first round. Under the current 2-2-1-1-1 formula, that could mean flying back and forth across the country several times just to complete a sevengame, first-round series.

The way the proposal would deal with that is to add more travel days between games which could mean that the NBA Playoffs, which often conclude around Father's Day Weekend, might be extended even further into the calendar year.

Picture a July Fourth NBA Finals game at the Garden with the Boston Pops concert and the Fireworks display going on just a short distance away on the Esplanade. See the Celtics "Succeed in the Seventh Month," not a bad slogan but definitely poor timing.

There's a quote in the Bible that says for everything there is a season. The powers that be in the NBA should really give that statement a lot of thought before extending the playoffs any further.

THE BIRTHDAY BOY — For former Bruins star Phil Esposito, a Hockey Hall-of-Famer, his birthday (February 20th) turned out to be a productive one for him during his playing days with the B's.

Back in 1971 (when he turned 29), Espo became the fourth player in NHL to score fifty goals in a season when he found the range in a 5-4 loss to the Los Angeles Kings in a road game in California. The other members of the foursome: Maurice Richard, Bobby Hull, and Bernie Geoffrion.

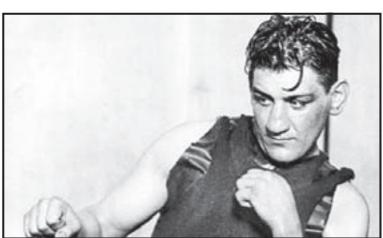
Then, just one year later in 1972, Esposito reached the fifty-goal mark once again on his birthday by scoring two goals and adding an assist as the B's beat the Blackhawks 3-1 in Chicago. The Bruins would go on to win their second Stanley Cup in three years that spring.

Two years later in 1974, the B's outstanding center also had an encore performance on his 33rd birthday when he once again reached the fifty-goal plateau on his big day. How could he outdo what he did on his other two birthdays? By scoring a hat-trick, of course. It was the 22nd three-goal performance of his career. And yes, once again it came on the road — at Minneapolis this time, in a 5-5 tie with the North

All in all, the birthday goals were just a portion of five consecutive seasons (1970-1971 through 1974-1975) during which Espo exceeded the fifty-goal standard during the regular season. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1984 and had his number 7 jersey retired and raised to the rafters in a Garden ceremony on December 3, 1987.

Esposito had started his playing career with the Chicago, had his most productive years with the Bruins, and then closed out his playing days with the New York Rangers. All in all, he scored 717 goals in 1,282 regular season games and added 61 more markers in an additional 130 playoff matchups.

After his playing days, Esposito went on to become the head coach and general manager of the New York Rangers for three years. He later founded the NHL's Tampa Bay franchise, where he served as president and general manager for six years. He remains with the team to this day, serving as the radio analyst for all of Tampa's games.



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