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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Spring is Near Now That Sullivan's is Open

Sullivan's at Castle Island opened for its 70th season with a socially distant long line of customers awaiting entry to get their first hot dog to celebrate another year of fun at Castle Island.

Scrapping "Alien" From Our Vocabulary

In a recent memo, the Biden Administration is urging officials to use words like "noncitizen" instead of "alien" as well as other more inclusive choices. Other terms include "illegal alien," which will become "undocumented individual," or "undocumented noncitizen," and "assimilation," which will become "integration" or "civic integration."

The Acting Director Tracy Renaud of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is said to be encouraging "more inclusive language in the agency's outreach efforts ... in overall communication with stakeholders, partners, and the general public."

Herd Immunity by April?

In the *Wall Street Journal*, Johns Hopkins Physician Marty Makary lays out the case for the nation reaching "herd immunity" — enough people highly resistant to COVID-19 that transmission is rare — and far sooner than most expect. Cases are "plummeting much faster than experts predicted. They are down 77 percent over the past six weeks." Why? Because natural immunity from prior infection is far more common than can be measured ... That suggests more than half of Americans have acquired immunity; add 150 million vaccinations by the end of March ... At this trajectory, "COVID will be mostly gone by April, allowing Americans to resume normal life."

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MY VIEW POINT . . . Outdoor Dining

by Marie C. Simboli

As a lifelong resident of the North End and a member on the NorthEnd/Waterfront Neighborhood Council, I take a lot of pride and concern for the residents of the community especially the elderly, children and disabled. (This article is not on behalf of the NEWNC.)

Starting soon the City will allow outside dining and the restaurants will be overjoyed that they can start to put their tables outside and everyone can think they are in Italy with an open Piazza. I personally DO NOT OBJECT to OUTSIDE DINING.

What I do feel there is no consideration to the NORTH END RESIDENTS that need to give up their parking spots! No open space between the outdoor restaurants to walk through. In addition to the congestion, the noise is offensive with motorcycles that rev their engines throughout the night. That they have no consideration they are in a residential area, RESIDENTS LIVE HERE.

Let me be quite bold. I ask WHY Little PRINCE STREET is the only street that is completely shut down for outdoor dining. We have handicap residents on that street that may need an ambulance any time of the day or night. God Forbid in case of a fire how does the fire department get down that street? Do they have to wait for diners and tables to be moved before they can respond? THE NORTH END WAS NEVER DESIGNED FOR OUTSIDE DINING.

Now I ask where my politicians are when I have a grievance and receive no response. Neighbors and concerned residents have send their opinions to the City of Boston, to their politicians asking why little Prince Street is the only shut down street and the reply's we are looking into it?? Not to be Judgmental but that's the favorite of the City WE ARE LOOKING INTO TO IT!!!!

Now that people are being vaccinated, I would imagine that most diners will use indoor dining vs outdoor, so perhaps we could consider removing the amount of outdoor tables so residence are not so inconvenienced. Some of these restaurants

have more outdoor seating than they do permitted indoor seating.

It is called compromise not just for the restaurants but for other business owners that are losing business because of the lack of parking but also the residents that have to carry groceries for blocks due to the lack of parking. Leave half the street open so tourists and residents don't have to struggle to walk on the sidewalks especially with the outside dining so close to the sidewalk if you trip you'll land on one of the tables. Fit the tables to one side ONLY and the other side of the street will be open so residents can walk freely and the elderly can use their grocery carts. You don't have to allow as many tables as last year now that inside dining is open. Outside dining can continue and residents can feel safe.

I ask Governor Baker; State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Mayor Walsh, City Councilor Lydia Edwards; State Senator Joe Boncore will you really give this article some THOUGHT and leave Little Prince Street OPEN.

May I add with consideration to the North End Residents we have cancelled our feasts that has been a tradition for over 100 years

We have lost loved ones during this difficult time and we can't grieve properly because of the 6 feet distance and the number of people that can attend the mass.

We have lost parking spaces Most importantly we have lost the Quality of Life.

I understand this is a difficult time and we do want to cooperate but at least have the common courtesy for the residents that live here and reconsider NOT shutting down Prince Street where as no other street is SHUT DOWN. To ensure accessibility and safety for the tourist and North End residents. I hope the City will reconsider the lay outs of the outside dining and THINK MORE OF THE RESIDENTS THAT LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

Check this out! I am willing to compromise!!!!

To shut down an entire street that is more residential than commercial and the ONLY STREET THAT IS CLOSED OFF?

City of Boston COVID-19 Update

Mayor Walsh's Press Briefing on Tuesday, March 9th

Latest COVID numbers:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts reported on Monday **892** new confirmed cases, bringing the total to **559,975**; and **18** new deaths bringing the total to **16,103**.

The City of Boston reported on Tuesday **105** new confirmed cases for a total of **60,058**; and **1** new death for a total of **1,287**.

The latest complete data is for the week ending February 28th:

An average of **4,113** Boston residents were tested for COVID each day. The 7-day average for daily positive tests was **176**. The average daily positive rate was **3.6%**.

The Mayor said that these numbers are much better than the numbers Boston experienced in January, but there has been a slight uptick in cases over the last 10 days or so and the City is continuing to work around the clock to get those numbers as low as possible.

Importance of remaining vigilant leading up to St. Patrick's Day:

The Mayor said that everyone

has a role to play in keeping themselves and others safe: wear a mask with a good fit; wash your hands frequently, and continue to practice social distancing and avoid gatherings.

He said that all of these things are especially important with St. Patrick's Day coming up. The parade is canceled, and there should be no large gatherings of any kind. The limits on private gatherings remain at 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors. Restrictions remain in place at restaurants, including those that are typically busy on St. Patrick's Day. There will be 90-minute limits on seating, and the City won't allow lines outside restaurants. The City will be enforcing safety protocols.

The Mayor also made an appeal to the people of Boston to do the right thing and not host or attend gatherings for St. Patrick's Day. He said:

"We've made so much progress in bringing our numbers down. More people are getting vaccinated and the warm

weather is coming. There is a light at the end of the tunnel. So please, don't put our progress at risk because you want to have a St. Patrick's Day party. We'll have plenty of opportunities to celebrate when the pandemic is all over. But right now, we need to focus on keeping one another safe and getting through this final stage. Please do your part to protect our city."

Testing update:

The Mayor reminded everyone to make testing part of their regular routine.

We have over **25** testing sites in the City of Boston. The City continues to support mobile testing sites that are free and open to all, regardless of symptoms. This week they are:

- In **Jamaica Plain**: at the **Anna Cole Community Center in the Mildred Hailey Apartments.**
- In **Hyde Park**: at **Boston Renaissance Charter School.**
- In **Dorchester**: at the

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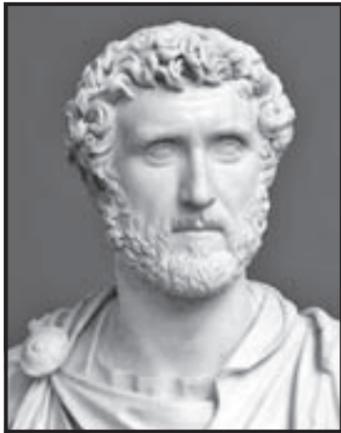
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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



CRUX



Bust of Antoninus Pius, at Glyptothek, Munich

“Cruciatus” or “Cruciare” are the Latin expressions for torture, torment, or to put to the rack. “Crux” refers to the cross as an instrument of capital punishment during ancient times in eastern countries. Darius, an early king of Persia (about 500 B.C.), boasted that he had crucified the leader of every rebellious group that had opposed him. Persons who had been executed by other means were sometimes placed on a cross after death as an indication of dishonor upon the deed, which caused their demise. Tarquinius Priscus, the first Etruscan king of Rome (about 600 B.C.), resorted to this kind of disgraceful display of deceased bodies in an attempt to stop the suicides of those persons who were driven to despair in forced labor camps. We are also told that executions by crucifixion were very common with the Carthaginians, who were noted for the cruelty of their methods, and through them, it was introduced into Rome.

The ancient Romans were naturally a hard-hearted people. This fact is alluded to by many historians. The great Cicero

inferred that crucifixion was in use during the regal period (700 B.C.-500 B.C.) when he argued against the revival of laws permitting this kind of execution, and against capital punishment of citizens in any form.

When Spartacus, the famous gladiator, was finally defeated in his servile war against Rome (70 B.C.), about 6,000 of his followers (slaves) were crucified all along the Appian Way between Capua and Rome. This was the time when masters enjoyed such absolute power over their slaves that crucifixions were ordered for even slight offenses.

The first laws passed in favor of slaves occurred during the reign of Augustus. Later, the emperor Hadrian decreed that slaves could not be executed without the sentence of a magistrate. Finally, Antoninus Pius, successor to Hadrian, ordered that the murder of a slave by his master was punishable as a homicide.

In addition to slaves, those persons living in the Roman provinces were subject to crucifixion for such major crimes as murder, piracy, revolt, and conspiracy. During the Roman war and occupation of Jerusalem, the obstinacy and rebellious nature of the Jews caused the wholesale infliction of this punishment. Varus, a Roman consul, crucified 2,000 Jews at one time, while Florus, a procurator, crucified several hundred, including Roman citizens of Jewish birth. When Titus was commanding the Roman legions in that country, it was said that, “Room was waiting for the crosses, and crosses for the bodies.”

NEXT WEEK:
Crucifixion

MBTA to Offer Two New Online Resources for Reduced Fare Customers

Riders Requesting a Senior CharlieCard for the First Time Can Now Apply Online
Senior/TAP Customers Can Make Appointments Online

The MBTA announced that on March 8, 2021, they began two new online resources that are available to *Reduced Fare Customers*: riders requesting a *Senior CharlieCard* for the first time can utilize a new online application to do so, and Senior and *Transportation Access Pass (TAP)* customers can make online reservations to visit the *CharlieCard Store*.

“We are happy to offer these new tools that are both a convenience for our riders but also an added layer of safety for customers that may have concerns interacting in a public setting during the pandemic,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “A customer will now be able to make an appointment online or upload a photo and required documents based on the criteria for the Senior CharlieCard. Once the card is ready, the customer can opt to pick it up at the CharlieCard Store or have it mailed.”

MBTA riders looking to request a Senior CharlieCard for the first time will be able to use the new online application. People 65 years of age and older are eligible for reduced MBTA fares with a Senior CharlieCard. This online application will provide seniors with a convenient

method to apply for and receive a new Senior CharlieCard without having to visit the Store. This is the first phase of a pilot rollout that will include future online services for TAP and *Blind Access CharlieCard* customers.

In addition, Senior and TAP customers will be able to book appointments online for the CharlieCard Store to avoid standing in line during regular service hours.

The MBTA launched both tools, offering first-time senior applicants the ability to securely upload Senior CharlieCard applications, photos, and verifying documentation, and allowing Senior/TAP customers to book CharlieCard Store appointments online. The new tools will be available at mbta.com/charliecardstore.

The online tools are a component of the MBTA’s efforts to transform the fare payment process to make it easier and more convenient for customers to get where they’re going. Fare Transformation includes a schedule of continuous improvements over a five-year period. In 2020, benefits of the project began to materialize with pilots that included new fare policy, greater access to CharlieCards, improved reliability of subway

gates, and tap acceptance on the Fairmount Commuter Rail Line. By 2024, riders will be able to board buses and Green Line trains through all doors, pay their fares using mobile devices or contactless credit cards, and tap on and transfer between all MBTA modes.

The CharlieCard Store is fully accessible and is located in Boston’s Downtown Crossing Station. MBTA riders looking to request a Senior, TAP, or Blind CharlieCard or replace a lost, expired, or damaged card and make deposits to RIDE accounts can visit the Store during the business hours below:

- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Seniors, TAP customers, riders with chronic health conditions, and legally blind riders.

- Wednesday and Fridays, 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.: RIDE transactions and for riders who need to replace a damaged or expired CharlieCard (excluding corporate passes, semester passes, and student passes).

- The CharlieCard Store is closed on Mondays.

For more information, visit www.mbta.com/charliecardstore, or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or Instagram @theMBTA.

N.E.A.A. SPRING BASEBALL PROGRAMS

Filling Up Fast

With a beautiful new baseball field ready for action and the weather turning warmer, the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Baseball Program’s Spring Registration is in full swing! There is still room in 3

of our programs for youth ages 9 to 15 years old; Youth Majors (ages 9-12) Girls Softball (ages 9-14) and Boys Traveling Team (Dodgers - ages 13-15). Our two programs for younger children ages 4-5 (Instructional League)

and 6-8 (Minor Leagues) are already full and currently have a waiting list. All sign-ups can be done through our website: neaabaseball.org. Hope to see you all down the park this spring!!

BioMed Realty and Global Arts Live Announce Launch of 585 Arts

BioMed Realty, a leading provider of real estate solutions to the life science and technology industries, and Cambridge-based nonprofit performing arts presenter Global Arts Live announced the formation of 585 Arts, a new nonprofit dedicated to operating and programming the arts and cultural activation at 585 Third Street.

“585 Arts will play the vital role of programming, managing, and publicizing the incredible array of arts experiences we aspire to host at and around 585 Third Street,” said Global Arts Live Board President, Nagesh Mahanthappa. “Our aim for this project is to create a thriving hub for communities and creatives to come together — one that will bring another dimension of diversity and culture to Kendall Square. We are very excited to be working together with BioMed in bringing 585 Arts forward.”

Once operational, 585 Arts will be an independent organization that will oversee the programming, presentation, and promotion of a diverse array of performers and artists throughout the Canal District. It will manage a 30,000 square foot indoor and outdoor public space

at 585 Third Street, including a 300-seat theater featuring state-of-the-art audio and visual systems, a rehearsal studio, flexible multipurpose rooms for workshops and meetings, an indoor garden and outdoor performance spaces. 585 Arts will also activate additional indoor and outdoor public spaces throughout the 10-acre Canal District.

“585 Arts is an important step forward in revitalizing the arts in Cambridge, which have faced tremendous losses in recent years,” said Cambridge Vice Mayor Alana Mallon.

Global Arts Live, has pledged to raise operating funds for the new 585 Arts entity, will be an anchor tenant at the 585 Third Street theater upon completion, which is expected in 2025. Committed to hosting at least 100 nights of programming per year, Global Arts Live will bring its reach and 30 years of experience presenting international music, contemporary dance, and jazz to provide both the economic and artistic foundation for a diverse and inclusive performing arts series. More than 200 nights per year will be available for additional artists

and cultural organizations to produce and present their work. The nonprofit will place a particular focus on attracting artists and audiences of color and tapping into the vibrant neighborhoods that surround Kendall Square. In this mission, 585 Arts will be supported by an expanded Arts Influencer Circle, a volunteer body of Cambridge and Greater Boston creatives who provided input from the cultural community during 585 Third Street’s initial design and feedback stages.

“This is great news, not only for artists like myself but also for the audiences that enable us to follow our passions,” said Alex Ambila, Artistic Director for street and club dance nonprofit The Flavor Continues. “Few organizations have the resources and organizational mandate to engage artists—especially artists from under-represented backgrounds—and I can’t wait to see the wide range of artists that 585 Arts will discover, nurture, and show off to the world.”

To learn more about 585 Arts, 585 Third Street, and the Canal District neighborhood, please visit <https://www.canaldistrictkendall.com/585thirdstreet>.

CORRECTING WINTHROP ELECTION NEWS STORY

Last week’s front page news story by Sal Giarratani on the recent race for State Representative for Winthrop and Revere, I inadvertently misspelled the name of one of the losing candidates in that race.

I mentioned the name of *Valentino Capobianco*, but referred to him in the story as “*Valentino Capogreco*,” and I apologize for this error on my part. As a second generation Italian American with family roots in the North End, I have known many folks with somewhat similar names and I try not to mix them up. But sometimes it does happen.

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

MBTA Spring 2021 Subway and Bus Schedules Effective March 14th

The MBTA reminded customers that upcoming spring 2021 subway and bus schedules will take effect on Sunday, March 14, 2021. These changes are part of *Forging Ahead*, the MBTA's plan to preserve transit access and quality of service available to transit-critical customers and were approved by the Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB) in December 2020 along with other service adjustments to other MBTA travel modes. These short-term service changes for Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) help match service levels with current and near-term low ridership demand.

For full and complete listing of all upcoming service changes, including all changes to bus routes, Commuter Rail lines, subway, and ferries, please visit mbta.com/ForgingAhead.

SUBWAY SERVICE CHANGES Effective March 14, 2021:

There will be no changes in the hours of operation or any elimination or consolidation of any subway routes.

Service frequency will be reduced by 20% on the Red, Orange, and Green Lines. Frequency on the Blue Line will be reduced by up to 5%.

For complete subway service schedules, please visit www.mbta.com/schedules/subway.

BUS SERVICE CHANGES Effective March 14, 2021:

In order to better reflect ridership levels and preserve access and quality of service for transit-critical communities, a number of bus schedule changes will go into effect on March 14, 2021.

Bus routes with high ridership serving high transit-critical communities have been prioritized in the Forging Ahead plan and will not change. Other routes will operate with less frequency, with both increased and decreased frequency depending on the time of day, or with their hours of service changed. A number of bus routes will be suspended, consolidated, or have routing or trip changes with service alternatives and details.

For complete bus route schedules, please visit mbta.com/servicechanges or each route's individual schedule page.

PARATRANSIT SERVICE (The RIDE)

Changes:

As a result of changes to subway, bus, and Commuter Rail service, *The RIDE* will implement the following changes in the coming weeks:

- Some RIDE ADA trips may become premium fare trips, complementing the changes to fixed route changes. RIDE service boundaries will not change.

- Trips will be scheduled 40 minutes from request time instead of 30 minutes.

- Premium service hours will be adjusted to complement Commuter Rail hours of operation.

RIDE customers impacted by these changes will be notified in the coming weeks.

As part of its Forging Ahead initiative, the MBTA organized a months-long process to solicit the public's input, including more than 7,000 comments from riders and stakeholders. This process and the feedback received were used to shape the final plan approved by the FMCB.

The MBTA and FMCB continue to discuss how the MBTA will add back and increase service. Ridership will be monitored with MBTA staff returning to the FMCB every month to show where ridership stands compared to service planning scenarios. Other data sources will also be monitored, including passenger surveys, employer surveys, roadway data, general travel data, and economic recovery planning. FY22 service levels will be planned as part of the FY22 budget process.

For more info, visit mbta.com/ForgingAhead, mbta.com/servicechanges, or with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or Instagram @theMBTA.

ITALIANS AND THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL

Submitted by the Italian American Alliance

Although the Lincoln Memorial was designed by Henry Bacon of New York and a small model was completed by Massachusetts sculptor Daniel Chester French — when it came down to actually sculpting the solitary figure of Lincoln sitting in contemplation — the skilled work for that very special project went to Italian immigrants — Attilio Piccirilli who was assisted in this great assignment by his brothers Furio, Ferruccio, Masamiello, Orazio, and Getulio.

The Piccirilli family immigrated from Massa-Carrara in Tuscany. They arrived and settled in the Bronx at 467 East 142nd Street in 1888, where they set up a studio and later a school for aspiring American sculptors could learn how to sculpture without going to Europe.

The Piccirilli's specialized in cutting large works in stone from smaller models. That sounds simple enough until you become aware that the 19 feet high statue of Lincoln weighs 170 tons. It took four years to carve the statue and the entire project used 28 blocks of Georgia White marble weighing 150 tons.

This is the site where Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous "I have a Dream" speech.

Without the Piccirilli brothers, New York City would look quite differently than it does today. The works of the brothers include many of the city's most recognizable sculptures. A partial list includes:

"Patience" and "Fortitude" the marble lions that stand guard at the doors of the New



York City's Main Library; the two great George Washington figures on the Washington Arch in Greenwich Village; the Maine Memorial at the southwest entrance to Central Park; the Fireman's Memorial at Riverside Drive and the Policeman's Memorial at One Police Plaza.

Yet the Piccirilli brothers were extremely humble. They did not believe in putting their names on a statue. So, it is that there was never a public acknowledgement of the many contributions they made. In fact, hundreds of their pieces are scattered throughout museums in New York City and in the rest of the country.

A small version of "Fragilina" — The Little Delicate One — is a bronze cast which is at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

When Attilio Piccirilli was

interviewed for a biography, the sculptor said with embarrassment, "What nonsense to think that someone would want to know about me when I'm gone." All of the brothers were unpretentious and easy-going. They frequently invited neighborhood children and fellow artists over for tours and workshops.

Attilio co-founded and served as president of the former Leonardo da Vinci Art School. Yet as modest and publicity-shy as the Piccirilli brothers were, their studios became an important center for American Art. Visitors included Teddy Roosevelt, Enrico Caruso, John D. Rockefeller, and Fiorello LaGuardia.

The Piccirilli Brothers — great Italians — great Americans

Attilio, Furio, Ferruccio, Masamiello, Orazio, and Getulio!

Boston Dog Licensing Deadline is March 31st

Licensing Data from 2020 Revealed the Most Popular Dog Names in Boston

With a current increase in dog adoptions during the COVID-19 quarantine, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's Animal Care and Control Division is reminding city dog owners that the annual deadline for licensing their pets is March 31st. All dogs in Boston require a new license each year.

"A license is your dog's fastest ticket home if they become lost, and it's the law," notes Animal Care and Control Director Alexis Trzcinski. "A dog license is like an ID for your pet. If they ever get lost, the chances of you being reunited are much higher with a license."

In preparation for the 2021 licensing deadline, the Animal Care & Control Division analyzed licensing data from last year to reveal the most popular dog names of 2020. The top five dog names registered in Boston were Luna, Bella, Charlie, Lucy, and Lola. Rounding out the bottom of the top 25 were

Buddy, Riley, Finn, Coco, and Winston.

All dog owners must license their dogs by Wednesday, March 31, 2021. Dogs must be licensed if they are older than six months. Owners must provide a copy of their dog's current rabies certificate and proof of spaying or neutering. For an in-depth guide on dog licensing, including a link to license your dog online, visit Animal Care & Control's how-to article at: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/animal-care-and-control/how-license-your-dog>.

The fees for licensing your dog are \$15 for a neutered male or spayed female or \$30 for an intact male or female. Dog owners who pay online with a credit card will be subject to a 2.7 percent service fee (the minimum service fee is \$1.00). License applications may also be picked up in person or requested by mail; walk-in and mailed payments are

accepted via check or money order.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency, Animal Care and Control office hours are limited; please contact the office ahead of your visit. Whether you provide your information and payment online, by mail, or in person, your dog's license will be mailed to you.

If you are renewing a dog license, you will need to provide your dog's license number. The dog licensing fee is waived for service animals and residents age 70 and older. Owners must also pay any outstanding Animal Care and Control fines. The fine for an unlicensed dog is \$50. Please call 617-635-534 or email: animalcontrol@boston.gov with any questions about the licensing process or to update your information in the database.

For current social distancing guidelines in City of Boston parks, please visit www.Boston.gov/coronavirus.

TOP 25 DOG NAMES OF 2020 — Based on City of Boston 2020 Licensing Data

1. Luna 2. Bella 3. Charlie 4. Lucy 5. Lola 6. Daisy 7. Bailey 8. Cooper 9. Max
10. Penny 11. Oliver 12. Teddy 14. Stella 15. Ollie 16. Molly 17. Lily 18. Scout
19. Rocky 20. Milo 21. Buddy 22. Riley 23. Finn 24. Coco 25. Winston

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Clover, Bread Altars, and a Shiny New Season

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

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

Hello, spring! I can feel the shifting of Mother Earth all around me, humming with the thrill of rebirth. The signs of spring manifest everywhere. They are present in the sound of gurgling water as melting snow rushes down the storm drain. They are evident in the delicate white crocuses I recently saw lining the front path of someone's home. They appear in the candy-colored Easter eggs and grinning cloth bunnies that fill the seasonal departments of big-box stores. Though the weather may still oscillate between balmy temperatures and wintry cold spells — perhaps even nor'easters! — spring fever nevertheless grips my mind with all the energy of a hopping red-breasted robin. After the chilly and dark days of winter, the song of spring profoundly reverberates in our soul. The reawakening of nature and the growth of vegetation mimics the renewed energy and cheer blossoming in all living creatures. The calendar has tapped into this sense of rejuvenation and grants us two folkloric feasts that welcome spring and its accompanying beauty and promise. March 17th bursts with green to herald St. Patrick's Day. Two days later arrives St. Joseph's Day, a holiday honoring Italian heritage and commemorating one of the country's most beloved saints. Jointly, these two feasts celebrate the joy of spring and usher us into a season of hope and renewal.

Every year, I eagerly anticipate St. Patrick's Day. This holiday shines like a beacon of spring, an undeniable seasonal turning point. The very decorations of St. Patrick's Day overflow with spring imagery, from the lush green shamrocks to the rainbows which melt into pots of gold. St. Patrick's Day holds a special significance in Boston, due to our city's love of festivities and its large Irish-American population. I celebrate most holidays with symbolic food, and St. Patrick's Day proves no exception. I bake a creamy Irish soda bread studded with plump



raisins and zesty caraway seeds. The bread is accompanied by a fresh spring greens salad laden with earthy beets, tangy goat cheese, and sweet caramelized pecans. Meanwhile, my father-in-law goes the traditional route and makes an Irish boiled dinner replete with potatoes, carrots, turnips and parsnips. Sometimes he will whip up a batch of Guinness stout brownies to end the meal. These seasonal foods encourage me to live in the present, patiently waiting for and then reveling in the unhurried edible treasures of the Earth. However, there is much more to St. Patrick's Day than food. This feast day honors St. Patrick, or *San Patrizio* in Italian, a Roman-British man first brought to Ireland as an enslaved person. The most well-known legend concerning St. Patrick states that the patron saint of Ireland used a shamrock to teach people about the Holy Trinity, thus establishing this little spring plant as an enduring symbol of the holiday. St. Patrick's Day reminds me of brisk spring days when the forest appears lush and green after a rain shower, and a gossamer rainbow arches across the sky. This is a decidedly spring holiday, and as such forever lives in people's heart for its sense of joy and hope.

Two days later, on March 19th, arrives another feast of spring that holds enormous significance for my family. It is St. Joseph's Day, or *la Festa di San Giuseppe* in Italian. My father lovingly remembered breezy St. Joseph's Day celebrations in his mountainous hometown of Sulmona in the Abruzzi region of Italy, where the tender tree buds and the baying of lambs whispered the coming of

spring. St. Joseph's Day serves as Father's Day in Italy, reflecting on the role of *San Giuseppe* as the husband of the Virgin Mary and the stepfather of Jesus. In Sicily and other regions of Italy, including many Italian-American communities, people build altars to St. Joseph loaded with bread,

candles, pastries and fava beans. Fava beans form an integral part of St. Joseph's Day festivities because, during the Middle Ages, this spring crop saved the inhabitants of Sicily from a famine after they prayed to St. Joseph for help. Another delightful Italian tradition involves doing charitable actions and donating food on St. Joseph's Day, a philosophy which should be carried throughout the year. My father spent the days before this holiday scouring the woods with his friends, searching for firewood to help construct *il falò di San Giuseppe*, a giant bonfire held on the eve of the feast. These bonfires, with their abundant warmth and light that illuminates the inky night sky, symbolize the sun on its journey from winter to spring. Sometimes, people will throw an effigy into the bonfire to represent making a fresh start for spring. Of course, St. Joseph's Day has also become synonymous with *zeppole*, or fried, puffy donuts. My father loved his *zeppole* sweet and stuffed with cream, like the ones he would buy from bakeries in the North End around St. Joseph's Day. Meanwhile, my grandmother preferred savory *zeppole* made with potato. Either way, they are delicious. All of these sweet treats remind me of a holiday that instills in me a pride in my heritage and gets me excited for spring.

As two quaint and folkloric holidays approach us, we can revel in our anticipation for spring. After all, spring is not just a season; it is a resplendent manifestation of renewal, hope and optimism for the future. The greenery of St. Patrick's Day and the warm bonfires of St. Joseph's Day symbolize the essence of the spring season, calling to mind rites of purification and regrowth. Whether we admire the first crocuses and daffodils, take in the birdsong of the early morning, or enjoy Irish soda bread or *zeppole*, there are a myriad number of ways to greet the rebirth of nature. The most important thing is that we fill our season with love and optimism, always looking ahead. When we do so, we will find that springtime's sense of hope and promise is the best pot of gold there is.

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

THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



Comic Cancellation Isn't Funny!!!

C'mon *Mallard Fillmore* is just a newspaper comic strip around since 1992, and now it never will be according to the CANCEL CULTURE. Does anyone out there remember author George Orwell's futuristic political novel *1984*? In his book a future authoritarian Big Brother government has the power to declare someone a non-person. Isn't that what the supporters of the cancel culture are actually doing today?

Bruce Tinsley, the creator, was told by his syndication company that Gannett newspapers across the country simultaneously dropped the comic strip critical of Biden and his support for transgender participation in women's sports. Tinsley added, "It was a shock from what I'm hearing, it was unprecedented. My syndication has never seen anything like it." It was obviously done "for not meeting standards" after

Tinsley's duck took jabs at trans female athletes. You can be a combative conservative duck and get away with it.

USA Today Network's Senior Vice President of local news stated "because a review of the recent work showed it did not meet our standards." Tinsley tweeted, "Guess who 'Cancel Culture' got this time?"

I think Mallard that bad duck was right even if he got plucked for calling out Biden.

Oh, one final thing. On Sunday, March 7th, the *Boston Sunday Globe's* comic pages had a *Doonesbury* comic that apparent liberal newspaper folks like the *Globe* must think is meeting liberal standards. Garry Trudeau's *Doonesbury* compared GOP U.S. Senators still supporting Trump as Nazis and Trump himself as Adolf Hitler. That's okay say the liberals. I so hate double standards but liberals have no shame anymore.

COMMENTARY

IS MIKE LINDELL

"The Bravest Man In America?"

by Sal Giarratani

Recently, here at the offices of the *Post-Gazette* newspaper, I received a correspondence from "Publius," which is the name this reader uses when he writes to me. I think of him like some Roman Centurion who's traveled into our time and has become involved in our present-day politics.

A week ago, he mailed his latest note thinking about an idea to launch a "Buy-Cott" of Mike Lindell's "My Pillows." He thinks it's awful that so many companies have canceled his My Pillow products. Good idea on the part of Publius!

Then, I see that *The Boston Broadside's* latest March issue. Front page "The Bravest Man in America: Mike Lindell." According to Lonnie Brennan, the newspaper's publisher, "Mike Lindell is getting hammered. He's been thrown off Twitter and Facebook. He's been excoriated in the liberal mainstream media ... Lindell's crime? Speaking out against election fraud in many forms, especially electronic ... Lindell refuses to be silenced."

The results in the 2020 presidential election remain disputed and questioned by millions of Americans who are entitled to hear from all sides in order to determine what may have happened.

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

Four Women "Quattro Donne"

subtitle, *A North End Love Story*

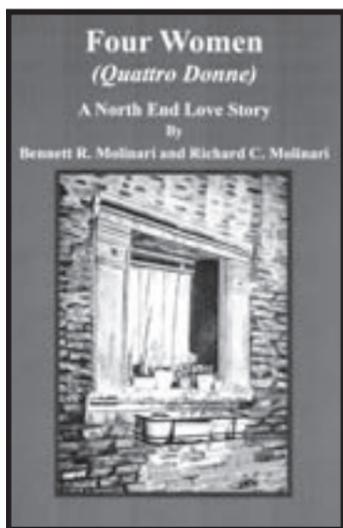
In the next few weeks this column will feature excerpts from this book.

CHAPTER 42
A Change of Heart
(continued)

Pietro finally addressed the subject. "Aunt Lucia, you call it a summer romance, and it isn't fair. I love Carla and I know she loves me, but for some reason, everything has gone wrong. What should have been something beautiful, has turned out to be something dirty and scandalous in the eyes of my family and friends."

Pietro's words touched Mom deeply, reassuring her, siding with Pietro was the correct thing to do. Instead of joining with Grandma, she took pity on him, knowing how unfairly Pietro and Carla have been treated. She thought to herself, she and Angie were allowed to marry the men they loved, why should Pietro not be allowed to marry the woman he loves? Why should he be forced into a life that appears he no longer wants to pursue? He and Carla met, fell in love, and now want to be together. It's all they desire but seems to be the last thing anyone wants for them. Yet, it's Pietro and Carla's lives, and they should be allowed to live them.

Mom stopped walking, turned Pietro toward her and softly



asked, "Pietro, how can I help you?" Then casting a menacingly look at Grandma, she restated her question, "How can we help you?" Grandma caught the look she knew so well and knew Mom was not kidding. Mom had taken pity on Pietro and Carla and openly came over to their side. Grandma, using the method she always used when she wanted to say something only for the ears of her family, questioned Mom in Italian, "Carmela, cosa hai detto? (Carmela, what did you say)?" Remembering Pietro is Italian and understood everything she said in questioning

Mom to silence her, Grandma became embarrassed, instantly realizing her embarrassment stemmed from the shame she unconsciously felt, meddling in Pietro's and Carla's lives. It was a moment of clarity that secretly changed Grandma's mind concerning the lovers, but she would not let on what had just occurred, wanting to bring her daughters together and discuss what was to be the new plan, and more carefully consider her feelings. For now, she was convinced that Carla and Pietro should be together even though his parents wanted him to be a priest. If marriage was to be his way of life and their love for each other true, would not God bless them as He would if Pietro became a priest? All this came to Grandma's realization in a split second, but it was all that was necessary to move her to action. Still, she kept it to herself, wanting first to speak to her daughters. They continued walking, with very few words spoken among them. The change of heart Grandma experienced would be revealed the following day. For now, Grandma preferred saying nothing.

Four Women "Quattro Donne" A North End Love Story, is available at R. Del Gaudio Gift Shop, 17 North Square North End (617-227-5915), adjoining Paul Revere House; Post-Gazette; Saint Francis Book Store and Gift Shop at Saint Leonard Peace Garden; lulu.com; molinaridesign.net; Amazon.com; and Barnes and Noble.com.

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Somerville to Host Weekly Food Distributions

At Lions Club on New Washington Street

by Sal Giarratani



Volunteers helping to distribute the food boxes to folks who simply drove their vehicles up to the volunteers who placed them inside the vehicles. Many turned out to receive food on Saturday, March 6th, the starting date for this weekly distribution of food.



The Massachusetts Military Support Foundation joined by the United Cape Patriots and coordinated by Billy Tauro publisher of the Somerville-Medford Weekly News newspaper and mayoral candidate this year in Somerville will be holding weekly food distributions to veterans, their families, and anyone in need at the Lions Club on New Washington Street from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. every Saturday.

Arthur Wahlberg and Sal Giarratani were there helping other volunteers who made this event something special for those seeking food and for volunteers helping that day (Yes, Arthur is one of those Wahlbergs, too).

(Photos by Dennis Clancey)

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Docket No. ES21P0572EA

Estate of
RAUL V. PINHEIRO
Also Known As
RAUL VALADAO ALVES PINHEIRO
Date of Death: December 26, 2020

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Brian R. Pinheiro of North Reading, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Brian R. Pinheiro of North Reading, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Suffolk Division
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
Docket No. SU20P2137EA

Estate of
ERIC C. WATSON
Date of Death: August 23, 2020

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Debra J. Watson of Hyde Park, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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Docket No. M120P5439EA

Estate of
PAULINA P. GARCIA
Date of Death: October 07, 2020

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

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Expand Your Planting Space

by Melinda Myers



Some raised beds have built-in water reservoirs to extend the time between watering.

(Photo courtesy of Gardener's Supply Company)

When your plant list is longer than the available gardening space it is time to expand your planting options. Create new gardening space by adding raised bed gardens, elevated planters, and containers wherever space allows.

Convert the end of the drive or edge of the patio into raised bed gardens. Just use a raised bed liner to contain the soil. Raising the garden makes planting, maintaining and harvesting

easier on the back and knees. It also allows you to create the perfect soil foundation by filling your raised bed with a quality planting mix.

Long lasting cedar is a traditional choice for raised beds. Now you can also find them made of a wood and plastic composite or metal and in a variety of shapes and sizes. Finding one to complement your gardening style and space is much easier these days.

Reduce time spent watering with a *self-watering metal raised bed* (gardeners.com) or similar product. Self-watering raised beds have built-in water reservoirs to extend the time between watering. Or use a raised bed drip or soaker hose irrigation system to easily apply water right to the soil where it is needed.

Elevated gardens are just containers on legs. They are perfect for patios, balconies and other hard surfaces. Use them to define space, create privacy and of course grow ornamental and edible plants. Those on wheels can easily be moved out of the way when guests arrive. Or wheel them into the gathering, so everyone can harvest and dress up their meals with garden-fresh herbs and veggies.

Just pull up a chair and start planting or weeding your elevated garden. Grow vines in those with built-in trellises and extend the season by protecting plantings with frost and insect covers. Select elevated planters with a shelf below to conveniently store gardening tools and accessories.

Even small space gardeners can expand their planting space with the help of containers. You'll find plenty of attractive options to fit your front steps, patio, balcony or deck.

Railing planters and window boxes don't take up floor space yet dress up any outdoor area. Grow herbs in planters located near the kitchen and flowers wherever additional color is needed. Add a few pollinator-friendly plants to attract butterflies and hummingbirds to watch and enjoy.

Extend your time outdoors with outdoor lighting. Or look for multi-functional options like solar illuminated planters. Powered by the sun and with a flip of a switch, you can choose a single or multi-changing light color display.

Don't let the thought of frequent watering stop you from growing in containers and elevated gardens. Self-watering options are available in a variety of shapes and sizes including the classic, yet curvy self-watering Valencia window box.

Once you select your raised bed, elevated garden, or container, you will need to fill it with a planting or potting mix. Figure out exactly how much is needed with a *soil calculator*. Just plug the size and shape into the form. It tells you how many cubic yards or cubic feet of soil are needed for raised beds and the number of quarts for containers and elevated gardens.

Expanding the garden doesn't have to mean a lot more work. Selecting the right option that provides convenience and ease of care can help you grow more flowers and garden-fresh produce this season.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* How to Grow Anything DVD series and the *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Gardeners Supply* for her expertise to write this article. Her web site is: www.MelindaMyers.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI21P0836EA
Estate of
SHARON ELIZABETH BARRY
Date of Death: January 30, 2021
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kevin James Barry of Orange, CT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that Kevin James Barry of Orange, CT be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of March 30, 2021.

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

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

Date: March 02, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 03/12/2021

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Docket No. MI21P0933EA
Estate of
JULIETA QUIROGA
Date of Death: December 21, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Sylvia Y. Quiroga of North Falmouth, 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 Sylvia Y. Quiroga of North Falmouth, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 02, 2021.

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

Date: March 05, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Docket No. MI21P0898EA
Estate of
GEORGE R. SEAGE, III
Also Known As
GEORGE RICHARD SEAGE, III
Date of Death: January 02, 2021
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Ann Aschengrau of Wayland, 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 Ann Aschengrau of Wayland, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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

Date: March 03, 2021

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Estate of
MARY CHARLOTTE McNICHOL
Also Known As
MARY C. McNICHOL
Date of Death: December 19, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Mary M. Romano of Framingham, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Mary M. Romano of Framingham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
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Last Supper Mass

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3:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Passion

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8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 4TH

9:00 a.m. - Easter Mass

10:30 a.m. - Easter Mass

12:00 p.m. - Easter Mass



• **City of Boston COVID-19 Update** (Continued from Page 1)

Strand Theatre; and Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

For information about how to access these sites and others, visit: Boston.gov/coronavirus or call 3-1-1.

Vaccine update:

The City continues to support the State on vaccine rollout.

Right now, adults 65 and older, and adults with two underlying health conditions, are eligible to get the vaccine. That's in addition to everyone who was eligible in Phase 1. Starting on Thursday, March 11th, educators will be eligible. The full updated schedule is at: Mass.gov.

The City is now able to provide weekly vaccination data for Boston residents. As of March 3rd, more than **113,000** Bostonians aged 16 and older have received their first dose and more than **56,000** Bostonians aged 16 and older are fully vaccinated with both doses. About **20%** of the Boston population aged 16 and older has received at least one dose and about **10%** of the Boston population aged 16 and older is fully vaccinated. Data broken down by neighborhood and demographic is available at: BPHC.org.

The Mayor said that the City of Boston will continue to support the State's rollout, and will work to increase equity in this process for any resident or community that may face barriers. The City is focusing on improving access in Black communities, Latinx communities, Asian communities, and immigrant communities, and on improving access for elderly residents and those with disabilities.

In Boston, we currently have close to **20** vaccination sites that are open to all eligible residents. Those include:

- Eight community-based sites: In Mattapan, Roslindale, Dorchester, Hyde Park, the South End, East Boston, South Boston, and Allston.
- Nine pharmacies: In neighborhoods including Mattapan, Roxbury, Dorchester, East Boston, the South End, and Hyde Park.

• And two mass vaccination sites: Fenway Park; and the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury, where we continue to hold 50% of appointments for local residents of color.

On Friday, the City launched a mobile vaccination pilot clinic at Martin Luther King Towers in Roxbury. This week, our mobile vaccinate clinic will be going to Hyde Park. More mobile clinics will be offered in other BHA communities moving forward.

Over 100 senior buildings in Boston are providing onsite vaccination for residents. That includes both public and private housing. 10 more senior buildings began clinics this week.

The Mayor thanked the BHA, the Boston Public Health Commission, Boston EMS, the City's *Age Strong Commission*, and all of the City's partners in this work.

The Mayor urged all seniors and everyone who is eligible to receive the vaccine to take it as soon as they can. He also encouraged residents aged 65 and older who need help registering to call **3-1-1** and get connected to the City's *Age Strong Commission*. Help

is available in multiple languages.

Veterans of all ages, enrolled in VA Healthcare, can get vaccinated at any VA Boston Healthcare facility. For more information or to enroll go to: Boston.va.gov.

The CDC has released new guidelines for activities that fully-vaccinated people can safely do. That is available at: CDC.gov. And the City will be sharing this guidance over the next day or so.

Announcing the B-Local App:

The Mayor said that over this past year, the City has gotten creative to support small businesses. We have helped restaurants get set up with online ordering, expanded outdoor dining, and distributed about \$16 million in direct relief. Soon, he said, we will roll out another tool called the "**B-Local App**"

The B-Local App helps residents find local, Black-owned, woman-owned, and Main Street businesses. Customers can collect "Boston Points," and use them like cash at participating businesses. The City will reimburse small businesses for Boston Points redeemed at their establishment.

The Mayor said that as the City gears up to launch the app, we are recruiting local businesses to participate. It's open to all sorts of businesses, including restaurants, retail, gyms, nail salons, and more. To learn more or sign up, visit: Boston.gov/B-Local.

Update on Boston Public Schools:

This week marks exactly one year since we first closed the Boston Public Schools at the

beginning of the COVID crisis. The Mayor remarked on how much progress the City has made since then.

Last week, BPS welcomed all students from pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade back to in-person classrooms, if their families opted in. Grades 4-8 are scheduled to return to classrooms next week, starting on Monday March 15th; and grades 9-12 are due to return the week of March 29th, public health data permitting. They join the high-priority students who have been in school since the fall.

BPS has comprehensive health and safety measures in place, with social distancing, air filtration, sanitizing, signage, and more. The Mayor said that he was grateful to everyone who has worked tirelessly to make this happen. He said that this is a great example of Boston coming together, getting creative, and doing the right thing for our young people.

The Mayor said that over the past week, he has visited several BPS schools that have welcomed students back for in-person learning. He shared some stories about these visits, and closed with this reflection:

"It makes me very proud that we're able to bring students back in a smart and safe way. This is yet another sign that we're moving toward recovery, and there are brighter days ahead. We're all grateful for that. For now, the City continues to monitor the data, promote testing and vaccination, and direct resources where they're needed the most."

Saint Medard of Noyon

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Medard was born around 456 at Salency, Oise, in Picardy, located in what is now France.

His father, Nectaridus, was a noble of Frankish origin, while his mother Protagia was Gallo-Roman

Medard was raised in the aftermath of the collapse of the Western Roman Empire. The last Western Roman emperor was deposed in 476. During 481-511, the Salian Frankish King Clovis I conquered and united several Germanic successor states to form the Kingdom of Francia, the predecessor of modern France and Germany.

Medard was ordained at the age of 33. His piety and knowledge, considerable for that time, caused Bishop Alomer of Vermand to confer on him Holy Orders. At the death of Alomer in 530, Medard was chosen to succeed him as bishop of Vermand. Despite his objections, he found himself obliged to accept the heavy responsibilities of the position, to which he devoted himself entirely.

In 531, as Bishop, Medard is believed to have the strongest place in that region of Neustria. He was a councillor to Clotaire, the Merovingian king at Noviodunum (modern Soissons).

It is also claimed that in 532, at the death of Saint Eleutherius, bishop of Tornacum, Medard was invited to assume the

direction of that diocese also. He refused at first, but being urged by Clotaire himself, he at last accepted. The union of the two dioceses of Noviomagus/Noyon and Tornacum/Tournai lasted until 1146. Tornacum was a center for evangelizing the pagan Flemings.

King Clotaire, who had paid Bishop Medard a last visit at Noviomagus, where the bishop died, had his body transferred to his own manor of Croviacum (modern Crouy), at the gates of the royal city of Noviodunum; there over his tomb was erected the celebrated Benedictine abbey which bears his name, the Abbey of Saint-Médard.

The Feast Day of Saint Medard is June 8th.

Saint Medard is the Patron Saint against bad weather among other things.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **March 27, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

- 2002 LINCOLN LS**
Vin # 1LNHM86SX2Y635029
- 2010 HONDA CIVIC**
Vin # 2HGFA1F55AH526798
- 2008 NISSAN ALTIMA**
VIN # 1N4AL21E18N529740
- 2015 HYUNDAI SONATA**
Vin # 5NPE34AFXH217008

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

Signed
Todisco Services, Inc.

Run dates: 03/12, 03/19, 03/26/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc. 2 Emery Road, Allston, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **March 27, 2021 beginning at 10:00 AM** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

- 2000 HONDA ACCORD**
VIN # 1HGCG327XYA018954
- 2008 HUAWIN MOTORCYCLE**
VIN # L8XTBK50580002226
- 2006 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE**
VIN # 1J8HR58NX6C331416
- 2001 HONDA ACCORD**
VIN # 1HGCG16511A081248
- 2006 HYUNDAI ELANTRA**
VIN # KMHDN46D46U274125
- 2006 BMW 330I**
VIN # WBAVB33576KS33103

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Signed
D & G Towing

Run dates: 03/12, 03/19, 03/26/2021

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The Trial Court
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
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Docket No. MI21P0545EA

Estate of

ERNST GUNTHER ULRICH

Date of Death: October 30, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Elizabeth Ricci of Londonderry, NH** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Elizabeth Ricci of Londonderry, NH** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 13, 2021.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Date: February 16, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 03/12/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI21P0014EA

Estate of

JANE D. LARSON

Date of Death: December 14, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Patrick C. Hall of Winchester, 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 **Patrick C. Hall of Winchester, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 12, 2021.

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

Date: March 05, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 03/12/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. MI21P0766EA

Estate of

JAMES M. EARING

Date of Death: January 16, 2021

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Richard M. Earing of Williamsville, NY** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Richard M. Earing of Williamsville, NY** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 02, 2021.

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Date: March 05, 2021

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Run date: 03/12/2021



**RICK AND MORTY:
SEASONS 1-4 (Blu-ray)**
Warner Bros. Home Ent.

Wubba-lubba-dub-dub! From creators Justin Roiland and Dan Harmon, go on an intergalactic journey across the multi-verse with the release of *Rick and Morty: Seasons 1-4* boxed set from Warner Bros. Home Entertainment. Get ready to binge on one of cables #1 watched comedies — and follow the misadventures of America's favorite crazy scientist and his grandchildren with this outrageous boxed set which includes all 41 episodes from the first four seasons of the award-winning series, along with copious special features, including audio commentary, deleted scenes, "Inside the Episode" segments, numerous featurettes, past animatic sketches, and more. After having been missing for nearly 20 years, Rick Sanchez suddenly arrives at daughter Beth's doorstep to move in with her and her family. Although Beth welcomes Rick into her home, her husband, Jerry, isn't as happy about the family reunion. Jerry is concerned about Rick, a sociopathic scientist, using the garage as his personal laboratory. In the lab, Rick works on a number of sci-fi gadgets, some of which could be considered dangerous. But that's not all Rick does that concerns Jerry. He also goes on adventures across the universe that often involves his children, Morty and Summer.

**YALDA,
A NIGHT FOR FORGIVENESS
(DVD)**
Film Movement

The lights and cameras are all in position, and the show "Joy of Forgiveness," goes live. Tonight's guest is Maryam, a young woman condemned to death for murdering her husband, Nasser. Iranian law allows for the victim's family to forgive her and spare her life. With her in the studio is Mona, the daughter of Maryam's deceased husband, Nasser. Maryam is supposed to beg Mona for forgiveness. If Mona grants it, Maryam will live, and the show's sponsors will pay Mona a reward. If she denies it, Maryam will die. Millions of television viewer are tuning in on the night of Yalda, the Persian celebration of the winter solstice, to see Maryam's fate unfold, as Maryam and Mona discover that forgiveness can be difficult as they relive the past.

**VICTOR AND VALENTINO
(DVD)**

Warner Bros. Home Ent.

Supernatural mayhem is a way of life in Monte Macabre, and it's up to two fun-loving half-brothers to contain it. Get ready to embark on hilarious adventures as Cartoon Network's Imagen Award-nominated series, *Victor and Valentino* arrives with an 18-episode DVD. The fun starts — even when they're not starting it in the first place. Join mischievous Victor and kindhearted Valentino as they encounter mythical monsters, spooky specters and all manner of folklore foes during their

hilarious adventures. *Victor and Valentino* is a supernatural adventure comedy about two half-brothers who spend a summer with their grandma in the small, mysterious town of Monte Macabre, where the myths and legends of Mesoamerican folklore comes to life.

THAT CLICK (DVD)
Omnibus Ent.

A man at the cutting edge of fashion, photojournalism and portraiture, photographer to the stars, Douglas Kirkland has, with his camera, portrayed over sixty years of pop culture. Famed for his legendary shoots with Hollywood favorites including Marilyn Monroe, Elizabeth Taylor, Angelina Jolie and the stars of over 150 motion pictures, Kirkland's unique style and approach have resulted in hundreds of beautiful, immortal images that still influence the world today, decades after that first fateful click of the camera. This fascinating documentary portrait takes a closer look at the astonishing career of one of the most important photographers of the last century. Beginning with his very first assignments at *Look Magazine* in the 50s to *Vanity Fair* in the present, with a contributing cast that includes Sharon Stone, Nicole Kidman, Michelle Williams, and Andy Garcia among many others. Today, some of Kirkland's photographs are held in the collections of the National Portrait Gallery in London, the George Eastman Museum in Rochester, and the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

THE INTERROGATION (DVD)
Corinth Films

The Interrogation is a landmark film in which an Israeli director — for the very first time — gives voice to Rudolf Franz Ferdinand Hoss, the longest serving commander of the Auschwitz concentration camp. In 1946, Hoss was discovered by British troops in Gottrupel, Germany, disguised as a gardener. After his whereabouts were divulged by his wife, believing that the betrayal of her husband would result in their son's safety. Shortly afterward, Hoss was taken to the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg, and later handed over to the Supreme National Tribunal in Poland, which sentenced him to death by hanging. While imprisoned and awaiting trial in Poland, he was interrogated in order to extract a perfect confession, and in which the setting of the film takes place. The interrogator Albert Piotrowski, was a young, successful investigative judge who spoke German as a second language. With the language barrier erased, and a level of comfort attained, their chilling encounter brings to shocking life, the horrifying, yet normalized, Auschwitz routines, and the banalization of evil that shook the world to its core. The original confession affidavit written by Rudolf Hoss is displayed in a glass case at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. Hoss was executed on April 16, 1947, at the very same location he commanded years earlier.

The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

**SAL G. MULLING
WRITING A BOOK**

Finally, after years of people telling me I should write a book, I am leaning toward a book at this time. The working title to be: *CALLAHAN'S & HARRINGTON'S: The Overpowering Fate of the Irish*. Stay tuned for ongoing details.

**HE'S EMBARRASSED
TO BE A WHITE MALE?**

Last week, I heard John Brennan on MSNBC say that he was embarrassed to be a white male nowadays after seeing all those white males at CPAC gathering cheering on Trump. Brennan was former CIA director under Obama and is a so-called expert on terrorism and the far right, too. He's been constantly on cable attacking Trump since Trump beat Hillary in 2016.

His act is getting tired and can I say as a white male, how embarrassed I feel watching him on the TV screen saying just about anything. I so hate legends in their own minds.

**LIKE A CLOCK EVEN
AYANNA CAN BE CORRECT
AT LEAST TWICE DAILY**

U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley is now touting opposition to any extension of the Patriots Act, aka Patriots Act 2.0. She thinks there are enough laws on the books to go after those at the Capitol Hill so-called insurrection without restricting us from more of our rights in the process.

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Docket No. MI21P0953EA
Estate of
ANNA T. BRUNDIGE
Date of Death: December 07, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Paula A. Hayes of Dorchester, 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 Paula A. Hayes of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 05, 2021
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 03/12/2021

**CAN'T STAND ALL THIS
"UNITY" TALK**

Stacey Plaskett is a non-voting representative in Congress representing the U.S. Virgin Islands and was also one of the many house impeachment managers who unsuccessfully hoped to get private citizen Donald Trump impeached from an office he had already departed from. After the January 6th siege at the U.S. Capitol, she said our government should "Hunt down Trump mob."

Who condoned that display of those who penetrated the U.S. Capitol causing violence and mayhem? I also wonder what her definition was of the "Trump mob?" Is it the several hundred lawbreakers that day? Or does she think the entire Trump base is a mob?

Not much unity going on right now from Biden-supporting Democrats! Now we are seeing a new variant of Anti-Trump Derangement Virus being dubbed "Post Anti-Trump Syndrome." The madness just never stops.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ...

Good Golly Miss Molly, I can't believe it. Mitch Rnyder from Mitch Ryder & the Detroit Wheels just turned 76 on February 26th. Seems like only yesterday his mix of rock and R&B was at the top of the music charts. Of course, I was still a teenager then.

**SWALWELL NEEDS TO
COOL IT ON TALKING
ABOUT ASIAN WOMEN**

Recently, U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-CA, lashed out at Republicans for their treatment of one of Biden's picks for a cabinet post because apparently, they don't like her being a South Asian woman; not one of his best sound bites. If I were him I wouldn't be talking about Asian women at all considering his run in with a certain alleged Chinese Honey-pot spy Christine Fang. He seems not too worried since House Democrats and their cronies in the media have done a great job of covering up for him.

**ON FRIDAYS,
BENNY RABBI NEVER
FORGETS SAL BAGLIO**

I was listening to WMEX on the radio riding home along Route 16. It was Friday and every week, Benny Rabbi ends his music show by playing a great turn by East Boston's own Sal Baglio. Once a Stomper, now an Amplifier. The song is "When We Go Home." A great new tune of Sal's basically singing the way things used to be in his (our) younger days. It is part sad and moody while at the same time inspiring and hopeful too, sounds a bit Delta Blues, too.

The last time I saw Sal Biglio & the Stompers, I was 30-something and still living in Charlestown. I went over to a great music club in Inman Square conveniently called the Inman Square Men's Club. I stopped next to one of those old refrigerator-sized amplifiers and left the place partially deaf for about a week and thank God those amplifiers like computers have shrunk down considerably, too.

**MR. POTATO JUST WENT
SMASHED POTATOES**

The Cancel Culture is rearing

its head all over the place. It just hit Hasbro, too. The toy manufacturer turned the potato guy into a gender neutral toy spud. This toy has been around for almost as long as I have been around. I had one as a kid and was always trying to make great faces on it. Also, back then, you needed to use a real potato before the company started making plastic ones.

I also heard and, correct me if I'm wrong, but all the girl potatoes are partying like its 1999. They have been rumored to be dancing on Mr. Potato's grave in the veggie garden. Women Potatoes Hear Us Roar.

Mr. Potato's new name you ask? Just plain "Potato Head," as in "Hey, you Potato Head, come over here!"

Whoa, don't worry, Hasbro said it will still make a Mr. Potato Head toy, too. That's calmed down Mrs. Potato who thought she was about to become a widowed potato.

**DON'T FORGET TO
SIGN UP FOR
COVID VACCINATIONS AT
V.A. BEDFORD, MA SITE**

If you are a veteran regardless of age and live in NEW ENGLAND you are eligible to receive your COVID-19 vaccinations in Bedford, MA at the V.A. Medical Center, YOU NEED TO REGISTER, SO CALL 781-687-4000.

I heard this good news recently while listening to Benny Rabbi's WMEX radio show when Gregg Brasso from the *Veteran's Voice Radio/TV Network* called in with the news. You can also listen to Brasso every week on WATD-FM (95.9) on his *Veteran's Voice Show* airing Thursdays 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. You can call in live during the show at 781-837-4900.

**REMEMBER ALL THOSE
GIRL NAME SONGS?**

Almost every other song for a while back in the late '50s, early '60s had a girl's name in the title and all sorts of names, too. For guys, all those boy name songs seemed to be only about Johnny. Johnny this, Johnny that. Even Johnny B. Good!

**CANDIDATES FOR 2022
ARE LINING UP**

Recently, I met someone named Norman Shwartz from Malden. He was at the same food distribution helping veterans and families. Boxes of food are being organized by the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation working with the United Cape Patriots in a number of communities. I met Norm at the Randolph weekly food distributions and he let me know that he has decided to run for the U.S. Congress in the 5th District that includes Malden, Winthrop, and Revere as a Republican candidate. The incumbent in this race is U.S. Rep. Katherine Clarke, D-5th CD.

ELVIS ON MARCH 3RD

Did you know that on March 3, 1956, the number 1 song in America was Elvis Presley's "Heartbreak Hotel"? Or that the number 1, one year later on March 3rd was Elvis singing "Jailhouse Rock"? There you go, now you know as Jimmy Jay would say.

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Easter is on April 4th this year, and I have a couple of stories that correspond to that Christian holiday. The first story includes Sal Meli, the friend from East Boston that I traveled the world with when we were young and single. The other subject is Babbononno, who was in his 90s when the forthcoming events took place.

It was the spring of 1970 (51 years ago) and Easter was at the end of March that year, I believe on the 29th. Mom was putting together a list of who would be celebrating with us, and asked me about Sal. Sal's parents had recently retired from their jobs, given up their East Boston apartment and moved back to Sal's father's hometown of Canicati, a suburb of Agrigento, Sicily. Mom asked if Sal might want to spend Easter with us, and when I asked him he said that he would love to join us.

This was also a point in time when Babbononno was about 95 or 96 and was a new resident at the Columbus Nursing Home, then located on Saratoga Street in East Boston. He reached a point in his mid 90s when he needed more help or attention than any one person could provide, and so, the decision was made to move him to a nursing home.

After Nanna died, he lived with us until my folks headed for Belmont. My grandfather was never happy there: nowhere to buy DeNobili cigars, nowhere to buy a copy of *Il Progresso*, nowhere to buy a copy of the *Post-Gazette*, and no store-front social clubs where he could discuss politics and all things Italian, in Italian. He was lost. Dad and my uncles found him an apartment back in East Boston near Maverick Square, and within a few days, there was the missing smile on Babbononno's ancient face. He struck up a friendship with an Irish widow who lived next door and as she put it when asked, "I'm lookin' after Michael if you please." I don't know how they communicated. The woman (I think her name was Maureen) spoke English with a thick Irish brogue, and Babbononno spoke fractured English. Somehow, they understood each other. Babbononno was happy until Maureen passed away and he headed downhill from there. After that point, he needed someone to care for him, and he headed to the Columbus Nursing Home.

Mom made out the guest list for Easter. It included Aunt Mary, my father's sister who had been widowed in the 1960s, her son, my late cousin Jim Dello Russo, Babbononno,

Uncle Nick and Aunt Dorothy, and Sal Meli.

Once the preparations were underway, Easter week arrived. There wasn't much music for free lance musicians during the Lenten season unless you had a steady job playing at a nightclub, a ballroom, a restaurant or a hotel lounge. This meant that Dad helped Mom get things ready for Easter Sunday. When March 29th finally arrived, my job was to pick up Babbononno and Sal Meli. There was no reason for Sal to drive to Belmont from East Boston, as I had to go to Eastie to pick up Babbononno, anyway.

I decided to pick up Sal first, knowing that if I needed help with Babbononno, my grandfather knew him and could communicate in Italian with him if it was necessary. Sal was a bit morose due to his folks moving back to Italy and his latest lady friend breaking off their relationship. Actually, his Brazilian girl friend was pushing for permanent ties, and Sal wanted to stay single, so off she went looking for greener pastures. Anyway, I picked Sal up first and we headed to the nursing home, about five minutes from where he lived. Babbononno was ready and waiting impatiently. When I asked him what was wrong, he complained that he had been ready for hours. When I reminded him that I was to pick him up at 1:00 p.m., he looked at his watch, swore under his breath in Italian and handed me his coat. I helped him put it on, after which he donned his fedora, fixed the brim, looked down at the spit-shine on his shoes and was ready to head out. He was dressed with a suit and tie and looked the part of a Boston businessman ready to head to work.

Once outside, Babbononno looked around and asked, "Wayza da Cadillac?" I told him that I had traded the car in for a newer one, an Imperial. He then asked, "Dis new carra is gooda won like da Cadillac?" I told him that it was even better than a Cadillac. He then asked, "Dis Imperiale, itza gudda da top you pusha down?" I answered yes, that it was a convertible, and he came back with, "Den, pusha da top down, pleeza."

Once the top was down, Babbononno ordered Sal to get in the back seat. He then sat in front ready to ride shotgun, and then asked, "Dis Imperiale gudda da seatza whata go up and downa?" When I said that I could raise or lower the seats, he ordered me to raise his seat up as far as it would go.

(Babbononno was only 4' 11" tall; the raised seat made him look a lot taller.)

Once I was ready to drive off, he looked at his watch, then told me to drive slowly to Orient Heights Square and take a right onto Bennington Street and head toward Day Square. His next command was, "Anna you driva slow." We were soon near Moore Street where St Mary Star of the Sea Church is located, and he asked me to take a right and stop in front of the church. He had timed our arrival with the end of the Italian Mass. As the old Italian ladies exited the church, Babbononno waved at them, tipped his hat and yelled out, "Buona Pasqua, Buona Pasqua," to one and all.

Once we left the area, I had to put the top back up. It was March and still very cold, but I could tell from the actions of my grandfather that he still had that spark in him that made him who he was all his life.

He spent the day sitting at the dinner table at my folks Belmont house, enjoying the dinner my mother had prepared for Easter, and I knew that spark was still there as the holiday dinner was winding down. When it was time for an after dinner drink, Babbononno asked, "Jenny, you gudda suma Frengia cognac?" I answered that I had a bottle of Courvoisier cognac hidden away somewhere. He then asked, "You giva me liddle bitta?" I said I would and he added, "Widda Frengia Cognac, I needa cigarro Cubano." I obliged him once more, gave him one of my Cuban cigars, cut the tip off and handed it to my smiling grandfather. He dipped the chewing end into the glass of cognac, put it in his mouth and waited for me to light the other end. After I did, he puffed the cigar, sipped the cognac, sat back and sighed as if he was in heaven. This is the memory I have of Babbononno's last year or two on Earth. He made it into his 98th year and then closed his eyes one day and that was it. He's gone, Today, Sal is in a nursing home with Alzheimer's disease and being an old car buff, I'm sorry to say that the Imperial is long gone, but the memories ... they live on ...

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by
Marianna Bisignano

In Italy, *La Festa San Giuseppe* (The Feast of St. Joseph) is celebrated annually on March 19th. Father's Day is also appropriately observed throughout the country on this day. Of all the regions, the celebration of *San Giuseppe* (St. Joseph) is most prominent in Sicily. During the middle ages, legend states St. Joseph saved the Sicilian people from one of their most dangerous droughts. Sicilians prayed to St Joseph for rain and if their prayers were answered, a feast in his name was promised. Rain came, crops were saved, and a life-threatening famine was prevented. As a thank you to their patron saint, each year Sicilians prepare a traditional "alter" or "St. Joseph's Table". A statue of *St. Joseph* is placed at the head of the table and surrounded by gifts of assorted symbolic foods, sentiment, and elaborate bread sculptures. On the feast day, friends and family gather and celebrate by eating the gifts on the table. Many older Sicilians have even brought this beautiful tradition with them to the states.

As with anything Italian, the dishes and desserts for a specific occasion are always rooted in tradition. While *Pasta Con Sarde*, *Pane Mafalda*, fava beans, and *sfinge* are a few of the customary foods eaten on the feast day of *San Giuseppe*. One of the most popular and sought-after delicacies continues to be the *Zeppole di San Giuseppe*. *Zeppole* are a pastry resembling a cream puff, typically filled with *crema pasticcera*, topped with an amarena cherry, and dusted with confectionary sugar. They are available in most Italian bakeries throughout Italy and the states. Yet, homemade always seem to taste the best and my Nonna's recipe for *Zeppole di San Giuseppe al forno* are simply amazing. Be sure to enjoy one in honor of *San Giuseppe!*

BAKED ST. JOSEPH'S ZEPPOLE *Zeppole Di San Giuseppe Al Forno*



Crema Pasticcera
2 cups whole milk
½ cup heavy cream
½ cup sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla bean paste
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons corn starch
4 egg yolks
1 cup powdered sugar

Zeppole Shells
1 cup water
1 stick butter
1 ½ tablespoons sugar
½ tsp salt
1 cup sifted flour
4 eggs

CREMA PASTICCERA

In a medium saucepan add milk, heavy cream, and vanilla bean paste, simmer. In a large bowl, beat egg yolks and sugar until pale. Whisk in flour, cornstarch and salt. Take the simmered milk/cream mixture and slowly add, while whisking. Pour mixture back into saucepan and cook over medium flame, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Place in a bowl, cover with plastic wrap and place in refrigerator to cool.

ZEPPOLE SHELLS

Preheat oven to 400°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper, set aside. In a large saucepan, add water, butter, sugar and salt, bring to a boil. Add flour, stir until dough forms a ball, detaching itself from the sides of the pan. Remove pan from heat, let dough cool. When cool, add eggs, one at a time and mix until smooth. Place dough into a large piping bag with star tip attached. Pipe 3-inch, 2 level high circles (circle twice) onto prepared baking sheet. Bake at 400° for 15 minutes, lower oven to 350° and bake 10-20 minutes more, or until golden. Let cool on baking sheet.

Take chilled crema pasticcera and place in large piping bag with star tip. Fill zeppole, place an amarena cherry on top, and sift with powdered sugar. Serve immediately.

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

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with Daniel A. DiCenso



The Civil Rights Act of 1964

The first big push was Brown vs. the Board of Education ruling of 1954 in which the Supreme Court ruled that segregation in public schools was unconstitutional. The road was set for the sweeping Civil Rights Act of 1964, but the decade to follow was turbulent as well as rewarding. The following year saw the passing of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, a successful protest inspired by Rosa Parks, to the marches led by Martin Luther King, Jr.

President Kennedy made the passage of a civil rights act one of his campaign promises, a tout battle that Johnson inherited upon Kennedy's assassination in 1963. It wasn't an easy battle as the House was presenting a strong opposition. In the Senate, too, things were not a guarantee as Robert Byrd was the chief opponent.

Johnson devised a plan to pass it quickly through the Senate after 54 days of filibuster. At that point, supporters Senators Hubert Humphrey, Mike Mansfield, Everett Dirksen, and Thomas Kuchel (two Democrats and two Republicans) came up with a compromise bill that would, they hoped, sway some of the Southern Democrats that opposed it, notably Storm Thurmond, and Republicans. This bill presented a more

limited control over private businesses; the core difference from the original draft.

Johnson rightfully predicted this as a monumental event and invited television crews to the East Room of the White House.

On June 19, 1964, the bill passed the Senate by a sweeping vote of 73-27. After passing the House-Senate Committee, the bill was ultimately signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on July 2nd.

History was made, indeed, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is today seen as the second big step toward the long road to equality, which we have yet to reach. On a smaller note, the passage of the Civil Rights Act brought other changes that are still seen today. It more sharply defined the demographics of both parties and Johnson himself knew that backing the Act would cost him Southern votes. Johnson told Kennedy aide Ted Sorensen, "I know the risks are great and we might lose the South, but those sorts of states may be lost anyway."

Nonetheless, Johnson won the election that November by a landslide, though the South, as was evident by the results, began its current and still prevalent (despite the recent narrow flipping of Georgia) shift to being a Republican stronghold.

Resistance to the bill continued, particularly in the South where business owners claimed the right was an unconstitutional interference in their private businesses. Morten Rolleston, a motel owner from Atlanta, brought a landmark case to court in Heart of Atlanta Motel vs. United States, but his claims were denied on the grounds that Rolleston's motel fell under the Constitution's Commerce Clause. The battle would be far from over.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20P5799EA
Estate of
JOHN P. AIELLO
Date of Death: May 22, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by John J. Aiello of Acton, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that John J. Aiello of Acton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 01, 2021.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 03, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 03/12/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
Middlesex Probate and Family Court South
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI21P0870EA
Estate of
DANIEL I.C. WANG
Date of Death: August 29, 2020
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Victoria D. Wang of Cambridge, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Victoria D. Wang of Cambridge, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 03/12/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI21P0956EA
Estate of
JOSEPH L. PARATORE
Also Known As
JOSEPH PARATORE
Date of Death: December 28, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Anthony R. Paratore of Falmouth, ME requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Anthony R. Paratore of Falmouth, ME be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 02, 2021.

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

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 05, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 03/12/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI21P0958EA
Estate of
CHRISTOPHER DEMETRI HORNER
Also Known As
CHRISTOPHER D. HORNER
Date of Death: December 28, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Matina S. Horner of Cambridge, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Matina S. Horner of Cambridge, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 02, 2021.

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

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 05, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 03/12/2021

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

Latest Polls Show Democrats Obsessed With Trump Base

A recent national poll showed that Democratic voters are concerned about three major items at this time. Their number one: is how to deal with all those Trump voters out there. Number two: issue right behind that is white supremacy. Number three: Racism and all the other -isms that follow off of that. Republicans, when polled, are concerned about real public policy issues that actually affect their lives.

Jesse Watters, host of *Watter's World* on the Fox News Network has stated that "Anti-Trump derangement is now in full force."

Candace Eyes White House Run

Candace Owens, a conservative commentator and strong supporter of former President Trump, said she is mulling a run for the White House in 2024. Owens is the author of a best-selling book *Blackout*, which makes the case that the Democrats have abandoned African Americans over the years and encouraging people of color to reregister as Republicans. Many Trump Republicans have expressed favorability for her views and think this young African American activist could be a possible vice presidential pick in 2021.

Keep Election Day to a Day
The U.S. Supreme Court's recent refusal to hear a challenge to Pennsylvania's 2020 election results is strong grounds to reform "our national law on Election Day," contends

Adele Malpass at the *New York Sun*. "America needs a "single day" on which results can be announced after polls close. States managed to do that despite the 1918 pandemic and World Wars I and II, but in 2020, six failed to do so. "The longer the vote-counting," the "less confidence voters have in the outcome." In a dissent, Justice Clarence Thomas stressed the importance of clean, firm rulers and deadlines. "Let us hope that by 2024," states will enact them, making it "easy to vote" and "hard to cheat" — and giving us "results on Election Night."

Amazon Scrubs "Adolf-Like" Logo

Amazon quickly changed its smart-app logo after critics said it looked like Adolf Hitler. The Web giant introduced the new icon in January to replace the shopping cart with a box with a jagged piece of tape over the company's smile-shaped arrow. But many got disturbed saying it reminded them of the Fuhrer's mustache. Amazon responded by quietly tweaking the tape part of the logo to, as one Twitter user said, looked "less like Hitler."

End Quotes

"The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there."
— *The immortal first line to L. P. Hartley's The Go-Between*

"We will scrutinize the incoming (Biden) administration just as thoroughly as we did the outgoing one."

— *Cliff Levy, Associate Managing Editor, NY Times*

"In one month, we have gone from America First to America Last."

— *Former President Donald J. Trump, CPAC address, February 28th*

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20P5716EA
Estate of
JAMES JOSEPH CROWLEY, JR.
Date of Death: April 19, 2013
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 James Joseph Crowley, III of Natick, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that James Crowley, III of Natick, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 01, 2021.

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

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 03, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 03/12/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI21P0608GD
NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of
Guardian of a Minor
In the interests of
CARLOS M. VELASQUEZ FLORES
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 02/05/2021 by Jose A. Velasquez Flores of Waltham, MA, will be held 06/04/2021 09:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located www.zoomgov.com/my/gargas, ID# 160 9957 0637

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 filing 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: February 22, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 03/12/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **March 13, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

2001 FORD EXPLORER
Vin # 1FMZU77E71UC84710

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

Signed
Todisco Services, Inc.

Run dates: 02/26, 03/05, 03/12/2021

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **March 20, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

2007 MAZDA MAZDA6
Vin # 1YVHP80C475M03896

2015 BMW 535i
Vin # WBA5B3C59FD541362

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

Signed
Todisco Services, Inc.

Run dates: 03/05, 03/12, 03/19/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court**

**Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300**

Docket No. SU21C0051CA

In the Matter of
CHRISTOPHER JOHN NICHOLSON
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Christopher John Nicholson of Boston, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Christopher John Macnamara**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at **Suffolk Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **March 31, 2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, **HON. BRIAN J. DUNN**,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 05, 2021

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Run Date: 03/12/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division**

**Middlesex Probate and Family Court South
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000**

Docket No. MI21P0055EA

Estate of
ROBERT I. BIRNBAUM
Date of Death: November 28, 2020

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Robin Lapidus of Clinton, NJ**.

Robin Lapidus of Clinton, NJ has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 03/12/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court**

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

Docket No. MI19P3274EA

Estate of
HENRY R. GARDNER

Date of Death: April 18, 2019

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL
APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by **James A. Gardner of Cotuit, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that **James A. Gardner of Cotuit, MA, Susan Merchant-Gardner of Marlborough, MA** and **Melissa Nolte of Lowell, MA** be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate Surety** on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on **March 23, 2021**.

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

The estate is being administered under formal 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 recipients 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.

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

Date: February 24, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 3/12/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Export Enterprises, Inc. 50 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell or junk the following vehicles on or after **March 13, 2021 beginning at 10:00 AM** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2002 TOYOTA SEQUOIA
VIN # 5TDBT44A42S102279

1997 CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN
VIN # 1GBFG15R9V1019669

2008 SATURN OUTLOOK
VIN # 5GZEV13738J263433

1999 CHEVROLET SILVERADO
VIN 1GCEK14TXXZ212596

2005 CHEVROLET IMPALA
VIN # 2G1WF52E859199707

2007 BMW X5
VIN # 4USFE83507LY63854

2005 CHRYSLER PACIFICA
VIN # 2C4GF68445R262642

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

Signed
Export Enterprises, Inc.

Run dates: 02/26, 03/05, 03/12/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath Highway, Somerville, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell or junk the following vehicles on or after **March 13, 2021 beginning at 10:00 AM** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2006 MAZDA 5
VIN # JM1CR293660105694

2005 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN
VIN # 2D4GP44L35R471808

2004 MAZDA 6
VIN # 1YVHP80D445N91422

2002 PONTIAC GRAND AM
VIN # 1G2NF52F52C166443

2016 TOYOTA CAMRY
VIN # 4T1BF1FK8GU142276

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

Signed
Pat's Towing

Run dates: 02/26, 03/05, 03/12/2021

EXTRA Innings

by *Sal Giarratani*



Jackie Bradley, Jr.

JBJ Going to Milwaukee

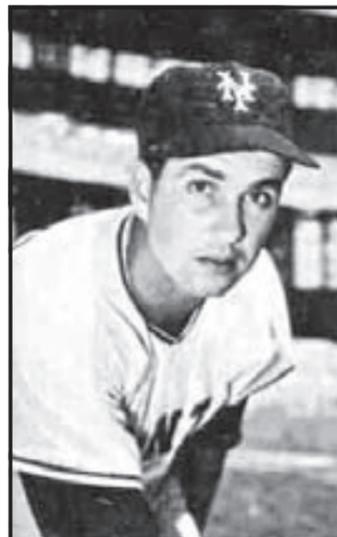
Is any Red Sox fan really surprised to hear that Jackie Bradley, Jr., has decided to leave town and sign with the Milwaukee Brewers? I know I'm not. With all the recent additions to the Sox outfield, it was clear his time was up in Boston.

While a fan favorite for sure, in the batter's box, not so much! As far as being a clutch hitter, not so much either! He was indeed hailed as a great defensive outfielder and for that alone he will be remembered.

It's probably a good time to take a restart in his career in a new city and maybe he can get to his potential, which he never reached here.

**Former Manager
Altobelli Dies**

Joe Altobelli, the manager who led the Orioles to their most recent World Series win in 1983 recently passed away

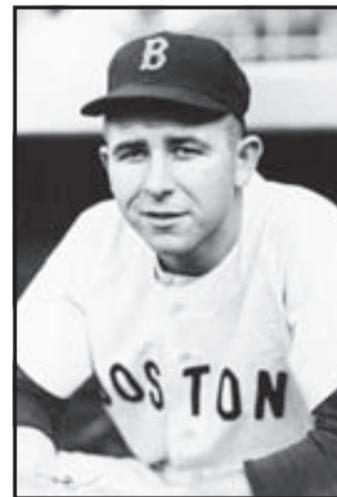


Hoyt Wilhelm

at 88 years old. He managed the Orioles from 1983-85 and also managed the Giants from 1977-79.

Remembering Hoyt Wilhelm

Back in the '60s when Dick Radatz was the best baseball relief pitcher of all time for three seasons (1962, 1963, and 1964) over with the White Sox and, I believe, Orioles too; baseball had one of its all-time relief pitchers in the name of knuckleballer Hoyt Wilhelm. This guy spent ten years in the minors and finally came up to the biggies at age 29 with the NY Giants and didn't retire until he was 49 years old. In 1952, his rookie season, he was a starter and reliever, going 15-3 with a 2.43 ERA in 71 games. Eventually he became just a relief pitcher ... the best money could buy.



Galen Cisco

When he finally retired after the 1972 season, he was a Hall of Famer and had 143 wins with 228 saves in 21 seasons.

Anybody Know The Answer?

A 1960 episode of *The Twilight Zone*, focusing on a robot pitcher, mentions three future Hall of Famers. Can you name them?

**Happy Birthday To
Galen Cisco**

Happy Birthday to Galen Cisco, who just turned 85. He was a reliever with the Sox twice. Cisco was here from 1961-62, and again in 1967. He had a long-time career as a pitching coach with two World Series rings with the Blue Jays.

Back in the early '60s the Red Sox was one of the worst teams in the American League. Those were all those lean years for me as a Red Sox fan before the birth of Red Sox Nation.

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Docket No. MI21P0907EA

Estate of
PATRICIA MARY MURRAY

Also Known As
PATRICIA M. MURRAY

Date of Death: September 24, 2020

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Hugh F. Murray, III of West Hartford, CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Hugh F. Murray, III of West Hartford, CT** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **April 01, 2021**.

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

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM
PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

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

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

Date: March 04, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 03/12/2021

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Docket No. MI21P0901EA

Estate of
DINO TRUBIANO

Date of Death: November 08, 2020

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Tara L. MacDonald of Natick, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Tara L. MacDonald of Natick, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **April 01, 2021**.

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

Date: March 03, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 03/12/2021

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Docket No. MI21P0644EA

Estate of
BETTY JOAN RUSSO

Date of Death: November 24, 2020

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Marilyn A. Cedrone of Groton, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **April 07, 2021**.

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

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

Date: March 03, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 03/12/2021

Boxing  *Ringside*
WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB
by Richard Preiss 

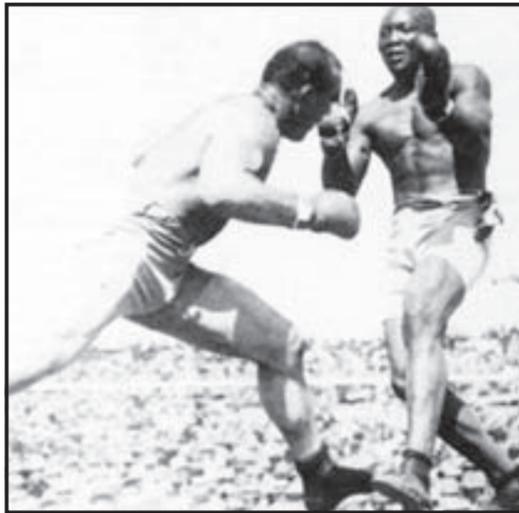
Remembering Heavyweight Champ

JAMES J. JEFFRIES

IN PHOTOS



Jeffries and Corbett square off before their August 14, 1903 battle



Jim puts the pressure on Jack Johnson



Sam Berger (Olympic Heavyweight Champ), Joe Choynski, and Jeffries



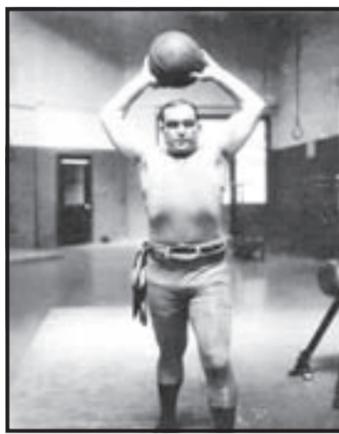
Jeffries and his wife arriving for the 1927 Tunney/Dempsey Fight



A dapper James J. Jeffries



Enjoying Retirement



Jim working the Medicine Ball



Still fit in old age



Jeff with Spencer Tracy

CONGRATULATIONS — Let the accolades flow forth to the Boston Latin Academy boys and the Fenway High girls teams for winning their respective City League basketball championship titles. The Latin Academy team edged out New Mission 46-44, with the outcome not decided until the final seconds.

The Championship was the first City League basketball title for the BLA boys since 1993. It also provided an emotional moment since Latin Academy had lost the 2020 championship game to TechBoston.

Meanwhile, the Fenway girls continued to reign supreme in the city basketball community, winning their fourth consecutive league title with a 42-37 victory over O'Bryant. The victory meant that the seniors had won the city title every year they were at Fenway. It also was an impressive debut for first-year coach Cailin Finn.

MONTREAL MAKES MOVE BUT REMAINS IN MIDDLE — It's only a 56-game regular season, maybe that's why it was done. After all, rather than a full 82-game regular season slate, it is now a scamper to the finish line, somewhat of a dash rather than the full demanding distance.

And, indeed, that's what took place north of the border in the Province of Quebec. The Canadiens started right out of the box and rolled to an 8-2-2 mark, gladdening the hearts of all in a city where hockey reigns supreme.

In such a situation one can't afford to fall far behind because there might not be enough time or games to make up the deficit.

And thus, after the fine start, Montreal hit a rough patch. The Habs went 1-3-2 over a six-game stretch, winning only one out of five and extending that to winning only two out of eight. Instead of challenging Toronto for the top spot in the Scotia North (All-Canadian) Division they had fallen to fourth, with only three points separating them from the fifth place Calgary Flames.

That's an important demarcation line this season because with the realignment of the teams into four new divisions, only the top four franchises in each division will make the starting field of 16 that constitutes the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

Thus, it was that the hammer fell following Montreal's slipping to 9-5-4 with the chasm of the deep looming closer with each passing day. However, the Canadiens were by no means out of it. They had become a middle of the pack team rather than one of its leaders.

Thus, one had to wince a bit when the Canadiens — the archrivals of the Bruins — fired head coach Claude Julien on February 24th. He was replaced by assistant coach Dominique Ducharme.

Julien, you may remember, was let go as the coach of the Bruins back on February 7, 2017. On the other hand, you may not remember the specifics. You see, at the very moment that Claude's release was being announced by the Bruins at their training facility in Brighton, the New England Patriots were proudly parading through the downtown area in celebration of their Super Bowl victory over the Atlanta Falcons a few days earlier. That was the game where the Pats trailed 28-3 in the third quarter before quarterback Tom Brady led them to a memorable 34-28 victory.

During last year's pandemic-delayed conclusion of the 2019-2020 campaign that gradually merged into the Stanley Cup Playoffs, the Habs were the lowest rated of the 24 teams to make it to the qualifying round three games to one but then were ousted by the Philadelphia Flyers four games to two in the first round.

The coaching change, at least early on, does not really seem to have improved the situation. Through games of March 7, Montreal was still in fourth place with an 11-6-7 mark, three points ahead of Vancouver and four ahead of Calgary. The bright spot: the Canadiens were only two points behind third place Winnipeg and three points behind second place Edmonton.

Thus, with about half of the abbreviated regular season in the books (it will end in early May), Toronto owns the top spot in the division with a healthy lead but all the other teams — including last place Ottawa — are still in a battle for positions two through four. By the way, it didn't help Claude's cause that the Canadiens' record this season included consecutive defeats at the hands of those last place Senators.

Still, one has to wonder why a change was made at all. Montreal general manager Marc Bergevin said it wasn't because he thought less of Julien as a coach — in fact he praised him as a good coach. He indicated that he just felt that the players would respond to a different voice.

However, over the course of a season there will be peaks and valleys for many teams. Montreal started fine but then slipped a bit. The team was never really out of it. Just like now, only a few points separated the Canadiens from second place when the change was made.

Those who believe that the Habs would have continued their downward spiral had a coaching change not been made are entitled to their opinion. But we feel it would have been better to hesitate a bit before making such a drastic call.

Claude is 60 and had surgery last year for a heart condition. But we believe that he is very capable of coaching in the NHL again if he wants to do so. When he was dismissed by the Bruins back on that February day in 2017, a moment when most of the city was awash in the celebration of gridiron glory, he remained unemployed for all of one week — until he was hired by Montreal.

Thus, it would not be all that surprising if he wound up behind the bench of another NHL team before the current campaign draws to a close. If not, we think his chances of being a head coach in the National Hockey League come the fall of 2021 are excellent. The only question is the destination.