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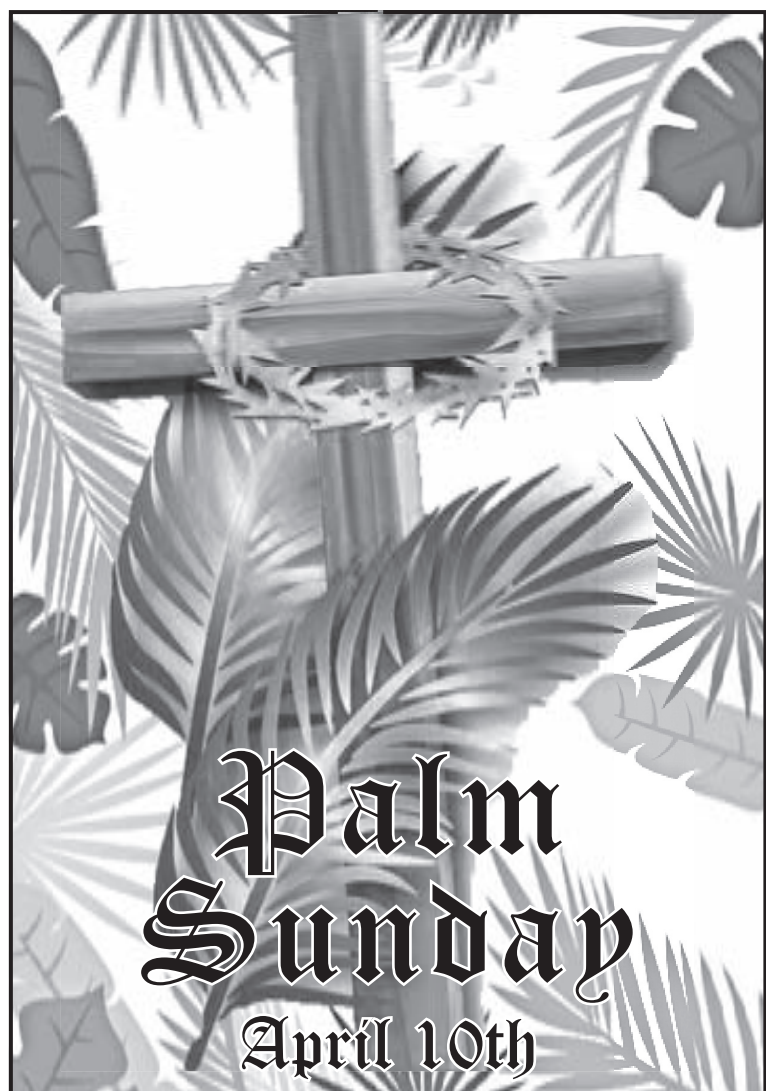
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Boston Public Garden Swan Boats Opening Day 2022

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department are pleased to announce that the popular Boston Swan Boats will open for the 2022 season at the Boston Public Garden lagoon on Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m.

Launched in 1877 by Irish immigrant and shipbuilder Robert Paget, the Swan Boats continue to be owned and operated by the Paget family. Mr. Paget designed the Swan Boats after attending the opera Lohengrin in New York City. At the end of the opera, the hero crosses a river in a boat drawn by a swan.

2022 marks the 145th season for the Swan Boats. The oldest and smallest boat in the fleet just celebrated its 112th season, while the newest was launched in 1993. The swan on today's boats is made from either copper or fiberglass, depending on the age of the boat, and encloses a paddle mechanism that is used to foot propel the boat through the water.



Fully loaded, each Swan Boat weighs three tons and is powered by the driver using a foot-propelled paddle wheel. The Swan Boats are built on oak framed pontoons sheathed in

copper just as they were initially constructed in 1877. After being stored in a safe place for the winter, the boats are returned to the Public Garden Lagoon each spring.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

City Council Backs Wu on Protest Limits Ordinance

The Boston City Council has passed Mayor Michelle Wu's proposed ordinance that would ban the kind of early-morning protests that have targeted her and other local officials. The city council approved the measure by a 9-4 vote on March 30th, with perhaps its two most right and two furthest left members voting against the ordinance change. Casting the "No" votes were Frank Baker, Kendra Lara, Julia Mejia, and Erin Murphy. Baker and Murphy are two of the more conservative members on the council and said they opposed the move on free-speech grounds, and Lara and Mejia, two of the more progressive councilors, have said they too worried this could limit other protests.

Recently, on March 14th, Boston Police Sgt. Shana Cottone from the Boston First Responders Union stated, "Rights are not negotiable. Our rights to constitutionally demonstrate are not something that should be negotiated or legislated through ordinances."

Gentrification Destroying East Boston?

Pricey development continues to rapidly transforming East Boston, long known as a launching pad for immigrants, but has been constantly drawing more affluent white-collar workers and students. Over the last decade, luxury high rises have sprouted up along the once-industrial waterfront while broader upheaval has more quietly changed Eastie's interior — a surge of money, property values, and development activity that has the neighborhood's diverse working-class residents worried they won't be able to hang on much longer.

Biden Signs "Historic" Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Bill into Federal Law

On March 29th, the White House had Biden sign into law what he referred to as historic federal legislation. As

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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



THE CAESARS TWELVE



During the coming months, this column will present a concise history of our so-called “Twelve Caesars.” I believe that readers will find these articles very informative, especially those who have had no formal background in classical studies.

A study of all of the stories, events, and the characters associated with the rise and fall of the Roman Empire would be like reading an entire library, and would probably take a hundred years to fully understand and record its beauties. A capsule explanation divides the history of Classical Rome into three distinct periods: 1. The Regal Period (the legendary kings like Romulus, 753 to 510 B.C.; 2. The Republic (the time of the great Roman Senate, ending with the death of Julius Caesar), 510 to 27 B.C.; 3. The Empire (the period of Roman emperors starting with the great Augustus and ending with the pitiful Romulus Augustulus), 27 B.C. to 365 A.D.

During the period called the “Empire,” there were many good emperors like Nerva, Trajan, Hadrian, Antoninus Pius, and Marcus Aurelius. Unfortunately, along with the good, they also had to contend with the bad. There were rulers like Caracalla, who not only built one of the world’s largest bathtubs, but was also noted for his brutality; Heliogabalas, who was noted for his debauchery; and Commodus, the son of Marcus Aurelius, who was reported to have been the

most bloodthirsty and unruly emperor that has ever been recorded in all of history. Those of us who are in good health pay a daily tribute to the memory of this character.

Then there was Nero, the archenemy of all Christians, who was one of the cruelest, most depraved, and despotic emperors that ever ruled Rome. Finally, there was a “nut cake” named Caligula, who was just plain off his “Roman rocker.” His reign got off to a pretty good start, but the finish just defies description.

The name “Caesar” probably was originally derived from ancient Roman legends. Some say it came directly from the word “caedo,” meaning that the first bearer of the name was cut from his mother by “Caesarean operation.” Others derive the name from “Caesaries,” because the first Caesar was born with a full head of hair. Still others attach the name to “Caesius,” as applied to the color of the skin or eyes.

Caesar was the family name of Gaius Julius Caesar, and after his death the title of Caesar was given to all of the Roman emperors from Augustus to Hadrian. References are still being made to these 12 Caesars whose popular names, in chronological order, are: Julius Caesar, Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero, Galba, Otho, Vitellius, Vespasian, Titus, and Domitian.

NEXT WEEK:
The First Triumvirate

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Estate of
WILLIAM H. GODSON III
Also Known As
WILLIAM HOWARD GODSON III
Date of Death: December 21, 2021

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Juliet H. Godson of Newton, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Juliet H. Godson of Newton, 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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Estate of
ROBERT I. GREEN
Also Known As
ROBERT GREEN
Date of Death: November 13, 2021

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Bernard J. Green of Medford, MA**.

Bernard J. Green of Medford, 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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N.E.A.A. to Honor
Patricia Tanso-Romano
on Opening Day



The North End Athletic Association has announced that it will dedicate its 2022 Baseball Opening Day to Patricia Tanso-Romano for all of her years of service to the youth and families of the North End community. “For over 50 years Patricia has been working to provide programs and services to the youth and families in our neighborhood and continues to do so as part of the Nazzaro Center’s non-profit Board of Directors, and we are honored to recognize her at this event,” stated N.E.A.A.’s Baseball Coordinator Ralph Martignetti.

The N.E.A.A. will have a daylong event on Saturday, April 30th starting at 9:00 a.m., at Langone Park on Commercial Street, Boston with five baseball games throughout the day. There will be a BBQ, face painting, a balloon artist, and much more. First Pitch Ceremonies to honor Patricia will be at 1:15 p.m.

We hope everyone can join in with the N.E.A.A. and help us thank and celebrate all that Patricia has done for the North End community!

Registration for BCYF
Teen Summer Programming
— Now Open —
Over 300 Youth are able to Register
for Slots Across All Programming

Mayor Michelle Wu and Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) announced that registration has opened for a variety of summer teen programs. The programs are expected to run from Monday, July 11th through Friday, August 19th.

“As our City recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the perfect time for our younger residents to engage with their communities,” said Mayor Michelle Wu.

Boston teens can register for BCYF Snap Shot teen photography program, BCYF SuperTeens pre-employment program for young teens, and BCYF Girls Leadership Corps. More information on these programs can be found at www.boston.gov/departments/boston-centers-youth-families/summer-programs-and-events-bcyf.

“We are looking forward to providing these enriching and fun summer teen programs,” said Marta Rivera, Interim Commissioner of Boston Centers for Youth & Families.

BCYF Snap Shot Teen Photography program is a unique summer job program for ages 16 to 18, in partnership with the John Hancock MLK Summer Scholars Program. Teens receive a paycheck while participating in the program. This introduces participants to all aspects of photography. Led by a professional photographer, the program includes opportunities to conduct “photo shoots,” visits to museums and art galleries, digital photo editing lessons, online personal development workshops led by John Hancock, and opportunities to serve as a “staff photographer” for BCYF.

BCYF SuperTeens program teaches teens ages 13 and 14 life readiness and resiliency to help prepare them for their upcoming academic year and future employment. The program focuses on opportunities to enhance communication, collaboration, teamwork, and problem solving. The SuperTeens are mentored by BCYF staff throughout the summer, and they participate in both online workshops and in-person job shadowing activities that highlight employment skills. The SuperTeens also participate in weekly social and recreational activities, including a Learn to Row Crew program on the Charles River, neighborhood beautification projects throughout the city through the painting of murals, as well as visits to some of Boston’s museums and historical sites.


Participants earn a paycheck and they will also be provided with opportunities that encourage civic engagement and physical health and wellness.

BCYF Girls Leadership Corps (GLC) provides girls ages 11-14 with a variety of workshops and activities. Special pop-up guests will be invited to speak with the girls. Workshop topics will include self-defense with Girls LEAP, leadership skills, empowerment with the YW F.R.Y.E. program, Media Girls, Girl Scouts, and more. The Girls Leadership Corps girls will plan activities that Boston girls will be invited to register for including Girls Day Out, Girls Nights and various workshops and special activities.

Registration for summer programming will be available at www.boston.gov/departments/boston-centers-youth-families/summer-programs-and-events-bcyf.

These teen programs are in addition to many programs offered at BCYF community centers across the city. Registration for center programs can be found at Boston.gov/BCYF-Registration.

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We all miss you infinitely*

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April 2, 2021



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ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood
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Sponsors Meal for St. Patrick's Day



L-R: Julia Power, Acting Director, ABCD North End/West End NSC and Gisella di Paola, Senior Vice President Business Development Officer, Eagle Bank, and ABCD NE/WE NSC Advisory Board Member

The ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) extends its heartfelt appreciation to its friends at Eagle Bank for the generous sponsorship of a hot lunch for 50 of the ABCD North End/West End NSC's North End clients. The meal consisted of chicken and ziti and eggplant parmigiana prepared by Ristorante Saraceno and Nando, respectively. There were also festive green cupcakes. Gisella di Paola, Senior Vice President Business Development Officer of Eagle Bank and ABCD NE/WE NSC Advisory Board member, facilitated the donation. Supply chain issues sadly meant no corned beef and cabbage this year, and ongoing COVID-19



L-R: Johannah Malone, Fund Raising specialist for ABCD, Julia Power, Acting Director, ABCD North End/West End NSC, Michael Gekas and Ashley Scarlett, Sales and Service Associates of Eagle Bank.

restrictions prohibited eating lunch in the center's community room, so NE/WE NSC staff delivered the individually packaged lunches to residents. However, the current pandemic guidance does indicate that brighter days are ahead for all of us, hopefully making small gatherings possible in the not-too-distant future.

Many of the NE/WE NSC's seniors use the branch in the North End on Hanover Street. In pre-COVID times, Eagle Bank staff members were familiar faces at the drop-in center to donate sweets for a party or present a workshop on budgeting, financial goals, or scams. The NE/WE NSC looks forward to having Eagle Bank visit again once COVID-19 is behind us.

Thank you so much, Eagle Bank!

Open Letter to Winthrop Town Councilors . . .

Italian hate and stereotype is alive and well, as proven by Barbara Flockhart. Many of my friends reside in Winthrop and as all good citizens they are involved in local government. On Friday evening one of my Winthrop friends forwarded me the video from the council meeting 3/31/2022 with Councilor, Barbara Flockhart. It showed Barbara interviewing a candidate for Town Manager who happened to be of Italian heritage. Her question to him was "I spoke with several people in the town. Something that I heard from somebody that works closely with you is that you have a tendency to "Get Your Italian UP" when you get passionate."

To say I was shocked by her horrible stereotype of Italian gentlemen would be an understatement. I cried when I heard it and I had to play it again several times to make sure I really heard her degrading, ugly words. Her blatant disrespect towards Italians did not go unnoticed. I immediately thought of my own grandfather, John Patti, he came to this country when he was in his early 20's. Unfortunately, he had to endure ugly remarks. My grandfather was a kind gentle, calm man. I never saw him get angry. He along with my grandmother worked hard to build a business

in their home city of Waltham, Massachusetts. My uncle moved it to Sudbury where it expanded from furniture to lighting. Patti Brothers is still a thriving family owned business

Notice, I used the word angry, I did not say, "get his Italian up." Those words not only send an ignorant and racist message but categorize Italian gentlemen as thugs. I've thought about this now for days. I wonder if Barbara would have used those kinds of words to ask a Black or Hispanic man this same question. Clearly, someone as educated, gentle, and all-inclusive as Barbara should have been able to ask this question in a variety of ways. However, she chose to attack the Italian culture and the Italian man.

This type of hate has no place in society. I hope Barbara will not continue to tarnish the good name of Winthrop City Council and immediately submit her resignation. I also hope the City Council of Winthrop will apologize to the candidate and the Italian American people of Winthrop.

**Very respectfully yours,
Virginia (Papa) Gardner
Italian American Alliance
National Chapter - President**



Marathon Daffodils
to Pay Tribute to The Return of the
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Boston Marathon Daffodils to Bloom Again Marking its 9th Year

The Boston Marathon will run this year on Patriots Day, April 18th, 2022! Thousands of Marathon Daffodils will be distributed over the Patriots Day weekend to fill the City of Boston, to welcome runners, residents, visitors and workers for a celebration of Spring, and to the hospitals to thank frontline healthcare workers.

The blooms may be found at many public spaces including Audubon Circle, Kenmore Square, Back Bay, The Nike Store, The Newbury Hotel, Marathon Sports, and at the

Boston Athletic Association Marathon Finish line area and at the Marathon Memorial sites. Along the Esplanade and Emerald Necklace, at the "Make Way for Ducklings" statues, Charles Street, Post Office Square, along the **Seaport where the 20 Knots: Daffodil for Boston art installation is displayed sponsored by WS Development**, at the Christopher Columbus Park, Sam Adams Boston Tap Room at its Faneuil Hall Pub and in historic Charlestown, all will be in bloom.

Suffolk Downs is hosting Marathon Dash at The Track on April 16th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

There will be three 50-yard dash races for grades K-2, grades 3-5, and grades 6-8 followed by two mile runs for grades K-8

Boston resident Diane Valle founded the Marathon Daffodils, now in its ninth year, to honor the spirit of the Boston Marathon by delivering thousands of daffodils throughout Boston.

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L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Elation, Emotion and Easter Eggs: Holy Week in Italy

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



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

Holy Week begins this year on April 10th, which is Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem, when adoring crowds welcomed Him by waving palm branches in the air. Along with its religious significance, Palm Sunday remains attuned to the seasonal beat of spring, symbolically falling during the time of the year

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

For me, Holy Week has always meant Easter preparations, particularly those with an emphasis on the Italian traditions of my ancestors. My parents would reserve a day, usually Holy Saturday, for decorating eggs with my brother and me. Eggs have formed an integral part of Easter celebrations

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

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

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

THINKING
OUT LOUD



by Sal Giarratani

Are Hairstyles Getting Race Card Treatment, Too?

The Massachusetts legislature is dealing with a current piece of legislation that recently passed the House by a 155-0 vote banning discrimination based on hairstyles. According to our voices up on Beacon Hill, African American women have been victimized by hairdos forever by racist white people I guess. It is apparently about hair stylists who believe all hair isn’t equal.

As I read last week’s *Revere Advocate*, protective and natural hairstyles must be protected by law. I never knew this issue has been around and needs to be banned in Massachusetts. How many more people Mr. Speaker must be discriminated against before we free women’s hair from all these evil racists?

Sadly, the same thing is happening now on Capitol Hill with the U.S. House supporting the Crown Act as the same thing as H.4554 here in our state. Aren’t there enough real issues to fix without looking for things?

I do not support discrimination of natural hair. Never have and never will, but is a law really necessary to stop it? State Rep. Jessica Giannino added, “Hair is part of our identity and culture ... especially women of color.”

People with hair, myself included, like cutting their hair as they wish. I didn’t know we had the hair police now patrolling society looking for bad hair to cut.

Why do our elected representatives on Capitol Hill and Beacon Hill keep trying to find new ways to divide us from one another? I am a substitute teacher in a nearby public school system and I have seen every hairdo out there on

students regardless of race. Different styles and every color possible.

I didn’t know we had the hair police out there patrolling our streets and arresting people for the crime of bad hair. Aren’t there more important things out there needing attention? Inflation? Crime? Schools? Gas prices?. Housing ? etc.?

I’m sure there are incidents in some schools over student haircuts and styles, but can’t this be resolved without the need for a new law or making attacks on hair a hate crime now.

Listen, I have nine, yes, nine nieces or great-nieces who are mixed race and all of them have worn at one time or another all kinds of hairstyles and don’t remember any of them ever getting flack over any of their dos. Their hair was their business and remains their business. Not my business and not anyone else’s.

I was a police officer for 28 years who loved keeping his good Italian hair a bit long. I was often asked to cut it shorter but never did. I told my supervisors, I do my job and I do it well. Stop looking at my hair. Remember, you don’t always need to create a new law to fix something like a hair request.

They can tell you in the service how to cut your hair. I so hated those military crewcuts and felt my head was naked .I don’t care if you have braids or dreadlocks like Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, an Afro like Angela Davis back in the day, or shave your head like U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley. Your hair should be your private business, but do we need a law to make it so?

Please don’t treat us like babies.

ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) Seeking Advisory Board Members

The ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) has several openings for new advisory board members and also a member who will serve as a neighborhood representative for the ABCD Board of Directors.

The NE/WE NSC provides social services and educational services for those in need, which is primarily the elderly of the North End, West End, and Beacon Hill, along with families.

Advisory board duties include attending four 90-minute meetings a year (October, January, April, July), which are virtual at present, as well as providing oversight and advice to the center.

Responsibilities for the neighborhood representative include those of an advisory board member plus a virtual monthly meeting with the ABCD Board of Directors. The neighborhood representative must live in the North End or West End.

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Introducing a new book by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari,
lifelong residents of the North End, entitled:
Four Women “Quattro Donne”
subtitle, **A North End Love Story**

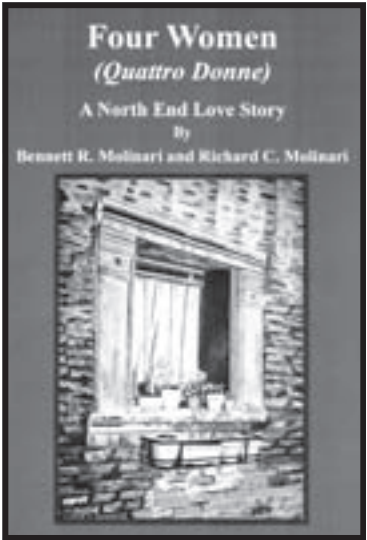
In the next few weeks this column will feature excerpts from this book.

CHAPTER 74
Opening Night of the
Saint Francis Feast
(continued)

Elena, knowing they over-stayed their welcome, kissed Grandma on the cheek, and wished her a “Buona Festa (Good Feast).

Elena was about to take her leave, when shouting at the far end of Garden Court Street caught everyone’s attention. Elena’s kids descended on another table and were picking it clean. It was Regina Romano hollering at the top of her lungs for Elena’s kids to stop eating. Then came the inevitable remark, “You are a bunch of *cafoni*, go back to East Boston!” This was too much for Elena. She shouted, “Lucia, *buona festa!*” and quickly made her way down the street to Regina Romano’s table. Regina was in for it.

It was six o’clock in the evening when Anthony, Bobby, Charlie, and Pietro appeared at Grandma’s table. Mom, Auntie Stella and Auntie Angie were



serving the neighbors, when the four of us appeared at the table to have supper on the street. Grandma, immediately cut slices of bread out of a Scala loaf and filled them with egg-plant parmesan. Handing one to each of us, she simply said, “Mangia, mangia, mangia.” As usual, Grandma’s eggplant was delicious. Anthony, Bobby, and Charlie gulped down the sandwiches, but Pietro didn’t have

much of an appetite. Grandma kept urging him to eat, when she couldn’t get anywhere with him, she turned to Mom, knowing she had a special relationship with him. “Carmela, tell Pietro to eat. The food is good.” “Pietro, listen to Mama, you have to eat.” Pietro reluctantly took a couple of bites but didn’t seem to have much of an appetite. It was obvious to everyone, he was thinking of Carla. Grandma was about to urge Pietro once more, when he interrupted and said, “Aunt, I’m not hungry. I feel like spending some time in church.” “But Pietro, you hardly had a thing to eat,” Grandma responded. “Aunt, I’ll be back, but for now, I would like to spend some time in church.”

As Pietro turned and walked in the direction of the church, Grandma cast a worried look at Mom, who then turned to her sisters as if to say, “What should we do?” Not a word was spoken, and the four women continued to serve the guests who came to their tables the rest of the evening.

Four Women “Quattro Donne” A North End Love Story, is available at R. Del Gaudio Gift Shop, 17 North Square North End (617-227-5915), adjoining Paul Revere House; Post-Gazette; Saint Francis Book Store and Gift Shop at Saint Leonard Peace Garden; lulu.com; molinaridesign.net; Amazon.com; and Barnes and Noble.com. Bookshop.org; Barbara’s Bestsellers, South Station (857-263-8737); Greetings from Boston, Faneuil Hall.

**Pastor David and Beth Wenrich
of Boston Harbor Community Church Resigns**

Boston Harbor Community Church, located at 9 Salutation St., announces the resignation of Pastor David and Beth Wenrich on May 29, 2022. The Wenrichs arrived in the North End in November of 2006 and fell in love with the neighborhood, its people, the culture, and the church. During their 15+ years in the community their impact has been astounding; people’s lives have changed, miracles have happened, and many needs have been met in extraordinary ways, through their consistent and persistent love and outreach. We like to affectionately say, there are two Boston Harbor ‘churches’ in the North End - one inside the building and one outside the building. Pastor Dave and Beth are beloved members of the community and have served their neighbors with devotion, integrity, joy, and authenticity.

Please join us in wishing them a fond farewell as an expression of our appreciation on May 29th following the 10:30 a.m. service.

All are welcome. Inquiries or Comments may be directed to info@bostonharbor.cc



*Ukranian Tree Memorial
at Christopher Columbus Park*

Meredith Piscitelli has come up with a plan for us, as a neighborhood, to stand in solidarity and compassion with the people of Ukraine. A tree has been designated for this purpose near the Richmond Street entrance of Christopher Columbus Park. Young and old, please put on your thinking caps. Stop by the park to see the tree and add your personal messages and decorations to it. Use your imagination. Design some blue and yellow creations and hang them on the tree! All are welcome.

Nazzaro Center April School Vacation Activities

Three great events she will be running for April School Vacation. To sign up, please go to bcyf.perfectmind.com. For more information you can email Laurie directly at laurie.delia@boston.gov.

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Ages 9-12

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH
Wizard of Oz Wheelock Family Theater
Meet at Nazzaro at 11:00 a.m.
Return to Nazzaro at 4:45 p.m.
Cost: \$23.00
Bring Lunch

Ages 6-9
10 Kids
Transportation: MBTA
FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND
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Movie TBD
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• **Marathon Daffodils** (Continued from Page 3)

The Marathon Daffodils collaborates with hundreds of generous donors and volunteers who donate their money, time and energy to add a cheerful display of yellow daffodils to welcome runners, visitors, and residents. “Come take a walk around the city to see the beautiful, cheerful, yellow Marathon Daffodils; enjoy our great City of Boston and celebrate this Spring tradition.” adds Valle.

“Marathon Daffodils is a way to remember those who lost their lives; to acknowledge those who suffered injuries and those who rushed to their aid as well as to signify the resilience and strength of our entire Boston Strong community,” says Matthew J. Piscitelli, co-owner of Olson Greenhouse that grows the Marathon Daffodils.

“The Marathon Daffodils is our way of offering a living symbol of Hope, Spring, and Rebirth.” says Clive Olson, Jr., Vice-President of The Marathon Daffodils. “It is especially important after experiencing two challenging years of COVID.”

In October of 2021, more than 25,000 Dutch Master daffodil bulbs were imported from Holland, planted in 5,000 pots, and put into a massive cooler at Olson Greenhouse, Raynham, MA. Three weeks before Marathon Weekend, the bulbs are removed from the cooler, ending their winter-long hibernation, beginning their life as a Boston Strong Marathon Daffodil.

On Friday morning, April 15th, 2022, volunteers’ trucks will be loaded with daffodils while teams of volunteers gather at a dozen locations throughout the City of Boston, to receive and deliver the Marathon Daffodils to greenspaces and locations.

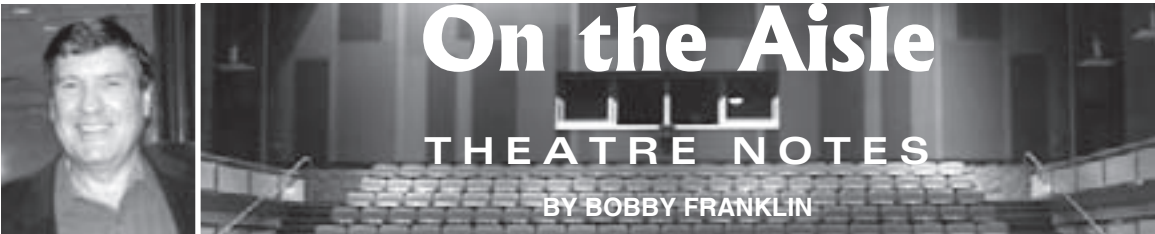
Marathon Daffodils is supported by the generosity of numerous donors, neighbors, friends, members of Garden Club Federation, members of Garden Clubs, Massachusetts Master Gardeners, businesses and individuals.

Donate to Marathon Daffodils <https://www.marathondaffodils.org/donate/>
Bonus!!!! Watch the award-winning documentary trailer The Path of the Daff <https://vimeo.com/329958193>

**ABOUT
PATH OF THE DAFF
Directed Boston native
Michael Piscitelli
<https://www.instagram.com/pathofthedaff/?hl=en>**

The city faced with unimaginable tragedy rallies around a most unlikely hero. A timeless story about healing and finding purpose in life. There is no road map for living through a traumatic event. It’s different for everyone who experiences it, and at some point, it’s something we all go through. Feeling lost, hopeless, and depressed comes with the territory, as if no other person in the world could understand your pain. This is a story of a community finding meaning when their lives are forever altered. In the wake of the 2013 bombings, Boston blooms again on Patriot’s Day with its newest tradition — the Boston Marathon Daffodils. One man with a camera and an editing system follows one daffodil bulbs adventure from the soil in the Netherlands, across the Atlantic, into a MA greenhouse, and onto the finish line of the Boston Marathon. A Zen story of purpose, healing, community, and love, as told by the people who experience it. Everything has a journey.

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Boston Lyric Opera Presents
The Gripping True Story of Emile Griffith is Told in
“Champion: An Opera in Jazz”

From the Grammy- and Pulitzer Prize-winning, Oscar-nominated Team of Composer
Terence Blanchard and Librettist Michael Cristofer

Boston Lyric Opera returns to first full staging in a theater since 2019



Brian Major

The true story of six-time world champion prizefighter Emile Griffith is told in Boston Lyric Opera’s (BLO) new production of *Champion: An Opera In Jazz* by Grammy Award-winning composer Terence Blanchard (*Fire Shut Up in My Bones*), with a libretto by Pulitzer Prize winner Michael Cristofer. The contemporary opera is brought to the stage by acclaimed theater director Timothy Douglas and award-winning conductor Kwamé Ryan, and will be presented for three performances on May 18th, 20th and 22nd at the Emerson Cutler Majestic Theater.

Champion chronicles Griffith’s sweeping life story, from his beginnings in the Virgin Islands to his athletic success in America, through passionate love affairs and a tragedy that changed his life. The story is told as memories from an older Emile with dementia who is on a journey to redeem himself from the fight that left his opponent Benny “Kid” Paret dead.

Champion’s story alternates between the story of the physically strong yet gentle Young Emile, who finds success in St. Thomas as a women’s hat maker with a raucous social life before being recruited by an American boxing promoter, and an older Emile whose post-boxing life includes a long-time male companion who helps him navigate mental and physical decline, and a search for redemption.

Griffith’s rise as a champion athlete ran parallel with his complex personal life; he married a woman, had sexual relationships with men, and openly frequented gay bars in 1960s New York. Whispers about Griffith became public when his opponent Benny “Kid” Paret taunted him in front of the media at a pre-match weigh-in. Enraged, Griffith dominated



Markel Reed

Paret in a brutal fight, landing a rapid series of 17 blows that ended the match and put Paret in a coma. Paret died of a brain injury soon after.

“The story of *Champion* is one of a desire to find a sense of belonging,” says Acting Stanford Calderwood General & Artistic Director Bradley Vernatter. “The details may be unique to Emile Griffith, but it is the story of many. Terence Blanchard’s score is a mix of styles, one that is uniquely American, and reveals the warmth of Emile’s story, and the complexities of his life.”

The cast of *Champion: An Opera in Jazz* includes returning artists and company debuts:

Brian Major (playing Emile Griffith) who makes his BLO debut;

Markel Reed (Young Emile) who makes his BLO debut;

Tichina Vaughn (Emelda Griffith, Emile’s mother) who makes her BLO debut;

Chabrelle L. Williams (Cousin Blanche/Sadie Griffith) who sang the lead role, Milica, in BLO’s *Svadba* and originated this role in the World Premiere cast of *Champion* at Opera Theater of Saint Louis;

Jesus Garcia (Luis Rodrigo Griffith) who starred in BLO’s most recent productions of *The Barber of Seville* and *La Bohème*;

Todd Thomas (promoter Howie Albert), who makes his BLO debut;

Stephanie Blythe (Kathy Hagen), who makes her BLO debut with this performance and was recently cast in the Metropolitan Opera’s 2023 production of *Champion*;

Neal Ferreira (Ring Announcer) a BLO Emerging Artist alumnus and veteran of many BLO productions, including the 2018 production of Leonard Bernstein’s *Trouble in Tahiti*; and

Nicholas LaGesse (Man in the Bar/Young Man), a BLO Emerging Artist.

Boston Lyric Opera’s *Champion: An Opera in Jazz* will be performed Wednesday, May 18; Friday, May 20th; and Sunday, May 22nd, at the Emerson Cutler Majestic Theater, 219 Tremont St., Boston. Tickets are available now at blo.org/champion.

Saint Herman Joseph

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



habitation and the additional name “Joseph.” Herman was entrusted with the service of the refectory and later of the sacristy.

After he had been ordained priest, it was remarkable with what reverence and devotion he offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. He was known for his gentle demeanor and affability, his humility, his extraordinary mortifications, but above all, for his affection for the Blessed Mother. He was characterized by his child-like devotion to Mary. Herman experienced visions of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and authored a number of mystical writings.

Herman was sometimes sent out to perform pastoral duties and was in frequent demand for the making and repairing of clocks. Late in his life, he had under his charge the spiritual welfare of the Cistercian nuns at Hoven, near Zülrich, whom he served as chaplain. He passed away in 1241, and was buried in their cloister. His body was later transferred to Steinfeld.

His life was one of continuous penance, and he suffered strong temptations and physical illnesses. He was afflicted by incessant headaches that only ceased when he approached the altar to celebrate Mass. Their violence used to increase with the approach of Feast Days.

He had great sympathy for afflicted persons who always found in him a warm welcome and secure refuge.

Herman Joseph was Canonized on August 11, 1958, by Pope Pius XII. The Feast Day of Saint Herman Joseph is May 24th.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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10-U Commerce Way
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Docket No. M122P1027EA
Estate of
ROBERT VINCENT IANNACO
Date of Death: January 02, 2022
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 Troy Iannaco of North Andover, 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 Troy Iannaco of North Andover, MA appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 29, 2022.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 01, 2022
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/08/2022

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The Trial Court
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Docket No. M122P1529EA
Estate of
GRETNALICE SCHUBERT
Date of Death: November 12, 2021
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Christopher D. Schubert of Cascade, MT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that Christopher D. Schubert of Cascade, MT and Stephanie R. Schubert of Cascade, MT be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 22, 2022.

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,
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Date: March 25, 2022
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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by Sal Giaratani



Ladder 19 South Boston — firefighters and future firefighters



Crowds of folks glad to see the parade was back



Kevin Hayden running for district attorney, is standing next to a ladder truck where inside is WWII hero Lt. Col. Enoch “Woody” Woodhouse, 94, one of the last surviving Tuskegee Airmen from Mission Hill.



Sal G.

I used to always attend or aspire to attend the annual political roast on the morning of the St. Patrick’s Day Parade over in South Boston. Many times, I have walked this parade with many folks. I remember walking one year alongside Congressman Joe Moakley and I had to quit the parade because of my right leg. When Joe asked me why I was quitting, I told him my right leg must be feeling a lot older than his right leg. He laughed. I left.

This year, I marched with Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden who is on the ballot this fall and for a first time political candidate, he threw himself into it like a seasoned pro.

The day was the greatest. The sun was out. The crowds were all back and it was a great day to be Irish or Irish for a day.

My legs carried me through the parade from beginning to end but of course, I was told the parade was shortened due to COVID. Nowadays we blame everything on either COVID or Putin, whichever you wish.

There were lots of bands, dancers, floats, and an occasional politician or two. It was a great day and long overdue. For the past two years due to the virus stopping all our fun but it’s back and better than ever. See everyone next year.



Carole Howley Simmons and Seamus Mulligan standing by the WROL Radio parade float



Jim Byrne, his wife Lilly Cookson and daughter Elizabeth



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Warner Bros. Home Entertainment has released season four of the critically acclaimed, dystopian drama series *The Handmaid’s Tale*. *The Handmaid’s Tale: The Complete Fourth Season* includes all 10 episodes of the series’ thrilling fourth season. From Emmy Award-winning executive producer Bruce Miller and starring Emmy Award-winning actress Elisabeth Moss, *The Handmaid’s Tale* tells the story of June Osborn (Moss), a handmaid who is one of the caste of women forced into sexual servitude as an attempt to repopulate a devastated world. In Season Four, June strikes back against Gilead as a fierce rebel leader but the risks she takes bring dangerous new challenges and her quest for justice and revenge threatens to consume her. Starring alongside Moss are Joseph Fiennes, Yvonne Strahovski, Alexis Bladel, Madeline Brewer, Amanda Brugel, Ann Dowd, O-T Fagbenle, Max Minghella, Samira Wiley, Bradley Whitford, and Sam Jaeger.

SHOOTER (Blu-ray)
Paramount Home Ent.

Mark Wahlberg and director Antoine Fuqua teamed up for this standout, intense action thriller *Shooter*. Wahlberg stars as a respected former Marine scout and sniper, Bob Lee Swagger, who is pressed into service to stop an assassination attempt against the President. But the unthinkable occurs — when he’s double-crossed and framed for the attempt, beginning a high-tension race against every law enforcement agency in the country and a shadowy organization that wants him dead. Proving his innocence will be the most dangerous mission of his life. Originally released on March 23, 2007, *Shooter* celebrates its 15th anniversary this year and is available for the first time on 4K Ultra HD in a Limited-Edition Steel Book.

DRIVE-IN
RETRO CLASSICS (DVD)
Corinth Films

Corinth Films opens the vaults wide for *Drive-In Retro Classics*, a new home entertainment line featuring genre gems of yesteryear! Spaced invaders and giant alien brains are on tap with the inaugural March 15th release: *Drive-In Retro Classics: Science Fiction Triple Feature*. With a trio of unforgettable b-movies from their original theatrical elements, thematically handpicked and packaged in a specially priced collection featuring eye-popping box art, *Drive-In Retro Classics* invites movie lovers to grab a tub of popcorn and a vat of soda and strap in for a trip to the outer reaches — and beyond! *Drive-In Retro Classics: Science Fiction Triple Feature* includes: ***Rocketship X-M*** (1950) A crew of revered scientists blast into space on mankind’s first expedition to the moon. A sudden loss of power and freak accident sends their rocket hurtling out of control, and the crew

suddenly finds themselves upon Mars. They decide to take advantage of the opportunity to make a landing and explore the red planet, only to discover evidence of a demolished civilization. Convinced there are no survivors, they let their guard down just enough to learn otherwise. Lloyd Bridges, Osa Massen and John Emery star in this sci-fi classic directed by Kurt Neumann. (78 mins.) ***The Brain from Planet Arous*** (1958) An alien life form arrives on Earth and crash lands in the California desert and takes refuge on Mystery Mountain. Renowned nuclear scientist Steve March, who works nearby, notices a strange proliferation of radiation coming from the mountain and decides to investigate. Little does he know the creature is a terrifying life form from planet Arous determined to take over the Earth using subversive mind-control and has deliberately chosen Steve as its host! Nathan Hertz directs this mind-altering epic, starring John Agar, Joyce Meadows & Robert Fuller. (71 mins) ***The Hideous Sun Demon*** (1958) After being exposed to a near-fatal dose of radiation, atomic research scientist Gilbert McKenna is lucky to be alive. After recovering, he soon finds his body has a terrible reaction to the sun, transforming him into a reptilian creature when sunlight hits his skin, and then back into a human when out of the sun’s reach. Desperate to find a cure, his assistant enlists the help of a leading authority of radiation poisoning and its effects, who claims the scientist can be cured. However, they gravely underestimate the psychological toll that the horrifying condition is taking on the scientist. Robert Clarke directs and stars in this creature feature, also starring Patricia Manning & Nan Peterson. (74 mins.)

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Docket No. SU22P0226EA

Estate of
PATRICIA ELLEN O'DONNELL
Also Known As
PATRICIA E. O'DONNELL

Date of Death: October 15, 2021

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Christopher A. di Bonaventura of Chestnut Hill, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Christopher A. di Bonaventura of Chestnut Hill, 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: 04/08/2022

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

by Sal Giarratani

IS KETANJI BROWN JACKSON
MOST POPULAR SCOTUS
NOMINEE EVER?

According to the fake news media being peddled by top Democrats, CNN and MSNBC, polls are showing 95 percent of Democrats want Jackson CONFIRMED. CNN reports she is the most popular Supreme Court nominee in YEARS. We are all being fed that there is a tidal wave of MILLIONS standing behind her nominee.

How stupid do these elitists think we are? Don't they say the same thing about every SCOTUS nominee selected by a Democrat president?

WAITING
TO HEAR FROM YOU

Recently I asked a question seeking reader responses and got a great one from Louella Hoffman. My question was one about Otis Redding and Mick Jagger. Who sang it better? Louella thinks Otis Redding sang “Satisfaction” better than Jagger’s version. She also thought listening to Redding singing “The Dock of the Bay” IS “SUPERIOR” to listening to Jagger belting out “Satisfaction.”

Here’s another music question for my readers out there. Remember “Mr. and Mrs. Jones”? Who does it better, the original version by Billy Paul (1972), or the Dramatics (1975)? Who remembers “Kiss and Say Goodbye (1975)? Which song is better that one or Billy Paul’s “Me and Mrs. Jones”?

Tell me what you think at sal.giarratani@gmail.com.

BETO O'ROURKE IS BACK
AGAIN LIKE A BAD COLD

According to Beto O'Rourke's campaign, polling shows the race for Texas governor is neck and neck. O'Rourke with 43 percent and Gregg Abbott 44 percent. Of course, the poll by Rice University Baker Institute was from November 1, 2021, a full five months ago. Polls are snapshots of one moment in a campaign, but are pretty useless five months later.

I haven't been to Austin, TX since before the pandemic. Back in 2018, I was there for the midterms when that Blue Wave moved through national politics but even still, when O'Rourke was running for U.S. Senate against Ted Cruz, Beto was shellacked on Election Day.

Now, Beto is back and calling Abbott “one of the worst GOP extremists in the country who signed a series of far-right policies into law ... a Jim Crow era voter suppression bill ... the most severe abortion ban, and an assault on LGBTQ+ kids and parents.”

Abbott is an extremist. This is why the big Red Wave is approaching later this year.

I RECENTLY MET UP WITH
CHRIS DOUGHTY
IN WRENTHAM

Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting up with Chris Doughty at his home in Wrentham. It was a meeting for delegates to the upcoming Republican state convention to be held in Springfield. He was very direct and plainspoken talking about his ideas if elected governor of this Commonwealth. There is a split going on between

GOP conservatives. Many are with Geoff Diehl, who has the backing of Donald Trump, but many other moderate conservatives seem to like Doughty's commonsense approach to governing.

The convention will be telling. If both candidates get 15 percent of delegate support at the convention and collect the necessary 5,000 certified voter signatures, the September primary could be a doozy. On the Democrat side, Maura Healey looks like the front-runner. It is my honest opinion that Doughty would be the stronger Republican to go into the general election.

The race is on and more likely than not, it will be independents, the so-called unenrolled who will decide who will become our next governor.

REMEMBERING
CESAR CHAVEZ

When I was in college (1968-72), this country of ours had protests up the kazoo. Campus protests. Gene McCarthy marching against the war. Civil rights. Dr. King, Bobby Kennedy. Assassinations. Etc.

There were many strong leaders out there willing to fight against all odds, and one of them was Cesar Chavez, who dedicated his life to the struggles of farmworkers so they could feed their families and ours. Chavez was opposed to farm owners bringing in illegal immigrants to undercut legal farm workers living in this country. His birthday was March 31st. He was born in 1927, and would have been 95 years old last week. The elites in this country hated the guy because he was his own man.

Out in California, March 31st is a state holiday honoring him. In Austin, one of the downtown main roads is called Cesar Chavez Boulevard.

THE CAPITOL THEATER IS
SO COOL AND RETRO, TOO

Recently, I went to see *The Godfather*, which has been rereleased for the movie's 50th anniversary. I went with a friend who was about five years old when it first was shown. The movie was playing over at the Capitol Theater on Massachusetts Avenue in Arlington. What an old school theater. The concession stand is super, too. If you buy a drink or a tub of popcorn,

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you can refill both for gratis as in FREE.

The movie is still one of the greatest movies I have ever seen. Last time I saw it in a theater, it was at the Savoy in Downtown Boston not far from the Combat Zone or Jordan Marsh. My younger brother and I saw it and thought it was great. After all, we were grandchildren of Sicilian immigrants and this movie was definitely Sicilian.

The plot was great. The characters were great. The actors all worked so well together. The scenery especially, over in the town of Corleone in Sicily, was breathtaking. It lasted three hours, which was a lot back then and I'm not sure how many people my age could sit in a seat that long today.

You should really check out the Capitol Theater with friends, by yourself, or on a date. Remember to buy one tub of popcorn, get the second tub free. That's even a better price than in 1972, isn't it? Also, there was no Bidenflation, but the breaking at the Watergate had just happened.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...
This year marks the 100th anniversary of the VFW Post #144 in Boston's North End.
ANOTHER MUSIC LEGEND
PASSES

Timmy Thomas, a R&B singer who is most famous for his 1972 hits “Why Can't We Live Together” and “People are Changing” in 1973 passed away on March 11th at age 77.

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Docket No. MI22P1647EA

Estate of
MARCIA RUBIN

Date of Death: January 27, 2022

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 **Leslie K. Levine of Framingham, MA** and **Cindy E. Dimpfl of Framingham, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Leslie K. Levine of Framingham, MA** and **Cindy E. Dimpfl of Framingham, MA** appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 27, 2022.

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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UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM
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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 30, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/08/2022

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Nanna had passed away from complications of breast cancer just before Christmas in 1958. Babbononno was devastated. He was never really one to show his emotion, he internalized everything. Just as an example, on holidays when I was a kid, my cousins and I would be playing something or other, just waiting to be called to dinner. Babbononno would be sitting in a favorite chair watching us with a stogie in his mouth, a glass of wine on a nearby table and his hands interlocked across his chest. He was taking stock of the children of his children. I didn't pay much attention to this aspect of his being until many years later when the late Sal DiDomenico Sr., and I were talking about grandchildren, and he confessed that he has done exactly that on many occasions.

When Nanna passed away, Babbononno was 83 and in good health, but my mother insisted that he come and live with us. At that point in time, we had a 3rd floor 5-room flat at 74 Eutaw Street in East Boston. One of the rooms was separated from the others and stood by itself at the end of the 3rd floor landing. When I was a kid, it was my workshop where I made things out of wood. When I turned 17, it became a music room where I practiced the bass violin. When mom asked Babbononno to come and live with us and he accepted, it became his bedroom.

I was in college at the time, and at the beginning of his stay, things were a bit difficult. Babbononno wanted to be a productive part of the family. The problem was, Dad had to get ready for work each weekday morning, and I had to get ready for my ride to Boston State College. After showering, Dad turned the bathroom over to me to do the same. In the interim, he shaved using his electric razor while looking into a magnified mirror mounted on the wall next to the kitchen sink. If Babbononno was trying to help out by washing the morning dishes or cups, he would be in Dad's way. If he had to use the bathroom and slow one of us down, we were thrown off schedule. Dad's schedule was a bit more flexible than mine. I was part of the East Boston Express, a name given to the three of us who were East

Bostonians and rode to Boston State together.

The members of the group were Bob Pesce, a friend who graduated English High with me and was in every one of my classes. The second was Paul Ciccarelli, whose family was famous through their grocery store, The Trenton Corner Market. He usually drove and picked up Pesce first and me second. As a result, I had to be on a strict morning schedule. It took a while, but we began working around each other and things settled down with Babbononno giving way to his son-in-law and his grandson.

When I had to study, my favorite spot was the kitchen table. Dad was usually playing with his or other bands most nights of the week, and Mom would be watching TV. With me studying, she kept the volume down to help my level of concentration stay at its maximum. The problem was Babbononno. He was hard of hearing, but was too vain to admit it. As a result, the radio in his room was usually very loud. If he was watching TV with Mom, he would constantly complain about the low volume. If Mom was out, he would join me in the kitchen and try to carry on a conversation. At times, I had to be really emphatic and tell him that I couldn't talk until I was through studying, and more often than not, it would be in the wee hours of the morning. I felt badly, but if I wasn't prepared, I would have problems. Babbononno finally realized this and left me alone when he saw me at the kitchen table with a pile of books.

One winter's night, Dad drove home from a job in a blinding snowstorm. When he got to the house, there wasn't a parking space to be found. He brought his bass violin up to the 3rd floor and then went hunting for somewhere to park. By about 2:00 a.m., he finally found a parking space about 10 blocks away and walked home in the deep snow. When he came up the stairs to the 3rd floor, you could hear him swearing in several languages. After that point in time, he decided he wanted to buy a house in some suburban town. The town he chose was Belmont. Uncle Gino and Aunt Ninna had bought a house there and Dad liked the neighborhood. I loved the

idea, but there was a problem, Babbononno didn't want to move. He had his routine and was happy with it. Because he wouldn't go, my mother refused to move.

A similar parking problem occurred one night when Dad came home late, and he was totally frustrated the next morning. He told my mother that he would pay for her and my grandfather to stay in East Boston, but he was moving to somewhere that afforded him better parking conditions, especially at night. When he found a house in Belmont, he brought all of us to see it. Babbononno told him the house was well built, but he wanted to stay in East Boston. My mother agreed with her father. Dad then said that he had put a down payment on the place and he was moving. My mother panicked and told Babbononno that her place was with her husband, and on Good Friday in 1960, we moved to Belmont.

I graduated college that June and told Dad that as soon as I found a day job, I would help out with the mortgage. Right after I received my degree, I decided to begin graduate school to earn a master's degree. That summer, Paul Ciccarelli and I were offered jobs teaching at Tewksbury High School, me drafting and him woodworking.

We were both hired. I stayed at the Seville Theater week-nights, but left weekend nights open for music. Between going to school and three jobs, I didn't pay much attention to Babbononno. He hated living in Belmont. No one sold *Il Progresso*, and no one sold this paper, the *Post-Gazette* and no one sold Italian cigars. There was nothing like Central Square or Maverick Square, where he could discuss politics in Italian with a bunch of cronies. He was miserable. My father and uncles made the decision to rent him an apartment back in East Boston where he would feel at home again. They found one near Maverick Square in Eastie, and Babbononno, then in his early '90s, had a bachelor pad all his own!

One day, Mom called him to see if he needed anything and a woman answered with an Irish brogue. She said that her name was Kathleen and she was looking after Michael. When my mother complained to my father, he accused of being jealous that her father had someone to keep him company. I never understood how they communicated.

Kathleen's thick brogue and Babbononno's fractured English might have been in the way but they understood each other until she passed away and my grandfather needed 24/7 attention. At that point he became a resident of what they used to call "an old age home." It's funny, in spite of Kathleen; my widowed grandfather never wore anything except a black necktie for the rest of his life out of respect for Nanna. That was the old Italian way.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



In Sicily, the *Pupa cu L'uova* (Pupi cu l'uova means "dolls with eggs"), *Pupo con L'uovo* or *Cuddura cu L'uova* are small sweet breads or cookies made with a hard-boiled egg on top or inside. They feature a dough shaped cross over the egg and a coating of sugar icing and/or colored sprinkles. These traditional treats of peasant origin have been created for centuries at Easter by the Nonna's as gifts mostly for the children. The "*Cuddura cu L'uova*" are uniquely made in different shapes such as baskets, dolls, horses, doves and hearts, and vary in name, flavor and texture throughout the regions.

I was so intrigued by these amazing delicacies and always wondered why my own Sicilian Nonna never made them. Last year, I had a conversation with my mother's long-distant first cousin, Jean Trasferini. Cousin Jean told me "*Your Nonna didn't make them, it was your great-grandmom Catherine Mastroeni that made the "Pupi" for us (her grandchildren) at Easter every year. She used an anise flavored dough made with yeast, and they were more like a sweet bread than a cookie. Her eggs were never dyed, but they were beautiful and so delicious! We called them "gooddodies" from their dialect around Messina. My mom (my Aunt Nancy) tried to make them, but she would say they were never as delicious as Nonna Catherine's.*" My Cousin Jean and I were going to try and recreate this recipe but Jean became ill and is no longer with us. I have spent weeks sifting through old recipes of my own Nonna's and baking countless versions of these "*Pup*". I believe I have finally put together a perfect rendition and I want to dedicate it with much love to my Cousin Jean Trasferini and my great Nonna Catherine Mastroeni. I hope you will join me in making "Nonna Catherine Mastroeni's Pupa Cu L'ova" for your loved ones this year, and help to keep this beautiful Sicilian Easter tradition alive ... *Buona Pasqua!*

NONNA CATHERINE
MASTROENI'S PUPA CU L'OVA

Cookie Dough:

¼ cup vegetable shortening
¼ cup unsalted butter,
softened
½ cup granulated sugar
3 large eggs
Zest of one organic lemon
1½ teaspoons lemon juice
Zest of half an organic orange
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
¼ cup whole milk
2 ½ to 3 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon baking powder



½ teaspoon salt
8 dyed or un-dyed
hard-boiled eggs

Icing:

3 to 4 cups confectioners'
sugar
½ cup whole milk

1 teaspoon anise, vanilla or
lemon extract (optional)
Nonpareils or sprinkles for
decorating (optional)

To Make Cookies:

Preheat oven to 350°. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, cream together butter, shortening and sugar. Add eggs one at a time and beat well after each addition. Add the zest, extracts and milk and mix together well.

In a separate bowl, sift together 2 ½ cups of the flour, baking powder and salt. Gradually add this dry mixture to the wet and mix together well. Add the remaining ½ cup flour (or more if needed) until a soft dough forms.

Place dough on a lightly floured dough board and knead gently for a few minutes then let dough rest for 10 minutes.

Separate dough into 8 sections, making the 8th section a bit larger than the rest (this will be used to make 7 crosses that will be placed on top of the eggs). You will be able to make 7 baskets and use the 8th section for the crosses. Take one of the 7 sections of dough and roll it into a 8 to 10-inch log. Take the log and fold it in half, twist/braid the halves together and then connect it into a circle, pinching the ends together. Place this "basket" on the prepared baking sheet and gently place a hard-boiled egg inside, pressing the dough so it adheres to the egg. Repeat until all "baskets with eggs" are made.

Take the remaining section of dough and divide it into 7 sections. Each will be used to make a cross that will go on top of the egg and connect to the basket (see picture).

Bake in preheated oven for about 20 to 25 minutes or until underneath of cookie is golden brown. Remove from oven and cool well before icing.

Icing:

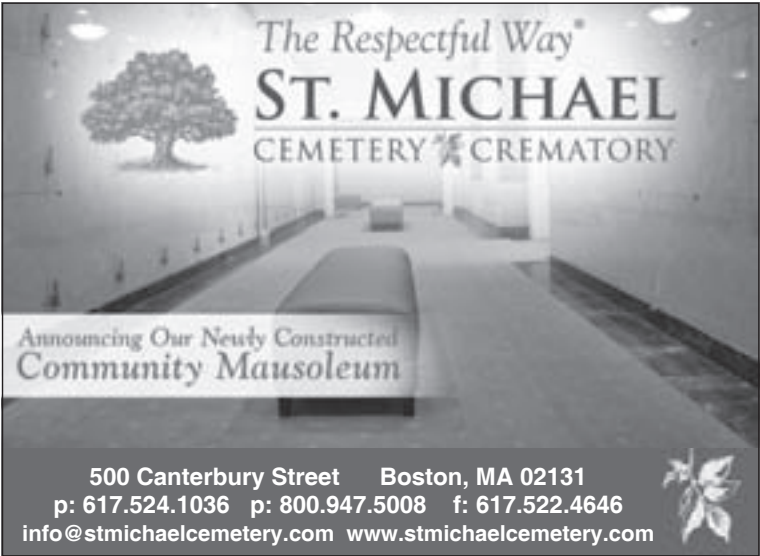
In a medium bowl, add confectioners' sugar and gradually add the milk (and extract, if using) until a paste-like consistency is made (as thick or thin as preferred). Mix together well and brush on cooled cookies, decorating with nonpareils or sprinkles, if desired. Let harden and enjoy or refrigerate (hard boiled eggs should never be left unrefrigerated for more than 2 hours) immediately.

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

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THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso



Operation Desert Storm

Two years after the Iran-Iraq war ended in August of 1988, peace negotiations were still in contention. In a heel turn, Saddam Hussein openly accused neighboring Kuwait of appropriating Iraqi oil and pandering to Western interests with low oil prices. Wasting little time, Hussein sent Iraqi troops to the Kuwait border (a country he refused to recognize). Counting on support from surrounding Arab countries, Iraq invaded Kuwait on August 2nd.

Far from supporting Hussein's actions, however, the Arab League expressed wide condemnation of the invasion and Saudi Arabia took the step of imploring NATO to step in.

The following day the United Nations called on Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait, but Hussein was undeterred, calling Kuwait Iraq's 19th province. On August 8, perhaps foreseeing the inevitable, the United States began sending fighter planes to Saudi Arabia in what would come to be known as Operation Desert Shield. Several other NATO allies also began making their way; the writing was on the wall.

Meanwhile, Iraqi presence in Kuwait increased by 300,000 troops. Still, Hussein seemed troubled by the lack of support from the rest of the Arab world and, when other negotiations were rejected, scrambled to make quick amends with Iran.

On November 29th, the United Nations gave Iraq an ultimatum for withdrawal by January 15th. Around 540,000 U.S. troops prepared for an attack, but a cross section of the United Nations joined forces in an inspiring display of international cooperation (United Kingdom, Japan, Egypt, France, Germany, and even the Soviets).

On the morning of January 17th, the US launched Operation Desert Storm, which began as an aerial attack on Iraq's air force, oil reserves, and communication facilities.

This aerial attack reduced ground battle considerably and, along with, a higher death toll.

By February, the coalition confronted Iraqi forces in the southern half of the country as well as in Kuwait. Outnumbered, out-weaponed, and with little to no foreign support, Iraqi forces collapsed before the month was over and Kuwait was liberated.

President George H.W. Bush declared a cease-fire on the 28th, effectively ending the Gulf War. With over 8,000 Iraqi troops dead, Hussein conceded to recognize Kuwait's sovereignty and remove all of its weapons of mass destruction.

Hussein, however, remained in power waiting for the next showdown.

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Docket No. SU22P0244EA

Estate of
JOSE ECHEVARRIA
Date of Death: December 19, 2021

INFORMAL PROBATE
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Liza Echevarria of Boston, MA**. **Liza Echevarria of Boston, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **with 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. MI22P1362EA

Estate of
JOANNE NICKERSON
Also Known As
JOANNE M. NICKERSON
Date of Death: January 06, 2022

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

Adelina Thumith of Chelmsford, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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2005 Saab 97X
VIN # 5S3ET13M652801555

2011 Harley Davidson XL883N
VIN # 1HD4LE21XBC421560

2011 Acura MDX
VIN # 2HNYD2H55BH512543

2016 Mercedes Benz GLC Class
VIN # WDC0G4KB1GF079536

2012 Honda Accord
VIN # 1HGCP2F30CA197760

2003 Toyota Corolla
VIN # 2T1BR32E63C157308

2005 Subaru Outback
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D & G Towing

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Docket No. MI22P1341EA

Estate of
ARNOLD H. MODELL
Date of Death: January 03, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Lora H. Tessman of Newton, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Lora H. Tessman of Newton, 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. MI22P0570EA

Estate of
LUBA MUSHKAT
Date of Death: December 15, 2021

INFORMAL PROBATE
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Ludmila Olshan of Westford, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Ludmila Olshan of Westford, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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he used his pen, he reminded folks that this federal law was a long time coming. We need such a law to protect victims from being hung today as in the past. Vice President Kamala Harris also added that lynching is “not a relic of the past.”

I am not always in sync with Jeff Kuhner as I often listen to his morning radio show, but on this issue, he offered a good rebuttal that there hasn't been a lynching in decades. Lynching is a part of the ugly side of our history, which was often used against black Americans, and the culprits often were either the racist Klan or the Democratic Party. Those who opposed efforts to outlaw the practice often were racists from the aforementioned two organizations.

The largest public lynching to take place in American happened in New Orleans, Louisiana, when 11 Sicilian immigrants were dragged from their jail cells during their murder trial. Historians have concluded that the charges were bogus, as Sicilians were viewed as people of color like black Americans.

Kuhner also questioned whether this bill and its support from Democrats are just the continuing strategy of Democrats to divide Americas up by race hoping to avoid

the Red Wave this coming November.

DJ Trump Rocks with “YMCA”

Former President Donald Trump named the Village People's 1978 disco hit “YMCA” as his go-to song for parties at Mar-a-Lago. He says the song gets people “rockin’.” He added, if you play that song, it “gets people up, and it gets them moving.”

Words to Live By

“Behind every good writer is a substantial amount of coffee.”

Healey Says Clarence Thomas “Needs to Think About Stepping Down”

Last week, Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey said U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas should consider resigning after the texts his wife sent to Trump White House chief of staff Mark Meadows urging him to overturn the 2020 election result surfaced two weeks back.

End Quote

“In the spring, at the end of the day, you should always smell like dirt.”

— Margaret Atwood

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2011 NISSAN ROGUE

Vin # JN8AS5MV8BW660437

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Vin # 2HGFA16506H522875

2007 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA

Vin # 3VWEF71K27M113465

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2006 FORD E-350

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2004 FORD F-150

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Docket No. MI22P1581EA

Estate of
JAMES JOHN WAITE, JR.
Also Known As
JAMES J. WAITE, JR.

Date of Death: December 10, 2016

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Sandra L. Waite of Cudjoe Key, FL**.

Sandra L. Waite of Cudjoe Key, FL 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. SU21P1413EA

Estate of
JAMES STEPHEN CONNER
Also Known As
JAMES S. CONNER, JR., JAMES CONNER
Date of Death: May 12, 2021

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Paul J. Conner of Franconia, NH**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Paul J. Conner of Franconia, NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

Run date: 04/08/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

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

Docket No. MI21C1140CA

In the Matter of
WINIFRED ROCKEFELLER LAWSON
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Winifred Rockefeller Lawson of Natick, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Wendy Rose**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of May 02, 2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: March 22, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 04/08/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI21P6495EA
Estate of
WILLIAM JOSEPH SCHWALM
Also Known As
WILLIAM J. SCHWALM
Date of Death: December 29, 2019
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 **Karen K. Schwalm of Wellesley Hills, 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 **Karen K. Schwalm of Wellesley Hills, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of May 26, 2022.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 31, 2022
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/08/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI22P0473EA
Estate of
MAURICE H. DONEGAN, JR.
Also Known As
MAURICE H. DONEGAN
Date of Death: November 04, 2014
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A - Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Maurice Donegan, III of Dallas, GA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Maurice Donegan, III of Dallas, GA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 27, 2022.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 30, 2022
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/08/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI22P1687EA
Estate of
ALAN B. RETIK
Date of Death: February 24, 2022
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 **Mark G. Retik of Berkeley Heights, NJ** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Mark G. Retik of Berkeley Heights, NJ** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 28, 2022.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 31, 2022
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/08/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI22P1637EA
Estate of
MARGARET MARY QUINTON
Also Known As
MARGARET M. QUINTON
Date of Death: February 04, 2021
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Joseph M. Quinton of Framingham, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Joseph M. Quinton of Framingham, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 27, 2022.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 30, 2022
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/08/2022



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



MLB Keeping Ghost Runners in Extra Innings

Major League Baseball has finalized a rule change to bring back automatic runners in extra innings for the third straight season. I oppose this as it is yet another watering down of baseball in an era where baseball keeps losing fan support especially among younger fans.

Pitchers and DHers

With the Designated Hitter

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
Lowell Justice Center
370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 656-7700
Docket No. MI22A0039SJ
SUMMONS on COMPLAINT FOR DEPENDENCY PURSUANT TO G. L. c. 119, § 39M
AMANDA FERNANDES BARCELOS, Plaintiff
v.
FLAVIO BORGES BARCELOS, Defendant “Parent One”
If applicable: Defendant “Parent Two”
To the above named Defendant:
You are ordered to appear at the **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** for a hearing on this Complaint for Dependency Pursuant to G. L. c. 119, § 39M.
Information about the hearing:
Motion
Date: 06/08/2022
Time: 09:00 AM
Place: **Lowell Courtroom 11 - 5th Floor Lowell Justice Center 370 Jackson Street Lowell, MA 01852**
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Amandha F. Lima-Pacheco, Esq.**, whose address is **Massa Viana Law, 463 Worcester Rd., Suite 401, Framingham, MA 01701** your answer, if any, to the complaint for which is herewith served upon you, within **7 days** after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Register of this Court at **Middlesex Probate and Family Court**, either before service upon plaintiff or plaintiff’s attorney, if represented by counsel, or within a reasonable time thereafter.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 29, 2022
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 04/08/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI20P2798EA
Estate of
CARMINE A. GRECO
Also Known As
CARMEN A. GRECO
Date of Death: March 13, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Lisa M. Graham of Natick, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including a determination of testacy and heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 22, 2022.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 25, 2022
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/08/2022

now expanded into the National League, pitchers who start games in the batting order can remain in the game as a DH after leaving the mound. A DH can also enter the game to pitch. It gives two-way players like the Angels’ Shobei Ohtani a chance to stay in the game as a hitter after getting taken off the mound for a relief pitcher.

Kimbrel Still Hanging Around

Craig Kimbrel, the eight-time All-Star, was just acquired by the Dodgers from the White Sox in exchange for outfielder AJ Pollock. Kimbrel was 4-5 with 24 saves in a combined 63 games for the Cubs and ChiSox last season.

Mets’ Ace Jacob deGrom Out Again, What Else is New

New York Mets ace Jacob deGrom most likely will be out for an undetermined amount of time due to inflammation in his shoulder area. The two-time Cy Young Award winner can’t throw for about one month and there is no timetable for his return.

The 33-year-old deGrom missed the second half of last season with elbow injury.

It does seem that deGrom is always getting body parts injured. Usually, it happens deep into the season but this year it happened before Opening Day. Great great pitcher but so fragile! Like our own Chris Sale, he is not that seemingly durable.

I loved the spin Mets manager Buck Showalter gave, “Sure, we were hoping that it was a two-or-three day thing. I know Jake was. It’s a little more time, obviously. I look at it now, thinking about how much stronger Jake is going to be over the long haul of the season now.” All I can think of is LONG HAUL? Does deGrom have a long haul in him? Oh, and now the other team’s ace Max Scherzer is injured too. When it rains for the Mets, it usually pours, huh?

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI22P1435EA
Estate of
MARLENE R. ADELMANN-MITCHESON
Also Known As
MARLENE RENEE ADELMANN-MITCHESON
Date of Death: February 16, 2022
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Henry D. Mitcheson of Winchester, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Henry D. Mitcheson of Winchester, MA, Grant Lacouture of Lexington, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
Date: 04/08/2022

Happy Birthday To ...

Happy Birthday (47) to Koji Uehara and to Hirokazu Sawamura who just turned 34 years old. They are two of the nine Japanese-born players for the Red Sox. Who can forget Tomo Ohka’s no-hitter in 2001? An unofficial SAL Poll showed most folks forgot about that pitching gem and couldn’t even remember his name. OUCH! However, most remember the prospect Daisuke Matsuzaka. One good season and done. Paid big bucks and seemingly didn’t meet the hype.

Bit of Baseball History

Back in 1960, the AL Rookie of the Year race was all about the Orioles. The Winner was shortstop Ron Hansen. Coming in second and third was Chuck Estrada and Jim Gentile. Hanson got 22 of 24 votes and teammates Estrada and Gentile split the other two.

It reminded me of the 1975 Boston Red Sox when rookies Freddy Lynn and Jimmy Rice got all the votes that year- 23.5 to Lynn and a half-vote to Rice. Jimmy probably would have done better had he not broken his arm and sat out a good chunk of games as the season began winding down.

Pujols Begins 22nd Season

Albert Pujols, the 10-time All-Star, was in the starting lineup on Opening Day for the St. Louis Cardinals against the Pirates when he began his final MLB season at Busch Stadium where it all began for Pujols. The Cardinals just signed him earlier this week for \$2.5 million in his return to St. Louis.

This year, he matched Hank Aaron and Carl Yastrzemski for second-most seasons, behind Pete Rose who made 23 Opening Day starts.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI22P1140GD
NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
In the interests of
CARLOS L. QUINONES of Framingham, MA
Minor
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **02/28/2022** by **Jose A. Lugo** **Concepcion** of Framingham, MA will be held **04/20/2022 09:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located **370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor Courtroom 11, Lowell, MA 01852**
2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
4. **Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
5. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor’s best interests.
Date: March 09, 2022
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 04/08/2022

Boxing



Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

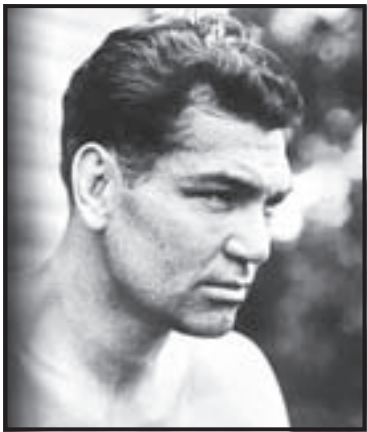
Dempsey's Layoff After Firpo Bout *Didn't Fight Again for Three Years*

Recently, I wrote about Jack Dempsey's fight against Luis Firpo and how that match cemented his reputation and turned him into a huge celebrity. However, instead of immediately exploiting the excitement surrounding him by returning to the ring for another big fight, his manager Jack Kearns took him to Hollywood.

In a move that was similar to the one made by Colonel Parker with Elvis Presley when he opted to put the King into movies, the Dempsey team felt it was a safer bet to cash in on his newfound notoriety by having Dempsey appear in movies and on the public appearance circuit rather than risk losing the title, which would kill his ability to make money as a famous athlete.

Things did not go all that well in Tinseltown. While Jack did make good money, his relationship with his manager fell apart. Dempsey married movie star Estelle Taylor and then fired Kearns. Doc responded by filing a number of lawsuits against the champion. The marriage to Taylor was also rocky.

While Dempsey was not known as a big drinker, he did partake in the Hollywood life-style of late night partying. It is safe to say he was not living a



Jack Dempsey

during the time Jack was partying out West. Gene was getting sharper and sharper going against solid competition. When

with a flurry of fierce punches in the seventh round. This became known as the Long Count Fight. After Jack dropped Tunney, the referee, following a new rule, refused to begin the count until the champion went to a neutral corner. Ironically, it was Dempsey's people who insisted on having the rule in place. In the heat of the action, Jack reverted to the way he always fought and stood over Tunney. By the time Jack realized what he needed to do, the challenger had been given approximately four additional seconds to clear his head.

To this day, it is argued whether or not those extra seconds enabled Gene to survive. It



Gene Tunney with Dempsey



Poster for movie starring Dempsey

life that was conducive to staying in condition to defend the heavyweight title.

When fight fans talk about heavyweight champs who have come back after taking off three years the first, and usually the only, name that comes up is that of Muhammad Ali. Indeed, Ali was deprived of over three years of his prime fighting career when he was denied a license to fight for refusing induction into the Army, but Joe Louis was also off for a number of years while he was serving in the Armed Forces. In Dempsey's case, the motivation was financial, while with Louis and Ali it was a sacrifice based on their principles. Dempsey earned money while doing it where it cost Ali and Louis financially.

During the period Dempsey was idle, another heavyweight was staying quite busy. Gene Tunney fought twenty times

Tunney and Dempsey met in the ring on September 23, 1926, Dempsey had been out of action for just over three years while Gene had been fighting on a regular basis. In fact, Tunney had six fights in 1925 alone. Gene was sharp while Jack was filled with ring rust.

Not to take anything away from Tunney, but Jack was not the same fighter he was when he took out Firpo. The champion was older and fading. In retrospect, it is no surprise Gene took the title from him.

After the loss, Dempsey fought Jack Sharkey. He beat Sharkey but looked terrible until the point where he scored the knockout over the Boston Gob. The victory did earn him a rematch with Tunney.

The second go around was much like the first with one exception. As with the Firpo fight, fireworks occurred when Jack put Gene on the canvas



Jack with wife Estelle Taylor

should also be noted that in the very next round Tunny dropped Dempsey.


There is no doubt Jack Dempsey was one of the greatest fighters of all time, but the fact that he only defended the title six times in seven years leaves the question open to just how well he would have fared if he had been a more active champ. I believe he would have been quite successful had he fought more often. Had Dempsey stayed in shape and fought on a regular basis he very well may have defeated Tunney.

In essence, Jack retired after the Firpo fight when he was at his peak. If he had stayed away from Hollywood and just focused on his career as a boxer, he would have stayed sharp and it is unlikely anyone would have beaten him for some time.

Yes, Jack Dempsey was a great fighter, but we will never know just how great he could have been because of his self-imposed layoff.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



CORY CAPTURES A CLASSIC — There he was again, guarding the crease in a regular season NHL game, this time for the New York Islanders.

Yes, that was Cory Schneider, a native of Marblehead and a former Boston College netminder, stopping 27 shots as the Isles prevailed over the New Jersey Devils by a 4-3 count.

You have to go all the way back to pre-Covid-19 days to find the last time Schneider saw the lights of the big-time. That would be on March 6, 2020 when he patrolled the crease for the Devils in a 4-2 victory over the then defending Stanley Cup champion Saint Louis Blues.

The recent outing was the latest chapter in an old NHL story. Always see to it that a player gets some ice time against his former team. After all, he may have more than the final score of the game to settle with his former franchise.

That may well have been true for Schneider, who was initially a first round selection in the 2004 NHL Draft by the Vancouver Canucks. But first Schneider enrolled at Boston College, where he was a standout in both the classroom and on the ice, being named twice to the Hockey East All Academic Team while backstopping the Eagles to a pair of Frozen Four appearances.

After three years at the Heights, he left for the NHL but the Canucks placed him with the minor league Manitoba Moose for the better part of three years (2007-2010). After the lockout year of 2012-2013, Schneider was traded to the Devils in late June of 2013. A year later, in July of 2014, Schneider struck gold in the form of a seven-year, \$42 million contract. That's an average of \$6 million a year (\$500,000 a month).

Unfortunately, things did not go well in the years that followed. Schneider was beset by injuries at various times and the Devils failed to make the playoffs in six out of the seven seasons.

Eventually, Schneider found himself in the minors again, as a goalie for the Bridgeport Islanders of the American Hockey League where he had a 10-10-4-1 record before being called up.

But then the unexpected occurred. Starting New York Islanders goaltender Ilya Sorokin was not ready because of an upper body injury, a reality that would have meant that backup Semyon Varlamov would have to play a third game after just having pulled duty for both ends of back-to-back games.

So the phone rang in Bridgeport and Cory Schneider took the call, made the trip to the Prudential Center in Newark and secured the victory. In a way, it seemed like old times since it occurred in the very same New Jersey arena where Schneider had played those seven seasons for the Devils.

"Real happy for Schneids," Islanders head coach Barry Trotz told the *New York Post*. "I think for him, he wanted a little bit of redemption, if you will. He has gone through some injuries, rehab. All the stuff that people

don't realize can derail your confidence, can derail your career. All that."

For one shining moment Schneider dazzled like he did in days of old. His family was there. There were smiles all around. It seemed like layers of time had been rolled back. But, in fact, time marches on. Whether Corey Schneider, who recently turned 36, can continue to march with it, remains to be seen. But for one wondrous afternoon, it all came together and it was truly something to behold.

OBSERVATIONS ON THE OUSTER OF O'CONNELL — The coach who led his team to victory in the 2022 Beanpot won't be in charge of that squad in the future.

That's because Albie O'Connell, who served four years behind the bench as the head coach of the men's hockey team at Boston University, was shown the door by his alma mater in the closing days of March.

That's too bad since O'Connell was the epitome of all those athletes who have skated under the impressive red and white banners at the university. The Terriers really had two seasons this past year. They started slow at 4-9 but then came alive and put together a 14-1-1 streak that included that Beanpot triumph and a 19-13-3 finish.

Could it have been better? Yes. Was it terrible? No.

Remember, O'Connell had already proven his loyalty to BU as a four-year member of the hockey team and as an assistant coach for a number of years prior to his being named to the leadership position. That should count for something.

In addition, there are other factors to consider. This was not simply the termination of a coach. This was an administrative decision that affects many others.

When Syracuse University head football coach Scott Shafer was dismissed in 2015, he was one of the few individuals to highlight the full ramifications publicly. He noted that his termination did not solely involve him but nearly all of his assistants. Houses would have to be sold, families would have to move and in this particular case, the lives of 27 different children would be disrupted through the loss of face-to-face contact with their friends and the need to enroll in new schools — often in distant communities or other states. This was especially true in the case of Syracuse since it was the only school for hundreds of miles around that played a big-time college football schedule. To our knowledge, it was the only time that the true humanitarian dimensions of such a move had been brought to public awareness.

Although all the possible effects may not be the same in the case of BU since there are a number of Division One hockey programs in Massachusetts, we do wish Albie O'Connell and his assistants well as they and their families search for new positions, plus perhaps new residences and new schools for their children. May their disruptions be minimal as this process plays itself out.