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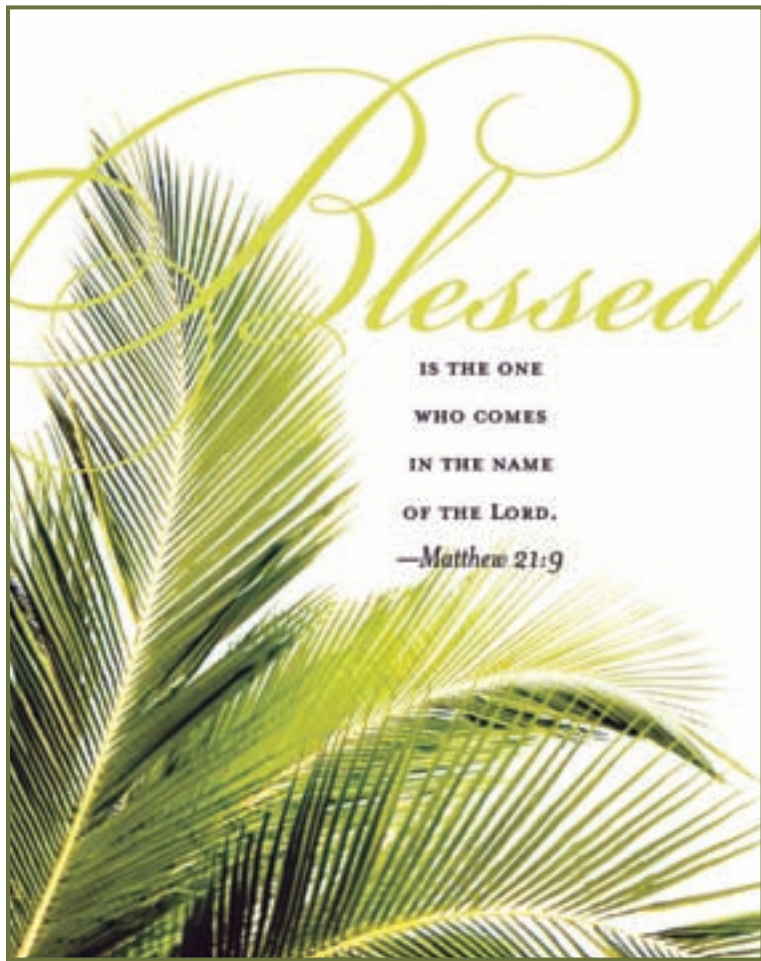
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News Briefs

by Sal Giaratani

Barr to Release Mueller Report Next Week?

The above headline is from a *Boston Globe* editorial last Saturday concerning the delay in A.G. Barr in releasing the full Mueller Report findings on President Trump. The *Boston Globe* appears to be following the lead of Chairman Jerry Nadler of the House Judiciary Committee seeking the immediate release of this report minus areas that cannot be released for national security reasons.

Barr said at a House hearing on Tuesday that the report was coming "within a week."

Hey, if Barr doesn't release the findings by mid-April then go after him over his transparency on the matter. To date he has been responsive and forth coming with members of the House's Judiciary Committee.

The Democrats seem hell bent on finding something that Barr is hiding. They won't settle for anything but dirt on the president. Now they don't even trust Bob Mueller. They seem to be looking for any specs or crumbs that Mueller might have missed.

Pressley Says "Make No Mistake — This is a Big Deal"

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) announced a new rule that would prevent any firm or consultant that works with a challenger in a Democratic primary from being added to the DCCC's "preferred vendor" list.

By making it harder to challenge incumbents and creating an impossible choice for vendors, this new rule threatens to slam the door on an entire universe

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6th Annual Massachusetts Education and Law Awards

Sunday, May 5, 2019



Michael D. Ricciuti
Justice Award



Frank Scarpa Jr.
Law Enforcement Award



Carlo B. Geromini
Public Service Award

Three successful Italian-American civil and public servants and 28 accomplished scholarship recipients will be honored at the Sixth Annual Massachusetts Education and Law Awards. The event, hosted by the Commission for Social Justice and the Scholarship Commission, both under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, will take place on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at the DoubleTree in Andover, Massachusetts.

The Commission for Social Justice will present its annual Law & Justice awards to following recipients: The Honorable Michael D. Ricciuti of Milton, Massachusetts Superior Court Justice (Justice Award); Mr. Frank Scarpa Jr. of Winthrop, Ret. Winthrop Police Department Lieutenant (Law Enforcement Award); and Mr. Carlo B. Geromini of Franklin, Educator, Community Activist, and Member of the Quattro Eroi Lodge # 1414 of Franklin (Public Service Award).

The Scholarship Commission will award scholarships totaling \$28,000 to following recipients: Jack Bertelli of Great Barrington, Lauren Cavanaugh of Mansfield, Aiden Connelly of Lynnfield, Joseph Connelly of Lynnfield, Sarah Crockett of Lynnfield, Celia Debrocke of Salem, NH, Jackson DeMartino of Duxbury, Julia Farry of Watertown, Michael Fiorenza of Wilmington, Francesca Frate of Wakefield, Julia Furnari of East Falmouth,

Emma Garrity of Wilmington, Katherine Garside of Watertown, Emily Gear of Wilmington, Marie-Elena Gerety of Melrose, Alyssa Gibbons of Wilmington, Tyler Gilson of Wakefield, Tyler Glynn of Salem, NH, Elizabeth Hutchinson of Granby, Ginamarie Mastroilli of Wilmington, Natalie Mazzini of Milford, Michael Mazzola of Canton, Gianni Panno of Milford, Giovana Rodriguez of Norwood, Magdalena Sorrentino of Lee, Kathryn Washburn of Northborough, Andrew Wojtas of Andover, and Charles Xu of Falmouth.

The public servants and scholarship recipients honored during this event are shining examples of the hard work and achievements characteristic of the Italian American community and provides a unique opportunity for the recognized students to witness and celebrate the successes of accomplished professionals, and for the Law and Justice awardees to meet and inspire the best of the younger generation. For the attendees and their families, this event will be the most impressive that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has to offer and will encourage future participation in the Sons of Italy.

Tickets are priced at \$35.00 per person and can be purchased at shop.osiama.org or by contacting the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at 617-489-5234.

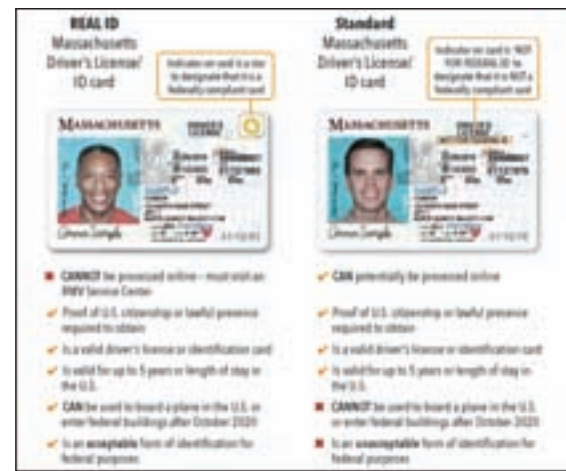
TSA Reminds Travelers of Real ID Identification Requirements

Enforcement Begins in 18 Months at All U.S. Airport Checkpoints

The Transportation Security Administration is reminding travelers that beginning October 1, 2020; every traveler must present a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, or another acceptable form of identification, to fly within the United States. TSA has launched a public awareness campaign about the upcoming identification changes to ensure that every traveler is prepared for the airport security checkpoint process when the **REAL ID Act goes into full enforcement.**

"TSA is doing everything we can to prepare our partners and the traveling public for the REAL ID deadline next year," said TSA Administrator David Pekoske. "The security requirements of the REAL ID Act will dramatically enhance and improve commercial aviation security."

Travelers will begin seeing **new signs at airports** nationwide in the coming weeks to remind people that REAL ID-compliant licenses or other acceptable forms of ID, such as a valid passport, federal government PIV card or U.S. military ID, will be mandatory for air travel beginning on **October 1, 2020.** Critically important, on October 1, 2020, individuals who are unable to verify their identity will not be permitted to enter the TSA checkpoint and will not be



allowed to fly.

REAL ID-compliant licenses are generally marked by a star on the top of the card. Travelers who are not sure if their ID is compliant should check with their state driver's license agency.

Passed by Congress in 2005, the REAL ID Act complies with the 9/11 Commission's rec-

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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



THE MOUNDS OF MESOPOTAMIA



The great cities of ancient Mesopotamia are now known as the mounds of Iraq. These mounds are the most striking feature of their modern landscape. Originally, the cities were started on brick platforms slightly above the level of the plains. No provision was ever made for the disposal of waste, vegetable, or mineral. Every bit of refuse was thrown out onto the street. Over a period of time, the streets built up higher, and of course, each time a house was rebuilt or remodeled, it too was built up higher. This was a long and slow process which went on for hundreds of years. Wars, earthquakes, and conflagrations could level cities. Future cities were built over the older ones. Some mounds might contain the ruins of a Greek city on top, a Babylonian city in the middle, and a Sumerian city on the bottom, reflecting a time span of three thousand years from bottom to top.

It is interesting to compare

the waste disposal philosophy of these ancient cities with that of Greater Boston many years ago. When a Greater Bostonian threw a letter into a wastebasket it soon ended up in our man-made dung heap on the Lynn Marsh Road and was generally lost forever. Any literary work on a clay tablet thrown onto a refuse heap three thousand years ago in Mesopotamia is still there and may someday be uncovered. Little clay tablets with their precious information and records started piling up in their dumps in great numbers and continued to pile up until about 300 A.D.

These mounds in Iraq contain an unbroken line of documents and information, which covers all of their knowledge and wisdom throughout those times. Through these buried clay tablets, we may someday be able to resurrect the ancient civilizations in every detail, follow their religious beliefs, economy, social philosophy, and their daily life.

Herein lies the true key that will unlock many of the great mysteries of the past. I am told that this work has already started and that some of the revelations are astounding.

Any Bostonian who is interested in trying his hand at amateur archaeology can certainly get a good start at the aforementioned Lynn Marsh Road area. Good fortune might prevail in helping to uncover a pair of tassels and a large bra marked "Property of the Crawford House Bar," an old hot dog steamer from Joe & Nemo's, or some deep fry pans marked "International Clam House." You might get real lucky and unearth some swizzle sticks from Frankie Mack's, drumsticks from Carl's Duck Farm, an ice cream scoop from Thompson's Spa, or rare glass bottles that reveal the drinking habits at Blindstrub's Café. You might even find a box of old voting ballots opposing "you know who," an autographed picture of Vaughn Monroe, a silver slipper from the State Ballroom and a silver-haired gigolo from Revere Beach's Spanish Gables. If you're real lucky, you might find a sweatband from an Adam's hat, or a partially hydrogenated jock strap from Kelly and Hayes' gym. You might even hit the jackpot and find a sign marked "Gasoline 12 cents per gallon."

LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. MI19P1708EA

Estate of
DOROTHY ELIZABETH TUCKER
Also Known As
DOROTHY E. TUCKER
Date of Death March 8, 2019
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 **Melvin Moore of Silver Spring, MD** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Melvin Moore of Silver Spring, MD** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 30, 2019.

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: April 2, 2019
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 4/12/2019



The Wicked Smart Investor

by Chris Hanson

When the Investing Lightning Strikes

A small passing of time can change the course of history and the value of your investments. Events occurring in minutes have toppled regimes and installed new ones. The stock market has suffered huge declines and enjoyed strong advances within a few trading days.

Let's discuss what may be the most important minute in U.S. history, the night of April 18, 1775 at our Old North Church. Two colonial rebels, Robert Newman and Captain John Pulling Jr. were on a mission to alert fellow rebels of the British Army's advancement route through Boston. After keeping watch for hours they spied troops putting boats in the Charles River. Newman and Pulling burst into the church climbed a series of staircases and ladders, bringing two lanterns to the steeple eight stories above. Executing a pre-planned strategy, the two hooligans hung the lanterns facing Charlestown to signal the Sons of Liberty members that George III's troops were taking a water route through Boston. It was the beginning of the Redcoats' journey to Lexington where they intended to destroy the rebel's armaments. The lanterns were only displayed for 60 seconds, but that began an immensely consequential series of events as the final catalyst to the American Revolution.

Riders scattered across the region and warned colonists of the British advance. The most famous horseman, Paul Revere hollered "The Regulars are coming" throughout present day Somerville, Arlington and Medford. Gathering a sizable militia in Lexington, the rebels surprised the British the next morning. The "shot heard round the world" was fired and the War of Independence had begun. Only 60 seconds set the "colonies" on the course to separate from Britain and eventually became a world superpower.

With a lot less fanfare, a relatively small amount of time has changed the stock market. Let's remember that unlike history, we tend to forget many somewhat seismic shifts in the market. To most people, (except numbers nerds) stock market history is really not that interesting. But bear with me as I discuss a few great days on Wall Street. It happened soon after the Dow Jones reached its lowest level following the 2007-2008 financial crises. That revolting close was 6,547 on March 9, 2009. On March 23, 2009, the Dow shot up 6.84%. While the huge increase is impressive by itself, it followed increases 5.8% March 10th, 3.4% on March 12 and 2.5% on March 17. Yes, there were some losses between March 9 and March 23, 2009, but that is an awfully good run in a few short trading days. In fact, when the Dow closed at 7,776 on March 23, 2009 that represented an almost 19% gain in 10 trading days. Experts say this was the start of a great bull market. If you were on the sidelines because of fear or inertia, you lost out.

There is a lesson here for average investors. As many steep increases frequently occur at the start of bull markets and in short periods of time, it behooves you to always stay invested. You'll lock in your losses if you sell when the market is low then buy when the market is high. Wicked Smart Investors win when the lightning strikes because they are always invested. There will be no horseman wearing a three corner hat riding on Wall Street yelling "The bull market is coming." We only know that in retrospect.

You will see three corner hats and other colonial era costumes at the Annual Lantern Event at the Old North Church April 14th. The placement of "One if by Land, two if by Sea," a phrase coined by Henry W. Longfellow will be reenacted.

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Docket No. MI19C0185CA

In the Matter of
ZACKARY HUNTER HYDER
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Zackary Hunter Hyder of Medford, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Zackary Hunter Creeden**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 30, 2019. 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. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court
Date: April 1, 2019
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 4/12/19

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Docket No. MI19C0231CA

In the Matter of
MICHELE HAUSER-TKACS
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Michele Hauser-Tkacs of Burlington, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Michele Krol Hauser**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 19, 2019. 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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court
Date: March 21, 2019
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 4/12/19

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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.*

In Loving Memory of



Joseph C.
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It's Been Five Years

Love of my life, I miss you so
Always my darling, my tears still flow
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You, my love I will forever embrace
Your memory is my keepsake, with which I'll never part
God has you in his keeping, I have you in my heart
Beautifully loved always and forever,

We all miss you infinitely

Your Loving Wife Annette and Family



33rd Annual Way of the Cross for Life

Come join this peaceful procession on **Good Friday, April 19, 2019, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** We will make the Stations of the Cross, visiting five churches in East Boston and ending at the Madonna Queen National Shrine.

The Way of the Cross for Life will begin at The Most Holy Redeemer Church, 72 Maverick Street, continuing on to Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 404 Sumner Street (9:35 a.m.), Sacred Heart Church, 303 Paris Street, (10:35 a.m.), and St. Joseph – St. Lazarus Church, 59 Ashley Street (11:00 a.m.), ending at the Madonna Queen National Shrine, 110 Orient Avenue (12:30 p.m.).

For further information, contact Sebastian Martelli at 617-893-7777 or 617-846-9077.

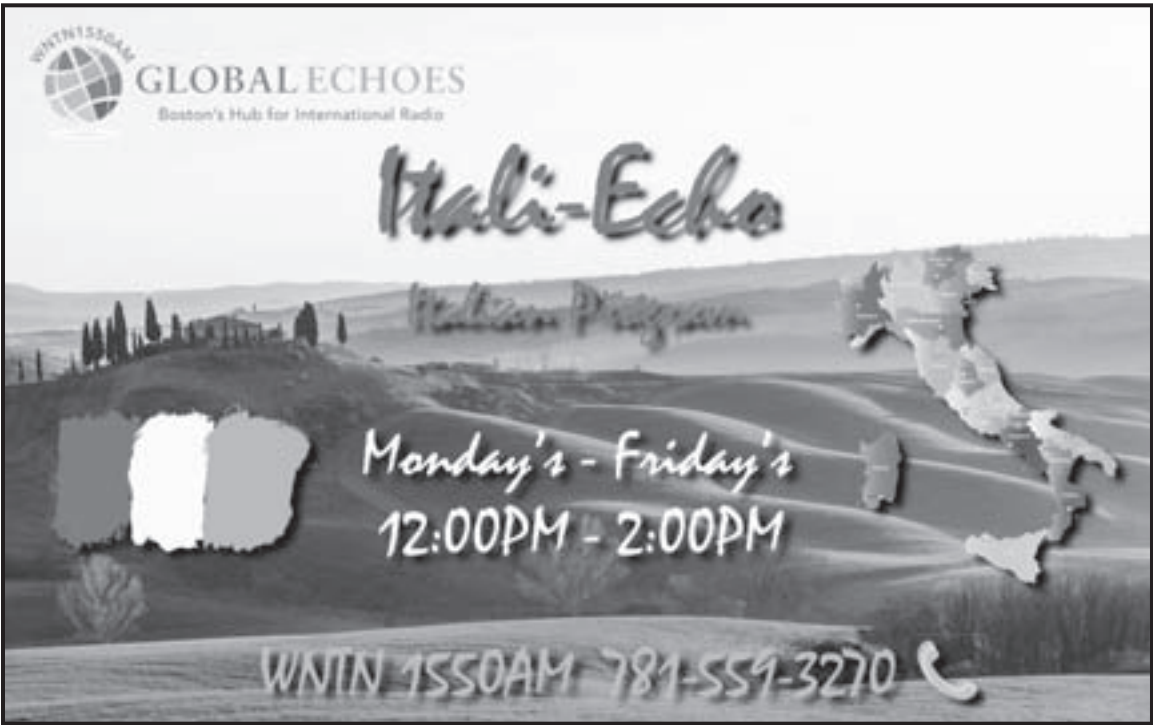


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The Post-Gazette invites its readers to submit
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- Letters should be typed, double-spaced and must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. Anonymous letters are not accepted for publication.
- Due to space considerations, we request that letters not exceed two double-spaced, type-written pages.
- This newspaper reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar and taste and to limit the number of letters published from any one person or organization.
- Deadline for submission is 12:00 noon on the Monday prior to the Friday on which the writer wishes to have the material published. Submission by the deadline does not guarantee publication.

Send letter to: Pamela Donnaruma, Editor,
The Post-Gazette, P.O. Box 135, Boston, MA 02113



Itali-Echo on WNTN 1550am, Monday through Friday from 12:00-2:00p.m., Boston's daily Italian radio program. *Itali-Echo* host Viviana Dragani is a recent immigrant to the United States from Italy. Back home Viviana hosted a radio program called *Radio Energy* for seven years.

For over ten years, she performed with "The Blue Dolls," a swing vocal trio that traveled across Italy and to other locations in Europe. In addition to hosting, Viviana selects the music for each *Itali-Echo* show. With the *Itali-Echo* program, Viviana plays a great variety

of Italian music, from opera to pop to jazz, appealing towards wide-ranging audiences, including Italian-Americans of all ages in our community and beyond. Viviana has interviewed various members of the New England Italian and Italian-American community for the program.

ABCD Tech Goes Home



Far left Patricia Lane, Property Manager Amy Lowell Apartments; Maria Stella Gulla, Director of ABCD North End/West End/NSC, Tech Goes Home graduates, and Far Right, Lauren Lepanto of the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library

The ABCD North End West End/Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) was pleased to partner with the Tech Goes Home program to provide computer training, a Chromebook for \$50, and access to monthly low-cost internet. Xiaoe Ma, West End Coordinator, ran the NE/WE NSC's first cycle at the Amy Lowell Apartments from January to March on Tuesdays. There were seven graduates ranging in ages from 57-85, including a student from Algeria, one from Puerto Rico, and the rest from the Boston area. Some students had never used a computer before! Thanks to completing the course, they were able to use a computer mouse; turn on the computer; check and send emails; use Google search to get information; use Google map to find directions; and listen to music and watch television programs on YouTube. In addition, students developed practical skills including bookmarking their favorite websites; using Boston 311 to report non-emergency issues; downloading and upload pictures; and using Google Docs to write a story and share it with friends.

The center very gratefully acknowledges the partnership and support of the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library as well as the Amy Lowell Apartments. Helen Bender, Head Librarian, and Lauren Lepanto were a constant support throughout the course. Lauren was an assistant instructor while Xiaoe Ma, West End Project Coordinator, taught technology topics and moreover Lauren taught the class how to use and navigate the Boston Public Library website. It was a tremendous help to have a second instructor in the class to implement the curriculum and field the students' questions. The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library will be offering its own classes now and in the future-please contact

617-523-3957 for the schedule. The NE/WE NSC also thanks Patricia Lane, Property Manager of the Amy Lowell Apartments for making a large, cheerful space available to host the classes.

Many personal success stories abounded that we wanted to share! One student was eager to learn about computers before the class started but he would be taken aback by the pop-ups, which would send him into a panic. As the classes went by, he became a pro at using a computer mouse to control the computer and using the computer to log-in; get on the internet; and use Google Docs. Another student enjoyed listening to opera. One loved to view his childhood home and country of origin using Google Earth.

Xiaoe Ma, West End Project Coordinator, enthused, "I am so proud of the students for completing the course and finishing and presenting their final projects about their interests or newly acquired computer skills using Google Docs. It is not easy for this age group, but they did it with such determinedness and enthusiasm. I encourage anyone who wishes to develop or enhance their computer skills to seek out a Tech Goes Home computer course with us. We will all have so much fun as we learn new things, and we will do it together!"

So, on that note, what's next for the NE/WE NSC's Tech Goes Home partnership? Stay tuned-there may be another session in October at the Amy Lowell Apartments. Xiaoe will teach the class in Chinese at the Blackstone Apartments with a maximum of five Chinese-speaking participants. She anticipates that the Chinese-language course will run Tuesdays 10:00 am.m. - 12:00 p.m. April 23rd through June 11th. For more information, please call 617-523-8125 to speak with Xiaoe.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Honoring Holy Week in Italy

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



After the damp and bitterly cold early spring fogs, in which every raindrop feels like the pinprick of an ice crystal, I look forward to the promise of Easter, the premiere holiday of the season. Signs of Easter sprout around me as surely as the first purple tulips spring from the rich soil. Marshmallow Peeps wink playfully at me as they line shop selves in brilliant hues ranging from robin's egg blue to bright tutu pink. Baskets and wreaths boast eggs dyed with bold solid colors or glittery patinas. At the mall, costumed Easter Bunnies pose for family photos with children in frilly dresses and crooked bowties. However, as much as the coming Easter fills me with pleasant anticipation, I am reminded that the week preceding the holiday brims with its own unique customs and traditions. The week's very name, Holy Week, reveals its profound importance in the religious year. Italians call Holy Week *la Settimana Santa* and celebrate its arrival with much fanfare. The Holy Week festivities in Italy emphasize seasonal spring folklore while also paying homage to the intricate and inspiring spirituality of this period. Whether filled with displays of palm leaves or colorful eggs, Holy Week in Italy and around the world heralds the Easter holiday with the reverence, love and joy it deserves.

Holy Week begins this year on April 14th, which is Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, when adoring crowds welcomed Him by waving palm branches in the air. Along with its religious significance, Palm Sunday remains attuned to the seasonal beat of spring, symbolically falling during the time of the year when tree branches begin to blossom. My father grew up

in the mountainous region of Abruzzi in Italy, where he would spend Palm Sunday, or *Domenica delle Palme*, collecting the olive branches that grew plentifully in the hills and fields near his home. This was the same country wilderness, laden with ancient orchards and thick forests, about which village elders whispered stories of sprites hiding under rocks and wolves darting among the trees. My father and his friends would then bring the branches to the local parish, where the priest would bless them. This quaint sylvan ritual embodied all the pleasures of spring, such as communal outdoor excursions and metaphorical links to the themes of rebirth and spiritual awakening. Throughout Holy Week, Italians also give their homes a thorough spring cleaning in preparation for Easter and the days of visiting to follow. Holy Week ends with Good Friday, or *Venerdì Santo*, the solemn remembrance of Jesus's Crucifixion. In Italy, processions of black-robed participants set the somber and pensive atmosphere of the day. Processions that focus on the Virgin Mary are known as the *Addolorata*, a name indicative of Mary's grief and pain. Therefore, Holy Week begins in triumph but ends in tragedy, encompassing all the emotional spectrum necessary for the joy of Easter.

For me, Holy Week has always meant Easter preparations, particularly those with an emphasis on the Italian traditions of my ancestors. My parents would reserve a day, usually Holy Saturday, for decorating eggs with my brother and me. Eggs have formed an integral part of Easter celebrations since ancient times due to their rebirth symbolism: though they appear cold and sterile on the outside, they contain new life

inside. I always enjoyed picking the egg dyes, and I would often choose a bright or glittery color to match the cheerful hues of the flowers growing outside my home. Easter eggs form a sweet part of Italian holiday customs as well. During Holy Week, my father would always buy a gigantic chocolate *uovo di Pasqua* (literally, "Easter egg") from a specialty shop in the North End, wrapped in pastel foil. We would patiently wait until Easter to ceremoniously break the egg open, eagerly anticipating the treats concealed within — usually candy. An Italian superstition decrees that everyone must wear at least one new piece of clothing on Easter, again illustrating the theme of renewal central to the holiday, and as such my mom and I would often shop for a new outfit during Holy Week. When I was a child, this meant a lacy, flowery dress. Though I no longer seek out itchy dresses, I do pick my new clothes with bright colors or a flowered pattern to reflect the spring season. Finally, my mother and I spend much of Holy Week planning our Easter menu. On Holy Saturday, I bake my traditional Italian ricotta pie to be served at the feast the next day. Therefore, I associate Holy Week with the joy and promise of an exciting holiday to come. Its customs have instilled in me an appreciation for the blooming new season of spring, for the spirituality of Easter, and for my Italian heritage as a whole.

Holy Week is a profound and multifaceted period of the year. It revels in the springtime and the resurgence of nature all around us, from the flowers fluttering proudly in the sunlight to the bunnies munching on the fresh green grass. It grants us an opportunity to enjoy the warm spring weather and to find peace and reflection in the spiritual traditions of the pre-Easter season. In Italy, people honor Holy Week by engaging in symbolic rituals like collecting olive branches on Palm Sunday, cleaning their homes, and decorating eggs. No matter which customs we take to heart, we should celebrate them in a way that expresses gratitude toward nature and the cycle of the year. Easter, after all, is the supreme holiday of hope and rebirth, and Holy Week encapsulates that feeling. Holy Week teaches us that if we live in harmony with nature and with respect for the ways of our ancestors, we will find a strength inside us brighter than any spring sun.

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

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by Sal Giarratani



Second Annual Day That James Brown Saved Boston Concert



The Great Tony Wilson, a/k/a the Young James Brown

On April 4, 1968, the nation including Boston stood in turmoil following the killing of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. by James Earl Ray. Rioting began across the country in many large urban areas. Newly sworn in Mayor Kevin H. White, then only 38 years old, was hoping to keep Boston calm while other large cities burned.

James Brown was scheduled for a Boston Garden concert the next night. At first it appeared the concert would be cancelled but then White stood up, had a meeting with the Godfather of Soul and the concert was performed live on Channel 2 thanks again to White. Concert goes for the most part stayed home, watched everything on TV, and Boston escaped the violence across the nation.

Tony Wilson understood the importance of James Brown's visit to Boston. Which is why last year on the 50th anniversary of that concert, the Young James Brown came to Boston to create unity for all through Brown's music



Helena Ruffin singing the Blues

Last Friday, evening, I was at the Regent Theater to see the Second Annual Night that James Brown Saved Boston. The theater was packed with more than a few who remembered James Brown coming to Boston Garden 51 years ago. Most watched it but a few were actually in the building watching it up on stage.

Tony Wilson and Friends put on a great show bringing back memories and listening to great music. Among his friends this year up on stage were Toni Lynn Washington, Helena Ruffin and the Muldrow Sisters and many others too many to name.



Sal Giarratani (center) with the Muldrow Sisters (L-R: Marelene and Marilyn)

Skippy White was in the house for the show and celebrating his birthday. This guy is a legend in Boston's R&B world. Been around for ages! When I was still a teen buying records at his shop by Northampton Station at the South End/Lower Roxbury border, I used to go over music and lyrics as I was a member of the Silent Sirs a Rock & Soul group (I was the band's drummer). Skippy always had all the latest music and everyone went to Skippy's shop to get their music.



Robert Berend and Kathleen Cardona from Lexington

(Photo courtesy of Kathleen Cardona)



Happy Birthday to Skippy White

(Photos by Sal Giarratani)

Pet News

from the Gazette

by Marie Simboli

20 Reasons You Should Adopt a Shelter Dog

There's a reason dogs are known as man's best friend: they're adorable, loyal, and simply the best. But instead of visiting your local pet store, there are a lot of reasons you should hit up a shelter and adopt.

You'll save a life. According to the ASPCA approximately 670,000 dogs are euthanized every single year. You can save a dog's life (or two!) by choosing to adopt rather than buying your dog from a breeder.

Give a dog a life it deserves. Many shelter animals are strays or come from abusive owners. There's nothing more rewarding than providing a loving home for a dog to live a happy and healthy life. They're supposed to be our best friends, after all!

Adoption frees up shelter space. Though millions of animals call shelters home, there's only so much space. Adopting a dog frees up the room in a shelter for other pups in need of help.

It'll save you money. Owning a pet is expensive, but according to Humane Society, the costs of neutering your dog and initial vaccinations are generally covered when you adopt from a shelter versus when you buy your dog elsewhere.

They may come trained. Depending on the dog, you may save both money and time on housebreaking and training expenses, according to the Humane Society. So you can say goodbye to soiled rugs and waking up at all hours of the night to barking.

Including social training. Just because many shelter dogs were raised on the streets or in abusive families doesn't mean that they'll love you any less. Shelter dogs go through socialization training to learn how to interact with people and other animals and how to remain calm in stressful situations.

There's a huge selection. Old, young, tall, small, pure-bred, mix. Shelters have dogs of all shapes and sizes. It'll be



hard to choose, but you'll surely find the right fur baby for you.

You can even get a puppy. Like I said, selections are wide-ranging. If you want an adorable newborn pup, you can find that at your local shelter too.

Having a dog is good for your heart. Owning a dog has been associated with a lower risk for cardiovascular disease. Studies have shown that dog owners have lower blood pressure than non-pet owners, likely because of the calming "pet effect."

Dogs make us happier. It's true, and there's science to prove it. Interacting with your dog each day and for longer periods of time can increase levels of oxytocin, the "love" hormone that can reduce stress contributes to psychological stability.

You'll likely become more active. With all the walking and playing that comes with having a dog, it's no surprise that a study published in BMC Public Health found that dog owners take 2,760 more steps on average per day compared to the pet-less. This adds an additional 23 daily minutes of moderate exercise per day.

Dogs make us more social. How many times have you stopped someone on the sidewalk because you simply had to pet their adorable pup? Whether you're walking your dog through a busy town or speaking with other pet owners

at the dog park, you have to give some credit to your furry friend for making you more social.

They're good for your mental health. Dogs have a positive effect on emotional and social well-being, that's why hospitals around the world are implementing dog-therapy programs to help patients cope with serious illness and improve their mental health.

Plus, they make social media way better. Dogs are cute that's a fact!

You'll be helping fight against mass breeding. Puppy mills are facilities that breed purebred dogs in mass quantities. Many puppy mills are unregulated and therefore guilty of overbreeding, inbreeding, minimal veterinary care, poor quality of food and shelter, lack of socialization with humans, and killing unwanted animals. Adopting a dog fights against this cruelty.

Others may follow in your footsteps. Approximately 40% of dog owners learned about their pet through word of mouth. Once your friends see how adorable your new shelter dog is, they'll be unable to resist getting one of their own.

Shelter employees are a great source. Shelter staff and employees work with animals every single day. They'll be able to answer all of your questions regarding training, care, tips and more. (Of course, you should consult a vet about any health concerns.)

You gain a new best friend. As the old saying goes, dogs are a man's best friend. You'll love your shelter pet as one of your own, and they'll happily return the favor.

Adoption is a rising trend. Adopting is in so why not join the cause?

You're supporting a valuable cause. Choosing to adopt saves lives, frees up shelter space, and gives shelters the financial means to care for others of helpless animals.

Remember it's all about "Unconditional Love"

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of prospective candidates and new, innovative companies, disproportionately harming women and communities of color.

Rather than protect our party, this rule risks undermining the new ideas, energy, and activism that need a place in our party — and our country.

Had this rule been in place in previous years, it's very possible that I would not be in Congress. And it will constrain the pipeline of diverse staff and vendors who strengthen our democracy on a daily basis."

Apparently, there is trouble in

River City for the DEMOCRATS as the Pelosi Wing battles the Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Wing of the Party for its very future.

Copy, Paste and Legislate

Each year lawmakers in state legislatures introduce thousands of bills none of which they wrote. It seems most of these bills get dreamed up by Big Business, industry groups and so many think tanks. Our elected officials make it look like they made these bills up themselves but not so. They are the work of outsiders who send them out like bread upon the

waters and then watch them get copied one state capitol after another ... in the end the groups who write them advance their own agendas. These lobbyists know that politicians are nothing more than disguised plagiarists who love seeing their names all over the place.

The *USA Today*, *Arizona Republic* and the Center for Public Integrity did a two year investigation revealed the extent to which special interests have infiltrated state legislatures using their "model legislation" and getting many of their causes signed into law. The investigation showed that at least 10,000 such bills seemed to be copied and pasted state to state saying the same thing and more than 2,100 were signed into law. For more information, go to: copycat-laws.usatoday.com.

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DAN RIZZO

Announces Candidacy for Mayor of Revere



Revere City Councilor Dan Rizzo with his wife Jane at Thursday evenings St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser held at the Beachmont VFW Hall in Revere. It was a night to remember for the Rizzo's after Dan Rizzo announced his candidacy for mayor. His announcement was heard by over 500 supporters who whistled, cheered, and clapped. Councilor Rizzo was a former mayor of Revere who shaped up Broadway and areas of Revere to be proud of.



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Greater Boston Stage Company proudly presents the beloved rock ‘n’ roll musical *Million Dollar Quartet*. *Million Dollar Quartet* brings to life the famed 1956 on-the-fly recording session at Sun Records that brought together icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for one of the greatest jam sessions ever. Featuring a score of hits that includes “Blue Suede Shoes,” “Great Balls of Fire,” “Walk the Line,” “Hound Dog,” and more, *Million Dollar Quartet* will have audiences dancing in their seats. Directed by Associate Artistic Director Ilyse Robbins, performances run April 25-May 19, 2019.

Shares Robbins, “I first heard about *Million Dollar Quartet* from my parents. They enjoyed it so much, that they saw it twice - in New York and on tour. It turns out that in one of the productions, my parents saw our Music Director and Jerry Lee Lewis, James Scheider, who was their favorite part of the show.” She continues, “*Million*



Dollar Quartet is an evening of song, joy, and story — three things that I love.”

The *Million Dollar Quartet* Cast features Melissa Geerlof, Nile Scott Hawver, Luke Linsteadt, Trey Lundquist, Matthew Pitts, Austin Wayne Price, Robert Saoud, and James Scheider.

The Design Team is comprised of Scenic Designer Patrick Lynch, Lighting Designer Jeff Adelberg, Costume Designer Stephen LaMonica — a Young Company alum, Sound Designer John Stone, and Props Master Emme Shaw. Music Direction is by James Scheider.

For more information go to: www.greaterbostonstage.org or call the Box Office at 781-279-2200, the Box Office is opened Monday - Fridays, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Greater Boston Stag Company is located at 395 Main Street, Stoneham, MA 02180

Saint Gerard of Csanad

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Gerard was born into a Venetian noble family, associated with the Sagredos or Morosinis. After a serious illness, he was sent to the Benedictine Minastery of San Giorgio Maggiore near Venice at the age of five. He received an excellent monastic education and also studied grammar, music, philosophy and law.

In 1015, he was chosen to be Abbot of the monastery. He soon retired from this position to live in seclusion in Istria, then to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. During his travels, he arrived in Hungary, where at the request of King Stephen I he undertook the education of the king’s only son, the young prince Emeric.

In 1030, the King appointed Gerard first bishop of Marosvár (Csanád), where Gerard founded a monastery, a cathedral, and a school for priests. Gerard converted many Hungarians to Christianity.

When Emeric was killed in a hunting accident in 1031, Stephen appointed his nephew, Peter Orseolo, to be his successor. But when Stephen died in 1038, anarchy broke out as various parties vied for the crown. Gerard opposed both Peter and the usurper Samuel Aba, a native Hungarian, for control of the throne. Peter reclaimed



the throne with the help of the Holy Roman Emperor Henry III.

During the pagan uprising of 1046, Gerard and Peter were both killed. Gerard’s martyrdom took place on September 24, 1046 on a hill in Budapest which is now named after him. Allegedly, he was placed on a 2-wheel cart, hauled to the hilltop and rolled down the now named Gellert Hill, then as still being alive at the bottom, his body was pierced with a lance, and his head was beaten on rocks. He was revered as a martyr by his supporters. He was canonized in 1083 by Pope Gregory VII. The Feast Day of Saint Gerard Csanad is September 24th.

**Teen Weight Training Sessions
At the Nazzaro Center**

Every Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Nazzaro Center (weight room) will be conducting weight training sessions for teens (male and female) between the ages of 13-16.

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Docket No. MI19C0249CA
In the Matter of
CRISTINA YSELA CELLA

CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Cristina Ysela Cella of Medford, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Cristina Ysela Zamora.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 26, 2019. 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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
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**PROFESSOR LONGHAIR –
LIVE ON THE QUEEN MARY
(Vinyl)**
Harvest/MPL

Originally released in 1978 on Harvest Records, Professor Longhair’s *Live on the Queen Mary* documents a legendary performance from the ‘Venus and Mars’ album release party thrown by Paul and Linda McCartney & Wings in 1973. *Live on the Queen Mary* was recorded March 24, 1975 on its titular cruise ship while docked in Long Beach, California. The album highlights include the rollicking “Mess Around,” along with standards as, “Stagger Lee,” “Everyday I Have the Blues,” “I’m Movin’ On,” and Professor Longhair’s personal hits, “Mardi Gras in New Orleans” and “Tipitina.” Longhair a/k/a Henry Roeland “Roy” Byrd, was a New Orleans blues singer and pianist. He was active in two distinct periods, first in the heyday of early rhythm and blues and later on during the resurgence of interest in traditional jazz surrounding the beginnings of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival. His influence was crucial to man of his fellow New Orleans musical legends, including Fats Domino, Allen Toussaint and Dr. John, as they were touched by his rhumba, mambo, and calypso piano-based blues sound. Produced in a limited edition “Long Live Fess” is a deluxe set with the double-sided vinyl LP and the double A-Side 7” single — containing “Tipitina” and “Mess Around.” Additional vinyl track songs have, “Tell Me Pretty Baby,” “Cry to Me,” and “Gone So Long.”

**REBA McENTIRE –
STRONGER THAN THE
TRUTH (CD)**
Big Machine Records

Reba McEntire continues to shine in a 40-year career that has seen her rack up 35 #1 hits and sell over 56 million albums worldwide. Her latest effort, titled *Stronger Than the Truth*, contains a dozen songs that smack of the trademark sound of Reba. Reeking of heartbreak and dance music, it all begins with the honky-tonk, fiddling gem — “Swing All Night Long With You,” lowering the decibels for the title cut “Stronger Than the Truth,” the alcohol-induced “Storm in a Shot Glass,” the hurting “Tammy Wynette Kind of Pain,” a painful mother-daughter tale titled “Cactus in a Coffee Can,” and marks the midpoint via the wisdom of “Your Heart.” The pain cover up is evident on “The Clown,” plus a Reba and Ronnie Dunn gem titled “No U In Oklahoma,” lowering her standards on “The Bar’s Getting Lower,” the unwavering loyalty of “In His Mind,” feeling the relief of binding love with “Freedom,” and puts the wraps on a fine album with “You Never Gave Up on Me” the latter a song for Mama.

**JOHNNY THUNDERS –
MADRID MEMORY (CD+DVD)**
MVDvisual + Cleopatra

Johnny Thunders (John Anthony Genzale, Jr.) was a rock and roll guitarist and singer, originally with the punk glam rockers of the early ’70s, the New York Dolls. Well known on the New York punk scene,

both with The Heartbreakers and as a solo artist. His loud, searing guitar sounds were easily recognizable and well known. *Madrid Memory* features a long lost live concert performance from The Heartbreakers explosive 1984 reunion world tour that included fellow Dolls Sylvain Sylvain and Jerry Nolan plus Billy Rath. Filmed for TV broadcast at La Edad De Oro, in Madrid, Spain, this concert captures powerful performances of songs from throughout Thunders’ amazing career, including “Personality Crisis,” “Too Much Junkie Business,” and “Born Too Lose.” His death at age 38 was tragic, upon arriving in New Orleans, determined to turn his life around, the report states — he was robbed of his money and methadone supply. His journey to recovery changes direction dramatically and he takes desperate measures to get better, creating chaos that eventually led to his unexplained death.

**THIS IS ELI YOUNG BAND:
GREATEST HITS (CD)**
The Valory Music Co.

This Is Eli Young Band: Greatest Hits is a 14-track collection of their two-decade long career, plus an introduction to the charging anthem “Love Ain’t” currently heading for the Top 10 at Country radio, and “Where Were You.” The band noted: “This album brings the songs you love most to one place. Thankful for the past, and excited for the future. We hope you will turn it on, up, and sing along.” Enjoy #1 hits “Drunk Last Night,” “Even If It Breaks Your Heart,” and “Crazy Girl.” Including past memories as, “Always the Love Songs,” “Dust,” “Saltwater Gospel,” “Guinevere,” “Skin & Bones,” “When It Rains,” “Small Town Kid,” and “Highways and Broken Hearts.”

**JOHNATHAN BLAKE -
TRION (CD)**
Giant Step Arts

Drummer Johnathan Blake is captured live with fellow modern jazz greats, tenor giant Chris Potter and bassist Linda May Han Oh. Their music was captured live at New York City’s renowned Jazz Gallery, and now fills a double album with close to two hours of dynamite music. Both discs open with a solo drum feature by Blake; the expressive “Calodendrum” is named for an evergreen tree native to Africa, while “Bedrum” is defined as “to drum about in celebration,” how fitting. Potter’s arrangement of The Police’s “Synchronicity 1” displays the trio’s attack mode, lasting 17 minutes, “Trobe” is a beautiful brooding bass throb and sinuous melody, their take of McCoy Tyner’s “One for Honor,” the funk of “High School Daze,” and the humor of “No Bebop Daddy.” More cuts occupying Set Two have the lively “Good Hope,” followed by the graceful “Eagle,” before the trio delivers their version of the Charlie Parker classic “Relaxin’ at Camarillo,” with a tribute to Blake’s father, the late jazz violinist John Blake Jr. in the form of “Blue Heart,” and put the wraps on an excellent offering with “West Berkley St.” his early days home.

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

**CITY HALL CASE RETURNING
TO COURTROOM?**

A City Hall corruption case apparently may be headed to trial, after all. A federal appeals court vacated the dismissal of public corruption charges against two Boston City Hall aides Thursday, holding that a judge misinterpreted the law in the Boston Calling case — a development that now paves the way for prosecutors to bring the matter to trial. In a major win for the U.S. Attorney’s Office, the First Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that federal prosecutors do not have to prove that the aides, Kenneth Brissette and Timothy Sullivan, personally benefited from the hiring of union workers at the Boston Calling musical festival.

**RUNNING FOR OFFICE
CREATES A
CONSERVATIVE MAYOR?**

Senator Don Humason is the sole Senate vote against lifting the welfare “family cap.” The Massachusetts Senate voted 37-1 a few weeks ago to lift a cap on benefits for children born once a family is receiving welfare. Sen. Don Humason, R-Westfield, was the lone dissenting vote. Humason, who is running for Westfield Mayor, said “I hear from constituents who limited the number of children in their family because they can’t afford additional children,” Humason said, speaking from the Senate floor after the vote. “I think it’s unfair to ask the constituents back home to pay for a benefit for others that they don’t get themselves.”

“We’re asking people receiving state assistance to be responsible like those who are not,” Humason continued. “If they want to have children, they’re very welcome to have children, but don’t expect the rest of the taxpayers to foot that bill. It’s not fair.”

**AS USUAL THEY’RE GONNA
HIT US AGAIN FOR \$\$\$\$**

As usual, improving the MBTA will come at a great price from the taxpayers. Lawmakers are finally committed to passing

legislation this session that could revamp the MBTA and make it easier for drivers to get into Boston. But the resolve will come at a price, and likely a high one. As lawmakers prepare to debate higher taxes in exchange for better roads, bridges, and train service, the vice chair of the MBTA’s fiscal management control board, Monica Tibbits-Nutt, plans to make the case that the T needs more revenue to meet riders’ expectations. I hate it when taxpayers must circle the wagons and the politicians start surrounding the circle looking for our money to become theirs.

**THE ALEXANDRA HOTEL
ALWAYS IN LOWER ROXBURY**

“A South End development project begins — in Roxbury,” by Milton J. Valencia, *Boston Globe*. Finally, it has come out, the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and Washington Street has always been located in Lower Roxbury. For years, and again more recently, the proposal to redevelop the Alexandra Hotel always pops up at City Hall as a designated South End Development that could remake the Washington Street corridor, but the hotel has never been located in the South End. The city only recognized this error in February after it was alerted to the error.

When the proposed redevelopment of the Alexandra Hotel popped up on city planning agendas last fall, it was designated as a South End project that could revitalize an important corridor along Washington Street. One problem: The hotel is located in Roxbury. The city recognized the error in February, six months after it was first proposed, and alerted neighborhood leaders — a key step inviting residents to have a say in the project and its potential benefits. However, Roxbury residents said that did not give them enough time to review the project — which is at the border with the South End — before it was approved in early March.

Where were those Roxbury folks now demanding more

time on this project months or years ago? The Alexandra has been in the spotlight for years now. I grew up on the Lower Roxbury/South End line as a kid. I always knew that Massachusetts Avenue was the borderline. Finally, someone spotted the error and told City Hall.

**MAYOR McCaULEY SIGNING
COPIES OF NEW BOOK**

I lived in Quincy for nearly 25 years and got active in politics immediately after crossing over the Neponset River Bridge. One of my political pals was former Quincy Mayor Frank McCauley, who recently published his autobiography and he will be signing copies of his book on Saturday, April 20th, at 10:00 a.m., at the Quincy Historical Society located at 8 Adams Street in Quincy Center. His life’s story is called *FRANK: From Bootlegger to Bank President and Beyond*.

LOVE THIS HEADLINE

While scanning through a local newspaper recently I came upon this headline: “Ward 6 Council Candidate Hopes to Address Rodents.” All I could imagine was a roomful of rats sitting in the audience listening to a candidate for public office talking up on stage. As Patrick Henry once observed, “I smell a rat!”

**VIETNAM VETS
HONORED AT BREAKFAST**

Some 47 veterans from wars going back to WWII attended Revere’s first annual Vietnam Veterans Breakfast at the American Legion Hall last week in honor of National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

ARLINGTON JAZZ FESTIVAL

The 8th Annual Arlington Jazz Festival is coming to Arlington April 25th-28th. Eight events over four days. For more information, go to ArlingtonJazz.org, or call 339-707-5170.

END QUOTE

“I have felt different, but I have learned to leverage my differences and cultural heritage as assets to inspire others. Mariachi music is my life, and through this art form I educate, entertain, and spread lots of love.”
— Veronica Robles

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HENRY WILHELM MARREC
Date of Death January 2, 2019
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Francois M. Marrec, Jr. of Haverhill, MA, Petitioner Anthony F. Marrec of Wakefield, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Francois M. Marrec, Jr. of Haverhill, MA, Anthony F. Marrec of Wakefield, 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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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Karin H. Strong of Cushing, ME**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Karin H. Strong of Cushing, ME has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.
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Run date: 4/12/19

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Winter is finally over and the warm weather is just ahead of us. April school vacation is only a couple of weeks away, and when I was a young man, this meant heading to someplace exotic. My favorite spot was always Puerto Rico, probably because I had many friends there, but there were other spots I remember from my youth.

Former President Obama ventured to Cuba during his second term in office to try to normalize things a bit between us and the Communist island nation but almost nothing changed. I was there once, the Easter weekend of 1959, just months before Castro's revolution. As a child, I traveled with Mom and Dad. Quite often, Nanna and Babbononno were with us, but as they got older, it was just my parents and me. My Godfather, Uncle Nick, and his wife, Aunt Dorothy, never had any kids. As a result they were more independent than many other families. When holidays came along and Uncle Nick could take off, I was always invited, being his Godson. Most of the time, I didn't take his offers.

By the time Easter of 1959 rolled around, I needed a break. I was in my junior year in college, working at the Seville Theater, playing music at a nightclub on weekend nights, trying to play a bit of baseball with the American Legion and the CYO Leagues. As I said, I needed a break. As usual, Uncle Nick and Aunt Dorothy were heading on a holiday vacation to somewhere exotic. For Easter, they wanted to head to Havana, Cuba. Uncle Nick had been there a few times as both a tourist and a couple of times when he served with the Navy in WWII. He was one of the lucky ones he was in uniform but didn't fight. He was with the Andre Kostelanetz Orchestra which was based at Newport, Rhode Island. The band had toured our bases in the Caribbean a few times, hence, my uncle's familiarity with Cuba.

I don't remember how they got there. There used to be winter cruises from Boston and New York heading to Miami back then. They may have headed south that way back in 59, or they might have flown to Miami and then taken a shuttle to the Rancho-Boyereros Airport in Havana. When it became an international Airport, they renamed it Jose Marti International, after Jose Marti who was the George Washington of Cuba, and Cesar Romero's grandfather. Anyway, that spring I said, "Yes," to Uncle Nick and

made the arrangements to fly out on Good Friday.

Boston State College (now U. Mass Boston) was not in session on Good Friday and no assignments would be due when we returned on the following Monday. Mr. Ray, the manager at the Seville told me I could have the weekend off, and I hired a substitute bass player to take my place at the night club I was working at. Babbononno, knowing how the people dressed in Havana on holidays, picked out my best summer clothes for me to take. I had two suits that were strictly for summer wear. He pulled them from my closet, matched them with dress shirts, ties and pocket handkerchiefs, shoes and sox. I assured my grandfather that, with the exception of Easter Mass and Easter dinner, I would spend the weekend in a bathing suit either hanging out at the beach or the hotel's pool. Nanna made sure I had a St. Christopher's medal in my suitcase for protection, just in case, and I was ready to head to Miami on the morning of Good Friday March the 27th. Easter was early that year. This year it will be on Sunday, April 21st. I boarded a Pan American Airlines prop plane and we headed south. About 5 or 6 hours later, we landed in Miami and I headed to the Havana shuttle service. I don't remember the name of the local airline, but they used war surplus DC 3s, old army cargo planes, bought from the military after WWII. Flying in one of those was a bit dramatic, no pressurization which means that they flew at low levels. There was no air conditioning in all planes back then and the heat and humidity took its toll on the passengers, all of whom were well dressed. Most were wilted by the time we landed in Havana an hour after takeoff. The temperature was warm when we left Miami and the humidity was up there. By the time we landed in Havana where the temperature was in the 90s and the humidity was around 100, all of us passengers looked wrinkled and sweaty.

Just as I descended the steps that allowed me to exit the DC 3, I saw Uncle Nick waving from behind a gate. I waved back and headed in his direction. He had a car and driver waiting outside the terminal and said that Aunt Dorothy was at the pool and the hotel supplied both the car and driver to pick me up. The hotel was the Havana Hilton, and was like most Hilton hotels, 4 to 5 stars back then. Before we headed for the hotel, I told my uncle

that I promised I'd call home to let them know I had arrived. I thought it would be better to call home from the airport, because I was going to call collect and ask for myself. The voice on the other end would say that I wasn't there and would I like to leave a message. The folks would know I was OK and there would be no charge. Don't tell the phone company. They might come looking for me. Following my deceptive phone call, we headed to downtown Havana and the hotel, En route, the driver and Uncle Nick pointed out many of the historic sites.

Once at the hotel, I headed to my part of Uncle Nick's suite, emptied out my suitcase and after donning a new bathing suit and matching top, followed my uncle to the pool. When I got there, I greeted Aunt Dorothy who was working on a beautiful tan, and immediately jumped into the pool to cool off. Later that day, there was a procession in the center of the old part of Havana with an actor portraying Jesus carrying his cross to Mr. Calvary. We ate at a local restaurant before heading back to the hotel. Some of the dishes were foreign to me back then and my uncle had to explain what I was eating.

The next day was Holy Saturday and after spending time on a beach that was part of the hotel, I asked Uncle Nick if any of the churches had Confession services in English. The next day was Easter and I wanted to go to Mass and receive Communion. (I think they used to call it Easter Duty) We asked at the hotel desk and were told where to go. That night, after dinner, I watched my uncle and aunt try to win money at the hotel's casino. Gambling was a big attraction for American tourists back then, and much of the gambling was controlled by the American underworld. But, that's a story for another day. Neither my aunt nor my uncle made any money. I was too young to gamble and was saved.

The next day we attended Mass at the Cathedral in Havana and then headed for a restaurant for Easter dinner. At sun down, we sat on the roof garden watching the locals strolling and showing off their Easter outfits. From our location I could see flickers of light way to the east. Uncle Nick told me that they were probably rebel camp fires, and that if the Cuban government wasn't careful, those rebels were going to take over the island nation. He was right and it happened that New Year's Eve, seven months later.

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O Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present urgent petition. In return, I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked.

Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glorias. Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This novena has never been known to fail. I have had my request granted. (This Novena should be said on nine consecutive days.)

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• REAL ID Identification (Continued from Page 1)

ommendation that the federal government "set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses." The Act established minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibits federal agencies from accepting licenses and identi-

fication cards from states that do not meet these standards for official purposes, such as at airport security checkpoints. The regulations established the deadline of October 1, 2020, to ensure full enforcement of the REAL ID Act by that date. States have made considerable progress in meeting this key recommendation of the 9/11 Commission and every state has a more secure driver's license today than before the passage of the Act.

For more information about flying with a REAL ID and to download and print informational materials, visit tsa.gov/real-id.

The Transportation Security Administration was created to strengthen the security of the nation's transportation systems and ensure the freedom of movement for people and commerce. TSA uses a risk-based strategy and works closely with transportation, law enforcement and intelligence communities to set the standard for excellence in transportation security.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **TODISCO TOWING OF 94 CONDOR STREET, EAST BOSTON, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A that they will sell the following vehicles. Vehicles are being sold to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and notices of sale:

2014 CHEVROLET CRUZE
Vin #1G1PA5SH6E7233903

The above vehicles will be sold at public auction at

TODISCO TOWING
94 Condor Street, E. Boston
SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019
at 9:00 AM
Run dates: 3/29, 4/5, 4/12/2019

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
208 Cambridge Street
East Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI19P1714EA
Estate of
HOSSEIN MOHSENZADEH
Also Known As
HOSS MOHSENZADEH
Date of Death October 10, 2018

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

Laleh Firouzabadian of Lexington, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

Run date: 4/12/19

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
208 Cambridge Street
East Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI18P6168EA
Estate of
MARIA M. von JAKO
Also Known As
M. MARIA JAKO
Date of Death: August 29, 2018

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Christopher R. von Jako of Lynnfield, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Christopher R. von Jako of Lynnfield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Run date: 4/12/19

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI19C0250CA

In the Matter of
JESSICA ANNE ZIEGLER

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Jessica Anne Ziegler of Malden, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Jessica Anne Corey**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of May 1, 2019. 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. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court
Date: April 3, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 4/12/19

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI19P1507GD

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

In the interests of
JAKE ANGELO MANNING
of Framingham, 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 03/22/2019 by **Kerry J. Bremer of Ayer, MA, David L. Bremer of Ayer, MA** will be held 05/02/2019 08:30 AM **Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located 208 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

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

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

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

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

Date: March 25, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 4/12/19

THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso



From Infant to Adulthood: My Times at the Neponset Health Center

I often marvel at the places that stick firmest to a child’s heart. And yet, taking a closer look at some of these places, ones that seem an odd choice of sentiment for a child, are, really self-evident. For me one of the many places that has remained dear to my heart for over thirty years is the Neponset Health Center, the clinic I was going to since my infancy.

I’m sure that I was afraid of shots and blood work as a child, but my memories of getting them there are not unpleasant. Instead, I remember this as the place that saw me through chicken pox in first grade, mononucleosis in second, and various other illnesses and maladies.

For the first few years of my life I had the same doctor and the same nurse, so the place became something of a familiar extension to me and I will never forget that when seven year old me was stricken in bed with mono, my nurse brought my medicine to our house late one night after work (which was not too far from the clinic).

I never felt my time in the waiting room dragged. There were many other children there, some I knew from

St. Mark’s, and plenty of toys. The walls were adorned with hand-painted Sesame Street imagery, and there was a chalk board which commanded most of my interest.

I didn’t much mind going to the side lab to have my blood drawn occasionally, instead I marveled at the red blood being sucked out of my arm in those plastic tubes.

Once, during my recovery from mono during the Christmas season of 1990, I got to see the second floor and realized the place was much bigger than I had realized. It was also a preview of what was to come once I grew out of pediatrics.

I continued going to the Neponset Health Center well into my teenage years, long after we moved away from Boston. I think my last appointment there was in the summer of 2004 before starting my last year of college. My relationship with the Neponset Center had come full circle and I could not think of a better departure. The Health Center that had raised me and healed me since childhood saw me one last time for my entry into adulthood. But the legacy continued there after for, after graduating from college I became a patient at the hospital that had served my family (starting with my grandfather) for over thirty years, the Carney. But that is a whole other story.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI19P1732GD

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

In the matter of
PHYLLIS SCHMIDT
of Weston, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Wingate at Weston of Weston, MA, in the above captioned matter alleging that **Phyllis Schmidt** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Susan C. Hubbard of Topsfield, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **May 1, 2019**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 3, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 4/12/19

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI19P1684EA

Estate of
ANGELO J. KOUTROUBA
Date of Death April 5, 2007

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy** has been filed by **James Koutrouba** of **Wilmington, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 29, 2019.

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: April 1, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 4/12/2019

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI19P1721EA

Estate of
SONYA V. TRASK
Also Known As
SONA TRASK, SONYA TRASK
Date of Death August 17, 2008

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Charlene G. Griswold of Hopedale, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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: 4/12/19

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. SU19P0662EA

Estate of
CHENG SHEE PHUA
Also Known As
PHUA CHENG SHEE a/k/a TINIKA TAY
Date of Death July 27, 2018

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Cheow Kee Tay of Singapore**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Cheow Kee Tay of Singapore, 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: 4/12/19

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI16P2999EA

Estate of
KESTUTIS NORVAISA
Date of Death May 18, 2016

CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **B. Victoria Norvaissa** of **Nutting Lake, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 26, 2019.

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.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 5, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 4/12/19

Madonna Delle Grazie Annual Mass Sunday, April 21 @ 12PM St. Leonard Church

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Electronic bids for **MPA Contract No. M545-C4, NEW BERTH 10 UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE – CONLEY TERMINAL, SOUTH BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**, will be received through the internet using Bid Express until the date and time stated below, and will be posted on **www.bidexpress.com** immediately after the bid submission deadline.

Electronic General Bids will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority until **11:00 A.M.** local time on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019**, immediately after which the electronic bids will be opened and read publicly in a designated room at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909.

Electronic filed sub-bids for the same contract will be received at the same office until **11:00 A.M.** local time on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019**, immediately after which, in a designated room, the filed sub-bids will be opened and read publicly.

No paper copies of bids will be accepted.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE LARGE ADMIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF CONLEY CONTAINER TERMINAL, 700 SUMMER STREET, BOSTON, MA 02127, 10:30 AM LOCAL TIME ON THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019. ALL ATTENDEES MUST BRING A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE, U.S. PASSPORT, OR TWIC TO OBTAIN ENTRY TO CONLEY TERMINAL. PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 1/2 HOUR EARLY TO OBTAIN SECURITY CLEARANCE PRIOR TO ENTRY.

The work includes:

NEW MAIN SERVICE SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION: WORK INCLUDES THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW 15 KV MAIN TERMINAL SUBSTATION TO REPLACE EXISTING INCOMING MAIN ELECTRIC SERVICES WITH COORDINATION; STEP-DOWN VOLTAGE COMPONENTS TO 480/277V AND 208/120V DISTRIBUTION FOR SUBSTATION OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT; NEW 15 KV SWITCHGEAR, MASSPORT METERING, EVERSOURCE METERING, SECURITY, FIRE ALARM, DC SYSTEMS, LIGHTING, CONVENIENCE POWER, HVAC SYSTEMS, AND INTEGRATED POWER ASSEMBLY (IPA); AND ELEVATED PILE SUPPORTED CONCRETE FOUNDATION.

NEW SITE SWITCH HOUSE #1 CONSTRUCTION: PROVIDE NEW SITE SWITCH HOUSE #1 INCLUDING RELOCATION OF ASSOCIATED FEEDERS AND BRANCH CIRCUITS FED FROM EXISTING SITE SWITCH HOUSE #1; PROVIDE 480V DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TO SUPPORT SITE POWER NEEDS; NEW 15 KV SWITCHGEAR, SECURITY, FIRE ALARM, DC SYSTEMS, LIGHTING, CONVENIENCE POWER, HVAC SYSTEMS, AND INTEGRATED POWER ASSEMBLY (IPA); AND ELEVATED PILE SUPPORTED CONCRETE FOUNDATION.

UTILITY CONSTRUCTION: PROVIDE UNDERGROUND MEDIUM-VOLTAGE, LOW-VOLTAGE AND COMMUNICATIONS FEEDERS, DUCT BANKS, AND MANHOLES AND ASSOCIATED MANHOLE HARDWARE AND GROUNDING TO SUPPORT NEW SUBSTATION AND SWITCH HOUSE #1 AND MAKE CONNECTIONS INTO TERMINAL AND TO THREE NEW STS CRANES. MODIFY EXISTING DISTRIBUTION TO ELIMINATE THREE MANHOLES.

PAVEMENT AND UTILITY CONSTRUCTION: BACKLAND PAVEMENT AND UTILITY CONSTRUCTION INCLUDES DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS, MISCELLANEOUS DEMOLITION AND SITE CLEARANCE, GRADING OF EXISTING SITE, REMOVE AND STORE EXCESS SOIL MATERIAL; REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF EXCESS AND/OR UNSUITABLE SOIL MATERIAL; SUPPLY AND INSTALL ASPHALT PAVING, AND STRIPING, LANDSCAPING, FENCING, AND UTILITIES (COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRICAL, WATER, SANITARY SEWER AND STORMWATER).

SITE WORK: INCLUDES SAW CUTTING AND REMOVAL OF PAVEMENT, EXCAVATION, STONE BASE, GEOGRIDS, CONCRETE RTG RUNWAY, REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ALL EXCESS MATERIALS, PAVEMENT PATCHING AND STRIPING.

Bid documents will be made available beginning **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019, at 9:00 AM.**

Bid documents for this project may be accessed or downloaded at no cost to potential bidders exclusively through **<https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/27137/home>** in the General Bid listing for this Project.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of **GENERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**.

The estimated contract cost is **ELEVEN MILLION, THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$11,375,000)**.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract, filed Sub-bidders must submit with their bid a current Sub-bidder Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance and a Sub-bidder Update Statement. The filed Sub-bidder must be certified in the sub-bid category of work for which the Sub-bidder is submitting a bid proposal.

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub-bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub-bid amount, in the form of a bid bond, or a certified check, or a treasurer’s or a cashier’s check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Massachusetts Port Authority in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special Provisions of the Specifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor and/or the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greater.

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of **\$1,000,000**. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

Filed sub-bids will be required and taken on the following classes of work:

ELECTRICAL \$ 7,464,000.00

The Authority reserves the right to reject any sub-bid of any sub-trade where permitted by Section 44E of the above-referenced General Laws. The right is also reserved to waive any informality in or to reject any or all proposals and General Bids.

This contract is subject to a Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than **THREE PERCENT (3%)** of the Contract be performed by minority and women owned business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in the Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action article of Division I, General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor’s Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

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MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
JOHN P. PRANCKEVICIUS
ACTING CEO & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 4/12/2019

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI19P1667EA
Estate of
PAMELA LUCY QUINN
Date of Death January 28, 2019
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 **Hilary Q. McGuire of Franklin, 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 **Hilary Q. McGuire of Franklin, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 29, 2019.
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: April 1, 2019
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 4/12/2019

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI19P1653EA
Estate of
KENNETH I. BUTLER
Date of Death September 11, 2018
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Alan B. Butler of Waltham, 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 **Alan B. Butler of Waltham, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 26, 2019.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 29, 2019
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 4/12/2019

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Electronic General Bids for MPA Contract No. AP1814-C1, FY20-22 ROOF MAINTENANCE TERM CONTRACT, BOSTON, BEDFORD, WORCESTER, BRAINTREE, AND PEABODY, MASSACHUSETTS, will be received through the internet using Bid Express until the date and time stated below, and will be posted on www.bidexpress.com immediately after the bid submission deadline.
Electronic bids will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019**, immediately after which the electronic bids will be opened and read publicly in a designated room at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909.
No paper copies of bids will be accepted.
NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 11:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019.
The work includes **PROVISION OF LABOR, INCIDENTAL MATERIALS, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES TO REPAIR AND MAINTAIN ALL ROOFING SYSTEMS AT ALL PROPERTIES UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE AUTHORITY, AS REQUIRED FROM TIME TO TIME, ON AN AS NEEDED/ON CALL BASIS, FOR A TIME PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS.**
Bid documents will be made available beginning **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019**.
Bid documents for this project may be accessed or downloaded at no cost to potential bidders exclusively through <https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/27137/home> in the listing for this Project.
In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of **ROOFING**. The estimated contract cost is **TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000.00)**.
Bidding procedures and award of the contract and sub-contracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 44A through 44J inclusive, Chapter 149 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
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No filed sub-bids will be required for this contract.
This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in the Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action article of Division I, General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor's Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI19P1671EA
Estate of
MABEL L. DIAB
Date of Death September 9, 1988
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy** has been filed by **William Costello of Concord, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 1, 2019
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani

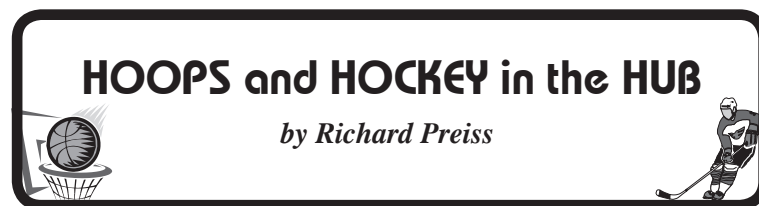
Bring Back Bobby Valentine?

Well, here we are at home after a horrible first road trip of the year to start the season and the Red Sox came home with a 3-8 record. All of their starters were ineffective, maybe minus Dave Price, but the results still were godawful.
The Red Sox's received their World Series rings at their Home Opener and took on the Jays who beat them up again with Sale on the mound in his third start of this very short season thus far. He is looking like No Sale at the moment. Where has his fastball gone? Without that in his tool chest, he is just another pitcher. What about Rick Porcello and the ever-hopeful E-Rod?
Where did the 2018 Red Sox go? Last year they were amazing with rookie Manager Alex Cora, 2018 Manager of the Year. He's looking pretty bad at the moment. Last year, he was inspiring his players and never giving up. This year they are starting off like the 2012 Red Sox under Manager Bobby Valentine who finished at the bottom that year.
Cora has taken lots of heat over resting his starters in spring training. He said it was to keep them rested for the end of the season in October. Resting them in March doesn't seem like a very good idea, as we are in April hoping the team finds its groove again. Thank God, the Yankees aren't off to a great start either. Right now, the hottest team seems to be the Rays, but I am still betting that in the end, it will be Boston vs. New York, as it often is.
Cora has got to get his act together because the natives are restless. They ain't liking what they're seeing and neither do I.

If You're Reading This On Friday ...

Tonight, Friday, April 12th, the NY Yankees are holding a Bernie Williams Bobblehead Night at Yankee Stadium and the first 18,000 entering the place will receive a bobblehead. I only have one bobblehead. Mine is in honor of Freddy Lynn, hero of the 1975 Red Sox, and winner of the Rookie of the Year and MVP, too.
Feeling Sorry for Chris Davis
A few seasons back, fans were comparing slugger Chris Davis to Mickey Mantle but not anymore. Fans in Camden Yards can't believe the funk Davis is in at the moment or at least up to April 7th. Against the Yankees last Sunday, he had two more strikeouts and going back to last season is 0-for-44 with 6 walks and 27 strikeouts. His last Major League hit goes back to last September 14. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, he has ended this hitless streak.
Happy Birthday To ...
Happy Birthday greetings go out to Adrian Beltre who just turned the Big Four-0. We never should have let him get away. He really wanted to finish out his career here but it was not to be. When he is elected to the Hall of Fame, he could have gone in with a Red Sox cap but now he will be a Ranger in Cooperstown.
The Big Four
There are only four living members left from the Boston Braves. Clint Conatser (97), Bert Thiel (92), Del Crandell (89)

and Johnny Antonelli who is turning 89 today. I only remember the last two young guys. Crandell mostly in Milwaukee and Antonelli because he was Italian American.
Some People Just Fade Away
Did you know that the Boston Red Sox still owe the GREAT Pablo Sandoval \$22.44 million and that the Yankees still owe Jacoby Ellsbury \$47.28 million over the next two seasons? Thank God, it's the Yankees and not us.
Minor League Change-Ups
Baseball's minor leagues at the two highest levels will be experimenting a rule that pitchers must face at least three batters or end the half inning unless injured. This new rule will be used in Triple A and Double A.
The Great Joe Bellino Dead at 81
Heisman Trophy winner Joe Bellino recently passed away at 81 years old. The Navy half-back was nicknamed the "Rifle" after his hometown. In 1960, he became the first Navy player to win the Heisman. He served 32 years in the Navy and Navy Reserves. He was drafted by the Redskins of the NFL and the Patriots in the AFL and signed with Boston playing three seasons mostly as a kick returner.
Moneyball is Back
NL Rookie of the Year Ronald Acuna Jr., 21, just agreed to an 8-year, \$100 million contract with the Atlanta Braves, less than a year after making his Major League debut.



Requiem for a Houston Heavyweight

CLEVELAND WILLIAMS

Never Should Have Been Allowed to Face Ali

PART 1



Ali-Williams

In the opening sequence of the movie *Requiem For a Heavyweight*, we see a young Cassius Clay throwing punches. The view of the action is seen through the eyes of his opponent Mountain Rivera, played by Anthony Quinn, a washed up former contender who is now being used as an opponent and as a way for his unscrupulous manager Maish Rennick, played by Jackie Gleason, to keep squeezing a few more dollars out of him. It is a tragic story about a fighter on the way out being milked by the creeps that infest the world of boxing. The movie is fiction, but the real life world of boxing is not much different from what is depicted in it.

The story of Cleveland Williams and his fight against Muhammad Ali fits the ugly narrative of *Requiem For A Heavyweight* pretty closely. In fact, what was done to Williams was much worse than what was done to the fictional Rivera. First, some background.

When asked what fight shows Muhammad Ali at his absolute peak, most boxing aficionados will point to the champ's bout against Cleveland "Big Cat" Williams. That choice makes sense when you look at the fight without knowing the background of the challenger. It also adds up if you only look at Ali's performance and don't examine Williams' moves during the fight.

The fight took place on November 14, 1966 at the Astrodome in Houston, Texas. Ali had won the title on February 25, 1964 with a stunning upset over Sonny Liston. A little over a year later he again defeated Liston, this time by a first round knockout in Lewiston, Maine. Ali vowed to be an active champion and he lived up to that promise. Over the next year leading up to the Williams bout, Ali fought five times defending the title both in the United States as well as in Europe. He decisively defeated all the opponents put in front of him. The list includes Floyd Patterson, George Chuvalo, Henry Cooper, Brian London, and Karl Mildenberger. These opponents may not make it to anyone's list of all

time greats, but they were the leading contenders at the time. Ali was not one to duck an opponent.

As 1966 was closing out there really weren't any outstanding contenders that stood a chance against Ali. The young crowd which included Jerry Quarry, Joe Frazier, Oscar Bonavena, and Thad Spencer were still a few years away from being ready to challenge for the title. Ali had been going through the former champs and contenders that were now beginning to age. Most had been denied a chance at the title during the reign of Floyd Patterson. In a way, Ali was giving them their due.

There had been an effort to make a match against Ernie Terrell who claimed the WBA Heavyweight Championship, but terms for a contract had not been able to be worked out. Ali would go on to face Terrell the following year. He would also give Zora Folley a chance in 1967 in what would be Ali's last fight before being exiled from boxing over his refusal to be inducted into the United States Army.

In the meantime, the name Cleveland Williams was tossed into the mix. A resident of Houston, Williams had a reputation as a very hard puncher. At the time, Ali had been so successful at not getting hit it was thought he might have a weak chin. After all, Henry Cooper had decked him with a left hook. The fight was sold on the basis of Cleveland's punching power. While Ali would certainly be the favorite, Williams had a



Ali-Williams

"puncher's chance," at least that's what the promoters convinced the public of.

The fight drew a live audience of 35,460 fans to the Astrodome, setting a record at the time for the largest crowd to witness an indoor fight. Gross receipts were \$461,290 plus revenue from television and radio. The hype had worked.

As for the fight, Ali certainly looked impressive as he moved around Williams landing punches at will while never getting hit a serious blow in return. It was all over at 1:08 of the third round after Williams had been dropped on four occasions, three times in the second round and once in the third before the referee stopped the carnage. It was one of the most one-sided fights in heavyweight championship history.

Did Ali look magnificent that night? Without a doubt he did. He had the grace of a ballet dancer, the speed of a middleweight, and reflexes that were phenomenal. He was poised and relaxed. However, this was not a great win for him. While it is breathtaking to watch him in action against Williams, it must also be taken into account the caliber of his opposition.

This is also not the fight to use when arguing how great Ali was. While Ali had been staying very active in the years leading up to the fight, things were a bit different for Williams.

The rest of the story next week.

The members of the media sat in expectation of the arrival of each of them, these maestros of the matchups, the ones who orchestrated the lineups and strategies throughout their respective 82-game seasons.

They had come to this room since October, climbed a couple of steps to a raised dais, turned and looked straight ahead — into the glaring lights, facing the flock of cameras, both large and small, and gazing into the group of assembled media representatives.

The coaches' comments were sometimes short, sometimes long, but just about always informative.

And now both Bruce Cassidy, the head coach of the Bruins and Brad Stevens, the lead mentor of the Celtics, announced, on successive nights, that their respective squads were ready, prepared, and eager to go forth into the action of the Second Season, the one that the prior six months of activity had always been pointed towards.

It was a conclusion looking forward to a genesis, a renewal in the spring, the season of rebirth, when all the world is bright again, filled with the promise of the positive in the forthcoming weeks.

"I feel terrific. I'm an optimist," proclaimed Cassidy for all to hear. "I like our team. We play hard. We're one of the better teams from start to finish in the National Hockey League, specifically in the second half of the year," noted the coach whose team had amassed a total of 107 points — tied with Calgary for the second highest this season behind league leader Tampa Bay. The Lightning ran away from everyone with an impressive 128 points for the year.

"We've played well at the right times. We've earned our way. Guys should be excited to play. I like where we are as a team — ready to go."

But Cassidy also noted that the playoffs require that both the coaching staff and the players approach the situation differently than games played during the regular season.

"You're zoned in obviously on one team and how best to exploit weaknesses and take away strengths," reflected the former Providence coach. "You're really dialed in to 23 players that you're probably going to see night after night. So that part of the game I like — the game planning part."

But he added that there's a commonality with the regular season. "It's about getting your guys in a good place and managing your people and keeping them in a good place through the highs and lows because there will be lows."

Stevens knows that the opening series with Indiana will be a challenging one that could go long. And he thought the defensive effort could be the deciding factor.

"We need to play harder and with more purpose on the defensive end of the floor," said the fifth year NBA coach. "At the end of the day, if we're going to beat these guys other than in a regular season game at home, we'd better get them away from the glass and we'd better get those loose balls."

For his part, Cassidy also feels that Toronto poses a significant challenge for his club, although one that the Bruins are capable of handling. Last year, the teams also faced each other in the opening round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs with the B's building a 3-1 lead in games before the Leafs won the next two contests to even the series and force a deciding game 7 — won by Boston, 7-4.

"They're strong down the middle but so are we," offered the coach about the team that the B's beat three out of four times in the just concluded 2018-2019 regular season. "If we can defend the blue line and close off plays that's half our battle. You have to bear down and have a certain amount of grittiness — manage the puck better. If you don't, you're out (of the series). You can't win if you don't have a certain amount of grit."

Stevens also feels that the matchup with Indiana has all the makings of being a very physical series.

"They're the litmus test for that," said Stevens, whose team played the Pacers twice in the closing stretch of the regular season.

"I think they play as hard and physical as anybody. They don't waste time. They don't waste possessions. They can put us in a lot of tough spots. Give them a lot of credit. They were not to be deterred from going to the glass (in a recent win by Boston at the Garden)."

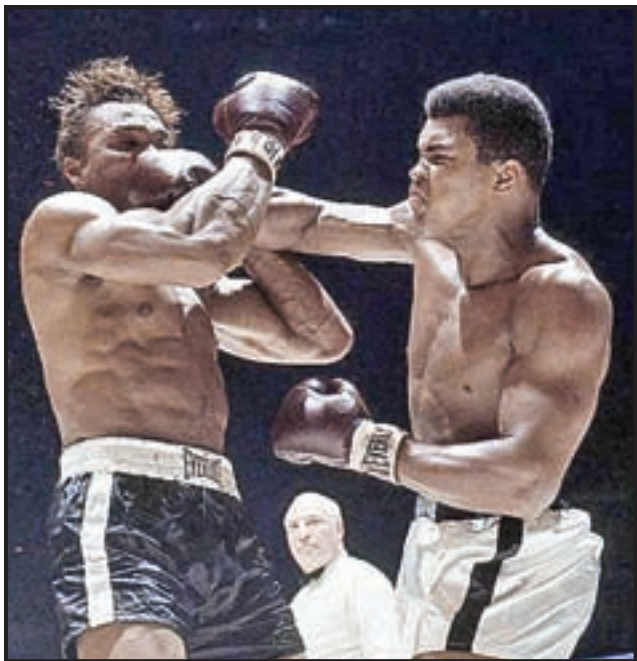
Last year, the Celtics came within two games of advancing to the NBA Finals in a memorable spring run that featured the C's eliminating Milwaukee and Philadelphia en route to the Eastern Conference finals. In that series, the Green and White captured the first two games over the LeBron James led Cleveland Cavaliers before losing the next four to King James and his court.

The Celtics came into this season with sky-high hopes. Many fans in other markets would have been satisfied with a team that eventually finished the regular season with a 49-33 (.598) mark, good enough for fourth place in the Eastern Conference and ninth in the 30-team league overall.

But since the bar had been set so high by many in the media on the eve of the regular season's start, such a finish seemed bland, especially when it led to the C's concluding the season 11.5 games behind Eastern Conference leader Toronto.

Thus, for this edition of the Celtics, the playoffs offer the possibility of not only success but of redemption. A long run in the playoffs for the Bruins would not have the quality of redemption but rather one of validation, that progress had been made with a team that had shown improvement over the course of the season.

To be sure, there would be much dissatisfaction if either the Bruins or the Celtics were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs. Both series offer strong tests by worthy opponents, ones that will challenge both local teams as they seek to extend their respective playoff runs into the merry month of May.



Muhammad Ali vs. Cleveland Williams, 11/14/1966