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Happy



Father's Day

Marquis is in the 'hood!

by Jeanne Brady

Last week, we had the very real pleasure of meeting the faces of Marquis Health Services: CEO Norman Rokeach, LNHA (Licensed Nursing Home Administrator), and Regional Director of Operations Stacey Rebelo, RN.

Since the sale of the North End Nursing Home was finalized in January, Marquis has been busy doing their homework while Partners/Spaulding continues to run operations in the leased-back facility. Marquis expects to take over operations in November of this year when Spaulding's Brighton facility renovation is completed. So, what are they up to now and what can we expect?

First a little background on Marquis Health Services. They are the healthcare subsidiary of Tryko Partners, and have been around for about seven years. One of three partners in Marquis, Yonah Cohn, is the third generation of his family to run nursing homes. His grandmother began as a cook in a facility in Chicago in the '50s, going on to get her degree, move into the business office, and eventually buy the home. The family continued to acquire and manage nursing homes, and Marquis started by managing



CEO Norman Rokeach
Marquis Health Services

one of the family-owned facilities in Rockland, MA, buying it two years later in 2013. Now, with the acquisition of the North End home, Marquis owns 17 facilities in the northeast corridor, ten of which are in MA (mhslp.com/locations/).

Mr. Rokeach is one of the other two partners at Marquis and its CEO. He has been a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator for close to 18 years. Rokeach learned about caring for the elderly at an early age, helping his parents take care of his mother's aging parents, Holocaust survivors, who in their late 80s moved into the first floor of the

Rokeach family home in Brooklyn. With older brothers off at school and younger sister a baby, Rokeach was tasked to sit with his grandparents nightly for four years. While this chore may have turned some kids off, Rokeach found his calling ("When I grow up, I want to take care of people!") and has dedicated himself since to providing not only healthcare, but also comfortable, caring homes for seniors in need. He says, "Understand that this is an industry [where] we are dealing with people's lives, understand that we are in it for the residents who live here; this is their home, and our job is to make their home and life as comfortable as possible."

Ms. Rebelo, who is a registered nurse with a degree in health care management, has spent her career working in long-term care management. She brings the same commitment to providing patients and residents not only health care services, but also emotional and psychological support, as Rokeach. On the financial aspects of running a nursing home, she says, "It's pointless

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Saying the N-Word Out Loud

Bill Maher got into hot water when he used the n-word on air talking with U.S. Sen. Ben Sass. When Sass told him he could work the fields, Maher responded, "I am a house (BLANK)."

He is still and getting it from both sides. One guy said the n-word is totally appropriate for Blacks today to say to each other but, is not okay if a white person uses the word, then it is offensive.

The n-word is never appropriate and always offensive no matter who is using it. Blacks don't get a pass on the word and neither do whites. It is not a term of endearment PERIOD.

Who's Right in the Comey-Trump Meet?

If you listen to the left, it is time to get Trump even more now. Some Democrats keep bringing up Nixon and Watergate. U.S. Senator Ed Markey says James Comey is not a leaker since secret information was not handed out to anyone. I beg to differ. If Comey and the president met at the White House to discuss anything

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Saint Anthony of Padua Honored on Traditional Feast Day

Photos and story by Matt Conti

Despite the oppressive heat and thunderstorm, devotees of the popular Saint Anthony paid their respects on the traditional June 13th Feast Day. An outdoor Mass was held at the Saint Leonard Peace Garden on Hanover Street followed by a candlelit procession through Boston's North End.

The outdoor Mass and procession included the Franciscan Friars, First Communion children, devotees, and Italian American Band. The event incorporated traditions from the religious processions in Italy and the North End's past

Saint Anthony bread, holy oil, blessed lilies, and procession candles were available throughout the day in The Saint Leonard Peace Garden.

June 13th marks the death of Saint Anthony and is recognized as the Feast of Saint Anthony in the Roman Catholic Church. The Saint Anthony Society will also put on the larger Saint Anthony's Feast during the last weekend of August.



Statue of Saint Anthony in the Peace Garden.



Father Antonio, Father Claude, and clergy of St. Leonard Parish at outdoor Mass.

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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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CLAUDIUS’ PATRONAGE



A Roman litter.

Claudius annulled a rule enacted by Tiberius which prevented men 60 years of age or more from having children (Claudius was over 50 at the time). He passed a law stating that anyone who was banished from one of Rome’s distant provinces was considered to be banished from all of Italy, and also decreed that only fourth-generation Roman citizens could hold the office of senator.

Claudius instituted many changes in the military ranks; probably the most interesting is the one which established a fictitious kind of service which was called “supernumerary.” Persons in this category received credit for military service, but were never actually called upon to fight. This name is still being used today to denote standby personnel for military details. Soldiers were forbidden to enter the houses of senators and the property of former slaves who tried to pass themselves off as Roman knights was confiscated.

Some men were in the habit of taking their sick or worn-out slaves and exposing them to die rather than pay the expense of their convalescence. Claudius decreed that any slave who recovered would be freed and he further decreed that anyone who killed a worn-out slave rather than to abandon him was liable to a charge of murder.

No travelers were permitted to pass through Italy by horse-drawn vehicles. They were required to walk or to be carried in a chair or litter. Claudius also forbade men of foreign birth from using typical Roman names, and any non-citizen who fraudulently accepted privileges of Roman citizenship was executed.

He deprived the people of the province of Lycia (Asia Minor) of their independence because of deadly internal feuds, and he restored independence to the island of Rhodes because they had given up all of their former faults. The people of Ilium (ancient Troy) were granted perpetual exemption from any kind of tribute to Rome or its emperors on the grounds that they were the founders of the Roman race. He also expelled all Jews from Rome because of their constant disturbances.

It was said of Claudius that the conduct of his office and decrees were strongly influenced not by himself, but by his wives and close friends, since he usually acted in their best interests and desires. He did not play the role of an emperor, but as their servant, lavishing great honors, the command of Roman legions, punishments, or even pardons according to their wish or whim.

NEXT ISSUE:
Claudius’ Old Roman Music

Hundreds of Dogs to Compete at the June Strawberry Classic Dog Show

The North Shore Kennel Club, Inc., in conjunction with the Middlesex County Kennel Club, Inc., and the Concord Dog Training Club, bring you the annual June Strawberry Classic. Hundreds of dogs and their owners will get a chance to strut their stuff in the show ring Friday, June 16th, through Sunday, June 18th, at the Grand Prix Polo Fields, 435 Bay Road, South Hamilton. The event will open at 9:00 am, on Friday and 8:00 am on Saturday and Sunday.

There will be four specialty shows for Golden Retrievers over the three days as well as a special mounted Foxhound demo by the Myopia Hunt Club Master. The event is great for the whole family and is free to the public with just a small parking fee.

SPECTATORS CAN: Watch owner-handlers compete in a special series called the National Owner-Handled Series. These exhibitors are striving for a spot in the Finals at the AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin in Orlando in December. (FRI-SAT). See young owner-handlers compete against their peers in the Junior Showmanship Competition. (FRI-SAT). Watch a special Foxhound demo hosted by the Myopia Hunt Club Master. (SAT ONLY – 12:00 PM). See puppies getting started in the sport in the AKC Sanctioned 4 and under 6 Months Puppy Competition along with a Best Veteran Competition. (SUN ONLY)

For a complete list of activates, go to nskc@northshorekennel.club.org.



READ YOUR WAY TO FENWAY
Begins at Boston Public Library

Boston Public Library’s annual Read Your Way to Fenway summer reading contest is underway, in which children and teens ages 5-17 read a minimum of three books for a chance to win tickets to watch the Red Sox play at Fenway Park on Sunday, August 27th at 1:35 pm vs. the Baltimore Orioles. Readers may download an application in English or Spanish via www.bpl.org/summer or pick up an application at any Boston Public Library location.

“Boston Public Library is extremely grateful to our sponsors for their support;



Read Your Way to Fenway is an ideal educational program that keeps children invested in reading out of school and provides an opportunity to experience a great summertime

tradition at one of America’s most beloved ballparks,” said Farouqua Abuzeit, Youth Services Manager for Boston Public Library.

Essays are due to any BPL location on August 1st. Winners, accompanied to the game by a parent or guardian; receive three Red Sox tickets and a Red Sox t-shirt, hat, backpack, and vouchers for food at Fenway Park.

Read Your Way to Fenway is generously sponsored by John Hancock, the Red Sox Foundation, and the Boston Public Library.

To learn more, visit bpl.org.

MICHAEL FLAHERTY
Brings Campaign to Eastie Waterfront
by Sal Giarratani



L-R: Sushil Amin, City Councilor Michael Flaherty, and Jack Scalcione.



Bosco Diecidue with Lisa Cappuccio.

You can tell campaign season is upon us when you start noticing all the political gatherings that are getting scheduled in Boston’s many neighborhoods.

Over at the Reel House in The Eddy residential high-rise, a large crowd showed up on Thursday, June 1st, to support City Councilor Michael Flaherty’s East Boston Kick-off down by the waterfront. His East Boston supporters put together a large turnout and the restaurant venue by Boston Harbor was spectacular. A few came over by water taxi from Charlestown instead of driving all around the world in rush hour traffic; it was one short hop from Charlestown in what seemed like minutes. Flaherty is a big East Boston favorite over the years and has some great people helping him locally campaign after campaign.



L-R: Douglas Cali, Deborah Polito, and Sheriff Steve Tompkins.



L-R: Standing, Kelly, Kim and Sandy Vernare with Joe Ruggiero. Seated, Jack Vernare and Johnny “Two Dogs” Roberto. (Photos by Sal Giarratani)

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This concert will feature an expansion of the group to include additional horns and guest vocalists.

To reserve your spot, go to www.eventbrite.com/e/jambalaya.



William James College's
"Moving Beyond Stigma" Kick-Off Dinner



Grayken Center for Addiction Medicine at BMC Executive Director Micheal Botticelli and GE Foundation President Ann R. Klee.

On Monday night, May 22nd, a private dinner was held at the Taj Boston to kick-off the William James College's "Moving Beyond Stigma" Public Forum, held the following day at the Back Bay Events Center. The dinner was hosted by Taj Boston owner **Steven Fischman**, vice chairman of New England Development **Nicholas Covino**,



Taj dinner hosts William James College President Nicholas Covino and New England Development vice Chairman Steven Fischman.

president of William James College, and "Moving Beyond Stigma" host **David Herzog, MD**, who welcomed the Forum's key sponsors, speakers and panelists to a private networking and social gathering. During the dinner, a brief speaking program underscored the group's on-going commitment to addressing the opioid crisis, outlining several new initiatives in Boston, and reinforcing how important the Forum is in gathering together business leaders, health care professionals, front line responders, and the public in common cause.



William James College Board Chair John Zona and VPNE Parking Solutions President Kevin Leary.



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Boston Medical Center's Vice President of Mission Thea James, MD, and Bink Garrison of Bink, Inc.



GE Foundation's Director of Developing Health U.S. Jennifer Edwards and We Are Allies Co-founder and President Stephen Mandile.



Facing History and Ourselves founder Margot Stern Strom and WGBH's radio and TV host Callie Crossley.



WCVB Channel 5 Executive Producer David Hurlburt and "Moving Beyond Stigma" host David Herzog, MD.

(Photos by Roger Farrington)

L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Sweet Summer Fruits

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Ah, summer — the time of vivid sunshine, warm breezes, and days spent relaxing at the beach. It is also the time when I crave fresh fruit the most. The early summer crop of June boasts some of the juiciest, most succulent fruit around. What constitutes summer if not a big bite out of a fire-engine red watermelon, its pulp disintegrating into a sweet and refreshing drink? What else can brighten June mornings like a pile of gem-hued strawberries artfully scattered over cereal or pancakes? What about the clinking of ice cubes floating in a glass of peach or cherry juice — doesn’t the mere thought of such a drink bring relief on a stifflingly humid day? Yes, summer fruits have always appealed to me, which is why I was both delighted and surprised to find that they contain a wealth of folklore and superstitions woven between their stems and vines. So let us embark on a journey of taste and the sort of lore that has been handed down from our ancestors, originating from the days when agriculture formed the backbone of almost every society.

1) Cherries: I love to bake with cherries. Their tartness perfectly accentuates sweet

cakes and muffins. On Memorial Day, I even made a fruit crisp with a blend of peaches and cherries, and it was simply sublime. If people loved cherries so much that they wanted to guarantee a good crop of them, a Swiss superstition states that the first cherry of a tree must be eaten by a woman who recently gave birth to her first child — hopefully, the woman’s fertility would rub off on the tree and ensure a plethora of fruit for the next harvest. Meanwhile, Italian author Andrea Malossini asserts that it is lucky to find a twin cherry, or two cherries sharing a single stem. Another Italian proverb states “*Giugno ciliege a pugno*,” meaning that June has an abundance of cherries!

2) Strawberries: Did you happen to notice the full moon on June 9th? If you did indeed catch a glimpse of the moon, you would have seen what is called the Full Strawberry Moon. The Algonquin tribes knew June’s full moon as such because it coincided with the time that strawberries were ripe for gathering. A quaint legend states that if a person breaks a double strawberry (two strawberries that somehow grew together in one) in half and shared it with

another person, the two would be destined to fall in love. There is still some debate about how strawberries got their name. One version states that the little yellow seeds resembled flecks of straw, while another popular theory declares that the shoots of the plant would often be dispersed around the ground, leading the fruit to develop a name that derives from the Anglo-Saxon word for “strewn.” In Italy, strawberries are known as *fragole* and grow wild. They are enjoyed scattered over panna cotta or marinated in balsamic syrup.

3) Peaches: Peaches are excellent in juices, in pies, and just plain cut up in delectable slices. I know it is summer when I can smell peaches in the air. It was once believed that eating a peach would impart wisdom. They are also thought to bring longevity and keep evil spirits at bay — not bad for a fruit found readily in supermarkets everywhere! In China, the country to which the fruit is native, peaches are closely associated with immortality and divinity. This is because the blossoms of the peach tree appear before the leaves do, an unusual occurrence. As such, the Chinese will often adorn doorways and gates with peach wood to drive away malevolent forces and attract good luck. In Italy, peach, or *pesca*, is a popular flavor for marmalades, jams and pastries.

4) Melons: Yes, watermelons are the quintessential summertime fruit for us in the United States, emblems of relaxation and hot weather. However, among the Romani people of the Balkans, watermelons have a far stranger connotation — vampires! According to folklore, a watermelon left alone at night on the full moon has the potential to turn into a vampire, rolling around and scaring townspeople. The full moon also features in an Italian superstition about melons. Andrea Malossini writes that melons will grow fatter and fuller if planted under the full moon in March. Perhaps the hope is that they will grow to resemble the moon! For me, summer always meant my father bringing home and breaking open a fresh cantaloupe from an Italian market, revealing the sunny orange hue within. How I love these summer *meloni*!

So there you go, a sweet bevy of fruit folklore and superstition. Hopefully this adds more curiosity and wonder to your enjoyment of Earth’s bounty during the summer months. Enjoy a season of fresh fruit and healthy eating — but please, keep an eye on any melons left out overnight!

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THINKING
OUT LOUD

by Sal Giaratani

Why Shouldn’t Her Name Be Reality Winner?

Recently one morning, I woke up and remembered the dream I just had. I remembered running through endless pathways in the woods, climbing rocks, stepping into a stream, and then having to enter a tall house and run up four flights of stairs. I couldn’t remember why I did all that, but sitting up in bed, I was quite tired from all my dreaming activity. I swear when I got out of bed both my legs were sore from all that strenuous activity.

Then I realized the thin line between fantasy and reality. Funny thing, ever since Trump became president back on January 20th, sometimes I think I am trapped in a weird dream. I keep expecting to wake up, but I am starting to realize I am already awake. This is real.

Listen, I finally ended up voting for Donald Trump because the other choice available was not for me. I had no alternative. Here we are in June jumping from crisis to crisis. I have come to hate tweets, especially from a president. He keeps getting deeper into to trouble with each tweet.

It’s quite difficult lately to know what is real and what fantasy-based fake news is. We have the onslaught of fake bombs going off back and forth between the Alt-Left and the Alt-Right.

So much craziness makes me long for the old days of the Watergate scandal, where at least the players were easy to tell apart. We had a tape, we had the Ellsberg Papers, and we had Deep Throat. But, we didn’t have those fakers over on *MSNBC*.

The Alt-Left has been obsessed with the Russians, Putin, collusion, endless investigations, special prosecutors, and James Comey; the end never seems near.

By the time you are reading this, either James Comey is a cross between Howard Dean and Deep Throat, or it was all just a bunch of fake news nonsense.

I have never seen such an endless attempt to overturn an election. Whether you like the guy or not, his opponents have never given him a chance. I truly believe they would rather see him fail than America win.

Then, out of the blue last week, there’s a whole new story to digest. It appears an analyst working as a contractor for the NSA with top security clearance decides to copy NSA classified information and mail it off to a Leak Site. Her name, and I kid you not, is Reality Winner. You can’t make this stuff up if you tried. Apparently, she has gone on her own Facebook page calling the President of the United States a P.O.S. There are few, if any, lines not crossed anymore.

Crossing over a bridge on Morrissey Boulevard in Dorchester recently, I thought I saw an injured bird flapping around helplessly in the road ahead. Turns out it was a small American flag getting run over by endless auto traffic. I saw it as a metaphor for how helpless America has been looking lately. People are so angry, unable to speak with one another, and aimlessly taking America down a road that doesn’t look that great at all.

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You are such a busy man about town that I haven’t had the opportunity to tell you how much we love you and appreciate you ... and what better day to take the time than your 18th birthday! How quickly those years have passed. We are lucky to have you for so many reasons, but I will just mention two. First, you bring out the best in your “person.” You show us Marie’s soft side and make it easy to love her! And, second, your work for the community and our group in particular, the Sorrentino Stompers, has a huge effect on so many people. Your hard work, patience, and loyalty are something many people should emulate! Thank you for all you bring to our lives, the happiness, integrity, and companionship for our friend!

Happy birthday! Enjoy! We love you!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Burke Grehan
and the Sorrentino Stompers



Express Yourself's 23rd annual show, *SOUL*, that was performed at the Boch Center - Wang Theatre on Thursday, May 25th. Prior to the performance, Mass. Dept. of Mental Health and Express Yourself supporters hosted a reception in the Wang Theatre's downstairs lobby for 200 Express Yourself partners, sponsors, and friends. Over 1,000 attended the performance, that was free and open to the public.



Boch Center President and CEO Joe Spaulding introduces the 23rd annual show on stage at the Wang.



ExYo supporters Sara and Blair Villa.



Express Yourself's Program Coordinator Richard King and Dance Therapist Courtney Miranda backstage before the show.



Express Yourself Co-director Paula Conrad, center, with SOUL Committee members Therese Melden, left, and Debbie Ponn.

SOUL, presented by the award-winning Express Yourself and the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health (DMH) in partnership with the Boch Center - Wang Theatre, features more than 200 youth performers with guest artists from Stomp, Boston soul



DMH's Dr. Janice LeBel (who has worked backstage for all 23 Express Yourself productions) and supporter Marion Freedman Gurspan.



Claire Howley and Lexie Belezos.



Express Yourself co-director Stan Strickland with Angela Perry, left, and Regina Galarza.

singer Toussaint Liberator, the Boston Children's Chorus, the Joyspring Community Chorus directed by Jonathan Singleton, and the ITM dance Group.



SOUL Committee member Tom Milbury, center, with guest artists Cammie Griffin and John Angeles from the Stomp National Tour.



Mass. Dept. of Mental Health Commissioner Joan Mikula and General Counsel Lester Blumberg.



The enthusiastic finale of *SOUL* had the Wang Theatre audience on its feet. (Photos by Roger Farrington)

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Lou "Uncle Gino" Contini and his wife Ninna.

Last weekend, Lou Contini's birthday was celebrated by family and friends at Conrad's Restaurant in Sudbury. Lou, called "Uncle Gino" by his nephew, columnist John Christoforo, is the last remaining member of the first generation of the Contini family born in America. Joining in the celebration were his wife, Ninna, his children, Richard and Donna, several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a crowd composed of relatives, neighbors, and old friends.

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Saint Daniele Comboni

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Daniele Comboni was born on March 15, 1831, at Limone sul Garda in Brescia, to the poor gardeners Luigi Comboni and Domenica Pace, as the fourth of eight children; he was the sole child to survive into adulthood. He was sent to school in Verona on February 20, 1843, where he attended the Nicola Mazza Institute. It was there that he completed his studies in medicine and languages (he learned French, English, and Arabic) and prepared to become a priest. Daniele manifested a desire to join the African missions and vowed that he would one day go. On December 31, 1854, he received his ordination to the priesthood. On September 8, 1857, he left for Africa along with five other missionaries of the Mazza Institute. Four months later on February 14, 1858, he reached Khartoum in Sudan. There were difficulties, including an unbearable climate and sickness as well as the deaths of several of his fellow missionaries; this added to the poor and derelict conditions that the population faced made the situation all the more difficult. By the end of 1859, three of the five had died and two were in Cairo while Daniele grew ill. In January 1859, he was forced to return to

Verona due to a bout of malaria. He visited Saint Peter's tomb in Rome on September 15, 1864, and it was while reflecting before the tomb that he came upon the idea of a "Plan for the Rebirth of Africa" which was a project with the slogan "Save Africa through Africa." He met with Pope Pius IX on September 19th to discuss his project. Daniele wanted the European continent and the Universal Church to be more concerned with the African continent. He carried out appeals throughout Europe from December 1864 to June 1865 for spiritual and material aid for the African missions. He established a male institute on June 1, 1867 and one for women in 1872 both in Verona: the Istituto delle Missioni per la Nigritia (since 1894 the Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus) and the Istituto delle Pie Madri (later the Comboni Missionary Sisters) on January 1st. On March 9, 1870, he left Cairo for Rome and arrived there on March 15th where he took part in the First Vatican Council. He formulated the "Postulatum pro Nigris Africae Centralis" on June 24th, which was a petition for the evangelization of Africa; this received the signature of 70 bishops. In mid-1877, he was named as the Vicar Apostolic of Central Africa and received his episcopal consecration as a bishop on August 12, 1877, from Cardinal Alessandro Franchi. On October 10, 1881, he died in Khartoum due to cholera after suffering a high fever since Oct 5th. His final words were reported to be, "I am dying, but my work will not die." Pope Leo XIII mourned the "great loss" of the bishop. He was canonized on October 5, 2003, by Pope John Paul II. The Feast of Saint Daniele Comboni is celebrated on October 10th.

Boncore Endorses Edwards for Boston City Council

With wholehearted enthusiasm, I endorse Lydia Edwards' candidacy for Boston City Council, representing East Boston, the North End, and Charlestown. I first met Edwards during my 2016 special election for the First Suffolk and Middlesex State Senate District. During the race, we developed a mutual respect for each other's campaigns and work. Though we were opponents, Edwards' work ethic and enthusiasm convinced me she was running for all the right reasons. Following the election, Ed-

wards and I continued our mutual work on behalf of the City of Boston. As the Deputy Director for Boston's Office of Housing Stability, she worked with me on the Joint Committee on Housing to draft and enact legislation providing housing assistance and relief for residents and small property owners across the city. Edwards' resume is impressive. She is an accomplished lawyer who left the private sector to fight for working families at Greater Boston Legal Services. Whether spearheading

legislation or helping to start a soup kitchen, Edwards is effective in getting real results for the day to day Bostonian. With a deep understanding of the needs of our neighborhoods, Lydia Edwards will lead our communities and together will build a long-term vision dedicated to service. She is a true public servant who will continue to listen and learn beyond her campaign. I can think of no better person to represent the real concerns of the citizens of the East Boston, the North End, and Charlestown.

• Marquis is in the 'hood (Continued from Page 1)

to chase numbers, you've got to get good care, good customer service, [and] good relationships with people, then all that stuff comes." Her priority is people, and that includes clients, their families, and staff. She and Rokeach make a good team. Marquis plans to invest about \$4M in renovating the existing facility, which they will do with as little impact as possible to the current residents. This is great news as it was very important to the community that residents would not have to be relocated, even temporarily. The Home is their home, and many of the residents would not understand what was happening and be frightened, not to mention the possible adverse effects on their frail health. Marquis gets this. They use a contractor that specializes in doing renovations with as little impact on residents as possible. But before renovations can begin, informed planning must take place. Both Rokeach and Rebello have been meeting with a variety of stakeholders to determine what the needs and the desires of the community are before swinging the sledgehammers. What? They haven't talked to you yet? Be patient. Sometime later this summer, Rokeach and Rebello will attend community meetings, including the monthly NEWNC and NEWRA meetings. They will be better able to answer many of the questions we have by then, and may also be able to show some conceptual sketches. Meanwhile, Rokeach, Rebello and several other Marquis staff will be at the Home every week overseeing the renovations and transition. They look forward to meeting more of the community and all are welcome to drop by to see what's going on or call with any questions. One question that we hope will be answered soon is the status of the LDA (Land Disposition Agreement) extension to 2032 (it currently expires in 2022). If you recall, it is this LDA, requiring a nursing home and rehab facility be operated on this site, that forced Partners to either continue operations or sell to another operator. When pressed by community liaison Francine Gannon about Marquis' long-term intentions, Rokeach assured us that they have "every intention of being around for many, many years to come." Good to know, but we still want to see that new LDA signed... Here is what we do know now. Planning input is being collected from stakeholders that include current staff, patients/clients, their families and attending physicians, concerned community members, Partners/Spaulding, North End

Waterfront Health, other area medical professionals, architects, and construction experts to determine:

- *What is needed/desired by the residents, staff, and the community*
- *What needs are not being met in this geographical area (e.g., subspecialties not adequately addressed)*
- *What can be done given the existing superstructure*
- *When and how it can be done*

Some welcome changes already planned are a new and much larger gym/rehab facility (over 3000 sq. ft.) to be located on the first floor with offices and other common areas; more single private rooms (from six now up to about 40); piped-in oxygen instead of concentrators or tanks (rare in skilled nursing facilities, and much safer); and more common areas in general. As Rebello noted, "If you walk upstairs to the second floor, [you see] everybody is in the hallway." Residents should not have to be left in hallways! Partners has transferred the license for 100 beds (keeping 40 that they were not using anyway) to Marquis, and Rebello envisions three floors with 30-35 clients residing on each: one for residents, one for short term rehab patients, and one with a mix including longer term rehab patients. There should be some flexibility depending on whatever the current needs are. Work on the renovation will likely not begin for two to three months, after planning is completed and the required permits are obtained; the work is expected to take about a year to complete. One change beginning earlier, though, is the introduction of electronic health records, which should happen soon. And, of course, staffing efforts have been ongoing for several weeks. It is a complicated transition, as some people will elect to stay with Partners/Spaulding, moving to the new Brighton facility. Staff are going to have to decide in the next week or so whether to stay or go. But happily for us, many staff members are indeed electing to stay. Marquis worked hard to put together compensation packages that maintain salaries, seniority, and tenure, making the decision to stay easy for those who want to. So residents can look forward to seeing many of the familiar faces they love after the transition. Senior level positions that will be filled by new applicants, though, include Director of Nursing, Medical Director, Sub Acute Program Director and Specialty Program Director. And, as Marquis is not restricted to any specific health network, they will work with all the top-notch medical organiza-

tions in the Boston area, not just Partners. Rebello noted, "We do business with a lot of folks ... we'll have patients from everywhere." Presumably, that includes medical staff also. Relationships with current attending medical staff are expected to be maintained as much as possible, but new medical staff will be recruited as well. Part of Marquis' modus operandi is to introduce new medical specialty programs as needed. As these require only specialized staff and equipment, they can begin as soon as two to three months after Marquis takes over operations. Examples of specialty programs include pulmonary, cardiac, and stroke recovery. Rokeach noted, "One of the things we focus on is having an interdisciplinary team of the physicians, therapists, clinicians, and — believe it or not — our activities staff, because the quality of life and stimulation and the recreational input from the staff is a big, big part of the reorganization." Marquis has a very specific vision of care. They have even trademarked it—*Rehabbing Care™*—but it very much includes long-term care as well. From their website:

Our all-encompassing continuum of care includes a dedicated focus on every patient's physical, social, and emotional well-being... We build on each facility's unique identity, intent on meeting the specific needs of the community, and positively impacting the surrounding area. (mhslp.com/approach/)

And from Uri Kahanow, Director of Acquisitions at Tryko Partners:

We recognized the opportunity to grow our regional presence while at the same time preserving this valuable asset for local residents. Spaulding Nursing and Therapy Center is a great fit for us, offering proximity to quality healthcare institutions and a dense population. We look forward to working closely with Partners HealthCare and the City of Boston to uphold and enhance this North End gem." (tryko.com/portfolio/healthcare/)

My emphasis there. Hopefully they mean it. After meeting Mr. Rokeach and Ms. Rebello, I certainly believe they do. But as Rokeach himself says, "The proof will be in the pudding." His message to our community: "The one thing I can definitely say is we will give 150% dedication to mak[ing] the facility a warm, open, embracing facility for the North End community, and I think it's important that we understand that we need to earn the community's respect and trust. We are going to work very hard to do that."

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N.E. Patriots Vince Lombardi Super Bowl Trophy

Coming June 20th to East Boston Kiwanis Club Meeting
Thanks to Local Author, NFL Player Agent

One of the Vince Lombardi trophies won by the New England Patriots will be coming to East Boston next week and featured at the Tuesday, June 20th meeting of the East Boston Kiwanis Club. Sean Stellato, an NFL player agent who will be the guest speaker at the club's meeting, will bring the trophy with him and make it available for photos.

The public is invited to attend the Kiwanis meeting, which begins at 6:00 pm at Spinelli's Function Hall in Day Square, but tickets must be purchased in advance, and reserved by Friday, June 16th by contacting Marisa DiPietro at 617-650-3442 or at mdipietro@ebsoc.org.

Mr. Stellato played several seasons in the Arena Football League and today serves as a sports agent for a number of NFL players, including Patriots' team members Nate Eber and Ryan Allen. Stellato is also the author of *No Backing Down*, an inspirational story about the 1994 Salem High School football team. His book chronicles the 11-day teachers strike and highlights the coach's controversial decision to continue to coach the team despite a cease-and-desist order. Copies



of the book will be available for purchase.

The Kiwanis Club of East Boston is an organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time through community service. The Kiwanis Club meets every first and third Tuesday at 6:00 pm in Spinelli's.

Take Dad Fishing and Kayaking on the Esplanade this Father's Day for FREE



The Esplanade Association is proud to present our first annual Family Adventures! Family Adventures invites children, teens and families to visit the Esplanade and learn about the amazing diversity of habitats, animals, and plants living in their backyard.

Come celebrate Father's Day on the Esplanade and learn about the history of the Charles River and the amazing fish species that live in it as you kayak through the Esplanade lagoons and fish along the docks. Family Adventures runs from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Sunday, June 18th and is free and fun for all ages.

Spots are limited. Sign up today by emailing Micah Jasny at mjasny@esplanadeassociation.org.



Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

It will be beautiful when finished! But for the time being, Central Square

continues to be an eyesore and difficult to drive through. Now that the summer is here and traffic becomes heavier, drivers should avoid the Square unless it's necessary. How much longer does the City of Boston think these people can endure the construction that seems to have no ending? ... Seniors at the Barnes Bingo were thrilled after learning that their beloved former State Representative Carlo Basil is planning on a visit with them during their bingo game ... Word is Stephen Passacantilli of the North End, candidate for Boston City Council, will have some heavy competition in East Boston with Eastie's own Lydia Edwards, who recently kicked off her campaign and already received an endorsement from Suffolk County Sheriff Tompkins. Another candidate vying for votes is former Jeffries Point Neighborhood Chairperson Margaret Farmer; expect a split in votes in East Boston ... Prices reportedly vary depending on which Dunkin' Donuts

franchise you visit. Do some charge more than others? More than one person has said it! ... A nonprofit marijuana dispensary in Quincy has created marijuana-infused pizza; they say it's for patients to alleviate pain and discomfort. More drivers on the road under the influence? ... Accused of sexual assault, Bill Cosby has finally gone to trial and already his lawyers are crying race discrimination in the jury selection. After a multitude of women have accused the disgraced comedian of sexual assault, it appears Cosby's attorneys will turn the trial into a question of racial discrimination. So what else is new? Men beware: Catcalling of any kind is now described as sexual harassment. ... People are organizing against political corruption. An anti-corruption campaign is sweeping across the state and town meetings are an ideal place to build anti-corruption movements according to Reed Schimmelfing, spokesperson for the Western Mass Chapter of *Represent Us*. Campaign finance reform is on the table for review among other issues. The resolutions call on elected officials to support the Ameri-

can Anti-Corruption Act and craft their own anti-corruption reform for each jurisdiction ... The saga continues at one of the condo buildings along Revere Beach Blvd. While every condo complex along the beach and beyond has had their air conditioning turned on since May, three Trustees remain adamant and didn't apply for a variance until June 12th (90°F) to convert to air conditioning, and it will take at least two to three days to be turned on! Beware who you vote in! The Jack Sater House that houses elderly, run by the City of Revere, has their air on! Nursing homes and hospitals have their air on. But these three strange amigos remain firm and could care less how high temperatures soar as long as they show residents who is BOSS! ... I'm definitely for firing Bill Maher for his disgusting use of an insulting word that shocked everyone recently. It's airheads like Bill Maher and Paula Dean that give white folks a bad name. I thought the old days were gone forever and suddenly up pops an idiot who uses the N-word for a laugh. However, no one is laughing Bill! ... *Till next time!*

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On the Aisle

THEATRE NOTES

BY BOBBY FRANKLIN

Miles and Miles of Texas
Asleep at the Wheel
Swings in Burlington
Presented by The Burlington Community Concert Series Burlington High School,
Fogelberg Performing Arts Center

Asleep at the Wheel

Western Swing was alive and well at the Burlington High School on Friday night as Asleep at the Wheel took the stage. From the opening notes of “Cherokee Maiden,” the near capacity crowd knew they were in for a special night of music.

Led by Ray Benson, who is going into his 48th year of performing, the group focused mainly on their specialty, the music of Bob Wills and The Texas Playboys. Mr. Benson was in fine form, but he wasn’t alone. The eight-piece band was an array of solid talent, all of whom made it look easy.

The band moved from “Miles and Miles of Texas” right into the classic “Route 66” where Katie Shore got to show us that her amazing talent on the fiddle is indeed matched by her wonderful voice. She was also terrific on “I’m An Old Cowhand,” “I Can’t Give You Anything But Love,” and “I Hear You Talkin’,” and teamed up with Benson for the Johnny Cash classic “Big River.”

Katie Shore wasn’t the only fiddle player on the stage. She was joined by Dennis Ludiker, who was a Texas State Fiddle Champion. Ludiker also played mandolin. (“The biggest little instrument in the world”) I believe I saw smoke coming from the instruments when Shore and Ludiker tore into “The Tiger Rag.” Mr. Ludiker can reign as champ for as long as he wants to in my book. At one point, I thought Dave Sanger’s arms were going to fly off as he hit the drums and State of Texas shaped cymbal.

Steel guitarist Eddie Rivers never disappoints. His solo on the classic “Teardrop” was just beautiful. Rivers also broke out on sax for the onomatopoeic “Choo Choo Ch’Boogie,” which featured Connor Forsyth on keyboard showing us a fine way to play a Steinway.

Benson took time out to remember Guy Clark, who passed away in 2016, by singing his beautiful “Dublin Blues.” It

new energy that Shore, Forsyth, Ludiker, Josh Hoag (bass), and Jay Reynolds (saxophone and clarinet) bring to the group. While Sanger and Reynolds sat towards the back of the stage, their presence was right in the forefront. These guys are good.

No AATW concert is compete without Benson’s very special version of “Hotrod Lincoln” complete with sound effects and Benson’s juggling. It is such fun. Years ago, a friend and former member of the band told me Benson was born to perform. I think of how true that comment was every time I see him.

The concert closed out with the audience on its feet having a blast. “House of Blue Lights,” one of my favorites, was followed by an encore that included “Big Balls in Cow Town” and, fittingly, the old Roy Rogers song “Happy Trails to You” with the crowd singing along. One final tune was the “Texas Playboy’s Theme.” There was no danger of anyone falling asleep at the wheel after this concert. I’m sure toes are still tapping. I know mine are.



Ray Benson

was a touching moment made more so by such a lovely song.

Of course, it would not have been a Texas Playboy night without “San Antonio Rose” and “Faded Love.” Eddie Rivers told me whenever he is feeling low, he listens to “San Antonio Rose.” It certainly is great medicine.

Over the years, band members have changed, and somehow Benson is always able to recruit new and amazing talent. Old hands Benson, Rivers, and Sanger have to enjoy having the

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The School of Fashion Design Presents “Collection 2017”



Andrea DiTullio design.



Sydney Siagel design.



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Recently, the School of Fashion Design (SFD) presented “Collection 2017,” their annual fashion show of student fashion designs. Students and models presented work at two separate sold-out seatings in the School of Fashion Design’s gallery space at 136 Newbury Street in Boston.

The evening featured over 60 student-designed garments in daywear, millinery, and eveningwear. The show also included a selection of handbags and leather jewelry by SFD alumnus Gina deWolfe ('09) of deWolfe Leathers of Nantucket. Gina was SFD’s 2017 recipient of a Distinguished Alumnus award.

“Our annual year-end fashion show is both our culminating student experience, as well as the launching point of our graduating students’ promising design careers,” said SFD President Dr. Denise Hammon. “If you were in attendance at the SFD fashion show, you were seeing the next generation of fashion professionals coming out of Boston.”

The fashion show was curated by SFD expert faculty and a panel of industry professional judges. Faculty advisors included Daniel Faucher, Margarita Grimes, and Lisa Taranto. Collection 2017 judges were Jane Conway Caspe, SFD Board of Trustee member and owner of Wildflower Concierge of Nantucket; Gina deWolfe ('09), owner and designer of deWolfe Leathers; Betsy Jenney of Betsy Jenney Boutique; and Firas Yousif, owner and designer of Firas Yousif Originals.

Founded in 1934, the School of Fashion Design is the only educational institution in New England dedicated exclusively to the study of fashion design. The School of Fashion Design is a fully licensed fashion studio school offering a two-year Certificate in Fashion Design. Students may elect to pursue the two-year program on a full or part-time basis, or take individual classes on a Continuing Education basis. New semesters begin each fall, spring, and summer. SFD also offers teen workshops in fashion design throughout the year.

Collection 2017 corporate sponsors included Intercontinental Estate Corporation, Lui & Frasca, P.C., Fabric Place Basement, Dependable Cleaners, Threads Magazine, Denise Hajjar, Anna Nieman Couture, Kao Design Group, Tallulah & Poppy, Propel LLC, Alice Walk, Agathon Associates, and Siagel Productions. The show was professionally photographed by Tracy Aiguier Photography. Ticket sales and sponsorships of the fashion show support scholarships and programs for SFD students.

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Sydney Siagel design.



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**ON THE ROAD SOMEWHERE
(DVD)**
IndiePix Films

In Santiago, best friends Oliver, Moses, and Hemingway are preparing for a ritual known to middle-class teenagers around the world — one last carefree summer road trip, just before college, when the first steps into adulthood will begin and everything they know will change. The boys map a route from Montecristi in the north to points east, with an eventual destination of Pedernales in the south, where Oliver's high school girlfriend Veronica is staying with her grandmother until she leaves to study in New York in the fall. Along the way, the car breaks down frequently, leaving the three boys stranded with nearly every character under the Dominican sun. As their hilarious conversations, arguments and riffs on popular culture, national identity, and politics build momentum, an emblematic snapshot of both the joys and insecurities of contemporary Dominican society emerges. *To be eligible to win a free copy of On the Road Somewhere, email your name, address, and phone number to bobmorello@comcast.net.*

THE SHACK (Blu-ray)
Lionsgate Home Ent.

Based on *The New York Times* best-selling novel *The Shack*, this moving video takes us on a father's transformative spiritual journey. After a family tragedy, Mack (Sam Worthington) spirals into a crisis of faith, and questions God's existence and life's purpose. Mack is unable to move on, until he gets a mysterious invitation to an abandoned shack. There, God reveals Himself in the

form of three strangers led by Papa (Octavia Spencer). Mack's journey will transform audiences of all ages in this movie that you will want to watch over and over. Also starring country music superstar Tim McGraw.

**STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE:
DANCE BERRY DANCE (DVD)**
20th Century Fox Home Ent.

Dance along to the berry beat with Strawberry Shortcake and friends in four fantastic adventures! In *The Berry Bitty Dance Disaster*, Apple tries to keep up with her pals in ballet class with the help of her new groove booties. When her latest invention steps out of line, everyone must help stop the shoes from dancing. Strawberry and Plum then use the groove booties to teach some pups moves before a performance, but Huckleberry's TomTom might soon become a "Doggie Dance No-Show." In "Dance Puppy Dance," Cherry Jam can't focus on her song for the Queen when the music from the puppies' video goes viral. Can Berry Bitty City band together so she can find her rhythm? Join in all the twirly-whirly fun, as it's a dance-tastic good time for all!

**BECKER: THE COMPLETE
SERIES (17-DVD)**
CBS DVD + Paramount

Ted Danson stars in the fan-favorite series *Becker*, now available in this newly packaged complete series collection. The comedy follows Dr. John Becker (Danson), a dedicated and talented physician who's extremely devoted to his Bronx medical practice. However, because Dr. Becker looks at the world around him and sees a society gone mad, he has no qualms about saying anything that comes to mind — anything. Becker often unleashes his views on his friends: Jake (Alex Désert), the blind proprietor of the local newsstand; Bob (Saverio Guerra), the annoying but somehow likeable super of Becker's apartment building; Margaret (Hattie Winston), his head nurse; and Linda (Shawnee Smith), his slightly ditzy nurse's aide. He also has to deal with his neighbor — and on-again, off-again love interest — Chris (Nancy Travis). Even though he seems to be insulting them at every turn, the people in his life persist in trying to connect with him to find the nice guy they know is in there somewhere. 17 discs with 129 episodes.

THE ASSIGNMENT (Blu-ray)
Lionsgate Home Ent.

Legendary director Walter Hill gives the revenge film *The Assignment* a modern neo-noir twist with this electrifying thriller. Hit-man Frank Kitchen (Michelle Rodriguez) is given a lethal assignment, but after being double-crossed, he discovers he's not the man he thought he was — he's been surgically altered and now has the transgendered body of a woman. Seeking vengeance, Frank heads for a showdown with the person who transformed him, Dr. Rachel Kay (Sigourney Weaver), a brilliant surgeon with a chilling agenda of her own. Also starring Tony Shalhoub and Anthony LaPaglia.

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

**DOT DAY PARADE
ALWAYS GREAT**



The Dorchester Vietnamese Community once again took part in this year's parade with a large contingent and plenty of colorful outfits. L-R: Kate Lam and Trang Nguyen.
(Photo by Sal Giaratani)

I am a parade watcher and this year I almost missed the Dot Day parade, but got to Fields Corner just in time. There were great bands, colorful marchers, plenty of music, clowns and, sadly, politicians, too.

WHAT'S "QUARTERLY" MEAN?

I was in line at a CVS pharmacy recently. In front of me, a young lady in her 20s asked the clerk if there was a sale every week on an item she wanted. The clerk responded NO, just quarterly. There was a long silence and then the young lady asked, "What's quarterly mean?" God help the future of America.

IS IT TABLE TENNIS OR PING PONG?

There was a front-page photo of the new ping-pong table set

up on the south side of Faneuil Hall Marketplace. Like this is needed. And if it is, is it table tennis as the photo cap stated, or just plain ping-pong? But I digress. I wonder if players will be allowed to play in their pajamas like more and more millennials seem to prefer for outside attire.

I thought Quincy Market was a giant menu of retail stores. What's with Playground Nation? Not as if there aren't enough troubles facing America and the world. I guess if you get bored watching James Comey take on President Trump at a local pub, you can always pretend everything is hunky dory and play table tennis or ping-pong, or whatever.

TOMMY MULLIGAN LOVES HIS SENIOR SHUTTLE

Last week, while delivering the *Post-Gazette* up at Jeffries Point, I ran into Tommy Mulligan from Hyde Park who has been driving the Senior Shuttle since 2000 when he was age 61. The only spot open back then was East Boston, the other side of the world for him. He took it and loves Eastie so much that when an opening back where he lives opened, he stayed put in Eastie. He loves the *Post-Gazette*, too, and often carries several for the folks who use his shuttle. Mulligan's a nice guy, and loves his job. He also doesn't mind being 78 years old, either! Always better than the alternative. Good man, Tommy.

NO PLACE FOR "SAFE DRUG SITES"

There are now folks out there who want to set up safe sites for addicts to shoot up. Have we gone mad? It is nothing more than enabling bad choices and throwing up the white flag of surrender. A few Boston city

councilors want the city to look into this idea as a way of dealing with all the overdoses we have been seeing lately.

Setting up safe sites means we have no real answers to this growing epidemic. Getting people into treatment empowers folks and tells them there are good and bad choices in life. Help them pick positive ways to get clean. Handing them poison is not the answer.

WORK INC. AWARDS NITE

Work Inc. over on Freeport Street in Dorchester is holding its annual Awards Night Lobster Bake on Thursday, June 22nd, at 6:00 pm at the IBEW hall down the street from Work Inc.'s base of operation. For more information, contact Susan at 617-691-1516.

SACRED HEART PARISH CELEBRATION

Sacred Heart parish in East Boston will be celebrating the feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday, June 23rd. Mass at 6:30 pm followed by a cookout on the parish grounds. For more information, call Father Eric at 617-567-5776.

BILL TO RAISE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AGE TO 21

Proposals up on Beacon Hill have been offered to raise the age limit for young people to have their criminal cases heard in juvenile court. These bills are being taken up by the Legislature's Judiciary Committee. Liberals are now calling the 18-21 population "emerging adults." Now defendants 18 or older are tried in adult court with adult penalties. Why stop at 21, why not 35, why not until one moves out of mommy and daddy's place? I am not buying this reform. How about you? Am I missing something here? Let me know what you think.

**BOSTON SPORTS CENTERS OFFER
FREE SUMMER FUN FOR AGES 7 TO 14**

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department announces the return of free youth Sports Centers at White Stadium in Franklin Park, Moakley Park in South Boston, and East Boston Stadium, featuring professional instruction in a number of popular sports, from July 10th to August 18th.

The Sports Centers are offered free of charge to Boston residents and open to boys and girls ages 7 to 14. The program offers progressive skill development to city youngsters in July and August.

The East Boston Summer Recreation and Sports Center at **East Boston Memorial Park** is a full day drop-in program for Boston residents ages 7 to 14. Children may participate in a number of supervised activities, including sports, games, and arts and crafts. The program runs from July 10th through August 18th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Pre-registration is recommended and space is limited. For more information, please call 617-961-3085 or email cheryl.brown@boston.gov.

The Moakley Park Sports Center in South Boston is a full day drop-in program for Boston residents ages 7 to 14. The program runs from July 10th through August 18th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Children can participate in many traditional and non-traditional recreation activities. Parents may register their children for one day, a week, or

the entire summer. For more information, please call 617-961-3093 or email barbara.hamilton@boston.gov.

The White Stadium Sports Center in Franklin Park will feature several sports from July 10th through August 18th, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm., with youngsters choosing a favorite to participate in each week. The sports offered through the program include volleyball, lacrosse, tennis, basketball, Double Dutch, track and field, football, soccer, and baseball/softball.

The White Stadium Sports Center also hosts Monday workshops from July 17th to August 14th offering boys and girls the opportunity to participate in a five-week reading, writing, and math enrichment program. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. For more information on all White Stadium Sports Center programs, call 617-961-3092 or email **larelle.bryson@boston.gov**.

Highly skilled clinicians will teach all Sports Center sessions. Please note that lunch is provided at all locations, but participants must provide their own transportation and pre-registration is required for both groups and individuals. For more information or to register, please go to apm.activecommunities.com/cobparksandrecdepart/Home.

Mayor's Cup Soccer Tournament

Registration is now open for the inaugural Mayor's Cup U16/U18 Soccer Tournament hosted by Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department.

The Mayor's Cup U16/U18 Soccer Tournament will be held on June 24th and 25th at Moakley Park, 446 Old Colony Avenue, South Boston.

The divisions are Grades 9/10 (U16) and Grades 11/12 (U18).

Registration is open now through Monday, June 19th. Teams may register online at www.apm.activecommunities.com/cobparksandrecdepart/home. For more information, please contact Woodley Auguste at woodley.auguste@boston.gov or call (617)-961-3084.

Navy and Marine Corps Participating in Sail Boston 2017

The Amphibious Dock Landing Ship USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41) and four U.S. Naval Academy Yard Patrol Craft carrying more than 500 Sailors, Marines and Midshipmen are scheduled to arrive in Boston Harbor Thursday, June 15th. The ships will moor near downtown Boston prior to the Parade of Sail, which will be the kick-off event for Sail Boston 2017. Sailors, Marines, and Midshipmen embarked on the ships will participate in a myriad of events throughout the week including the Patriot Run through Boston, community service, school visits, sporting events, and visiting the exciting city of Boston itself. Whidbey Island will also be available for general public tours

at specified times (see below). The crew will man the rails of Whidbey Island when she arrives, offering a unique view as she transits the harbor. U.S. Navy, U.S. Naval Academy, and U.S. Coast Guard ships and pier locations will include: **North Jetty Pier:** USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41), from Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Whidbey Island will be bringing a crew of more than 400 Sailors, 75 embarked Marines from II Marine Expeditionary Force, and 38 Midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy. **U.S. Coast Guard Base Boston:** (Vessels will depart Tuesday, June 20th)

Four U.S. Naval Academy yard patrol boats from Annapolis, Maryland **Charlestown Navy Yard, Pier 1:** U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Eagle USS Constitution General public ship tours aboard Whidbey Island at the North Jetty Pier will be available: June 17th: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm June 18th: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm June 19th – 22nd: Noon to 5:00 pm For more information on the Whidbey Island, follow their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/USSWhidbeyIsland> or visit www.whidbey-island.navy.mil/. For the latest information on U.S. Navy and Marine Corps participation in

events in Boston and with Sail Boston 2017, follow <https://www.facebook.com/CNRMA.PAO/> or visit <http://www.cnic.navy.mil/cnrma>. Sail Boston 2017, the official host of the return of the Tall Ships to Boston and the five-day maritime festival (June 17th -22nd), is bringing more than 50 Tall Ships to Boston Harbor in a Grand Parade of Sail on June 17th. Boston is the only official U.S. port in the Rendez-Vous 2017 Tall Ships Regatta, a 70,000 nautical mile trans-atlantic race visiting six countries and concluding in Quebec City in celebration of Canada’s 150th anniversary. For the latest information on Sail Boston 2017 and scheduled events, visit www.sailboston.com.

CITY OF BOSTON TRAFFIC ADVISORY Sail Boston Parade of Sail

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017

The Sail Boston Parade of Sail taking place on Saturday, June 17, 2017, will impact traffic and parking in the City of Boston. Those attending the event are strongly encouraged not to drive their personal vehicles. Information on transportation options to and from established viewing areas is available at <http://www.sailboston.com/getting-here/>. Please note that the City of Boston’s Police and Transportation Departments may implement modifications to this plan in the days leading up to the event.

TRAFFIC WILL BE RESTRICTED ON THE FOLLOWING STREETS

Seaport District/ South Boston

Fid Kennedy Ave — in its entirety
Tide Street— Northern Ave to Fid Kennedy Ave
Access Rd A — Northern Ave to Fid Kennedy Ave
Access Rd B — Northern Ave to Fid Kennedy Ave
Seafood Way — in its entirety
Pier 5 Access Road
Seaport Blvd — Congress Street to B Street
Northern Ave — from the Northern Ave Bridge to Seaport Blvd
Sleeper Street — Seaport Blvd to Northern Ave
Courthouse Way — Northern Ave to Waterfront
Liberty Drive — Courthouse Way to Fan Pier Blvd
Bond Drive — Courthouse Way to Fan Pier Blvd
Fan Pier Blvd — Northern Ave to Waterfront

Downtown – North End

East India Row — East of Parking Garage entrance to its end
Old Atlantic Ave — Central Street to State Street
State Street — East of Atlantic Ave to Old Atlantic Ave
Long Wharf — in its entirety
Commercial Wharf — in its entirety
Sargents Wharf — in its entirety
Union Wharf — in its entirety
Battery Street — in its entirety
Battery Wharf — in its entirety

Charlestown

1st Ave — 5th Street to 13th Street
3rd Street — 6th Street to 9th Street
5th Street — Chelsea Street to 1st Ave
6th Street — 1st Ave to 3rd Street
7th Street —1st Ave to 3rd Street
8th Street — in its entirety
Terry Ring Way — in its entirety
Flagship Ave — in its entirety

East Boston

Maverick Street — Border Street to New Street
New Street — Maverick Street to Sumner Street
Border Street — Maverick Street to Sumner Street
Liverpool Street — Maverick Street to Sumner Street
London Street — Maverick Street to Sumner Street
Landing Street — in its entirety
Sumner Street — Havre Street to New Street
S. Bremen Street — in its entirety
Lewis Street — in its entirety

Marginal Street — Orleans Street to Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina
Orleans Street — Sumner Street to Marginal Street
Haynes Street - Orleans Street to Marginal Street
Cottage Street — Webster Street to Marginal Street
Sumner Street — Jeffries Street to its end
Jeffries Street — Sumner Street to Marginal Street

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

“Tow Zone No Stopping Boston Police Special Event Saturday” parking restrictions will be in effect as follows.

Seaport District

Northern Avenue — Both sides, from Northern Avenue Bridge (near Sleeper Street) to Seaport Boulevard. Both sides, from MassPort Haul Road to Tide Street (EDIC)
New Sleeper Street — Both sides, from Northern Avenue to Seaport Boulevard.
Sleeper Street — Both sides, from Northern Avenue heading southwesterly to end of city jurisdiction (in front of the Barking Crab).
Seaport Boulevard — Both sides, from Atlantic Avenue to B Street
FID Kennedy Avenue (EDIC) — Both sides, for its entire length
Tide Street (EDIC) — Both sides, from Summer Street to FID Kennedy Avenue
Access Road A (EDIC) — Both sides, from Northern Avenue to FID Kennedy Avenue
Access Road B (EDIC) — Both sides, from Northern Avenue to FID Kennedy Avenue
Seafood Way (EDIC) — Both sides, for its entire length

Courthouse Way (Fallon) — Both sides, from Northern Avenue passed Liberty Drive for its entire length
Fan Pier Boulevard (Fallon) — Both sides, from Northern Avenue passed Liberty Drive for its entire length
Marina Park Drive (Fallon) — Both sides, from Northern Avenue passed Bond Drive for its entire length
Harbor Shore Drive (Fallon) — Both sides, from Northern Avenue for its entire length
Liberty Drive (Fallon) — Both sides, from Courthouse Way to Fan Pier Boulevard
Bond Drive (Fallon) — Both sides, from Courthouse Way to Marina Park Drive

South Boston

Farragut Road — Both sides, from East First Street to Day Boulevard.
East Broadway Extension — Both sides, from Farragut Road to Day Boulevard.
East Broadway — Both sides, from #950 East Broadway to Farragut Road.

Downtown and North End

Atlantic Avenue — Both sides, from Seaport Boulevard to Commercial Street.
Commercial Street — Both sides, from Atlantic Avenue to Prince Street.
Causeway Street — Both sides, from Prince Street to North Washington Street
East India Row — Both sides, from Atlantic Avenue heading easterly to end of city jurisdiction.
Milk Street — Both sides, from Atlantic Avenue heading easterly to Old Atlantic Avenue.
Old Atlantic Avenue — Both sides, from Milk Street to State Street.
State Street — Both sides, from Atlantic Avenue heading easterly to Old Atlantic Avenue
Battery Street — Both sides, from Commercial Street heading easterly to end of city jurisdiction.

East Boston

Sumner Street — Both sides, from New Street to Orleans Street. Both sides, from Jefferies Street to approximately 250’ southwest of Jefferies Street to where the street ends
New Street — Both sides, from Maverick Street to Sumner Street.
Border Street — Both sides, from Maverick Street to Sumner Street.
Landing Street — Both sides, from Border Street to Liverpool Street.
Liverpool Street — Both sides, from Sumner Street to Maverick Street.
London Street — Both sides, from Maverick Street to Sumner Street.
Havre Street — Both sides, from Sumner Street to Maverick Street.
Paris Street — Both sides, from Maverick Street to Sumner Street.
Clipper Ship Lane — Both sides, from Sumner Street for its entirety.
Jacobe Road — Both sides, from Clipper Ship Lane for its entirety.
Bremen Street — Both sides, from Sumner Street heading southerly to its end.

Lewis Street — Both sides, from Marginal Street heading southerly to its end.
Orleans Street — Both sides, from Sumner Street to Marginal Street.
Cottage Street — Both sides, from Webster Street to Marginal Street.
Haynes Street — Both sides, from Webster Street to Marginal Street.
Marginal Street — Both sides, from Lewis Street to Bremen Street.
Both sides, from Orleans Street to approximately 470 east of Jefferies Street (to where the street ends), which includes either side of the marina.
Jefferies Street — Both sides, from Sumner Street to Marginal Street

Charlestown

Warren Street — Both sides, from Chelsea Street to Constitution Road

Constitution Road — Both sides, from Warren Street to Chelsea Street.
Chelsea Street — Both sides, from Eighth Street heading westerly for its entirety.
Fifth Street — South side (Navy Yard side), from Fifth Street to Thirteenth Street.
First Avenue — Both sides, from Fifth Street to Thirteenth Street.
Sixth Street — Both sides, from First Avenue to Third Avenue.
Seventh Street — Both sides, from First Avenue to Third Avenue.
Third Avenue — Both sides, from Sixth Street to Ninth Street.
Ninth Street — Both sides, from Third Avenue heading southerly for its entirety.
Eighth Street — Both sides, from First Avenue heading southerly for its entirety.
Terry Ring — Both sides, from First Avenue heading southerly for its entirety.
Flagship Way — Both sides, from Eighth Street heading westerly for its entirety.

“Tow Zone No Stopping Boston Police Special Event Official Sail Boston Busses Only Saturday–Thursday” parking restrictions will be in effect as follows.

Seaport District

Boston Wharf Road — East side, from Seaport Boulevard to Parking Lot Entrance.
Seaport Boulevard — South side from Boston Wharf Road to 121 Seaport Ave Construction Site

Charlestown

Chelsea Street — East side, from 13th Avenue to 16th Avenue. West side, from 13th Avenue to Medford Street

Downtown Area

Causeway Street — South side, from #239 Causeway Street to front entrance of #251 Causeway Street
Atlantic Avenue — From Walk Way to the Sea Crosswalk to Cross Street

“Tow Zone No Stopping Boston Police Special Event Saturday HP Vehicles Only” parking restrictions will be in effect as follows.

Seaport Boulevard — Both sides, from Sleeper Street to Farnsworth Street
Chelsea Street — South side, from North Washington Street to Warren Street

“Tow Zone No Stopping Boston Police Special Event Saturday Police Vehicles Only” parking restrictions will be in effect as follows.

New Chardon Street — Both sides, from Cambridge Street to Merrimac Street

THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

Lost Early Works



Melies' *The Arrival of a Train at La Ciotat Station*.

All things considered, we are fortunate to have some of the very first examples of film still in existence. In its birth, film was an experimental medium, essentially a toy for innovative inventors like Thomas Edison and the Lumiere brothers of France. If film preservation was neglected in the first years of cinema as an established medium, there was no cause for it in the late nineteenth century as the survival of the new art was uncertain. And yet, a good number of the early



One of the surviving scenes from Paul's *Come Along, Do!*

films have survived, including most of the films produced by Thomas Edison at America's first film studio, the Black Maria. Inevitably, however, there are some pieces of the puzzle that have gone missing.

One of the first lost films is a title-tells-all short directed by William Friese-Greene, an



Holland's *Solser en Hesse* from 1900.

English camera pioneer. *Brighton Street Scene* is, like most films made up until 1888, merely a moving photograph of the titular place. Like Friese-Greene's following film, *Leisurely Pedestrians, Open Topped Buses and Hansom Cabs with Trotting Horses*, no prints are known to still be in existence.



King John, one of the first films based off of Shakespeare's work.

By 1892, film was growing in both length and concept and some of the first narrative films emerged around this time. Here too, animation was born thanks to French artist Charles-Émile Reynaud. His *Pauvre Pierrot*, of this year, is a fanciful little curio which played at Musée Grévin along with *Le Clown et ses chiens* (about a clown and his dogs) and *Un bon bock* (a comic tale of a saloon keeper and her customers). Neither of *Pierrot*'s companion pieces survived.

France was, at the time, the leading force of



Robert W. Paul's documentary *Army Life*.

film as a new art form, in large part thanks to the Lumiere brothers, Luise and Auguste. Their *The Arrival of a Train at La Ciotat Station* from 1896 is something of a minor landmark in the development of film, causing a sensation (though descriptions of the shock are likely exaggerated). However, one of the first films from their national rival Georges Méliès, which was in all likelihood meant to be an answer, *Arrival of a Train at Vincennes Station* survives only in still photos. Indeed, the bulk of Méliès' early work is now lost, including *L'Arroseur* (also an imitation of the Lumieres' work *L'Arroseur Arrosé*) and *Robbing Cleopatra's Tomb* from 1899.

As the new medium was taking the world by storm, more countries took to the cameras and many of these early global experiments are gone, including *La Bandera Argentina*, about half of Robert W. Paul's *Come Along, Do!* and *King John* (one of the first Shakespeare screen adaptations), both from England. Paul's documentary *Army Life* is also mostly gone as is Holland's *Solser en Hesse*.

Most of these works exist now only in still fragments, but at the time contributed to the growth of cinema into an art form and, though mostly forgotten today, were part of the sensation of the early moving pictures.

Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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ASPARAGUS OMELET

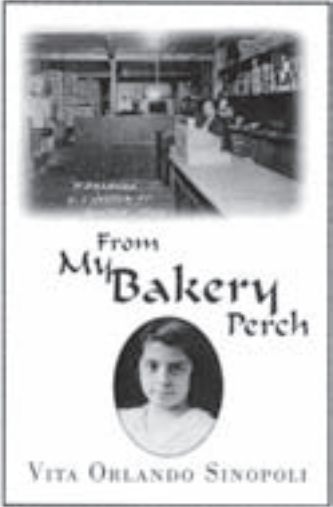
- 2 cups cut-up fresh, frozen or
canned asparagus
- 1 medium onion (optional)
- 4 beaten eggs or equal
quantity of egg substitute
- 1/4 cup olive, canola or
vegetable oil
- Salt

Cut up fresh asparagus, wash and par boil or steam in a saucepan. Set aside and dry with paper towel. To prevent dangerous oil splattering, be sure asparagus are dry before placing in skillet with oil.

Remove skin from onion. Cut onion in half, and cut each half into 1/4-inch long slices. Set aside.

Heat oil in skillet before adding asparagus. Fry asparagus slowly for about five minutes, stirring frequently. Add onion to skillet (optional) and fry until onion is slightly browned. Stir frequently. Meantime beat eggs thoroughly in a bowl. Add salt to taste. Skillet should be well heated before gently pouring beaten eggs in a circular motion over the asparagus/onion mixture. Lower burner. Using spatula, lift mixture slightly. Tip skillet, allowing beaten eggs to slowly drain under the asparagus. Repeat this process on opposite side of skillet until only small portions of the eggs remain on top. Gently shake skillet over burner to keep mixture from sticking to bottom. Carefully slide the mixture onto a platter. Return the mixture face down into the skillet. Fry slowly until all of the eggs have cooked. Slide omelet carefully from skillet onto a platter for serving.

VARIATIONS: In place of asparagus, use cut-up green peppers, vinegar peppers, potato pieces, ham, or frankfurters. Cheese of choice and/or mushrooms can be added to the omelet. Another option is to scramble all the ingredients in the skillet after adding the beaten eggs. Stir until beaten eggs cook thoroughly.



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Also Known As
JOHN U. HARRIS, JR.
Date of Death March 13, 2017

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **John U. Harris, III of Bedford, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
John U. Harris, III of Bedford, MA, has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Estate of
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ANTHONY D. PARATORE
Date of Death June 23, 2009

**INFORMAL PROBATE
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Marie C. Paratore of Mountain View, CA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Marie C. Paratore of Mountain View, CA, 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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BEWARE of SCAMS

Did you know that someone's identity gets stolen every two seconds? The AARP Fraud Watch Network provides you with tips and resources to help you spot and avoid identity theft and fraud.

GIFT CARDS

Buying gift cards? Skip the rack. Fraud experts report that thieves sometimes hit store gift card racks, secretly scan the numbers on the cards, then check online or call the toll-free number to see if anyone has bought and activated the cards. Once the card is active, the scammer drains the funds. If you do buy gift cards, keep your receipt there's a chance the

merchant will reimburse you for the face value of a card that has been drained.


Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Report scams to local law enforcement. Contact the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork for more information on fraud prevention.

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Last weekend, Loretta and I attended the high school graduation of Mathew DeVito, grandson of close friends Dick and Eileen DeVito. As we sat facing Weston Town Hall waiting for the speeches to end, I could see how nervous and excited some of the kids were. It was fascinating. I knew that Mathew had chosen Norwich University to attend this coming fall, and I was as proud of him as if he was my own grandson. As we sat through the speeches, my mind drifted back to June, 1956. I sat with my English High School classmates in front of the stage at Jordan Hall on Huntington Avenue in Boston's Back Bay.

I kept looking over my shoulder, searching for my parents to enter and seat themselves along with the parents of the other 300 and something seniors. When they finally entered, Nanna and Babbononno were with them. This made me smile and feel assured that my family was there. Wow, that was 61 years ago! I can't believe it. I hadn't made plans to attend any colleges. I had not taken the SAT exams, a requirement for kids heading to college. Most of my street corner pals were working at menial jobs, but having spending money in their pockets made them seem quite mature and independent. I thought that maybe I could find a fulltime job or ask Mr. Ray, the manager of the Seville Theater (where I worked part-time), if he could use me full-time.

Dad had father-and-son talks with me on many occasions during my senior year. Most of them were centered on me being the first in the immediate family to go to college. I listened half-heartedly and just kept nodding as he spoke. I was in a college-bound program at English, and as a consequence, didn't have any preparation to enter one of the trades. As of that day of graduation, I hadn't any plans as to what to do next. That night, a close friend who was graduating from East Boston High School called to tell me that his father had secured jobs for us working on construction. A drive-in theater was going to be built in the Orient Heights section of East Boston and we were hired by the construction company that was to excavate the property. My friend told me that he was going to drive a bulldozer and I was going to drive a tractor and we were going to make \$15.00 an hour. I was delighted, but when I told this to Dad, he just shook his head.

The next morning, we re-

ported to the job site at the designated time and waited for our new boss to show up. When he did, he handed my friend a pick and me a shovel and told us to start digging. The \$15.00 an hour turned out to be wrong, too. I believe we were to earn that amount, but per day, not per hour. When I returned home at the end of the work day, the palms of my hands were covered with blood blisters and my back was as sore as it's ever been.

Babbononno filled a basin with warm water and salt and made me soak my pain-ridden hands in the mix. It was soothing, but really didn't help much. Just then, Dad walked in and saw what was going on. He asked what had happened. I pulled my hands out of the salt water to show him and he nodded without saying a word. I spoke first, "Dad, you were right. I'm going to college and work with my brain, not my hands." Dad smiled, nodded and walked away.

The next day, Dad called a friend, the dean at Boston State College (now U. Mass. Boston), and when he got off the phone, he told me that I had an interview with the man at 9:00 am the next morning. The next day, wearing a conservative suit and tie, I headed to the corner of Huntington and Longwood Avenues where the college was then located. The administration building was filled with young people who evidently were incoming freshmen, and just as confused as I was. After asking a security guard where the dean's office was, I headed there, walked in, asked for the dean and gave my name.

I was ushered right in and a man about Dad's age introduced himself to me saying, "Hi, I'm Dean Reagan; you must be John's son." We chatted for a few minutes and then he pulled a document from a manila folder. It was my high school transcript. He looked it over, and with a stern face said, "Not that good, but passable." He then handed me a packet and told me to sit in his outer office, follow all the directions, and then leave it with his secretary when I was done. He then handed me a pencil and wished me good luck. When I seated myself in his outer office, I discovered why he wished me good luck--it was the college's entrance exam. I spent the next hour or so following the directions that would assist me in completing the application and entrance exam.

When I had finished, I handed everything to the dean's secretary who just said, "We'll be in

touch." On the way home, I wondered what I was getting myself into. I headed toward home and stopped at the Seville Theater. My Ray wondered why I was there so early, as I was working that night but it was still afternoon. I told him about the events of the morning and he just cleared his throat and walked away. As he turned away, I could see that he was smiling, and I wondered why.

I worked that night and discussed the events of the day with Dave Turner, the stage manager and a close friend. He was so happy to hear that I was interested in going to college. When I got home that night, I found a note on the kitchen table. Evidently Dean Reagan called for me, and seeing I wasn't there left a message with Dad. I was to report to the North Building of the college the next morning and fill out all of the paperwork that was necessary for each entering freshman. I had evidently passed the test and the interview.

The next day, I arrived at the college and joined the crowd in the auditorium of the North Building. I filled out the necessary paperwork and was handed a schedule. I next was ushered toward a sign that said F20. This was to be the section I would be assigned to, and a new professor in charge began calling the names of the new freshmen. He had just come in from the Midwest where the most difficult names were Smith, Jones and Brown. You can imagine how he handled the first four names on our alphabetical list: Abruzzese, Christoforo, Ciccarelli, and Civili. He really messed them up.

The following Monday, I started my college career. I graduated in 1960, and would go on to earn several more degrees. Two years later, I would become a professional musician. With what I earned as a musician, and from the Seville Theater, I paid my own way through everything. By the way, I never went back to work with a pick and shovel.

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DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
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FELECIA M. BEASLEY

vs.

KENNETH BEASLEY

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Vikas S. Dhar, Esq., Dhar Law, LLP, One Constitution Center, Suite 300, Charlestown, MA 02129** your answer, if any, on or before July 11, 2017. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, **HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.**

Date: May 30, 2017

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 6/16/17

NEMPAC's Annual "Spring Recital on the Prado"

On Saturday, June 10th, NEMPAC presented its annual "Spring Recital on the Prado" featuring over 85 talented student performers. Family and friends enjoyed student and faculty (or parent!) collaborations, as well as the receptions that followed each recital. The beautiful weather and spectacular performances made for a wonderful community event!



Upcoming Performances:

NEMPAC Opera Project presents **Beethoven's Fidelio** — Thursday, June 22nd – Saturday, June 24th beginning at 7:30 pm at Faneuil Hall in The Great Hall. To purchase your tickets go to www.nempacboston.org/

Opera in the Park — Sunday, June 25th at 4:00 pm. Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park. Free and open to the public.

Summer Concert Series — Thursday, July 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th at 6:00 pm. North End, The Prado. Free and open to the public.


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Hold Drug Awareness Day with Schools



St. John and Eliot Schools students and teachers at Annual Drug Awareness Day.

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) and North End Waterfront Health held their annual drug awareness day for the students and teachers at St. John and Eliot Schools. Over one hundred 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students attended this year's event hosted at St. John's School. The purpose of the event is to make students aware of the dangers of drugs and alcohol and the consequences associated with them. The 2-hour program began with an introduction from NEAD president John Romano and NEW Health Executive Director James Luisi and consisted of a speaking program, followed by a series of skits from the Improbable Players. Speakers at this year's event were Dr. Turnock from NEW Health; Assistant District Attorney Greg Henning; Boston Police Drug Unit; Assistant Chief Probation Officer Marynel Sanchez from South Boston District Court; and Mayor Marty Walsh.

Each of the speakers talked to the students about the problems associated with drug and alcohol abuse, how it can affect their lives and health and also told them a little bit about their

jobs. Each speaker also gave the students an opportunity to ask questions and the students had some fantastic questions and feedback. It was great to have Greg Henning speak, who was recently named to head the Gang Unit at the DA's Office, as Greg is a former player with the Hill House Ball Program that played in the North End and also a member of the NEAA's North End Dodgers' program for many years. The Improbable Players were sponsored by NEW Health and a grant from NEAD's Corporate Sponsor Eversource.

The highlight of the program was Mayor Walsh's speech. He spoke of his own experiences and how he stays sober one day at a time. The students took in every word he said! They asked the mayor many questions. "We are grateful to all the speakers and especially thrilled to have Mayor Walsh attend this important event for our students and their teachers," stated NEAD President John Romano. "Special thanks to Traci Walker Griffin, principal of the Eliot School, and Karen McLaughlin, the principal of St. John's School, for helping us organize this important day for the stu-

dents," said Mary Wright from NEAD and NEW Health. Mary coordinated the program again this year.

North End Against Drugs provided each student with a String Back Pack with the NEAD Name on it along with drug, alcohol and cigarette pamphlets and some other goodies. Also in attendance and participating in the event were Zack Goodale, Mary Anne Howard, Maria Bova, and several others NEW Health staff members along with NEAD Board members Karen D'Amico, Ann Fitzgerald, Olivia Scimeca, Police Office Teddy Boyle, Stephen Passacantilli, Kathy Carangelo, and Maria Lanza. State Senator Joe Boncore also stopped in to support the program and the students.

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Authority) is soliciting consulting services for MPA CONTRACT NO. **A359 FAA NEXTGEN / ATC TOWER SPACE CONSOLIDATION PROJECT, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**. The Authority is seeking qualified multidiscipline consulting firm or team, with proven experience to provide professional services including planning, design and construction related services including resident inspection for a project relocating FAA offices, equipment and support areas to open up space for FAA Next Generation equipment. The project will consolidate FAA offices, training room, support space, as well as provide space for FAA equipment. The Consultant must be able to work closely with the Authority and other interested parties in order to provide such services in a timely and effective manner.

The consultant shall demonstrate experience in several disciplines including, but not limited to Planning, Architectural, Information Technology & Electronic Telecommunication, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Protection, Security System Design, Code Compliance, Asset Management, Laser Scanning, Lean Design and Construction, Cost Estimating, Construction Phasing, Virtual Design and Construction (VDC/BIM) for all disciplines, Scheduling and Sustainable Design. The consultant shall also have demonstrated experience in Construction Management at Risk, MGL Chapter 149A.

The contract will be work order based, and Consultant's fee for each work order shall be negotiated. Estimated construction cost for A359 is five million dollars (\$5,000,000).

A Supplemental Information Package will be available, on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017** on the Capital Bid Opportunities webpage of Massport http://www.massport.com/doing-business/_layouts/CapitalPrograms/default.aspx as an attachment to the original Legal Notice, and on COMMBUYS (www.commbuys.com) in the listings for this project. If you have problems finding it, please contact Susan Brace at Capital Programs SBrace@massport.com The Supplemental Information Package will provide detailed information about Scope Of Work, Selection Criteria and Submission Requirements.

In recognition of the unique nature of the project and the services required to support it, the Authority has scheduled a Consultant Briefing to be held at **1:00 PM on TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017** at the Capital Programs Department, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128. At this session, an overview of the project will be provided, the services requested by the Authority will be described, and questions will be answered.

By responding to this solicitation, consultants agree to accept the terms and conditions of Massport's standard work order agreement, a copy of the Authority's standard agreement can be found on the Authority's web page at www.massport.com. Consultant shall specify in its cover letter that it has the ability to obtain requisite insurance coverage.

This submission, including the litigation and legal proceedings history in a separate sealed envelope as required shall be addressed to Houssam H. Sleiman, PE, CCM, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs and received no later than **12:00 Noon on THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2017** at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. Any submission which is not received in a timely manner shall be rejected by the Authority as non-responsive. Any information provided to the Authority in any Proposal or other written or oral communication between the Proposer and the Authority will not be, or deemed to have been, proprietary or confidential, although the Authority will use reasonable efforts not to disclose such information to persons who are not employees or consultants retained by the Authority except as may be required by M.G.L. c.66.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
THOMAS P. GLYNN
CEO & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 6/16/2017

EXPORT TOWING NOTICE TO OWNERS

The following abandoned and/or junked motor vehicles will be disposed of or sold. Any questions regarding this matter please contact: **EXPORT TOWING** Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tel: 781-395-0808

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2010 HONDA CIVIC
VIN #2HGF1F59AH315491

2005 FORD FIVE HUNDRED
VIN #1FAFP24165G138246

2008 BMW 328xi
VIN #WBAVC93518K036429

2011 ACURA MDX
VIN #2HNYD2H22BH543738

Run dates: 6/9, 6/16, 6/23/2017

LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. MI17P2823EA

Estate of
HAROUTIOUN HARRY MOUMDJIAN
Also Known As
HAROUTIOUN M. MOUMDJIAN,
HAROUTIOUN MOUMDJIAN

Date of Death March 22, 2017

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Levon Moumdjian of Waltham, MA.**

Levon Moumdjian of Waltham, 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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between them and Comey hands off his notes and memos to someone else to hand it off to the media, I call that a leak. Coming in from right field, Fox's Sean Hannity is just as bad as Markey. Hannity thinks the whole Comey testimony was a giant nothing burger. I disagree. President Trump keeps getting into trouble, but most of the time, he causes his own trouble. As for Hannity, when he interviews Donald Trump Jr. on his TV show, he shouldn't reach over the desk to shake his hand. Are you a journalist or a P.R. guy for Trump?

Batman Dead at 88

The caped crusader of Gotham has expired in his sleep. Actor

Adam West will forever be to this baby boomer the one and only Batman. I was 18 when that show came on ABC-TV. At first, it was on two nights a week, that's how popular it was. As someone who grew up with DC comics, I always read every issue of Batman when it came out every month. Adam West was a different Batman, not anywhere as serious as his comic book character. It got us laughing in the midst of some horrible times in the '60s when all of us needed to laugh more or go crazy trying to navigate real social issues exploding on the streets. We never used the TV show to escape reality, but it was fun sometimes to just have a good laugh.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. **L1359-C1 HVAC REPLACEMENT – SOUTH CARGO BUILDING 57, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S - Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2017**, immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

Sealed filed sub-bids for the same contract will be received at the same office until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017**, immediately after which, in a designated room, the filed sub-bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 10:00 AM LOCAL TIME ON THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017. A SITE VISIT WILL BE OFFERED TO ALL INTERESTED CONTRACTORS, REFER TO PAGE P-4, INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, OF THE BID PROPOSAL.

The work includes **PHASED REMOVAL OF EXISTING AND INSTALLATION OF NEW WET SPRINKLER PIPING AND HEADS; PHASED REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING HEATING AND VENTILATING SYSTEMS SERVING THE CARGO AREAS AND HVAC SYSTEMS AND AIR HANDLING UNITS SERVING THE OFFICE AREAS, PHASED MODIFICATION TO EXISTING DUCTWORK; PHASED MODIFICATION TO EXISTING HOT WATER PIPING TO ACCOMMODATE THE DESIGN.**

Bid documents will be made available beginning **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017**.

Bid Documents in electronic format may be obtained free of charge at the Authority's Capital Programs Department Office, together with any addenda or amendments, which the Authority may issue and a printed copy of the Proposal form.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Assessment Management and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of **General Building Construction**. The estimated contract cost is four million one hundred forty-six thousand dollars (\$4,146,000).

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

Bidding procedures and award of the contract and sub-contracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 44A through 44H inclusive, Chapter 149 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of **\$10,000,000**. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

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

MISCELLANEOUS AND ORNAMENTAL IRON	\$35,000
ROOFING AND FLASHING	\$46,700
ACOUSTICAL TILE	\$96,600
PAINTING	\$27,100
FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS	\$204,707
PLUMBING	\$39,125
HEATING, VENTILATING, AND AIR-CONDITIONING	\$1,784,717
ELECTRICAL	\$445,662

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

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

The General Contractor is required to submit a Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities prior to award of the Contract, and to notify prospective sub-contractors of the requirement for such certification where the sub-contract exceeds \$10,000.

Complete information and authorization to view the site may be obtained from the Capital Programs Department Office at the Massachusetts Port Authority. The right is reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals.

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visit the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism
Web site at www.massvacation.com.
For a complimentary Massachusetts Getaway Guide, or call 1-800-447-MASS, ext. 300.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. MI17P1825EA

Estate of
CYNTHIA JEAN GRIGSBY
Also Known As
CYNTHIA J. GRIGSBY
Date of Death December 7, 2016

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 **Robert B. Grigsby of Natick, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Robert B. Grigsby of Natick, 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 July 10, 2017.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a dead-line 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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 12, 2017

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 6/16/2017

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Docket No. MI17P2952EA

Estate of
EMALINE D. ALEXANDER
Date of Death December 21, 1998

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

The Petitioner requests that **William F. Alexander of Natick, 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 July 5, 2017.

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

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Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 7, 2017

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 6/16/2017

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for **MPA CONTRACT NO. LP1701-C1, FY2018-2019 RUNWAY/TAXIWAY INFIELD MAINTENANCE TERM CONTRACT, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017** immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) IN THE BID ROOM AT 1:00 PM LOCAL TIME ON FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2017.

The work includes **GRADING AND RE-TURFING OF INFIELD AREAS ADJACENT TO AIRFIELD RUNWAY AND TAXIWAY PAVEMENTS, INCLUDING EXCAVATION, GRAVEL FILL, TOPSOILING, SEEDING AND SODDING, WATERING, INSTALLATION OF BLAST STONE, INSTALLATION OF FRENCH DRAINS, ADJUSTMENT OF CASTINGS, AND MISCELLANEOUS INFIELD REPAIRS.**

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The estimated contract cost is **\$500,000.** (five hundred thousand dollars).

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

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

The General Contractor is required to submit a Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities prior to award of the Contract, and to notify prospective sub-contractors of the requirement for such certification where the sub-contract exceeds \$10,000.

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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani

This Guy Has a Good Point

A recent Letter to the Editor by William Pepe of Weymouth made a great point about too much pitching and too little hitting hurting baseball. I think he's right. No one really wants to see a 1-0 game, they want hitting, and they want homers. They want a battle royale. Pepe points out that back on May 25th when the Sox and Rangers played one another, fans didn't want to see million dollar batters striking out one after the other on both teams. He thinks pitchers are far too dominating. As he put it, "I don't watch baseball to see the pitcher and catcher play catch or have conferences on the mound ... Let's get back to real baseball."

Is Houston Real this Season

Ten teams lost at least 16 games in May, but the Astros are hot. Recently, I looked at the standings and Houston was 41-16 in first place which is the best 57-game record since the 116-win Mariners in 2001. The team leads the AL in both ERA and runs scored. Right now, they look like the 1927 New York Yankees, perhaps the best Yankees team in history.

Can they keep it up? We shall soon see.

Pujols Reaches
600 Home Run Mark



Albert Pujols

L.A. Angels slugger DH Albert Pujols, 37, became only the ninth MLB player to reach the 600-homer mark. Prior to 2002, only Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, and Willie Mays reached that milestone. The last player to reach 600 was Jim Thome who did it on August 15, 2011. Many wonder if Pujols still has enough power in him to reach

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Docket No. MI17D1292DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
MARIA CARUSO
vs.
ALFREDO VECCHIO

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Maria Caruso, 98 Oak Street, Natick, MA 01760** your answer, if any, on or before **July 11, 2017**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 30, 2017

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 6/16/17

700 homers, a mark only reached by Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, and Barry Bonds.

Pujols has slowed down in recent years and his age is showing, but he keeps showing up at home plate and can still swing with the best of them. Can he hit 700? Maybe if he can last another three seasons. Two-time MVP teammate Mike Trout says, "You can't put nothing past Albert."

Pujols isn't the same player he was back in his younger Cardinals days when he averaged 40 homers with 121 RBIs for 11 straight seasons, but he can still whack them out of the park. Since the start of the 2015 season, he has hit 80 homers with 256 RBIs. Pujols has more RBIs than Ruth and will soon match A-Rod and Aaron in RBIs.

As Pujols says himself, "People ask me when I'll retire, but as long as I'm still producing in this game, and as long as I'm still competing, as long as I'm still having fun, why should I stop?"

Gennett Slams 4 Homers

Major League history was tied on Tuesday, June 6th, when Scooter Gennett hit four home runs and finished with 10 RBIs as the Cincinnati Reds crushed the Cardinals, 13-1. Gennett became the 17th player to reach a 4 HR game.

He was picked up off waivers from the Brewers in March. Going into the June 6th game, he had a total of 38 career homers, including three this season. Josh Hamilton was the last player to hit four homers in a game back in 2012.

Back in my youth, I remember this feat of four HRs in one game was really rare. I

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 **July 1, 2017 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:

2001 TOYOTA CELICA, SILVER
Vin: JTDDR32T410096071
Hugue Ndahiro
832 Hilltop Drive, Walpole, MA 02081

2010 ACURA TL, GRAY
Vin: 19UUA5667YA002584
Jimmy Huynh
40 Dickens St., #2, Dorchester, MA 02122

2003 NISSAN MURANO, WHITE
Vin: JN8AZ08W53W216421
Carlos Silva-Melendez
80 Park St., Apt 5, Lynn, MA 01905

2003 BMW 325i, BLUE
Vin: WBAAZ33463PH32817
Gascar Grandchamps
195 Kendall Rd., Tewksbury, MA 01876

2004 HONDA ACCORD, BLUE
Vin: 1HGCM71274A027479
Sonia Ramirez-Mejia
34 Sargent Ave, #2, Somerville, MA 02145

1998 SUBARU OUTBACK, BLACK
Vin: 4S3BK6751W6311093
Jacqueline Quintal
458 Hanover St, #3, Manchester, NH 03103

2003 FORD ESCAPE, TAN
Vin: 1FMYU03123KC36214
Janet Jonathas
171 Middlesex Ave, #1, Medford, MA 02155

2003 MERCEDES BENZ ML, BROWN
Vin: 4JGAB75E83A384602
Wiener Douyan
185 Fellsway West, #1
Medford, MA 02155
Run dates: 6/16, 6/23, 6/30, 2017

remember that Joe Adcock did it for the Braves in the '50s, and so too did Rocky Colavito for the Indians. It was a very select group back then, but with watered down baseball today, I am surprised it doesn't happen more often.

Mr. October
Gets His Bobblehead Day

It was Reggie Jackson Bobblehead Giveaway Day at Yankee Stadium on Friday, June 9th.

Raw Deal for Remy



Jerry Remy

During the first game of the recent Red Sox-Yankees series in New York, Sox TV announcer Jerry Remy made a good point when the Yankees had a mound conference with starter Tanaka. A translator also huddled with them. Remy said there was no reason for the translator to be there. All Tanaka has to do is learn the signs from the catcher. This is Baseball 101. Well, the uproar over the remarks reached fever pitch. The Red Sox apologized for any insensitivity and Remy did likewise. Political correctness at it again! Remy wasn't insulting Tanaka's lack of the English language. He was simply talking catcher signs, not anyone's language skills.

Valentine Ripped at
Papi's Version of '12 Sox

In *Papi: My Story*, Ortiz fired away at then manager Bobby Valentine, and Valentine fired back that he wasn't to blame for that horrible 2012 season. I have to agree with him even though I expected so much more out of him at the helm. The team was a dismal mess going back to September 2011, when the Sox imploded allegedly over fried chicken and beer.

There's nothing worse than listening to two legends in their own mind trying to one-up each other. Which means this book should sell well. Remember, never ask Valentine to publish a book review on Papi's take of 2012.

Next Week: Jimmy Piersall

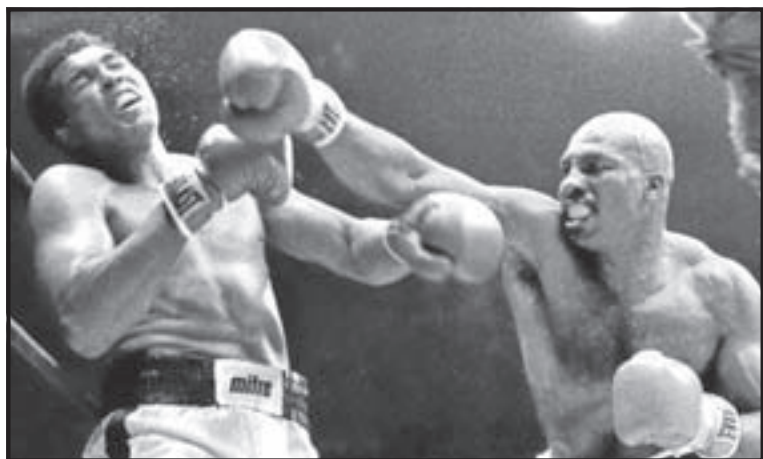
Next week, I will devote my entire commentary to the late Jimmy Piersall who just passed away. As a baby boomer, I remember growing up with the hapless Red Sox of the late '50s and into the '60s prior to the 1967 Impossible Dream Team. They made a movie about Piersall based on his own book describing his struggles growing up and as a young player for the Red Sox nearly 60 years ago. A small item on him here would not do him justice. Don't forget, next week, right here.

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Walcott and Ali A Contrast



Ali vs. Shavers.

Muhammad Ali used to enjoy making fun of his predecessors. He would mock them for being punchy. I remember seeing him do this in front of Joe Louis. Ali would put his finger on his nose pressing it flat and then speak, slurring his speech while pretending to stumble around on unsteady feet. He would talk about how guys like Louis and the other champs took too many punches, couldn't box as well as "The Greatest," and ended up with their brains scrambled. He bragged how that would never happen to him because he was so much smarter and better than they were.

It is a tragic irony that Ali ended up worse than any of those who came before him. By the time he was training for the Larry Holmes fight, Ali was already showing serious signs of brain damage. Watching interviews and training footage as he was preparing for that bout, you can hear him slurring his speech. His coordination was deteriorating as seen in his difficulty hitting the speed bag. Ali was 38 years old at the time and would lose by stoppage to Holmes. It was a sad sight.

Why did this happen to such a great "boxer?" Let's compare him to another former champ who was still fighting when he was in his late 30s; Jersey Joe Walcott.

Jersey Joe was 37 years old when he won the Heavyweight Championship by knocking out Ezzard Charles. He would defend it against Charles before losing it to Rocky Marciano in a fight in which Walcott was leading on the scorecards when he was kayoed in the 13th round.

Walcott also had given Joe Louis more than he could handle a few years earlier when he lost a highly disputed decision to the Brown Bomber. He dropped Louis twice in that bout. Louis would win a rematch by knockout, but not before hitting the canvas one more time.

Ali got a lot of laughs making fun of the greats of the past. He not only went after them for supposedly being punchy, but he also demeaned their skills. Well, if Walcott was lacking in skills and Ali was so brilliant, why is it Jersey Joe retired with his faculties still intact while Ali ended up a mental and physical wreck?

You just have to watch footage of the two men in action and you will see what made the

difference. Walcott was a brilliant technical boxer. He could move, he could punch, he was always in good physical shape (except for the times earlier in his career the he was so poor he couldn't eat properly), and he also knew how to avoid taking punishment. Jersey Joe was a master of the art of boxing. Watching him move on the canvas is something to behold. He could feint. He would turn and start to walk away from his opponent and then suddenly turn back with a lethal combination. Witness his knock out of Ezzard Charles where Wal-



Walcott vs. Charles.

cott very nonchalantly steps in with a half hook, half uppercut to win the title. Just amazing!

Walcott and Ali both had their last fight at the age of 39. Ali had a total of 61 fights while Walcott had 71. Walcott fought professionally for 23 years, Ali for 21 years. Ali was off for three and a half years when he was banned from boxing, so he actually had around 18 years of activity. Walcott was stopped six times. With the exception of the Marciano and Louis fights, these stoppages were earlier in his career when he was struggling to survive. Ali was stopped just once, by Holmes. However, Ali took a lot more punches than Walcott did.

The difference between the two was in their skills. Walcott actually got better with age. Ali deteriorated as he got older. But why? Well, Ali depended on his speed when he was younger. He was amazingly fast and had great reflexes. As he got older, he began to lose that speed, and without it he started taking punches. He did not have the skills to avoid being hit. He

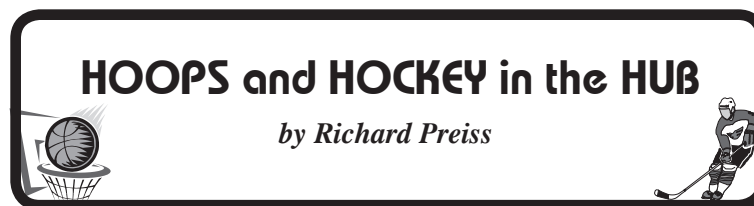
was no Jersey Joe Walcott. In fact, Ali depended on his ability to take punishment in order to win fights. During training sessions he would allow his sparring partners to unload on him. In a bizarre way, he seemed to think by taking more punishment he was toughening himself for his upcoming fights. This took a terrible toll on him. Sure it made for exciting fights, but as can be seen in his fights with the likes of George Foreman, Ron Lyle, Ken Norton, Joe Frazier and, very notably, Earnie Shavers, he took some fearful shots. It is no wonder he ended up the way he did.

Walcott, on the other hand, always worked on his defense. He would spend hours honing his defensive skills in training-shadow boxing, working in front of the mirror, watching other fighters. Most importantly, he would work at not getting hit while sparring. When it came to true boxing skills, Walcott was miles ahead of Ali. Walcott had a full palette to draw from, while Ali was sorely lacking in the finer points of the Manly Art of Self Defense. While Walcott was a true master at his trade, Ali always depended

on his physical abilities--first his speed and then his toughness--to carry him through. Walcott was a technician, Ali was a tough guy.

Compare these two champs in their retirement years and you can see the difference. Walcott remained sharp and clear-headed. He became the Sheriff of Camden County, New Jersey, and also served on the Boxing Commission until he was 70 years old. From then until his death at the age of 80, he worked helping handicapped and disabled children. His defensive boxing skills served him well as he showed no signs of brain damage.

Ali's deterioration had already started before he retired from the ring. While he made appearances in his retirement years, he had become, to people who were willing to face the truth, a symbol of the dark side of boxing. He had become that which he had mocked. It was almost Shakespearean in that Muhammad Ali would become a caricature of the punch drunk boxer he said would never be.



It was somewhat symbolic where it ended because all along there had been a prophecy, a foretelling, a view of the future that one could surmise had a good chance of unfolding the way it was presented to those seeking wisdom about the future.

It wasn't a guarantee, of course, but a wise opinion from those who had been granted such powers from those on high.

We speak, of course, of the oracles in ancient Greece sought out by many for their prognostication of future events, be they good or bad in their unfolding.

In our own time, there was such a prophecy — by those that follow, cover, and even work for the NBA. The oracles of the media, those who cover the league on a year-round basis, proclaimed, as summer became fall in 2016, that Golden State and Cleveland would once again meet in the NBA Finals come the spring of 2017.

The only tricky part was saying who would win. After all, Golden State, though coming off a 73-9 record-setting regular season in 2016, did not claim the big prize — the NBA title — last year. That was captured by Cleveland, a team led by LeBron James that came back from a 3-1 deficit in games to gobble up the glory that earlier had seemed all but won by the Warriors. Golden State had won everything — except the prize that really mattered.

So, perhaps there was something symbolic when Golden State refused to yield this year and won the NBA championship by taking over a decisive fifth game in the fourth quarter and relegating the Cavs to the runner-up position. Symbolic because the venue that serves as the home base for Golden State is named Oracle Arena.

It's true that, in this particular case, Oracle refers to a computer software company that specializes in database management systems and was the second largest producer (by revenue earned) after Microsoft in 2015.

But maybe, in a way, that is how the future is predicted by those in the present day — by mining data and coming to conclusions about what might happen in the future.

Through all the data available on the NBA, the vast majority felt that Golden State and Cleveland would meet in a rematch. And they were right.

After all, the Cavs did lose 31 games in the regular season while Golden State was only beaten 15 times. The Cavs lost 16 more games than Golden State — a differential that told you going into the Finals that Golden State was superior, regardless of the relatively easy time Cleveland had in the earlier rounds of the playoffs.

It's one of the major differences between the NBA and the NHL. The NBA is much more predictable. To predict that defending Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh would return to the Stanley Cup Final this year made a lot of sense — but not as much as predicting the teams

in the NBA Finals. For example, Nashville was on absolutely no one's radar as the season began or even as it ended. That the Predators not only earned a berth in the Stanley Cup Playoffs, but then advanced to the championship round, indicates how predictions are much less certain in hockey.

There is also more parity in the hockey playoffs. When the regular season ends and the playoffs begin, it really is a whole new season with everyone starting fresh and everything up for grabs. You really can't make that claim about the NBA Playoffs.

Another factor that should be considered is the starting date of the NBA Finals. Once set by television, that date can't be moved. Both Golden State and Cleveland went through their respective conference opponents in relatively short order. All that gained for them was an excessive waiting period for the finals to start — 10 days in the case of the Warriors, 7 in the case of the Cavs.

Compare that to hockey where the two teams in the Stanley Cup Final can start within a few days of their respective Conference victories. There's no date set in stone by TV that determines when the Stanley Cup Final can start. That's the way it should be in the NBA as well.

Oh, and by the way, did you notice that our two "winter" sports concluded their respective playoffs on consecutive days? Pittsburgh finished off the Predators on June 11th while the Warriors put the Cavs away on June 12th. We wonder when the last time that happened. Maybe that was the first time.

Both leagues will have consecutive nights again later this month but in reverse order. The Celtics have the first overall pick in the NBA Draft, set for June 22nd at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, while the Bruins have the 18th overall pick in the NHL draft, to be held at the United Center in Chicago June 23rd-24th. Bruins GM Don Sweeney has indicated he's willing to consider trading the Bruins' pick for the right deal while Celtics President of Basketball Operations Danny Ainge, while not ruling out such a scenario, appears much less willing to do so.

And did you notice that former Bruin Phil Kessel just picked up his second Stanley Cup Championship? Last year Kessel took out a full-page newspaper ad in Toronto, thanking the Maple Leafs for trading him to Pittsburgh.

In Boston, Kessel was known as the gift that kept on giving since his being traded to Toronto resulted in a number of players coming to the Bs. So if that never happened, then he wouldn't have wound up in Pittsburgh.

And let's not forget Pens coach Mike Sullivan, who will get the opportunity to once again bring the Stanley Cup back to Massachusetts this summer. Look for it in the South Shore area. Mike grew up in Marshfield.