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Democratic Inaction on Beacon Hill May Leave Many Voters with No Choice on the November Ballot

by David Trumbull

Entrenched Democrat leaders on Beacon Hill appear to have ignored an electioneering factor they somehow never saw coming during the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic — the crucial person-to-person gathering of ballot signatures. The so-called 'robust mail-in balloting' program passed by the Democrat-controlled legislature only addresses the upcoming special elections and not upstart campaigns preparing for the September primaries and November final election.

"The signature-gathering process involves thousands of social interactions between candidates and voters, yet Democratic leadership clearly ignored this during the bill-making process," said Massachusetts Republican Party Chairman Jim Lyons. Grassroots candidates who lack an incumbent's unlimited deep pockets will be unable to get on the ballot, and that means votes will be left with fewer choices on the ballot.

Are you a conservative Republican hoping for a candidate to take out an incumbent Democrat? Well, it won't happen if that candidate cannot get on the ballot due to a signature requirement that doesn't not reflect the reality of "social distancing." Are you a progressive

who would like to see a more liberal challenger to a centrist incumbent? That is equally unlikely, if the next Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez can't get on the ballot because of a system that even in the best of years is rigged for the incumbent. That's why we even saw the Massachusetts Teenage Republicans and the Massachusetts High School Democrats — two opposing groups made up of young people typically on the front lines of signature-gathering efforts — join together to urge the Legislature to act on this problem, only to see Democratic leadership ignore it. Their inaction guarantees well-heeled incumbents will receive a free pass.

Massachusetts GOP Chairman Lyons said: "Incumbents already have established lists of voters who have signed nomination papers for them in the past, not to mention existing campaign accounts that can easily pay for mailings and whatnot. Challengers don't have that luxury, and in a legislature dominated by one party, it's pretty easy to see why the Democrats are refusing to address this potentially dangerous situation."

Republican U.S. Senate candidate Kevin O'Connor, whose 86-year-old father has been hospitalized as a result of the virus,

must gather 10,000 signatures by the Massachusetts Secretary of State's May 5th deadline to ensure his place on the ballot.

"We want the Legislature to bring the law into alignment with the social distancing requirement," O'Connor said in a recent interview.

Meanwhile, candidates for state office only have until April 28, to collect the required number of signatures. New York state has already acted to lower the threshold for signatures in its elections.

While candidates from both parties remain in limbo as a result of Beacon Hill's apparent unwillingness to address signature-collection thresholds amid the COVID-19 pandemic, GOP Chairman Lyons has been busy trying to find simpler solutions that don't require legislative approval.

Last week, Lyons announced that after reaching out to Secretary of State William Galvin, the office has agreed to allow individuals to print from home printer-friendly 8.5-inch by 11-inch copies of nomination forms. (To satisfy state law, individuals must print the forms double-sided, however.) "I'm grateful that Secretary Galvin agreed to work with us on this," said Lyons.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Media Relations 101

A recent newspaper page one headline: "Trump names loyalist as Press Secretary." So, he picked someone he knew and liked? Was he supposed to pick Jim Acosta or Whoopie Goldberg?

She Dog Gone Didn't Forget

"Not sure who was more excited. Glad she remembers me after a year!"

— Christina H. Koch

NASA Astronaut on a February 13th tweet showing video of her dog's reaction when Koch after at home after 328 days in space

Just Say No to Mail-in Voting

President Trump said he is totally opposed to voting by U.S. mail. I agree with him. It opens all kinds of potential fraud. Democrats seem to be using this idea in the midst of this coronavirus situation.

Cutting Away from Briefings Irresponsible

Kudos to Adriana Cohen of the *Boston Herald* for her recent piece on parts of the media cutting away from the President's daily briefings on the coronavirus. She believes, and I agree, that is "an endangerment to public safety during this pandemic. According to a report in the *Daily Beast*, both *MSNBC* and *CNN* "will be ready to cut away from the briefings" when the information portions "give way to unsupported Presidential speculation and outright falsehoods."

Recently, *MSNBC* host Rachel Maddow suggested that networks stop carrying the Presidential press briefings and stated, "If he keeps lying like he has been every day on stuff this important, all of us should stop broadcasting it."

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North End Feasts

Unveil Special Edition All Saints T-Shirt

The North End Feast Societies Unite
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Proceeds from the online sale of the special edition shirt will benefit the neighborhood's food insecurity programs run the the ABCD and NEW/Health Center. The programs ensure fresh groceries and prepared meals will be available to lower income families and seniors in the North End and Boston neighborhoods during the ongoing public health crisis. Both the ABCD and NEW/Health organize year long food

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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.



POSEIDON



Poseidon was the Greek god of all flowing waters. He lived in the sea and rode over the waves in a chariot drawn by brazen-hoofed horses. Giant waves smoothed out as he approached, while sea monsters recognized him and frolicked around his chariot. He generally yoked the horses to the chariot without the help from others, but occasionally he was assisted by the Nereid Amphitrite (a sea nymph) who was his wife. Most of the time was spent in the sea, however, when the gods assembled at Olympus he appeared there in person.

This god is credited with building the walls around Troy for King Laomedon, the founder of that city. A period of labor for wages was ordered because of Poseidon's participation in a conspiracy against Zeus. Later the king refused to pay the wages that were promised, and in consequence, a sea monster was sent by the sea god to rav-

age the land, and to devour the king's daughter. Hercules just happened to be passing through the area and saved the beautiful princess by killing the monster.

Poseidon continued to bear a relentless hatred for the Trojans and sided with the Greeks later, in their war against Troy. At times, he stood off and witnessed the fighting as a spectator from the high ground at Thrace, and at other times, he appeared as a mortal to encourage the Greeks while Zeus was helping the Trojans.

As the ruler of the sea, Poseidon had the power to cause clouds to appear and storms to form, or he could have granted a safe voyage to help those who were in troubled waters. At one time, he argued with the goddess Athena over which of them should offer a name for the capitol of Attica (Athens). The gods decided that the honor be reserved for whichever of the two bestowed

upon mankind the most useful gift. It was at this time that Poseidon created the horse, while Athena created the olive tree, and of course, we all know that Athena won.

Poseidon is credited with teaching men the art of handling horses by the bridle and also for being the originator of horseracing. This is why he is sometimes represented on horseback. The symbol of his power is the trident (a spear with three points). This is the instrument that he used when he created or subdued storms, shattered rocks, or even shook the earth.

This sea god was worshipped all over Greece and Southern Italy. Sacrifices to him generally consisted of bulls, wild boars, and rams, while horse races and chariot races were often held in his honor. For more than twenty-five hundred years, he has been easily recognized in any artistic representation by his accompanying dolphin, horse, or trident.

NEXT WEEK:
Neptune

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Martha E. Walters of Andover, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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Run date: 04/17/2020

Pasquale Petti
May He Rest in Peace

Pasquale Petti, 84, of Boston's North End passed away on April 13, 2020.

He was born in Boston on December 24, 1935, the son of the late Peter and Rose (Luongo) Petti and was a life-long resident of the North End.

Pasquale is survived by his sister, Louise Finno; his nephew, Peter Finno Sr.; great-nephew and nieces, Peter Finno Jr., Rose Finno and Monique White; great-great-niece and nephew, Ava, Jayden and Isabella Finno, Daniel and Bella Humphreys.

He was a laborer most of his life, working hard to support his family. His family meant everything to him. He was a father figure to all of his nieces and nephews. His second love in life was baseball.

A Graveside Service will be held on Friday, April 17, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., at St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale.

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ANTHONY M. TAMMARO

Anthony M. "Tony" Michael Tammaro, better known as "Cucci" to his family and childhood friends, passed away April 1, 2020, after a brief illness.

Predeceased by his wife of 35 years, Alice "Millie" Tammaro, his mother, Filomena (Puopolo), father, Michael, and brother, Philip, Tony is survived by his children Tom of New Jersey, David and his wife Susan of Massachusetts, Suzanne of New Hampshire, and Robert and his wife Lauren of Illinois. Loving "GT" of grandchildren Khloe, Garret, Colin, and Whitney O'Brien, Gabrielle and Jaclyn Tammaro, Karly Tammaro, and Erik and Kariana Pelkey. He is also survived by his brothers Carmen and Michael, sister Sarah, and his first wife and college sweetheart Judith Will.

Born June 15, 1935, in Boston, Massachusetts, Tony was a proud "North End" Italian through all his days. The oldest of five siblings, Tony was the first in his family to graduate from college. After receiving his degree in electrical engineering from Norwich University, he proudly served in the U.S. Army prior to beginning his civilian career with the U.S. Department of Defense. Based in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, Tony designed mission critical military radar, communications, and tactical weapon system components that were vital to U.S. national security during the Cold War era.

A husband and devoted father of four, Tony was incredibly well-rounded with a broad variety of interests and hobbies. He is remembered by his children for his passion for body surfing in the waves of the Jersey shore, bird-watching, carpentry, American history, good food, and fine wine.

Tony loved returning to Boston for the Feast of St. Anthony and visiting his family of whom he was immensely proud, and he enjoyed walking the streets of the North End with his children and grandchildren who he enchanted with vivid stories of his youth. An extremely outgoing gentleman, Tony enjoyed the company of family and friends, sharing stories and engaging in good-natured debates about everything from UFOs to politics, and especially sports.

Those who knew him will remember his undying support for his beloved Red Sox, Bruins, Celtics, and Patriots, as he proudly proclaimed the (undeniable) superiority of the Boston sports teams even when he was surrounded and outnumbered by New York fans.

In his later days, Tony found joy in life's simple pleasures like visits to his favorite restaurants with his son Tom and dear family friend Carolyn, and sipping his morning coffee and an evening glass of wine or two from his sunroom overlooking Shark River, all with the companionship of his beloved cat "Fred" who has joined him in heaven.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Donations in memory of Tony can be made to the Monmouth County Humane Society, 2960 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls, New Jersey, 07753 or the Monmouth ASPCA: www.monmouthcountyspca.org/support/donate/



Richard P. Perez

May He Rest In Peace

Richard P. Perez, 77, of Boston's North End, passed away on March 21, 2020, after a brief illness.

Beloved son of the late Vicente and Josephine (McCarthy) Perez. Beloved husband of Jacqueline (Messina), devoted father of



Vincent and his wife Susan and the late Damian of Boston. Brother of Jeanette of the North End and Marie Ciccolella of and her husband Frank of Tewksbury.

Memorial Services will be announced at a later date due to Covid-19 precautions.

BERNARD J. "BEN" DOHERTY

July 17, 1936 - April 11, 2020

Bernard Joseph Doherty, former stockbroker, Massachusetts Boxing Commissioner and Irish-American of legendary toughness and charisma, died April 11th, 2020 at the age of 83.

He leaves behind his son, Greg Doherty, of Kensington, California; his daughter, Kate Quigley of Marblehead, Mass; five grandchildren; his brothers Tony and John and their families; and a number of nieces and nephews whom he loved, along with their children. His son Glen, a former Navy SEAL, preceded him in death in 2012.

Ben was the third child of five born in Boston, Massachusetts to Anthony and Margaret Doherty of Donegal, Ireland. The family kept a large chicken farm in Billerica that taught Ben a strong work ethic at an early age. As the first from his family to attend college, at UMass Amherst, Ben became a great believer in the opportunities provided by education. This would guide his extensive service on the UMass Board of Trustees, as the director of the UMass Business School, and as President of the UMass Building Association. He also gave back to his alma mater Billerica High school by organizing an annual charity boxing fundraiser and was twice invited to be the graduating class' commencement speaker.

Ben was an important member of the boxing community, first as a Silver Mittens, Golden Gloves and All-Army boxing champion and 1960 Olympic trials competitor, then as a fight trainer, Chairman of the Boxer's Fund Board, and, ultimately, Massachusetts Athletic Commissioner. A great proponent of "the sweet science" and a fearless fighter in and out of the ring, he had the



flattened nose yet high profile that made him, for many in Massachusetts, the face of boxing.

Above all, he was a fun-loving person. A long-time resident of Winchester, where he had three children with then-wife Barbara, he seemed to live for ski trips to Loon Mountain or out west; water-skiing trips on his small speedboat; attending Celtics games, Red Sox games and boxing matches; and in general just getting out of the house to be among others having fun. He coached innumerable Winchester youth for the decade that his children played. He loved holidays, dressing in costume every Halloween, wearing an all-green suit and leprechaun shoes each St. Patrick's Day, and playing a very jolly Santa at the neighborhood holiday party. A proud Irishman and father, he checked off a major bucket list item when he took all three of his children to Ireland in 2004.

Among his peers, Ben was known for organizing parties and events, often for good causes. A

successful stockbroker — the top producer for five different firms over thirty-four years — who never forgot his roots, he was equally comfortable and welcome among all classes of people. He regularly combined the social and athletic, forging many lasting friendships on tennis courts and the golf links. An unapologetic lover of the spotlight, he gravitated towards microphones and dance floors, where he had abundant skills but was more than willing to play the fool. A photograph in the *Boston Herald* of him wildly dancing at a wharf party he'd crashed once blew his alibi for missing an afternoon's work.

In his later years, he resettled in the North End of Boston in semi-retirement as a financial consultant. He wrote a financial column for the Italian-American *Post-Gazette* newspaper for many years, joined the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, explored local restaurants, and kept his faith as a Catholic, rarely missing Sunday mass.

In March of 2020, after a period of declining health, the Covid-19 virus rang the bell that ended the fighter's final round.

He would want the last words about him to be an Irish blessing, so, Ben:

*May your left break
the devil's jaw
And your right
hold a bottomless drink,
And may you dance
with Irish angels in heaven
As God gives
your mischief a wink.*

Services will be held at a later date due to Covid-19 precautions.

Costello Funeral Home, 177 Washington Street, Winchester, MA, 781-729-1730, or www.costellofuneralhome.com

Sidney Fleischer

Sidney Fleischer of Boston, MA, entered into rest on April 7, 2020, at the incredible age of 102.

Born in Boston, he was the son of the late Oscar and Minnie (Gold) Fleischer and was predeceased by his two sisters, the late Joan Brav and Rita Durst. Loving father of Daralynn Fleischer and her husband Jim Mullen, Andrew Fleischer, Marc Fleischer and his wife Robin and David Fleischer. Cherished grandfather of Zachary (& Esti Marcus) Goodman, Sasha Goodman and Alexa, Noah,



Lilah, Kayla, Morgan, Peyton and Kaedan Fleischer.

A highly decorated WWII Army War Hero with eight Battle Star medals, he was the recipient of

citations and awards from the Mayor of Boston, the Secretary of the Veterans Association in Washington, D.C., and the Brigadier General of MA.

A huge night for Sidney was August, 2018, when he was honored by the Boston Red Sox on the field during a game. He was loved by all who knew him.

Graveside services and burial were private. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Sidney may be made to Jewish War Veterans, 1811 R Street NW, Washington, D.C 20009 or www.jwv.org.

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Showers and Sunshine: Watching Spring Weather

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

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



Spring is here, and that means weather as fickle as a teenager's mood. Some days boast record warmth and abundant sunshine, laden with the care-free atmosphere and scent of fresh vegetation reminiscent of midsummer. Other days feature brisk breezes that ruffle the delicate new daffodils and tulips, and cool air that calls for a coat. Of course, spring simply would not be spring without the arrival of brief but soaking rain showers. During these rains, people disappear under umbrellas and colorful rubber boots as they splash their way through the day, jumping in and out of puddles. The aftermath of a spring rain is just as magical: the foliage appears greener, birds commence singing again with renewed gusto, and a rainbow may vividly spread its colors across the sky. Nowadays, knowledge of this weather, from atypically humid Easters to spring rainstorms, is always at our disposal due to meteorological reports on television and apps on our smartphones. However, people in older times needed ingenious ways to determine the weather. After all, in agricultural and maritime societies, weather was often a matter of life and death, as it controlled the success of the harvest or the ability to head to the sea and fish. Italy used to be one such agricultural society, and therefore still contains a multitude of weather superstitions and lore. I remember some of these sayings from my childhood, where they formed an indelible part of my Italian cultural heritage. These pieces of weather folklore are often repeated from generation to generation, even in contemporary times, a testament to their ancient power.

A few years ago, I was having dinner with my best friend at a local Thai restaurant. She looked out the window and gasped, remarking on how amazing the

sky appeared. I turned around to a stunning sight: bright pink clouds streaked across the sky like threads of cotton candy, tinged in gold by the setting sun. I told my friend that the weather tomorrow would probably be nice. How did I know this without checking my phone? Well, I had remembered an Italian saying my grandmother often intoned in a singsong voice: *"Rosso di sera, buon tempo si spera/Rosso di mattina, la pioggia s'avicina."* Roughly translated, this means: "Red at night, good weather awaits/Red at morning, the rain approaches." My grandmother repeated this dictum so often that I consider it an essential staple of my childhood, right alongside Baby-Sitters Club books and my mother's homemade pancakes. Basically, this proverb explains that a sunset with a reddish tone foretells fine weather the following day, while a red-hued sunrise promises a day of rain. I discovered fairly recently that this maxim has a famous English-language counterpart: "Red sky at night, sailors' delight/Red sky at morning, sailors take warning." Though the red skies proverb dates back thousands of years, it contains some meteorological truth. According to the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Association (NOAA), a red sky at sunset may be caused by the sun illuminating dust particles in the air, indicating a high-pressure system that brings good weather. Conversely, the red sky at morning indicates that the high-pressure system is passing, which may be replaced by a rain-inducing low-pressure system. Our ancestors knew what they were talking about!

Encouraged by the memory of this proverb, I grew inspired to search for other nuggets of Italian weather lore. The website of Italy's Osservatorio Meteorologico, Agrario, Geologico,

a meteorological observatory run by Prof. Don Gian Carlo Raffaelli and hailing back to 1865, compiled a number of popular weather sayings from across the country. Not surprisingly, much of the lore concerns rain — after all, it was important to know when it would rain in order to shelter livestock and control the amount of water the crops received, or exercise care during a fishing voyage. *"Cielo a pecorelle acqua a cantinelle"* means that rain showers will soon arrive when the clouds resemble a sheep's wool. My mother frequently repeated this proverb whenever we saw such clouds, which bear the scientific name altocumuli. Another superstition that foretold rain stated *"quando il gatto si lecca il pelo, viene acqua giù dal cielo"* — rain will fall from the sky when a cat cleans its fur! This was also a favorite dictum of my grandmother's, and I always think of it whenever I see my cat washing herself. Not all Italian weather lore talks about rain, however. According to one maxim, *"quando la rana canta, il tempo cambia,"* a croaking frog is indicative of imminent weather changes. *"Stelle troppo scintillante vento forte a te davanti"* warns that excessively twinkling stars foretell strong winds. Good weather, on the other hand, can be expected following low fog, as evidenced in the proverb *"la nebbia bassa buon tempo lascia."* Finally, one of my favorite weather sayings happily declares *"arcobaleno porta il sereno"* — a rainbow after a storm brings calm weather. It reminds me of the joy and reawakening of nature that occurs in the spring, under the brilliant colors of an afternoon rainbow!

Weather lore, though no longer taken as seriously in our days of Doppler radar, continues to yield influence in the realm of cultural treasures and national characteristics. Some pieces of weather lore contain meteorological truths, while others decidedly do not; however, they all demonstrate the importance of weather to societies that depended on the unpredictable nature of farming or fishing. Moreover, weather lore, like all quaint traditions and superstitions, link us to the rich, unending lineage of our ancestors. I associate weather customs with family memories and parts of my childhood, such as my grandmother singing about red skies or my father playfully remarking that, according to stories from his boyhood, rain falling during sunshine meant that the fox was getting married. So let's cherish all the proverbs about weather that have been passed down from our ancestors, no matter how silly they sound. They are another invaluable part of our heritage and our place in this world, rain or shine!

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.



What are We Supposed to Do Now?

A few weeks back in the sports section of the *Boston Globe*, Dan Shaughnessy used the above headline for a column about the loss of live action sports to follow due to the coronavirus that pretty much shutdown everything.

Recently, I was thinking, so what are we supposed to do now? We can get obsessed, we can go insane, or or keep pushing forward through it all and pray for a resolution to this endless bad movie we seem to be caught up in.

Shaughnessy likened his sports dilemma to the *Twilight Zone* and that is how I feel right now. I don't see Rod Sterling up ahead at the guidepost. However, I do feel like I'm guest staring on the *Twilight Zone*. You remember? "A dimension as vast as space and as timeless as infinity ... the middle ground between light and shadow ... between the pit of man's fears and the summit of his knowledge." Only thing, I don't see this nightmarish virus vanishing soon enough.

Last week I started wearing a facial cover, a really cool west-

ern bandanna I purchased in Austin, Texas a few summers back. It looks good on me. I look like someone going to rob a bank. Then, everybody around me looks the same.

I have to say, I am taking great power walks; two, three times a day, getting in great shape. I look to be in better shape now than back in my college days except my hair is much grayer now, which I can live with. That's the idea for all of us, living through this pandemic.

Oh, wait a minute; I think I see Rod Sterling and Bill Murray up ahead probably talking about reliving everyday over and over again. They call it *Groundhog Day!*

I hope this virus doesn't go on forever because we are all going to end up on psych meds or something. I hope we go back to regularly scheduled programming soon. I love good walks, but I don't want them to be the highlight of my day, day after day, after day.

Stay Healthy. Stay Sane. Stay Alive and, for heaven's sake, don't loose your mask!

GUEST COMMENTARY

SECRETARY GALVIN NEEDS TO THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BALLOT BOX?

by Sal Giaratani

With the COVID-19 threat hanging over our heads and after recently seeing former Vice President Joe Biden support the idea of a virtual National Democratic Convention this summer due to the coronavirus, I believe governments on all levels need to look at current announced candidates for public office trying to get certified for ballot status by collecting nomination signatures.

I read that even U.S. Senator Edward Markey has of yet not collected enough signatures to make ballot status in the primary, but hopes to get enough by the May deadline. If Markey's having trouble, you know this virus has pushed us out of standard operation political procedures.

I saw where one candidate running for office set up a table with nomination papers on it, standing about a good ten feet away asking for voters to help her make the ballot, but it seems nearly impossible for anyone running to collect enough signatures as most people won't be real happy sharing pens with strangers.

It is time for the State Secretary to step forward and direct town and city halls to certify all candidates who took out papers to be placed automatically on the September ballot.

We are living in unusual times and candidates for Federal, State, and County offices cannot realistically collect enough signatures for the fall elections.

When should not social distancing ourselves from electoral politics be okay? When should we encourage citizens to run for office? What do you say State Secretary Bill Galvin?



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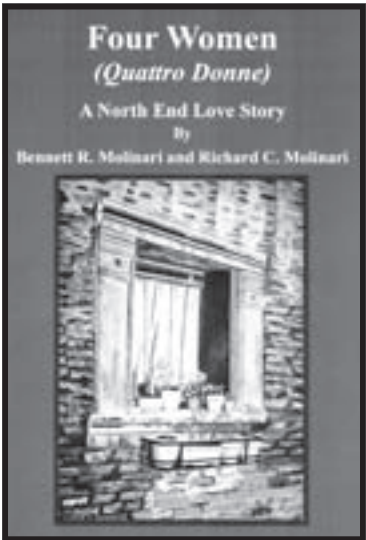
subtitle, *A North End Love Story*

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

School Dance ... continued

Pietro wanted to sit and watch the dancing. We told him not to sit on the little, brown, metal chairs lining the wall. He sat on one anyway. Anthony then shouted, “People will call you a dog!” Pietro shrugged his shoulders unconcerned.

Pietro noticed the girls from Saint Theresa Society were at the refreshment table. The crowd was shouting to Paul Bianco, “Play another tarantella!” Carla, who was standing amid the Saint Theresa girls, began glancing around the hall for Pietro, when she noticed he was looking at her. Not wanting to seem interested, she quickly turned her head and began talking to Gina Biaggi. The tarantella had begun. In a flash, Carla made her way to the dance floor, joining up with the other dancers. The tarantella was picking up speed, the women dropped their hands, lifted their skirts and shook them in tune with the music. Mom was having a blast dancing her second tarantella. Grandma and Auntie Stella were already back in their chairs. Mom was twirling and laughing while calling to us. She knew we loved to see her dance. She looked ten years younger. Carla was also ripping up the dance floor, but she was adding stuff to the tarantella. She kept bending her head and throwing her auburn hair back, while at the same time shaking her skirt wildly, her eyes flashing in the direction of Pietro. She seemed to become more beautiful as she danced. Everyone was staring at her, most of all, Pietro. He followed every move she made, seemingly mesmerized by Carla’s dancing. All of this did not go unnoticed by her broth-



ers. Finally, the women joined hands once again for a few more turns around the dance floor, with shouts of happiness and laughter, the tarantella was over. Pietro sprung to his feet and began to applaud enthusiastically. He was shouting, “Bravo! Bravo!” as if he was at La Scala in Milan. This led to an epidemic of applause and bravos, prompting the dancers to take an impromptu bow. Carla was the spark that generated Pietro’s enthusiasm, and it showed in his eyes. They were firmly fixed on her, as Mom’s were fixed on Pietro. She could spot trouble and knew she had to do something.

Once again, Mom decided not to confront Pietro, afraid that any confrontation would drive him away from the family and into Carla’s arms. Mom decided she would take the matter up with Grandma the next day, and have Pasquale watch the both of them, since he spent most of his time outside the church frequented by both.

Pietro was back up on his feet and heading in the direction of

Carla, who was making her way out of the hall. “Carla, Carla,” he anxiously called out to her. Mom, spotting his intention, made her move. She cut across his path and stopped in front of him. “Pietro, do you know how to dance the Charleston?” Mom asked. Pietro was caught off guard and stopped short. He seemed flushed and obviously disturbed. “No, no cousin, I do not know that dance.” His eyes never leaving Carla. “Then I will teach you.” “Not now cousin”, Pietro impatiently replied. Mom continued as if she did not hear him.

Mom loved to dance the Charleston, in fact, she would often dance it by herself in our kitchen. She could dance the shoes off any partner. Mom called out to Bianco to play the Charleston, he obliged her with a sizzling version of the dance. “Pietro, move your legs like this and grab your knees as you do it.” Mom was now in full flight, arms and legs moving in tune with the music. Pietro seemed uncoordinated. He was still watching Carla while trying to figure out the dance. Mom, on the other hand, seemed ready to take off. It was then Pietro, who was ready to burst with frustration, in desperation blurted out, “I can’t dance this crazy American dance!”

Everyone around him stopped dancing in response to Pietro’s outburst. Mom seemed embarrassed, but just for a moment. She noticed Carla was making her way out of the dance hall, so did Pietro, who was torn between running after her and apologizing to Mom. He settled for the latter, and once again trouble was averted, or so we thought.

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Saint Leander of Seville

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Leander and his brother Isidore and their siblings, both of whom are saints, belonged to an elite family of Hispano-Roman stock of Carthago Nova (today known as Cartagena). Their father Severianus is believed to have been a dux (governor) of Cartagena, this seems more of a fanciful interpretation since Isidore simply states that he was a citizen. The family moved to Seville around 554.

Leander’s own family was heavily influenced by the Arian heresy, but he himself grew up to be a fervent Christian. He entered a monastery as a young man and spent three years in prayer and study. At the end of that tranquil period he was made a bishop. For the rest of his life he worked strenuously to fight against heresy.

In endeavoring to save his country from the heresy of Arianism, Leander showed himself an orthodox Christian and a far-sighted patriot. Exiled by King Leovigild who subscribed to the Arian heresy, Leander withdrew to Byzantium from 579 to 582. The death of the anti-Christian king helped Leander’s cause. He and the new king worked hand in hand to restore orthodoxy and



a renewed sense of morality. Leander succeeded in persuading many Arian bishops to change their loyalties.

In this decisive hour for the future of Spain, Leander did most to ensure the religious unity, the fervent faith, and the broad culture on which was based its later greatness. At the Third Council of Toledo, where Visigothic Spain rejected Arianism, Leander delivered the closing sermon. On his return from this council, Leander convened

an important synod in his metropolitan city of Seville, and never afterwards ceased his efforts to consolidate the work, in which his brother and successor St. Isidore was to follow. Leander received the pallium (a woolen vestment conferred by the Pope on an Archbishop) in August, 599. Isidore wrote of his brother: “This man of suave eloquence and eminent talent shone as brightly by his virtues as by his doctrine. By his faith and zeal the Gothic people have been converted from Arianism to the Catholic faith.”

Leander passed away on March 13, 600. The Feast Day of Saint Leander of Seville is March 13th.

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*Additional Licensure Deadline Extensions;
Introduces Online CDL Renewal Option
School Bus Certificates, Driving School, Driving Instructor and
Inspector Licenses to be Extended for 90 Days
Passenger and Motorcycle Road Tests Cancelled through May 4th*

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) continues to thoroughly review its licensing protocols and credential requirements to identify additional measures that can be implemented to reduce non-essential travel, reduce the need for customers to visit RMV Service Centers, and ensure proper “social-distancing” can take place under Governor Charlie Baker’s declaration of a State of Emergency the week of March 9th.

The following new changes to service delivery and organizational protocols are now or are about to be in place as follows:

Professional credentials for School Bus Certificates, School Pupil Transport Licenses (7D), Inspector Licenses, Driving Instructor Licenses and Driving School Licenses that have expired or are expiring, between March 10th and April 30th, will be extended for 90 days after the State of Emergency is lifted. These credentials should all be considered “active” as the RMV implements the system changes to reflect that status in the near future.

Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) holders are now able to renew their licenses online if they are self-certified in the Non-Excepted Interstate (NI) category for medical certification.

All passenger and motorcycle road tests (Class D and Class M) have been cancelled through Monday, May 4, 2020.

Reminders About Other Previously Announced Changes:
Driver’s licenses, ID cards, and Learner’s Permits, including Commercial Driver’s Licenses & Permits (CDL/CLP), that have expired or are expiring between March 1, 2020, and April 30, 2020, have had a 60-day extension applied to the current expiration date and do not need to be renewed at this time. Customers holding a license or ID marked “Limited-Term” that expired between March 1st and April 30th should visit: www.mass.gov/rmv for more information and to check the validity of their credential. CDL Medical Certificates that expire on or after March 1st until April 30th will be extended until June 30th to prevent license downgrades and elective medical visits, as well as alleviate demand on medical providers.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the RMV has implemented a strict no walk-in policy at a limited number of Service Centers that remain open to the general public. Service for necessary in-person transactions are available by appointment only. Customers should visit Mass.Gov/RMV to make a reservation at an open Service Center or find information on over 40 transactions that can be conducted online, by phone, or by mail.

Non-Classroom Drivers Education — through a temporary policy, the RMV is allowing driving schools to offer online driver education training and written testing during this emergency period only. The RMV will continuously monitor the current emergency and will keep you informed about the timeframe in which driving schools can offer alternative training.

Effective April 1, 2020, all of the passenger plate registrations that have expired in March or will be expiring in April have been extended for 60 days. Registrations that expired in March have been extended until May 31st, and registrations that expire in April have been extended until June 30th. Registration renewals can continue to be performed online at Mass.Gov/RMV during this time. Customers seeking to do so in-person will not be able to make an appointment and should delay their visit to a Service Center at this time.

The annual motor vehicle safety and emissions inspection stickers that expire on March 31st and April 30th have been extended 60 days and all motorcycles with inspection stickers originally set to expire on May 31st must be inspected by June 30th. The RMV is also extending the time during which newly registered vehicles must be inspected based on the purchase date.

Class D and M Learner’s Permits knowledge exams have been suspended through May 4th. Commercial Learner’s Permit tests are available to be taken at the Milford and Wilmington RMV Service Centers during normal business hours and commercial road tests continue to be conducted by the Massachusetts State Police.

Massachusetts State Police are still conducting road tests for Commercial Driver’s Licenses (CDLs), but require anyone taking these road tests to bring and wear a mask or face covering for the entirety of the test.

The National Safety Council (NSC) and the RMV have previously announced the cancellation, through May 4th, of the following Massachusetts in-person classroom driver safety classes: 8-hour Driver Retraining Program, 4-hour Driver Attitudinal Retraining Program and the 4-hour State Courts Against Road Rage (SCARR) Program. The RMV has temporarily approved an alternative way to deliver the statutorily required content in the form of an online course. For a limited time, participation in the online course will fulfill the in-person class requirement. Additional information is available at <http://drive.nsc.org> and impacted customers can expect to receive specific instructions directly from NSC.

For details on all of these extensions and additional information on RMV services and the RMV’s response to COVID-19, visit: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/rmv-covid-19-information>.

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To honor our friend’s spirit, take a few minutes each day and find a way to do something nice to help someone, even if it is just a phone call to say hello. Let a friend, a relative, or a neighbor know they are not alone and that you care that is the least Bobby D. would do for all of us!

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*I Wonder
If George Orwell Saw This Coming?*

by Sal Giarratani

When I was in college George Orwell’s futuristic novel 1984 was required reading. I found this little paperback so unbelievable and wondered if the premise of such a future where our government watched our every move and controlled how we thought, what we read, where we could go, etc., could possibly happen.

That couldn’t happen to us, right? Orwell wrote his novel in 1948, a few years after WWII and at the beginning of our Cold War with the Soviet Union. While I could see the Soviets doing such to its people, I thought, not America.

Look around today. Fighting an invisible virus has pushed our government into doing lots of things I thought it would never do. We are being ordered around like flocks of sheep. All our beaches got locked down. In the name of fighting this virus, we are imploding our economy, putting millions out of work and running out of funds to pay the unemployed. By the time we get a vaccine, our economy could be

in the toilet creating a second Great Depression. I agree with President Trump that we can’t allow the cure for the virus to be worse than the virus itself.

Getting back to our local political leaders, some of their actions are downright un-American. A growing number of cities and towns are now instituting the mandatory wearing of masks. Don’t wear facial covering, face a steep fine. Don’t wear a mask, banned from entering stores providing essential services, etc.

Finally, and this is right up Orwell’s alley. Beverly has now created a new concept called One Way Sidewalks. I kid you not. If you are walking on the wrong side of foot traffic flow, you guessed it, you get a steep fine. What happens to sidewalks lining one way streets? This would be comical if it wasn’t so serious.

There is nothing worse than political leaders who feel so helpless they have to institute draconian actions to feel some power again.

Designing a Beautiful Garden for You and the Pollinators

by Melinda Myers

You don't need a prairie or large lot to attract and support pollinators. A meadow or informal, formal and even container gardens can bring in bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to help pollinate plants. It's just a matter of selecting the right plants, adjusting your maintenance practices, and skipping the pesticides.

Create your garden by converting a few square feet of lawn, garden bed or front yard into a pollinator-friendly garden. You may want to start by switching out part of an existing garden or container to more pollinator-friendly flowers.

Expand your planting options by converting a portion of your lawn into a pollinator garden. Outline the bed with a hose or rope. Remove the sod, add compost as needed to improve drainage and you'll be ready to plant.

Simplify and dress up your efforts by using an easy-to-assemble raised garden kit like the Pollinator Garden Bed (gardeners.com). Its long-lasting cedar planks slide into aluminum corners to create a hexagonal bed. Get creative while increasing the garden's size by adding additional sections to create a honeycomb or other interesting design.

Mark the outline of the raised bed you select. Cut the grass short and cover with newspaper. Set your raised bed in place and fill with a quality planting mix. Mulch four to six inches surrounding the raised bed for ease of mowing and to eliminate the need to hand trim.

Once your planting bed is prepared, you're ready to plant. Include single daisy-like black-eyed Susans, coneflowers, and asters that allow visiting insects to rest and warm when sipping on nectar or dining on pollen. Add a few tubular flowers for butterflies and hummingbirds.



Raised pollinator garden beds can easily be added to any landscape.

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They both like bright colors and can be seen visiting salvias, penstemon and nasturtiums. And don't forget the bees that are attracted to bright white, yellow, blue and ultraviolet colors. You'll find them visiting these and other blossoms like catmint, sweet alyssum and perennial geranium.

Include spring, summer and fall bloomers to keep pollinators visiting and well fed throughout the season. You'll enjoy the seasonal changes along with the color and motions the visitors provide. Include early spring perennials and bulbs to attract visitors in early spring as they search for much-needed food. Add fall flowers to help prepare them for winter or migration to their winter homes. Those in milder climates will want to add some pollinator-friendly flowers to support and attract pollinators wintering in their backyard.

Plant flowers in groups for greater design impact and to reduce the energy pollinators expend when gathering nectar and pollen from one flower to the

next. Provide plants with enough space to reach their mature size. Temporarily fill in voids with annuals like salvia, single zinnias and nicotiana that also attract pollinators.

Don't let all the plant and design possibilities overwhelm you into inaction. Gardener's Supply Company has plans for designing gardens to attract bees, butterflies and hummingbirds plus tips on keeping them safe in your garden.

Mulch the soil with leaves annually. It suppresses weeds, conserves moisture, improves the soil and provides homes for many beneficial insects.

Allow healthy plants and grasses to stand for winter. These provide homes for many beneficial insects and food for birds. Wait as long as possible to clean up your garden in spring. If needed, pile clippings out of the way to allow beneficial insects to escape these winter homes once temperatures warm. Then shred and compost the plant debris in summer.

As your gardens flourish, you will want to create more pollinator-friendly spaces. Your efforts will be rewarded with beautiful flowers, increased harvest and the added color and motion these visitors provide.

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



Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

We need to get this country up and running by stopping the spread of the coronavirus, but not everyone is cooperating! There are many people out there without masks and gloves. Cities need to do more by fining people without protection. We can't get rid of this pandemic if people won't cooperate! It's not fair to those wearing protection ... Relatives and friends bringing necessities to people in East Boston are getting \$60.00 tickets for parking in a resident sticker spot. Many have fought the tickets and won, but be aware you will get a ticket! ... It was reported that Market Basket in Chelsea and Revere has lines outside the door almost a quarter mile with no spacing between people. While responsible people are being vigilant, reckless people could be spreading the deadly germ! Wake up, It's not fair and neighborly! ... Remember if you can smell a fart, you're not apart! ...

Here's the skinny! In 2015, Bill Gates said, we needed to prevent a crisis like the corona virus and what we needed to do to stop the next pandemic. Gates said the world needs to invest in better health systems, increase international collaboration, keep trained medical staff in reserve, and invest in vaccine research. Gates urged "we need to get going because time is not on our side and the world is not prepared!" Did the politicians and health officials listen? I guess not. Democrats were too busy for the past four years trying to get President Trump out of office and President Trump was too busy defending himself. And folks, that sums it up! As a result, citizens of the United States are fighting to stay alive! ... Taiwan which is close to China's mainland never shut down its economy, and had relatively few people infected. The government left it up to its' people to quarantine themselves at will. The first cause of Taiwan's success is the transparency of information which shortened the rapid growth.

So what happened to our government? Did health authorities drag their feet in informing the public? ... It's been reported that Novartis, a global healthcare company based in Switzerland that provides solutions to address the evolving needs of patients worldwide donated 30 million pills of a drug called Plaquenil to fight the virus to the United States. According to sources, a dosage of 12 pills given to infected patients would help with the cure. Israel also donated 6 million Plaquenil pills to the United States adding a total of 36 million pills the United States has. The drug is FDA approved and is known to help Malaria, Lupus, and Arthritis suffers, etc., and can be used as an aid in the cure of COVID-19 ... As the pandemic continues, media reporters and sponsors (making mucho money with TV ratings up) and elected officials a.k.a. politicians receive their checks, while people are laid-off and hurting. Unemployment is not the answer! People want to get back to norm ... 113,000 people have recovered from the coronavirus. The media, should try sharing that instead of the death toll! ... Despite Revere Beach being closed to parking with barrels on both sides, many people without masks walk on the sand, with pets pooping. ... House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the piece of work that she is, wants to give illegal people government subsidy checks. Is she okay??? These people work under the table, pocket the money, don't pay taxes, use our resources and Pelosi wants to reward these lawbreakers with our hard-earned tax money. Power hungry Pelosi does this for votes ... Here's a good one! Trump was reprimanded by liberals for addressing COVID-19 as the Chinese virus. Hello, didn't the virus that shut down the world start in China???? ... Meanwhile have you seen the filthy Chinese markets on TV that sell live animals for consumption? Rats, bats, snakes, raccoons, and all sorts of animals most people would not eat! ... Till next time. Stay home and stay healthy!

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

by Sal Giaratani

WORKING TOGETHER AS ONE

There’s an old African proverb, “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” Experiencing our social distancing and self-isolation, let’s see how far we can go working together.

REMEMBERING MORRIS MORRIS

I just realized I failed to mention the passing of a good friend by the name of Morris Morris who passed away several months back over in Revere. He was an amazing character. Not just because of his name but because of his whole life. A World War II veteran who loved attention and riding in parades. He also hosted a great veterans show on *Revere TV*. He had me on as a guest two times and I loved it. He was 90 years young. I will miss him as will most of Revere.

WHAT ABOUT JOANNA CATALDO?

I can’t believe “Uncle Sal” forgot all about mentioning Joanna Cataldo getting honored late last year as an ABCD Community Award winner over in East Boston for the past 25 years, most of the time in various roles at the East Boston Health Center. Congratulations!

RIGHT NOW WE MAY BE TRAPPED AT HOME BUT ...

At the moment we are all going stir crazy with the walls closing in on us, but it won’t be forever, and I’m hoping by late June some normalcy will return to our lives.

“HAPPY TOGETHER 2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20P1675EA
Estate of
GAETANO CRISCENZO
Date of Death: January 24, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 08, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/17/2020

TOUR” over at Lynn Auditorium is still scheduled for June 21st. Groups include: The Turtles, The Association, The Vogues, Mark Lindsay, and more. For more information go to: Lynnauditorium.com, or call 781-599-SHOW.

IT’S OVER AND OUT

Every time I drive through Uphams Corner in Dorchester, I get mad seeing so many shops and businesses who spell it as Upham’s Corner. There is no apostrophe in Uphams and never was.

So, I wasn’t surprised to hear that the Apostrophe Protection Society has called it quits ending an 18-year quest to rescue the much abused punctuation mark from decades of abuse. I clearly saw this coming as fewer and fewer of us know the correct use of the symbol, when to use it, when not to use it.

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Estate of
SARAI G. ZITTER
Date of Death: August 27, 2019
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Mark Zitter of Oakland, CA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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Run date: 04/17/2020

John Richards, 96, from the Society says the group did its best, but ignorance and laziness present in modern times has won. “Even this British society knew when to give up fighting for proper English.”

But I will remember to never forget Uphams Corner and Fields Corner, too.

SOLDIERS’ HOME CHIEF SAYS STATE KNEW ABOUT THE CRISIS

The suspended head of the Holyoke Soldiers’ Home where 32 veterans have now passed away of a coronavirus outbreak is now alleging state officials were made aware of the severity of the crisis earlier than the state claims.

“There has been widespread reports in the media that state officials were kept in the dark about what was happening at the Soldiers’ Home during the COVID-19 crisis,” the superintendent Bennett Walsh said in a statement released through his lawyer. “These reports are false. Of the 32 deaths at the facility, 28 veterans tested positive for coronavirus. The outbreak spread to 69 home residents and 68 staff members.”

Governor Baker in an April 8th press conference stated he was not notified of the deaths until March 29th. He added, “Since we were notified ... about the situation there, we moved quickly to install a new management team and a command center at the site the following morning.”

Walsh claims the state was notified on March 27th that 28 veterans exhibiting signs of the virus had been tested. Of the 13 results received, 10 tested positive.

Reportedly, there are now two probes looking into what happened, one appointed by the Governor and the other being run by the Feds. This is why no one anywhere in the media should be jumping to conclusions until all the facts assembled.

● SAVE THE DATE ●

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Louis Cavagnaro at 617-523-7410

Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



I remember a conversation with Babbonnonno when he was in his 90s. He had been living with my folks in Belmont and hated every minute of it. Back in East Boston, he could buy a couple of stogies, and a copy of this newspaper, but neither was available in Belmont. There was no Central Square where he could meet with other Italians, no store front social clubs like the ones he frequented in both Eastie and the North End. If he wanted to speak Italian, there was only my mother at home most of the day. When I asked him about his friends, his answer was, “Sono tutti morti.” (They are all dead) As I said, he was in his 90s, and I think his mid-90s, was when he moved back to East Boston.

Well, I’m getting to feel the same way. Thank God, I haven’t lost all my friends. Most are aging but are still with us. I’m getting to feel the same way because I am stranded in Florida and I “wanna go home.” I have yet to see my new grandson, Nathan, other than on *Facetime*. Son Michael returned from Hollywood a couple of weeks ago and has quarantined himself before he goes near his brother, John, or his family. John is working from home, as is most everyone who commutes to downtown Boston. Fortunately, he can perform his duties on computer.

Loretta and I are staying home and can’t really do anything. The only places open are gas stations, drug stores, supermarkets, and dollar stores that sell food. Thinking of gas stations, I saw one with a price of \$1.65 9/10s for regular. That’s pretty good, but I don’t know the prices back home. My bocce team has disbanded for the duration. My cigar crowd has disbanded for the duration. My card game has disbanded for the duration and if we want to eat out, we can’t. Last night we were in the mood for real down-home southern ribs. I went to a soul food restaurant and had to order from my car window yelling through a microphone. When I reached a takeout window, my order was ready. I felt like I was at McDonald’s, not Troy’s Barbecue. But, it’s the same everywhere down here. When I spoke to Dean Saluti and John Silva, they told me it’s the same back home ... no gatherings ... just take out or curb service.

I think that the most important aspect of the problem for us thus far is that, if we wanted to come home, we can’t. As a result, I think we will hang around until sometime in June, and then see what the climate is regarding the coronavirus is like then. I could make a prediction, but I’ve been wrong so far. Therefore, I’ll keep my mouth shut.

The one thing I’m attending is physical therapy. The location is still open and I am in the gym one day a week and the pool two days a week. As a result of the scare, I am one of the few people still active at the therapy

center. Due to their efforts, I am now walking without the assistance of a cane. I keep one in the car just in case, but so far, I haven’t needed it. I feel bad for my wife, John Silva and Dean Saluti. All three are still teaching at Cambridge College and everything is now on line. When you can’t face students in a classroom, it’s a whole different ballgame. Dean is actually teaching at several colleges and it is the same thing ... courses on line.

Other than writing my next book, *Nanna and Babbonnonno*, I am arranging music. I bought an electric piano and use it for putting music together for the trio I am part of here in Florida. It consists of piano, guitar and bass guitar (me). I have a book with about 1,000 songs from the turn of the 20th century to the 1950s and am arranging medleys of two to three tunes that are familiar to everyone over 50. I have even thrown in a couple of arrangements from the tunes made popular by Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Glenn Miller, and Benny Goodman. I hope we get to try them out before I come home.

Son Michael is home, as I mentioned already. He insists that we stay here until it’s safe to travel. Optimistically, I think we’re (stuck) here until sometime in June. When I get back, the first place I am going to visit (for dinner) is La Summa’s, on Fleet Street in the North End. Barbara Summa makes the dishes I like just the way Nanna used to make them and I can hardly wait. The second place I want to hit is my favorite Chinese restaurant, and that is in Arlington Heights. They try hard down here, but Chinese food in Florida leaves a lot to be desired. Actually, being a purist when it comes to Chinese food, the only places that have the best restaurants are Boston, New York, and San Francisco ... that’s it.

After I have my fill of Italian and Chinese food, I want to drive my antique cars. I have three of them and they are just collecting dust until I get home. Bill Strachman of Allston Custom Garage has put my everyday car in perfect working order, and I can’t wait to get behind the wheel to test it out. We keep a 10-year-old Chrysler convertible down here, but I miss my antique toys, an old Lincoln with suicide doors, a Thunderbird, and a Mercedes Benz 450 SL, with a big engine. I was thinking of shipping one or more down to Florida, but I don’t have a garage, and without one, I may have a rust bucket on my hands in short order. Those old cars are all metal and the tropical climate and old metal don’t get along.

Don’t get me wrong, I’m not complaining. I just wanted to let you know what’s going on. As a result of not being able to eat out, Loretta has been cooking dinner, something she really hasn’t had time to do since the boys were home, and that’s a long time ago. As long as she

stays healthy I won’t worry, but, in reality, I am worried about this virus. I pray that it doesn’t spread and include members of my family. I think most, if not all of you, feel the same way.

I remember stories I heard from Babbonnonno and Dad about the influenza epidemic that hit the U.S. in 1918. It was called the H1N1 virus and killed 50 million worldwide and 675,000 in United States, including my father’s younger sister. The virus came to an end and both sides of my family survived except Dad’s younger sister as I indicated earlier.

We were going to take a cruise last week with some friends. We had planned to head through the Panama Canal, then back to visit Colombia and the Dutch West Indies island of Aruba. All of that was postponed until next winter. Loretta was refunded the cost of the trip and had a new patio built out back. It’s gorgeous and I love sitting out in the sunshine, hopefully staying healthy. If I begin to perspire, Loretta will have to squirt the garden hose on me ... they closed the pool, too. Stay healthy.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

LEGAL NOTICE

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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:

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- 2010 JEEP PATRIOT**
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- 2010 NISSAN ALTIMA**
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- 2014 FORD MUSTANG**
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The above vehicles will be sold at public auction at **TODISCO TOWING** 94 Condor Street, E. Boston

MAY 2, 2020 at 9:00 AM

Run dates: 04/17, 04/24, 05/01, 2020



by
Marianna Bisignano



Torta della Nonna, or Grandmother’s Cake is considered an old-fashioned classic in Italy. With strong connections to Tuscany, this short-crust lemon custard tart can be found in patisseries and restaurants across the land. Its name may suggest it originated in a Nonna’s kitchen, but it did not. Reportedly, it was a Florentine chef named Guido Samorini who initially created the *Torta della Nonna*. Patrons in his restaurant loved it, and the recipe has since lived on. It’s a dessert that’s impressive enough to be served in a restaurant, and simple enough to make at home. Its comforting effect makes it feel as though the loving hands of a Nonna created it.



I am sharing my family’s recipe for *Torta della Nonna* this week in remembrance of my own Nonna Mary. She was 97 years old when she left us, and if she were still here April 15th, would have been her 100th birthday. Without her beautiful Sicilian soul, I wouldn’t have recipes to share, nor the skills to put them together. My Nonna was an amazing cook and baker, and from a little girl she taught me everything I know. I remember making apple squares with her from apples we picked in the yard, rolling gnocchi on the tines of a fork, and even taking homemade wine and creating wine biscuits. Italian Nonna’s are truly gifts that come from above. Even when the day comes that they are no longer with us, they never really leave, their legacy carries on and they live forever in our hearts. *Ricordando mia nonna con amore ...*

GRANDMOTHER’S CAKE

Torta della Nonna

SHORTCRUST

3 cups ’00 or all-purpose flour
14 tablespoons cold butter, cut into pieces
2 eggs, room temperature
2/3 cup sugar
Zest of 1 organic lemon

CUSTARD

3 cups whole milk
Peel of 1 organic lemon
3 eggs, and 1 egg yolk, room temperature
1 ¼ cup sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla
¼ cup corn starch
3 tablespoons ’00 or all-purpose flour
4 ounces pine nuts
Powdered sugar

To make crust, place flour and butter in food processor, pulse until well combined. Pour mixture onto a dough board, make a well in center and add eggs, sugar, and lemon zest. Mix by hand to form dough, wrap in plastic wrap, and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

To make custard, place milk and lemon peel in a medium saucepan, simmer until almost boiling. At the same time, in a large mixing bowl, crack eggs and egg yolk, add sugar, vanilla, and beat well. While beating, sift in corn starch and flour. Remove pan of milk from heat, discard lemon peel. Add a little bit of the hot milk to the egg mixture, while whisking. Place pan of milk back on stove, add entire egg mixture to the pan of milk and whisk while cooking on low to medium heat. Continue whisking for about 10-15 minutes, or until custard thickens. Remove from heat, place custard in heat-proof bowl, cover with plastic wrap, and cool at room temperature.

Grease and flour a 9 1/2 or 10 inch fluted tart mold with removable bottom, set aside. Preheat oven to 325°. Remove dough from refrigerator, cut in half and roll into two circles. Take one circle and press into prepared tart pan. Prick the bottom of the dough with a fork, add the cooled custard. Take the other circle of dough and completely place over top of tart or cut dough into lattice strips (as I prefer to do) and place over top of custard. Sprinkle with pine nuts and bake in preheated oven for about 45-50 minutes (if you notice edges of crust start to darken, cover with foil). Raise heat to 350° and bake an additional 10-15 minutes, or until golden colored, and custard appears set. Cool completely, sprinkle with powdered sugar and serve. Refrigerate leftovers.

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

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Docket No. MI20P1574EA

Estate of
JOAN B. CRANE
Date of Death: February 07, 2020
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

William G. Crane of Somerville, 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: 04/17/2020

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Docket No. MI20P1529EA

Estate of
DOROTHY T. BENEDETTI
Date of Death: July 06, 2018
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Michael P. Benedetti of Malden, MA**.

Michael P. Benedetti of Malden, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Docket No. MI20P1679EA

Estate of
STANLEY G. BURTON
Date of Death: February 17, 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 **Kathleen Arnold of Milford, 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 **Kathleen Arnold of Milford, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of May 06, 2020.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 08, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/17/2020

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Docket No. MI20P1674EA

Estate of
KAREN M. SMITH
Date of Death: February 12, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Victoria M. Smith of Washington, DC** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Victoria M. Smith of Washington, DC** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 08, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/17/2020

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

Bounce Back
Won't Be Pretty

According to Andrew Stuttaford at *National Review*, magazine “The damage inflicted on the economy (by COVID -19) is not going to be easily undone. Even if parts of the economy are turned back on, it would take a while for them to return to any approximation of business as usual.”

Seventy percent of GDP is consumer spending and people out of work will see their savings evaporate and push many into further debt. Lifestyle changes will result in people most likely traveling less, without a vaccine going out dining less, etc. Without a vaccine, life will feel less safe for much time to come.

Saying this, I was surprised to hear that some Federal Reserve researchers believe when a pandemic strikes it doesn't necessarily hurt the economy and things could get better faster when the threat decreases. The study looked at the 1918 Spanish Flu epidemic in making its conclusion, but is not yet endorsed by the Federal Government.

What is your opinion on this? Are those who say there could be a quick \$\$\$ bounce-back correct?

Government Tracking On
Safe Distancing?

According to news reports, the Federal Government is

reportedly in talks with Big Tech over the use of location data on smart-phones to track how well we are self-isolating and keeping proper social distancing to fight the coronavirus pandemic.

Don't believe me? Just read the latest report from the Justice Department Inspector General into the abuse of FISA-Court application to spy on American citizens to see that surveillance measures begun to protect us post-9/11 have seemingly morphed into possible weapons of Government control. As many have often said, “The road to tyranny is often paved with good intentions.”

Happy Birthday Time

Francis Ford Coppola (81), John Oates (72), Jackie Chan (66).

Trump Looks Too Different

Normally, but remember these aren't normal times, voters consistently and systematically punish incumbents for conditions beyond their control. This is the way the Fake News Media keeps bashing the President. My favorite foil over on *MSNBC* Rachel Maddow keeps me busy. She just said, “I would stop putting those briefings on TV not out of spite but because it's misinformation.”

Oh God forbid; her being spiteful?

Real Encouraging Rx News

This is not fake news. Drug maker Pfizer recently stated that it is working on a treatment for coronavirus as well as a vaccine. The drug company says studies show a compound originally used to treat SARS has shown some potential in slowing this virus. The drug maker is also working with a

German company to develop a vaccine.

Bottom Line

It is critically important for all of us to stay informed about how to protect ourselves and our families but some folks like Rachel Maddow of *MSNBC* seem to care more about getting the President than our health and well being.

With all of us eager to know as much as possible, the daily Coronavirus Task Force updates are enjoying enormous TV ratings on par with “Monday Night Football,” says none other than the *NY Times*.

Sadly, it is not just the fake news media but politicians, too. There's a progressive political action committee with a new ad featuring U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley slamming Trump. In this 30-second ad, she says, “It's reckless and irresponsible and it is already costing people lives.”

I tell you when *CNN* and *MSNBC* cut away from these televised updates which announce new CDC guidelines, that is what is really reckless and irresponsible. These fakers can't even get out of their own way and realize it isn't about them. It's about all of us.

End Quotes

“To walk and bump into nobody, try the cemeteries.”
— Howard Stern
(Stern hasn't left his home but suggests cemeteries if you need to get out.)

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Date of Death: February 14, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

The Petitioner requests that **Michael Kelleher of Watertown, 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 May 06, 2020.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 08, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/17/2020

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Docket No. MI20P1671EA

Estate of
MARIE C. DAHL
Date of Death: February 11, 2020
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

Linda Dahl of Cambridge, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Docket No. MI20P1677EA

Estate of
ENRICO SABATINO PALMERINO
Also Known As
ENRICO PALMERINO
ENRICO S. PALMERINO
Date of Death: December 10, 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 **JoAnn N. Bourassa of Tewksbury, 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 **JoAnn N. Bourassa of Tewksbury, 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 May 06, 2020.

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Docket No. MI19P1762PM

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A CONSERVATOR

In the Interests of
DOROTHY BENINATI
of Natick, MA

RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by MetroWest Medical Center of Natick, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court Expand the powers of a Conservator of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **April 24, 2020**. 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: March 27, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/17/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **O'Shea's Towing Service, 15 Speedway Avenue, Allston, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of MA G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicle on or after **May 02, 2020 beginning at 10:00 am** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicle is being stored at O'Shea's Towing Service.

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Brendan O'Shea, Owner
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Docket No. MI09P4585EA2

Estate of
ARIS E. MANOLOULES
Date of Death: September 30, 2009

CITATION ON GENERAL PROBATE PETITION

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by **Theresa K. Capobianco, Esq. of Northborough, MA** requesting counsel fees pursuant to GL c. 215, sec. 39A, 39B and 45 from Thomas Christopoulos.

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 May 08, 2020.

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 08, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/17/2020

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Docket No. MI19P5958EA

Estate of
CHARLES KHALIL ARBEELY
Date of Death: July 15, 2019

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Charles A. Arbeely of Wilmington, MA**.

Charles A. Arbeely of Wilmington, 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: 04/17/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 539A, that on **May 2, 2020 at 10AM**, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

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Great Neck, NY 11024

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Patrick Moore
64 Garfield Ave.
Woburn, MA 01801

2009 GMC SIERRA, BLUE
Vin: 1GTEK29029Z107848
Daniel Gelardi
660 Weston Rd.
Manchester, NH 03102

Run dates: 04/10, 04/17, 04/24, 2020

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Docket No. MI20P1647EA

Estate of
DENISE G. ABBOTT
Date of Death: March 09, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kenneth Derboghiosian of Stoneham, 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 **Kenneth Derboghiosian of Stoneham, 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 May 05, 2020.

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

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 07, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/17/2020

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Docket No. MI20P1673PM

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G. L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

In the matter of
MARY M. CASSIDY
of Winchester, MA

RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Aberjona Nursing & Rehabilitation Center of Winchester, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Mary M. Cassidy** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Kimberly L. Kelly of Stoneham, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

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 13, 2020**. 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.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 08, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/17/2020



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Thinking About Sports,
That's Not All Folks!

Until we were mowed down by the Coronavirus outbreak, I never realized how many distractions we have in our lives that in the end are pretty meaningless.

I keep hearing people say they can't wait for the baseball season to actually start. I've come to the conclusion that Major League Baseball isn't gonna happen. When I keep hearing ideas like all 30 teams playing all their 2020 season games, whatever the number, all in Arizona, I wonder what people are drinking.

Forget about the NBA or NHL coming back for playoff games. Not gonna happen either. I am actually worried about the upcoming NFL season if you ask me.

I can't believe how many sports fans are so hooked on sports radio shows or TV sports channels like *ESPN*, *NFL Channel* or *MLB Network*, etc. ... too many people are having a difficult time without sports to take our minds off the obvious, which is a virus that puts everything else in our life in perspective.

I know too many sports fans who are listening to sports radio every waking hour of the day. They can't seem to live without so much useless chatter. I think we know why sports leagues want to bring back sports as

soon as possible, it isn't about fans, its' about lost revenue. The only thing that matters is money and they are crying over all the lost revenue disappearing every day, which is why sports radio just keeps shooting blanks endlessly all the time as if anything they say has any relevance in our real world today.

I feel really sad for those sports fans out there that need their daily fix of all the malarkey they are listening to on the FM radio dial or their numerous podcasts.

Watching a baseball game today is really not that important when so many people are dying or taking great risks trying to help them recover.

Our real heroes don't hit home runs or pitch shutouts, they are the doctors, nurses, and all those working in our hospitals fighting to keep people alive. They are the real heroes out there. Along with all the first responders who do their jobs because, that's what they do.

As a retired police officer (28 years) and a mental health counselor on an acute psych unit (6 years), I salute everyone who goes to work every day trying to help keep people alive. Baseball, hockey, basketball, football are games, and it's Game Over for a while!

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Docket No. MI20P1689EA

Estate of
ALICE LOUISE COAKLEY
Also Known As
ALICE D. COAKLEY
Date of Death: February 25, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

The Petitioner requests that **Paul J. Coakley of Winchester, 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 May 07, 2020.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 09, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/17/2020

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Docket No. MI20P1445EA

Estate of
RONALD C. SLAGER, SR.
Also Known As
RONALD SLAGER
Date of Death: February 22, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Nancy E. Arnold of Norwood, 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 **Nancy E. Arnold of Norwood, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 07, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/17/2020

Boxing




Ringside

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HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Sports Have Been Canceled
But There is Still Plenty to Watch



Skeeter McClure

I recently read an essay in the *Wall Street Journal* by Joseph Epstein where he was lamenting the fact that due to COVID-19 sports had been canceled. Mr. Epstein, an avid sports fan, wrote that he hadn't realized how much of a loss this was going to be for him.

I have a suggestion for Mr. Epstein and for others who are suffering the effects of sports withdrawal; go to *Youtube* and watch boxing. I have called *Youtube* the Smithsonian Institution of Boxing, and it is more so with each passing day as more and more footage of fights have been added to the collection that already is on there.

You can start by watching some of the great fights of the past such as the first Joe Louis vs Billy Conn fight. Did Conn actually lose the fight because he decided to go toe to toe with Joe, or had Louis worn him down so he was able to finally catch him and end the fight?



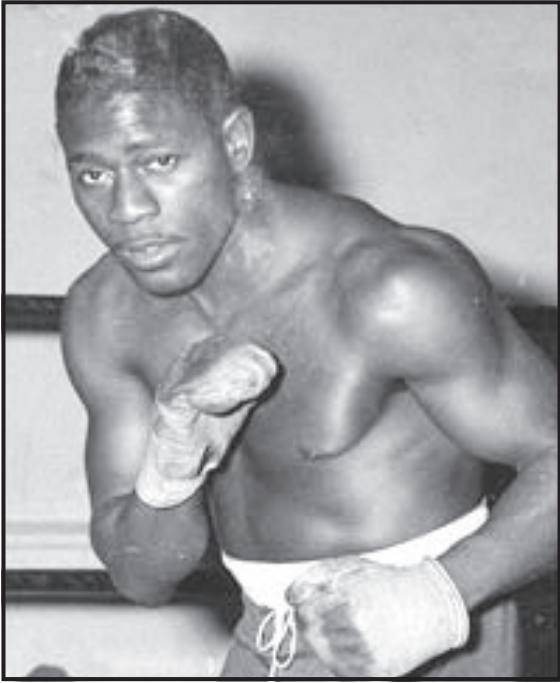
Chico Vejar

While watching the Hagler/Leonard fight keep score and see who you think won the fight. With the years having passed it is easier to view a controversial fight such as this one with less emotion. Whether you were a fan of Sugar Ray or Marvelous Marvin, you might be surprised at how you score the outcome now.

What makes these so enjoyable to watch over and over again is the fact that you see new things each time you watch them. Boxing matches, being an art form, are like viewing great paintings, or watching a play written by Shakespeare. You may think you have figured these things out, but suddenly you are struck by something you hadn't picked up on before and your opinion changes. There is so much subtlety involved.

I have probably watched the first Ali/Frazier fight over a hundred times, and it wasn't until recently that I noticed something about the knock-down in the 15th round. I had always been amazed at how quickly Ali was able to get back up after being hit such a brutal punch square on the jaw. While viewing it again last year I noticed something I had not picked up on before; Ali turned his head just as the Joe's left hook was landing. He rolled with the punch, and while it was still a devastating blow, Muhammad greatly lessened the severity of it by moving his head just as the hook made contact with his jaw. Now, I understand how he was able to rise so quickly.

There are hundreds of great fights that are well



George Benton

known to all boxing fans and many of these fights have some controversy surrounding them that make for great discussions. There is also a whole other group of fights that can feed the thirst for watching competition during this drought. These are fights you can watch where you don't know the outcome and are great matchups between highly skilled professionals. Many of them are the old Friday Night Fights that have been preserved as originally broadcast.

Go to *Youtube* and do a search for names such as Holly Mims, George Benton, Henry Hank, Florentino Hernandez, Gaspar Ortega, Chico Vejar, Skeeter McClure, Blair Richardson, Joey Archer, and so many others.

I recently watched the non-title match between Stan Kitten Haywood and the reigning Welterweight



Blair Richardson

Champion Curtis Cokes that was broadcast from the Blue Horizon in Philadelphia. What an outstanding bout this was, and even though it took place in 1964 it will have you on the edge of your seat still. I won't spoil it for you by telling you the outcome, but I can assure you, you will enjoy watching it.

Another favorite of mine is the George Benton vs Johnny Smith fight from 1963. It is an excellent performance of a fighter calmly setting up his opponent for a knockout. Benton is brilliant.

We are all very familiar with Tony DeMarco's fights against Carmen Basilio, but there are a number of other bouts involving Tony that can be seen on *Youtube*. His title winning performance against Johnny Saxton, as well as bouts against Johnny Cesario, Chico Vejar, and Eddie Connors.

The fights I have mentioned are just a tiny fraction of what you can watch on *YouTube*. So if you find yourself sitting at home getting bored and wishing there was a good fight coming up on television, don't fret, there is plenty to watch. Cook up some popcorn and take a trip back to those thrilling days of yesteryear when boxing ruled Friday nights.

One doesn't hear it as much anymore. Perhaps once a year at most.

It has a long legacy but over the course of the most recent decade, few children have heard it very often. It is, of course, the chant, the cheer, the call that once resounded through the Garden on a regular basis — "Beat L.A."

Its origins date back to when the famed Minneapolis Lakers, following the example of baseball's Brooklyn Dodgers, pulled up their Midwestern stakes and moved west, away from the frozen winter land of Minnesota to the warm sunshine of southern California and its principal city, Los Angeles.

And the Lakers top draft pick in the 1960 NBA draft went with them. In a way, maybe it was his destiny. After all, Jerry West had been writing that word all his life. Not only was West his family name, but he had grown up in West Virginia and had played his college ball at West Virginia University. In the 19th century, there was a saying: "Go west, young man, go west and grow up with the country." And in his own time, a century later, that is exactly what Jerome Alan West did.

But West didn't just go in that direction. He also went up. Soar is what he did. Physically, he was 6-3 but when he jumped, his hands went 16 inches above the rim, outstanding for a former college forward, now playing the guard position in the NBA. It was hard to believe that as a youngster, he actually had needed vitamin injections. Teamed with Elgin Baylor, success was on the way for the Lakers — to a point.

Although the two teams first met in the Finals in 1959, it was during his first decade with the team that the rivalry would take hold, put down its roots and grow strong. From 1962 to 1969, the Celtics and the Lakers would meet in the Finals six times and the Celtics would win them all — with three of those memorable series (1962, 1966, and 1969) going the full seven games.

In their first playoff matchup of the decade (1962), the Celtics and the Lakers would provide a preview. The teams split the first two games at the Garden. L.A. then won Game three in dramatic fashion when West stole the ball from Sam Jones and scored a winning basket at the buzzer.

However, it was Jones who would make the decisive plays that would give the Celtics the championship. For when the Lakers' Frank Selvy missed an eight-foot shot with seconds remaining in Game 7, it was Jones who blocked Baylor's tip-in attempt as time expired. And it was Jones who hit several baskets in overtime to give the Green and White the title.

The two teams were back at it again in the 1963 Finals, but West was not himself. While he had averaged 27.6 points, 7.0 rebounds, and 5.6 assists across 55 regular season games, he had missed

the final seven weeks of the regular season with a hamstring injury. The Celtics won in a deciding game 6 by a 112-109 count in the Los Angeles Sports Arena. It was Bob Cousy's final game of his Celtics career — and he went out a champion, throwing the ball high in the air in celebration as time expired.

In the 1965 NBA Finals, the rivalry resumed, but it was a somewhat lopsided affair this time with the C's claiming the crown by winning the series, 4-1. Baylor had suffered a knee injury in the first round of the playoffs. K.C. Jones was assigned to guard West in the first game and kept him down somewhat — to "only" 26 points. West came back with a 43-point performance in Game 2, but the Celtics still came out on top 129-123. West poured in 49 tallies as L.A. won Game 3, but the Celtics put the brakes on any hope of a comeback, winning what proved to be the final two games by wide margins. In the final quarter of Game 5, West went uncommonly cold, missing 14 of 15 shots.

The 1966 Finals became famous for what was stated, not how the games were played. After the Lakers took Game 1, legendary Celtics Coach Red Auerbach announced his intention to retire after the playoffs with star Bill Russell assuming the role of player-coach the following season. The Celtics won the next three games, L.A. captured the following pair to send the series to a seventh game. The C's raced out to a huge lead, held off a late L.A. rally and clinched the championship.

In 1968, the teams alternated victories for the first four games. The turning point was Game 5, which the Celtics won in overtime. The C's then closed out the Lakers in Game 6 124-109 for Bill Russell's first championship as a coach.

The year 1969 would not only close out the decade but also put a lid on the rivalry until the 1980s and the coming of the Larry Bird era. The series was memorable for what L.A. owner Jack Kent Cooke did. With the series tied at 3-3, he placed a notice on every seat in the L.A. Forum advertising a post-game victory celebration in the building.

The Celtics received a copy and the rest is history. Wilt Chamberlain, acquired from Philadelphia in the previous off-season by L.A., was injured early in Game 7 and never re-entered the contest, despite his pleading with the coaching staff. The Celtics won 108-106 and there was a celebration — 3,000 miles to the east in Boston.

West would go on to win a championship with the Lakers in 1972, and later coached the team for three years before becoming its general manager. The Celtics won two NBA championships in the 1970s. The rivalry with the Lakers would not resume until the 1980s.