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## News Briefs

by Sal Giaratani

### Biden, the Invisible Man

Joe Biden the presumptive Democratic nominee has barely been seen since going into social isolation. Every so often he pops out of isolation. His has the most anemic presidential campaign in history resting on a single idea. HE IS NOT TRUMP!

I saw him a few weeks back on *Morning Joe* over on *MSNBC*. Co-host Mika Brzezinski tried asking him questions about Tara Reade to which he didn't remember much of anything. A useless interview!

On Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, he showed up on *Good Morning America* in another rare moment out of isolation. Once again, he ended up playing a softball game with the host. He just kept staring into the camera saying pretty much nothing except once again I AM NOT TRUMP. Scary that he is the Democrats' only hope to beat Trump. There has to be a secret agenda here. I think the Democrats are seeking a running mate who can replace him. I see a future for the 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment at the moment.

If someone asks you the last time you have seen Biden, it was him nodding off via video link from his basement.

### Should Puerto Rico Become 51<sup>st</sup> State?

Gov. Wanda Vazquez of Puerto Rico recently announced that she will hold a nonbinding referendum in November to decide whether Puerto Rico should become a U.S. State.

For the first time, this vote will ask a single question: Should Puerto Rico be immediately admitted as a U.S. State. It is an answer that requires approval from Congress.

I support a YES vote. I grew up with Puerto Rican-Irish first cousins who came from Rio Piedras near

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## Mayor Walsh's COVID-19 Update ...

### Case numbers:

- As of Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, in Massachusetts: 87,052 cases and 5,862 deaths.

- As of Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, in Boston: 12,050 cases, 588 deaths, and 5,121 recoveries.

### Updates on testing:

- The Mayor provided an update on Boston's COVID-19 testing progress, to provide context for how the City moves forward.

- Last week, the citywide positive test rate was 13.9%. This was a new low and brings the city's cumulative positive test rate to 27%, down 2 percentage points from the week before. The City has continued targeted outreach and testing in neighborhoods seeing the most cases, and as a result, those communities' positive rates continue to go down.

- The City also continues to build a citywide strategy for increased testing, which includes an effort that starts next week to test all first responders.

- Overall, the data tells us that we have been moving in the right direction on new cases, positive test rates, and hospitalization for about 3 weeks.

- He also said every data trend gives a reason for caution, in terms of how gradual our progress is, how necessary our precautions have been, and how much potential there is for new outbreaks if we don't keep doing the right things.

- He urged everyone to continue:

- Staying home and working from home as much as possible — especially older residents and those at high risk for illness.

- Washing your hands and disinfecting surfaces.

- Covering your face when outside the home.

### Implementing Phase 1 of the State's Re-opening Plan in Boston:

- On Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Governor launched Phase 1 of a statewide re-opening plan.

- The Mayor stressed that re-opening does not mean, "back to normal" — it means bringing caution and a commitment to stopping the spread of COVID-19 into workplaces and community spaces.

- Boston will continue to meet the needs of families, seniors, and small businesses, as well as continue to follow the science and public health guidance,



while monitoring the data at the city and state levels.

- The Public Health Emergency declared on March 15<sup>th</sup> in the City of Boston remains in place until further notice. The same applies to the guidelines for physical distancing and face coverings, as well as the city-wide recommended curfew of 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

- The Mayor noted that Boston is one of the most densely populated cities in the country, which is home to a very diverse population, and doubles in size as a regional workforce enters its workplaces every weekday. Special precautions unique to Boston will need to be taken into account.

- The City will continue to focus on equity and meeting the needs of vulnerable communities, families with children, seniors, and small businesses.

- The Mayor thanked the Governor, his Administration, and the Re-opening Advisory Board for their work on the statewide re-opening plan, and noted that the City had input into the plan and made sure Boston's economy was understood and our communities were represented.

- He also noted that the City submitted a letter from Boston's COVID-19 Health Inequities Task Force articulating the need for a recovery that addresses the greater impacts felt in communities of color and low-income communities.

### Re-opening construction:

- *Under the statewide plan:* Construction can start the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>.

- *Boston's approach:* Boston has a phased-in approach with comprehensive health and safety requirements.

- Starting this week (May 18<sup>th</sup>): Work on schools, hospitals, smaller residential projects, and open-air construction can restart.

- Starting on May 26<sup>th</sup>: Other work allowed by the state may resume.

- Contractors must submit a *COVID-19 Safety Plan* before returning to work. To help sites meet this requirement, the City has hosted virtual safety planning, as well as safety training for inspectors, and produced a video guide along with other reference materials.

- Already, nearly 2,300 safety plans have been submitted, and the City has trained all our inspectional staff and supplied them personal protective equipment.

### Re-opening office spaces:

- *Under the statewide plan:* Office spaces will be allowed to open with 25% capacity starting on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

- *Boston's approach:* The City will take this step on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

- This timeline allows the City to work in collaboration with building owners and employers on safety plans that meet robust public health standards.

- Every employer must create and implement plans for workplaces to minimize the spread of the virus, as outlined by the State.

- The City is creating guidelines for offices to follow, based on national best practices and expert input.

- These guidelines include shift scheduling, work-from-home policies, physical spacing, PPE, cleaning protocols, ventilation, employee communication, and more. These guidelines will be shared next week (week of May 25<sup>th</sup>).

### Re-opening small businesses:

- *Under the statewide plan:* Retail stores are allowed to open for curbside pickup on May 25<sup>th</sup>, as well as some services, including hair care and car washes.

- *Boston's approach:* The City is ready to help small businesses create plans that not only meet state guidelines, but go beyond them. However, we are also urging caution.

- The Boston Transportation Department has helped facilitate safe curbside pickup for essential businesses, and will expand that work as needed. The City is also developing creative public space solutions for pedestrians in business districts.

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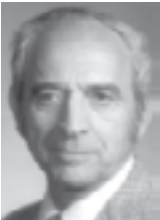
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# Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



MORE ABOUT THE VESTALS



Vestal Virgins, Jean Raoux, oil on canvas, dated 1727

Evidence of the luxurious lifestyle of the Vestal Virgins has been gained from the remains of the “Atrium Vestae” (House of the Vestal Virgins), with its spacious court, splendid decorations, baths, and hot air flues. They were granted the privilege of keeping horses and carriages, and when in public they were preceded by a lector who cleared their way. Their presence was expected where no other women, as a rule, might go, such as places of public amusement, the Circus, the theatre, and even the amphitheater where the best seats were permanently at their command. The only superior whom they acknowledged was the “Pontifex Maximus” who representing the kind of the ancient village, had a parental authority over them and who alone was responsible to administer corporal chastisement if any Vestal neglected her duties.

There were only two offenses which could normally be brought against them, and these were most rare. The first offense was to neglect the sacred fire, so that it became extinguished. For this kind of carelessness, the Vestal was scourged by the Pontifex. The second offense was to violate her vow of chastity. Those found guilty of this act were carried on a bier to the Campus Sceleratus, near the Collins Gate, beaten with rods, and buried alive. Her seducer was also rewarded by being scourged to death.

Vacancies in the ranks of the Vestals were always filled by girls under ten years of age, and each in turn retired at the age of forty.

Every girl possessing the necessary qualifications was liable to be called on to undertake the duty, and no exception was granted, except upon very strict conditions. The age limit to qualify for selection was not less than six and not more than ten years of age, without personal blemish, of free, respectable family whose parents were still alive and residing in Italy. Twenty girls were nominated by the Pontifex, and the final selection was made by lot. The selected candidate was immediately taken to the Atrium Vestai, her new home, properly attired, and shorn of her hair. Her time of service was set by law at thirty years, ten for learning, ten for performing, and ten for teaching.

There was always a variety of ages in the household of the Vestals. There was the little girl with close-cropped head, running around the garden or up and down stairs, learning her duties in bits and pieces, for she had a long time to learn them. Then there were those in their twenties, by now well acquainted with all of this luxury, social consequence, political influence, and freedom of action. Lastly of course, there was the oldest of the group, with all of the years of accumulated honor and the distinctive title of “Vestalis Maxima.” At the end of their thirty years of service, leave was granted to lay aside their priesthood, return to private life, and marry if they desired. What else can be said, other than “Figlio maschile e cento anni” (May you have lots of male children and live to be a hundred years old).

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John David McGee

John David McGee of Charlestown and Kittery, Maine, passed away on May 10, 2020.

Loving father, committed friend, and dedicated restaurateur at Mamma Maria in Boston’s North End, lost his struggle with cancer, while surrounded by his family.

John was the son of Harry and Mary McGee, born on February 3, 1960, in Montreal, Canada. He grew up playing hockey and was a lifelong fan, successfully hiding his closet support for the Canadiens from his loyal Bruins patrons. He attended Middlebury College in Vermont, where he made lifelong friends, graduating in 1982.

On June 10, 1989, he married Laila Haddad of Boston. They made their home in Charlestown, MA and became the proud parents of two daughters. Anyone who was around him for more than 10 minutes soon learned that the sun rose and set on Zoë and Phoebe as far as John was concerned. Nearly two decades ago, he found his retreat and happy place at his waterfront home in Kittery. He found peace there during the last two months of his life.

Almost 35 years ago, he started work at a restaurant as a dishwasher and within months rose to manager. A few years later, in 1988, he bought the restaurant which became his love and passion. He guided Mamma Maria in the North End to become a renowned Italian fine dining restaurant and one of the best in Boston. At Mamma Maria, he cultivated a dining experience that is unique and authentic, while building a family of longtime employees and loyal customers along the way. He was committed to the importance of seasonal, locally-sourced ingredients, which he often picked up himself from family farms and vendors all around New England.

He will be remembered for his welcoming charm, widespread generosity, quick wit and contagious humor. He was the master of the sarcastic, subtle one liner. He would be walking away with his trademark slight grin before the



full impact of what he just said hit you, and you started to laugh uncontrollably. He loved traveling, exploring international culture and cuisine, and was passionate about music and film. He was dedicated to the game of golf, often traveling to play tournaments with friends throughout the U.S. and abroad. He was also a longtime member of the Weston Golf Club in Weston, MA. He was frequently seen at Weston sneaking in a few holes, just before dusk, with his ever present and faithful Jack Russell Terrier, Phantom following closely behind. He was also a member of the York Golf and Tennis Club in York, ME.

John was a generous, caring and charitable member of his community, always giving back through philanthropic efforts. As a business owner and friend, he was known to help in whatever way he could when anyone needed it. He was an active board member for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Charlestown and Big Brother Big Sister of Eastern Massachusetts, and a generous supporter of St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, Dana Farber, Mass General’s International Trauma and Disaster Institute, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Joslin Diabetes Center and the Pan Mass Challenge. He also contributed to Community Servings, Rosie’s Place, Taste of the North End, Paul Revere House, St John’s School, Hurley School and Boston Latin Academy, among others. John was preceded in death by his father Harry and mother Mary.

He is survived by his wife, Laila; his two daughters, Zoë and Phoebe; his sister, Joan McGee of Aurora, CO.; his family-in-law and many friends, as well as Phantom.

A future memorial service will be planned when life returns to some kind of normalcy. Arrangements by George F. Doherty and Sons Funeral Home, Wellesley, Mass.

In lieu of flowers, please support the restaurant and order dinner at [mammamaria.com](http://mammamaria.com).

Emily “Emmy” Mahfood

by R.U.F.F., (Responsible Urbanites for Fido)

With extremely heavy hearts, we share the news that we have lost one of the most spirited and loved members of our RUFF family and the North End community. Emily “Emmy” Mahfood passed away Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Many of us that knew Emmy have seen her ups and downs with her health. Unfortunately our “Mother Pupper” could not withstand her last injury and left this world and is now reunited with her Rudy and Mikey

Emmy was fierce, with her words, with her witt, and above all else, with her love. If the tiger face tattoo didn’t make her strength clear, one conversation with this intelligent, little lady would! A retired nurse, a mother, a dog lover was just the tip of getting to know Em. She was a driving force within RUFF, always calling out people who didn’t pick up, always the first person to volunteer to work our table at any event, using her voice to anyone that would listen to push our mission. She would fly around the North End on her scooter, with Rudy in her lap, and report back all the dog news she could. Sometimes she would call more than a handful



of times a day ... oh how we will miss those calls. Our dog park exists today because of her voracious support and endless love. Emmy had the biggest heart; she loved each North End dog as much as she loved her own. She would be the first one to be rolling around on the ground with the new puppies or with big kisses for the senior guys. We will miss her advice and guidance; it was always so direct and to the point.

When she lost Rudy three short weeks ago, a part of Emmy went with him. Her fiery spirit dimmed. They were two peas in a pod; those of us who loved and were close to

her knew Rudy was her world. We imagine they are now together again, smiling big smiles with eyes glimmering. The North End will not be the same without her, the dog park will be quieter, and we will be left better for having known this legend. We were lucky enough to be loved by the “Mother Pupper” ... Emily Mahfood.

We plan to host a tribute and memory sharing for Emmy when we are able to gather again.

Emmy’s brother is asking that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to R.U.F.F.



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David Vincent Santosuosso

David Vincent Santosuosso of Roslindale, passed away after a brief illness on April 14, 2020.

Beloved husband of Joan (Broderick). Brother of Vincent Santosuosso, Jr. and his wife Paula of Readville and the late Lenore Birks. Son of the late Vincent and Lenore Santosuosso. Nephew of the late Alfred and Jeannette Santosuosso. Cousin of Jeanne and Hugh Masterman, Robert and Ginny Santosuosso and Norma and Billy St. Martin.



David was a graduate of Boston Latin School and Boston College '67 where he excelled in track. His graduate studies were done at Northeastern University followed by a career in Psychotherapy, specializing in Neuro-Linguistic Programming.

David will always be remembered for his artistic talent, his caring heart and that crazy sense of humor.

For guestbook [www.gormleyfuneral.com](http://www.gormleyfuneral.com). Funeral Services private.

Donations in David's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Angela Vivolo

January 6, 1943 – May 8, 2020

Angela Vivolo, 77, a lifelong resident of Boston, passed away May 8, 2020.

She was born in Boston, a daughter of the late John and Conchetta (Conniter) Vivolo. She is survived by her loving brother Bernard Vivolo of Boston.

Funeral services and burial are private.

To leave an online condolence, please visit [www.watermanboston.com](http://www.watermanboston.com).



May She Rest in Peace

Angela (Segadelli) Peary

Angela (Segadelli) Peary of Quincy and Boston's North End passed away on May 5, 2020.

She is the beloved daughter of the late Anthony and Mary (Santassouso) Segadelli. Loving mother of Andrea Saliba and Maria Renda, both of the North End.

Cherished grandmother of Haley Renda, Peter Renda and Joseph Saliba. Dear sister of the late Francis Segadelli. Adored aunt of Stephanie Segadelli of Quincy and David Segadelli of Hingham.



Burial and Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

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James J. DiPrima

On Sunday, May 10, 2020, James J. DiPrima, of Saugus, MA, formerly of Medford, MA and the North End of Boston, passed away at the age of 85.

Jim grew up on Charter Street in the North End of Boston and shared many great stories of his youth in the neighborhood. The tight knit community of the North End is where he met Jean A. Petroni whom he married nearly 57 years ago in June of 1963, at St. Stephen's Church. They raised two children, Philip of North Reading, MA, and Gina DiPrima (Abey), of Livermore, California. They spent most of their lives in Medford, MA before Jim and Jean moved to Saugus, MA.

Jim attended Wentworth and was a mechanical engineer at Raytheon Co. in missile defense systems for most of his career. He and a colleague were awarded patent by the U.S. Government. He was an amateur artist and filmmaker, an avid reader, a lover of history, with a great intellect and curiosity, as well as a great sense of humor. He enjoyed being playful and trying to make others laugh. Jim touched the lives of everyone around him, and was always compassionate and quick to smile or joke. After retirement, he volunteered in his community, writing many



articles on history for the Boston Post-Gazette, greeting visitors at the Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Science in Boston. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, at one point serving as Chancellor, and active in the Sons of Italy Burlington Chapter and the Dante Alighieri Society.

One of Jim's great passions was travel. Italy was by far his favorite destination. Visiting the birthplace of his Sicilian parents was one of the highlights of his life, as were his frequent trips to California to visit his daughter and grandchildren. Jim leaves behind family members who will miss him dearly. In addition to his children, he is survived by daughter-in-law Kimberly (Pulpi), son-in-law Alex Abey, and beloved grandchildren Ava, William, Ella, and Olivia. He will be buried in a double ceremony at Holy Cross Cemetery of Malden, alongside his beloved wife Jean, who passed away following Jim on March 12, 2020.

Funeral services will be private. However, online viewing and funeral via video is being held due to the current health circumstances. Please contact their daughter at [ciao2tt@gmail.com](mailto:ciao2tt@gmail.com) if you would like to attend services via computer.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent in James' name to the charity of one's choice or to their gift-giving GoFundMe account <https://www.gofundme.com/f/james-and-jean-diprima-memorial>.



Jean Antonetta (Petroni) DiPrima

Jean Antonetta (Petroni) DiPrima, of Saugus, MA, formerly of Medford, MA and of the North End of Boston, passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2020, one month shy of her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Jean was a dedicated wife and companion to James J. DiPrima, her husband of nearly 57 years and to her family. Jean grew up in the North End of Boston where she maintained strong connections to the many friends from the neighborhood and from Elliott and Girls High School, both of which she attended. The North End is where she met Jim DiPrima, and they married in June of 1963, at St. Stephen's Church. They raised two children, Philip and Gina DiPrima (Abey). They spent most of their lives in Medford, MA before Jim and Jean moved to Saugus, MA.

She was a humble woman, yet she possessed an inner strength. She asked for little but gave a lot. She was a generous and caring woman who often put others before herself. Jean was a lunch mother in the Medford Public Elementary School



system for several years. She demonstrated a special gift for connecting with children. She doted on her 4 grandchildren who were the light of her life. She enjoyed her time volunteering as a greeter at the Museum of Fine Arts of Boston. She sang in the choir of Saint Raphael's Church of Medford for a time, and was a proud Italian-American, participating in the Dante

Alighieri Society and the Sons of Italy. She loved traveling to Italy and to California. One of her favorite trips was visiting the home of her father in Abruzzo, Italy. Jean was nearly always by Jim's side, even in death. They will be buried together in a double ceremony at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden.

Jean leaves behind family members Philip, her son, of North Reading, formerly of Medford, MA, daughter-in-law Kimberly (Pulpi), daughter, Gina DiPrima of California, son-in-law Alex Abey, and beloved grandchildren Ava, William, Ella and Olivia, and beloved sister Esther (Petroni) Santoro and family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent in Jean's name to the charity of one's choice or to their gift-giving GoFundMe account <https://www.gofundme.com/f/james-and-jean-diprima-memorial>.



L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

The Soft, Hazy Hello to Summer

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

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



The lovely, luxurious days of summer are so close that I can take a bite out of them, sweet as a strawberry pie melting in my mouth. Puffy white clouds dot a perfectly azure sky, rimmed by the trees of a now glorious deep green. Warm days enable me to step out in flowing sundresses and no jackets, relishing the glow of the bright afternoon light. The other day, I caught a whiff of sunscreen emanating from the patio outside my school, and that scent immediately transported me to the beach, to the feeling of sand caressing my feet and the sharp cry of seagulls. There is perhaps no other season as exhilarating, as carefree, and as vivacious as summer. When the sunlight goes on well into the evening and the school year begins to wind down, I am grasped with the desire for celebration, for whirlwind excursions in nature. Indeed, it seems as if the whole world is gearing up for a feast once the summer commences. The next couple of weekends, for example, offer two important summer festivals with their own unique customs and significance. Memorial Day constitutes a national remembrance that also opens the season. Meanwhile, Pentecost is a religious holiday celebrated with many folkloristic traditions. Both of these holidays encourage us to welcome the beauty of summer with love and open hearts.

Memorial Day arrives this year on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. A patriotic holiday, Memorial Day differs from the height-of-summer fanfare that characterizes the Fourth of July. Instead, it

focuses more on reflection and the intimate gatherings of family and friends. There is a sense of hope and renewed expectation on Memorial Day, as people step out into the summer for the first time, shedding away their cares as they enjoy the warm breezes that ruffle the leaves and the glowing sunshine. Memorial Day always reminds me of images of vintage Americana: blueberry pies sitting on checkered tablecloths, flags gently waving in the breeze, the curl of smoke rising above a barbecue grill, umbrellas dotting the bright-blue ocean shore. The long weekend of Memorial Day has long been considered the unofficial start of summer, when people emerge to take their vacations and a relaxed sense of joy permeates the air. However, it is also important to remember the true meaning of Memorial Day: that all of these summer joys we take for granted would not be possible without the brave sacrifice of the men and women who died for our country. I remember spending a quiet Memorial Day weekend evening watching incandescent green-gold fireflies blink in and out of the dark trees in my backyard, while the melodious notes of an Eagles song played from some far-off barbecue. This moment epitomized both the simple summer pleasures and the nostalgic sense of memory that typify this holiday. This Memorial Day, I plan to spend time with my family, eating my corn pudding and a summer fruit crisp full of peaches and cherries. As I experience the delights of the season, I

will remember to be grateful to those whose courage paved the way for the very freedoms I am enjoying.

Soon after Memorial Day, Italians will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. This important Christian feast occurs on the seventh Sunday after Easter and honors the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus’s disciples. It also closes the fifty-deed Easter period — in fact, the name “Pentecost” derives from the Greek word for “fifty.” For Italians, Easter, or *Pasqua*, does not end on the Sunday of the holiday, but rather encompasses a fifty-day period peppered with many saints’ days and Easter-related festivities. The fortieth day after Easter, for example, is Ascension Day, or *Festa dell’Ascensione*. Commemorating Jesus’ Ascent into Heaven, Italians honor this day with springtime festivities, like the *Festa del Grillo*. During this Cricket Festival, children buy cages with toy crickets inside, which are thought to bestow good luck. Pentecost also brims with quaint and unique traditions. In Italy, the holiday is often referred to as *Pasqua Rossa*, or “Red Easter,” after the red vestments worn by clergy on this day. Many church services scatter rose petals upon the congregation, symbolizing the descent of the Holy Spirit and incorporating a beautiful summertime flower into the celebration. The English, meanwhile, know Pentecost as Whitsunday. They mark the holiday with Whitsun Ales, or outdoor fairs that include folk dancing, decorating with flowers and garlands, and charitable contributions to the local parish and other causes. Europeans know that it is so wonderful to experience a holiday where spirituality, community and the love of summer seamlessly combine into an unforgettable celebration.

Pentecost and Memorial Day are two diverse holidays that nevertheless share the similar themes of love and community. They encourage us to consider our spirituality and our memory, our values and the commitments to those that we cherish. During the summer, it often seems as if the world is renewed once more, full of energy and a zest of life. It is a prime time for celebrating nature, for re-affirming our love to the world, and for celebrating the blessings we have in life. These holidays, with their deep significance and their beloved customs, remind us that summer is more than a season, but rather a state of the soul. As long as we embrace life with the same excitement and joy as a tree blooming under the golden sunshine, so will the sweetness of the early days of summer live forever within us.

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THINKING  
OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani

Governor Charlie “Play it Safe” Baker?

Across the nation, people have taken to the streets. It recently happened right here on May 4<sup>th</sup>, outside the State House. The economic shutdown is causing plenty of job losses, bankruptcies, and a sense that our democratic republic is under attack from authoritarian measures that seem to be shredding the Bill of Rights. We can’t go to church, we can’t mourn the loss of loved ones. We can’t assemble with one another. We can’t get a haircut. We can’t buy flowers. Thank God we can still buy coffee and donuts. At least they haven’t taken that away yet.

Here in Massachusetts, we have Governor Charlie “Play it Safe” Baker who just came out with a four-point plan to reopen the local economy. Sounds like Baker wants to see how New Hampshire and Rhode Island do re-opening. If nobody starts dropping dead, then he might start moving back on the lockdown. Not too sure if Baker’s actions qualify for a Profiles in Courage Award.

The Fake News Media and Trump-hating Democrats have started calling protesters taking to the streets a bunch of COVID-19 deniers, but as a constitutionalist, I think all these fakers know not what they speak.

Even, NY Gov. Andrew Cuomo hasn’t lost his common sense, saying, recently, “This (the economic shutdown) is not a sustainable situation. Close down, everything, close down the economy, lock yourself in the house.”

Meanwhile, back at the ranch right here, Baker has stated the process to re-opening is “complicated, it’s gradual and it requires an incredible amount of patience from all of us.” He seems so oblivious to the pain of small business owners. Baker wants us to know he feels our pain and I’m sure barbers, hair dressers and the like feel much better already. Baker should be listening to Cuomo who said, “We’re all anxious to get back to work.”

I believe every job is essential and it is time to move forward opening up our shuttered businesses. There is a good chance some 25 to 40 percent of all local businesses will never reopen, killed by the cure for the virus.

Everyone is suffering. Meanwhile bigger businesses like Home Depot, Target, and liquor stores remain open. If they can implement safe shopping guidelines why can’t others do so, too?

Here’s a great little letter to the editor I read in the *Wall Street Journal* from someone named James W. Voelz from Fort Wayne, IN, “The shutdown is really the dream of the left, isn’t it? Now the government controls the entire life of the citizenry: it tells you when and where you can move about and it gives you money on its terms, not yours.” Think about it!

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Robert L. Judge of Reading, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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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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A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kathleen Duggan of North Reading, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Kathleen Duggan of North Reading, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of June 15, 2020.

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# Frustrated North End Restaurant Owners Rally for Support

by Matt Conti, NorthEndWaterfront.com



North End business owners gathered on Hanover Street to protest Gov. Baker’s re-opening plan. (Photo by Matt Conti, NorthEndWaterfront.com)

North End restaurateurs listened closely to details of Gov. Baker’s four-phase **re-opening plan** on May 18<sup>th</sup>, and were frustrated to learn that it would be at least until mid-June before indoor dining would be allowed. Even then, only partial occupancy, perhaps 25-50%, would be permitted with the likely addition of strict new guidelines, including social distancing of 6-feet between unrelated parties. Business owners had an impromptu rally on Hanover Street on Monday afternoon to express their frustration.

“We took a major hit,” said Frank DePasquale, President of the North End Chamber of Commerce. “I have a plan to re-open the North End,” and is looking for an audience with State and City officials. Many owners in the North End believe the State’s potential guidelines would not work in smaller eateries but rather are being designed for larger restaurants. “We’re all small businesses and its disappointing that no one cares that 70-80% might not re-open,” said Damien DiPaola of Carmelina’s and Domenic’s.

“I cannot believe how our politicians are treating us. The restaurants are losing their livelihoods,” said Jorge Mendoza of Vinoteca di Monica and Monica’s Pasta Shop. The lack of specificity added to the frustration with owners not clear when to bring back employees, order supplies, or reconfigure their spaces. Frank Mendoza of Monica’s Mercato and Monica’s Trattoria asked the Governor and Mayor to come down to the corner of Prince and Salem Street. “I have worked here since I was 16 years old and I am not going to lose everything,” he added.

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## NEW Health Opens First COVID-19 Testing Site in Charlestown

by Nathan Merlan

With the lowest amount of COVID testing of any Boston neighborhood, the Charlestown community has been mostly neglected during this pandemic. However, that is about to change with the opening of a new testing site operated by NEW Health Charlestown. Located at 15 Tufts Street, the site has walk-up or drive-thru capabilities and is available for all residents who have at least one symptom of COVID-19. Visits will be made by appointment to reduce crowds and wait time. The testing site will operate Monday - Friday from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The site is in the Bunker Hill Housing Development, the largest public housing development in New England. Many residents struggle with substance use disorder, unemployment, and food insecurity. Since the start of this pandemic, these issues have been rapidly exacerbated.

In line with NEW Health’s past endeavors to combat food insecurity, supermarket gift certificates will be handed out to those being tested who indicate an inability to purchase the necessary groceries.

This spring, NEW Health will plant its annual rooftop garden at the Charlestown facility. The harvested herbs and vegetables will be used by the health center’s nutritionist to teach parents how to cook healthy meals on a budget.

The local food pantry is also situated next to the testing tent, but is only open two days a month.

NEW Health is looking at ways of increasing the frequency of food distribution during these difficult times. The staff at the health center and online donations have brought in thousands to help in its efforts.

“I am proud of our staff and the community coming together during these trying times,” said CEO Jim Luisi. “The virus affects all of us and we have to work together to beat this.”

**The site in Charlestown will also be open to residents of the North End.** Appointments can be made if they are displaying at least one symptom of COVID-19. Villa Michelangelo senior housing residents will be offered testing at their site shortly.

NEW Health, a Mass General Hospital and Boston Medical Center affiliate, is a Federally Qualified Health Center. It offers a range of services including family medicine, behavioral health, dental, vision, and addiction services. The center recently received a \$60,000 grant from the Boston Resiliency Fund and \$305,000 from the Cares Act to operate the testing facility.

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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**

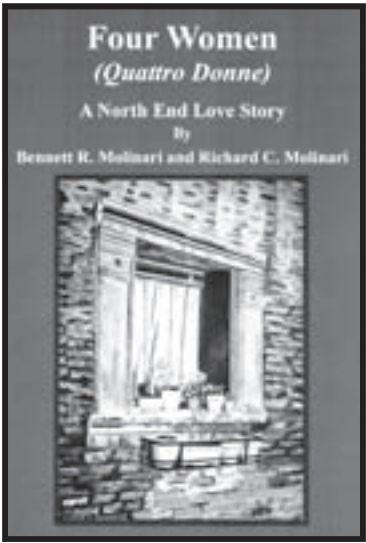
In the next few weeks this column will feature excerpts from this book.

#### SCHOOL STREET DINER (continued)

“Carla, I love you!” Pietro blurted out. Reacting to Pietro’s confession, Carla drew her hand back and stood up. “Pietro, you mustn’t say such a thing. We hardly know each other. I believe I love you also, but the situation is impossible.” I’m not free to fall in love, my family needs me, and shortly you will be entering the seminary.” “I need you Carla. I need you *cara mia*.” Pietro’s voice desperate as he reacted to Carla’s words of caution.

“Pietro, we must not be foolish, we hardly know each other.” Carla repeated. “Your life will be as a priest, a beautiful life in the service of God. You are confused and I’m not helping the situation.” “Carla, I love you!” Pietro repeated. There are many ways to serve God. God wants us to be happy. If we love each other and live good lives, will we not be serving God?” Pietro’s voice began to tremble as his eyes weld up with tears, melting Carla’s resolve. Suddenly, Carla repeated in a voice slightly above a whisper, “Pietro, I do love you. How can this be? We hardly know each other, yet, I know I love you. This is impossible. Please, I must go.” “Carla, please don’t go. You just arrived. Please stay a little longer.” Pietro implored.

Anxiously, Carla responded, “I will be missed” as she began mounting the stairs. “I must see you again,” cried out Pietro. In desperation, Carla offered, “I will send you a note that will



tell you where and when we can meet.” Continuing up the stairs, she could hear Pietro following her and quickly turned. “Pietro, for the love of heaven, let me go. I will send you a note, we can’t be seen together, wait five minutes before leaving.” Pietro returned to his seat and watched as Carla exited the Spa. Her words were racing through his head, his thoughts fixed on their next encounter.

Just a word about School Street Diner’s éclairs. They were huge with melt-in-your-mouth chocolate running the full length of the top, and a delicious yellow cream filling packed into their center. The body of the éclair was a soft yellow cake that perfectly complimented the filling and chocolate topping. Eclairs were a luxury we would have on special occasions, otherwise it was Mom’s icebox cake; she would knock off at least once a week. Icebox

cake was “tailor made” for Mom: layers of graham crackers crust with cooked pudding sandwiched between, find a spot in the refrigerator to let it set, then eat. No sifting, stirring, or baking, a match made in heaven for Mom.

Dad was the cake maker. His work as a typesetter demanded that he be precise, that every character on the news sheet he laid out be counted. His precision showed itself in his cake making. He mixed them completely by hand in an old crockery bowl, stored in a tiny pantry beside the kitchen sink. He stirred the batter precisely 300 times; one tiny example of his precision in contrast to Mom’s slam bang approach to things.

Since we didn’t own a car, Dad always wanted to live within walking distance of his job. Dad faithfully walked the route from our home in the North End to the newspaper and back, five times a week, no matter the weather; it was a round trip distance of about three miles. Before leaving for work, he always wanted to be certain we had dessert for supper. If one of Mom’s icebox cakes wasn’t in the refrigerator, he would bake a cake or make pudding, it was always one or the other. Dad’s cakes always came out of the oven sunken in the middle, so we called them volcano cakes. He would try to cover the depression with frosting, but the crater would always reemerge; they tasted good, and that was all that mattered.



Saint Ignatius of Laconi

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Vincenzo Peis was born on December 10, 1701, in Sardinia as one of seven children to poor peasants Mattia Peis Cadello and Anna Maria Sanna Casu.

Vincenzo worked in the fields to support his parents. He suffered a serious illness at the age of seventeen and vowed he would consecrate himself to God and join the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin if he managed to recover from it. He did recover but his parents, who needed his support in the fields, caused him to put off the fulfillment of his vow and wait before joining.

In 1721, he was in danger once more when the horse he was riding panicked. He could have been thrown off but he called upon the assistance of Francis of Assisi and renewed the vow he had made during his illness. This time his parents did not raise objections to his becoming a friar and granted him their blessing.

Vincenzo was received into the novitiate on November 10, 1721. He made his profession on November 10, 1722. taking his second name, Ignatius, as his religious name. Brother Ignatius never held an important position in the Franciscan order. For fifteen years, he worked in the weaving shed. Then, for forty years, he was part of a team who went from house to house requesting food and donations to support the friars. Ignatius visited families and received their gift. But the people soon realized that they received a gift in return. Brother Ignatius consoled the sick and cheered up the lonely. He made peace between enemies, converted people hardened by sin and advised those in trouble. They began to wait for his visits.

Despite his poor health and other infirmities, he continued in his work no matter how arduous it seemed. Even after he became blind in 1779, he continued to work for the benefit of those around him. Ignatius died on May 11, 1781, at Cagliari, where his remains were interred. He was Canonized on October 21, 1951, by Pope Pius XII. The Feast Day of Saint Ignatius Laconi is May 11<sup>th</sup>.



Attract Birds to Your Yard Naturally this Spring

Learn How to Attract Song Birds to your Yard without a Bird Feeder

by MassWildlife, mass.wildlife@mass.gov

You don't need a bird feeder to attract colorful and melodious birds to your yard or garden. Seed from bird feeders can draw the unwanted attention of squirrels, chipmunks, turkeys, mice, rats, and even black bears. Providing natural food sources, water, and shelter can bring birds to your property this spring and throughout the year.

Water

Birds need water for drinking and bathing. To enhance your garden for birds, add a source of water for them like a birdbath or fountain. They are especially attracted to moving or dripping water. Ideally, the water level in artificial birdbaths should be no more than 2 inches deep. A gradual decrease in depth towards the edges allows birds of all sizes to drink and bathe in the depth they prefer. A water drip or wiggler may be added to create the sight and sound of moving water, while deterring mosquitoes. Water should be replaced weekly to keep it clean.

Shelter

Shelter is as critically important as food and water. Birds need a safe place to rest, preen their feathers, and escape when predators are present. Each night, birds settle into dense shrubs or coniferous trees to sleep. Providing these refuges in your yard is another way to attract birds. Consider adding wood or wicker birdhouses for nesting in the summer and roosting during cold winter nights.

Food

A healthy mix of native vegetation will draw a variety of species to your yard. Native trees and



shrubs that produce berries (like dogwoods, serviceberries, cherries, blueberry) provide fruit in summer and/or fall, and are much more nutritious (high in fats and lipids) than fruits of non-native plants. During the summer when birds are nesting, the young are fed almost exclusively invertebrates like caterpillars. Native plants support a much higher diversity and number of invertebrates than non-native plants. This is especially true with caterpillars, which are the preferred food for young songbirds. Growing native plants in your yard can be the best way to attract many species of birds to the area.

Are you looking to attract hummingbirds? Native species of wild bergamot and red columbine have colorful, tubular flowers that will entice hummingbirds and butterflies! You might also include Trumpet Honeysuckle, Cardinal Flower, Spotted Impatiens, Canada Lily, and native azaleas and rhododendrons.

FIND THE RIGHT PLANTS TO ATTRACT BIRDS TO YOUR YARD.

Bird Feeders and Wildlife

By providing native plants, fresh water, and birdhouses, you can attract birds to your

yard without needing to use bird feeders. Most bird feeders draw the unwanted attention of squirrels, chipmunks, mice, rats, and even black bears. Keep these unwanted guests out by creating a natural habitat for the birds.

Additional Tips

We all like to keep a well-maintained yard. However, birds like things a little more on the wild side! Leave small piles of branches and leaves around your yard. These will attract ground-dwelling invertebrates — perfect for birds like American Robins and Northern Flickers. The brush piles provide shelter for bird species like the Carolina Wren. Decomposing piles will replenish nutrients to your soil over time.

When possible, don't cut down dead trees, also called snags. Snags are favored foraging and nesting places for many species of birds.

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# Pet News

from the Gazette

by Marie Simboli

## How to Train Your Pit Bull To be a Good Family Pet



Pit Bulls get a bad rap. The truth is, when well-bred and properly socialized, pit bulls are very friendly, people-oriented pets. With their high energy level and strength, though, pit bulls are not for everyone. But if you decide that the pit bull is a good fit, you will find them to be extremely intelligent and eager to learn. They often excel at obedience training and dog sports. Unfortunately, what many people know about pit bulls comes from the news stories they hear about dog fighting or pit bull attacks. This is one of the reasons it is so important to make the extra effort to train your pit bull. A well-trained pit bull can be an ambassador for its breed, showing the world that with a loving home and training, pit bulls can make wonderful pets.

**Start socializing your puppy early:** If you have a young pit bull puppy or are planning on getting one soon, make socialization your top priority. It is important that your pit bull puppy learns to be comfortable with a variety of people and situations from a very early age. Expose it to children, men, women, and other animals. Get your pet used to being handled. Keep things positive and upbeat, and allow your pit bull puppy to approach new things in its own time. This early socialization is the most important component of your puppy's training program.

**Use positive reinforcement to train your Pit Bull:** Because of their muscular build and strength, training that requires leash corrections or other punishment is not always effective with pit bulls. You will probably have better results with positive reinforcement techniques, such as clicker training or other reward based training. Most pit bulls are eager learners and will be happy to work for the rewards.

**Teach your Pit Bull to behave properly with other dogs:** Because pit bulls have a history of being bred as fighting dogs, they are not always tolerant of other dogs. You can keep control over your dog in the presence of other dogs by teaching it to focus on you. This is when the "look" command comes in handy. Other commands that can help include stay, come, and the emergency recall. To ensure that your dog will respond to your commands, even when it may be distracted by other dogs, take the time to practice commands in a variety of settings and situations. It's important that your dog can respond to your commands when you are at the park just as well as it does in your living room. This step of training is referred to as proofing. It's important to remember, however, that each dog is an individual. Some do well in households with other dogs, while others show aggression toward other dogs. It can't be stressed enough that aggression toward dogs does not equal aggression toward humans. Just because a pit bull is intolerant of other dogs does not mean it is going to be aggressive toward people.

**Teach through advanced training and dog sports:** If you are having trouble keeping your dog from showing aggression towards other dogs, consider working with a trainer. A lot of training facilities offer classes to help with just this problem. You may see them referred to as Feisty Fido or reactive dog classes. When it comes down to it, pit bulls are really no different when it comes to training than any other dogs. The difference comes from the public's perception of pit bulls. Take the time to train your pit bull, and you will have a happy and healthy member of the family who is truly an ambassador of its breed. Enjoy and love your pet because it's all about ...

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# Praying for Opening of Churches

by Sal Giarratani

Some 90 Catholics from the Boston Archdiocese and beyond showed up to pray outside the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, forming a human set of Rosary Beads in hopes of sending a message to Cardinal Sean O'Malley and Governor Charlie Baker to open up churches for religious services.

Recently, prior to this protest 218 Christian pastors sent an email to the governor hoping to persuade him to consider churches an essential part of society. Dr. Roberto Miranda of Congregation of Judah in Boston's South End has said, "We are essential to the community in many ways. We are a little discouraged to see so many other businesses given latitude to operate — liquor and marijuana shops are being allowed to operate and we churches are so limited to operate."



Crowd at Holy Cross Cathedral protest rally  
(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Governor Baker announced the first stage of the staggered re-opening of the economy and houses of worship will now be allowed to do services once again inside, but with only 40 percent occupancy to

keep social distancing in place. Did the protest at the Cathedral play a role in the Governor's decision on re-opening churches is anyone's guess but many at the rally hoped their stand would make Baker act as he did.

# Open Business, Close Baker Rally

by Sal Giarratani



Cliff Hanson from western Massachusetts trekked all the way to Swampscott for the protest.

On Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> a large group of protesters showed up in the town of Swampscott not far from Governor Charlie Baker's home armed with placards calling on the governor to re-open the Massachusetts economy which has taken a really big hit in the pasty seven weeks since Baker shutdown local economy statewide.



Standing up for all jobs, since all jobs are essential.

The latest numbers show that the shutdown has caused a 15 percent unemployment rate with over 1.1 million jobless, out of the State's population of 7 million. Many believe that by the time this COVID-19 economic shutdown is over anywhere between 25 to 40 percent of all businesses will never re-open.

Many of the estimated 85 demonstrators who showed up in Swampscott were small business owners watching their savings and dreams go up in smoke because of this virus. Many of these folks shared stories with each other over how they could survive the virus, but the cure (shutdown) was killing them.

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Grammy winning saxophonist Michael Thomas’ new album from Giant Step Arts marks an enormous leap into an unknown future. Far less terrifying than teetering on the edge of a cosmic anomaly, the release of *Event Horizon*, nonetheless marks a turning point and possibly a new beginning for the thrilling young saxophonist Thomas assembled a dream band to realize a new set of outstanding compositions. The frontline reunites him with trumpet great Jason Palmer, who with Thomas worked regularly for two years as part of Palmer’s long-running house band at Boston’s historic Wally’s Jazz Café. The quartet also features bassist Hans Glawischnig and drummer Johnathan Blake. Recorded live over two nights at New York City’s renowned Jazz Gallery, *Event Horizon* muses on the role technology plays in modern life while responding to both its advantages and its drawbacks. The live recording casts this uneasy relationship with technology into stark perspective. While a studio may offer any number of modern conveniences, Thomas felt the old-school method, while inevitably a tightrope walk, also inspired daring performances that might not have happened with a safety net in place. “While we recorded in an old-fashioned way, I didn’t want the music to have an old-fashioned feel. This is very new music – challenging for the band, and challenging for the individual players.” This two-disc set includes 11 selections that run in length from “Bass Intro” at 2:16 to “Underground” at 16:22. Long or short, the 11-tracks are ear pleasing.

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*For Now* has a lot to say about romance, and it says it with quiet conviction and passionate declaration. Ace multi-reedist and composer Brian Landrus turns here to inner pathways, bringing together a remarkable quartet: pianist Fred Hersch bassist Drew Gress and drummer Billy Hart. Landrus, emerged from his 30s with elation, heartache, delight and disenchantment, and he brings all that experience to the album’s ten original compositions and three standards.” In compositions like “The Second Time,” “JJ” and “Clarity in Time,” his need stirs just beneath the elegant surface of the music. The title track, “For Now,” pours out as an unaffected love ballad. Landrus sets a forthright and openhearted tune over deceptively complex harmonies, as in the tender “Her Smile,” and in his waltzes, which can be searching and impetuous “The Night of Change,” sun-splashed melancholy “The Miss” or noon-day cool “The Wait.” His compositional voice confidently ranges from tunes with the poise and assurance of standards-you’ve-never-heard, such as “The Signs” and “JJ,” to abstract romantic dreamscapes like

“The Night of Change.” On the baritone saxophone he sings out tenderly and with deep feeling on “Ruby, My Dear” and “The Second Time,” spins sweet roudades light as air on “Her Smile” and “The Miss,” stays low for a crushed-velvet sound on “JJ,” and plays with a dusky burnish that seems to linger after each phrase on “The Signs,” “Invitation,” and “Clarity in Time.” Landrus reserves the bass clarinet for intimate and lyrical musings “For Now,” “The Wait,” and “For Whom I Imagined,” but then sets free its full palette of colors for his astonishing solo version of Monk’s masterpiece “Round Midnight.” “The Night of Change” features Landrus soloing with glowing angularity on alto flute. Rounding out this album of ten original Landrus compositions are three very special performances of standards, Thelonious Monk’s “Round Midnight” with Landrus on solo bass-clarinet, “Invitation” featuring fresh, effortless swing from the whole ensemble, and a duet performance featuring Landrus and Hersch on Monk’s “Ruby, My Dear.”

**ROLL UP THE RUG!  
IT’S THE ROE FAMILY  
SINGERS (CD)  
Bonfire Music Group**

The Roe Family Singers’ brand new project, *Roll up the Rug* is available now. The album includes 15 recordings, featuring a combination of new material penned by the husband/wife pair, Kim and Quillan, along with traditional favorites made famous through the years by greats like Bill Monroe and Hank Williams. In celebration of the new release, The Roe Family Singers have just unveiled the official video for their lead single, which they composed, “Don’t Worry about the Rich Man.” The cleverly written song serves as the first official single from the new album. Throughout the track, it differentiates the lives of a rich man compared to a poor man. The single shows off the band’s unique instrumentals, which has a throwback folk feel. “With the video we wanted to draw a parallel between the poverty of the Great Depression and the poverty of today. Using the footage from the 1980s was interesting because, in going through all of the old footage, it became clear very quickly that these same issues, and other issues, like global warming, for example — have been a growing concern over the last 30 or 40 years, if not longer,” explains Quillan. The husband-and-wife pair is showcasing their talents on their *Roll up the Rug* album. The unique track listing includes a combination of new material, along with a few traditional tunes. Some of the key moments include a reinvented version of Bill Monroe’s “The Rocky Road Blues,” along with a version of “Hey Good Lookin’” by Hank Williams and more. Featuring racks as, Bill Monroe’s “The Rocky Road Blues,” Hank Williams’ “Hey, Good Lookin’,” and “When the Red, Red Robin Comes Bob, Bob Bobbing,” penned by Harry Woods.

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

by Sal Giaratani

**SETH MOULTON NEEDS TO  
GO UP IN THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton, D-6<sup>th</sup> District has been a major disappointment since first being elected up in his North Shore/Cape Ann district. When he first ran for office as a former military combat veteran, so much more common sense was expected. Now, he’s just another run of the mill Democrat.

This year voters up in his district have a good opponent taking him on as a Republican and conservative named John Paul Moran. Moulton is disappointing. He’s backing former Vice President Joe Biden and refused to support a House resolution condemning China for its secrecy which created this global COVID-19 pandemic.

Moulton’s job is to be a voice and vote for his constituency and not to waste time on impeachment and trying to oust Trump at every turn.

**EVERETT IS ONE OF THE  
HARDEST HIT CITIES IN  
THE ENTIRE STATE OF  
MASSACHUSETTS**

Everett is one of the communities in Massachusetts that has been hit the hardest by this pandemic. Recent data shows that more than 1,000 people in the city have tested positive for COVID-19 — among the highest per-capita infection rates in the state.

The Everett Community Care Fund — created in partnership with the United Way — is mobilizing resources to folks in the community who are experiencing financial hardship as a result of this crisis. They are also raising funds to help people make rent payments, purchase groceries, and more.

**MAYOR SAYS 10 PERCENT  
STILL NOT ENOUGH**

According to Mayor Marty Walsh and Gov. Charlie Baker, only 10 percent of those tested for Covid-19 have tested positive for the antibodies, meaning they had the virus and never knew it.

According to Dr. Anthony Iafate from Mass. General Hospital, these recent tests show the city is nowhere near

**CAR CORNER**

I love old classic cars, and lately I’ve been seeing lots of them while I am walking around exercising during the pandemic. Here are three beauties I wanted to share with you.



► **2000 Chevy Camaro morphed with a Corvette engine located at Benson’s Garage on Bridge Street in North Weymouth.**



◀ **1977 Pontiac Trans Am located at Royal Auto Tops on Washington Street in West Roxbury.**



◀ **1989 Oldsmobile Cutlass located at Audy Auto Center on Bridge Street in Dedham.**

the “herd immunity” that was hoped for.

**WHAT’S A FEW MORE  
BILLION SPENT, RIGHT?**

Recently, House members up on Beacon Hill voted 157-0 and the Senate approved on a voice vote without a roll call a bill that would authorize the State Treasurer to borrow billions needed to keep the State running through June because of diminishing tax revenues during COVID-19. State tax collections dropped in April by more than \$2.3 billion compared to April 2019. The loss attributed to reduced income tax revenue as a result of the business shutdown.

The bill still needs final approval from both Chambers before going to the Governor for his signature. The anticipated borrowing could reach \$3 billion, but the State has to pay its bills and has no other choice.

Too bad we don’t have a printing press like they do in Washington.

**CITY LOOKING AT  
EXPANDED SIDEWALKS**

The city of Boston is thinking about expanding sidewalks by eliminating parking spaces.

Meridian Street in East Boston is being looked at for such action. Mayor Walsh has also voiced support for these proposals floating the idea that Hanover Street in the North End was one possibility.

**QUINCY POLLS PUSHING  
MAIL-IN VOTING**

It seems that the Quincy City Council likes the idea of Mail-In Voting and voted 6-2 to allow city residents to vote by mail in all future elections. The resolution is of course non-biding but it shows that this foolish idea is gaining ground.

Personally, I am opposed to mail-in voting because it is open to much fraud and potentially constant lawsuits in the future in close elections. There is no chain of custody thus making election results quite questionable. If someone gets their ballot in the mail, how can anyone be sure, that person voted themselves? How do we ensure dead people don’t come back from the dead?

Too many questions without good answers! Just say NO to this dumb politically correct idea and move on to bigger and better things.

• **Mayor Walsh** (Continued from Page 1)

- If businesses don’t feel comfortable opening, the City will back them in that decision and continue to make services and resources available to them.
- The City will provide more information in the days and weeks ahead to help employers and community organizations stay safe and connected. Small business owners can reach out to our *Office of Small Business*.
- Re-opening houses of worship:**
  - *Under the statewide plan:* Places of worship are allowed to open starting this week, at 40% capacity and with strict distancing practices and face coverings.
  - *Boston’s approach:* Places of worship must take a very cautious approach and are urged to not re-open if they have doubts about being able to plan, implement, and monitor strict safety guidelines.

- The Statewide “Safer at Home” policy remains in place, which advises against people 65 and older leaving home unless absolutely necessary. The Mayor urged seniors to adhere to the advisory and hold off on going back to places of worship, even if services restart. He also asked faith leaders to reach out to their elderly parishioners, to guide them and support them in putting safety first, and keep them connected in other ways.
- The City has been getting questions about church choirs and hymns. The Mayor says they shouldn’t happen yet, given the added risk of virus transmission from singing in addition to speaking. Face coverings must be worn at all times.
- National EMS Week:**
  - The Mayor recognized this week as the 46<sup>th</sup> annual National EMS Week, a time to

thank and honor the men and women of Boston EMS and its partner agencies.


- He noted that in the last 2 months, Boston EMTs have cared for and transported nearly 7,000 patients with COVID-19 symptoms — and over 2,000 of those were confirmed positive. That work is on top of all the typical emergencies they respond to. Every call they take must be treated as a possible COVID case, with additional caution and care. Through it all, they act with compassion and professionalism, while demonstrating true courage in a crisis.
- He reminded everyone that if they are having a medical emergency of any kind, to call 911. The City’s EMTs and paramedics will respond and provide people with the care they need, and get them to the hospital if they need it.



# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Here we are in the middle of May, and things are starting to loosen up a bit, but I never thought I would ever go into a bank with a mask on, ask the teller for money, would receive it with a smile (I think she smiled, but I'm not sure because she was wearing a mask, too), walk out with my cash in hand, and with no police anywhere in sight.

Loretta and I are still semi quarantined for safety sake. It is easier here in Florida as it's warm, it's sunny, it's comfortable, but I miss my home, family, and friends in Boston.

Don't get me wrong, since we've been in isolation, we still have a few friends come over, but we sit out back on the patio, several feet from each other. It seems to be working. As an example, I wanted to cook a traditional Sunday dinner for Loretta on Mother's Day. She liked the idea but insisted she would have to clean up afterward and it wouldn't be much of a Mother's day. A bachelor friend and his brother offered to cook and we said, "OK." Loretta's girl friend is the lady friend of one of the brothers, Ernie, and we've been in his company many times over the past months, so, Ernie and his brother cooked. They made the same thing I was going to make, escarole soup, ravioli, meatballs, hot and sweet sausages, sautéed vegetables and salad with olive oil and wine vinegar. Dessert was Italian and American coffee, and homemade pastries. We sat several feet from each other at Ernie's giant sized dinner table and all felt safe.

A couple of weeks ago, I kidningly mentioned that the only two organizations that will benefit from the coronavirus are Weight Watchers and Alcoholics Anonymous. Well, you won't believe it; I've seen TV commercials for both organizations, ouch. Due to having to stay put (well almost) I desperately needed a haircut. My friend, Gary Bucciero, a hair stylist, whose shop is called D'Ciro Hair Design and is located on Mt. Auburn Street in Watertown, gave me a goings over just before Christmas, and as of last week, I looked like I either needed a haircut or a fiddle. Gary is up there and I'm down here in Florida (strike one), his shop is closed for the duration (strike two), and all of the shops down here are closed (strike three), so, I was out of luck.

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, I head to a rehab center for water

aerobics, where a trainer works on strengthening my legs. Scott, the trainer, looked like he had just had a decent haircut and I questioned him about it. He told me that a barber came to his house and cut his hair al fresco, working on Scott's head out on his back patio. He gave me the barber's name and number and I called him. I used Scott as the reference and he agree to come to my back patio, masked, with sterilized tools necessary to give me a haircut.

Jonathan the barber arrived on last Saturday morning and began to cut my hair. While he was cutting, my friend Ernie called. When I told him what was happening, he asked if Jonathan could cut his and his brother's hair. Jonathan was willing, and within fifteen minutes, Ernie and his brother, Jimmy, were here waiting their turns. A few minutes later, a neighbor called to ask if everything was OK. He saw a group of masked strangers on my back patio and thought something might be wrong. I explained the operations of the morning and he asked if he could be included, the barber had no problem with that, so neighbor, Joe, joined the party. Just as he arrived and sat down to wait his turn, my next door neighbor, Dave, called, and also asked what was wrong due to seeing the gang on the patio. Again I explained the details of the event of the morning and he asked if he could be included. The barber was willing, so, as a result of coming to cut my hair, he picked up another four customers, and combining the cost of each haircut and the tips, Jonathan made himself a good day's pay.

Things are slowly beginning to open down here, a sign that we may be nearing the end of the crisis. The beaches have re-opened, but you can't sit on them. You can walk the beaches, swim or surf, but no stationary positions, as of yet. Restaurants are beginning to re-open, but to only 25% capacity. The same percentage will be allowed when other businesses can open again. Thus far, gas stations, drug stores and supermarkets are the only businesses that have been allowed to remain open, but you can't enter any of them without wearing a mask.

With all that's going on, I have had more time to write. I am on the last half of a new book based on this column and have been writing and proof reading several hours a day. I am in contact with the members of the organizations I

belong to at home, and one of them, October is Italian Heritage Month, had a board of directors meeting the other day. It was a video conference and rather interesting because we resolved things on our agenda via our telephones and computers.

There are many local organizations that are still fighting discrimination, prejudice and biases, especially where Italians are concerned. Babbononno and Grandpa Christoforo told me about what things were like when they first came to America and all they had was Figli D'Italia in America. (Sons of Italy in America) I was contacted by one of the heads of a rather new organization, the Italian American Alliance. I like their approach to things as they not only try to help Italians and Italian Americans, but any group of people that have experienced discrimination. It seems that some cities and towns have been trying to illuminate Columbus Day from being a federal holiday and replacing it with Indigenous Peoples' Day. Those who have been condemning Columbus all seem to be revisionists, the type of people who want to change history to their liking. They claim that Columbus was a barbarian, a murderer and a slaver. Just the opposite was true and I wrote a piece for them detailing where the problem came from, a Communist piece of literature called, *A Peoples' History of the United States*.

The author distorted much, if not most of American history, to suit his left wing political leanings. Unfortunately, the text is being used as a required history book in many public schools, and young minds are being indoctrinated with lies about the people who made America the greatest country on Earth. I usually don't write anything political as I don't think I'm qualified to be a political pundit, but I've been upset with the outcome of events that have been changing American history, by blaming Columbus, our founders and our greatest industrialists and financiers for subjugating the people of this country while creating their own empires. So, I wrote a document that can be read on line if you contact the Italian American Alliance. I admit I'm a flag waver. I'm ashamed at two things my country has been involved in the past: the treatment of the Native Americans and slavery. Beyond these, I am a proud American will try to bring back some of the things that have made America great. At this age, my only weapon is my pen, and the pen is mightier than the sword. I think Babbononno and Grandpa would be proud.

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by  
**Marianna Bisignano**



For decades, *Tiramisù* has topped the charts with being Italy's favorite dessert. This rich and decadent layered *dolci* is traditionally made with *savoardi* (ladyfingers) soaked in espresso, along with mascarpone cheese, eggs, sugar, Marsala wine, rum and cocoa powder. The blending of these varied ingredients resulted in a creation that was instantly loved by all. While the name *Tiramisù* itself implies "pick me up" (due to the caffeinated ingredients it contains), the origin and legends behind this delicacy remain unclear. Five Italian regions dispute its origin, and one of the most eminent legends behind the conception of *Tiramisù* is one that is much too much of a risqué nature to even write about!



Through the years, many Italian restaurants, *pasticceria's* and even home cooks have created their own versions of *Tiramisù*. Some recipes replace raw eggs with tempered eggs and whipped cream, others eliminate the Marsala wine and/or rum and use different liqueurs, many even choose to eliminate the liquor altogether. The recipe I'm sharing today is one that excludes raw eggs, can be made with or without Marsala wine, uses a small amount of rum in the mascarpone mixture, and coffee liqueur in the espresso. I prefer to make my own *savoardi*, however the use of packaged ladyfingers is optional. Made in individual wide mouthed glass mason jars, pint sized "*Tiramisù* in a Jar" are just perfect to serve for dessert or anytime of day you need a delectable pick me up. So adorable, so Italian, and so very delicious!

### TIRAMISU IN A JAR

#### *Tiramisù in Barattolo*

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| 6 pint sized wide mouth glass mason jars         | 1 ¾ cups heavy cream                         |
| 5 extra-large egg yolks, at room temperature     | 2 tablespoons dark rum                       |
| 10 ounces mascarpone cheese, at room temperature | 2 packages <i>savoardi</i> style ladyfingers |
| 1 cup sugar                                      | 2 cups espresso                              |
|  | ½ cup coffee liqueur                         |
|  | 2 ounces unsweetened cocoa (for dusting)     |

In the top of a double boiler, over 3-4 inches of boiling water, combine eggs and sugar. Reduce heat to simmer and whisk egg/sugar mixture for about 10-12 minutes, until thick and pale yellow. Remove from heat, place in a large heatproof bowl and cool. When cool, add mascarpone, dark rum, mix well and set aside.

In a large cold mixing bowl, whip cream until stiff peaks form. Gently fold whipped cream into the mascarpone egg mixture, set aside.

In a small bowl, mix the espresso with coffee liqueur. Dip the *savoardi* ladyfingers into the mixture long enough to wet but do not soak. Arrange *savoardi* evenly (cut to fit) on the bottom of each jar. Spoon 1/3 of the mascarpone cream over *savoardi*. Repeat this process with another layer of *savoardi* and another 1/3 of the cream. Repeat a final time with a layer of *savoardi*, ending with a layer of cream. Cover with mason jar top and refrigerate overnight. When ready to serve, remove from refrigerator, take off top and dust generously with cocoa.

Marianna Bisignano is a psychologist for the Boston Public Schools and can be reached at [nonnasrecipebox@gmail.com](mailto:nonnasrecipebox@gmail.com)

#### • News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

San Juan. My Uncle Joe, born and raised in Charlestown, was stationed in San Juan during WWII and met his wife, my Aunt Blanca.

I believe it is time to make Puerto Ricans living on the island first-class U.S. citizens where they can vote in presidential elections and elect real voices and votes up in the House and Senate up in Capitol Hill.

#### Time for FBI to Join 21<sup>st</sup> Century

The FBI needs to join the 21<sup>st</sup> century and start digitally recording its interviews. The

foolishness of memorializing what was said in an interview based on handwritten notes and post-hoc editing has been highlighted and not in the best light with the Michael Flynn case. Recordings will bring full accountability to future investigations and interviews.

#### End Quote

"As I said at the time, it isn't easy to make a coup attempt boring, but Democrats somehow found a way."

— U.S. Rep. Devin Nunes, R-CA, in ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee



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# THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

## The Great Crash of '29



Wall Street in a panic after the Great Crash

Apart from the two World Wars, the top defining moment of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century was sandwiched between them, the Great Depression. At its nadir, the Great Depression which lasted until the United States’ entry into WWII, saw an unemployment rate of about 25%.

It all began in September of 1929, when the Wall Street Market collapsed. The Great Crash was an almost poetical finale for the decade of consumption. Post-war optimism saw millions of Americans flowing into the cities, creating a rapid urban expansion (which had actually begun some years before Armistice), buying

capital, and becoming a part of the industrial boom. Meanwhile, however, back in the country, farms saw an over-production of produce to meet demands, stripping farmers of resources.

During the boom of the Roaring Twenties it was hard to imagine danger looming for the stock market before the decade was out, but the Federal Reserve was warning against over speculating by March of 1929. Many investors took notice and began selling shares almost as rapidly as they had bought them after the war. In response, Charles E. Miller of National City Bank provided \$25 million in credit to restore faith in the market and, until the fall it seemed to work. The Dow continued to rise back up until September.

Some damage was irreparable. Production had gone down and the industrial sector was forced to reduce wages and reduce the size of the work force. By late October, panic was setting in and on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 12,894,650 shares were traded. Bankers scrambled to stabilize the market but the damage was done and there was little to be done to escape the inevitable. On the 29<sup>th</sup> (a day known as Black Tuesday) the market collapsed. A record 16,410,030 shares were traded and billions lost.

For more than a decade, the world suffered the ramifications of this. Unemployment swept the nation, families were broken up, livelihoods were destroyed, and the nation headed for dark days. This was the America Franklin D. Roosevelt would inherit. But that’s another story ...



### LEGAL NOTICE

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI20P1977EA  
Estate of  
**MARGARET M. BRODERICK**  
Date of Death: July 23, 2019  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Lydia A. Broderick of Framingham, MA** and **Michelle E. Broderick of Watertown, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that **Lydia A. Broderick of Framingham, MA** and **Michelle E. Broderick of Watertown, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of June 09, 2020.

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

**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: May 12, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/22/2020

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Docket No. MI20P2006EA  
Estate of  
**PAUL DAVID BASSETT**  
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**PAUL D. BASSETT**  
Date of Death: April 14, 2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Richard C. Woods, Jr. of Stoneham, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that **Richard C. Woods, Jr. of Stoneham, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.  
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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 14, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/22/2020

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
In the matter of  
**RICHARD DIMARCO**  
of Burlington, MA  
**RESPONDENT**  
**Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lahey Hospital A Medical Center of Burlington, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Richard Dimarco** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Karen Kearns, Esq., of Cambridge, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.  
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **June 05, 2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.  
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 08, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/22/2020

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Docket No. MI20P1922EA  
Estate of  
**GEORGE MARTIN MOOMJIAN**  
Also Known As  
**GEORGE M. MOOMJIAN**  
**GEORGE MOOMJIAN**  
Date of Death: April 12, 2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Esther C. Moomjian of Los Gatos, CA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that **Esther C. Moomjian of Los Gatos, CA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 07, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/22/2020

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI20P1915EA  
Estate of  
**ROBERT HENRY VENO, II**  
Also Known As  
**ROBERT H. VENO**  
Date of Death: November 09, 2019  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

The Petitioner requests that **Margaret E. Mitchell Veno of Wayland, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of June 03, 2020.

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

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 06, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/22/2020

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
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Docket No. MI20P1957EA  
Estate of  
**ROSALIE K. STAHL**  
Date of Death: April 22, 2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of June 08, 2020.

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

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 11, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 05/22/2020

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
208 Cambridge Street  
East Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI20P1014EA  
Estate of  
**SHEILA THOMAS**  
Also Known As  
**REBECCA SHEILA SMITH KAUFFMANN**  
Date of Death: January 08, 2020  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Emily J. Parker of West Roxbury, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Emily J. Parker of West Roxbury, 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: 05/22/2020



## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF SALE

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

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**JUNE 6, 2020**  
**at 9:00 AM**

Run dates: 05/22, 05/29, 06/05, 2020

## LEGAL NOTICE

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**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Suffolk Division**  
**24 New Chardon Street**  
**Boston, MA 02114**  
**(617) 788-8300**  
**Docket No. SU20P0615EA**  
**Estate of**  
**LEONARD B. COLE**  
**Date of Death: January 10, 2020**

## INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Krista Cole of Derry, NH**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Krista Cole of Derry, NH** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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**The Trial Court**  
**Middlesex Probate and Family Court**  
**208 Cambridge Street**  
**Cambridge, MA 02141**  
**(617) 768-5800**  
**Docket No. MI20P1962EA**  
**Estate of**  
**KATHERINE A. MOORE**  
**Date of Death: March 24, 2020**

## CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank of Orleans, 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 **Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank of Orleans, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of June 08, 2020.

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

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

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**Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,**  
**First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: May 11, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 05/22/2020

## LEGAL NOTICE

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**The Trial Court**  
**Suffolk Probate and Family Court**  
**24 New Chardon Street**  
**Boston, MA 02114**  
**(617) 788-8300**  
**Docket No. SU496096**  
**In the Matter of**  
**JASON ADLER**

## CITATION ON PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by **BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. of Providence, RI** requesting allowance of the 11 (30th) - 15th (34th) & Final account(s) as Trustee and any other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on June 19, 2020.

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

**Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,**  
**First Justice of this Court.**

Date: May 08, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Run date: 05/22/20

## LEGAL NOTICE

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**Docket No. MI20P1329EA**  
**Estate of**  
**DAVID P. GUIDO**  
Also Known As  
**DAVID PAUL GUIDO**

**Date of Death: January 26, 2020**

## INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Mark A. Guido of Waterford, CT**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Mark A. Guido of Waterford, CT** 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: 05/22/2020

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**208 Cambridge Street**  
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**Docket No. MI20P1914EA**  
**Estate of**  
**DONALD NOYES LARSEN-SORTERUP**  
Also Known As  
**DONALD SORTERUP**

**Date of Death: October 09, 2019**

## INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

**Kenneth H. Light 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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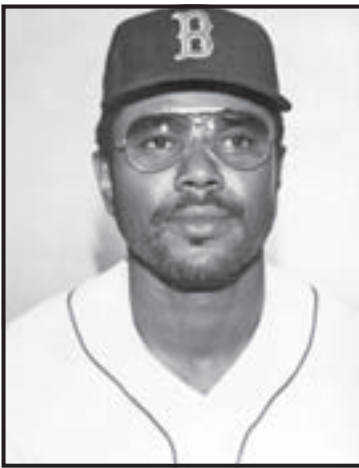


## EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



## Bob Watson, RIP



Bob Watson, an All-Star slugger who became the first African American General Manager to win a World Series with the NY Yankees in 1996, has passed away at age 74.

The Houston Astros for whom Watson played his first 14 years in a baseball career spanning six decades announced his death. "He was an All-Star on the field and a true pioneer off of it admired and respected by everyone he played with or worked alongside." The Astros said in a statement.

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., 2 Emery Road, Allston, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **June 6, 2020 beginning at 10:00 am** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

**2008 TOYOTA COROLLA**  
VIN # 2T1BR32E78C869284

**2000 HONDA CIVIC**  
VIN # 2HGEJ6613YH529148

**2010 MAZDA CX-7**  
VIN # JN3ER4WL3A0330972

**2002 ACURA 32TL**  
VIN # 19UUA56822A022105

*Vehicles are being stored at D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., and may be viewed by appointment only.*

Signed

Gabriela Estrada, Owner

Run dates: 05/22, 05/29, 06/05, 2020

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 539A, that on **May 29, 2020 at 10AM**, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

**2008 NISSAN PATHFINDER**

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**Robert Lynch**  
24 Stonebury Way  
Tewksbury, MA 01876

**2009 HONDA CIVIC, RED**

Vin: 2HGFA165X9H326365

**Sofia DeMacedo**  
186 Mill St.  
Burlington, MA 01803

**2016 VW JETTA, GRAY**

Vin: 3VW4T7AJ5GM267146

**Donlan Trust**  
3000 Lakeside Dr.  
Bannockburn, IL 60015

**2006 TOYOTA COROLLA, RED**

Vin: 1NXBR32E36Z685603

**Charles Burke**  
1 Coffins Field  
Edgartown, MA 02539

**2004 BMW M3, GRAY**

Vin: WBSBR93494PK08000

**Julius Clemente**  
35 Beacon Pk.  
Brockton, MA 02302

**2012 HONDA ACCORD, GRAY**

Vin: 1HGCP2F66CA181105

**Steven Xigoras**  
50 Wentworth Ave.  
Lowell, MA 01852

Run dates: 05/08, 05/15, 05/22, 2020

"Bob will be missed but not forgotten."

Watson made the All-Star team in 1973 and '75, hit over .300 four times and drove in at least 100 RBIs twice while hitting in the middle of the Astros lineup. He also scored the 1 millionth run in Major League history on May 4, 1975 against the Giants.

His career stats: 184 homers, 989 RBIs and a career .295 hitter. In his one year (1979) with the Boston Red Sox, he hit 13 homers with 53 RBIs in 84 games after getting traded from the Astros on June 13<sup>th</sup> that season.

## MLB Says it Will Lose \$640,000 Per Game

Major League Baseball told players their prorated salaries would contribute to an average loss of \$640,000 for each game over an 82-game season in empty ballparks. Painting a picture of a \$10 billion industry shutdown by the pandemic!

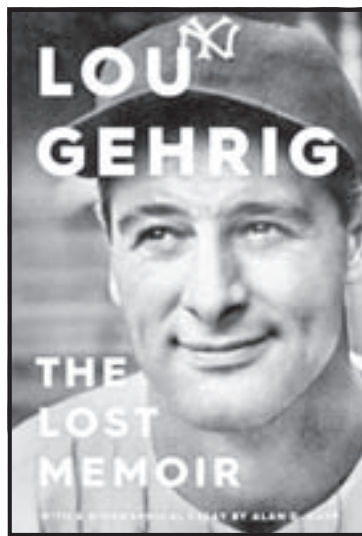
Teams say the proposed way to saving any kind of season

would still cause a \$4 billion loss and give players 89 percent of revenue. Owners have just voted to propose salaries be based on a 50-50 split of revenue but players reportedly won't be supportive of this kind of proposal.

We have some differences here between the owners and the players association. I wouldn't bet the house yet that baseball is a sure thing coming this July.

As far as I can figure out all baseball games this year, if the season begins, may very well be all played in Florida or Nevada. It probably makes better sense to do this rather than have baseball player's criss-crossing playing games in every major league city.

## New Book on Gehrig



Early in his career Lou Gehrig wrote a series of newspaper essays about what baseball life was all about. Recently, all these essays were reproduced in book form, *Lou Gehrig: the Lost Memoir*, by Alan Gaff.

The book is being published by Simon & Schuster.

## Happy Birthday To ...

Happy 42<sup>nd</sup> birthday greetings go out to Carlos Pena whose baseball journey began in the Dominican Republic and then to Haverhill High School. He then went to Northeastern University before his 14 year career in Major League baseball. He played 18 games with the Red Sox in 2006 and made the All-Star team in 2006. He's still in baseball today working for both *MLB Network* and *NESN*



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Boxing



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Happy Birthday  
JOE LOUIS

May 13<sup>th</sup>, marked the 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Joe Louis who was born in 1914. In my book, he was the greatest of all the heavy-weight champions. When I say great, I mean he was not only a great fighter but also a great man.

Louis had the moves of a middleweight coupled with the power of a heavyweight. He was blessed with natural skills but also had the good fortune of teaming up with Jack Blackburn, one of the greatest teachers of the art of boxing who ever lived. That combination made him unbeatable.

He was magnificent to watch in the ring with no wasted motion. Louis had the ability to fire off his shots without pulling them back first. His fists flew like missiles being fired out of a silo. His deadly accuracy combined with amazing footwork made him unbeatable in over 26 title defenses.

While it is often said Muhammad Ali lost 3½ years of his career because his license was revoked for refusing to serve in the military, it should be remembered that Louis lost almost 4 of his prime years while he served in the Army during WWII. While he did participate in exhibitions during that time, he was not paid for them. And prior to going into the service, he donated a number of purses from his fights to the war effort.



Joe Louis displayed a quiet persona in public but was no pushover. He fought to integrate the Armed Forces and also led the way for integrating the PGA.

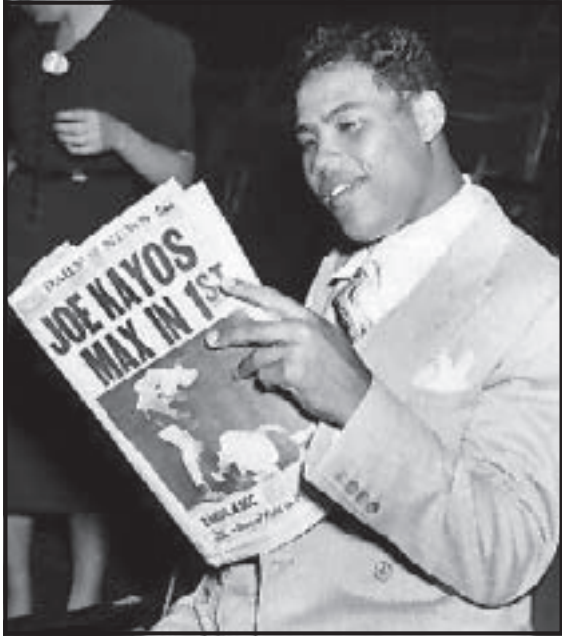
During his career, Louis attained a folk hero type status. At least 43 songs were written about him, more than any other athlete. In fact, there is a compilation CD of many of these songs available. The CD is appropriately titled *Joe Louis: American Hero*. One of my favorites is “Joe Louis Was a Fighting Man” by the Dixieaires. The song was featured in the August Wilson play *Fences*.

Louis ran into some difficulties in his later years, but good friends such as former rival Max Schmeling and entertainer Frank Sinatra were there to help him out.

The financial problems he faced could be overcome, but the cruel stereotyping of this great man by the likes of people such as Muhammad Ali was unforgivable.



As we remember this outstanding American, it would be nice to sit back and listen to the songs about him. It is a reminder of just how much his fellow Americans loved and respected him. No one can take that away from him.

As the lyrics of “Joe Louis Was a Fighting Man” go, “A million people, they were glad, greatest champ we ever had.”



HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



The hurdles of restarting the National Hockey League and continuing on to a hopeful completion that includes the awarding of the 2020 Stanley Cup were outlined a few days ago in a piece that appeared on the league’s official website and featured comments by NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman.

It would seem that the prospects of having a full round of playoffs have brightened somewhat, although there are a host of questions and challenges that remain.

One of the hopeful signs is that Bettman signaled that he would, if necessary, have the NHL begin play in the summer and continue into a portion of the fall if that’s what it took to determine a 2020 Stanley Cup Champion.

If that scenario became a reality, the start of the 2020-2021 regular season would not get under way until December.

But remember that there are four-game sweeps as well as seven-game series so a full four-round playoff run does not necessarily mean a lengthy 28-game Stanley Cup postseason.

In addition, State governments, particularly in the Northeast, have appeared to bend a bit away from a hardline stance of prior weeks. New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, for example, recently embraced a return of the Rangers and Islanders — although with the caveat that contests would be played without fans in attendance.

One mitigating factor is the international composition of players on active NHL rosters. As many as 17 percent of NHL players hail from nations outside of North America — and a significant number returned to their homelands once the league shut down in March.

This means that the NHL must now contend with a host of regulations regarding the entry of players into the U.S. from overseas, a number of which were put in place once the virus broke out in America. Even going to and from Canada could be more involved, especially given existing quarantine restrictions.

The piece indicated that the NHL is presently looking at around eight or nine locations as it seeks to move towards a resumption of play. We think that will probably be whittled down to a “final four” before the first skaters take to the ice.

Whatever facilities make the cut, they will be centers of action for probably a few weeks. Multiple games per day will be played at each designated location. That would be especially true if the remainder of the regular season is played out.

One of the aspects that has become evident is how the NHL executives and the NHL Players Association are on the same page — both want to see the season resume and the Stanley Cup awarded. The NHL has even established a Return to Play Committee — comprised of both executives and players — to discuss matters.

The same is true of Adam Silver, Bettman’s counterpart as Commissioner of the NBA, who has embraced a willingness to interact with the players as they seek to mutually move together toward a resumption of play in these challenging times.

Unfortunately, this is not the case with Major League Baseball where franchise owners and players continue to squabble over how the revenue from a proposed 82-game regular season should be divided.

No one should paint everyone in a large organization with a negative brush but the fallout from Tampa Bay All-Star pitcher Blake Snell’s statement regarding his financial situation was repulsive in the attitude it conveyed.

“I’m not playing unless I get mine,” the *Associated Press* quoted Snell as saying. “I’m not splitting no revenue. I want all mine.”

All this from a pitcher who won the 2018 American League Cy Young Award and followed that up by signing a five-year, \$50 million contract in March of 2019. That included a \$3 million signing bonus and \$7 million for this season — if all games were to be played. That amount increases to \$10.5 million for 2021, \$12.5 million in 2022 and \$16 million in 2023.

However, in a deal agreed to in March between the players and MLB, Snell was advanced \$286,500 through May 24<sup>th</sup> but would not get any more if the season is called off. If there is a shortened season, Snell would receive \$43,210 for each day of the schedule — whether he is slated to pitch or not. MLB team owners now would like to change the terms and base salaries on a 50-50 split of revenue since it has become clear that at least some games will be played without fans.

Snell’s comments were given extensive media attention. His statements were the lead story in the print edition of the *Boston Globe*.

Thus, while MLB owners and some of the players bicker — “Billionaires arguing with millionaires” — the NHL and the NBA are gearing up for a resumption of play. Many of those players also are millionaires but at least they project an attitude of wanting to play the game they have played since childhood.

Whatever happens, the optics, as they say, look less than positive for MLB and much better for the NHL and NBA. Who takes to the ice, court or field — and when — has yet to be determined. But the winter sports teams may well win in the court of public opinion — even if they wind up playing in the summer.

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