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The North End

Looks Like Opening Day at Fenway Park

by Sal Giarratani





This past weekend, the North End looked very festive as the City of Boston started to re-open. Restaurants are now allowed outdoor dining in the latest opening phase and the economy which had taken a great hit is now slowly returning.

Hanover Street was bustling with diners up and down the area, over to Salem Street and beyond. Diners seemed to be enjoying some level of normalcy. Owners were happy and returning workers, too.





(Photos by Matt Conti, NorthEndWaterfront.com)

Everyone is Out to Get ColumbusIn Boston, person or persons unknown chopped off

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

the head of Christopher Columbus down at Columbus Waterfront Park. Then, in nearby Chelsea, the city council just called for the removal of a Columbus statue from Chelsea Square.

Further away in Camden, NJ, a Columbus statue has been taken down, joining other cities across the country doing likewise. The city of Camden released a statement calling the Columbus statue a "controversial symbol that has long pained residents of the community." Statues of Columbus have been toppled or vandalized in Miami, Richmond, and St. Paul.

Providence saw the first vandals get arrested for going after Columbus. The monument there was recently boarded up and fenced off in an attempt to protect the statue following similar attacks in other cities. The cops caught two folks from Providence, one of them a social studies teacher, who were seen by detectives in the area lobbing containers of paint at the boxed statue. They were arraigned last Saturday.

Since 1992 (the 400th Anniversary of the Columbus discovery of the New World), it seems to have been all down hill for the legacy of Christopher Columbus. He went from being a hero to being the worse admiral ever.

Is She Kidding? Who Supports Police Brutality?

Recently, U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley stated police brutality demands a systemic solution. She and Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-MN, have co-authored a congressional resolution condemning all acts of police brutality which according to the two is now one of the leading causes of death among young Black men.

I guess the almost daily killings in many American cities, Chicago comes quickly to mind, where many

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St. Anthony's Feast Day Celebrated

by Matt Conti, NorthEndWaterfront.com



The annual Feast Day for St. Anthony of Padua was celebrated in a socially distant manner at St. Leonard Church over the weekend by Fr. Claude Scrima and Fr. Michael Della Penna. After a Mass, a statue of St. Anthony was processed around the church as well as a holy relic.



The event was also live-streamed for virtual devotees on Facebook and the parish website. In the age of coronavirus, the annual weekend processions and feasts in Boston's North End have been canceled or modified.

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DIONYSUS AND BACCHUS

This week, we are continuing our journey down through the ancient age of mythology. Our deity for today is the Greek god Dionysus, who was worshipped as the god of the vine, the wine, and luxuriant fertility. He was the son of Zeus by Semele, a mortal. Legend tells us that the pregnant Semele was killed by a lightning bolt. Zeus immediately seized the premature baby and sewed it into his own thigh until it was ready to bring up. As he grew older, Dionysus discovered the vine and its uses. He wandered through the world, planting his vine and spreading his worship among all men. He was usually accompanied by nymphs, Satyrs, and similar woodland deities, and wherever he was kindly received he responded by leaving the gift of the wine with his hosts.

Legend goes on to tell us that while still a young man, Dionysus became the victim of a tragic death. Also, due to the intervention of other gods, he was reborn. His worship by mortals eventually spread to most areas in Greece. Festivals honoring his death and resurrection were celebrated by females in the mountains at night every three years. During these rites, there was a period of intense grief over his death, and this was followed by another period of extreme joy because of his rebirth. This kind of celebration often grew into a wild and savage orgy, and the participants became known as

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Bacchus, Michelangelo, 1496-97, Marble, Museo Nazionale del Bargello, Florence

Bacchae, wandering through the woods, carrying torches, and uttering insane cries. Small animals were often killed, torn into pieces, and eaten raw.

The Greek god Dionysus was worshipped in Italy as Bacchus and celebrations in his honor were called Bacchanalia. Through the influence of this god, these celebrations became an excuse for all manner of licentiousness, which then degenerated into an occasion for committing assassinations, poisonings, forgeries, and every form of perjury, debauchery,

and crime. Additionally, men hurled themselves about in wild abandon and screamed absurd prophesies while women with disheveled hair, carrying lighted torches, plunged themselves into the Tiber. Eventual intervention by authorities resulted in the arrest of 7,000 men and women. Minor offenders were sent to prison while executions took care of the others.

In 1497 A.D., Michelangelo, at the age of 22, carved his famous Bacchus from a seven-foot block of marble. In this creation, the master showed only too vividly, the power of the intoxicating drink and what happens when a man surrenders his moral and spiritual values for the so-called pleasures of the flesh. This sculptured masterpiece is exhibited in the Bargello (National Museum) in Florence, Italy.

The Roman counterpart to Dionysus and Bacchus was called Liber, and his festivals were called Liberalia, these festivals were celebrated annually on the 17th of March and they assumed an entirely different character. In addition to orderly processions and sacrifices, this was also a day in which these young men who had just come of age, assumed the "toga virilis" or "the cloak of manhood." It probably could have been called a "Roman bar mitzvah."

NEXT ISSUE: Hermes and Mercury

Res Publica

by David Trumbull



Hurray for Trump Rallies

When I was young, my family, like most American families, would gather around the television at least a few nights a week and enjoy entertainment that offered something for everyone. The marvelous variety shows — $\it Ed$ $\it Sullivan$ of course the biggest show were where Americans were fist introduced to some of the rock bands whose music we still listen to six decades later. They also featured comedy, acrobatics, juggling, you name it. If you could put it on TV, it was there in an hour-long program, with the host as the center around which the entire circus revolved. In other words, they were in the 1960s what a Trump rally is in 2020.

"By the way, is there anything more fun than a Trump rally? Is there? Seriously. And we break every attendance record every single time, just about."

— Donald J. Trump

The Trump rallies are back! For the Saturday, June 20, 2020, rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the campaign reports they received 800,000 requests for tickets. **Fox News** is the top cable news network in large part because it shows every Trump rally. Each Trump rally brings *Fox* about 5 million viewers.

It's the best TV on TV. You get music, lots of fun upbeat music, and the sort of music that back in the day of network TV you would have gotten on those variety shows that filled our 23-inch screens. Some of the artists object to their music playing at Trump rallies. But as **Mick Jagger** found out when

he tried to stop it, "You can't always get what you want." If the venue has a license to play your song, there isn't much you can do about it in most cases.

The music at Trump rallies will go on, and the crowd will go wild. There will be clapping, dancing, jumping around. I have never seen people at a political event having so much fun. Sure, at both parties' national conventions the balloons will drop when the nomination becomes official, music will play, and people will cheer, but the whole thing is so choreographed and staged that it will be a bore — nothing like the energy at a Trump rally.

What is a TV variety show without a clown? At a Trump rally you can be sure to see some clown who waited outside in the heat or cold for many hours to get in and immediately get himself thrown out for an attempted disruption. Apparently, it never occurs to them that one voice in a back row seat in a 20,000 person arena can't be heard, so no one will even know why you are protesting. Maybe they don't even know themselves why they are protesting. One thing is clear; the Trump supporters know why they are there. For a quarter of a century they saw America being taken away from ordinary Americans, and taken over by a small elite class that thinks the rest of us are deplorable.

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Blessed John Duns Scotus

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Born at Duns in the county of Berwick, Scotland, John was descended from a wealthy farming family. In later years, he was identified as John Duns Scotus to indicate the land of his birth; Scotia is the Latin name for Scotland.

John received the habit of the Friars Minor at Dumfries, where his uncle Elias Duns was superior. After novitiate, John studied at Oxford and Paris and was ordained in 1291. More studies in Paris followed until 1297, when he returned to lecture at Oxford and Cambridge. Four years later, he returned to Paris to teach and complete the requirements for his doctorante.

In an age when many people adopted whole systems of thought without qualification, John pointed out the richness of the Augustinian-Franciscan tradition, appreciated the November 8th.

wisdom of Aquinas, Aristotle, and the Muslim philosophers and still managed to be an independent thinker.

In John Scotus's time, some philosophers held that people are basically determined by forces outside themselves. Free will is an illusion, they argued. Scotus, an ever-practical man, said that if he started beating someone who denied free will, the person would immediately tell him to stop. But if Scotus didn't really have a free will, how could he stop? John had a knack for finding illustrations his students could remember!

After a short stay in Oxford, Scotus returned to Paris, where he received his doctorate in 1305. He continued teaching there and in 1307 so ably defended the Immaculate Conception of Mary that the university officially adopted his position. That same year the minister general assigned him to the Franciscan school in Cologne where John died in 1308. He is buried in the Franciscan church near the famous Cologne cathedral. A humble man, John Duns Scotus has been one of the most influential Franciscans through the centuries.

Drawing on the work of John Duns Scotus, Pope Pius IX solemnly defined the Immaculate Conception of Mary in 1854. John Duns Scotus was beatified in 1993. The Feast Day of Blessed John Duns Scotus is

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New Exhibit Explores Eva Whiting White,

The EPH, and Life in a West End Settlement House In Partnership with Simmons University



The West End Museum is excited to announce a new exhibit designed by students at Simmons University in partnership with the Boston City Archives.

The exhibit, Learned from Our Neighbors: Stories from The Elizabeth Peabody House, is launching in a digital format. The exhibit celebrates the Elizabeth Peabody House, social worker and house director Eva Whiting White, and life in Boston's West End. It serves as a preview of the larger onsite exhibit originally scheduled for installation in June, and now projected for the fall.

There will be an opening in the next few weeks featuring Simmons students and staff discussing their experiences assembling the exhibit. An announcement will come soon with a date for the opening.

Elizabeth Peabody -Schooling Pioneer and namesake of the Elizabeth **Peabody House**

Elizabeth Peabody was born to Eliza Palmer and Nathaniel Peabody in 1804, in Billerica.



resident, Peabody's legacy in education and activism was honored in the West End with the founding of the Elizabeth Peabody House in 1896, two years after Peabody's death. Peabody's career in teaching, publishing, and writing was inspired by her mother, who ran a school for girls that included Elizabeth as a pupil.

By 1821, at seventeen, Elizabeth founded the Lancaster Boarding School (when the familv moved to Lancaster, MA), and taught in turn her younger sisters Sophia and Mary. By 1822, Peabody had moved to

Boston, opened another school in the city, and took Greek lessons from Ralph Waldo Emerson. After some time in Maine, she co-founded another all-girls school in Brookline with Mary, and became the acquaintance of Reverend William Ellery Channing. Channing was another tutor of Peabody's, and both of them were drawn to the radical new religious teachings of Unitarianism. With her growing interest in Unitarian teachings, Peabody became a private tutor of Bronson Alcott, who became the Unitarian minister and educator that founded the Temple School in Boston. This was after Peabody closed her Boston school in 1832 and shifted to writing and publishing. While publishing Alcott's work, Peabody was skeptical about his teaching style, fearing that he steered his young students in certain directions without allowing them genuine expression.

You can learn more about Elizabeth at https://thewestendmuseum.org/article/ elizabeth-peabody/

Handel and Haydn Society Receives Catalyst Fund Grant from League of American Orchestras

The Handel and Haydn Society has been award- and organizational roles in systems of inequity." ed a \$18,760 grant from the League of American Orchestras to strengthen their understanding of equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) and to help transform organizational culture. Given to just twenty-eight orchestras nationwide, the one-year grants comprise the second round of The Catalyst Fund, the League's three-year, \$2.1 million grantmaking program, made possible by a generous grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation with additional support from the Paul M. Angell Family Foundation.

"The Handel and Haydn Society has been committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion in all aspects of our organizations," said David Snead, President and CEO of the Handel and Haydn Society. "The Catalyst Fund grant will help us develop a clear path forward as we lay out our inclusion initiatives for years to come."

"Recent events have underscored the deep racial disparities existing in our country, already amplified by the pandemic's unequal impact on communities of color," said Jesse Rosen, President and CEO of the League of American Orchestras. "The work orchestras are undertaking with support from the League's Catalyst Fund highlights the urgency of addressing EDI as orchestras attempt to confront decades of inequity within our field. We must understand and address our personal

The Handel and Haydn Society will use the funds to operationalize an EDI implementation plan developed in conjunction with consultants, The Impact Seat. In the coming year, H+H will begin to take concrete steps to execute the previously identified strategic plan initiatives including cultural competency trainings, artist diversification efforts, and programs that promote organizationwide inclusivity. Continued work toward these EDI project goals will allow for progressive organizational growth and community reach while enabling H+H to better achieve its mission and serve and inspire increasingly more diverse audiences.

Catalyst Fund grants support orchestras' use of EDI practitioners who help implement a range of organizational development activities involving musicians, staff, board, and, in some cases, volunteers and community leaders. These include antibias trainings, institutional audits, the creation of formal EDI plans, and work to build consensus and integrate EDI into mission statements and culture. Community building is a key component of the program; The Catalyst Fund Learning Cohort, made possible by the generous support of the Paul M. Angell Family Foundation, enables past and present grantees to interact with colleagues through remote and (post-pandemic) in-person convenings as well a dedicated online forum.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Magical, Mysterious Midsummer

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

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



What is it about summer nights that make me think of magic, moonbeams, and fireflies and fairies flitting about a darkened forest? Perhaps the answer lies in the velvety hue of the evening sky, offset by the delicate diamond-like stars that peek out from the late sunset. Or perhaps the answer resides in the comforting sound of crickets and cicadas humming their melody from deep within bushes and trees. It could also be that people tend to congregate outside during the warm summer twilight, illuminating the atmosphere with candles and lanterns from barbecues and alfresco dinners. I always find that the most magical of these nights occurs around the summer solstice, the longest day and shortest night of the year. In olden times, the summer solstice was known as midsummer, which can confuse those of us who view the solstice as the beginning of summer rather than the middle. Ancient Europeans used agricultural rather than purely astronomical methods of gauging the seasons, and so the solstice was considered the height of summer rather than its commencement. As Christianity spread across the continent, Midsummer festivities became absorbed into the feast day of St. John the Baptist, creating an indelible mix of traditions. The result is one of my favorite holidays, a festival that embodies the magic and boldness of summer.

Europeans in older times began the summer on May 1st, or May Day, the holiday that marked the time to let livestock fell on August 1st, the festival

of the grain harvest and the first fruits of the autumn. As a result, the summer solstice marked the midpoint of the season and as such was called as Midsummer. In Europe, Midsummer heralded not only the longest day of the year, but also the period after which the daylight hours would slowly shorten. For this reason, I like viewing the solstice as the middle rather than the beginning of summer as well it makes little sense to celebrate the start of summer when the sun begins to diminish in the sky! Midsummer customs later attached themselves to June 24th, St. John the Baptist's Day, the feast commemorating the birthday of the important Biblical figure six months before Christmas. In Italy, St. John's Day customs symbolize both the decline of the sun after the solstice and the sense of magic which pervades the evening. All over the Italian countryside, gli fuochi di San Giovanni, or St. John's bonfires, blaze from the hilltops on the eve of the saint's festival. These fires both mimic the power of summer sun while also symbolically imploring the sun to stay longer in the sky. Young Italians may also spend the evening gathering herbs, which are supposedly imbued with mystical properties on this unusual and magical night. According to old superstitions, these herbs work especially well for romantic divination, and people slip them under their pillows to dream of their future spouse.

Across Europe, similar Midsummer and St. John the Bapout to graze in pastures. Sum- tist's Day traditions utilize the mer ended on Lammas, which seasonal staples of water, fire and greenery. In Scandinavia,

Midsummer is one of the most significant holidays of the year, on par with Easter and Christmas. Sporting wreaths of flowers on their heads, Scandinavians celebrate this holiday by dancing around Maypoles bedecked with greenery, building bonfires near lakes and rivers, and sitting down to feasts featuring summer ingredients like strawberries and potatoes. Meanwhile, girls in Russia and Eastern Europe float flower garlands down rivers and attempt to foretell the future by interpreting the movement of the garlands. People in Spain and Portugal celebrate the Feast of St. John the Baptist with outdoor carnivals, bonfires, street fairs, and the exchange of potted herbs. Italians, of course, never pass up an opportunity for a festival and party accordingly on St. John the Baptist's Day, especially in cities of Florence and Turin, where he is the patron saint and outdoor fairs and fireworks displays mark the occasion. Out in the countryside, people may enjoy St. John's apples, or le mele di San Giovanni. A favorite of my father, these are small green apples so named because they ripen extremely early, just around the time of the solstice. No matter where one goes in Europe, charming Midsummer revelries emphasize the importance of the summer sun and the blessings of the season. The United States even boasts its own festivals full of outdoor excursions, fireworks and water — the Fourth of July, of course!

Above all, Midsummer is a holiday tinged with bittersweet nostalgia. While it honors the height of the sun's power and the carefree days of summer, it also recognizes that the hours of sunlight will slowly start to diminish once this date is past. It is a poignant reminder that nothing lasts forever. Yet, Midsummer is celebrated with joy, not sadness. Its celebrations encourage people to enjoy the longest day of the year by living life in the present moment. We know that the year is a cycle, and that we should appreciate each season for what it offers. The darkness of autumn and winter reveals celebrations of the Earth's bounty and communal feasts where families gather together in joy and goodwill against the cold. And yes, the sun will be once more reborn in a bright blaze of glory on the winter solstice, immortalized in light-themed holidays like Hanukkah and Christmas and New Year's Eve. This summer solstice, live in the moment and enjoy all that summer has to provide on the longest day of the year — and let's make a vow to carry that sunshine, optimism and wondrous magic within us for the rest of the year.

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Gimme a Break Department

"I encourage everyone who's white to listen to your neighbors, black Bostonians protesting, and be part of the solution," says Boston Mayor Marty Walsh. REALLY? Boy, politicians are such suck-ups, aren't they? Mr. Mayor, how stupid do you think we are? I understand the definition of racism. I treat everyone the way I wish to be treated. I do not suffer from white guilt. I understand that racism is still a controlling factor in the lives of many of us regardless of race. Dr. King was right when he looked forward to the day when we all would be judged by the content of our character rather than the color of our skin. Stop with the sermonizing.

I reject collective blame. I will not take ownership of racism. I will not be forced in to taking a knee or be bullied into participating in the latest politically correct groupthink. I am not liable for the despicable actions of Derek Chauvin. The color of my skin is not an indictment of my whiteness or my morality.

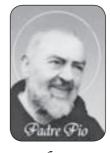
I do not have to answer for the legacy of Jefferson Davis, Thomas Jefferson, nor the errors of our founders, or General Robert E. Lee. Today, we are suffering from a new McCarthyism just as dangerous as the original one from the '50s. Books and movies like Gone with the Wind are getting threatened for elimination for not getting in line with the mob mentality. Cold stone statues are getting smashed, street names are getting changed, they want to rename military bases and so on and so forth.

Don't these folks trying to transform America into heaven on earth or a Utopian society understand that erasing history could most likely lead to repeating it? Albert Einstein once noted, "Two things are infinite — the universe and human stupidity and I'm not sure about the universe."

Are we still living in a democratic free society? As Ben Franklin once warned someone as he exited Independence Hall who asked him what kind of government we have, "A democratic republic if we can keep it." In five years we will celebrate the 250th birthday of our republic. Will it still be

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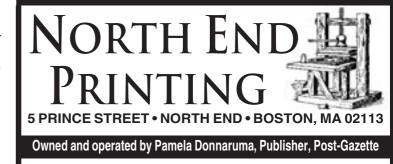
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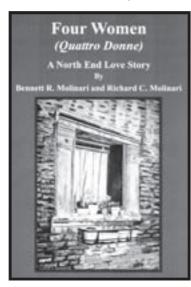
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Grandma then stood up and went into the kitchen to get an espresso. It was at this point, Dad and Uncle Jimmy got up and announced they wanted no part of what was going on. They called it women's business, and both went out for a smoke. Auntie Stella and Auntie Angie, who were taking it all in at the end of the table, went over to Mom. Auntie Angie asked, "What's going on with Mama? She's talking about you taking Pietro to the cemetery, which means there's trouble." Mom was now attacking the ricotta pie, wanting to polish it off before Grandma returned. "Angie eat the ricotta pie, it's delicious." Auntie Stella was becoming more and more annoyed. "You're eating and choking on the ricotta pie, then you'll go home, leaving me with her. She wants you to take Pietro to the cemetery, that means something is really wrong." Mom looked up, swallowed the last piece of ricotta pie, and dropped the bomb, "Carla and Pietro have the hots for one another, they can't keep their hands off each other." Auntie Angie looking shocked, said, "Carla is a saint, she belongs to the Saint Theresa Society, everyone believes she will become a nun." Mom fired back, "If Mama knew everything, she would kill me!" Auntie Stella ran to the kitchen to make certain Grandma didn't hear what was just said. She then came back to the table and reminded Mom of Carla's brothers and father, that they would kill Pietro if they found out what was going on. Grandma returned to the table and everyone went quiet. "You can't fool me. I know what's going on." Looking Mom straight in the eye, Grandma continued, "Porta Pietro al cimitero (Take Pietro to the cemetery) and take him to Luigi the shoemaker. Tell him the story about the Madonna and how he broke her heart." Mom nodded, didn't say a



word, but knew she had to do something. She would take Grandma's advice and take Pietro to the cemetery.

CHAPTER 23 The Cemetery

Our family cemetery looks like an outdoor museum, beautiful gravestones, sculptures and mausoleums sprinkled throughout the grounds, reminiscent of cemeteries in Italy. When Grandpa Bernardo passed away in 1940, Grandma wanted to demonstrate her love for him by building a mausoleum for his final resting place. Grandpa left Grandma financially comfortable, but not so comfortable, she could spend a bundle on a mausoleum. The family had a hard time convincing her that she could not afford it. When it was apparent, she would not change her mind, Auntie Stella called in the big gun. She asked Auntie Angie to speak to her. Auntie Angie was a realist. She repeatedly demonstrated her practical nature by making a simple statement that went right to the heart of the matter. Grandma was firm in her decision to build a mausoleum. She could not be persuaded to drop the idea as being impractical, until Auntie Angie arrived on the scene. Auntie listened quietly to Grandma, as she described the mausoleum.

It was to be made of granite with two Corinthian columns at its front, a marble floor with a fresco of the Madonna in the rear, and accommodations for eight people. There would be Cypress trees flanking it, and ornate bronze doors to complete the structure. A cement walk would take you to its front doors, flanked to the left and right with flagstones, where Grandma could set up her lawn chair to greet visitors who came to the cemetery, virtually every Saturday during the summer. Behind the mausoleum would be a small patch of land where she could plant tomatoes. When Grandma finished describing her building project, Auntie Angie, who was listening intently, nodding her head as if agreeing with her, then informed Grandma, after the mausoleum was built and she ran out of money, she could move in with her husband. This didn't go over lightly. When Grandma was mad, she became agitated, making quick gestures causing the small pug she wore on the top of her head to come undone, resulting in her looking somewhat comical. She would then slip from English into Italian, using expressions that no one could figure out, but by the tone of her voice, were obviously not flattering. Auntie Angie, on the other hand, would simply rest her knee on a chair, a signal that she was about to speak, stare directly at her, or whoever else she was confronting, and make some pithy remark that always went straight to the heart of the matter. Grandma was not going to have her mausoleum. Auntie Angie could do in a few words what no one in the family could do in endless arguments with Grandma. Auntie brought Grandma to her senses. Reluctantly, Grandma finally settled for a life-size white marble statue of Christ passing through a gran-

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Lombardo's in Randolph
Launches Grocery Marketplace and
Drive-in Movie Theater
While Closed for Events

Lombardo's in Randolph launched a grocery marketplace last week. This new venture is in response to the venue being closed and unable to host events as a result of the state's ban on events over 10 people. Lombardo's will also open a drive-in movie theater in their parking lot slated for June 25, 2020.

Lombardo's has been closed since March 16th and have been waiting for the day they can reopen and host events again. As a large venue, Lombardo's will not be allowed to open until Phase 4. With the uncertainty of that timeline, the family has responded by launching two new ventures to help their employees with providing work opportunities and keep the business stable throughout these initial reopening phases.

Lombardo's began as a butcher shop in 1927 in East Boston, and then became a series of supermarkets. "Now that we have withstood three months of not being allowed to host events, and not having a reopen date for Phase 4, we decided to make a return to our roots. The marketplace provides safe accessibility to fresh produce and groceries. The drive-in movie theater will allow our community the opportunity to get out and enjoy a favorite pastime while staying safe" said David Lombardo, General Manager and fourth generation of the Lombardo Family.

Lombardo's is a full-service event venue located in Randolph, Massachusetts. Owned and operated by the Lombardo Family, now in its fourth generation of ownership, Lombardo's hosts weddings, social events, and corporate events at their current facility. Lombardo's originated in East Boston in 1963. Learn more at *lombardos.com*.



Growing Blueberries

in Honor of National Blueberry Month

By Melinda Myers



Blueberry plants provide spring blooms, fall color and tasty, nutritional fruit.

(Photo by Melinda Myers, LLC)

It's time to celebrate. July is National blueberry month so enjoy some of these nutritious berries and consider growing a few plants in your landscape.

Don't let a lack of space or poor soil stop you from growing blueberries. Simply plant a few blueberries in containers and enjoy their spring blooms, fall color and tasty and nutritional fruit for snacking, baking and including in healthful meals.

Blueberries prefer moist well-drained acidic soil. Most of us don't have this type of soil. We can, however, create the ideal conditions with a quality potting mix. Or make your own with a combination of sphagnum moss, pine bark and rice hulls or perlite for drainage. Incorporate a slow release fertilizer at planting to provide needed nutrients for 6 to 8 weeks.

Grow one blueberry in a 5-gallon pot with drainage holes. You only need one plant to have fruit but growing two blueberry plants more than doubles the harvest. Plus, you'll have more flowers and colorful fall foliage to brighten your patio, deck or balcony.

Select a blueberry suited to your growing region or one of the compact blueberry cultivars like Top Hat, Jelly Bean, Blueberry Glaze, and Peach Sorbet. Perpetua is not only compact but produces both a summer and fall crop.

Place your container in a sunny location. Check soil moisture in your container gardens daily. Water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil slightly moist but not soggy wet.

Dress up the container and keep the roots cool and moist with mulch. Cover the soil surface with shredded leaves, evergreen needles, or shredded bark.

Birds are the biggest pest of blueberries. Simply cover the plants with netting as the fruit begins to develop to protect your harvest from hungry birds. This is a much easier task when dealing with a couple of potted plants versus a large in-ground planting.

You will need to provide a bit of winter protection if your winters are cold. Place your potted blueberries in a sheltered location and cover the container with woodchips to insulate the roots. Or sink the container in a vacant spot in the garden. You can also store your plants in an unheated garage for winter. Just be sure to water the plants anytime the soil is thawed and dry.

And even if you don't get a big harvest — the flowers and fall color make great additions to any landscape. Visit MelindaMyers. com for tips on harvesting, storing and preserving blueberries.

Melinda Myers is the author of numerous books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers web site is www. MelindaMyers.com.



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SHIFTING GEARS

East Boston YMCA Stays True to its Mission

by Frank Conte, Editor/Publisher of EastBoston.com

The historic landmark building where the East Boston YMCA calls home is quiet. Its 2,800 members remain at

The exercise classes are gone, for now. So are the teenagers who check in over the weekend for programs. The applications for the Y's summer camp are up for discussion. And so are the swimming lessons, the YMCA's traditional staple, blocks away at the Umana Academy. Like many other social service agencies, the YMCA is facing a loss of revenues to support its programs.

But the YMCA, which operates out of its Bremen Street facility and its satellite location on Ashley Street, is far from closed. And it is certainly not down and out. It is ground zero for providing community support in a neighborhood that is severely swamped by the COVID-19. According to the Boston Public Health Commission, East Boston has the highest percentage of coronavirus cases in the city.

The austere brick building which was once the Boston and Albany engine house and located along the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway has emerged a critical center of activity not only distributing food but also providing child care for front line workers.

"We're the only child care facility in East Boston for front line workers for free of charge," notes YMCA Executive Director and East Boston native Joseph Gaeta. Moreover, the Y is

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Docket No. MI20P1792EA

Estate of

BARBARA J. ROBINSON

Date of Death: January 16, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will

with Appointment of Personal Representa-

tive has been filed by Charles F. Robinson

of Framingham, MA requesting that the Court

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The Petitioner requests that Charles F.

Robinson of Framingham, MA be appointed

as Personal Representative(s) of said estate

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Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,

and expenses of administration.

First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 12, 2020

A Personal Representative appointed

out further notice to you.

July 10, 2020.

other relief as requested in the Petition.

spearheading food distribution, along with the City of Boston and Project Bread, to make sure children and families receive healthy meals during the pandemic here in Eastie.

"A lot of our parents are doctors, nurses, EMTs, UPS drivers, Post Office employees and Stop and Shop workers. All of these workers are essential. Being able to provide our front-line workers a safe place for their children while they support our community is very important to us at the Y."

Little did Gaeta know that he'd be leading relief efforts in a major health crisis in his hometown. "I worked my way through every job to be executive director," he said. "I don't ever expect to distribute personal protection equipment (PPE) and face masks.'

The YMCA has always stressed health and wellness in its programs. Some of the ones now in a holding pattern include not only the group and personal exercise routines but the LiveStrong programs for cancer patients and diabetes control. The transition to providing nutrition is natural for the East Boston YMCA.

Some of the Y's members are still paying their dues so that they can keep the programs going. Members are aware their dues enable free programs to feed people. "They know the money is going to feeding children," explains Gaeta. They are also busy making calls to check up on fellow members.

But unfortunately, the needs

"Right when we think we have a steady stream to fill the need, it doubles the next day," says Gaeta, "We serve about 20,000 meals a week just out of Bremen Street," says Gaeta.

"Sometimes we run out and have to turn people away or refer them to another partner. Because of the generous donation from our friends at Cargo Ventures we are able to fill gaps

and extend our reach to families directly when we do run out of our daily meals."

Cargo Ventures, the industrial real estate and logistics firm, stepped up to the plate with a major donation to the Y just when the crisis broke. The Cargo Ventures donation enabled the Y to purchase gift cards for its members and the community.

"Cargo Ventures is pleased to help out this extraordinary organization," says Pat Capogreco, the firm's liaison to the community. "The staff members at the Y are working hard every day so that needy families in East Boston are fed. They are doing a tremendous job. As in East Boston resident and employee of Cargo Ventures, I am grateful that I can get help for the YMCA."

The YMCA is also using its resources to extend support beyond East Boston. Gaeta says its Ashley Street location has doubled up as a citywide kitchen staffed with two chefs that provide meals. The first chef also provides Halal meals for East Boston's growing Muslim population while preparing 200 to 300 meals each time he cooks. The second chef is working with the city of Boston to produce 500 meals not only for East Boston but Dorchester and Roxbury.

"It's hard to figure out what's next," says Gaeta. He notes that the summer camp might take place during Phase 2 of the governor's reopening plan and maybe not much later for online fitness, perhaps as early as June 29th. The summer camp program draws 300 local kids.

The agency supports a preschool program for 93 children, weekly programs for 75 seniors, and afterschool programs for 200 children.

Teleconferencing online has kept everyone connected and in shape. Members have access to virtual fitness options that are streamed live and archived for usage on-demand.

The YMCA has proved its worth to the East Boston community.

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cket No. MI20P22 Estate of

DONNA M. O'REILLY Also Known As DONNA MARIE O'REILLY **DONNA M. STACHELEK** Date of Death: March 25, 2020 **INFORMAL PROBATE**

been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without

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

Run date: 06/19/2020

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Signed Bill Stanley, Owner Run dates: 6/19, 6/26, 7/3, 2020

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Joel T. Smith of Safety Harbor, FL.

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Joel T. Smith of Safety Harbor, FL has surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI20P2378EA Estate of PHYLLIS H. CAMPANA Date of Death: March 31, 2020 **CITATION ON PETITION FOR** FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with

Appointment of Personal Representa-tive has been filed by David A. Campana of Watertown, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition

The Petitioner requests that David A Campana of Watertown, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration

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

Date: June 12, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 06/19/2020

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Estate of **DONALD A. ALBANESE** Date of Death: November 29, 2019 CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Donald Albanese** of **Boston** MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition

The Petitioner requests that **Donald Albanese** of Boston, MA be appointed as Persona Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised

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Date: June 11, 2020

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI20P2341EA

Estate of JEANNETTE NORTON Date of Death: May 18, 2020 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Shirley J. Hanlon of Stoneham MA, Peggy J. Withrow of North Charleston, **SC** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Shirley J Hanlon of Stoneham, MA, Peggy J. Withrow of North Charleston, SC be appointed as Per sonal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration

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

Date: June 10, 2020

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Docket No. MI20P2332EA

Estate of **DEBRA A. WOJNAROWSKI** Date of Death: March 21, 2020 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Sallie K. Guskey of North Grosvenordale, CT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Sallie K. Guskey of North Grosvenordale, CT be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration

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

Date: June 12, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 06/19/2020

Pet News

from the Gazette

by Marie Simboli

All About Keeping Pet Aquatic Turtles

Aquatic and semi-aquatic turtles are popular pets. The bestknown species is probably the red-eared slider, but it's only one of several species of aquatic turtle that are commonly kept as pets. Many people do not realize how big aquatic turtles can get. Red-eared sliders, yellow-bellied sliders, and a couple of other commonly available pet turtle species will grow to 10-12 inches long and therefore require correspondingly large enclosures. All turtles have the potential to enjoy a very long lifespan that can span several decades if cared for properly.

Behavior and Temperament of Aquatic Turtles: Beyond providing a proper environment and diet for aquatic turtles, they do not need a lot of attention, although regular interaction may result in a tame and sociable turtle, especially with map turtles. In any case, they are lovely and if properly cared for, they should provide years of enjoyment. In the 1970s, the U.S. government made the connection between turtles and Salmonella infections, especially in children, and banned the sale of turtles shorter than four inches long. The reasoning behind this ban was not that baby turtles carry more Salmonella than the larger ones but that children are more likely to handle smaller turtles or put them in their mouths. Aquatic turtles need large tanks, special lighting, good filtration, and regular cleaning.

Aquatic Turtles and Children: Aquatic turtles are not ideal pets for children. They are not easy to care for, not great as a pet to handle, and they often harbor Salmonella bacteria, which can be passed on to children who don't understand the need for good hygiene (such as hand washing). Younger children do not have the interest or ability to provide the amount of care and cleaning that an aquatic turtle requires, so parents must realize that the responsibility of caring for the pet ultimately

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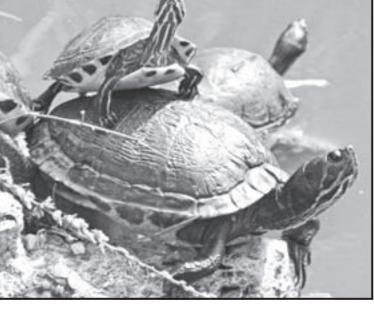
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falls on them when their kids lose interest.

Housing Aquatic Turtles:

Aquatic turtles require fairly elaborate housing. They need regular exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light, so special light bulbs designed for reptiles that produce both UVA and UVB light should be in all turtle tanks. Without this light, they can suffer from metabolic bone disease (soft shell syndrome). Aquatic turtles are also messy, so their tanks need regular cleanings and, above all, a good filtration unit to help maintain appropriate water quality. They should have deep enough water to allow for swimming, along with a place to get out of the water to bask under a heat light. Appropriate water and ambient temperatures should be maintained at all times.

Food and Water: Although aquatic turtle foods have changed for the better over the years, they are not recommended as a sole source of food. Most aquatic turtles are omnivores, although their preference for certain foods might change over the course of their life, and offering a variety of foods is the best way to feed them. Leafy greens such a romaine lettuce, dandelion greens and parsley (fresh, not dried) are fine snacks for aquatic turtles. Since they're submerged in water most of the time, the best way to feed greens to your turtle is either placing the food directly in the water or using a suction cup clip to allow the food to stay in the tank but not float in the water. Chopped apples and frozen shrimp can be given to an aquatic turtle as an occasional treat, but are not ideal for everyday meals. Some varieties of aquatic turtles eat insects as well, but the main portion of their diets should come from plants. Turtles are messy eaters, so as a rule, feed aquatic turtles in a separate container from their home tank will allow the mess associated with feeding to be contained. It also allows owners to monitor each turtle's food intake when multiple turtles live together. Choosing your Aquatic

Turtle: Given the right person and the right commitment, turtles make beautiful, fascinating, and enjoyable pets. The first steps to good aquatic turtle ownership are to research the species available and the care required of each species. While the basics of aquatic turtle care are similar for all species, potential owners need to review the specific details regarding housing and feeding for the particular species they want prior to purchase. For beginners, the hardier species of aquatic turtles are recommended, such as red-eared sliders, cooters, mud, and musk turtles. Keep in mind that sliders and cooters will reach a mature length of more than 12 inches, while mud and musk turtles are about half that size. Map and painted turtles, as well as some of the less common species, are a bit less hardy as pets. Soft-shell and snapping turtles have a reputation for being large, aggressive, and generally more difficult to care for, which means they are not good choices for beginners.

Common Health Problems: Pet turtles have been popular for a long time. Baby redeared sliders were readily available and inexpensive many years ago, which unfortunately resulted in a lot of neglected turtles. Roundworms and other internal parasites are frequently found in turtles and don't usually show obvious symptoms. An exam by a reptile veterinarian is usually when these are discovered. Vitamin A deficiency is also a common ailment among turtles. The symptoms may include abscesses in the ears which produce swelling behind the turtle's eye. Pus, which looks like cottage cheese, may appear. Respiratory infections, which are characterized by wheezing, nasal discharge, difficulty breathing and lethargy are also found in most reptiles, and turtles are no exception. Among aquatic turtles, shell rot is a common ailment. This usually occurs when the turtle has a bacterial or fungal infection, many of which can cause ulcers across the shell. This is particularly painful for the animal, as the shell protects its internal organs. These types of infections usually occur after a turtle has been injured or has been under a great amount of stress. All of these health issues should receive treatment from a veterinarian who specializes in reptiles, ideally one with expertise in turtles.

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ONCE WERE BROTHERS -**ROBBIE ROBERTSON AND** THE BAND (Blu-ray) Magnolia Home Ent.

The confessional, cautionary, and occasionally humorous tale of Robbie Robertson's young life and the creation of one of the most enduring and exciting groups in the history of popular music, The Band. The film is a moving story of Robertson's personal journey, overcoming adversity and finding camaraderie alongside the four other men who would become his brothers in music, together making their mark on music history. Once Were Brothers blends rare and archival footage, photography, iconic songs, and interviews with Robertson's friends and collaborators, including Martin Scorsese, Bruce Springsteen, Eric Clapton, Van Morrison, and more. Additional executive producers along with Scorsese were Brian Grazer and Ron Howard. An outstanding documentary that gives us a backstage view of The Band's inner workings and offering audiences an unseen look at their impact on the music industry, as it chronicles Robertson's introduction to music and the group's revolutionary collaboration with Dylan, to their final tour as one of the most influential groups of their era.

ADVOCATE (DVD) Film Movement

Since the early 1970s, Attorney Lea Tsemel has made a career out of defending Palestinians in Israeli courts: feminists and fundamentalists, non-violent demonstrators, and armed militants. As far as most Israelis are concerned, she defends the indefensible. As far as Palestinians are concerned, she's more than an attorney, she's and advocate. Advocate follows Tsemel's caseload in real time, including the high-profile of a thirteen-yearold boy — her youngest client to date — while also revisiting her landmark cases, including one that was as much personal as it was political wherein she defended her activist husband from an accusation of "treason," and reflecting on the political and professional significance of her work, as well as the personal price one pays for assuming the role of "devil's advocate," as a Jewish-Israeli woman who has represented political prisoners for nearly 50 years, Tsemel profiles the definition of a human rights defender to

PRETTY IN PINK (Blu-ray) Paramount Presents

A newly remastered Blu-ray, Pretty in Pink looks prettier than ever. Teen sensations Molly Ringwald and Andrew McCarthy drew rave reviews for their starring performances in this hit love story produced and written by John Hughes. Andie (Ringwald) is a high school girl from the other side of town. Blane (McCarthy) is the wealthy heartthrob who asks her to the prom. But as fast as their romance builds, it's threatened by the painful reality of peer pressure. From its bittersweet story to its hip New Wave soundtrack, including the

title track by the Psychedelic Furs, the film features great supporting performances from Dean Stanton, Jon Cryer, James Spader, and Annie Potts. Designed for collectors and fans, the Paramount Presents Blu-ray Disc line showcases the studio's renowned library, from film-lover favorite to celebrated classics. Presented in collectible packaging that includes a foldout image of the original theatrical poster, and an interior spread with key movie moments. Watch this space for more Paramount Presents Blu-ray collector's favorite titles.

TRADITIONAL WILD **AMERICA: DUCK HUNTING ON THE** SANTEE DELTA (DVD) **MVD**visual

Home viewers are invited to sit back a while, and journey with Traditional Wild America to some of the country's most picturesque environments for unique sporting adventures. The first episode of the new series, Duck Hunting on the Santee Delta, will be available June 30th. Traditional Wild America's first film takes duck hunters and outdoor adventure enthusiasts to the blind to be among revered sportsmen. Put on your waders and come into South Carolina's famed Santee Delta, to join three old friends as they hunt ducks with classic double guns in a rice field. You won't want to miss the retrieves of an extraordinary English springer spaniel or the spontaneous banter among these lifelong Charlestonians. The program is fast-paced and multifaceted; viewers will also learn the regions vast history, old decoy collecting and the area's strong conservation ethic. Social life and sport go handin-hand like a right and left gun barrel as you participate in the delights of an oyster roast, the festive nature of a bourbon tasting, and even the cooking of a wild duck breast. There is plenty of room in the boat for this adventure, climb aboard and enjoy this oldschool experience.

LOST IN AMERICA (DVD) **Indican Pictures**

Lost in America follows Director Rotimi Rainwater's journey of shining a light on youth homelessness in America. The documentary takes an allencompassing look at this pandemic, highlighting issues such as human trafficking, the foster care system, youth rejected because of their sexuality, domestic violence, abuse, and more. It also examines what many organizations; politicians, and other public figures are doing (or not doing) to help. At the heart of Lost in America are the stories of our youth. They are the future, they are the hope, and by illuminating their stories, this documentary hopes to serve as a catalyst for change, making these youths no longer lost in America. With the help of celebrities and politicians who have been homeless themselves or advocates of the repressed, this large-scale issue comes down to a very personal The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

WHEN IN QUINCY, CHECK OUT THIS PLACE

My friend Tony Rubino from Quincy loves going to CUCINA MIA Café and Deli for breakfast or lunch when he ends up down in Quincy Center on Washington Street near the library. Now when I'm down in that neck of the woods I stop by this popular eatery, too. The place is owned by Debi and John DiColella. Check it out.

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I love the message on this tequila billboard near Glover Corner by Dorchester Avenue and Freeport Street. Does the message seem so timely for us during these turbulent times, pandemic and all?

IS LAW ENFORCEMENT HINDERED BY PC POLITICIANS?

The above was the title of South Boston Today's editorial by publisher John Ciccone. He and I were young writers back during the Anti-Busing Era and neither of us has ever stopped delivering our opinions to you. I can't believe he and I have known each other over 45 years and are stilling writing and better than ever. The editorial appeared in the June 5th edition of his paper. Check it out online.

CARMELLA'S MARKET HAS THAT PATRIOTIC FEELING GOING FOR ALL TO SEE

If you're over in Eastie, stop by Carmella's Market at the corner of Everett and Cottage Streets. Great sandwiches, great Italian foods and check out the deli counter. Tell Clark you heard about his place from me.



There's no such thing as a good snake sandwich, but try our provolone and prosciutto.

I love that Colonial Marines flag posted on the window. The color of the day is yellow but this particular yellow with that snake slithering across it keeps reminding me how many of our politicians are nothing but a bunch of crawling dirt bags.

KERMIT SAYS, GREEN LIVES MATTER, TOO



Kermit the Frog seeks justice for all

I am with Kermit the Frog. All lives matter, all the time. Make America One Again.

(Photos by Sal Giarratani)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI20P2313EA Estate of MENELAOS A. ALIAPOULIOS Date of Death: February 03, 2020 CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Pamela J. Lazares of Milton, 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 Pamela J. Lazares of Milton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsuper-

vised 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 08, 2020.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised admin istration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: June 10, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 06/19/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI20P2324EA Estate of DENISE M. DILENDICK Date of Death: March 22, 2020 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Alec W. Dilendick of North Reading, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Alec W. Dilendick of North Reading, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsuper-

vised 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 08, 2020.

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

Date: June 10, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 06/19/2020

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Docket No. MI20P2315EA Estate of **WILLIAM O. DEVINE**

Date of Death: February 22, 2020 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Christine J. Frauton of Chelmsford, 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 Timothy D. Sullivan of Andover, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsuper-

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 07, 2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken with out further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

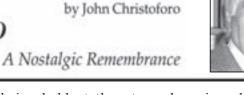
Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: June 09, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 06/19/2020

Nanna & Babbononno



On June the 10th, Loretta found me sitting out back on the patio (we're still in Florida) just staring into space. She asked if I was OK. I responded, "Today would have been my father's birthday. He was born on this date in 1910, which would make him 110, as we speak."

My wife and I spoke for a few minutes and then, when I was alone again, I began a review of my young life with Mom and Dad. Mom was always the center of our home, but Dad was the head of it. After I came along, Dad always had two jobs. During the day, he taught machine shop and shop math at East Boston High School, his alma mater. At night, he was a musician and played a minimum of six nights a week. Mom would always say, "After vour father and I were married. I never had to work again." I, at first, didn't understand this, but my folks were married during the Depression, and later on, I understood the problems they faced in the 1930s.

My first recollection of my father as a musician was when I was three or four years old. He was the bassist for the Jimmy McHale Orchestra which was featured at the Fife and Drum Room of the Hotel Vendome in Boston. Mom brought me there one night to see my father play. We sat with a couple that my folks had become friendly with, Andy and Carroll Bardetti. Years later, Andy would stand up for me when I was confirmed at the Sacred Heart Parish in East Boston.

A couple of times when there were day-long faculty meetings and we kids didn't have school, I would accompany my father to East Boston High, and sit quietly at the general meeting until the faculty was divided into departments, and then join Dad and the vocational teachers as they met while eating lunch.

Dad and guitarist, John Alaimo Sr., were fired by Jimmy McHale for whatever reason, and by 1943, they were playing for a Latin American band at the roof garden ballroom of the Bradford Hotel on Tremont Street, across from the Wang Center. Johnny Rosado was hired as the relief band and came to Boston from New York with just his pianist and percussionists. He hired the rest of the musicians from auditioning men from the Boston Musicians' Union. By this point in time, Dad was teaching days, was assistant coach for Eastie's football team, was interrogating and handling Italian war

prisoners being held at the long-closed immigration center in East Boston and playing six nights a week at the Vendome. Don't ask me how he did it all, but he managed.

Once the war ended, Rosado headed back to New York, and Dad began to play club dates, a term used for onenighters: weddings, dances, private parties, Christenings, Bar Mitzvahs, etc.

After the war, Dad became a pioneer in the Department of Audio-Visual Education for the school department, and left East Boston High School. He had been approached by an administrator who had a friend who was running for the school committee and had no base in either East Boston or the North End. Dad met with the man, Dan McDevett, and decided to help him, as he liked the way the future politician carried himself. They would also become life-long friends. Once Dan was elected, he told Dad what courses to take as a preparation for the new department, and within a few months, Dad was one of four men to begin the operations of the audio-visual center, and he would remain with this venue until he retired. many years later.

As the late '40s approached, Dad would have summers off from the school department and play (tuba) at county fairs throughout the northeast. He would take Mom, me, and sometimes, Nanna and Babbononno with him on the road and it was a summer vacation for all of us. In the car's trunk, along with Dad's tuba and our suitcases, was a Coleman gas stove, a portable charcoal grill, a Coca Cola ice chest filled with food, which meant we could have a picnic almost every day.

Beginning around 1950, Dad bought a summer cottage in Winthrop, Maine, on Lake Maranacook, not too far from the state's capital, Augusta. From that point on, Dad played the county fairs in June and July, and during August, we lived at the Maine cottage. One of the other pioneers of the Audio-Visual Department was Mike Barca, another Italian American, whose family and ours had a lot in common. They had invited us as summer guests several times before Dad bought the cottage and we fell in love with Maine as a result. As a consequence of all I've mentioned so far, I led a fabled life growing up, and don't regret a minute of it.

During my formative years, Babbononno taught me how to read music and I tried just about all of the instruments found in bands of the day. I rejected everything until I started college and asked Dad for lessons on bass violin. By the time I turned eighteen; I was ready to become a professional musician and played my first job at that age. As a result, Dad never had to pay my tuition costs for any of my degrees, I did it all on my own. By the time I graduated college and started teaching in the Boston schools, I was able to afford a car, pay for my own clothes, and head on vacations when we had school breaks in February, April, and during the

summer months. Dad continued to play music a few nights a week as he got older, but he was slowing down and decided to limit playing to just weekend nights. When the Boston schools began their Court Ordered Bussing, he was sent to some of the troubled schools to help out and often came home a nervous wreck. He made the decision to retire from his day job, and not long after, he and Mom began traveling, taking bus tours to historic sites and cruises to the Caribbean and Latin America.

Once he hit his late 70s, Dad was happy just being called, "Pappa," by his two grandsons, John and Michael. So, Pappa and Nanna (my Mom) were the extended family for them just like Nanna (my Nanna) and Babbononno were my extended family. Unfortunately, good health didn't accompany Dad into his senior years. He developed aneurisms that had to be operated on until one burst one night and did him in.

As I look back, I have to thank my grandparents for giving me the Italian culture that I love so dearly, and the Americanization of it by my folks that has allowed me to be successful, to prosper, and to be happy all along the way.

Thanks, Dad. You did a great job and I will always be grateful. Happy Birthday, and GOD **BLESS AMERICA**

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 June 24, 2020 at 10AM, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and

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by Marianna Bisignano



One of Sicily's most well-known and appreciated dishes is Pasta alla Norma. Originating over a century ago in the city of Catania, this dish is filled with the flavors of the Mediterranean. Fresh tomatoes, basil and garlic create a sauce to which maccheroni and sautéed aubergines (eggplant) are added, along with generous amounts of grated ricotta salata. Reportedly, this dish was given its name many years ago after being tasted by Sicilian journalist, Nino Martoglio. Impressed with it's delicious flavors, he immediately exclaimed "Chista è 'na vera Norma!", meaning "this is a real Norma". A phrase used to denote "an instant success" suggestive to Vincenzo Bellini's world-famous opera "The Norma." The expression used to describe this dish became widespread and as a result, this Sicilian first course has since been called "Pasta alla Norma."

As the tomatoes begin to ripen and eggplants have come into season, summer is the perfect time to make a Pasta alla Norma. My family being from Sicily, typically followed the traditional Sicilian recipe; short maccheroni, sauce made from ripe tomatoes picked from the garden, and lots and lots of ricotta salata. Many people even tailor this dish to suit their own preferences. So, if you wish to use a different cheese (such as caciocavallo or mozzarella), a marinara sauce or even long macaroni, I guarantee it will still be "a Norma," maybe not the traditional Norma, but most likely, almost just as delicious. This beautiful Sicilian dish can be enjoyed for dinner on a cool summer evening or even for a Sunday family gathering!

SICILIAN PASTA ALLA NORMA

Pasta alla Norma



6 cups cherry tomatoes 2 bunches basil, chopped

1/4 cup olive oil

1 6-ounce can tomato paste 4-5 cloves garlic, peeled and pressed

6 cups eggplant, peeled and sliced and/or cut into 3-inch salt and black pepper crushed red pepper flakes 1 ½ pounds maccheroni (or short pasta), cooked al dente reserving 1 ½ cups pasta water light olive oil for sautéing/ frying

1-1 ½ pounds ricotta salata

Preheat oven to 325°. To make tomato sauce, cut cherry tomatoes in half, toss with a few tablespoons of olive oil, salt and pepper. Spread in one single layer on a parchment or foil lined baking sheet/s. Bake turning at the halfway mark for about 45 minutes to caramelize/sweeten. Remove from oven and place tomatoes and their juices in large saucepan. Add paste and a handful of chopped basil, additional salt and pepper, as needed, and red pepper flakes to taste. Cook over medium heat for 45 minutes to an hour, stirring often, do not burn. Add pressed garlic during the last 15 minutes of cooking. When done, using an emersion or regular blender, blend mixture well (this will eliminate skins), keep warm and set aside.

Peel and slice eggplant in slices or 3-inch cubes (I use a combination of both). Salt well and place in a colander for at least 30 minutes, with a heavy object over them, allowing the water/ bitterness to drain. Rinse well to remove salt, dry. Take a large sauté pan and place a few tablespoons of olive oil in the pan. heat oil and fry/sauté eggplant until golden brown on each side and cooked all the way through. Drain well on paper towel, set aside

Take a large heat proof baking dish and add cooked pasta, tomato sauce and some of the reserved pasta water, as needed. Mix in the grated ricotta salata, gently fold in the eggplant, and mix everything together well. The heat from the sauce and pasta will melt the cheese and all of the flavors will meld together. Serve in individual plates, topping with additional grated ricotta salata and basil, if desired.

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





THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT



with Daniel A. DiCenso

The Dust Bowl Hits



The devastating consequences of the Great Depression were acerbated on May 11, 1934, when a gigantic dust storm two miles in height ravaged through the Great Plains before causing havoc in the East Coast, the event and its aftermath (the destruction of farms that were the lifeline for many struggling Americans) formed what would come to be known as the Dust Bowl.

The scorched lands attracted hordes of jackrabbits and grass-hoppers, quickly decimating the meager surviving crops. It got so bad that the National Guard was called in to spray and raze infested fields to eradicate the invading insects.

An often ignored aspect of the Dust Bowl were the health hazards that came simply from inhalation, and an outbreak of flu and other coughing diseases spread through Central United States.

Help came in the form of Roosevelt's New Deal where the government bought out the livestock farmers could no longer sustain for anywhere form \$1-\$16 a head, depending on the health and size of the animal. Meanwhile, the Soil Conservation Society paid farmers to rotate crops and move their farms elsewhere.

Many took this offer and rebuilt their livelihood in neighboring counties. Others, however, chose to migrate west to the promised lands of California, where farming lands were said to be prime. These Okies became not only a part of our national folklore but a testament to the American spirit of endurance.

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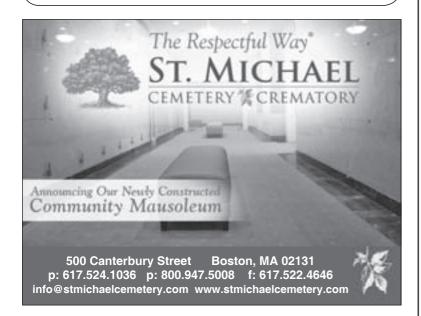
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Vehicles are being sold to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and notices of sale:

> **2007 HONDA FIT** VIN #JHMGD38617S009316

The above vehicles will be sold at public auction at TODISCO TOWING 94 Condor Street, E. Boston

JUNE 20, 2020

at **9:00 AM**Run dates: 06/05, 06/12, 06/19, 2020

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Docket No. MI20P2227EA

Estate of AVRIAL EUGENIE YOUNG Also Known As AVRIAL E. YOUNG

Date of Death: May 8, 2020 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Roxzan Zager of Bellaire, TX, Petitioner Philippa Lang of Natick, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Roxzan Zager of Bellaire, TX, Philippa Lang of Natick, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 06/19/2020

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Docket No. MI20P2301EA

Estate of
FRANCES CABOT PAINE WHITEHEAD
Also Known As
FRANCES C.P. WHITEHEAD

Date of Death: May 11, 2010
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will has been filed by Charles M. Ganson, Jr. of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of July 20, 2020.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Date: June 11, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 06/19/2020 • News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

young Black men are killed randomly by killers who are also Black don't seem to matter much, do they?

Who supports police brutality out there or sitting in Congress at the moment? Is this resolution needed REALLY? Just more hype for the narrative that cops are the enemy.

Rhode Island Debates "Plantations" in State Name

Did you know, the official name on the state seal is "State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations"? African American leaders say the word conjures up images of slavery and the state's role in the slave trade. However, in the 17th century the word plantations referred to colonies or settlements that were chiefly agriculture economies and had nothing to do with slavery.

I guess this means the PC crowd will be coming to Plymouth, MA to get the Plimoth Plantation to drop the word

A Real Pig in a Blanket Story

"plantation," too.

Police in Portland, Ore., recently rescued a pig in a blanket after the pig was found by folks protesting the death of George Floyd. The group wrapped the 300-pound pig in an orange blanket and the pig fell asleep in a park before the police spotted the pig and saved its bacon. The lucky porker got taken to a farm owned by a retired officer.

End Quote

"Our very survival depends on our ability to stay awake, to adjust to new ideas, to remain vigilant and to face the challenge of change."

— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Docket No. MI20P1947EA

Estate of
EUGENE A. LEONARD, JR.
Also Known As
EUGENE A. LEONARD
Date of Death: March 05, 2020
INFORMAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Luiza Souza Costa of Somerville, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Luiza Souza Costa of Somerville, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 06/19/2020

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Docket No. MI20P2030EA

Estate of WILLIAM S. SHANK Also Known As WILLIAM SOMMER SHANK Date of Death: January 24, 2020 INFORMAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Erik Shank of Boston, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Erik Shank of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety or the bond.

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

Run date: 06/19/2020

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Docket No. MI20P2230EA Estate of

ANTOINE BOGHOSSIAN Also Known As ANTOINE K. BOGHOSSIAN Date of Death: April 17, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Martha E. Howe of Lowell, 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 Martha E. Howe of Lowell, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised

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 03, 2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken with out further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Date: June 05, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 06/19/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court

208 Cambridge Street

Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI20P2323EA

Estate of

CHARLES A. FERRARI

Also Known As

CHARLES AUGUSTUS FERRARI

Date of Death: April 11, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE

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

> Docket No. MI20P2283EA Estate of BARBARA ADLER MELONE Date of Death: April 15, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has en filed by Steven H. Grindle of Wellesley, MA and Shane Fung-A-Fat of Northbridge, 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 Steven H. Grindle of Wellesley, MA and Shane Fung-A-Fat of Northbridge, 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

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UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration

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

Date: June 12, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 06/19/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Estate of

VINCENT DeANGELIS Date of Death: November 22, 2019

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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 Dolores P. Agostinelli of Southborough, 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 **Dolores** P. Agostinelli of Southborough, 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 08, 2020.

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

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

Date: June 10, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 06/19/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Docket No. MI20P2143EA

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Vincent M. DeAngelis of Amesbury, MA and Todd C. DeAngelis of Bedford, 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 Todd C. DeAngelis of Bedford, MA and Vincent M. DeAngelis of Amesbury, 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 03, 2020.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Date: May 22, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 06/19/2020



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Ouote Worth Noting

"I would just say to them that they should stop arguing over money, 'cause like if you're gonna play baseball, you should do it for the love of the game, not for the money."

- James Catalano, Age 11, *Harlem a little league catcher*

Pedro Must Have Heard Catalano, Huh?



Pedro Martinez, Boston Red Sox great and member of the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown is clearly on the side of fans. Said Pedro, "I hope they (owners and players) take into consideration who pays our salaries and the people for us and how important the people are and at least bend your arm a little bit to try to find a middle ground for the negotiations. I am wondering if both sides will ever stop struggling

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> Gabriela Estrada, Owner Run dates: 06/12, 06/19, 06/26, 2020

to come to an agreement on economics. I am also wondering if all the energy being spent on putting something together for the fans is even worth."

As Pedro reminded everyone involved, "I'm hoping that both sides stop thinking about their own good and start thinking about the fans.'

Happy Birthday To ...

Happy birthday to Luis Aponte (67)! The righty from Venezuela was 8-6 with a 3.02 ERA in 85 relief appearances for the Red Sox from 1980-83 before getting traded to the Indians.

Is Cora Dumb as a Rock?



I am starting to think just that, especially after he spoke publicly for the first time since the MLB investigation into the Astros and Red Sox. He could have just kept his mouth shut like Carlos Beltran, but he didn't.

Said Cora, "There has been a narrative out there of what happened. Ever since

mid-November, until the Commissioner announced the results of the Red Sox investigation. I have read many things that are true and many others that are not out of this whole process, if there's one thing that I completely reject and disagree with is people within the Astros' organization singling me out ... as if I were the sole mastermind ... If there is one thing I am absolutely sure of, it is that it was not a two-man show. We all did it ... I deserved my suspension ... We

made a mistake as a group, the entire (Astros) team ... We're all at fault." As I said, dumb as a rock. Throwing the entire team under the team bus is so un-cool. Cora doesn't deserve to be ever allowed back into baseball. He

deserves a Pete Rose-like lifetime ban from the game. **Bottom Line**

Does anyone remember an April game way back in 1976, when LA Dodgers slugger Rick Monday ran down two protesters to rescue the American flag they were trying to burn? What do you suppose the reaction to that would be if it happened today?

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Docket No. SU20P0462EA

Estate of JOHN PAUL MEYER Also Known As JOHN P. MEYER Date of Death: December 11, 2019 **INFORMAL PROBATE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Jo Frances Meyer of Charlestown, MA, a Wil has been admitted to informal probate.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Jo Frances Meyer of Charlestown, 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 o administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

Run date: 06/19/2020

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Docket No. MI20P2139EA Estate of FRANCOIS C.D. VIGIER

Also Known As FRANCOIS CLAUDE DENIS VIGIER Date of Death: February 07, 2020 **INFORMAL PROBATE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Sherif Lotfi of New York, NY, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Sherif Lotfi of New York, NY has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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> Docket No. MI20P2166EA Estate of

MARGARET H. DAVITT Also Known As MARGARET M. DAVITT Date of Death: May 14, 2020 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Paula D. Crowne of Marion, MA, a Will has been

admitted to informal probate.

Paula D. Crowne of Marion, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 06/19/2020



Boxing and Marital Bliss

June is traditionally amnestying time for weddings, though this year many of those happy occasions will have to be delayed. Here is a collection of photos of some well known boxers with their wives. As with all marriages, some were together until death did them part while others divorced. I think these photos capture them all during the happy times.



Jerry and Kathy Quarry



Max Baer and Dorothy Dunbar



James J. Jeffries and Mrs. Jeffries



Rocky and Barbara Marciano



Joe and Marlene Bugner



Jess and Hattie Willard



Barney and Cathy Ross



Jack Dempsey and Estelle Taylor

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB by Richard Preiss

It was 12 years ago that the confetti rained down, that the celebration began and New England was awash in green, celebrating the successful championship run of the Boston Celtics in the 2008 NBA Playoffs.

For weeks the momentum had been building as the Celtics marched through the playoffs, until the ultimate final round was at hand — against the arch rival Los Angeles Lakers, no less.

And it was there at the Garden that the Celtics won the titlethrashing the Lakers in Game 6 to claim the Larry O'Brien Trophy emblematic of the NBA Championship

We vividly remember the night of the clinching game as the Celtics ran away with the game in the second half with the anticipation building to a crescendo as the final minutes wound down.

It was about 11:45 p.m. on June 17th when the on-court action ended and the celebration began, with balloons and confetti descending from the rafters. There were postgame press conferences and for those that ventured forth, there were interviews in the Celtics locker room. But the festivities did not end there, encompassing several hours both in the Garden and the surrounding area.

We remained within the Garden for the extended postgame, knowing that this might not be repeated for quite some time. After all, it was the first time that an NBA or NHL championship had been won at the present Garden — which opened in 1995.

The seeds were sown for this momentous occasion by Celtics GM Danny Ainge during the summer of 2007. It was on July 31, 2007 when Kevin Garnett was acquired from the Minnesota Timberwolves for Al Jefferson, Ryan Gomes Sebastian Telfair, Gerald Green and Theo Ratliff plus cash considerations.

That was actually part two of a real "fireworks" summer by Ainge. Back on June 28th, the Celtics were able to bring aboard Ray Allen, a UConn alumnus and shooting guard from the Seattle Supersonics, in a trade that saw Delonte West, Wally Szczerbiak and Jeff Green, the fifth pick in the draft that year, go to the west coast.

Thus, in the course of a month seven players from the 2006-2007 Celtics departed the Hub. But the deals forged a unit of championship caliber as Garnett and Allen combined with veteran Paul Pierce to form the "new" Big Three. That trio, combined with second year player Rajon Rondo, set the stage for the coming campaign.

The Celtics were coming off their second worst season in franchise history, finishing with a 24-58 mark — although part of that could be attributed to Pierce missing seven weeks because of an injury.

But it was a whole new team that took the floor for the start of the 2007-2008 season in November. The C's won their first eight games in a row as they sprinted to a 13-2 mark for the month. By the time the regular season had concluded in April, the Celtics owned the best record in the Eastern Conference at 66-16 with only six of those setbacks coming at home.

Although the regular season had been impressive, the competition would become much more challenging in the playoffs. First round opponent Atlanta, the eighth seed in the Eastern Conference, would extend the series to the full seven games before the Celtics advanced with a 99-65 victory.

The second round saw the C's face the Cleveland Cavaliers and NBA megastar LeBron James. That series also went seven games, with the deciding contest becoming a duel between Pierce (41 points) and James (45 points). It was close with Cleveland actually leading by a point with 90 seconds remaining. But the Celtics came from behind for a 97-92 win.

The Conference Finals brought together the Celtics and the Detroit Pistons. Both teams won their opening pair of home games but the Celtics won the next two — including Game 6 in Michigan to advance to the championship round.

This "made for all fans" matchup brought together the Celtics and the Lakers in the NBA Finals for the 11th time. This was the first time since 1987 that the Green and White had made it to the Finals.

The matchup pitted veteran coach Phil Jackson against Celtics mentor Doc Rivers. L.A. featured Kobe Bryant and Pau Gasol on the court while the Celtics featured the Big Three plus Rondo. Indeed, Bryant would lead the Lakers in scoring in five of the six games whereas the Boston scoring was more balanced.

Under the 2-3-2 format, Boston won the first two games at the Garden before the scene shifted to the west coast. The Lakers immediately won Game 3 but Boston bounced back to take Game 4, a crucial victory in a game where the Celtics did not lead for the first time until just over four minutes remained in the fourth quarter.

In Game 5, the hard fought contest was tied at 90 before L.A. came on in the final minutes to post a 103-97 victory.

For the memorable Game 6 in the Hub the Celtics came up big, rolling to a 131-92 victory as both Pierce and Garnett each scored 26 points. The 39-point winning margin was the largest in an NBA championship clinching game in history. The 26-game playoff run that the Celtics needed was also the longest in NBA playoff history.

Rajon Rondo is the only player from the 2008 championship team still active in the NBA. Traded to the Dallas Mavericks on December 18,2014, he also later played for the Sacramento Kings, the Chicago Bulls and the New Orleans Pelicans. He presently is in his second year with the Lakers.

Coach Doc Rivers continued to lead the Celtics through the 2012-2013 season before moving on to coach the Los Angeles Clippers. The Clippers were in second place in the Western Conference (44-20) behind the Lakers when play was stopped in March.

When this season resumes, the Celtics are poised for another playoff run. Banner 18 is still a possibility, though the triumph, if achieved, will come far from home.

L.A. had won 57 regular season games, thus Boston had the home court advantage. The C's took full advantage, winning the first two games at the Garden.

Of course, there had been rumors for quite some time that Ainge was interred in Garnett. But it was a bit of a surprise to us because a month before we were standing a few feet away when the GM said he was not pursuing the NBA All-Star.