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Council Adopts Resolution Opposing Eversource Substation

Eversource Energy has begun construction of a new transmission substation facility located on the Chelsea Creek Waterfront in East Boston, and the Council voted (11-2) to adopt a resolution, opposing the substation.

For nearly nine years, the substation has been opposed by elected officials, residents and experts as it would result in the concentration of potentially dangerous infrastructure, obstruction of neighborhood access to open space and the waterfront, and an increased risk to neighborhood climate resiliency. In November of 2021, 84% of voters opposed the siting of the substation on Condor Street on a ballot question.

Currently, the permits that Eversource received from the Commonwealth's Energy Facility Siting Board are pending an appeal to be heard in the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Cancel Student Loan Cancellations

Three Republican senators are moving to overturn the Biden Administration "gambit" to have tax payers forgive approximately \$400 billion in student loans, as the Supreme Court is still weighing a separate ruling on debt cancellation.

GOP Senators Bill Cassidy, R-LA; John Cornyn, R-TX; and Joni Ernst, R-IA announced late last week a plan to thwart Biden's plan, which would cancel up to \$20,000 in student loan debt per person for tens of millions of borrowers.

Cornyn stated, "This would block President Biden's political gambit from driving up inflation, incentivizing universities to raise tuition, and force hardworking Texans (Americans) to pay off the debts of wealthy graduates."

The conservative SCOTUS majority reportedly are lending more credence to arguments made by six states, which said the White House bypassed congressional approval.

Rail Furor Over Toxic Transit

The Environmental Protection Agency last Friday ordered states to stop blocking contaminated waste from the East Palestine derailment from being sent to hazardous waste storage sites around the nation. A handful of states have sought to block such shipments including Oklahoma, which had blocked waste from the February 3rd derailment from entering the state.

EPA Director Michael Regan said there was no good reason for states to block such shipments. The EPA said most likely states who blocked shipping the waste would likely violate federal law. The EPA told Norfolk Southern Railroad they expected the railroad to take legal action if it is unable to ship its waste.

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Healey-Driscoll Administration Announces End of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency in Massachusetts

Also Files Legislation to Extend Certain Staffing Flexibilities for Health Care Providers; Will Rescind Vaccine Mandate for Executive Branch Employees on May 11th

The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that the state's COVID-19 public health emergency will end on May 11, 2023, to align with the end of the federal public health emergency. The announcement this week, ahead of the 45-day notice required by state law, allows additional time for impacted organizations to prepare for the end of the public health emergency.

Governor Healey will also file legislation that would extend key flexibilities provided by the public health emergency, particularly around staffing for the health care industry and emergency medical services (EMS). The Governor also announced that on May 11 she plans to rescind Executive Order 595 that required all Executive Branch state employees to have received their primary series COVID-19 vaccines.

"Thanks to the hard work of our health care providers and communities, we've made important progress in the fight against COVID-19," said Governor Healey. "We know that we have the tools to manage this virus — vaccines, masking, testing, getting treatments, and staying home when sick — and we've reached the point where we can update our guidance to reflect where we are now. I'd

also like to acknowledge the leadership of Governor Baker and his administration, who saved countless lives by putting these important measures in place in a time of immense crisis."

"Executive Order No. 595 has been a successful tool for boosting vaccination rates and reducing the spread and severity of COVID-19 in Massachusetts. We're grateful to the state employees who did their part to keep themselves, their coworkers and their communities safe," said Lieutenant Governor Driscoll. "We encourage Massachusetts residents to continue taking important prevention measures to keep our communities healthy, like getting boosted, masking and staying home when you're feeling sick."

"We are fortunate that in Massachusetts, the wide availability of vaccines, tests, effective treatments, and PPE changed the course of a pandemic that brought loss and hardship to so many. Three years on from the start of the pandemic, we are now in a very different place," said Secretary of Health and Human Services Kate Walsh. "While we will continue living with COVID-19, we can now incorporate the tools to manage this virus into our

standing response to respiratory illness within our communities and healthcare system."

Governor Healey's legislation would:

- Continue flexibilities currently in place regarding staffing for out-of-hospital dialysis centers. This would apply for 6 months to allow dialysis centers time to return to pre-COVID staffing levels.

- Authorize certain non-Medication Administration Program (MAP) certified staff to administer certain prepackaged medications in community settings. This would apply for 6 months to enable DPH to finalize reforms that streamline the MAP program training requirements.

- Allow staffing of Advanced Life Support level ambulance transports with a single EMT provider and a first responder driver (rather than 2 certified EMTs). This would be a permanent change based on the positive experience of this staffing model over the last three years.

Executive Order No. 595 helped raise the percentage of fully vaccinated executive department employees from around 76 percent to over 99 percent. Mandates for staff in certain roles and settings will remain in place, per CMS and EOHHS regulations.

Mayor Wu Announces Expansion of 2023 City of Boston Successlink Summer Youth Jobs Program

7,000 Summer Jobs Available for Boston Youth

— Applications Now Available —

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity (YEO) today announced the expansion of the SuccessLink Summer Youth Employment program for 2023. The program is now accepting applications. Boston youth ages 14-18 can apply for in-person and hybrid summer job opportunities at nonprofits, community-based organizations, and City agencies. This year, the City made an unprecedented \$18.7M investment in youth jobs, the largest in Boston's history. This funding will support 5,000 youth jobs in partnership with local nonprofits and community

organizations and 2,000 City based youth jobs, making the City the largest employer for youth summer jobs in Boston. The program's expansion is part of a larger effort to incentivize both nonprofit and corporate employers' commitment to reach pre-COVID summer job levels.

"Ensuring that every young person across our city has access to job opportunities is critical in our work to lay a foundation for Boston's youth to grow and thrive," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "The City's youth summer jobs program is critical in empowering our youth and connecting them with opportunity.

This year, we are expanding the number of youth jobs available and deepening our partnerships which will allow our young people explore careers and develop their skills. I'm grateful to all of our partners and employers for their commitment to our young people and encourage every teenager and young adult to apply for a summer job."


Led by the Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity, SuccessLink is designed to not only recruit and hire youth, but also to ensure that their employment experience

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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



TRAJAN, HIS ACTIVITY AND IMMORTALITY

During the month of March 101 A.D., Trajan assembled his legions and headed for the Danube, where he built roads and fortifications. The region of Transylvania was north of this area and it included the territory of Decebalus, a celebrated king of the Dacians, to whom Domitian had agreed to pay an annual tribute. Under Trajan, this Dacian king was defeated, forced to destroy his fortresses, surrender his weapons and prisoners, and to make a new peace treaty with Rome. The Dacian chief did not honor his treaty for long and Trajan soon found it necessary to prepare for a second Dacian campaign. This time, the Dacians fought harder and gave up their ground only inch by inch; but before long, their army literally bled to death, and Decebalus committed suicide. The captured territory became a Roman province and was peopled by settlers that were taken from other Roman provinces. Thus, Trajan's wars extended the Roman Empire to its greatest magnitude in history and left a lasting mark on the history of that territory.

In the midst of his campaigns and long absences from Rome, Trajan still found time to direct a great deal of construction. He enlarged the Circus Maximus, repaired highways, built a new aqueduct, drained much of the Pontine Marshes, and built his Forum, complete with basilica and libraries.

Late in the year 113 A.D., Trajan left Italy to make war in the East in order to protect the East-West trade routes. This, however, is where he tasted the bitterness of defeat in the field



Trajan's Column

for the first time. It happened when he attacked the desert city of Hatra. The scarcity of drinking water made it impossible to maintain a large force of foot soldiers in an attack on the city, so cavalry was used. The brave Arabs routed the Roman cavalry; and Trajan himself, who narrowly escaped being killed, was forced to withdraw. Additional Roman campaigns in Cyprus, Cyrene, and Alexandria were successful, but Trajan died in August 117 A.D. before he had an opportunity to avenge the defeat at Hatra.

Meanwhile, after Trajan left Italy in 113 A.D., the Senate, in their proud affection for him, added the grandest decoration to his Forum ... the Column of Trajan, which stands between the two libraries. This column

was dedicated to the emperor in 114 A.D. as a result of his victory over the Dacians. Eighteen hundred years later, it is still in an excellent state of preservation. The structure consists of eighteen blocks of marble which were hollowed out so that the internal portion formed a winding staircase to the summit. An ornamental frieze covers the entire exterior face of the column. This frieze is in low relief and in the form of a spiral band three and one-half feet wide and six hundred feet long. A total of twenty-five hundred carved figures gives us a treasury of

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI22C1191CA

In the Matter of
KAREN-ANN McILVANE

CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Karen-Ann McIlvane of Malden, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Roma-Nagaahie Cheri Winnover.

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 April 19, 2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court
Date: March 22, 2023
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 03/24/2023

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Docket No. MI23P1194EA

Estate of
CHARLES HARMON LINDENBAUM
Also Known As
CHARLES H. LINDENBAUM
Date of Death: June 9, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Jane B. Lindenbaum of Natick, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Jane B. Lindenbaum of Natick, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

From the office of:
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Run date: 03/24/2023

Free & Fresh Produce Distributions

for Charlestown and North End Patients of NEW Health for National Nutrition Month

Ongoing Distributions Take Place Monthly

On Friday, March 24th, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., NEW Health Charlestown will host a complimentary produce distribution of a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables to Charlestown patients in honor of National Nutrition Month. This distribution is part of NEW Health's ongoing Food Insecurity Program, which was established in 2016. Some produce that will be distributed are bananas, apples, tomatoes, carrots, onions and more.

On Friday, March 31st, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., NEW Health North End will deliver fresh produce to residents in the area. As part of their Food Insecurity Program, bagged fruits and vegetables will be provided door-to-door to food insecure neighbors in need. NEW Health purchases 40 bags of fresh produce monthly.

Since 2016, NEW Health's Food Insecurity Program has served both its North End and Charlestown sites. NEW Health is Charlestown's first full-service health center and is committed and dedicated to improving the quality of health and life for its over 5,000 patients in the neighborhood. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, NEW Health has increased its food insecurity efforts and has been able to serve over 100 families per month with help of the community.

NEW Health encourages even more community members to get involved with their Food Insecurity Program. The Community Fridge is also located at NEW Health Charlestown, just outside the health center and is open at all times, stocked with free, healthy food for everyone in

need. We encourage contributions from the community and acceptable food donations include: whole fruits and vegetables, commercially packaged refrigerated foods (eggs, milk, cheese, butter, tortillas, bread, bagged salad, etc.), and commercially packaged frozen foods (vegetables, fruits, prepared meals, etc.). Monetary donations are always appreciated as well.

About NEW Health

As a federally qualified health center and an affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Medical Center, North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) extends its world-renowned healthcare services to people who live and work in and around Boston's North End, Waterfront and Charlestown neighborhoods. NEW Health is committed to improving the quality of health and life for those it serves by providing high quality health care that is consumer oriented, culturally appropriate, neighborhood-based, affordable, and produces positive outcomes. NEW Health has been serving the North End of Boston and the surrounding community since 1971. In addition to primary care services for all patients, many specialty services are also offered including dental, vision, behavioral health, obstetrics, gynecology, laboratory services and x-ray services. NEW Health is a private, non-profit corporation that is governed by a community-based Board of Directors and licensed by the Department of Public Health. More information at www.newhealthcenter.org, on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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To read the complete article, please visit:
<https://thewestendmuseum.org/history/era/new-boston/urban-renewal-at-logan-airport/>

L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Fresh and Fragrant, the Herbs of Spring

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Spring has blossomed before us, green and cool as a bright sprig of spearmint. The longer days fill the early evening hours with resplendent golden sun-rays. Robins are now a regular sight, scampering among bushes or taking off in flight from the treetops, their red feathers flashing the joy of spring. Buds become more pronounced, seemingly smiling with anticipation at the secret leaves concealed within. The first crocuses and daffodils wave gaily in the brisk breeze. Spring places me in the mindset of regrowth and renewal, inspired by the nature that blooms and flourishes all around me. In particular, I think of the gardens that are now beginning to take form, the first tender crops sprouting from the damp, dark soil. My father, like many Italians, loved to garden and took great pride in reaping the gifts that the Earth provided. He did not bequeath me a green thumb, but he did instill in me an appreciation for all that grows and all that originates from the natural world. In the springtime, early garden plants often take the form of delicate herbs. I love cooking with herbs, as their pungent aroma wafts through my kitchen and their sharp taste provides a kick to the recipe. However, I discovered that herbs all come with their own unique folklore and superstitions. In honor of the spring and the rebirth of vegetation, let us dive into the traditional lore of some of our favorite herbs.

Basil: Basil, or *basilico*, is one of the best-known herbs of Italian cooking. It forms the crux of pesto, that delectable

sauce hailing from the region of Genoa, typically made with crushed pesto, pine nuts and olive oil. In Italy, basil further symbolizes love, and in olden days a girl looking for a romantic partner announced her intentions by placing a pot of basil on her windowsill! However, this fragrant herb also holds a sinister side. People in the Middle Ages thought it gave birth to scorpions. Some scholars speculate that the word “basil” shares the same root as “basilisk,” a spooky legendary creature that had the body of a snake and the head of a rooster and could kill its prey with just a glance!

Lavender: I always thought of lavender as a pretty flower that bloomed in spring and summer, but it is actually used as a culinary herb as well! Honey made from bees that sip on lavender nectar is prized in the Mediterranean world. Lavender also forms the basis of many herbal teas. People use dried lavender buds to flavor breads, scones and chocolate, while candied lavender flowers make sweet cake decorations. In Italy, lavender is called *lavandula*. It was so prized in ancient Rome that it cost as much as a farmer’s monthly wages! Its name derives from the Latin word *lavare*, or wash, because lavender was used to perfume laundry and baths.

Parsley: Parsley is known as *prezzemolo* in Italian. This beloved herb adds color and flavor to Italian pastas, stews and casseroles. It frequently appears as a garnish, a custom which has roots in superstition. Ancient cooks believed that parsley was an antidote

to poison, and though we now know that is false, the credence lives on in the form of decorative parsley! In ancient Rome, on the other hand, parsley was often planted on graves. This custom inspired a bevy of sinister parsley lore, such as the superstitions stating that only evil people can grow parsley well, or that giving away or replanting parsley serves as an omen of death.

Rosemary: When I think of rosemary, I think of my mother flavoring chicken or fish with this woody, piney herb. It is also delicious baked into biscuits and breads like focaccia. As William Shakespeare noted in *Hamlet*, rosemary symbolizes remembrance. It was once scattered atop caskets to ensure that funeral mourners would always remember the dead. The herb known as *rosmarino* in Italian also formed part of medieval brides’ wedding bouquets, and as such became a token of love. Folklore also attributes rosemary with the power to repel the evil eye and frighten away malicious spirits.

Sage: I am in love with the classic Italian combination of savory pumpkin and sage, or *salvia*. You might say that whoever thought of this delectable flavor profile was wise indeed, and you would be right! The herb sage is associated with wisdom, which is why we call intelligent people *sages*. Supposedly, bringing a pot of flowering sage indoors invites bad luck, so people would make sure to pick sage before it bloomed. A girl who picks sage on St. Mark’s Day (April 25th) or Midsummer (June 24th) will dream of her future spouse, while eating sage in May promoted longevity.

Thyme: Thyme, or *timo* in Italian, is a popular herb with which to season soups, stews and pastas. It also tastes wonderful mixed with lemon. This little herb carried a load of significance in the ancient world. The ancient Greeks burned thyme in their temples, believing that its aroma would imbue people with courage. In ancient Rome, it was used to purify rooms. By the Middle Ages, thyme had become synonymous with preventing nightmares and, when given as a gift, inspiring courage in knights. Like many other herbs, thyme was associated with the supernatural and as such was strewn onto coffins to assure a safe passage to the otherworld.

And there you have it — six well-known herbs and their associated folklore. I hope that the traditions and customs attached to these herbs will inspire you to use them in your cooking and, furthermore, to learn about the way people in times past related to the gifts produced by the Earth. After all, spring is about honoring the rebirth of nature, and delicious herbed goods provide us with a delectable way to do so!

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.

THINKING OUT LOUD



by Sal Giarratani

With Freedom and Justice for All?

I totally agree with Tucker Carlson on those recent revelations drawn he aired on his Fox News show. Those videos long hidden from the American people should prompt House Speaker Kevin McCarthy to ask some hard questions about whether or not January 6th defendants actually had their real day in court or even received a fair trial, which is guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. We are supposed to be a nation of laws but the whole January 6th narrative leads many, myself included, to believe the constitutional rights of those charged with various “crimes” were treated unfairly and without due process. Our justice system must remain blind to subjective feelings. After seeing the videos, there are now serious questions about how the process went forward.

What happened on January 6th by those who turned to rioting was totally inexcusable and must be condemned. However, as I watched the never-before-seen

video, QAnon Shaman is seen calmly being escorted to the Senate floor by Capitol police, but neither the Justice Department nor the January 6th House Committee acknowledged the existence of this segment of videos. This was definitely exculpatory evidence that the defendant and his attorney should have been given, but seemingly because it didn’t fit the narrative being promoted by partisan politicians on the House Committee there was nothing to see there said them.

It all seems like selective prosecutions to promote a picture that federal officials elected and appointed wanted the American people to see. Why are there so many January 6ers still behind bars in DC, reportedly still awaiting charges or a trial date? This is not how our American justice system should be acting. Endless pre-trial detention doesn’t pass the justice smell test. *The New York Post* rightly points out that our justice system must stay clear of politics in the administration of justice. The more videos we see, the more political grandstanding we see, and little of it looks like American Justice or the Bill of Rights in action.

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
Docket No. SU23C0121CA
In the Matter of
CAITLYN LeANN HOLDER
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Caitlyn LeAnn Holder of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Caitlyn LeAnn Vasquez.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of April 13, 2023. 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. BRIAN J. DUNN,
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Saint Simeon- Francois Berneux

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Siméon-François Berneux was born in Château-du-Loir on May 14, 1814 and entered the Seminary of Foreign Missions in 1831 at the age of seventeen. In 1843, He entered the Seminary of Le Mans to complete his studies. He was ordained on May 20, 1837 and appointed as Professor of Theology at the Foreign Missions Seminary in October 1838.

Berneux departed from Le Havre on February 12,1840 and arrived at Anyer in Java on May 31. He spent the summer in Manila before sailing to Macau. In January 1841, he sailed to Tonkin. In Vietnam, he was imprisoned and taken to Hue for trial, where he arrived on May 28. In 1842, he was convicted of proselytism and sentenced to death, a sentence which was indefinitely postponed. He was released on March 12, 1843 and set sail to return to France. However, at the Isle of Bourbon (now Réunion), he received permission to return to Macao.



He was appointed to begin missions in Manchuria, and arrived in the Liaodong Peninsula on March 14, 1844.

Berneux was consecrated as bishop on December 27, 1854, appointed titular bishop of Capsus and Apostolic Vicar of Korea. Berneux sailed from Shanghai to Korea in January 1856 on a Chinese ship, arriving in Korea on March 15. They met a vessel owned by Korean Christians on Good

Friday and disembarked near Seoul. Entering the city on foot, Berneux and his company were taken to the house of Marie-Nicolas-Antoine Daveluy, a French priest who had come to Korea along with Bishop Ferréol. Berneux set up a residence in Seoul, living and working secretly.

In 1866, Berneux was arrested and put on trial. In February 1866, he was repeatedly interrogated under torture, and sentenced to death. He was executed by decapitation on March 8, 1866 at Saenamteo outside Seoul. Daveluy served as Apostolic Vicar for a short time until he was also executed on March 30th. The deaths of Berneux and other Catholic missionaries in Korea was followed by a French punitive expedition which reinforced the Korean policy of isolationism.

The Feast Day of Saint Simeon- Francois Berneux is March 8th.

Southie's Annual St. Patrick's Day Senior Salute Dinner

by Sal Giarratani



Standing in the Rear (L-R): State Rep. Dave Biele (half-Irish) and State Sen. Nick Collins also half-Irish with members of the South Boston Community Connector Coalition / Labore's "San Patricio Brigade" wishing everyone a very Happy San Patricio Day.

Once again, a sea of seniors were spotted heading over to St. Peter's lower church for the annual St. Patrick's Day Senior Salute and, of course, it comes with plenty of corned beef and cabbage, too. Oh, also for dessert was a small menu of terrible Irish jokes.



Mayor Michelle Wu and former Mayor Ray Flynn



Salute to Age Strong Commission volunteers assisting at this annual event serving plates of corned beef and cabbage

The hall was packed to the rafters, if they had rafters. There were plenty of politicians who couldn't miss this time. If you missed this, it's like missing mass on Sunday, even those who aren't Irish were among the sea of green hats there. There was plenty of singing, too.

Here's a big salute to all the seniors who love this annual gathering, and to the staff from Age Strong Commission, who helped serve meals, and two of them kept the coffee coming.

Wood School of Irish Dance

(Photos by Sal Giarratani)

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Pirandello Lyceum Announces the 2023

I Migliori in Mens et Gesta Award - the Best in Mind and Deeds

Dr. Domenic Amara has announced the 2023 recipients of the Pirandello Lyceum’s prestigious *I Migliori in Mens et Gesta Award - the Best in Mind and Deeds*. The Board of Governors has recognized a group of outstanding Americans of Italian descent who have made important contributions to their professions, to society, and to the Italian American community. These recipients make us all proud of our Italian heritage.

The I Migliori Awards Dinner will be held on Saturday evening, April 1, 2023, at Spinelli’s, Route 1 South, Lynnfield, MA 01940. Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres will be at 5:45 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. Event tickets are \$100 each. We are pleased to have Enzo Amara providing the music for your listening and dancing pleasure. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Pirandello Scholarship Fund.

Reservations may be made by sending your check, payable to Pirandello Lyceum, to Pirandello c/o Jim Pinzino, Treasurer, PO Box 227, Marlborough, MA 01752. Indicate the names of all persons attending.

For additional information, call or email President Dr. Domenic Amara at 617-913-6843 or domamara@aol.com.

The Pirandello Lyceum congratulates this year’s I Migliori awardees and we look forward to sharing this memorable evening with you.



PRESIDENT’S AWARD
DAVID SANTULLI
International Entrepreneur, Philanthropist

David Santulli is President and Founder of United Planet, an international non-profit organization with a mission to create a global community, one relationship at a time. Since 2001, United Planet has engaged 20,000+ students, teachers, and professionals in global leadership and service programs, including *volunteer abroad, virtual internships, internships abroad, gap year volunteering, and global virtual classroom exchange* in 60+ countries.

David created the concept of Relational Diplomacy as a practical method to improve intercultural relations, while conducting research in Cyprus. He lived in Tokyo, Japan for nine years as the CEO and Founder of a Japanese trading company.

He holds a Master’s of International Affairs from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, an Executive Non-Profit Management Certificate (PMNO) from Harvard Business School/Harvard Kennedy School, and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Loyola University Maryland.

David also served as a teacher, CPA for PricewaterhouseCoopers, received the President’s Call to Service Award from the White House for 4,000+ hours of volunteer service, and traveled to 200+ countries and territories.

Nominated by President Dr. Domenic Amara



JEFFREY TURCO, ESQ. – Law, Public Service

A Revere native, Jeffrey Rosario Turco was one of seven children born to Rosario and Carol Turco on Reservoir Avenue. After receiving his early education from the Revere Public School system, Jeff graduated from Malden Catholic in 1989, UMass Amherst in 1993, and cum laude from Quinnipiac University School of Law in 1996.

Jeff started as an associate, then took the job of Chief of Staff for State Senator Guy Glodis, where he worked on election law, insurance law and the Commonwealth’s post 9/11 response with the first ever state director of homeland security. In 2005, Jeff was the Special Sheriff and Superintendent of the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office and, starting in 2006, was appointed a Special Assistant Attorney General representing the Agency.

In March 2021, Jeff was elected as a State Rep in a special election to replace Robert DeLeo. He was sworn into office by Governor Charles D. Baker on April 7, 2021. Since 2011, Jeff has also owned and operated the Law Office of Jeffrey Rosario Turco in Chelsea.

Working for his community has always been in the forefront for Jeff - for two years he served as Town Council President in Winthrop and as a School Committee member. He served as a director of the McCarthy-Trifone Recreation Committee in Revere for more than 15 years. During that time, he and his counterparts worked to raise in excess of \$1M, funds that directly assisted the various sports programs. For six years, Jeff served on the Revere Beach Partnership Board of Directors, including the last three as President. He previously volunteered as a coach and manager for several Winthrop Little League teams. Jeff serves as a lector at St. John the Evangelist in Winthrop, as a Trustee of the Winthrop Foundation, and is the appointed chairman of the Winthrop Ordinance and Charter review commission.

Currently, Rep Turco resides in Winthrop. He truly embraces and embodies his Italian heritage that is so deeply rooted in him. He and his wife, Melissa, take pride in sharing the great heritage of the Italian people with their six children: Rosario, Mary, Joseph, Dominic, Grace and Matteo. He proudly advocates for the proper recognition of the contributions of the Italian people to the world, for it is in celebrating our heritage that we are reminded of our duty to improve the quality of life for our fellow man.

Nominated by Virginia Gardner



CAV. DR. GILDA BATTAGLIA RORRO BALDASSARI
Italian Culture Advocate, Educator, Author

Cav. Dr. Gilda Battaglia Rorro Baldassari was Knighted by the President of Italy. She is an award-winning author, and educator - Teacher of the Year as English as a Second Language teacher, and Finalist, State of New Jersey Teacher of the Year.

Receiving a doctorate in Education degree from Rutgers University, she became the director of the Civil Rights Office of the New Jersey Department of Education, where she authored three teacher handbooks and spearheaded the Multicultural Education Movement.

After her position as Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources in Trenton, she was appointed Honorary Vice Consul for Italy, in Trenton, and subsequently Consular Correspondent for a period of 23 years.

In 2003, Governor Corzine appointed her to the New Jersey Italian Heritage Commission, where she continues to be Chairperson of “The Universality of Italian Heritage” curriculum, now disseminated to every Chief School Education Officer in the United States and designated schools in Italy.

She authored a memoir: “Gilda, Promise Me,” in which Samuel A. Alito, Jr. wrote the Introduction. She received three lifetime and numerous other awards for her work to reduce prejudice and to promote and preserve Italian cultural heritage.

Nominated by Dr. Michael Riccards



ROCCO SCENNA – Business Management

Rocco was born in Orsogna Italy (Abruzzo). His family immigrated to the USA in June 1958 and settled in the Boston area. He completed 4 years of elementary school in Italy and the rest of his education in the USA. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Northeastern University (1971) and a Master of Science in Business Management from Lesley College/University (1983). He is fluent in Italian.

He spent his entire 41-year professional career working for the General Electric Aircraft Engines Division. From 1971-2001, he held various domestic and international technical and program management positions. Over this period, Rocco was responsible for managing GE engine programs in Italy, Canada, Germany, France, England, and Korea. He worked closely with industry and governments from each of these countries, including Alfa Romeo and Fiat Avio of Italy, MTU of Germany and Samsung of Korea. From 2002 until retirement in October of 2012, he held the position of Director of Business Development for Advanced Turboshift and Turboprop engines. He is also a Massachusetts-licensed construction supervisor and contractor.

Rocco’s hobby is music, and until recently was a board member of the Massachusetts Accordion Association. He has also been actively involved with the Italian-American community for most of his adult life. He was President of the Sons of Orsogna Association and musical director of the Orsognese Folk Group in Everett, MA. Rocco and his team also orchestrated the signing of a sister city agreement between Orsogna and the City of Everett, where the two mayors agreed to a cultural exchange program. In later years, Rocco chaired a committee that expanded the sister city agreement to include an exchange program for high school students, special products such as wine, pasta, etc., as well as the organization of a symposium where specific personnel from the sister cities exchanged ideas.

Prior to the Pandemic, Rocco was also the director of the St. Anthony’s Church Italian Chorus in Everett, as well as a very active member in the Dante Alighieri Society. He held a Vice President position at the Dante. Under his leadership, Rocco and his team were able to complete many significant lighting and heating projects at minimal cost to the Dante by utilizing public funding programs.

Rocco enjoys family life, and has been married to his wife Colomba (Bina), for 50+ years. They have 3 sons, all 3 civil engineers and married (John with Rebecca, Paul with Maria, Nick with Alyssa) and 9 grandchildren, who now keep them active and busy.

Nominated by Giovanni Saraceni



SAVERIO MANAGO - Higher Education

Dr. Saverio Manago is currently the Associate Dean of the Bertolon School of Business at Salem State University. Under his leadership, this College of Business has received the designation of being ranked among the top 5% of all University Schools of Business in the United States.

First and foremost, he cherishes his Italian heritage, as his father emigrated from Palmi, Italy to Fitchburg, Massachusetts in the 1950s. It was his father’s final wish that he be buried in his home town of Palmi, and Saverio and his brothers, Rinaldo and Domenico, fulfilled his father’s final wish. In his role as a University Dean, Dr. Manago has been known to greet fellow academics with the comment “We have a lot in common – we are both Italian.” For him, being Italian gives him a great sense of pride.

As an undergraduate at Fitchburg State College, he completed the ROTC requirements for commissioning as an Infantry Officer in the U.S. Army. Even at this early point in his military career, he excelled as the top U.S. Army ROTC graduate of all the commissioning programs at colleges and universities in the New England region. He served with distinction for over 25 years, and retired at the rank of Colonel in 2008. He had a remarkable military career. While serving in command/leadership positions, he completed two master’s degrees in the evenings – an M.S. in Operations Research and an MBA. While still on active duty in the Army, he served for three years as a full-time professor of Operations Research at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA. The military then realized that Colonel Manago was a brilliant officer and sent him to the University of Kansas to earn his Ph.D. in Management Science. Dr. Colonel Manago was then sent to Iraq to assist the Generals from both the U.S. and our foreign partner forces. It was his job to assess their strategic decisions and guide them. When the war ended, he was transferred to the Pentagon, where he developed more efficient strategic decision-making procedures.

Since 2008, Dr. Manago has had an outstanding academic career at Salem State University. He rose through the academic ranks from Assistant Professor to Full Professor. He served as the Chairman of the Operations and Decision Sciences Department. In 2021, his academic leadership was recognized by his peers and he was promoted to the position of Associate Dean.

Dr. Manago lives in Andover with his wife Sara; they have 11 children. He still has time for community involvement, especially for Italian causes. He is truly a Soldier, Scholar, Patriot.

Nominated by Dr. Dean Saluti, Vice President, Pirandello Lyceum

DANIELA MESSINA, ESQ. – Business Development



Daniela Messina is the Founder and Managing Member of Portside Capital Solutions and is a proud Italian-American. She is a proven strategist and master deal connector with an extensive professional network to source deals, raise capital and provide value to dealmakers across various industries. Daniela works with private equity funds, single-family offices, multi-family offices, emerging funds, independent sponsors and corporate clients. Daniela currently serves as a board member of the Association for Corporate Growth, Boston Chapter.

In her earlier career, Daniela served as a Deputy General Counsel for the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation. She has been involved in Suffolk University Law School’s Alumni Mentoring Program. She was appointed by two governors to the Salem State University Board of Trustees. She is active in the Women’s Bar Association of Massachusetts and the Women’s Network Advisory Board. She is passionate about closing the opportunity gap for women in the workplace.

Daniela is an accomplished attorney and executive. with a varied background in private equity and family offices, government, politics, investor relations, business development and corporate and crisis communications. She combines her wide-ranging experiences across many industries with a professional network of national leaders in the public and private sectors to produce effective results. She never forgets her Italian heritage.

Nominated by Jan Saragoni

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Ieri e Oggi

Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Michelangelo



Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni, known as Michelangelo, was born on March 6, 1475, in Caprese, near Arezzo, Tuscany, Italy. The second of five sons. When Michelangelo was born, his father, Leonardo di Buonarroti Simoni, was briefly serving as a magistrate in the small village of Caprese. The family returned to Florence when Michelangelo was still an infant. His mother, Francesca Neri, was ill, so Michelangelo was placed with a family of stonecutters,

that his son had no interest in the family financial business, so he agreed to apprentice him, at the age of 13, to Ghirlandaio and the Florentine painter's fashionable workshop. There, Michelangelo was exposed to the technique of fresco (a mural painting technique where pigment is placed directly on fresh, or wet, lime plaster) From 1489 to 1492, Michelangelo studied classical sculpture in the palace gardens of Florentine ruler Lorenzo de' Medici of the powerful Medici family. This extraordinary opportunity opened to him after spending only a year at Ghirlandaio's workshop, at his mentor's recommendation.

Michelangelo had a contentious personality and quick temper, which led to fractious relationships, often with his superiors. This not only got Michelangelo into trouble, it created a pervasive dissatisfaction for the painter, who constantly strived for perfection but was unable to compromise. He sometimes fell into spells of melancholy, which were recorded in many of his literary works: "I am here in great distress and with great physical strain, and have no friends of any kind, nor do I want them."

He was a painter, sculptor, poet, and architect of the High Renaissance. Michelangelo's crowning glory in architecture came when he was made chief architect of St. Peter's Basilica in 1546. He was celebrated for his art's complexity, physical realism, psychological tension, and thoughtful consideration of space, light, and shadow. Many writers have commented on his ability to turn stone into flesh and to imbue his painted figures with energy.

A number of his works in painting, sculpture, and architecture rank among the most famous in existence The Pieta, his sculpture of David and the frescoes on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican, which include the iconic depiction of the creation of Adam interpreted from Genesis, are probably the best known of Michelangelo's works today, but the artist thought of himself primarily as a sculptor.

Michelangelo passed away on February 18, 1564 — just weeks before his 89th birthday — at his home in Macel de'Corvi, Rome, following a brief illness. A nephew bore his body back to Florence, where he was revered by the public as the "father and master of all the arts." He was laid to rest at the Basilica di Santa Croce — his chosen place of burial.

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GREG STONE – Entrepreneur, Author

Greg Stone's Italian roots run deep. His father's original surname was Busichio. His mother spoke Italian at home, so Greg speaks Italian reasonably well. He currently has a pending application for Italian citizenship through the Boston Consulate, evidence that his Italian heritage is a great source of pride.

President of Stone Communications, he has written three books: the mystery novel, *Dangerous Inspiration*, published by Paper Angel Press in January of 2023, *Branding with Powerful Stories: The Villains, Victims and Heroes Model* and *Artful Business: 50 Lessons from Creative Geniuses*.

At Stone Communications, he has provided media and presentation skills consulting for clients such as Fidelity, Harvard University, IBM, 3M, governors, mayors and four spokespeople facing interviews on "60 Minutes." He frequently guest-lectures at the Harvard Business School.

A three-time Emmy nominee, Greg began his career as a journalist. He worked as a writer at Time Inc. in New York and as a TV reporter in Minneapolis, Boston, and on PBS.

Greg earned an AB with honors from Harvard University and two master's degrees from Columbia University in journalism and business. He serves as a trustee for The Massachusetts College of Art and Design.

Nominated by Jan Saragoni

VINCENT PETRONELLA, PH.D – Higher Education

Dr. Vincent F. Petronella is an American English educator and researcher. He was born in New York City, the son of Anthony and Nicoletta (DeNigris) Petronella. He has never forgotten his Italian roots. He was educated at the City College of New York, with a master's degree from the University of Oregon, and a Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He was indeed academically prepared to be a noteworthy English educator. He progressed through the university faculty ranks, beginning as an Instructor at the University of Oregon, then as a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and finally, Boston, as a Professor of English at the University of Massachusetts Boston, since 1966. He is a noted speaker and lecturer in his field.

Dr. Petronella is active in many Boston cultural organizations. He is a member of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. He is also a member of the Modern Language Association, the International Shakespeare Association, the Shakespeare Association American, the Renaissance Society of America, the Browning Society, the New England chapter of the Victorian Society, the Edgar Allan Poe Studies Association, the Sherlock Holmes Society, and the Bernard Shaw Society.

Dr. Vincent Petronella resides in Lexington, MA, and has been married to his wife, Mary, since 1965.

Nominated by Anthony Sammarco

Pirandello Lyceum SCHOLARSHIPS

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The Birth of Bop is released in a vinyl box set, featuring five 10-inch LPs. Each track in the collection has been freshly restored and contains vintage photos from the era. Bop first began to take shape in the early '40s, developing in the clubs of New York City. This rebellious new sound was unlike anything anyone had heard before — and marked a significant departure from the predominant songs of the time. Unlike the danceable jazz that was so popular at the time, boppers were revolutionizing the genre in a variety of ways, experimenting with melodies, rhythm and phrasing.

Emerging against the backdrop of World War II, bop was also very much a reflection of the era. This new way of life was mirrored in the break-neck pace of bop music, which was generally based on eighth notes, rather than quarter notes, making it double the speed of swing. Established in 1942, Savoy Records would soon be at the forefront of this exciting new period in jazz music, thanks in large part to A&R man, producer, and promoter Teddy Reig. A passionate music fan, and a tireless hustler, Reig was a fixture at New York's jazz clubs in the early '40s, becoming friends with many of the era's rising artists.

The musicians who pioneered bop music were part of an intimate circle, who often joined in on each other's sessions. Leading the way at Minton's were pianist Thelonious Monk, saxophonist Charlie "Bird" Parker and trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie, who were frequently joined by bassists Oscar Pettiford, Curly Russell and Gene Ramey, and drummers as Kenny Clarke, Art Blakey and Max Roach. More sax players followed, including Dexter Gordon, Allen Eager, Eddie "Lockjaw" Davis and Stan Getz, while trumpeters like Fats Navarro and Kenny Dorham followed in the steps of Gillespie. Other instrumentalists added additional textures to early bop, including vibraphonist Milt Jackson, trombonists J. J. Johnson and Kai Winding, and baritone saxophonist Leo Parker. Many of these groundbreaking artists are featured throughout many of the tracks on *The Birth of Bop*, while those influential recordings would pave the way for future jazz icons, including Miles Davis, Sonny Stitt, John Coltrane and Sonny Rollins.

Each track on *The Birth of Bop* chronicles the narrative of the movement — from Parker's aforementioned "Romance Without Finance" to Stan Getz's formative "Stan's Mood," recorded at the end of the '40s. Other standout selections include J.J. Johnson's "Mad Be Bop," captured in 1946, and featuring Cecil Payne on alto saxophone, Bud Powell on piano, Leonard Gaskin on bass and Max Roach on drums. The trumpeter's original tune borrows heavily from Coleman Hawkins' "Spotlite."

"Hollerin' and Screamin' (Fatso)," from Fats Navarro, also has an interesting story behind it. The recording — which features tenor saxophonist Eddie "Lockjaw" Davis, pianist Al Haig, guitarist Huey Long, bassist Gene Ramey and drummer Denzil Best — was originally culled from a Davis-led session and released under his name. After Navarro died at the age of 26, however, the leadership was "rebranded" as a memorial to the beloved trumpeter. Another highlight is "Dexter's Minor Mad," which marks the first session led by tenor saxophonist Dexter Gordon and one of several tracks of his included in this collection, backed by Sadik Hakim on piano, Gene Ramey on bass and Eddie Nicholson on drums.

The Don Byas-led "Byas a Drink" also bridges the gap between the Swing Era and bop, as the tenor saxophonist fronts a quintet featuring trumpeter Benny Harris, pianist Jimmy Jones, bassist John Levy and drummer Fred Radcliffe. The delightfully titled track is an elegant composition based on the swing classic 'Stompin' at the Savoy'; the melody line is pure bop, but the coda reflects the big floorshows performed by the big bands. There are also several selections by Milt Jackson, who transformed the vibraphone from a percussion instrument into a lead instrument. One highlight is 1949s "Hearing Bells," in which Jackson leads a septet featuring trumpeter Bill Massey, tenor saxophonist Billy Mitchell, French horn player Julius Watkins, pianist Walter Bishop, Jr., bassist Nelson Boyd and drummer Roy Haynes. Another standout tune is "Junior."

As the decade turned and swing began to fall out of style, bebop would continue to develop, attracting younger artists along the way and ultimately giving way to further sonic exploration in the '60s. Setting these changes in motion, however, were the revolutionary artists featured in *The Birth of Bop*. While many of their names endure in the canons of musical history, the impact of Savoy Records cannot be understated.

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

**HERE'S A COUPLE OF
BAD IRISH JOKES**

Did you hear about that local politician named O'Malley who recently passed away just before St. Patrick's Day? When mourners showed up at his wake, one of them was struck by the wide smile on O'Malley's face. When he asked his widow what was with the big smile on his face, she sadly responded, he was struck by lightning eight times. He thought they were taking his photo for the newspapers.

All right, let's move on to the next bad joke. A guy named Callahan was speeding down the southeast expressway in Dorchester last week heading to the "Irish Riviera" in Scituate. All of a sudden, he saw flashing lights and heard a loud siren of a state police cruiser chasing him. Both Callahan and the state trooper tailing him drove faster and faster, and then Callahan realized he was already in trouble enough so he pulled over to the right. The trooper exited his vehicle and went up to him, and asked him why he just didn't pull over immediately and Callahan said he was so sorry, "just give me the ticket."

The Statie told him, his shift was almost up and, "if you can give me the best excuse I ever heard, I will give you a break with just a stern warning."

Callahan told the Statie, "Five years ago, a Statie ran off with

my wife. When I looked into my rearview mirror, I thought you were that guy and you were chasing me to return her to me. I had to keep speeding, sir?"

No ticket for him, Erin go brag!

HERE'S A GOOD JOKE

I guess the Boston City Council must have a lot of free time on their hands with all the issues facing us Bostonians: affordable housing, property taxes, fees, regulations, public schools, etc., are the latest things I've heard. One city councilor is trying to ban nips from being sold in Boston. Another councilor wants to ban Guinea pigs from being sold in pet stores in Boston, too. Pressing issues indeed. The last thing we need to see is some Guinea pig staggering down the street, finishing his cocktail, and then throwing his nip bottle onto our pristine Boston roads.

How much do these people make up on the 5th floor of City Hall?

**THIS PAST TUESDAY
MORNING, UP EARLY AND ...**

I was on the road before 6:00 a.m. and turned up the heat in my car and flipped on my Sirius radio to 49 for Soul Town as usual and on came Brook Benton singing "It's a Rainy Night in Georgia," and all was right with the world. I usually try to sing along to the music harkening back to my younger days. Benton's voice is my key and I start singing

along with the music and I sound good even if I do say so myself. There's several good songs about Georgia. Did you know they hanged an innocent man in another 45 hit back in the day. Guess I have to say I have Georgia on my mind today. NYUK, NUKE, NUKE as Curly might say.

**FOUND A NEW
EASTIE AUTHOR**

If you've read either "Logan and the Lost Luggage" or "Louella and the Librarian," you know Christine Ricci-McNamara. She is an acclaimed author who can spin some good stories. She hails from East Boston and still lives in the same house from back in her childhood. You can follow her on Instagram, too.

**YOU KNOW YOU'RE OLD
WHEN ...**

Way over 40 years ago, actor Erik Estrada was a hot star on TV back during the disco era playing a stud cop on "CHIPS. Sadly, he eventually ended up selling land in Florida on TV commercials. He was a one hit wonder and recently turned 74 years old, ouch!!!

**"STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN"
GREAT OLD TUNE**

I love listening to "Stairway to Heaven" by the O'Jays, they own this song. However, I must say after listening to this hit on the radio, I also thought, I bet, Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes

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A Nostalgic Remembrance



Three years ago, Loretta surprised me by booking in a two week Christmas cruise through the Panama Canal that next headed to Latin America. I was looking forward to the trip and had planned to extend it to son John, his family and son Michael. As we all know, Covid hit and lots of things were cancelled or postponed. Well, the trip was postponed until this past Christmas and we had to take advantage of it or lose the money we paid up front. John and Michael were unable to join us. (Thank God I didn't pay for them ahead of time.) We all had an early Christmas celebration, after which, Loretta and I headed to Florida and sailed south from the Port of Miami.

The trip included stops at the Dutch West Indies islands of Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire.

Next we headed to St. Martha and Cartagena, Colombia. From there, the ship headed through the locks of the Panama Canal, did a turn-around in Lake Gatun in the middle of the canal and then back through to Cristobal, the east coast city where we began the canal part of the trip and then we headed to Costa Rica's east coast city called Limon.

The excursions at each port were great as I hadn't been in that part of the world since I was single and in my '20s and that was over 50 years ago. I marveled at how things had changed since then. Babbononno had told me stories about his youthful travels to Latin America when he was a member of the Royal Italian Marine Band in the late 1800s, when most of those places were called "Banana Republics." I felt the same way in my youthful travels, but now time had changed things. Tropical fruit is still a major export, but oil, oil refining, electronics and medical equipment manufacturing industries have changed many economies, but the number one source of income is American and European tourism.

The ship we sailed on is named the Norwegian Pearl and is quite long, 965 feet by 125 feet wide. There are 13 levels that accommodate 2394 passengers and a crew of 1072.

We couldn't go hungry as there are 12 restaurants on board. To work up an appetite you could swim in one of the three swimming pools or soak in one of the four hot tubs.

The crew was composed of people from all over the world, but mostly from the Philippines and they treated us like royalty. I mentioned 12 restaurants ... most were part of the package but there were a few specialty ones that you paid extra to eat in. My two favorites were their steak house and the Brazilian barbecue. The Italian food ... it was so-so. I'm used to the restaurants in the North End.

We made several friends, most part of family groups seeing both Christmas and New Years were celebrated on the ship. Of course, I found a cigar lounge and made friends with the smokers. Again, there were people from all over who opted for this cruise. My new friends came from Romania, Croatia, Argentina, Egypt, two or three African countries and Bermuda.

There was a theater where you could be entertained by two shows each night, from magic, to comical hypnotists, to singers, dancers and acrobats. They were good, but the musicians were fantastic. There were groups who played music old and new. Once a night a jazz group played in the night club near the cigar lounge and I was surprised by the talent I ran across. What interested me the most was a youthful young lady who sang and played solo jazz piano. She was so talented, she scared me.

Loretta booked us on excursions at each port we stopped at. All included tours of historic sites and stops at shopping bazaars. As a result, I now own a few new T-shirts and a few Cuban cigars which you still can't buy in the U.S. The best liquid refreshments available were local brands of rum. After each excursion, I relaxed back on ship and thought about how things were back when I traveled through the same countries when I was in my 20s during the mid 1960s. Back then, I had to use local currency and definitely had to speak Spanish. Fifty-five years later, every local vendor I met now spoke English and American money was preferred. I next thought of Babbononno who was lucky enough to have traveled with the Italian Marine Band 125 years ago. He was lucky for a man in his generation to have traveled. He experienced North Africa, much of Europe and some of Latin America. Nanna,

before traveling to America had never traveled more than 5 miles from the farm where she was born. Mom and Dad had taken a couple of cruises to Latin America, but Mom preferred to head to Canada or Bermuda. Dad especially loved Puerto Rico and had always wanted to visit Cuba, but unfortunately never got there.

Well the trip came to an end the day after the new year began. We docked on January the 2nd. Uber brought us back to Delray Beach. The Uber driver was a Cuban who has been in the U.S. for 45 years and couldn't speak a word of English. I had to translate to allow Loretta to understand.

Now that we are back at our second home, I'm back to my "I'm semi-retired" routine: Poker on Monday nights, shows with friends on Tuesday nights, dinner out on Wednesday nights, cigar bar on Thursday nights and who knows what on the weekends. During the day, it's the pool. The daytime temperature during the winter is in the high 70s to the mid 80s, and it's sunny all day. Luckily, we've made friends with several families here in Florida, a fact that eases missing my friends back in Boston. All of my poker pals make fun of me as I am a novice at cards. When they were young, all of them had time to play once or twice a week. Me? I taught school during the day and played music at night. When there was time to spare, I headed to graduate school to earn advanced degrees ... no time for cards.

Years ago when I had made friends in foreign places, I also was given the opportunity of getting involved in business with them. A couple of times I accepted as I could fulfill my part from back home. One example was in the early '70s. A friend from Caracas, Venezuela imported products from the U.S. and set up the purchase (through me) of Lincoln automobiles, a brand non-existent in Venezuela back then, but much in demand. I would drive the monthly purchases to allow the cars to be considered used, bring them to the Port of Boston, ship them as used cars to my friend in Caracas where he would sell them for four to five times what they cost him. I was cut in for a good percentage and it was all legal. After my friend passed away, the business came to an end, but it was fun (and profitable) while it lasted. Babbononno thought I was crazy. Dad thought I was reckless, but it was fun and challenging while it did last. Maybe it was just because I was young at the time, who knows???

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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could have given this hit song plenty of justice, too. What do you out there say reading this right now? Am I right or wrong? Let me know at sal.giarratani@gmail.com.

WHERE WOKE WENT WRONG

Author Jennifer Sey recently published a book entitled *The Woke Mob Took My Job But Gave Me My Voice*. She recently also had an op-ed piece in the *NY Post* in which she defined wokeness as she stated, "What is woke? Its adherents believe they are awake to the injustices


of the world that the rest of us don't see. But I think it means you've been brainwashed to see racism, ableism, and sexism in every aspect of life, whether it exists or not. That's where woke went wrong."

SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL COMING TO REVERE BEACH


The Revere Beach Partnership, along with the City of Revere and DCR will once again hold this festival. The 19th Annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival will take place from July 28th – 30th.

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Pane Dolce di Pasqua Easter Sweet Bread is rich in symbolism. While varying in shapes, texture and flavor throughout the regions of Italy, most are shaped or decorated in ways that uniquely depict the story of Easter. From the southern regions come the popular braided wreath shaped loaves most often studded with colored eggs. These wreaths are usually flavored with vanilla, citrus or anise, and represent the crown of thorns worn by Jesus Christ at his crucifixion. The three pieces of braided dough symbolize the three elements of the Holy Trinity and the eggs represent birth or rebirth of the risen Christ. The Lombardy region of Northern Italy is the origin of *Colomba di Pasqua*, the dove-shaped panettone-like bread that symbolizes peace and hope. In Sicily, you'll find the *Pupì cu L'uova*, or dolls with bread. These small bread or cookie-like sweets are shaped like dolls (for girls), roosters or doves (for boys), and hearts (for loved ones), each are decorated with a dyed egg and crossed with strips of dough, representing abundance. This Sicilian tradition is one that children look forward to each year!

Most Italians have their own family recipe for *Easter Sweet Bread* that has been handed down through the generations. My Nonna had several she'd use, and each was as delicious as the next. The recipe I am sharing with you today is one she made quite often and it's also my favorite. *Pane Dolce di Pasqua* is soft, sweet and when decorated with colored eggs, and/or pastel nonpareils and sprinkles, it will make a beautifully festive presentation on your Easter table!

EASTER SWEET BREAD
Pane Dolce di Pasqua



Sweet Bread Dough:

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 packet yeast (or 2 ¼ teaspoons)
- 1 ¼ cups whole milk
- ¼ pound butter, melted and cooled
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 4 cups all-purpose flour

**2 to 6 hard-boiled white or colored eggs (optional)

Egg Wash:

- 1 egg beaten with 1 tablespoon water

Icing:

- 2 cups confectioners sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 4 to 8 tablespoons whole milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- nonpareils and/or sprinkles to decorate

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In a small saucepan, over medium low heat, warm milk and add butter to melt. Remove from heat, cool to a lukewarm temperature and add yeast, set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, add eggs and sugar and beat until fluffy. Add milk mixture and vanilla and mix well. Gradually add in flour, mixing well after each addition until dough comes together. Using a dough hook or by hand, knead dough for just a few minutes, until soft and smooth.

Lightly grease a large bowl with butter, place dough in the bowl, cover with plastic wrap and place a dishtowel over this. Place the covered bowl in a warm, dark place and let the dough rise for an hour or until doubled in size.

Remove dough from bowl and if making one large bread use all the dough. If making two medium breads, split the dough in half. Take your dough and braid it into a wreath shape or form it into a loaf. If using colored or white hard-boiled eggs, place as desired inside of braided dough pieces. Place bread on the prepared baking sheet and cover with a towel and place in a warm dark place until doubled in size. When ready, preheat the oven to 350°. Brush with egg wash and sprinkle with nonpareils and/or sprinkles if not icing (if using icing, the decorations are added after icing) Place in the oven and bake for 20 minutes. Cool and ice, if desired.

To make icing, place confectioners sugar in a medium bowl, add milk (more or less, as needed) and extract. Drizzle icing over bread and sprinkle with nonpareils and/or sprinkles.

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• Summer Youth Jobs (Continued from Page 1)

is engaging, meaningful, and advances their professional and personal development. Last fall, Mayor Wu established the *Worker Empowerment Cabinet* to advance the wellbeing of Boston workers, led by Chief Trinh Nguyen. Expanding economic opportunities for youth through access to quality jobs, skills training, and career pipelines are a key priority of the cabinet. The Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity, formerly the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment (DYEE), was moved to the Worker Empowerment Cabinet to lead this work.

Each year, YEO partners with a wide range of nonprofit organizations, City agencies, and lead youth employment providers, including *Action for Boston Community Development*, *the Boston Private Industry Council*, *Artists for Humanity*, *John Hancock MLK Scholars*, and the *Boys and Girls Club of Boston* to create youth summer jobs. Youth have the opportunity to get connected to various industries that provide inspiration for long-term careers such as the arts, health care, STEM, sports and recreation, education, and public administration.

“SuccessLink is the foundation for the entire Mayor’s Summer Jobs Program. It is the one source for summer youth

employment that is open to all Boston teenagers, regardless of neighborhood or high school,” said Neil Sullivan, Executive Director of the Boston Private Industry Council. “The young people who connect with private sector opportunities through the PIC often credit their prior SuccessLink job as preparing them for a summer internship in healthacare, finance, life sciences, architecture, or other profession.”

This year, YEO has expanded its youth jobs grant making efforts to provide more funding directly to nonprofit organizations to design job experiences, remove barriers to enrollment and transfer administrative responsibilities to allow for a more streamlined process. These expanded efforts will encourage greater collaboration, coalition building, and learn and earn models among higher education institutions and job providers in the youth employment space.

To ensure that all youth have equitable access to these opportunities, the City will continue to support organizations that focus on proven at-risk youth populations (e.g. justice-involved youth, foster care, youth experiencing homelessness, etc.) YEO will work to ensure that disadvantaged youth get access to employment opportunities through the Massachusetts *Commonwealth Corporation YouthWorks* partnership. Additionally, the department will again work with the Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA) to provide immigrant youth with *hands-on leadership and skills training*, regardless of immigration status.

The *SuccessLink webpage* has been updated to make it easier for young people to navigate the application process. Youth can view job postings, see a list of required documents, and apply directly to the organizations. The Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity also offers application assistance. Youth can visit the office in person, Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 1483 Tremont Street in Roxbury, or call 617-635-4202 to get help.

The Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity will also

be hosting a Youth Job and Resource Fair at the Reggie Lewis Center on April 22, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Youth will have the opportunity to connect with 100+ summer employers, access youth resources, receive job application assistance, and win prizes. Refreshments will be provided. Parents and/or guardians are welcome to attend with their youth.

SuccessLink does not guarantee a job but the goal is to place as many youth as possible. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Youth are encouraged to get their applications in early. For more information on the 2023 SuccessLink Summer Youth Employment program, visit boston.gov/summer-jobs.

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End Quote
“The helpless-victim narrative clouding many black Americans’ judgment and perception of reality has hindered our growth as a collective,” the author contended. “Instead of directing our focus toward relevant issues — such as father absence, crime, illiteracy, and staggering abortion rates — we are told these problems are somehow the result of slavery and Jim Crow and, therefore, not our fault and only curable by someone else bailing us out.”
— *Xavier DuRousseau, an ex-BLM activist*

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 539A, that on **April 10, 2023 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:

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Saymon Curitiba Dos Santos
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Melrose, MA 02176
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Allenstown, NH 03275
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Fairrell, PA 16121
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VIN #: 2LMDU88C88BJ05771
William Y. Terrell
270 Wilder St., #2
Lowell, MA 01851
- 2008 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA, WHITE**
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Jhonatan Queiroz
32 Whitney St.
Watertown, MA 02472
Run dates: 03/24, 03/31, 04/07/2023

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. SU21P0300EA
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
Estate of
PASQUALE PEZZANO
Date of Death: June 09, 2011

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Anthony P. Pezzano of Revere, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/13/2023.

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

WITNESS, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 20, 2023
Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate
Run date: 03/24/2023



EXTRA Innings



by Sal Giaratani

Happy Birthday Bobby Orr



Bobby Orr in mid-air (1970)

Boston Bruins legend Bobby Orr, a member of those Big Bad Bruins in the late '60s into the early '70s, just celebrated his birthday this past Monday, March 20th. He hit the big 75-year mark. In less than seven weeks, I too will be celebrating my 75th. Where did all the years go? He signed with the Bruins in 1966 as an 18-year-old kid fresh out of high school and almost instantly turned the pathetic Bruins into winners. Who can forget that period in time for Boston hockey fans?

Who can forget the 1970 Stanley Cup winners that year or when they repeated it again in 1972? They should have won it in 1971, but they blew it in the playoffs. It should have been three in a row.

Life goes by way too fast, doesn't it? one day Orr is flying in mid-air, next moment he's blowing out 75 candles.

Who Played in Five Decades

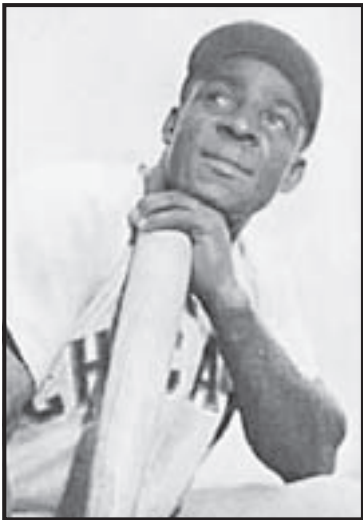
The number is two, Satchel Paige and Minnie Minoso, counting their time in the Negro League. Paige played 21 seasons (1927-1965) and Minoso played 20 seasons (1946-1980). I remember when Satchell pitched two innings in one game for the KC Athletics in a televised game against the Boston Red Sox back when I was 17 years old. He was 59 years old



Satchel Paige

and looked like he still had his game, too.

As far as Minoso goes, I saw him many times growing up in the '50s and '60s when he played for the Indians, White Sox, and Senators. Mostly I think of him as an Indian or White Sox. The White Sox brought him back for three games in 1976 and two games in 1980.



Minnie Miñoso

I still remember one game when he came out to right field with a basket of Red Sox balls and started throwing them into the seats for us kids. He was a big favorite of ours. Then, the batboy from the Red Sox runs over and snatches the basket from Minoso and we all start booing the kid. Minoso laughs and says see you next time. He definitely loved playing baseball, it was never a business to him.

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The Trial Court
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(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI23P1311EA
Estate of
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Date of Death: January 04, 2023
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PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **John A. Landry of Maynard, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

John A. Landry of Maynard, 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: 03/24/2023

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24 New Chardon Street
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Docket No. SU20P2094EA
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
Estate of
DOLORES PEZZANO
Date of Death: June 25, 2020

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Anthony P. Pezzano of Revere, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, 1st and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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WITNESS, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 14, 2023
Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate
Run date: 03/24/2023

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- 2003 HONDA ACCORD**
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03/17, 03/24, 03/31/2023



Boxing Safety?



Ancient Boxers

Boxing, or some form of physical combat, has been around since man first walked the planet. The basic instincts have always been those of survival; gathering food, procreating, and fighting. As people developed, their tastes changed and they began to eat not only for survival but for pleasure. Sex became something not only for propagating the human race, but for pleasure and as an expression of love. And fighting went from protecting one's home and family to a sport. People realized they enjoyed watching others engaged in physical contests, and the most basic was fist-fighting. It could be done most anywhere and only required two combatants.

As time passed, the thirst for violence increased, most notably with the advent of the gladiators in Ancient Rome. They were well trained in the art of battle and at first were evenly matched. But, the thirst for blood drove the games to become more and more decadent and repulsive. People were put in with lions while the crowd roared its approval at the macabre scenes that unfolded before them. It's no coincidence these horrible displays increased as the Empire began to crumble.

The early boxers at first fought with bare fists and grappled quite a bit. They risked breaking their hands when landing a blow to the head, so body shots were more prevalent. That is until one of them got the idea to wrap his hands in cloth to protect them. This was the precursor to the modern boxing glove. Yes, the first hand coverings were not used to prevent the fighters from head injuries, they were developed to prevent hand injuries and this is still true.

As time went on, the early boxers found they could insert objects into the wraps and make them even more dangerous, the most common objects were spikes. This was the birth of the cestus, which was first used in Ancient Greece. The cestus covered the fists and forearms of the gladiators.

While today's boxing glove does not have spikes sticking out of it, the amount of bandaging that is applied to a boxer's hands is extraordinary. Having the hands so heavily taped make them into lethal weapons. Put the boxing glove over it and it is almost impossible to harm the fist, but much easier to damage the head of the opponent. While



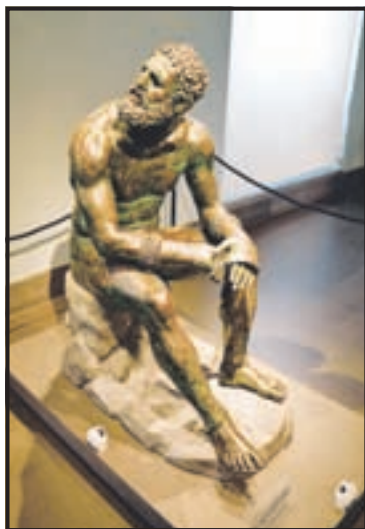
The Cestus

it is commonly believed the boxing glove is a piece of safety equipment that is far from true. In reality it is a weapon.

In Ancient Rome, the boxers were either slaves or infames (infamous ones) who held a low level of citizenship. Today, boxing is still populated from the poorest among us; those who are easily exploited. You can see the parallels going back to the days of the Colosseum. While contests ending in death were expected, and even hoped for back in those early days, many die in the ring today. Some right after a match, and many over the years after they have quit the ring, dying the slow death of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) that is epidemic among those who have careers in the ring.

People will point to the rules and changes that have been made to make boxing safer, but how do you make a sport safe when the whole point of the contests is to inflict punishment on the head of the opponent? No matter how great a fighter is, in very few instances does he escape the sport without serious brain damage. Muhammad Ali was the poster boy of what taking head blows does to the brain. There are thousands of other examples of the tragic end fighters see. In some ways, those who die in the ring may be said to be spared the horrible years of decay and misery because of the blows they received. They die forgotten, some living on the streets. Boxing is the least caring of sports. The people who control it don't give a damn about those who suffer from the consequences of participating in it.

It is true that people get seriously injured and die in other sports, but those are accidents. In no other sport is the purpose to cause a head injury. Other sports have been and can be made safer without the enjoyment being taken away. In 1967 when Tony Conigliaro was seriously injured by a pitch, the league made changes to the design of the helmet that was worn by players when at bat.



The Boxer at Rest

That change prevented injuries and the game continued on without being affected. In the early days of auto racing, race car drivers, particularly Formula One drivers, were being killed at an alarming rate. Due to design changes in the cockpits of the cars and in the suits the drivers wear, deaths in auto racing have become very rare. Again, this was accomplished without making the sport any less enjoyable.

How would you make boxing safe without drastically changing the sport? The strongest change that could be made would be to ban head punches. How many people do you think would pay to see a boxing match where head shots aren't allowed? If you said none, you are probably correct. Spend some time on YouTube and social media and you will see the most commonly shared boxing clips are the ones showing brutal knockouts. This is what excites people about boxing. Sure, there are those who appreciate watching two slick boxers trying to outsmart each other (while still inflicting brain injuries), but the real draw is seeing a fighter rendered unconscious, the more brutal, the more shared. There is just no getting away from this fact. Boxing is a savage sport not that far removed from ancient times.

What should be done about it? I don't have the answer, but I think we have to think seriously about watching for entertainment something that causes such terrible harm to the young people participating in it. Is this something that really belongs in a civilized society? Is this how people in an advanced society find pleasure?

One final note, I have often heard people say when defending boxing that even if these fighters are risking ending up brain damaged, it is the only way out of the terrible situations they were born into. Sounds a bit like the infames of Ancient Rome. Maybe there was a time when that argument held some water, but have we not become better as a society to still think that some are condemned to either a life of misery with their only option being allowing themselves to be used by a sport that will surely ruin them? Oh, sure a very few will see some fame and fortune, but for most it will be a grim and horrible outcome. Surely we are better than this.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



HOCKEY EAST'S ENERGY EARMARKS ELECTRIC EVENT —

And maybe, just maybe, we should add the exuberance of the fans to that statement. After all, it was they who witnessed one of the most thrilling of the Hockey East extravaganzas ever held at the Garden over St. Patrick's weekend with all three of the contests going into overtime before ending in a trio of dramatic conclusions.

All three were real overtimes of the traditional variety — featuring full five on five skating teams with no artificial time limit. Plus the dreaded shootout was nowhere to be seen — banished from a high quality championship event as it should be.

Some decades ago, back in the 1990s, there were indoor lacrosse matches played at the Garden — sometimes after Saturday afternoon Bruins games. They are long gone now but we do remember their advertising slogan: "We'll sell you the whole seat, but you'll only need the edge."

And that phrase certainly encapsulated the weekend that featured Boston University defeating Providence 2-1 in the opening semifinal on Friday while Merrimack got by UMass-Lowell by the same 2-1 count in double overtime in the second game. The opener, featuring the Terriers and the Friars, brought to mind the 2015 National Championship game at the Garden, with Providence winning its first national title.

The Saturday night championship game was played before a nearly full house as BU claimed its 10th Hockey East title 3-2 with the winning goal coming about two minutes into the overtime session. The exciting conclusion was a fitting capstone to the 38th Hockey East Tournament championship and the 26th to be held at the Garden — a memorable way to start a second quarter century on Causeway Street.

By winning the Hockey East Tournament BU earned an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament. One day later it was announced that Merrimack been awarded an at-large berth in the national event that opens with a field of 16. Harvard and Quinnipiac, who play in the ECAC, also were awarded berths.

Because of that limited field Merrimack had to wait a bit before learning it was going to college hockey's version of March Madness. The Warriors were the final team named to gain a berth in the limited field national event.

The championship game was simply a showdown game between the top two teams in Hockey East. BU had won the regular season Hockey East title with an 18-6-0 conference mark while Merrimack was right behind in second place with a 16-8-0 league finish. The Terriers, with a much longer history in Division One NCAA hockey, features a team with 12 NHL draft picks. Merrimack by contrast has three.

Up next are the regionals, which will whittle down the field to the quartet of teams that will advance to the Frozen Four, to be played this year in Tampa April 6-8. Last year Denver won the National Championship at the Garden, defeating Minnesota State 5-1.

BRUINS ROLL ONWARD WITH PLAYOFFS ON HORIZON — As the Bruins continue their sensational success in the best regular season in franchise history, some attention has started to focus on which team the B's might face in the opening round of the playoffs.

As Bostonians celebrated the first full day of Spring on March 21st, there were three possible contenders for the final wild card spot in the Eastern Conference — Florida, Pittsburgh and Washington. The Bruins will open against the team that claims the second (and last) wild card position.

And the Bruins do have a say. Entering the game against the Bruins on March 21st, Ottawa had an opportunity to climb up a bit in the wild card race. But the B's shut the door on that possibility, coming from behind for a 2-1 victory and thus denying the Senators two badly needed points in their battle to claim the precious final slot.

The Bruins will also play Pittsburgh on April 1st and Washington on April 11th. The regular season closes on April 13th with the B's visiting Montreal.

"Any team can win on any given night," said veteran Brad Marchand following the game against Ottawa. It is a statement acknowledging that the regular season is not over and that there are some desperate teams still fighting for a playoff berth.

DOWN MEMORY LANE: WHEN BOOKER SCORED 70 AGAINST THE CELTICS — It was six years ago (March 24, 2017) that Devin Booker of the Phoenix Suns scored 70 points against the Celtics during a 130-120 victory by the Green at the Garden.

It was the most points scored against the C's by an opposing player since Elgin Baylor put in 64 for the Minneapolis Lakers on November 8, 1959.

The Suns had already been eliminated from possible playoff participation and came into the Garden having lost nine of their last 10 games. They were also shorthanded, with several players out due to injuries. Booker had 19 points at the half, added 23 in the third quarter, and then hit for 28 in the fourth.

Phoenix coach Earl Watson was criticized by some members of Celtics Nation for essentially playing to Booker's hot hand that night. But down by double digits late in the game what did they expect? Coach Watson went with his hot player — his only (remote) chance of getting back into the game. No one can criticize a coach for never giving up and earnestly contesting a game to the end.

It should also be noted that Booker made 24 of 26 attempts from the free throw line. In other words, nearly 35 percent of his point total came from uncontested free throws. Fewer fouls by the Celtics that night probably would have meant fewer points by Booker — since he might have missed some additional contested shots.

Something to consider when one recalls a special prolific night by one of the NBA's top players.