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A Very Merry Christmas to our Readers and Advertisers from the staff of the Post-Gazette Pam Donnaruma Marie Simboli Gerri Palladino Girand Palante Richard Preiss Bob Mary Dizazzo Mary Dizazzo

49th Annual North End Christmas Parade



L-R: Ted Tomasone with grandchildren Benjamin and Sadie, Mrs. Angie Pallotta, Santa Claus, Christine Pallotta, Carla Pallotta, and Dolly Gambale

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Morth End Christmas Fund Luncheon

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

GOP Kam Slam Decor

Republicans reportedly are questioning Vice President Kamala Harris after an interview with the *San Francisco Chronicle* about the meaning behind new decorations in her office. "Now that she is done with that, can she go to the border?" tweeted U.S. Rep. Mary Miller, R-Ill.

Some referenced reports of a toxic work environment in her office and a strained relationship with Biden. "When folks said she needed to "reset" her office, they didn't mean to LITERALLY reset her office," tweeted Nathan Brand, Deputy Communications Director for the Republican National Committee. Harris's office did not respond to a request for comment.

Amtrak Vaccination Rule Derailed

Amtrak is suspending its COVID-19 vaccine mandate for employees, and now doesn't anticipate needing to slash service next year, the agency said last week. Amtrak has told its employees in a memo that it would allow those who were not vaccinated to be tested as an alternative.

"Amtrak will continue to update its vaccine policy as needed and follow the latest health and safety guidance," said agency officials. The change in policy

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The North End Christmas Fund Luncheon Committe congratulating Barbara Maldero who is a 40 year member of the Committee and has been active for over 60 years in community programs. And next year an award has been established in her name. (L-R) Jim Liusi, Kathy Carangelo, Paul Cucinatti, Patricia Romano, Committee Chairaman Robert "Ted" Tomasone, Barbara Maldero, Maria Fuimara, Alisia Simpson, Maria Bova, Daniel Coakley and John Romano.

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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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THE ROMAN CIRCUS



A Roman Circus was a place for public amusement that had its beginning in the 7th Century B.C. It started as a hairpinshaped racetrack in a long and narrow valley between the Palatine and Aventine Hills. The structure was primitive in design with no enclosures or shelters and it had only crude wooden benches. The main events were contests between Etruscan pugilists or the racing of Etruscan horses. From this humble start, the Circus grew into a place of magnificence and splendor.

The Imperial City contained Circuses built by Flaminius, Nero, Hadrian, Maxentius and, the most famous one of all, the Circus Maximus. This was 2,000-feet-long, 600-feet wide and it had seating capacity for approximately a quarter of a million spectators. The Circus Maximus was started by Lucius Tarquinius Priscus in 600 B.C. and embellished by each succeeding ruler for the next thousand years.

The building was finished with highly polished white marble on the inside and outside. The walls were covered with beautiful paintings, mosaics,

oriental stone and gilt bronze. There were seats for the common spectators, boxes for the state officials, special seats for the judges, and a very imposing cushioned throne for the Emperor. Bisecting the arena lengthwise was a low wall acting as a median strip, which was called the Spina. This Spina contained beautiful ornaments, statues of their pagan gods, shrines, trophies, dolphins, and gilt bronze conical columns.

The Circus Maximus was used for wild beast fights during the time of Augustus when about 3,500 animals were killed. It was also used for wrestling, boxing, and foot races. Chariot races eventually became the major activity and these were splendid affairs. Each race usually consisted of four quadrigae. A quadrigae was a two-wheeled chariot drawn by four horses abreast. Their starting gate was an elaborate structure with separate arched openings for the individual entries, which were called the carceres. At each end of the carceres, there were towers upon which were stationed drums, fifes and trumpets which were used to excite the horses. When

the signal was given, the sixteen horses and four chariots shot forward and as they approached the alba linea, (the break line) all eyes were on the judges. A signal from the chief judge indicating a good start brought a roar from the spectators and the race was on. Seven laps around the track, about four and a half miles, was the usual length of the race. It was quite common to have ten or twelve races each day.

History tells us that at one time the Emperor Domitian shortened the races to five laps in order to run 100 races in a day. This emperor also felt that a good racing day started at sunrise and continued until sunset. No mention is made of any pari-mutual system, but I'll wager that many spectators went home without their "togas" or their "sandalos" while the victorious participants received the ovation of the crowds as they departed via the "Porta Triumphalis."

Chariot races continued to be held here up until the 6th century. During the 12th and 13th centuries, this Circus became a convenient stone quarry like so many of the Ancient Roman

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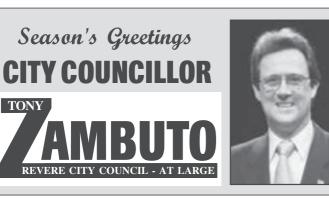
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Boston's COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement for Select Indoor Spaces

Dear residents,

As COVID-19 cases rise, the best way for Boston to stay healthy and support our communities, our businesses, and cultural institutions is for more people to get vaccinated. That is why today, we are announcing **B Together** — Boston's COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement for Select Indoor Spaces — which will take effect on a rolling basis by age group starting on Saturday, January 15,

For more information, please visit: boston.gov/b-together. A summary of the information available on the B Together webpage is included below.

Starting on January 15th, people in the City of Boston will be required to show proof of vaccination against COVID-19 in order to enter certain indoor spaces in Boston:

- Indoor dining, including bars and nightclubs
- Indoor fitness
- Indoor entertainment

People working in those locations will also be required to be vaccinated. Businesses are responsible for placing a public notice at the front entrance stating that proof of vaccination is required, and checking proof of vaccination upon entry.

To enter one of the establishments listed above, you will need to show that you are vaccinated against COVID-19. That verification can be done with:

- A CDC vaccination card
- A digital image of your CDC card
- An image of any official immunization record
- A City-designated app or any other COVID vaccine

The City of Boston and the Boston Public Health Commission will continue to support public vaccination clinics across all Boston neighborhoods throughout the coming weeks. Vaccines are free and you do not need to make an appointment or show proof of insurance. For a complete list of the places you can get vaccinated in Boston, please visit our COVID-19 vaccine In Boston resource page at www.boston.gov/departments/public-health-commission/ covid-19-vaccine-boston

Individuals can also get vaccinated at pharmacies, community health centers, and through their healthcare providers. The state also continues to run an At-Home Vaccination Program. You can read more about that program online at www.mass.gov/ info-details/covid-19-in-home-vaccination-program

The City of Boston is committed to keeping everyone in our city safe and healthy in order to continue our pandemic recovery. Vaccinations are the most powerful tool we have to fight this pandemic, save lives, and support our communities, workers, businesses, and cultural institutions. B Together is a necessary step in the fight against this pandemic, and I thank all our residents for your help in making sure we continue to protect our families, our neighbors, and ourselves.

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Michael Paternese

Michael Paternese of Medford, passed away on December 20,

Michael was a devoted husband, father, brother, uncle, and dedicated friend to so many. He was a big presence. He took part in lighting up the feasts in the North End for over 40 years. Committed member to Madonna Della Cava Society. He was always available to help anyone in need.

Michael enjoyed going on vacations with his family and friends, was an avid sports fan,

especially the Bruins. Most important of all, he loved his family more than anything. They always came first in his life. Michael will be missed by so many both in the North End and in Medford.

Beloved son of the late Dominic and Gloria (Maccalone) Paternese. Loving husband of Anita (Leventoyannis) Paternese. Cherished father of Michael "MJ" Paternese of Medford. Dear brother of

Brenda Corso and her late husband Jerry of Swampscott, Donna Alessi and her husband Richard of Medford, and Janice Galeno and her partner Jim of Winchester. Adored uncle of Rich Alessi, Jaime Alessi, Jonathan Corso, Joey Corso, and John Michael Galeno. Also survived by many loving greatnieces and nephews.

The family will receive visitors on Monday, December 27, 2021 from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. in the J.S. Waterman-Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial Street, Boston

with a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. in St. Stephen Church, 401 Hanover Street. Boston. Services will conclude with interment in Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Michael's memory to: Madonna Della Cava Society, 10 Salutation Street, Boston, MA 02109 www. madonnadellacava.com/

May He Rest in Peace

Massimino's Ristorante Hosts North End Seniors

On Thursday December 16th the North End Seniors we're gifted with a luncheon from Massimino's on Endicott St. in the North End

Owner Paul D'Amore generously donated Salad, Pasta and meatballs for the holiday Celebration.

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L-R: Dolly Gambale, Marie Contrado, Marie Farentino, Vinny DeLeo, Deb DeCristoforo, Provie DiGiralamo, Massimino's owner Paul D'Amore





Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year The Gilardi Group



L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Love, Family and Goodwill for *Natale*

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



The magical season known as midwinter is upon us! The shortest day of the year, also known as the winter solstice, descended upon the world this past Tuesday, the 21st of December. On the days surrounding the solstice, I can sense the darkness enveloping me like a thick velvet cloak, veiling the world in a perpetual state of dusk. However, I do not mind the darkness, as I view it as a necessary and intriguing spoke on the wheel of the year. These are the nights when stars appear sharp and bright against the inky black sky, their light sending diamond-like spangles flitting across the frost below. The darkness also imbues the winter solstice with a profound significance: now that the date has passed, we know that the sun will remain for longer periods in the sky, bringing its much-awaited warmth and its sweet, luminous blaze. For this reason, Christmas — with its focus on candles and crackling yule logs and electric light displays — occurs during the darkest time of the year. Religiously, Christmas represents the light arriving to the world in the form of Jesus's Nativity, while metaphorically the radiant decorations of Christmas signify the return of the sun after the solstice. Due to the complex symbolism comprising this holiday and its traditions, I revel in Christmas customs which emphasize the literal and figurative lights of my life. Whether enjoying age-old recipes or exchanging gifts with loved ones, I most appreciate Christmas when the glow of family and tradition encircle

Many of my family's muchancient and essential part of the Italian Christmas Eve feast known as la Vigilia di Natale,

which my family celebrates every year. La Vigilia di Natale, or "Christmas vigil," is traditionally a meatless meal in Italy, a vestige from the era in which Christmas Eve was considered a fast day in preparation for Jesus's birth on the following day. Therefore, many Italian families trim their tables with seafood dishes for la Vigilia. I am always excited to plan fish recipes with my mother for la Vigilia; in the past, we served sole bursting with a buttery shrimp stuffing and a delectable smoked salmon quiche. This year, my mother will prepare a creamy seafood lasagna laden with shrimp and scallops. However, my favorite component of Christmas cooking involves the plethora of desserts that fill my family's kitchens. A great number of traditional Italian desserts have become inextricably linked with Christmas and remain an indispensable part of my holiday celebrations. My father would always bring home a cylindrical cardboard box of panettone home right before Christmas. Panettone, whose name means "great bread," is a sweet bread studded with dried fruit and candied peel. I am not a huge fan of the taste of panettone, but I appreciate its time-honored symbolism in the Italian Christmas festivities. I hold the nostalgic struffoli, a dessert my grandmother has been making since I was little, in high esteem. Struffoli are deep-fried spheres of dough soaked in honey, then arranged into the shape of a tree or wreath and sprinkled with colorful nonpareils. Struffoli are a fun, whimsical way to celebrate the childlike wonder of the holiday season. I also make loved holiday customs revolve a lemon tart every year to cap around food. Food forms an off our la Vigilia meal and honor the citrus fruits seasonal during the winter. Collectively, these desserts stand in the exquisite

tapestry of love and family that characterize my Christmas memories

Indeed, I believe that family forms the crux of Christmas joy. The true meaning of Christmas derives from the sensation of comfort and peace that envelops a person when surrounded by loved ones. I cannot imagine Christmas without my family. Our Christmas traditions, from the la Vigilia meal to opening presents at midnight, strengthen our familial bonds. When my family plays a silly board game on Christmas Eve, our merriment and laughter create a barrier of delight against the darkness and chill air outside, filling the room with the warmth of our love. Opening gifts - which my family does at midnight, according to old Italian lore, while huddled under the multicolored glow of the Christmas tree lights provides me with yet another way to relish time with my loved ones. I adore the looks of happiness and delight that fill my family members' and friends' faces when they open a present selected or crafted with thoughtfulness and care. That moment of love and understanding is the real significance of gift-giving, not materialistic gain. No matter what traditions typify your Christmas, it remains important to approach them with joy, selflessness, and a true appreciation for the people in your life. Midwinter celebrations like Christmas developed as a response to the frigid and dark days of the winter solstice. At a time when nature seems barren and gelid, lively festivities serve to honor the abundance of past harvests and reinforce the convivial strength of community and family, offering hope that life will cycle on as surely as the sun will once again shine in the sky. An old Italian aphorism states that no one should be left alone on Christmas, which

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Well, the race for State Senator in the 1st Suffolk & Middlesex District has been decided in the recent State Primary. City Councilor Lydia Edwards from East Boston beat Revere School Committeeman Anthony D'Ambrosio, which gives Edwards the vacated Senate seat.

The dismal voter turnout for a vacant senate seat was disappointing. I think the results of this election and the horrible turnout shows just how powerful each of us is if we just take the time to vote. How many who came before us sacrificed their lives so that our democratic republic could continue. Freedom isn't free. It gets paid for all the time by those we just remembered on Veterans Day and by those we just remembered on December 7th, the 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

The least we can do is vote in our elections! Our system depends on us voting, making choices, etc. When we sit on our hands and let others choose for us, we give up our right to complain about the results.

We had our chance and threw it away.

Voting is not a Democrat, Republican, Liberal, or Conservative thing; it is an American thing. In all transparency, I have worked in numerous campaigns over the years and have been a candidate for public office, too. I know first-hand the importance of elections.

Government is always our business. Either we run the Government or it runs us. Sit back, do nothing but don't pretend you are an innocent bystander.

I congratulate Lydia Edwards on her victory and I congratulate Anthony D'Ambrosio for running. They stepped into the arena. Too bad there were so few who couldn't even take the time to show up and vote.

Maybe next time, some of these no-shows will actually show up and vote, but there'll probably be just more excuses why they couldn't find the time.

This is America, it only works if its citizens do their duty, starting by voting.





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Brenda Lee

Still Rockin' the Tree

by Sal Giarratani



Around Christmas time the legendary pop singer that tops the chart year after year is none other than Brenda Lee whose 1958 holiday classic "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" is now trending at #3 this week on Billboard Hot 100.

Did you know she has been inducted into both the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland and in the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville? She started rocking round the Christmas tree back when she was only 13 years old. In the '90s the song went big time once again in the movie Home Alone.

Funny thing, that classic Christmas song was written by Johnny Marks who was Jewish. However, this guy wrote some great Christmas songs like "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and "A Holly Jolly Christmas." According to Lee, Marks wrote the 1958 Rockin' classic while watching pine trees swaying in the summer. Brenda Lee says she just loves Mariah Carey singing "All I Want for Christmas."

At the moment, Brenda Lee's Christmas classic is right behind Adele and Mariah Carey. Brenda reportedly has also stated that Mariah Carey's Christmas classic is pretty darn good, too.

A belated Happy Birthday to Brenda Lee who just celebrated her 77th birthday.

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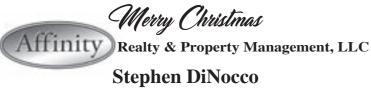
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How Saint Nicholas Became Santa Claus

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Saint Nicholas was of Greek descent and was born during the third century in the village of Patara. He was a Christian bishop widely known for helping the needy. After his death, the legend of his gift-giving grew. Saint Nicholas transformed into the legendary character called Santa Claus, who brings Christmas presents to children around the world. The modern character of Santa is based on traditions surrounding the historical Saint Nicholas, the English figure of Father Christmas and the Dutch figure of Sinterklaas.

Nicholas was born circa 280 in Patara, Lycia, an area that is part of present-day Turkey. Nicholas lost both of his parents as a young man, he was left with a large inheritance and decided that he would use it to honor God. With this in mind, he reportedly used his inheritance to help the poor and sick. He developed such a good reputation in his region that he was chosen as Archbishop of Myra, a harbor city just south and east of Patara today known as Demre. His ascendency to Archbishop happening while he was still quite young, is an indication that he must have demonstrated wisdom and maturity beyond his years.

During his service as Archbishop, a violent persecution of Christians began. Nicholas was almost certainly imprisoned during this time and



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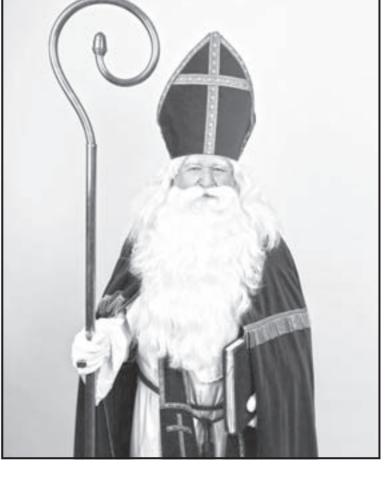
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was likely tortured for his faith. The persecution that began during the reign of the Roman Emperor Diocletian was carried on by his successor, Galerius, for a total of eight years.

Nicholas was released under the rule of Constantine the Great. He may have attended the first Council of Nicaea (325), where he allegedly struck the heretic Arius in the face. Nicholas passed away on December 6, 343 A.D. He was buried in his church at Myra, and by the 6th century, his shrine there had become well known. In 1087, Italian sailors or merchants stole his remains from Myra and took them to Bari, Italy; this removal greatly increased the saint's popularity in Europe, and Bari became one of the most crowded of all pilgrimage centers. Nicholas's

relics remain enshrined in the 11th-century basilica of San Nicola at Bari. Santa Claus evolved from Dutch traditions regarding Saint Nicholas (Sinterklaas).

When the Dutch established the colony of New Amsterdam, they brought the legend and traditions of Sinterklaas with them. The 1881 illustration by American cartoonist Thomas Nast along with Clement Clarke Moore's 1823 poem A Visit from Saint Nicholas, helped to create the modern image of Santa

Nicholas is the patron saint of children, sailors, merchants, and pawnbrokers. The Feast Day of Saint Nicholas of Myra is celebrated on December 6th.

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HOV Lane Opening Early on Thursday, December 23rd and on Thursday, December 30th at 2:00 p.m.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is encouraging members of the public to plan ahead for the holiday travel period in the coming weeks. Traffic volumes and public transportation are anticipated to be higher than normal. Drivers and public transportation ridership customers should use available real-time tools and resources for current travel conditions on major roadways such as dialing 511, visiting www.mass511. com or using the GoTime mobile app, and check MBTA schedule information available at www. mbta.com/holidays and the weather forecast before leaving home.

"During this holiday season, we are reminding drivers to expect more people traveling by car, public transportation, and in airports and to plan for any trips by checking conditions ahead of time and building in extra time," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler. "Make sure to drive sober and hands free, follow speed limits, and be patient as more people return to traveling this season.'

The Highway Division is taking several steps to ensure safe and efficient travel on

state-owned roadways. There will be no construction work on major arterial roadways from 5:00 a.m. on Friday, December 24, 2021, through the normal start of business at 5:00 a.m. on Monday, December 27, 2021, and from 5:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 30, 2021, through 5:00 a.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022.

In addition, the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane located on I-93 between Boston and Quincy will extend its afternoon hours by opening from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 23, 2021, and on Thursday, December 30, 2021. The HOV lane will be closed on Friday, December 24, 2021, and on Friday, December 31, 2021. Also, due to increased travel in and out of Logan Airport, the Sumner Tunnel swing lane will not be deployed on Friday, December 24, 2021, and Friday, December 31, 2021.

"We anticipate holiday travel on all roadways across the Commonwealth will be busy over the upcoming weeks, and we encourage the public to use readily available real-time traffic tools to help plan the timing of their travel," said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "We encourage all

drivers to pay attention, slow down and not drive distracted so all travelers can safely reach their destinations.'

MassDOT strongly urges all drivers to minimize distractions by turning off or putting away cell phones, traveling the posted speed limit, driving sober and devoting full attention to what is ahead on the road. MassDOT encourages travelers to make an extra effort to be courteous on the roads and report to law enforcement any reckless driving.

RMV offices will be open on Friday, December 24, 2021, and Friday, December 31, 2021.

On Friday, December 24, 2021, the CharlieCard Store will close early, all subway lines and bus routes will operate a Saturday schedule, and all other modes will operate a weekday schedule. On Saturday, December 25, 2021, the CharlieCard Store will be closed, there will be no ferry service, all Commuter Rail lines will operate on a weekend schedule, and all other modes will operate on a Sunday schedule. On Friday, December 31, 2021, all subway lines will operate on a Saturday schedule with increased service after 3 p.m., all bus routes will operate on a Saturday schedule, and all other modes will operate on a weekday schedule. MBTA fares will not be collected after 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve. On Saturday, January 1, 2022, the CharlieCard Store will be closed, there will be no ferry service, all Commuter Rail lines will operate on a weekend schedule, and all other modes will operate on a Sunday schedule.

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IRS Problems?

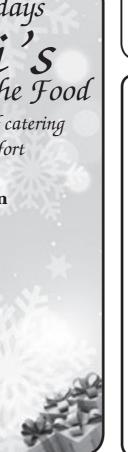
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crowds are thin, but Santa's friends are there and Santa receives a thundering cheer ... Rudolph's nose is blinking so bright, it gives out a tremendous light ... Santa begins to stand and expresses his surprise of Lou Torrone's sudden passing. Louis may have been a hard man to handle, but I'm here tonight to light a candle ... Viola Caggiano waves to Santa, she's one strong woman Santa admires, so he sends her a kiss and it doesn't miss, it lands on her cheek with a splash and a splatter, oh well it doesn't matter ... Santa makes his way out of his sleigh and Johnny and his son John Mastrangelo, owner of Kelley's Pub, are there to give Santa a pitcher of ice cold foamy beer ... The Post-Gazette is there to offer Santa the latest news, when you read it you certainly won't snooze! ... Sal Giarratani holds up his column for Santa to read and Santa wants copies of the Post-Gazette delivered to the North Pole for him to keep ... Richard Settipane is there to offer Santa a lounging chair to sit and read his policy over. Santa reads every bit and tells Richie it's a hit. ... Maurizio owner of Lemoncello's Restaurant gives Santa a hug and hands him his famous stuffed braccholla to eat, and Santa says he's never had such tasty, tender meat ... A small crowd of men are gathered nearby. It's Eastie State Representative Adrian Madaro, Revere Councilors Dan Rizzo and Council President Tony Zambuto, all there to wish Santa a pleasant hello, and show pictures of their city halls that are all decorated and aglow ... Joe Macabee has a present for Santa, a new kitchen installed complete, including a garbage disposal, that's so neat ... The Santarpio sisters bring a box with barbecue sausage bagels and lox ... Joe Mario of Century 21 and Al Caldarelli of C.D.C. meet Santa with plans to build a seniors complex at the Pole, and Santa responds that was my goal ... Vinny Lombardo and daughter Francesca join the fun with tickets to Vincent's Nightclub where Santa can dance to lose some weight ... Gus Serra wishes Santa well, and wants to know if Santa wants him to lobby for Santa's toy factory to grow ... Mary Berninger has a gift certificate from Cargo Ventures to ship toys anywhere through their company. And, Santa is so pleased, he begins to sneeze ... Santa spots Joe Young and Doug Curtis hanging out in Day Square, and let them know he'll miss their help because of COVID-19 some of Santa's toys will remain on the shelves ... Rita Roberto waves to Santa to let him know she has a luscious cheese cake for him to take ... Vinny Leni holds up a bouquet of flowers for Santa's Mrs. and Santa thinks that's so sweet of Vinny to do, especially out of the blue ... Santa is saddened to leave his good friends, and a tear or two begins to form in his eye, as he wishes

Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

the Reindeer guide the way ... Santa makes his way down from the moon lit sky and glides over the snow so fluffy and white, he

thinks what a wonderful enchanting night ... Before Santa lands, he asks Director of National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Anthony Fauci if COVID-19 will ruin his flight ... The

'Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's prepar-

ing his flight into East Boston. He's packing his sleigh with amazing gifts to give the children a marvelous lift ... Santa jumps in his sleigh and lets Rudolph



all his friends a goodbye ... Last to arrive is Danny, owner of Lum-

berto's Pastry Shop, to give Santa a box of Italian pastry to take and

assures Santa once he eats one, his Mrs. will never bake ... Santa

slips into his sleigh, with all that he has eaten, he begins to fart.

Santa lets out a HO, HO, HO! and orders his reindeers to hurry

up and start. Up, up and away Santa disappears into the sky, you

can hear the roar of his voice in a jolly rejoice. Merry Christmas to



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• North End Christmas Parade (Continued from Page 1)



L-R: Vito Aluia, Lou Cavagnaro, John Romano, Ted Tomasone, Paul Cucinatti, Mayor Michelle Wu, Clerk of Court Michael J. Donovan, Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Kathy Carangelo, and Chalres Vozzella





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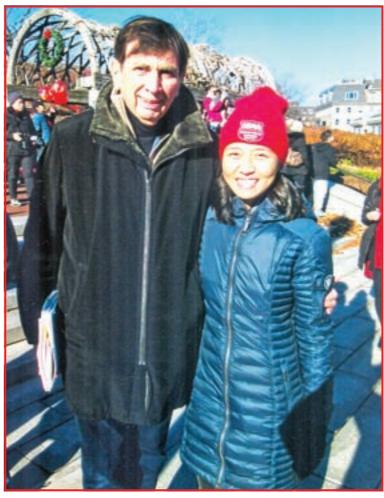


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• North End Christmas Fund Luncheon (Continued from Page 1)



James Luisi, CEO of the New Health and committee member of the Luncheon with State Representative Aaron Michlewitz



Robert "Ted" Tomasone presenting an Appreciation Award to Traci Walker-Griffith - Executive Director of the Elliot School K thru 8 innovation. She has been the Executive Director for the last 15 years.



Patrick Russell and Jose Dorant presenting a donation to the North End Christmas Fund Luncheon Program. L-R: John Romano, Patrick Russell, Robert "Ted" Tomasone, Joe Dorant, and James Luisi



Appreciation award presented to Father Michael Della Penna Pastor of St. Leonard's Church, born and raised in the North End.



John Pagliuca and Joe Pagliuca



Dino Manca, Committe Member and Fr. Michael Della Penna



L-R: Robert "Ted" Tomasone, Patricia Romano accepting the Fred Carangelo Award on behalf of Anthony Buccieri, Kathy Carangelo



State Representative Aaron Michlewitz and Rosemary **McAuliffe**



An Appreciation Award was given to Mary Wright - Longtime worker at the North End **Healthy Center and secretary** and member of the North End Christmas Luncheon Com-

mittee.



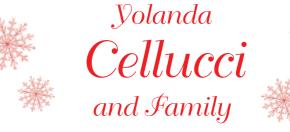
Dolly Gambale and former City Councilor Sal LaMattina



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The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO TANIA DEL RIO

A good friend of mine Tania del Rio announced she will be running later this spring for the District 1 City Council seat. Now that Lydia Edwards is soon to be the next State Senator for the Senate District after the January 11th special Senate election, it is on to the next never-ending election I guess.

I wish Tania and her family a Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año Nuevo! I wish that for all East Boston, in English, Italian, and Spanish. It means the same in every language.

Ty language.

WARREN GETS COVID

Over the past weekend, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren went online to inform folks that she has contracted COVID-19. Personally, I am not surprised by that news because at my family's Thanksgiving dinner with 13 family members in attendance, nine of us contracted COVID, myself included. All nine had mild symptoms. Mine were body aches and pains for four days.

I personally think the mild symptoms might have been because all nine of us had been vaccinated. Obviously, there have been many breakthrough cases. However, if you listen to Biden, aka "President COVID," the Democrats and the media, you notice once again how the powers that be are once again using fear to get compliance out of us.

The one good thing coming out of this Warren news bulletin: she must stay home and self-quarantine.

HERE IS SOME MORE STUFF TO CONSIDER

Did you know the House Democrats on Capitol Hill have two House select committees that are purely partisan? They are House Select January 6th Committee and a House Select COVID Committee. Both seem to be working hand in glove and their only motive appears to be GET TRUMP. There is nothing more dangerous than the U.S. Congress misusing its authority in its apparent quest to prevent

Trump from running in 2024 and to stop the massive GOP landslide approaching in 2022.

One last word, how can any House committee have any legitimacy if U.S. Representative Adam Schiff is on it! More on the House Select January 6th Committee below.

THE RESISTANCE TO PROVE VACCINATION STATUS HAS BEGUN

On Thursday morning (December 16th) the main topic on the Jeff Kuhner WRKO radio show was the resistance to the newly reinstalled vaccination mandates in New York City reinstituted by the soon to be ex-mayor. If you want to dine in a restaurant, you must be masked and vaccinated.

Recently, folks tired of all these mandates held an organized protest at a Cheesecake Factory, when a number of angry citizens entered the restaurant, sat down and prepared to order items off the menu. When asked by their server to produce their proof of vaccination, they refused to comply. The manager came over and repeated the request to see their vaccination, they again refused.

Eventually, the manager at this Cheesecake Factory in Queens called the NYPD. The cops showed up and told protesters to either show proof of vaccination or leave the premises. The protesters continued to refuse and the police officers and protesters got into a tiff. In responses from the crowd why they were going after them, officers were heard responding, they were just doing their jobs.

Politicians pushing vaccination mandates then get to separate ordinary citizens tired of endless mandates from their usual allies in law enforcement. COVID politics is about division. Keeping people angry with each other and thus apart!

Kuhner is more right than wrong on what just happened down in Queens. It looks like the old days of Jim Crow have returned at least at the dining tables inside the Cheesecake Factory in NYC. Getting arrested

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for criminal trespassing looks like the bad old days down in the deep South has returned! This time the issue isn't race, it is being vaccinated. Either way, you can't get a tuna fish sandwich in Queens just like black protesters couldn't get a sandwich at a Woolworth's during the civil rights struggle.

Whatever happened to the First Amendment, or dare I say the 14th Amendment, too? I heard that one of the vaccination mandate protesters arrested was a military veteran who served this country in Iraq and Afghanistan, a few African American protesters were arrested also.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. must be rolling over in his grave.

HOUSE JANUARY 6th SELECT COMMITTEE

On Tuesday, December 14th, the House January 6th Select Committee held a hearing at which time it kept trying to show that America narrowly missed a Trump military coup. This illegal and unconstitutional House Committee creation seems to be doing whatever it can to get President Trump thrown behind bars or at least barred from running for president again in 2024.

Both CNN and MSNBC ran the committee hearing live as if it were the most important thing

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The Shaw Brothers produced hundreds of the most iconic action films ever made, revolutionizing the genre through the backbreaking work of topshelf talent on both sides of the camera as well as unbeatable widescreen production value, much of it shot at 'Movietown', their huge, privately-owned studio on the outskirts of Hong Kong. This inaugural collection by Arrow Video presents twelve jewels from the Shaw crown, all released within the 1970s, kicking off in 1972 with Korean director Chung Changwha's King Boxer, the film that established kung fu cinema as an international box office powerhouse when it hit Stateside cinemas under the title Five Fingers of Death. Followed by director Chang Cheh at the helm of the blood-soaked brutality of The Boxer from Shantung and two self-produced films in his 'Shaolin Cycle' series, Five Shaolin Masters and its prequel Shaolin Temple, before taking a detour into Ho Meng-hua's King Kong-inspired Mighty Peking Man, one of the most insane giant monster films ever made. Chang's action choreographer Lau Kar-leung then becomes a director in his own right, propelling his adoptive brother Gordon Liu to stardom in Challenge of the Masters and Executioners from Shaolin. Chang introduces some of Shaw's most famous faces to the screen, including Alexander Fu Sheng fighting on the streets of San Francisco in *Chinatown* Kid and, of course, the mighty Venom Mob in *The Five Venoms* and Crippled Avengers. Finally, Lau and Liu successfully meld high kicks with humor in two of their masterworks, Heroes of the East and Dirty Ho. From kung fu killers to crazy kaiju knockoffs to culture clash comedies, this carefully curated and gorgeously presented selection of all-time Shaw Brothers classics merely represents the tip of the iceberg of the studio's rich output, making it both an ideal starting point for newcomers and a treat for hardcore fans alike. This 10-Disc collection has Blu-ray presentations of all twelve films, an Illustrated 60-page collectors' book, and two CDs of music from the De Wolfe Music library.

2021 WORLD SERIES FILM (Blu-ray) / Shout!Factory + Major League Baseball

The Atlanta Braves are 2021 World Series Champions, proving that it is anyone's game once the Postseason begins by taking down the Houston Astros in a six-game Fall Classic. About halfway through the regular season, the Braves had a losing record and were dealt a seasonending injury to Ronald Acuna Jr., superstar and NL MVP candidate. General Manager Alex Anthopoulos deftly traded for Joc Pederson, Jorge Soler, Adam Duvall, and Eddie Rosario to help change the course of the season. Braves lifer and Manager Brian Snitker now had his crew, and the Braves caught fire with a 36-19 (.655) finish

to claim the NL East Division championship. They then beat the Milwaukee Brewers in the NLDS and dethroned the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NLCS to set the matchup with the Astros, a franchise playing in the World Series for the third time in five years. The Braves turned on the power throughout the World Series. Jorge Soler led off Game 1 with a homer and kept hitting his way to the Willie Mays World Series MVP Award. Austin Riley emerged as a force, and Ozzie Albies kept the lineup moving while Freddie Freeman, Adam Duvall, Travis d'Arnaud, and Atlanta native Dansby Swanson joined in the power display. Ian Anderson threw five no-hit innings in Game 3, and Max Fried dominated Game 6 to help clinch the first title of the 21st century for the Braves and the fourth championship in franchise history.

HEAVEN CAN WAIT (Blu-ray) / Paramount Home Ent.

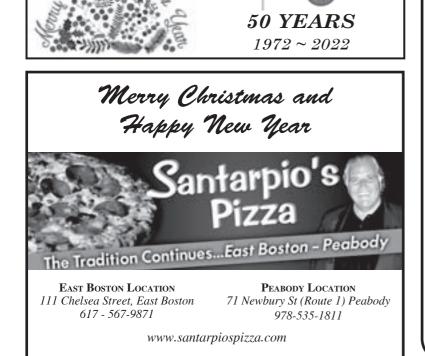
Warren Beatty stars in (as well as produces, co-writes, and co-directs) the fan-favorite comedv Heaven Can Wait (1978). Joe Pendleton (Beatty) is a Los Angeles Rams backup quarterback ready to lead the team all the way to the Super Bowl, but the afterlife has other plans. It seems an overzealous guardian angel has prematurely plucked Joe from the living. When he's returned to Earth in the body of millionaire industrialist Leo Farnsworth, he inherits a world of challenges, including winning the love of a woman (Julie Christie) who already hated "him." Heaven Can Wait features a sensational cast filled with comedic talent, including James Mason, Charles Grodin, Dyan Cannon, Buck Henry, Vincent Gardenia, and Jack Warden. The film was nominated* for nine Academy Awards.

REDS (2-Blu-ray) / Paramount Home Ent.

Warren Beatty's Oscar and Golden Globe-winning epic masterpiece Reds (1981) celebrates its 40th Anniversary. Set against the tumultuous start of the twentieth century, features an unforgettable mix of based-on-true-events drama with real-life testimonials from "witnesses." Beatty and Diane Keaton portray activists Louise Bryant and John Reed, two journalists whose romance is punctuated by the outbreak of WWI and the Bolshevik Revolution. Featuring an incredible supporting cast, and Maureen Stapleton in her Oscar-winning role.

THE WOLF OF WALL STREET (2-Blu-ray) / Paramount Home Ent.

Sex. Money. Power. Drugs. Brace yourself for The Wolf of Wall Street, one of the most outrageous stories ever, directed by legendary filmmaker Martin Scorsese. Leonardo DiCaprio delivers one of the best performances of his career as a young stockbroker, hungry for a life of non-stop thrills in New York City, where corruption is king and more is never enough. Together, Scorsese and DiCaprio deliver a story of American excess that is "an absolute blast from start to finish."





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Docket No. MI21P6477EA

Estate of **CAROL ANN PINNONE** Also Known As CAROL-ANN PINNONE, a/k/a CAROL A. PINNONE

Date of Death: August 24, 2021 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Marilyn Baillargeon of Andover, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Marilyn Baillargeon of Andover, 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: 12/24/2021

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(781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI21P4827EA

Estate of PHILIP SAMUEL STERNSTEIN Date of Death: July 23, 2021 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above estate, by Petition of Petitioner Robert S. Sternstein of Brookline, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Robert S. Sternstein of Brookline, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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(781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI21P6455EA

Estate of STEVEN M. RAUTIOLA

Date of Death: September 21, 2021 CITATION ON PETITION FOR

Woburn, MA 01801

FORMAL ADJUDICATION To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Gary Rautiola of Acton, 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 Gary Rautiola of Acton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in 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 January 18, 2022.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 20, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 12/24/2021 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex Probate and Family Court

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Docket No. MI21P6450EA Estate of

ROSS CARL COWAN Also Known As: **ROSS C. COWAN**

Date of Death: November 18, 2021

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Andrew J. Cowan of West Newton, 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 Andrew J. Cowan of West Newton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 14, 2022.

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

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

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Docket No. MI04P0487FE1 Estate of **ELIZABETH WEITZLER**

Date of Death: March 28, 2003 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

To all interested persons

A Petition has been filed by Judith D. Ludwig of Newton Center, MA and Ronald G. Isaacson of Framingham, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that Judith D. Ludwig of Newton Center, MA and Ronald G. son of Framingham, MA be appointed Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or a 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 January 12, 2022.

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

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Represen tative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients 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.

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

Date: December 15, 2021

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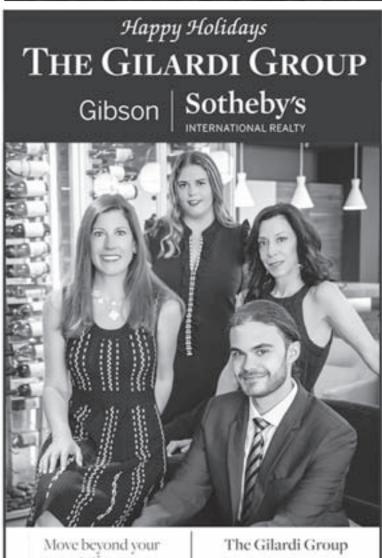
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CHAPTER 67 Enter the Riccis

"Buongiorno, Signor Ricci, Buongiorno, Francesco and Lorenzo." Brother Nino said in measured tones, greeting the Riccis at the door. Egidio decided to come with only his two eldest sons. "Where's my daughter?" Egidio demanded, his eyes fixed directly on Brother Nino. "Follow me, Signor Ricci, I will take you to her now." He followed directly behind Brother Nino, Frank and Lorenzo trailing behind their father. Brother Nino led them into the library. "You are all here!" Egidio barked out. "Carla, you decided to show your face to your Papa." "I have nothing to hide," Carla quickly responded. "I love Pietro, and he loves me; we have a right to our own lives." "Enough of this," Father Francesco interrupted.



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> Docket No. MI21P6064EA Estate of **GARBIS NALBANDIAN**

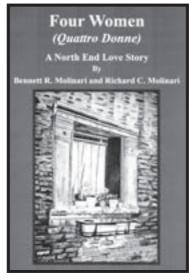
Date of Death: September 27, 2021 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Ariss Nalbandian of Watertown, MA, Petitioner Shahe Nalbandian of Belmont, MA. a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Ariss Nalbandian of Watertown, MA, Shahe Nalbandian of Belmont, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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"Egidio, Lorenzo, Frank, sit down on the couch facing Carla and Pietro." The trio took their seats on the couch as Father Francesco requested. "Good morning Egidio and your handsome sons," Grandma said softly. "Lucia, I don't want to hear from you!" Shouted Egidio. "You and your daughters are at the bottom of this. Before your nephew Pietro arrived, my Carla was a happy woman, devoted to her family and the church." "I was a dead woman!" Carla interjected angrily. "I never knew what love was, until I met Pietro." "Are you saying, I don't love you?" Egidio responded to his daughter's outburst. Before Carla could say another word. Father Francesco interrupted once again. "We are here to talk and come to a solution to this problem, not to argue." "There is no need to talk. The solution is, Carla is coming home with me and her brothers!" Egidio responding angrily. Auntie Stella, who had been quiet up to this point, had enough. Seeing Egidio had spoken harshly to Grandma, she stood up, pointed in the direction of the Ricci family and angrily said, "That's all your family is good for, threatening people. You are a bunch of cafoni," bringing the three Riccis to their feet. "We don't have to take this!" Shouted Frank. "Stella, be quiet," Auntie Angie spoke up. Mom was just about to back up Auntie Angie

when Father Francesco barked, "Everyone take your seats. Enough is enough! We're here to talk, not argue."

An uneasy calm fell over the room, everyone took their seats, waiting for Father Francesco to speak. Pietro, who had said nothing up to this point, was about to put his arms around Carla to comfort her, but thought better of it, and the couple sat awkwardly side by side, waiting to hear what Father Francesco had to say. Once the room achieved the proper level of silence Father Francesco was seeking, he began to speak softly in measured tones. "This situation has gone far enough. The feelings that are being expressed in this room are not Christian, this situation must be resolved." Everyone remained silent. Every word spoken by Father Francesco seemed to carry enormous weight. "You've come to me for direction in this matter, and I have given it much thought. I believe Pietro should return to Italy and go through with his plan of entering the seminary this September. Carla should return home to her family."

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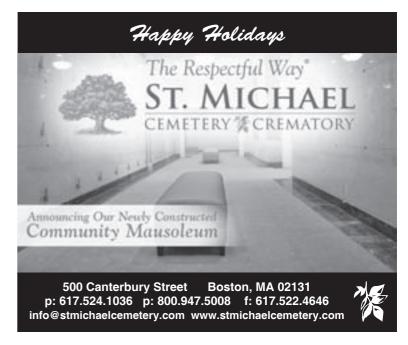
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Docket No. SU21P2481EA

Estate of CLAIRE P. KENNEY Date of Death: September 05, 2021 CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Michael R. Berninger of West Roxbury, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Michael R. Berninger of West Roxbury, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 26, 2022.

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

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WITNESS, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court Date: December 15, 2021

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Run date: 12/24/202

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court**

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

Docket No. MI21P6306EA

Estate of LINDA PAULA FONSECA Date of Death: January 22, 2021 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Fernando C. Fonseca 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 Fernando C. Fonseca of Bedford, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 10, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 12/24/2021

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



I would like to combine several Christmas Eves into one and tell you what it was like in the Christoforo and Contini households back when I was a child. The first thing I remember is the last minute shopping for food that was required for the night of December 24th. It is a tradition in Italian homes that fish is served. I believe that the requirement is an odd number of fish dishes. I'm not sure if there is or was anything religious attached to this or just a southern Italian tradition. Anyway, in our house it was usually "7 fishes."

As I mentioned last week, if there were any jobs to be played on the night of December 24th, Dad and my uncles would hire substitutes to fill in for them. Most of the substitutes were Jewish musicians and when their holidays came up, Dad and my uncles reciprocated and filled in for them.

Earlier in the day, someone would have driven Babbononno to Zi'Antonio Ceruolo's house. He was Nanna's oldest brother and Babbononno's best friend. Once at the Ceruolo home on Orleans Street in East Boston, Babbononno would sample some of my great uncles best homemade wines and purchase a couple of gallons of red for Christmas dinner and a gallon of white for Christmas Eve. In the interim, Nanna and my mother would have picked up the odds and ends that they had forgotten and needed to make Christmas Eve perfect. Around 5:00 p.m., everyone involved in the cooking would be in the kitchen getting things prepared.

There were the clams, razor clams, oysters, muscles and quahogs to open, hopefully without anyone getting cut in the process. Dad would have picked up several lobsters at the fish pier on his way back from wherever, as his specialty was lobster fra diavolo. If there were any eels that Babbononno might have bought at Giuffre's Fish Market in the North End, he and he alone had to prepare them, as Nanna was deathly afraid of snakes. To her, eels were snakes that could swim and my mother was just as bad. Babbononno and Dad would shuck all the shellfish and then give them to my mother and Nanna to garnish. While they were doing this, Dad would begin the gravy for the lobster fra diavolo and then boil the lobsters. Babbononno would fry the pieces of his

dissected eels with Nanna out of the kitchen. When he was done, and Dad had his segmented pieces of lobster submerged in his tomato gravy, they would leave the kitchen and Nanna and my mother would take over again ... this time to prepare the rest of the fish, which might include shrimp, scallops, calamari, octopus, smelts, baccala (cod), fresh anchovies and merluzzo. These might be the seven fishes, But, in this count, they wouldn't include the lobsters, eels and shell food, so the tradition was saved!

By early evening, everything was prepared and the rest of the family would have arrived. As we all sat at the dining room table, the baked quahogs, clams and oysters on the half shell or the razor clams and the snails were served family style and everyone dug in. These dished were followed by Dad's lobster fra diavolo served over a bed of linguini with just enough hot pepper flavoring to make his marinara gravy interesting. When this course was finished, out came the fried smelts, and the rest of the fish dishes cooked in many different ways. I especially liked the baccala salad, cold codfish prepared with olives, celery, herbs and doused with olive oil. I could dunk my bread in the oil in between bites. That bread was always either the Italian round loaf or sliced scali. I don't think anyone in my family ever bought what the Americans called bread, Bond or Wonder bread. After the odd number of fish dishes had been consumed and washed down with chilled white wine from Zi'Antonio's cellar, Nanna would bring out the salad. There was no storebought dressing to add in. After the lettuce, tomatoes and cucumbers were sliced into the bowl, my grandmother sprinkled in homemade wine vinegar and doused the concoction with olive oil, and then threw in a few herbs to add flavor. Like in the old country, the salad course came after the main courses were over. After the salad came the fruits, nuts and maybe cookies. Actual dessert would happen later in the evening, not right after the main meal.

Once the fruit was consumed and coffee served, the men would head for the living room to listen to the radio and smoke their Cuban cigars, which would be enhanced by aged cognac and

other after dinner drinks. Within a short period of time, the men in the family would be snoring away and the women would get stuck with the cleanup of the dinner dishes. About an hour later, Mom would announce that the coffee was ready. She would yell loud enough to awaken all of the men and they would make excuses for falling asleep. This would not hinder them from heading back to the dining room where the table was now set for dessert.

Both American and espresso types of coffee would be served and an array of desserts would be mounted on a serving plate in the middle of the table, surrounded by dishes with pizzaeli, Italian cookies, one or two panetonne and maybe a couple of American pies. If there was room, another accompaniment might be dishes of candy or unshelled nuts and hot chestnuts. After dinner, liqueurs with accompanying glasses were at the disposal of the men and they made good use of both. When it was time to leave, everyone knew that they would repeat the entire process during the afternoon of the next day, Christmas.

As the bewitching hour drew near and I was back in our house, I would write a note for Santa Claus and put it under the tree with a glass of red wine and a dish of chocolate chip cookies. The hardest part of Christmas Eve was falling asleep. With an elevated level of anticipation, it was hard to settle down, knowing that Santa Claus would soon arrive, but only after I was asleep. I never understood how he got in to leave the presents as we lived on the third floor of an East Boston three-decker and there was no fireplace in the living room. Mom always said that she would leave a living room window open for Santa and I didn't question nor try to analyze this, knowing that when I woke up, there would be the presents Santa had left

The next day was Christmas. I would jump out of bed and head for the living room to see if what I had asked for had been delivered. I was lucky. Whatever I wanted was under the tree. When it was time, Mom would get me cleaned up and I would head for the kids Mass at the Sacred Heart Church. Walking down the Brooks Street hill with the other kids in the neighborhood, we would compare notes on what Santa had gifted us

After Mass, we all headed home to play with our toys and await the family get-togethers that would take place that afternoon.

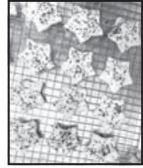
So, an extension of this many years later, encourages me to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas from my wife, Loretta, my son John and his wife, Beth, his childrenmy grandchildren - Lina and Nathan, son Michael, and his lady friend, Cathy, and from me, your humble keeper of happy stories from the past. MERRY CHRISTMAS (BUON NATALE) 2021, and May GOD BLESS **AMERICA**



by Marianna



In most Italian-Americans homes, on the Eve of Christmas, children have hung their stockings by the fireplace in the hopes that St. Nicholas will fill them with toys and goodies on Christmas day. In Italy, January 6th, La Festa dell Epifania The Feast of the Epiphany is a holiday as significant as Christmas day, especially for Italian children. The Epiphany commemorates the 12th day of Christmas when the three Wise Men arrived at the manger with gifts for Baby



Jesus. Legend has it that along their way, the Magi encountered a witch-like woman on a broom, La Befana, and invited her to join them in their journey. She refused, and later regretted her decision, so Befana set out on a journey to bring gifts to the child herself. She never found the manger so she took the gifts she had and left them for all of the children throughout the land. As a result, every January 5th, on the Eve of the Epiphany, Italian children leave out their shoes or put-up stockings for the Befana to fill. On her broomstick, La Befana flies, and fills the socks of good girls and boys with fruits, sweets, and presents. For those not so good, she leaves a lump of coal. My Nonna told me she always looked forward to finding oranges and dolls made out of clothespins, in her stocking! Buon Natale!

As with any Italian celebration, there is always the inclusion of food to commemorate a special event. For La Befana the most known treat are lemon flavored sugar like cookies, called Befanini. My Nonna made her own rendition of these that were a bit different, yet, much tastier then the usual. "Nonna's La Befana Star Cookies" are an iced butter crunch cookie decorated with little colored balls. Absolutely beautiful to look at, and incredibly scrumptious to eat!

NONNA'S LA BEFANA STAR COOKIES Biscotti Stella La Befana Nonna

3 cups all-purpose flour 2 teaspoons baking powder ½ teaspoon salt

1/2 cup crushed corn flakes (about 2 cups whole) 1 cups margarine or butter,

softened 1 cups confectionary sugar

2 eggs

2 teaspoons vanilla extract Grated rind of 1 organic lemon 2 tablespoons whole milk

Icing:

2 cups confectionary sugar 1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract Whole milk Nonpareils

Star shaped cookie cutters Line a baking sheet with parchment paper, set aside.

In a medium mixing bowl, stir together flour, crushed cereal, baking powder and salt, set aside. In a large mixing bowl, cream margarine or butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg, vanilla, lemon rind and milk, blend together well. Gradually add the flour mixture, mixing thoroughly after each addition. Wrap dough in plastic wrap and chill about an hour, or until firm.

Preheat oven to 350°. Roll chilled dough on lightly floured board to about 1/8-inch thickness. Cut with floured star cookie cutters and place on parchment lined baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven for about 8 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool on wire rack.

To make icing, mix confectionary sugar, vanilla extract and enough milk to make a thick glaze. Ice cookies, sprinkle with nonpareils and let dry.

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Bring a Bit of Spring Color Indoors

by Melinda Myers



A container with drainage holes, potting mix, and a few spring flowering bulbs planted pointed side up is all you need to create a colorful indoor garden.

(Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)

Pot them up, give them a chill and enjoy spring flowering bulbs indoors or outside on a patio, deck or porch. This is a great way to enjoy any bulbs that didn't make it into the ground this season or take advantage of late season discounts on bulbs.

Larger flowering bulbs like tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, and alliums put on quite a display in your home or in a window box or container. Add some smaller bulbs like crocus, squill, and grape hyacinth to the mix for added beauty.

All you need is a container with drainage holes, potting mix, and a few bulbs. Shorter varieties work well or give taller varieties a bit of support with twigs or decorative stakes when displaying indoors.

Cover the bottom of the container with soil. Set several bulbs, pointed side up, on top of the potting mix. Set the tallest bulbs in the center surrounded by shorter varieties when creating a mixed garden. Place tulips with the flat side of the bulb facing out for a better display. Cover the bulbs and fill the container with potting mix.

Enjoy weeks of colorful flowers by selecting a variety of bulbs that bloom from early through late spring. Layer the bulbs to maximize your planting space. Place larger bulbs on top of the soil layer at the bottom of the container. The tallest of these will go in the center skirted by shorter varieties to maximize the display.

Cover this first layer of bulbs with potting mix, leaving just the tip of the bulbs exposed. Add smaller bulbs like squill, crocus and grape hyacinth bulbs to the next level. Plant them close together between the tips of the larger bulbs. Cover this layer with soil, leaving enough space for watering.

Water the freshly planted container thoroughly, then move it to a cool location, about 35 to 45 degrees for at least 12 to 15 weeks. This cold period is needed to initiate flowering in these bulbs. A spare refrigerator or in colder regions, an unheated garage works well. Or if the ground hasn't frozen, sink the pot into a vacant space in the garden. This works for those gardening in areas where

winter temperatures are cold enough to provide the needed chill. Mulch the soil once the ground starts to freeze with evergreen boughs. This will make it easier to remove the pot in early spring.

Eliminate this step by purchasing pre-chilled bulbs. These have received the needed cold treatment and are ready to pot up and grow indoors or outdoors in warmer regions.

Check stored bulbs regularly for early sprouting and move to a colder location if needed. Water the bulbs in storage whenever the soil is thawed and dry.

Once the cold treatment is complete, you can move the forced bulbs to their final location where you can enjoy the spring flowers. Place the container in a cool location with bright indirect light indoors. Water thoroughly as needed and watch for flowers to appear in about four weeks. Remove one pot a week from cold storage to extend your enjoyment.

Monitor spring growing conditions before moving forced bulbs into outdoor planters. Once the weather is suitable for bulbs to sprout and grow outdoors, it is safe to move forced bulbs into the landscape.

When they are done flowering, you can compost the bulbs or for those suited to your growing conditions add them to the garden. Remove the faded flowers and water the plants like your houseplants or other container gardens. Fertilize with a dilute solution of flowering plant fertilizer or apply a low nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer. This helps replenish the nutrients used in flowering.

Move indoor forced bulbs outdoors as soon as the danger of frost has passed. Those in containers outdoors can remain in the pots until the foliage fades or the garden is ready for planting. Or store the bulbs in a cool dark place for summer and plant in fall with other hardy bulbs. Then be patient as it can take two years for these to flower.

Forcing spring flowering bulbs is a great way to add beauty to your indoor décor, patio, balcony, or deck. They also make a great gift for gardeners of all experience levels.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses How to Grow Anything DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moments TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Her web site is: www. melindamyers.com.

News Briefs

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was in response to a Court order halting the enforcement of a White House mandate that required government contractors to ensure employees be vaccinated by January 4th, with exemptions for medical or religious reasons.

That caused Amtrak to relook at its policy and to address the uncertainty about the federal requirements that apply to Amtrak.

Trump Endorses **Byron Donalds**

U.S. Representative Byron Donalds, R-FL., who often appears on both Fox News Channel and NEWSMAX as a guest commentator was recently endorsed for re-election to his House seat in the Sunshine State. District includes Fort Myers where the Red Sox do spring training and where many former Bay State residents have been going to escape both the winter cold and the liberal

I wouldn't be surprised to see this congressman someday run for the U.S. Senate.

Up, Up and Away They Pay

A rare copy of a Superman No. 1 comic book, which sold on the newsstands for a thin dime in 1939 was just purchased for \$2.6 million at an auction. The comic book shows Superman leaping over tall buildings in a single bound on the cover. The buyer of the comic book, like Superman, has kept his real identity a secret just like Clark

Covid Should Never Be A Cappella

The Biden White House thought it would be a good idea to use the a cappella singing group Pentatonix to urge fellow Americans to get the booster as Omicron cases rise. A glance at social media quickly told Jen Psaki and Company otherwise. Not even she could circle around and save this 18 second clip. The response on Twitter was immediate. One user stated, "This may legitimately be the worst tweet ever on multiple levels." Another tweeter said, "Vaccine propaganda is the absolute worst genre of music ever created."

Trumpster Takes Fifth

Former Trump political advisor Roger Stone cited his 5th Amendment right against self-incrimination when he declined to address questions from the House Select January 6th Committee claiming in a message to The New York Post he was not involved in "illegal activities that transpired that day."

"I did my civic duty and I responded as required by law," said Stone of us and our loved ones, it will be.

End Quote

"Enjoy this Christmas, as if it were your last, regrettably and inexorably, for some of us and our loved ones, it will be."

- Joe Galeota, Columnist Boston Bulletin Newspaper

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• **Stirpe Nostra** (Continued from Page 2)

buildings. The excellent quality of the white marble created such a demand that no other ancient structure has ever been so completely obliterated.

Visitors to the site of the Circus Maximus will now find the outline of the uppermost tiers of seats still visible, but should be reminded that the accumulated soil and debris over the centuries has built up to almost 30 feet over the

original arena level. The visit should be reserved for early on a quiet Sunday morning. Remain silent for about five minutes and you'll swear under oath that you can smell the horse manure, hear the crunch of the chariot wheels, and feel the thunderous vibration from the 16 horses on the far turn.

NEXT ISSUE:

The Roman Tombs

• L'Anno Bello (Continued from Page 4)

is why we should strive to do good deeds on behalf of those who are lonely or separated from their families during the holidays, including the sick, the poor and those in the military. After all, a family includes more than just blood relations, and the Christmas spirit of generosity and goodwill is too joyous to be contained in small numbers.

This Christmas, I will continue to honor the traditions that have become an intrinsic part of my family. Whether these traditions consist of enjoying struffoli or opening gifts at midnight, they link me to the world of my ancestors and their enduring values and spirituality. However, I also plan on paying attention to the true significance of all these beloved customs. For I have found that lurking behind Christmas traditions, no matter their culture of origin, is the universal need

for love. Love for family, love for the wisdom of our forebears, the love which inspires us to improve our local and global communities, the love of Jesus and the Holy Family, the love for the sun which grows ever bigger in the sky — all these myriad facets of love imbue Christmas with its indelible complexity. So on Christmas, as you partake in your own special traditions, take heed of the love which surrounds you, and which you can provide to others. You will find that this love can warm even the frostiest night, and that it will carry you through the wonders of the New Year and beyond.

Merry Christmas! Buon Natale!

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

• Talk of Many Things (Continued from Page 10)

Congress can do. However, even by the members' own words, it was nothing more than a rigged show trial or clown show.

Apparently, Democrats and the media are so afraid of Trump returning that they continue to be obsessed with all things Trump. Who can blame them when Biden's poll numbers are dropping like stones in a wishing well?

5-YEAR OLDS NOW NEED VACCINATION PROOF

In New York City, provisions of its indoor vaccine mandate took effect last week, including the expansion of the requirement for children who are eligible to receive the shot. As soon-to-be outgoing Mayor Bill de Blasio previously announced, kids ages 5-11 must now show proof of at least one vaccination shot to eat indoors at a restaurant, see a show, go to a movie, or attend a party venue like Chuck E. Cheese or fitness center, or indoor entertainment.

This requirement will also apply to after-school activities like band, sports, orchestra, and dance in public schools. That policy previously applied to students 12 years old and up.

HAVE YOU NOTICED THIS TOO?

The other day while walking down the street on a bright sunny day, I was wearing both a mask and sunglasses, then I noticed for the zillionth time that when you are masked and wearing glasses, your glasses steam up preventing you from seeing. Why that happens is clear to me. The air inside the mask is escaping into the air outside the mask. It is only logical then to know that the bad COVID air outside you is passing through your mask and inside you. Therefore, what is the need for mask wearing?

KIDS CAN ONLY HANDLE A FINITE NUMBER OF TOYS

I have always believed that there is such a thing as too many toys in your box. How many toys does a kid need? A research study was just done and it came up with a number. Kids can only handle 20 toys at a time. So, why keep adding toys to the mix if it is such overkill? Whenever you buy a new toy, you need to tale one of your kid's older toy. Maybe donate it to charity for those kids with less than 20 toys.

GIFT CARDS AT CHRISTMAS

Many people get their friends gift cards. It sounds like a good idea and a simple way to shop, too. However, how many folks who get gift cards to restaurants either never use them or only use them partially? Either way, the entity on the gift cards makes out the most. Restaurants love gift cards. Big profit margin for them.

If you must give gift cards, the best ones are for supermarkets. That is a good gift card and the recipients of gift cards 98 percent of the time use all of it and in mere days, too.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **December 27, 2021 begin**ning at 9:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

2016 NISSAN ROGUE Vin # KNMAT2MV9GP609344

Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed by appointment only.

> Signed Todisco Services, Inc. Run dates: 12/10, 12/17, 12/24/2021

• Holiday Travel (Continued from Page 7)

Additionally, for travelers getting to and from Logan Airport in Boston, please note:

- MBTA Silver Line provides service between South Station and Logan's terminals every 10 minutes. Outbound service from Logan Airport to the South Boston Seaport District and South Station is free.
- MBTA Blue Line provides subway service between points in Boston, North of Boston and Airport Station. Water transportation is also available from Downtown Boston and the Logan dock.
- Massport provides free shuttle service to and from all terminals; the airport rental car

center and the MBTA Blue Line Station.

• Logan Express serves 3 locations including Framingham, Woburn, and Braintree. There are also several bus and taxi options available.

Massport continues to take a number of precautions at the airport in order to ensure passengers have a safe and healthy travel experience. These initiatives include:

- Face coverings are required for all passengers and visitors while at the airport.
- Travelers departing from Logan should be aware of any travel restrictions at their destination.
- Coronavirus testing is available at Logan Airport's Terminals E Arrivals level and Terminal C Departure level. The testing facility, XPresCheck, is offering a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or nasal swab test, a blood antibody test, and the rapid test.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court** 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI21C1189CA In the Matter of REYANNA MARIE CONWAY-DUARTE **CITATION ON**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Reyanna Marie Conway-Duarte of Framingham, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Reyanna **Marie Duarte**

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 06, 2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court Date: December 09, 202

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 12/24/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court**

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

Docket No. MI21P6342EA

Estate of **JEAN LILLIAN NICHOLS** Also Known As JEAN B. NICHOLS Date of Death: April 22, 2018 CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Edward M. Nichols, III of Kennebunk, ME requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as request ed in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Edward M Nichols, III of Kennebunk, ME be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in 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 January 11, 2022.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 14, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/24/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Division

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

> Docket No. MI21P6355EA Estate of

STELLA CALISI Date of Death: October 25, 2021

PUBLICATION NOTICE To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Joseph Calisi of Somerville, MA, a Will has

INFORMAL PROBATE

been admitted to informal probate Joseph Calisi of Somerville, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety

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: 12/24/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Division

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

Docket No. MI21P6210EA

Estate of DWIGHT HENRY DYER

Date of Death: September 21, 2021 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Richard N. Burgess, Jr. of Ashland, NH, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Richard N. Burgess, Jr. of Ashland, NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 12/24/2021

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are also encouraged to:

- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Visit www.mass511.com, a website that provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.
- Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.
- Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation wishes all members of the public a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

LEGAL NOTICE

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> 2009 HONDA ACCORD Vin # 1HGCP26899A141739

2006 ACURA MDX

Vin # 2HNYD18606H545720 2010 NISSAN ALTIMA

Vin # 1N4AL2AP8AN473173 2014 TOYOTA CAMRY

Vin # 4T1BF1FK0EU787971 1998 HONDA CIVIC

Vin # 1HGEJ6674WL016219 **2010 HONDA ELEMENT** Vin # 5J6YH2H37AL004448

Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed by appointment only

> Signed Todisco Services, Inc. Run dates: 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court**

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

Docket No. MI21P6421EA

Estate of **MARY DELEONARDIS** Date of Death: March 13, 2021 CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION To all interested persons

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

The Petitioner requests that Anthony Deleonardis of Natick, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 19, 2022.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court Date: December 21, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 12/24/2021



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Showalter Picked to Lead New York Mets in '22



Buck Showalter

The Buck Showalter Express just pulled into Queens when the Mets became the fifth team to hire Showalter as manager. He's been with the Yankees, the Diamondbacks, the Rangers, and a recent trip to purgatory in Baltimore with the now seemingly hapless Orioles.

Showalter, 65, has yet to win a pennant, but is respected across both leagues for his preparedness and is a stickler for details. He is a three-time Manager of the Year, Yankees (1994), Rangers (2004), and Orioles (2014). Showalter had some good years with Baltimore from 2012 through 2016, with the Orioles having more victories than any other team. The Mets signed him up for a threevear deal in hopes he can turn this team around.

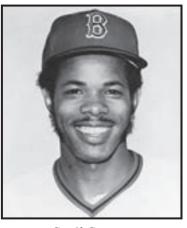
The Mets have had only one winning season since 2017, combining for a 266-280 record for Mickey Callaway and Luis Roias. The mandate is clear, and the Mets are now full speed ahead in 2022.

Showalter gets a team with many good players like Jake deGrom, Max Scherzer, Pete Lonzo, and Francisco Lindor. Let's see how things go once the umpires start yelling, "Play Ball!"

When it comes to career wins as a manager, Buck is 1,551-1,517 .506 pct. He has been a Major League manager for 20 seasons now following a Minor League career as a player. In his last season as a manager in 2018, the Orioles lost an incredible 115.

Finally, Showalter now joins Casey Stengel, Yogi Berra, Dallas Green, and Joe Torre as the only people who have managed both the Yankees

Happy Birthday Cecil Cooper



Cecil Cooper

Happy birthday greetings go out to Cecil Cooper who just turned 72 years old this past Monday (December 20th). This left-handed first baseman was with the Red Sox from 1971 through 1976. He was traded to Milwaukee for both Bernie Carbo and the returning George Scott. Cooper went on to have 11 great years in baseball for the Brewers.

In 1970, George Scott was originally traded to Milwaukee for the very same Cecil Cooper. Both these players were great fielding and slugging first basemen back during the late '60s into the '70s. Cooper, by the way, made the All-Star team five times and had 201 homeruns,



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 December 30, 2021 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

> 2006 DODGE CHARGER, BLACK Vin # 2B3KA53H96H248015 Kenneth Chisholm 16 Rowena St. Dorchester, MA 02124

> 2018 CHEVROLET TRAX, SILVER Vin # KL7CJLSB9JB566946 Jamie L Callahan-Colllins 43 Early Ave., #2 Medford, MA 02155

> > 2004 LINCOLN LS, RED Vin # 1LNHM87A54Y663894 Joan B Seibel 419 Somerville Ave. Somerville, MA 02143

2009 MERCEDES BENZ C300, SILVER Vin # WDDGF81X29F219419 Junze Liu

75 Station Landing, Unit 302 Medford, MA 02155 Run dates: 12/10, 12/17, 12/24/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., 2 Emery Road, Allston, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after January 08, 2022 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2004 DODGE RAM VIN # 1D7HU18N84S541407 2002 FORD EXPLORER

VIN # 1FMZU77E42UB40288 2008 SATURN ASTRA VIN # W08AT671785139868 2007 CHEVROLET IMPALA

VIN # 2G1WT58NX79392797 2000 TOYOTA CAMRY VIN # JT2BG22K0Y0440156

2019 DODGE CHARGER VIN # 2C3CDXHGXKH578766

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

> Signed D & G Towing Run dates: 12/24, 12/31, 2021, 01/07/2022

Merry Christmas to All!



Greetings from Carmen and Kay Basilio



Rocky Graziano and Friends



Jersey Joe Walcott and Family



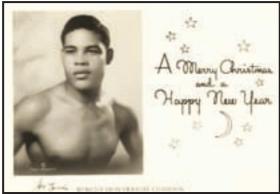
A Boston Boxing Christmas



George Foreman and Joe Frazier



Jack Dempsey and Family



Merry Christmas from Joe Louis



NORTH END ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



LOUIS CAVAGNARO, President

Serving the Community for Over 60 Years!



Rocky Marciano and Friend



Santa Boxer

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

AN INTERESTING SUGGESTION — When NBA megastar LeBron James recently got hit with a one-game suspension for a flagrant foul against Isaiah Stewart of the Detroit Pistons it affected fans hundreds of miles away.

This is the tale of the ripple effect of that event.

The foul was called as both James and Stewart jockeyed for a rebound during the third quarter of a game played at Little Caesars Arena. James was ejected from the contest — only the second time he has been thrown out in the more than 1,300 games he has played. He was later assessed a one-game suspension by the NBA — the only suspension of his 19-year career.

And it is the results of that suspension that New York Knicks fans were concerned about — with one coming forward with an interesting suggestion expressed in a short note to *New York Post* columnist Phil Mushnick.

You see, after the game against the Pistons in Detroit, the Lakers immediately flew to New York where they played the Knicks the next night at Madison Square Garden. Under existing NBA policy, suspensions are served immediately, effective with the next game.

That sounds nice. The offending player serves a suspension. His team is, in effect, forced to play a game down one player — in the specific case of James, a star player. Appropriate action taken and penalty served.

But there is another side to consider. Notice that the suspension was levied during a road swing by the Lakers, one that saw them appear in a variety of Eastern Conference venues for their only appearance at each site during the current 2021-2022 season.

For fans who had tickets to Madison Square Garden to see the Lakers, that would be their only opportunity to catch James in action this year — unless the Knicks could eventually meet the Lakers in the 2022 NBA Finals — an unlikely scenario.

Lots of eager fans awaiting the annual arrival of King James. Lots of disappointed fans when James was ruled out of the action by the league, meaning he would not appear again at MSG until sometime during the 2022-2023 season. That's if he doesn't choose to retire. After all, he will be 37 on December 30th.

But let's just say right here that when it comes to showing up James has set a good example. Over the course of his nearly two-decade career, he has only been ejected on two occasions and suspended only that one time (for a single game). As far as playing appearances go, he has not disappointed fans. He has most certainly kept up his end of the bargain.

James' suspension came two nights after the Celtics defeated the Lakers 130-108 at the TD Garden. Following the victory over Detroit, the Lakers immediately flew to New York where a sellout crowd of over 19,000 was expected. Thus, James' removal from that night's playing roster disappointed thousands of fans who have loyally followed one of

the two original NBA franchises still playing in their original cities (Boston is the other). Suspension served but fans left downcast and displeased — to say the least. Adults might understand but try explaining the situation to a youngster in the early grades of elementary school.

We say that because we remember a story that ran in the *Boston Globe* when Red Sox star Nomar Garciaparra was traded to the Chicago Cubs in July 2004. Noting the emotional bond that some young fans can develop with players, a father indicated that his young son was literally in tears when he learned that Garciaparra was leaving Boston.

Like any number of athletes today, James can be viewed in many ways, especially by adults. But we feel that at least some young fans in New York that night were very disappointed when the player they had waited months to see would not be playing.

Thus, the concerned fan wrote to Mushnick wondering why the suspension should have been served immediately. He suggested that suspensions should be served during the home games of the offending player's team

To us, the reader made a good point. Each individual Western Conference team makes only one appearance in an Eastern Conference venue each year. If a player on the visiting team is out because of injury or illness — particularly in this era of COVID-19, everyone understands that.

But for fans who have paid a handsome sum to see a player in his only appearance at their arena, it is they that are penalized as well. A star player on the visiting team may be serving a suspension and thus would not play in the game. The next opportunity to see that player won't come until the following year. All your expectations (and your children's) expectations of seeing the player evaporated because of the suspension.

The same goes for hockey where suspensions also can remove players from the one-game-a-year appearance involving visiting teams from the opposite conference. It also could involve baseball. If you hold tickets to the first game of a four-game series and the visiting team's star is serving a one-game suspension, good luck trying to obtain tickets to any of the other three games of the series. They probably were sold out months ago.

Leagues quite properly issue suspensions for misbehavior on the part of players. But these decisions should not also penalize fans who have spent good money with the reasonable expectation that certain star players will be on hand.

We are not saying that some suspensions should not be immediate. We are saying that many could be deferred until the visiting team returns home — where fans have 42 opportunities — not just one — to see the star players perform.

A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS SEASON TO ALL