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What Could Congestion Pricing Mean for Boston Drivers

by Patti Sartori

Charging drivers a fee to come into the city was up for debate at last week's Boston City Council meeting. The concept is known as Congestion Pricing and would mandate a fee on drivers using heavily congested roadways during certain hours of the day and evening.

The goal is to fund transit improvements, improve air quality, and reduce vehicular traffic during rush hours. The fee is yet to be determined but would require collecting a toll from drivers entering a particular area of the city and would vary depending on the size of the vehicle, with trucks paying more and motorcyclists paying less.

This legislation was sponsored by Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson who stated she "Is of the mindset that we as a city should use tax dollars, our constituents' resources, to invest in transitioning populations or different families, especially of marginalized backgrounds to be able to get them to a place where transit transportation is an option."

This plan is currently being implemented in New York City, where the recommendation is a \$15.00 fee be imposed electronically on cars entering Manhattan, south or below 60th Street, once per day, with commercial trucks paying \$36.00, smaller trucks \$24.00 and an extra fee would be added to taxi, Uber, and Lyft.

At Wednesday's meeting councilor Ed Flynn questioned if a congestions pricing plan would impact the entire city or if it would be limited to certain areas of Boston? Councilor Fernandes Anderson noted she was not able to answer that question at this time, and called for a conversation on what type of congestion pricing would be in the city's best interest.

The MassGOP issued a statement condemning this plan as unfair to those who have to drive to work in the City of Boston. "Implementing



a congestion charge would directly impact residents reliant on commuting to work by car," said Amy Carnevale, the chairwoman of the MassGOP. "Following the footsteps of New York, Bostonians will encounter a hefty \$15.00 fee or more for their daily commute. Such a measure is unsustainable and unfair, particularly for individuals compelled to drive in and out of the city for work purposes daily." Carnevale also pointed to the numerous hospitals in Boston, and the fact that many cancer patients needing to access life-saving health care could face substantial costs if congestion pricing is implemented. Carnevale "Implored the city council to prioritize measures that enhance Boston's affordability rather than unfairly burdening those who do not share their political views through disproportionate taxation."

Councilors Ed Flynn and Erin Murphy were the only two members of the council who did not add their names as co-sponsors to the order. It was referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation. City leaders will hold a hearing on the Congestion Pricing plan to obtain feedback on how it would work for Boston.

News Briefs by Sal Giarratani

Milton Faces Fallout from T Zoning Vote

Shortly after Milton voters went to the polls on Wednesday, February 13 and overturned a statemandated zoning plan, Attorney General Andrea Campbell stated the town will now face legal repercussions. House secretary added the town will now lose significant state funding. Stated Campbell, "I'm disappointed that a select group of Milton residents chose to be part of the problem rather than the solution to our housing crisis ... compliance to the law is mandatory."

City Of Boston Issues Reminders Ahead of **Presidential Primary** Early Voting Will Take Place February 24 - March 1

The Boston Election Department is reminding voters that the Presidential Primary will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. The Presidential Primary determines the presidential candidate who will represent their political party in the November State Election. Early voting begins Saturday, run-

https://www.boston.gov/departments/elections/ early-voting-boston.

All early voting sites are equipped with electronic poll books for voter check in. Early voting locations are well staffed with poll workers and interpreters, and fully accessible to voters with disabilities.

Results from the town clerk showed that of the 9,500 ballots cast, 54 percent of the ballots were against compliance with the state mandate.

MassGOP Chair Urges Governor's Council to Reject Healey's Nominee for MA Supreme Judicial Court Post

MassGOP chairwoman Amy Carnevale recently called on Governor Healey to withdraw the nomination of State Appeals Court Judge Gabrielle Wolohojian to the MA Supreme Judicial Court.

Following the governor's nomination of her former longtime romantic partner to the MMSJC post, MassGOP chairwoman Amy Carnavale released the following statement, "It is highly inappropriate for the governor to nominate to the Massachusetts highest court, an individual with whom she had a long-term romantic relationship in the past. This nomination clearly demonstrates a lack of accountability inherent in one-party rule. We urge her to immediately withdraw her nominee and if not withdrawn, we urge the Governor's Council to reject this nominee."

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ning through March 1.

Voter Registration Deadline and Registration Information

The Voter Registration Deadline for the Presidential Primary is Saturday, February 24, 2024.

Registration must be postmarked by February 24, 2024. Voters can register in person at the Boston Election Department, located in City Hall Room 241, by 5 pm or register online by 11:59 pm at *https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/*.

In-person Early Voting

In-person early voting begins Saturday, February 24 and runs through Friday, March 1. City Hall is Boston's primary early voting site, with voting from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Voters are encouraged to enter City Hall through the Hanover Street entrance to access the early voting location on the second floor, Haymarket Room.

Neighborhood early voting locations will be available throughout the city on Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and from noon to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27 and Thursday, February 29. For a full list of early voting locations log on to

Vote-by-Mail

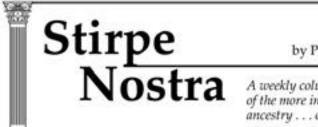
Voters may also choose to vote early by mail. Applications to request a vote-by-mail ballot must be received by Tuesday, February 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Vote-by-mail ballots may be returned using one of 21 drop boxes located throughout the City; in-person at the Boston Election Department located at City Hall Room 241; at an early voting location during the prescribed hours for voting; or via U.S. Mail.

Voters are asked to return all signed ballot packages, whether using a drop box or the US Mail in the white postage paid return envelope included with their vote by mail ballot. Ballots must reach the Boston Election Department or a ballot drop box by 8:00 pm on Tuesday, March 5 to be counted. **Ballots cannot be delivered to a polling location on Election Day.**

Voters can track the status of their vote-bymail ballots at *https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ WhereDoIVoteMA/TrackMyBallot.* If there is no movement indicated in the "Track My Ballot" system, voters should plan to vote in-person on Election Day.

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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



POLITICAL POWER



"Ambitio" or political ambition, the topic of last week's column, now leads us to "potestas" or power. Thoughts of political power recalls to mind the story of three Romans and the way that power, or the quest for it affected their lives.

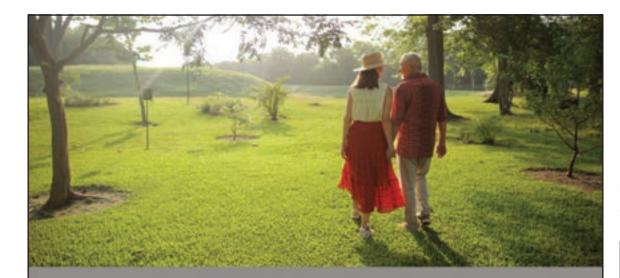
The first man, Quintas L. Cincinnatus, was a Roman aristocrat who lived during the early period of the Roman Empire. His son was banished from Rome because of violent language which he had used towards the tribunes. This punishment so saddened and disenchanted Cincinnatus that he retired to his ancestral farm, away from the great urban confusion. Shortly thereafter, the hostile action and successes of neighboring tribes, so alarmed the Roman authorities that they felt the need of a dictator and Cincinnatus was chosen for that office.

When the delegates went to announce the decision to the new dictator, they found him plowing his fields and from the plow he was elevated to the highest office in his country. The new dictator laid aside his farming clothes and took up the office of absolute power. He drafted a new army, conducted an overnight march to aid a Roman general whose forces were surrounded and blockaded in their own camp by the enemy. He quickly turned the tide of battle by surrounding and blockading the baffled enemy who were soon happy to submit to the new dictator's terms. Cincinnatus then returned in triumph to Rome, relinquished his dictatorial power after holding it for only 14-days and returned to his farm.

About 20 years later, Spurius Maelius, one of the richest of the Roman knights, used a great part of his fortune to buy up corn in Etruria (now Tuscany) during the great Roman famine of 439 B.C. He sold this corn to the poor at a small price and in some instances even distributed it free. The aristocrats accused Maelius of aiming at dictatorial power and to combat this threat, Cincinnatus at the age of 80, was once again appointed dictator.

Maelius was summoned to appear before the court of the dictator, but when he refused to go, a high ranking member of the equestrian order rushed out and slewed him. The property of Maelius was confiscated

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February 28 | 10:30 A.M. St. Leonard Church (St. Joseph's Hall) Illegal Immigration Could have a Major Impact on Congressional Seats

by Patti Sartori

In January, 2021, just after being sworn in as the newly elected President of the United States, Joe Biden signed an Executive Order requiring the U.S Census bureau to factor in all residents, including noncitizens as part of its calculations of the U.S. population. As a result, the number of house seats apportioned could significantly impact each states representation in the United States Congress House of Representatives.

Mark Krikorian, Executive Director of the center for Immigration Studies stated in a recent interview "Illegal immigrants aren't even supposed to be here, so their inclusion in the census count for purposes of apportionment is really outrageous." He went on to say, "Illegal immigration has all kinds of effects and among them is that it distorts the mechanics of democratic government. There are a lot of close votes in Congress, more than there used to be, so it can in fact make a difference. Is it healthy for our democratic process to be distorted this way? The answer is No."

According to the Federation for American Immigration reform there is an estimated 16.8 million illegal immigrants living in the U.S. as of June, 2023. Each house seat represents an average of 761,168 residents, resulting in approximately 22 seats accounted toward illegal immigrants.

Lori Ries, Director of the Heritage Foundation's Border Security and Immigration Center believes this issue "Doesn't get enough attention and with millions coming in right now it deserves a bright, hot spotlight." Ries recently published an essay warning that illegal immigration is triggering a "warped representation" in congress. "Barring the census from including noncitizens in apportionment is critical in making sure that American citizens — the only population who can and should vote in U.S. elections — are picking America's leaders", wrote Ries. She argues that prohibiting the census bureau from counting illegal immigrants toward its apportionment population would discourage sanctuary policies in Democratic-led cities and states, and that such a policy would ensure that only American citizens shape our political landscape and prevent foreign nationals from determining the political destiny of the United States.

There is a call from congress to pass the Equal Representation Act, which Republicans introduced last month. This legislation would require the census bureau to include a citizenship question in any future census and prohibit noncitizens from being counted for congressional district apportionment.

Federal dollars allotted to each state is based upon population, so obviously it helps states who have a higher illegal immigration population to see more federal funding. But do Americans truly believe that anyone who comes over the border illegally should be equally represented in congress as compared to American citizens?

In January, 2024, the federal government reported more than 156,000 migrant encounters at the U.S. southern border, which was a decrease in December, 2023 when more than 302,000 migrants were encountered crossing the border, which was by far the largest single month figure to ever be recorded.

The United States Census Bureau will conduct the next census in 2030, which will begin to impact congressional house seats beginning in 2033.

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Send letter to: Pamela Donnaruma, Editor, The Post-Gazette, P.O. Box 130135, Boston, MA 02113 The Bill of Obligations,

with subtitle The Ten

Habits of Good Citizens is

a recently published work

that allows the reader

both a good primer of

the importance, and

indeed purpose of the

American Constitution's

first ten Amendments, as

well as strategies which

can be implemented by

citizens in fulfilling those

responsibilities. This can

be achieved, as the book

succinctly indicates, with

ideas that "illuminate

how Americans across

the political spectrum

can rediscover how to

contribute to and reshape

Bestselling author

Richard Haass, and

president emeritus

of the nonpartisan

Council on Foreign Relations,

approaches the subject with

political neutrality; he writes

in his introduction about his

background in government

serving under both Democrat

and Republican administrations

and has concluded that at

this time there is no greater need then to have the citizenry

engaged in the political process,

and "to solve our climate of

division and safeguard our

democracy, the very idea of

citizenship must be revised and

The author presents his case

in this short, albeit thorough

treatment with his two part

narrative. The first part, The

Crises of Our Rights-Based

Democracy articulates a good

foundation of why the first ten

Amendments (also referred

to as the Bill of Rights!) were

included in the Law of the Land,

and that being to safeguard

basic protections (such as

religion, free speech, rights to

a fair trial, et al) for the then

nascent nation. One must

realize too, in the context

history, why "Father of the

Constitution" James Madison

expanded."

this country's future."

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Anthony Taglieri April 14, 1949 - February 19, 2024

Anthony Taglieri of Boston on February 19, 2024. Beloved son of the late Enrico "Henry Tag" and Louise Marie (LaMattina) Taglieri. Loving father of Harmony Perez and her husband Javier of Hyde Park, Anthony Taglieri, Jr. and his wife Susana (Silva) of Stoughton and the late Joseph Taglieri, Former husband of the late Ann Daly. Cherished grandfather of Cassidy Taglieri, Anthony



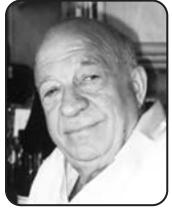
Taglieri, III, Adriana Taglieri and Angelina Giannetti. Dear brother of John "Giacomo" Taglieri of Nahant, Rosemary Taglieri and her husband Anthony of Stoneham, Linda Riccio and her husband Gerald of the North End, and Janice Curley and her late husband Joseph of Plymouth. Also survived by loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will receive visitors on Thursday, February 22, 2024 from 4pm to 8pm in the J.S. Waterman Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial St., Boston. COMPLIMENTARY VALET PARKING ATTENDANTS AT FRONT DOOR.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, February 23, 2024 at 10am in St. Leonard Church, 320 Hanover St., Boston.

Anthony "Biffo" Coppola April 6, 1926 - February 20, 2024

Anthony "Biffo" Coppola 1 of Boston's North End passed away February 20, 2024. Beloved son of the late Domenic and Maria (Capodilupo) Coppola. Husband of Diane (Marcy) Coppola of Reading. Adored father of Anthony Coppola and his partner Christina Gaudin of Revere, Carol Dimino and her husband Joe of Fort Lee, NJ, Michele Smith and her partner Daryl Prince of Las Vegas, NV, Dominic Coppola and his partner Laurie D'Elia of East Boston, Marc Coppola and his wife Karla of Burlington and the late Richard Coppola. Cherished grandfather of Anthony Coppola, Joseph Dimino, Carissa Rubin, and Marco Coppola. Dear brother of the late Johnny "Blah" Coppola and Joseph "Cheegelo" Coppola. Also survived by loving great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The family will receive visitors on Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 9:30am to 11am in St. Leonard Church, 320 Hanover St, Boston with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 11am. Services will conclude with interment in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody.



The Bill of Obligations by Richard Haass

Book review by John Joseph Fahey

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THE TEN HABITS OF GOOD CITIZENS

RICHARD HAASS

"A vital work for a decisive time," --- Jon Meacham

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along with other Founding Fathers found it essential to incorporate these rights in The United States Constitution: to protect individuals from the prospect of an authoritarian government. One must realize that the country was still in the aftermath of the Revolutionary War.

However, while the danger of an oppressive government was much of the reason of the inclusion of the Bill of Rights in the Constitution, Haass argues that today the threat of the breakdown of the republic is not from a foreign source, but rather due to internecine politics; the problems of disconnect are due to: "...our increasingly partisan, dysfunctional politics.

The solution to this dilemma believes Haass, is to have an involved population, doing their part as an informed and participating citizenry, doing their part to help move the country forward. Undeniably, as the book's subtitle The Ten Habits of Good Citizens suggests, and with a population that takes the concept of democracy seriously, those at the grassroots level can certainly be an impetus for change. Part Two of the book explains how.

While The Bill of Obligations' Part One relates the causes of an apathetic electorate and citing the frustration of the results of Congressional partisan politics among others, Part Two, titled The Bill of Obligations, enlightens the reader of methods that can be implemented to help in achieving the goal of not only being a good citizen but an effective one as well.

In enumerating his ten obligations, Haass has laid out the theme of his book. In 10 concise chapters, we find the following obligations

are recommended for those desiring to become involved, as our system of representative government does not usually allow for direct participation in legislation: Be Informed; Get Involved; Stay Open to Compromise; Remain Civil; Reject Violence; Value Norms; Promote the Common Good; Respect Government Service; Supporting the Teaching of Civics and Put Country First.

It must be realized that due to the Bill of Rights, rights of the citizens are guaranteed by the government to prevent abuse of power; and in this succinct work, Haass clearly presents this, with describing those obligations that the citizen gives in return to achieve an effective government. As he furthermore states: "The central argument of this book is that American democracy will endure only if obligations join rights at the core of a widely shared understanding of citizenship."

The Bill of Obligations is published by Penguin Books and is 220 pp.



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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore Baking Away the February Days

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



I recently noticed that the culinary world is at war, a drawn-out conflict between cooks and bakers. If one believes the Internet, cooks deride bakers for their supposed lack of spontaneity and creativity; bakers prefer the comfort of following a recipe. This conflict never manifested in my childhood — my mother cooked up a hearty meal of orecchiette with broccoli rabe as easily as she baked my scrumptious birthday cakes. However, as I grew older and developed my own identity in the kitchen, I realized that I am definitely more of a baker. I love the magic of turning the basic essentials of human life, flour and water, into substantial treats. I adore the way the oven warms my kitchen and embraces me with tantalizing scents. Finally, I do see the creativity in baking, in the way one simple recipe can be adapted, tweaked and altered to yield a myriad of delectable results.

A lot of praise has been heaped - justifiably! - on how wonderful Italian entrees are, but oftentimes traditional Italian desserts go unnoticed. So, in honor of my love for baking, I have compiled a list of desserts from the Old Country that stir passion and nostalgia through my veins. Since Italian desserts are plentiful, I will try to focus on desserts that pertain to the month of February, a very sweet month indeed due to St. Valentine's Day and Carnival! I hope you enjoy this trip down memory lane as much as my stomach does!

• **Cannoli:** Arguably the most famous Italian dessert, cannoli are a staple in cookbooks and supermarket aisles everywhere. To find an *authentic* cannolo, however, your best bet is a small family-run bakery or restaurant, of which Boston's Italian neighborhoods have plenty! The traditional filling for cannoli is ricotta, and the shells must be freshly filled with it to order. Leaving a cannolo languishing with cream inside will make the shell turn from a decadent crisp to a mushy mess. Interesting facts about cannoli: they originated in Sicily, specifically the Palermo region, but they are now enjoyed all over Italy and around the world. Cannoli were originally treats for the Carnival season, when dishes made of rich ingredients were eagerly consumed before the austere period of Lent. The name "cannolo" means "little tube" in Italian, speaking to their distinctive shape!

• Cenci, Quaresimali and Pizza Fritta: Known as "angel wings" in English, these fried strips of dough covered in powdered sugar are a real Carnival delicacy in Italy. I loved making them with my grandmother on an early-spring day, when the joyous sensation of Carnival penetrates my bones and the promise of Easter seems just a few hops away. My grandmother always called these little goodies cenci, but they are known by different names according to the region of Italy. Many of the names reflect the whimsical nature of Carnival, as you will also find them called bugie (lies) or chiacchiere (chatter)! Now, however, we are in Lent, which means a new round of traditional sweets that reflect the simpler aesthetic of this period. Quaresimali, or a type of almond biscotti, line Italian store shelves during this transitional season from winter to spring. Fried pizza dough sprinkled with sugar and cinnamon, known as pizza fritta, is another unpretentious Lenten dessert.

• Crostata: A crostata is an Italian tart or pie, whose name derives from the word "crust." Crostatas are rustic, free-form pastries, and the beauty of this treat is that the filling can change according to the season. February can call for crostatas stuffed with wintry orange marmalade, tart lemon curd or a fresh pear compote. Why not extend St. Valentine's Day celebrations all month long

by making a romantic crostata with ruby-red strawberry or raspberry preserves, or - my favorite! — Nutella?

• Pizzelle: Hard or soft? Vanilla, anise or lemon extract? No one can agree on what makes perfect pizzelle, or the waffled cookies so popular among Italians and Italian-Americans. When there is this much debate about a dessert, it must mean that it has permeated deep into the culture. I am partial to soft pizzelle, but honestly all forms are so good that I'd rather eat them than fight about them. Pizzelle are often associated with holidays, like Christmas or Easter, or special events like weddings and baby showers, so much so that I cannot think of pizzelle without imagining some kind of party in my mind. Fun fact: pizzelle originate from Abruzzi, the part of Italy my father hailed from!

• Tiramisu: I always thought tiramisu was an old Italian dessert, but quick research tells me it is a mid-twentieth century invention. That could be why tiramisu, in its modern incarnation, never appeared in any of my grandmother's childhood cookbooks. One would think that because it is a more contemporary dessert its origins would be easily investigated, but the creation of tiramisu is actually shrouded in legends and myths. Some say the earliest tiramisu was prepared in 17th century Siena for Cosimo de Medici. Others say it was created in the 1960s in the Veneto city of Treviso. All that is certain is that the name of this mascarpone-and-ladyfinger layered dessert means "pick me up," which its servings of espresso will certainly do! Tiramisu is a romantic pick for continuing St. Valentine's Day desserts later into the month.

What is your favorite Italian dessert? Let me know what makes your stomach grumble and your heart melt like a chocolate zabaglione. Until then, keep cooking!

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.

LEGAL NOTICE



MassGOP Goes to Bat for Charter Students

After watching the first two weekends of the BPS Sundays pilot program in play, MassGOP leadership called for charter school students to have the same opportunity for free admission to several of Boston's cultural institutions.

Kudos to MassGOP Chair Amy Carnevale, who lashed out at Mayor Wu for leaving charter school students out of this pilot program. Carnevale stated, "Just as families in non-charter school systems face financial struggles limiting access to these museums, so do many charter school families."

Personally, I think the MassGOP should have also mentioned Metco and parochial school students as also deserving of being included in this enrichment pilot program. The city launched the BPS Sunday program at the start of February, allowing students enrolled in BPS schools

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. MI23D3351DR **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY** PUBLICATION AND MAILING VALERIE I. DAVIDSON-RYAN

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

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Jesse P. Stephens, Esq., Northeast Legal Aid, 35 John St., Suite 302, Lowell, MA 01852 your answer, if any, on or before March 13, 2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 01, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

to participate in this city pilot program.

The city, when questioned, left open the possibility of adding more school age children not in the Boston Public Schools access to this pilot program down the line.

I believe the mayor should be looking out for all school-aged children living in our Boston neighborhoods. The mayor didn't go far enough for all the children of Boston regardless of what school system they attend. She has failed on this decision. But she can change things if she wants.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 Docket No. SU23P1901GD NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor In the interests of ISAAC ABELINO PORTILLO MALDONADO of Boston, MA Minor NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 09/05/2023 by Lucia Maldonado of Boston, MA, Maria A. Rodriguez of Boston, MA will be held 03/18/2024 8:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA,

3rd Floor Probation Department. 2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or

by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard. 5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A

minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests Date: January 24, 2024

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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. MI24C0131CA In the Matter of JULIETTA DAMIANOS ATHANASIADOU CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Julietta Damianos Athanasiadou of Arlington, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Julietta Athanasiades. 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 March 15, 2024. 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. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court Date: FEBRUARY 16, 2024

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Governor Healey Signs Executive Order Establishing Artificial Intelligence (AI) Strategic Task Force

Governor to Seek \$100 Million in Upcoming Economic Development Bill to Create Applied AI Hub in Massachusetts

Governor Maura Healey signed an Executive Order establishing the Artificial Intelligence Strategic Task Force to study AI and Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) technology and its impact on the state, private businesses, higher education institutions, and constituents. The Task Force will conduct outreach and collect input from stakeholders and experts, advise the Governor and executive branch on the state's role in AI implementation, and find ways to encourage leading industries to adopt this technology to ensure continued success.

The mission of the Task Force is to create specific recommendations for how the state can best support the state's businesses in leading sectors around AI adoption. It will also produce recommendations focused on startups' ability to scale and succeed in Massachusetts.

"Massachusetts has the opportunity to be a global leader in Applied AI – but it's going to take us bringing together the brightest minds in tech, business, education, health care and government. That's exactly what this task force will do," said Governor Maura Healey. "Members of the task force will collaborate on strategies that keep us ahead of the curve by leveraging AI and GenAI technology, which will bring significant benefit to our economy and communities across the state."

"Our administration acknowledges AI as a transformative technology set to influence various aspects of our nation's economy," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "This Task Force will position Massachusetts as a hub for talent and business excellence, as we examine economic shifts driven by AI with the goal of establishing our state as a global leader in its effective and responsible utilization."

AI is a machine-based system that can, for a given set of human objectives, make predictions, recommendations, or decisions. GenAI as used in this Order, is a type of artificial intelligence technology that can generate many forms of content including but not limited to texts, images, and multimedia.

The Task Force will have subject-specific working groups that will create recommendations to leverage AI in leading sectors, such as education, healthcare, life sciences, robotics, and financial services. The launch of the Task Force delivers on a commitment from the Administration's Economic Development Plan, Team MA: Leading Future Generations.

The AI Strategic Task Force consists of 26 individuals representing members of the business community, higher education institutions, and state and local government. The Secretaries of Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) and the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (EOTSS) will serve as state co-chairs. Mike Milligan of the UMass system and Santiago Garces of Boston will serve as cochairs from the academic community and local government.

Governor Healey will seek \$100 million in her upcoming economic development legislation to create an Applied AI Hub in Massachusetts. The funding will be used for a capital grant program to support the adoption and application of AI capabilities to solve public policy problems and to advance the state's lead in technology sectors, including life sciences, healthcare, financial services, advanced manufacturing, robotics and education. Subject to the legislative process, this capital fund will position the state to act on the strategic goals and priorities of the AI Strategic Task Force established by this Executive Order and will focus on capital expenses related to the incubation of AI firms, adoption of AI technologies and the development of AI software and hardware technology development and commercialization. The Governor's recently filed FutureTech Act includes a \$25 million authorization for IT capital AI projects within the Executive Branch.

The Executive Office of Administration and Finance (A&F) and EOTSS announced a partnership with Northeastern on InnovateMA, a collaboration between higher ed and the Healey-Driscoll administration to leverage AI across state government. Northeastern co-ops have started assisting the state with implementing an AI solution.



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AUTHENTIC IRELAND HAS LANDED IN WALTHAM!

Celebrate the spirit of St. Patrick's Day this year without the need for a trans-Atlantic flight. Immerse yourself in the rich traditions of Irish heritage at Reagle Music Theatre's The Magic of Ireland: A St. Patrick's Day Concert. The performances will take place on March 9th at 4 PM and March 10th at 2 PM at Reagle Music Theatre's 1000-seat performance center in Waltham High School.

Featuring the spellbinding

artistry of Broadway and Boston-based performers, including Dublin-born Ciarán Sheehan (Broadway's The Phantom of the Opera, Les Misérables), IRNE and NETC award-winning Kathy St. George (Broadway's Fiddler on the Roof, Off Broadway: I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change), Jennifer Ellis (RMT's Wonderful Town, Carousel), and Rick Sherburne (RMT's Oklahoma, West Side Story), this memorable concert will showcase beautiful Irish melodies, musicians, poetry, comedy, and heartwarming stories.

The lineup features Irish step dancers from the prestigious Harney Academy of Irish Dancing. Founded in 1990 by Liam Harney, a two-time World Champion and accredited teacher and adjudicator with the An Coimisiun Le Rince Gaelacha in Ireland, he will lend his expertise to choreograph the Irish dance selections for this production.

Reagle's Artistic Director Rachel Bertone expresses her enthusiasm, stating, "We are thrilled to be hosting such a variety of very talented performers in celebration of Irish culture.



The show promises to have something to delight everyone in the audience."

Kathy St. George, excited to share stories of her upbringing, says, "My grandmother owned and operated the St. George Hotel in Parnell Square, Dublin. She taught me to never forget "who you are, where you came from, and how proud and lucky you were to be Irish."

Performances are scheduled for Saturday, March

9th at 4 PM and Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online, over the phone at 781-891-5600, or in person at the box office, open Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ABOUT REAGLE MUSIC THEATRE

Reagle Music Theatre of Greater Boston aims to present the highest quality of musical theatre productions by combining talented regional performers with professional performers and technicians. Founded in 1969 under Robert J. Eagle, Reagle Music Theatre has remained committed to the Waltham Public Schools by using the skills of its company to strengthen, enhance, and educate the youth on the joys of theatre. This partnership has fostered a \$1.2 million dollar renovation of the Waltham High School Theater and large additions to the Fine Arts Wing. The National Endowment for the Arts has yet to find another professional theatre company connected so closely to a public school system.

To learn more about Reagle Music Theatre, please visit www.reaglemusictheatre.org/



Gear Up for the 2024 Garden Season

by Melinda Myers

It's never too early to prepare for the garden season ahead. Having the right tool for the job saves time, reduces the frustration of trying to make the wrong tool work, and allows you to garden longer with less muscle fatigue.

Take an inventory of all your tools. Be sure to check the shed, garage, or tool caddy. Make a list of those that need to be replaced or need an update. This is also a good time to clean and sharpen those tools you plan to use in the coming growing season.

As you update your tools, you may want to purchase a few hand tools with comfortable wooden handles and carbon steel heads. The wood adds a natural aesthetic that goes hand in hand with gardening.

Make sure you have the right shovels for those frequent digging tasks. Perhaps it is time to invest in a longhandled shovel with a narrow head that allows you to dig in small spaces. Corona's DigMaster Nursery Shovel has a hardened steel blade and a handle for durability and long life. The ComfortGel grip allows you to keep working longer.

Like digging with the rightsized shovel, deadheading flowers with the right tool makes it easier and vou're more likely to get the job done. For those with a lot of deadheading, select one with an ergonomic design, a finger loop for better control, and an easy-release lock like Corona's Ergo Dead Header Snips.

Late winter and early spring are also the time to do a bit of trimming and pruning on indoor plants. Pruners and snips with specially shaped blades, like the Corona BP14623 Houseplant Pruner, make trimming individual leaves and stems easier, ensuring you make the cut where planned.

A scoop comes in handy when placing potting mix or fertilizer in containers. The more you use it, the more uses you will discover for scoops like Corona's Multi-Scoop with a stainless-steel scoop and ComfortGel grip.

If you struggle to haul soil, mulch, and plants to the



tires to make moving the load over rough ground easier? Consider one with sides that fold down for easier loading and unloading. Or perhaps one with a dumping mechanism, like Corona's CR1000 Poly Dump Cart, that makes it easy to empty loads of mulch and soil where it is needed.

And don't forget about the young gardeners in your life. Having their own set of properly sized hand tools, long-handled tools, and of course, a wheelbarrow will make working with you in the garden even more special. Kids, like adults, benefit from spending time in the garden. Give them their own garden patch or row to dig, plant, and tend. You'll all have more fun.

When upgrading your garden tools, consider donating those that are still in good working order to a nearby community garden, school garden, or master gardener group. They can always use extra tools to help them grow gardeners of all ages. And those that have reached the end of life can be turned into garden art. It's a great way to save memories of gardens' past.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was garden bed, it may be time commissioned by Corona to invest in a garden cart. Tools for her expertise in writing this article. Myers' website is www.

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Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

— Longfellow was born on February 27, 1807, to Stephen Longfellow and Zilpah (Wadsworth) Longfellow in Portland, Maine, then a district of Massachusetts. His father was a lawyer, and his maternal grandfather was Peleg Wadsworth, a general in the American Revolutionary War and a Member of Congress. He was the second of eight children

Longfellow was descended from English colonists who settled in New

England in the early 1600s. They included Mayflower Pilgrims Richard Warren, William Brewster, and John and Priscilla Alden through their daughter Elizabeth Pabodie, the first child born in Plymouth Colony.

Longfellow graduated from Bowdoin College and became a professor there and later at Harvard College after studying in Europe. His first major poetry collections were Voices of the Night (1839) and Ballads and Other Poems (1841). He retired from teaching in 1854 to focus on his writing, and he lived the remainder of his life in the Revolutionary War headquarters of George Washington in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

His first wife, Mary Potter, passed away in 1835 after a miscarriage. His second wife, Frances Appleton, passed away in 1861 after sustaining burns when her dress caught fire. After her death, Longfellow had difficulty writing poetry for a time and focused on translating works from foreign languages.

Longfellow wrote many lyric poems known for their musicality and often presenting stories of mythology and legend. He became the most popular American poet of his day and had success overseas. He has been criticized for imitating European styles and writing poetry that was too sentimental

In March 1882, Longfellow went to bed with severe stomach pain. He endured the pain for several days. He died surrounded by family on Friday, March 24, 1882. He had been suffering from peritonitis.

Longfellow is buried with both of his wives at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, Massachusetts. His last few years were spent translating the poetry of Michelangelo. Longfellow never considered it complete enough to be published during his lifetime, but a posthumous edition was collected in 1883. He is best known for Paul Revere's Ride, The Song of Hiawatha, and The Wreck of the Hesperus.



Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Probate and Family Court Suffolk Division Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street José Luis Sánchez del Río was born on March 28, 1913 in Sahuayo, Michoacán, Mexico. He attended school first in his hometown, then in Guadalajara.

During this time, the Mexican government wanted to extinguish the influence of the Catholic Church throughout the country. They started executing priests, seizing the Catholic Church's property, and closing religious schools and convents, in accordance with anti-clerical laws that were written into the Mexican Constitution. People from many of the central and western states in Mexico rebelled against the government in defense of the Catholic Church.

When the Cristero War broke out in 1926, (The rural uprising in north-central Mexico was tacitly supported by the Church hierarchy, and was aided by urban Catholic supporters), Jose's brothers joined the rebel forces, but his mother would not allow Jose' to take part. The rebel general, Prudencio Mendoza Alcazar, also refused his enlistment. The boy insisted that he wanted the chance to give his life for Jesus Christ. Mendoza relented and allowed José to become the flagbearer of the troop. The Cristeros nicknamed him Tarcisius, after the early Christian saint who was martyred for protecting the Eucharist from desecration.

On January 25, 1928, General Mendoza's horse was killed during heavy fighting. José gave his horse up for the general so that the fight could continue. José sought cover, firing at the



enemy troops until he ran out of ammunition.

José was ultimately captured by the government troops and imprisoned in the sacristy of the local church. During his captivity, José was ordered to renounce his faith in Christ. Even under the threat of death, José refused. He was forced to watch the hanging of another Cristero. Instead of breaking his resolve, José encouraged the man, telling him they would meet again soon in Heaven.

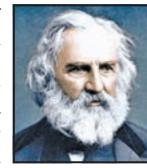
On February 10, 1928, after realizing they would not break José's faith, the government troops cut the bottom of his feet and forced him to walk around the town toward the cemetery. During his walk, José recited the rosary, prayed for his enemies, and sang songs to Our Lady of Guadalupe, despite being cut with a machete several times.

He cried out in pain, but José did not give in. They told him if he shouted, "Death to Christ the King," they would spare his life. Instead, José would shout, "I will never give in. Viva Cristo Rey y Santa Maria de Guadalupe!"

Out of frustration, the soldiers forced him to walk to the cemetery, where José was martyred on February 10, 1928, just shy of his 15th birthday.

Jose' was Canonized on October 16, 2016 by Pope Benedict XVI. The Feast Day of Saint Jose' Sanchez del Rio is February 10. He is the patron saint of persecuted Christians and children.





Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 Docket No. SU24P0316EA Estate of

LEROY DIXON

Date of Death: November 03, 2023

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Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 Docket No. SU24P0183EA Estate of MAUREEN DONOVAN Date of Death: February 07, 2021

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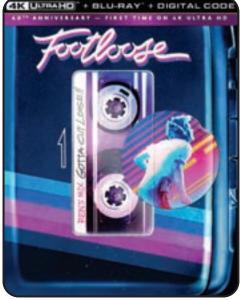


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FOOTLOOSE – 40TH ANNIVERSARY (4K Ultra HD + Blu-ray + Digital) Paramount Home Entertainment

Jumping with the spirit of freedom, dazzling dance numbers, and an electrifying '80s musical soundtrack. Footloose is released on 4K Ultra HD for its 40th Anniversary. Originally released on February 17, 1984, it is now available from Paramount Home Entertainment in limited edition collectible SteelBook. It's the timeless struggle between innocent pleasure and rigid morality for city boy Ren McCormack (Kevin Bacon). Newly moved to an uptight small town where dancing has been banned, Ren quickly makes a new best friend in Willard (Chris Penn) and falls fast for the minister's daughter (Lori Singer), but his love for music and dancing gets him into hot water equally as fast. The film features an exceptional supporting cast, including Singer, Dianne Wiest, John Lithgow, Sarah Jessica Parker, and Penn, along with a sensational soundtrack featuring Kenny Loggins (Footloose + I'm Free), Shalamar (Dancing in the Sheets), Deniece Williams (Let's Hear If for the Boy), Bonnie Tyler (Holding Out for a Hero), Quiet Riot (Bang Your Head - Metal Health), John Mellencamp (Hurts So Good), Foreigner (Waiting for a Girl Like You), and more. Both "Footloose" and "Let's Hear It for the Boy" were nominated for the Academy Award[®] for Best Music, Original Song.

SISTERS (DVD) IndiePix Films

Latvian teens, rebellious 13-year-old Anastasija (Emma Skirmante) and her younger sister Diana (Gerda Aljena) live together in an overcrowded Latvian orphanage. While Diana is excited by the news of their pending adoption by a wealthy American couple, Anastasija acts out in defiance, clinging to the hope that they can be reunited with their biological mother who has recently been released from prison. Director Linda Olte stated, "My film is based on several years of research, which I have conducted in Latvian orphanages, working with young children and becoming a temporary foster parent myself. I find it extremely important that the voices of these children be put forth in the world in the most honest and truthful way possible, even if that means exposing the darkest and most inconvenient parts of the orphanage system in my country. During the production of our film, adoption to foreign countries became illegal in Latvia, and with the film we aim to re-open the debate on this issue."

PUNTO ROJO (DVD) MVD Visual

Diego (Demian Salomon) is a crook and a hooligan for "Racing Club," one of Argentina's greatest soccer teams. While sitting in his car in the middle of nowhere and participating in a quiz show about his beloved football team, a man suddenly falls from the sky and into his windshield. When a tough as nails female secret agent (Moro Anghileri) arrives to confront Diego and asks about the dangerous con man keeping a dark secret who happens to be kidnapped in the trunk of his car, all hell is about to break loose!

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

BEATLES LAND ON THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW FEBRUARY 9, 1964

I remember that day well. February 9, 1964, Ed Sullivan had the Beatles on his show for the first of three Sunday nights that month. Over 73 million viewers turned in to the show that Sunday night. My family joined my cousin Phyllis and her family for Sunday dinner and then we all sat down in the living room to watch *The Ed Sullivan Show.* It was this British band's first trip to America.

The British pop group would change the whole world of music from then on. Ed Sullivan brought them on stage and then the screaming from the audience began. I put the Beatles up there with Elvis Presley who was also showcased on Ed Sullivan's really big show.

I can't believe that was over 60 years ago now, seems like only yesterday to me. However, the following year, my brother, two friends, and myself put together our own rock & roll band named the SilenSirs. We were a bit Beatles, a bit American Rock and Roll, and a lot of Motown and Philly R&B.

We dressed for the part, had all the moves, and went on stage ready always to be Roxbury's version of the Beatles. It was a great period in my musical life. I still meet folks and former fans who still remember seeing us live on stage. Sadly, most of the band is up in heaven. I'm still here and I was the oldest member back then. Those were the good old days and now it all seems like ancient history much like February 9,1964 and the Beatles onstage with Ed Sullivan.

THREE OLD ROCK & ROLL SONGS I LOVE

There's "Working in a Coal Mine" by the great Lee Dorsey. Then, there's "Chain Gang" by Sam Cooke, which was released on July 26, 1960. Finally, there's my all-time best Rock and Roll "Sixteen Tons" by Tennessee Ernie Ford that was released back on October 18, 1956, when I was eight years old and used to watch him every week on his TV show with my whole family. Of course that show was sponsored by none other than the Ford Motor Company.

By the way, this past February 13 would have been his 105 birthday. He passed away on October 17, 1991. Thinking about him, you get the blues, rock and roll, and plenty of country. His voice was deep and powerful, too.

REMEMBER "DING-DONG THE WITCH IS DEAD?

Last Friday morning while driving to work, I had Sirius Radio 73 on the radio and the station was playing "Ding-Dong the Witch is Dead." This tune was released back in 1939 for the movie *The Wizard of Oz*. A group named the Fifth Estate came out with a so-called sunshine pop version in 1967, actually this 45-RPM vinyl tune debuted on May 20, 1967 and ended up on the Billboard 100 Chart at #11. I always found this 1967 version even better than the version from the 1939 blockbuster movie starring Judy Garland.

A GUY SONG FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

The other day while listening to the radio, I heard a great Valentine's Day song on "60s Gold" by Percy Sledge called "Take Time to Know Her" from way back in 1968. You don't hear it that much anymore.

DON'T DENY YOURSELVES THIS SHOW

Save this date: February 24. The time starts at 7:00 p.m. Don't be Denied on stage. Steven Snyder & Friends — A fundraiser for ZUMIX. All proceeds going to ZUMIX. Pizza included with admission. Cash Bar opens before and after the show.

CANADA BORDER NOW IN TROUBLE, TOO

Border crossings from Canada into upstate New York, New Hampshire and Vermont reached a record number last year, as migrants took advantage of understaffing and the lack of fences at the northern border.

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JOY STICKS - COLLECTOR'S EDITION (Blu-ray) MVD Rewind Collection

There's something going on at the local video arcade - something totally insane, outrageously hilarious, very sexy and thoroughly entertaining; the hit film Joy Sticks! This antic romp begins when 'The Video Arcade's' newest employee, Eugene (Leif Green) arrives pantless for his first day on the job. Teenage heartthrob Jeff (Scott McGuinnis), who runs the arcade and Dorfus (Jim Greenleaf), the slovenly video game addict, decide to take revenge on the vivacious Alva (Kym Malin) and Lola for tricking Eugene out of his pants with a wild game of 'strip video.' But before they can act, King Vidiot (Jon Gries) and his sexy troupe of high-tech video addicts invade the arcade and pandemonium breaks loose. In the midst of the chaos, Joseph Rutter (Joe Don Baker), an influential businessman, comes into the arcade looking for his daughter Patsy (Corinne Bohrer). When he witnesses the madness around him, he vows to see the 'den of juvenile delinquency' shut down for good! Will the city council decide to close the arcade and spoil the kids' fun? Or, will Jeff, Eugene and Dorfus manage to turn Rutter's anger with a little help from Alva and Lola? It all comes together in a climatic and hilarious video game competition - with a winner-takes-all bet on the future of the video arcade in this early 80's cult classic comedy produced and directed by Greydon Clark.

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Like many guys from East Boston and the North End, hanging with my friends on a street corner was a way of life. My last corner of choice was Brooks and Bennington Street. It was a five street East Boston intersection with Benbrook Pharmacy on one corner, John Sava's Italian Supermarket across the street. On the 3^{rd} corner was a donut shop, called Okey Dokey, I think. A house was on the point of the 4th corner and Barney's Barbecue was on the street that slanted into the 5 street intersection, Havre St. (They serve Columbian food these days). The groups of males hanging out spanned the age range from early teens to early forties. Each group of guys had their own agenda. For those of us, who were in our mid to late teens, dancing to the latest doo wop sounds, driving the sharpest souped- up Fords or Chevys, wearing the latest styles of clothing and chasing the prettiest high school aged girls were the most important things in our lives.

I remember listening to Dad and some of his old neighborhood friends about hanging around Maverick Square in their generation, and the stories seemed to parallel what I experienced decades later. The one thing that Dad and I discussed one day was how successful we were, as compared to some of those friends who never made it off the corner. Many of the guys in both our generations never finished high school. They quit school to go to work and make enough money to buy that Ford or Chevy I mentioned above. As a result, regardless of their intelligence levels, they were limited to menial jobs or jobs that required physical strength, only. For my age group, the draft was down the road and some of my friends quit school to join their favorite branch of the military before the army beckoned them welcome. The ones who graduated high school stood a better chance for

me from the street corner was my job at the Seville Theater. It occupied a lot of my time from the age of 16 when I became the head usher.

The second thing that removed me from just hanging around was making a commitment to learn how to play an instrument and becoming a musician. The third thing that pulled me away was being accepted into college. Before the end of my first year as a college freshman, I identified less and less with the street corner society that filled my needs just a short time before this. By the time I was in my last two years of college, I was playing music professionally and doing rather well. I still had my job at the Seville, and the two endeavors combined, allowed me to pay my own way through life with a nice sum left over to enjoy the pleasures life had to offer ... and I was still in my teen years.

Dad, Babbononno, and Mr. Ray, the manager at the Seville, advised me and helped in developing my directions in life, and of course, there was Uncle Nick, my Godfather, who promised that someday I could play in the bands he worked for. A few times, I decided to return to the old street corner to see some of my old pals. The problem was that the ones that had something to say just didn't understand. They didn't get it. I heard comments like, "You got all the breaks," or "You're a lucky S.O.B., everything went your way." They seemed to discount or ignore what helped me make those changes in my life that put me on the ladder to success. After a while, I stopped heading back to the street corner and went my own way.

Don't get me wrong. There were others I chummed around with that were successful, too. Several followed the trades and prospered in life, but we were the tip of the iceberg.

Many times Dean Saluti and I have discussed how and why we were able to achieve the successes we've experienced in life and the same answers kept coming up: strong family ties, education, perseverance, commitment, and later on, a strong woman behind us. Dean has Margie, and I have Loretta. Thinking back to the street corner days, I remembered a few individuals that were well respected. Later in life, I wondered if what was called respect was really fear, because they were the tough guys. Not too long ago, I drove past the old corner. The Italian and Irish faces had been replaced by ones that are Latin American. We had our day, and I guess it's now their turn. Nothing ever stands still. The unfortunate part of it for me is, at this age (85), I often see the names of those long lost friends in the Globe obituaries. When I read their obits, I tell my wife, "If I had known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself." (Please laugh at this point)

I wonder, too, if luck has had something to do with the outcomes of our lives. Is it luck or just that some of us were able to take advantage of the opportunities that came our way. Hmm? I guess I'll never know. I may have mentioned in past columns that, occasionally, I get together with some of the guys I knew in high school. Dad wouldn't let me go to East Boston High. He insisted that I go to an in town school. I opted for English High, and about once a year about twenty of us out of the 1956 graduating class get together for dinner at the Union Oyster house. It's ironic, grads from America's oldest public high school getting together at America's oldest restaurant. Most of those who attend the annual dinner have similar stories, as they all came from neighborhoods that were similar to East Boston and the North End. Out of the group, there are only two of us that are not retired. Most are now grandfathers and carry around pictures of their grandchildren in their wallets or cell phones. Hey, wait a minute. I do the same thing. I have three grandchildren and one on the way.

Son John's kids are Lina and Nathan, and son Michael's son is named Dante. I don't know if Michael's next off spring will be a boy or girl, but we are all putting lists of names together to be prepared.

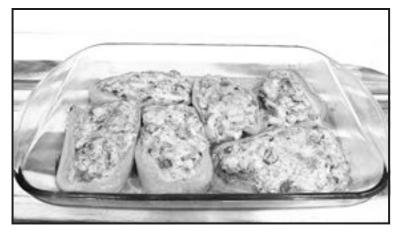
We are now the "old timers" who sit back and let the next generation run the things that are a bit beyond us, but were easily handled just a few years ago. When people ask me about my accomplishments in life, I often add in, "I really don't know what I want to be or do when I grow up." I hope I didn't sound too philosophical this week, but I thought you should share in the way things were then and are now.



Sweet peppers, hot peppers, and dried peppers are essential ingredients in southern Italian cuisine. These versatile peppers can be enjoyed grilled, pickled, or stuffed in a multitude of ways. Stuffed peppers hold a special place in the hearts of Italians, as they are often created using traditional family recipes passed down through generations. The unique variations in stuffed pepper dishes vary throughout the different regions of Italy. It is common to see Bell peppers, Cubanelles, and Topepo Rossos serve as vessels for delicious fillings such as ground meats with rice, sausage and cheese blends, and an array of different bread stuffings. Each region showcases its own twist on this classic dish, highlighting the diverse flavors and ingredients found throughout the country.

In my family, Nonna preferred to use a bread stuffing when making stuffed peppers, similar to what she made to stuff a turkey; toasted bread, eggs, cheese, black olives, and sometimes she'd even add mushrooms and soppressetta. The recipe I am featuring today is much like my Nonna's, except it includes Manzanilla olives which give it a unique, but delightful taste. "Italian Stuffed Peppers" make a perfect appetizer or side dish and are equally delicious if served with a salad at lunchtime!

> ITALIAN STUFFED PEPPERS Peperoni Ripieni Italiani



3 extra-large red bell peppers, seeds removed and halved

- 1 loaf Italian bread, cut into cubes, stale or toasted to harden (about 7 cups)
- 1 medium sweet onion, sliced and sauteed in olive oil until softened
- 1 6-ounce jar Manzanilla olives, sliced (reserve liquid)
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- salt and pepper, to taste
- crushed red pepper flakes, to taste (optional)
- 4 large eggs, beaten
- $^{1\!\!/_2}$ cup butter melted or olive oil (I use butter)
- 1 cup water or chicken stock

¹/₄ cup olive oil (to drizzle)

Preheat the oven to 350°. Place peppers in a 13x9 inch baking dish and set aside.

In a large bowl, toss together the bread, onions, cheese and spices. Add the eggs, butter or oil and ½ cup of the water or stock and with your hands, mix. A little at a time, add the remaining water (more or less, as needed) and a bit of the reserved olive liquid, to taste, until the bread mixture is moist enough (the consistency of stuffing before it is cooked). Take the peppers, stuff each one and place them side by side in the baking dish. Add some water and a few tablespoons of oil to coat the bottom of the baking dish so they won't stick. Drizzle the tops of the peppers with olive oil, cover with foil, and bake for 30 minutes. Remove the foil and continue to bake until the peppers and stuffing are cooked. Let cool to set before serving!

advancement, but not much.

One Monday at the Musician's Union, I remember a conversation between Dad and a couple of his old neighborhood pals from his teen years. They, like my father, had become musicians and left the street corner behind. Their reference was about some of the friends who never made it off the corner, and 30 years later, some of them were still there at night, just hanging around telling stories, tall tales and true ... guys now with a little gray hair at the temples, a bit of a spread in the middle and wives and kids at home waiting for them to return.

When I reflected on that conversation later that night, I equated what they were talking about with my own experiences from my days on the corner of Brooks and Bennington Streets. The first thing that removed

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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2006 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER VIN # JTEEP21A460169267 2017 CHUCKS WAGON CHUCKS WAGON VIN # 4C9CU1726HR364017

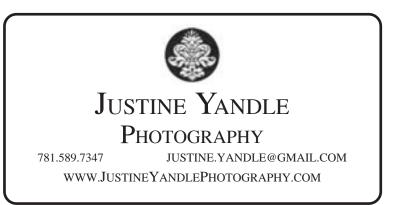
2018 TOYOTA CAMRY VIN # 4T1B11HK7JU530442

2010 BUICK LACROSSE VIN # 1G4GB5EG5AF322641

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> Signed Todisco Services, Inc. Run dates: 2/23, 3/01, 3/08, 2024

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THOUGHTS BY DAN **ABOUT THIS & THAT**

with Daniel A. DiCenso

The Later Years of L. Frank Baum

If there was an aspect in which L. Frank Baum became a victim of his own success it was that his name has become so synonymous with the first Oz book that his voluminous work outside of the Oz cannon has largely been forgotten and, for that matter, so have many of the later books set in the Land of Oz.

This proved a chagrin for Baum who by the late 1900s was ready to branch out from Oz and into other series he had developed. But much like Sir Arthur Conan Doyle who had to resurrect Sherlock Holmes after an outcry from the fans, Baum had to reopen the Oz series in 1913 with The Patchwork Girl of Oz, undoing the ending of its predecessor, 1910's The Emerald City of Oz, in which the fairyland was sealed off from contact with the outside world (Baum's way of gently explaining to children why he was unable to write about it again). Baum found a timely way to undo the dilemma, however, when it was obvious his popularity was left behind with Dorothy and her friends. He noted at the start of *Patchwork* Girl that he could now communicate with Dorothy thanks to the wireless telegram!

Be that as it may, Baum's other work is worth exploring if only because it is so distanced from the fantasy world he created. In particular, his Aunt Jane's Nieces series offers a revealing glimpse of his increasing dedication to the suffragist movement. Those books are grounded in the real world and its problems. While the series makes for light fun reading, his venturing into more grownup fiction prompted Baum to disguise his name with the nom de plume Edith Van Dyne. This was likely not motivated by politics as the Oz books had a socio-political undercurrent of their own, but simply because the books were more Little Women than Dorothy.

When Baum did return to Oz for the Patchwork Girl story it was with a subtly darker tone and a couple of surviving illustrations of a chapter deleted at the behest of his editors at

• Presidential Primary (Continued from Page 1)

Accessible Voting

The Accessible Electronic Voting System allows voters who are unable to independently read, write, hold, or physically manipulate or mark ballots to submit their ballot via a secure electronic delivery system. Voters who qualify for an Accessible Electronic Ballot may apply at https://www.sec.state.ma.us/MailInRequestWeb/ MailInBallot.aspx. The deadline to apply for an accessible ballot is Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Please note: To get access to the electronic ballot, you will need to provide your email address.

Voting on Election Day

Polling locations open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. A list of polling locations can be found at https://www.boston.gov/ departments/elections/city-boston-polling-locations. As a reminder, voters should check their registration status via the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website. Printed ballots will be available in English and Spanish. Chinese and Vietnamese ballots will be available where required. Language interpreters will also be available upon request. All voting locations are wheelchair accessible and are equipped with AutoMark Voter Assist Terminal for voters with visual or hearing impairments.

Polling Location Changes						
Ward and Precinct WARD 4	Previous Location	New Location				
PRECINCTS 11 & 12	Museum of Fine Arts 20 Museum Rd.	Fenway Center, 77 St. Stephen's St.				
	Fenway Artists for Humanity	Fenway James F. Condon School				

and upload unofficial results of ballots counted at polling places as

they are returned from each precinct.



Reilly & Britton show the book could have been darker still with a passage about carnivorous plants growing a human garden.

In the same year in which The Patchwork Girl of Oz was published the Aunt Jane's Nieces series reached its eighth book, Aunt Jane's Nieces on the Ranch, a tale of mystery and racial strife set upon an orange farm in California. Despite Baum's determination to disassociate the two worlds he may have inadvertently given a clue in the latter book to an enduring mystery in Patchwork Girl of Oz. In that book, the Patchwork

girl and her friends set off to find some magic ingredients scattered throughout the Land of Oz to break a magic spell gone wrong. On their journey they come upon a mysterious house with a disembodied voice offering the travelers shelter for the night. Given the parallels between this episode and that of the invisible family in Dorothy and the Wizard in Oz, who likewise welcomed wayfarers into their home, a backstory is expected here but it never comes. What does happen is that the chatty Patchwork Girl wears out her welcome and is thrown out of the house for the night by the unseen presence. When her companions catch up with her the next morning, she recounts having seen a wolf approach the kitchen window three times. Upon hearing this Ojo, the protagonist, makes an offhand remark expressing his confusion since there was enough food on the table, and then the matter is dropped never to be brought up again. At first, Ojo's remark confounds the mystery even more since there being enough food on the table is likely the reason for the wolf's appearance and Ojo's believing it to be instead a deterrent can only be read as humor. But Ojo's very confusion is the answer, confirmed with a bit of knowledge of archaic expressions. To "keep the wolf away from your door" meant to keep hunger and poverty away. Walt Disney would revive the figure of speech twenty years later when the song "Who's Afraid of the

America Working Its Way Out of the Depression

by Sal Giarratani

Recently, Anthony Guerriero, Deputy Director Community Relations & Federal Affairs at the Mass Port Authority delivered a lecture at the East Boston Branch Library on the subject of the Civilian Conservation Corps, one of several programs the Roosevelt Administration created to keep Americans working during the Depression prior to the start of World War II. The CCC took unemployed men and sent them to forests to both keep them out of trouble and give them a salary to survive on. My Uncle Nealy was a member of the CCC during the '30s and enjoyed his time working out in the forest as he often said. He thought the program was one of many instituted to deal with Americans trying to survive the Depression.

While I am talking about the CCC, I should also mention the Works Progress Administration (WPA), which took young men like my dad and gave them the opportunity to physically build America back from the depths of hell. My dad lived in the North



Anthony Guerriero chats with **Stephen Scapicchio following** the library event.Stephen Scapicchio following the library event

End back in the '30s and every day he was bused to Readville where he ended up building a railroad bridge in Walcox Square and laying sidewalks out in the neighborhood on the other side of the city. My dad called Readville the country, and my uncle loved working in the woods too as part of the CCC.

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

Beatle Finds Long Lost Bass Paul McCartney said he was "incredibly grateful" after he was reunited with his bass guitar more than 50 years since it vanished, which sparked a global search at the time.

The 1961 Höfner 500/1 bass guitar bought by McCartney as a teen in Hamburg, Germany for \$37 before his fame had been stolen from a van transporting the band's equipment on October 10, 1972 in Notting Hill, London. The bass showed up in Hastings where the owner of a house was cleaning up its dusty attic. The value of the guitar is now valued at \$12.5 million.

By the way back in my band days with my brother and a few friends when we created the SilenSirs, my brother purchased a 1961 Höfner and loved it. I think he paid \$145 for his but its violin shape made it one of the coolest looking guitars ever.

\$12 Boots and a \$2,000 Medical Bill

A Florida mother was left with

a huge gash on her foot from a "razor sharp" stud inside a pair of snow boots that was purchased from Chinese e-commerce giant Temu. The mother gifted the boots to her daughter because they didn't fit her foot . The mom tried them on again in late December. This time a "razor-thin" eyelet inside sliced open her foot.

Pop Tart Creator Dies

William "Bill" Post, the man who created Pop-Tarts, passed away on February 10 at 96 years old. He worked his way up in the company from a parttime truck washer at age 16 to a senior vice president in 1967 to the company now known as Keebler, which brightened millions of American breakfasts' when Pop-Tarts hit supermarket shelves in 1964. The company was originally called Hekman Biscuit Company.

End Quote

"Police officers died because of injuries that they sustained on (January 6th)."

-White House Press arine Jean-Pierre

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Dorchester Codman Square Library	Dorchester Great Hall at Codman Square	was ruminating in Baum's mind at the time can be found in <i>Aunt</i>	year. Anyone surprised by this	This past Monday (February	
		Jane's Nieces on the Ranch.	news? Migrants are entering	19) was Birthday #81 for Sixties	
		Health Center	Here the saying is delivered	the U.S. not only from our	singer Lou Christie. His birth
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	(located within the Hyde Park		different countries have ditched	produced a slew of Italian	
	Education Complex)		Mexico for our northern border.	singers in the '50s and then	
WARD 18				Migrants are now aware, there	returned in the '60s with a slew
	Metropolitan Ave.	655 Metropolitan Ave.		is no fencing up there, much	of great R&B singers, too.
Hyde Park	Hyde Park	ROLEX	of which is just woods and dirt	His biggest hit was "Lightning	
Unofficial Results			ESTATE JEWELRY	paths. No Rio Grande to swim over.	Strikes" back in 1966, but Lou had so many other great hits too
			Bought & Sold	Things are only going to	like my second favorite song of
After polls close at 8:00 pm, the Election Department will receive			Jewelers Exch. Bldg.	and much worse up there	<i>. . .</i>

Jim (617) 263-7766

get much worse up there. Canada doesn't have enough

his "Rhapsody in the Rain." Happy Birthday, Lou Christie!

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> 2006 TOYOTA SCION VIN # JTKDE177260096632

2016 TOYOTA PRIUS VIN # JTDKDTB33G1590673

2015 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT

VIN # 1VWAT7A37FC069544 2021 ZHEJIANG RIYA

VIN # LEHPCB228MR602784 2012 INFINITI G37

VIN # JN1CV6AR6CM673776

1994 FORD F350 VIN # 1FTJX35K7RKA51296

2003 MERCEDES BENZ E-CLASS VIN # WDBUF65J43A257230

2015 HYUNDAI ELANTRA VIN # 5NPDH4AE9FH555214

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> Signed Todisco Services, Inc.

Run dates: 2/9, 2/16, 2/23/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Division

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

Docket No. SU24P0312EA Estate of WILLIAM A. WOODCOCK

Date of Death: December 22, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Janice H. Woodcock of Boston, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Janice H. Woodcock of Boston, 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: 02/23/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Middlesex Probate and Family Court Lowell Justice Center 370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor Lowell, MA 01852 (978) 656-7700 Docket No. MI23P1369EA

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Notice is hereby given by Export Enterprises, Inc., 50 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell or junk the following vehicle on or after February 24, 2024 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2008 SUBARU IMPREZA VIN # JF1GH61618H819776 Vehicles are being stored at Export Enterprises, Inc., Medford, MA, and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed Export Enterprises, Inc. Run dates: 02/09, 02/16, 02/23/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Notice is hereby given by **JCB Auto**, **8A Rugg Rd.**, **Allston**, **MA** 02134, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, chapter 255, section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicle(s) on or after **February 26**, **2024 beginning at 10:00 AM** by public or private sale to satisfy their mechanic's lien for mechanical repairs, storage and notice of sale. The following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as in condition, with keys.

2016 RAM 1500 Vin: # 3C6TRVAG1GE117980

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JCB Auto Run dates: 02/09, 02/16, 02/23/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath Highway, Somerville, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell or junk the following vehicles on or after February 24, 2024 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale: 2007 MAZDA 5

VIN # JM1CR29L070138708 1998 HONDA CIVIC

VIN # 1HGEJ8246WL054722 2004 HONDA CIVIC

VIN # 2HGES16594H644544 Vehicles may be viewed by appointment only.

> Signed Pat's Towing Run dates: 02/09, 02/16, 02/23/2024

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> 2008 MAZDA MAZDA3 VIN # JM1BK12G381786532 2008 CHEVROLET EQUINOX VIN # 2CNDL53F286055005

2002 VOLVO VNL VIN # 4V4NC9JH32N337195

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Quote to Note

Alex Cora coached his son's Little League team this off-season. That makes him perfect for the 2024 Red Sox. The Red Sox need to go "full throttle" back to the basics. Forget analytics. The team needs to work on complex issues like; hitting the cut-off man, covering first base, and moving the runner from first to third.

— Bill Speros, Boston Herald baseball columnist Kudos to Chiefs Lineman Trey Smith

Kansas City Chiefs offensive lineman Trey Smith shared the WWE title belt to help calm a young boy in the aftermath of that mass shooting following the Super Bowl parade and celebration following the game. Smith, who was wearing his WWE belt, noticed the little boy who was with his dad. In a TV interview, Smith said, "What can I do to help him out?" Smith handed the little boy the belt saying, "Hey buddy, you're the champion. No one's going to hurt you, man. We've got your back."

EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani

As we all know now, the shooting left 22 people injured and one dead.

Smith said he talked to the boy about wrestling to take the boy's mind off the frightening scene after they were loaded onto a bus.

Dykstra Resting After Stroke Lenny Dykstra is out of intensive care and resting at a Los Angeles hospital after suffering a stroke last week. Former Mets teammates Darryl Strawberry and Kevin Mitchell spoke to the 61-year-old Dykstra and said the former center fielder was in good spirits and awaiting further evaluation at UCLA Medical Center.

Will Dam Burst Soon?

As of Thursday, February 15, 112 players who have played in a MLB game were still free agents. As one sports agent put it, "When is the dam going to break?"

Happy Birthday to ...

Birthday greetings go out to Ben Oglivie who just turned 75 years old. Oglivie was a 1968 draft pick by the Red Sox and made his debut in 1971, and was traded to the Tigers after the 1973 season for Dick McAuliffe in a very bad deal. Over 2 seasons here, McAuliffe hit .206 and retired. Oglivie went on to play 13 more seasons and ended up a three-time All-Star with 235 lifetime homers. OUCH!

Anyone Remember Gullett, I Still Do

Former lefty pitcher Don Gullett who was with both the Reds and Yankees for nine seasons and won four World Series, passed away February 15. He also served as a Reds pitching coach from 1993-2005 and was named to the Reds Hall of Fame in 2002. He was 73 years old.

• Stirpe Nostra (Continued from Page 2)

and his house was destroyed. The spot where the house once stood continued to be a memorial to his fate for many years to come. The murderer was tried and convicted for his act, but escaped execution by a voluntary exile.

The story of Cincinnatus is in direct contrast to that of Didius

Salvius Julianus, a wealthy Roman who bought the Roman Empire from the Praetorian Guards (about 200 A.D.). The price paid was 25,000 sesterces, which came to about \$1,000 for each guard. After reigning as emperor for about two months he was murdered by his own soldiers while Septimius

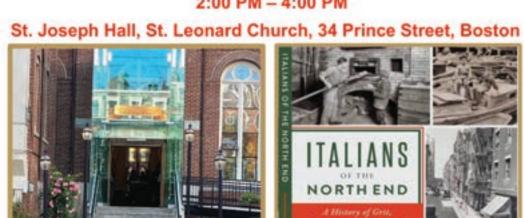
Severus was marching against the city.

Potestas ... power ... the curse of man down through the ages ... Cincinnatus could have had it but didn't want it ... Maelius wanted it but couldn't have it ... and Julianus had it but couldn't hold it.

NEXT WEEK: Two and a Half

North End Historical Society Join us for an afternoon of fun to Honor the Italian Immigrant Story in Boston's North End!

Saturday, March 23, 2024 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM



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Estate of FRANCES VENEZIA Also Known As FRANCES T. VENEZIA

Date of Death: February 04, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

Gerald Venezia of North Reading, 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: 02/23/2024

Todisco Services, Inc. Run dates: 2/16, 2/23, 3/01, 2024

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 39A, that on **February 29, 2024 at 10AM**, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

2000 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY, GREEN VIN: # SALTY1244YA241361

> 2008 FORD FUSION, WHITE VIN: # 3FAHP07Z18R106932

2009 KIA OPTIMA, WHITE VIN: # KNAGE228795329533

2010 TOYOTA RAV4, RED VIN: # JTMBF4DV8AD025405

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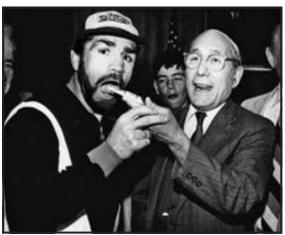
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NOW OVER 1,000 BUT THERE WAS A FIRST — When Bruins captain Brad Marchand was honored just before the Presidents' Day contest with Dallas for reaching the 1,000 games played mark back on February 13, we thought we would look in the opposite direction.

So, we went all the way back to his first NHL game that took place during the first decade of the 21st century. Marchand first took the ice in an NHL regular season game when the Bruins played the Nashville Predators at the Garden back on October 21, 2009 at the Garden.

Marchand earned an assist on Michael Ryder's goal at the start of the second period that brought the B's into a 1-1 tie with Nashville. Later goals by Patrice Bergeron and Steve Begin provided the additional tallies that saw the B's defeat the Predators 3-2. Goalie Tim Thomas picked up the win in nets for the Bruins.

During the game Marchand played 20 shifts and was on the ice for a total of 14 minutes and 42 seconds. The victory evened the Bruins record at 4-4-0 at that early point in the regular season. And yes, there was a penalty called on the Bruins for a situation that seemed to go on and on for several seasons. With just under four minutes having been played in the second period, the B's were called for having too many men on the ice.

Significantly, that was the only point registered by Marchand during the 2009-2010 season, when he appeared in only 20 games. When he wasn't in Boston he was playing in Providence, seeing action in 79 games for the P-B's. During his time there he scored 18 goals and amassed 41 assists for a total of 59 points.

The next season (2010-2011) Marchand would become a core member of the Boston Bruins, playing in 77 regular season games while scoring 21 goals and adding 20 assists for a total of 41 points.

He also played in 25 playoff games, scoring 11 goals and adding eight assists for a total of 19 points. Thus, the first chapter of Marchand's career was completed with the final one yet to be written at some point in the future.

THE EVE OF DESTRUCTION — That is want you witnessed if you were on hand for the Celtics' one-sided 136-86 dismantling of the Brooklyn Nets in the final game at the Garden before the NBA All-Star Break.

It was the worst setback for the Nets since 1978 and the second worst in the history of that franchise. And it could have been worse if the C's had not elected to run out the 24-second clock in their final two possessions of the game.

The impressive victory underscored just how powerful the Celtics could be and was indicative of the fact that they certainly will be a force for opponents to contend with once the playoffs start in mid-April.

But for the Nets it was a different sort of tale. The loss was the fifth in their last six games and dropped them into 11th place in Eastern Conference. We know that sounds bad but in today's NBA it isn't as much of a negative as it was in past times. Granted that represented a descent from a 15-15 start to a 6-18 run leading into the All-Star Break. But they were still in contention for a playoff berth.

Because now there is the NBA play-in tournament. And you know what? A team only has to finish in 10th place in the conference standings to make that opening phase of the NBA Playoffs. It is possible to finish in 10th place and still grab the eighth seed in the conference playoffs.

So, although it was a terrible performance by the Nets, their hopes were certainly not dashed by the outcome - since they merely slipped one notch out of possible playoff contention with 28 regular season games left on their schedule.

Two days after the Celtics' complete domination of the Nets Brian Lewis, who covers the Nets for the New York Post, wrote that the team "was still stinging from a 50-point loss at Boston. It was the kind of capitulation that requires honest evaluation about what has gone wrong — not just on a random Wednesday in February but the entire season.³

That evaluation apparently took place at some location during All-Star Weekend because on Monday, the day after both teams had combined for 397 points in the annual All-Star game (a Defensive Player of the Game was not selected), it was announced by the Nets' management that head coach Jacques Vaughn had been dismissed. This came after a decision last summer to sign the coach to a contract extension. And yes, there is a reason that the Nets are in a tail spin. A major factor is the health of Ben Simmons. One of the Nets better players, he has been limited to only 12 games this season because of back problems. He did not play against the Celtics. One Nets player complained that there were mismatches during the game with the Celtics, yes, that is what occurs when the best team in the NBA plays lower performing teams, particularly a team that left the Garden having lost 21 of its last 33 games. Kevin Ollie, who was hired as Nets assistant last summer, has been promoted to the interim head coaching position. Basketball fans in New England might remember Ollie. He was the bench boss when UConn won the 2014 NCAA Division One National Championship with the Huskies beating Florida and then Kentucky in the Final Four to claim the title.

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contender Joe DeNucci



Tommy Collins

The Celtics are not scheduled to play the Nets again during the current regular season.

TOUGH START FOR DOC — When former Celtics coach Doc Rivers took over as the head coach of the Milwaukee Bucks in late January the team owned an impressive 32-14 mark to that point in the season,

Since that time, the Bucks have slipped a bit, now having a 35-21 record through games of February 20. It is not an emergency in Milwaukee but it has raised some eyebrows around the NBA.

Boston fans will have an opportunity to see for themselves when Milwaukee comes to the Garden on March 20.