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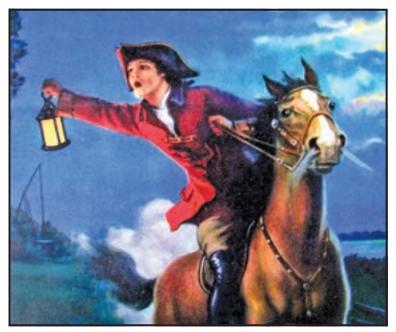
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Happy Patriots Day Monday, April 15, 2024



The Patriots' Day Parade begins with a ceremony at City Hall Plaza. The parade will kick-off approximately 9:15 a.m., ending on Hanover Street in the North End at the Paul Revere Mall

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

NY Pigeon Poop Raising Big Stink

The NY Health Department seemingly isn't taking any more c&#@* when it comes to pigeon poop - socking landlords with 29 percent more summonses last year to property owners who failed to clean up "unsanitary pigeon conditions- compared with the year 2022. Property owners first get five days to clean up pigeon conditions. If they fail to comply, they can be hit with a summons carrying a \$1,000 fine.

One individual hit with the large fine said it was Unfair" and Unnecessary, especially since ratinfestation only carries \$300 fines for first offender property owners

Cancer Chemicals in Acne Lab

High levels of cancer-causing chemical benzene have been found in some acne treatments, including Target's Up & Up and Clearasil, said independent lab Valisure recently. This laboratory has also filed a petition with the FDA to recall the products, conduct an investigation, and revise industry guidance, the lab stated.

Benzene was also detected in Clinique, Proactiv, PanOxyl, Walgreens' acne soap bar and Walmart's Equate Beauty acne cream among others. Clearasil maker Reckitt said the findings "reflect unrealistic scenarios rather than real-world conditions.?

Experts Push Pilot Privacy

An expert panel appointed by the FAA recently said the agency should drop a requirement that airline pilots and air-traffic controllers disclose talk therapy sessions. According to the panel, "The FAA should develop a non-punitive pathway for reporting previously undisclosed mental-health conditions." The panel also added the requirement "leads to healthcare avoid-

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Shuttle Buses Replace Blue Line from Maverick to Wonderland on April 17-19, from Airport to Wonderland on April 20-28



riders that Blue Line service will be suspended between Maverick and Wonderland for three days from April 17-19 and between Airport and Wonderland for nine days from April 20-28.

This service change is in place to allow crews to perform critical work to upgrade infrastructure as part of the Track Improvement Program, which will improve reliability and provide a safer ride. Work crews will also maximize this service change by upgrading the overhead catenary wire system between Orient Heights and Wood Island stations.

Blue Line service will be suspended between Maverick and Wonderland for three days from April 17-19 and between

The MBTA is today reminding Airport and Wonderland for these service changes affect nine days from April 20-28. Free and accessible shuttle buses will make stops at all stations. Accessible vans will also be available to riders.

> Information is available at mbta.com/alerts. Riders can also learn more at mbta.com/ TrackProgram.

> The important work accomplished during this Blue Line service suspension means riders will experience a more reliable trip with fewer unplanned service disruptions related to older tracks, older infrastructure, signal issues, or power problems. Riders will also be provided with a safer ride as a result of this state of good repair work.

The MBTA understands how

riders' daily travels during this period, but we are committed to improving your travels long term with more reliable, timely, and safe service. We thank riders for their patience as we deliver this important work and for continuing to ride our

More information is also available through in-station signage and public announcements. Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to *T-Alerts* or to follow the MBTA on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA for up-to-date service information.

Battle Lines Drawn Over Proposed Major League Soccer Stadium in Everett

by Patti Sartori

A public battle has begun over a proposed bill in the Massachusetts State Senate, offered by Senator Sal DiDomenico, D-Cambridge, on behalf of the Kraft Group, headed by Robert Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots, to build a Major League Soccer Stadium (MLS) on a 43-acre site on the Mystic River, across from the Encore Boston Harbor Casino, where a defunct power plant presently sits.

Domenico's bill would remove the parcel of land, between Everett and Boston, from its "designated port area status" for the purpose of converting the parcel into a professional soccer stadium and waterfront park. The designations' goal is to promote and protect water dependent industrial uses according to the Office of Coastal Management. Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) Senior attorney, Maggie Sullivan, said CLF does not oppose the idea of a soccer stadium, but she did offer concern over removing one of the states' clean energy goals given the traffic congestion on game days could increase air pollution in Everett, Boston and Somerville.

Governor Healey has expressed support in boosting Everett's economy. "It's a gateway city, it's been the subject for a lot of environmental issues, polluted land, and it's an opportunity to bring that up, bring jobs and bring some great entertainment in, but a lot to work through and I know the legislature is taking that up right now,"

The proposal calls for a world class stadium with approximately 25,000 seats to house the New England Revolution, located at 173 Alford Street, Everett, in addition to an enticing public park on the waterfront. There are currently 75 on-site parking spaces allocated, with a study on top to improve pedestrian infrastructure to encourage public transportation use.

Brian Bilello, President of the New England Revolution said, "The Kraft Group signed an agreement with local trade unions promising the facility would be union built and operated," with general union leaders testifying at the recent hearing in support.

A number of officials from the City of Boston raised concerns, asking why they were left out of the initial planning stages, a concern Mayor Wu has previously expressed. "Boston and most particularly Charlestown will bear the brunt of transportation related impacts," Boston Chief of Planning Arthur Jennison said. "Boston needs to

The Jacobs family, owners of the TD Boston Garden and Bruins have made it clear they are not happy with potential competition around hosting concerts and other events at the potential new venue across the water. TD Garden was very vocal and is alleged to have played a role in killing an earlier proposal to re-zone this parcel of land in a supplemental state budget last year. "TD Garden definitely weighed in to the conversation," House Ways and Means Chairman Aaron Michlewitz said previously.

The Kraft group is not currently asking for public financing for the stadium. If that changes opposition shouldn't just go from the garden and the mayor, it should go to every taxpayer," said Victor Matheson, sports economist at the College of Holy Cross in Worcester.

The future of this project lies in the hands of the Massachusetts Legislature. Whether they act and vote on this zoning change prior to the end of the legislative session in July, has not been decided. Given the concerns expressed by the Mayor of Boston, and other groups and individuals, it may be an uphill battle for the Kraft organization, Everett political leaders, and MLS fan base.

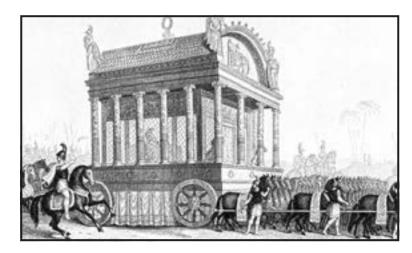
Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



THE ROMAN FUNERAL "PREP"



During the past two issues, we examined the vigil and funeral procession that was generally observed in ancient Greece. This week I thought it might be of interest to outline these same events as they were observed in ancient Rome. I feel it necessary to remind our readers once again, however, the "funus" is the Latin word for rope, cable, or cord. It is also the name that was given to the funeral rites in ancient Rome. Their Latin word "funus," and in turn, our English word "funeral," are both derived from the burial procession during those ancient times which employed twisted ropes that had been smeared with pitch and then used as torches to light the way. Torches were necessary because their funerals took place at night.

Among the Romans, the burial of the dead was a most solemn duty as it was with the Greeks. It was incumbent

upon anyone who found an unburied body to at least cast earth upon it three times. If funeral rites were not performed, the soul of the dead person was believed to wander homelessly upon the earth forever. When a person was on his deathbed a near relative caught the last breath in his own mouth and as soon as death came, the eyes and mouth of the corpse were closed by one of those present. Next came the "conclamatio" a cry or the recall of the dead, by uttering his or her name three times in order to ascertain the fact of death. If there was no answer, then the person was considered officially dead. A parallel custom is still observed at the deathbed of a Pope, but with the addition of a good strong whack on the

Immediately after death, the body was washed with warm water, anointed with perfumes or spices and then clothed in a toga or robe of office, if appropriate. Precious ornaments and rings were often added. The corpse was placed on a couch and then adorned with flowers. Among the Romans as among the Greeks, it was customary to place a small coin in the mouth of the deceased for the purpose of paying Charon's passage money. Charon was the ferryman from mythology who conveyed the dead souls across the River Styx in a lower world called Hades (similar to our Purgatory). In Rome as in Greece, coins have been found in the mouths of many skeletons.

All of the preparations necessary for the proper laying out of the body were performed by an embalmer. He usually made the original cast of the death mask, but the contract for conducting the entire funeral was made with an undertaker. After the body was properly prepared and adorned, it was laid on a couch of state, generally in the atrium of the domus, with the feet towards the door. Outside of the front door, they placed cypress or pine branches in order to warn those persons who might feel polluted by entering a house in which there was a corpse. Private funerals were conducted by the family of the deceased (funus privatum), or possibly a public funeral was voted by the Senate (funus publicum).

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The Roman Procession

Massachusetts GOP Tossed Longtime Republican Power House

Massachusetts Republican Leadership has removed the General Chairman of the Republican National Committee (RNC) from his post as a national committeeman. Ron Kaufman, past treasurer of the RNC, was replaced with Brad Wyatt, a Tea Party Activist, with a 37-35 margin. The vote was taken this past Saturday at a Republican State Committee meeting.

Kaufman will remain in his position as a National committeeman through the July convention in Milwaukee, unless he is removed by the new RNC Chair, Michael Whatley, an ardent supporter of President Trump in 2016, 2020 and again in 2024. Kaufman was a Republican power player who had previously advised former Massachusetts Governor, past Republican Presidential Nominee in 2012, and current U.S. Senator Mitt Romney. Kaufman earned his reputation as a Republican/Washington DC force while working for former President George H.W. Bush

"He is Mr. RNC. He's very powerful on a national level. and he's the go to guy for guidance for other states. He brings home the bacon, and he's always been so humble. Many don't realize what he does behind the scenes for our state party," said Jane Fogarty, Kaufman's counterpart on the national committee. Kaufman initially stated he would not seek another term as committeeman, but later recanted and said he was persuaded to run for reelection by "the team in Mar-a-Lago." Kaufman is also the chair of the Republican's 2028 presidential convention.

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Boston City Council

Suggests Attendance Accountability

Tania Fernandez Anderson, Boston City Councilor District 7, has suggested there needs to be accountability standards when it comes to meeting attendance. However, she might want to begin with her own record.

It seems Councilor Fernandez Anderson has missed 7 regular weekly council meetings since taking office in January, 2022, placing her at the bottom of the body according to public meeting minutes that verify attendance.

"The roles and responsibilities of the Boston City Council are fundamental to the effective governance of our city, impacting the lives of residents and shaping the future of our communities," she submitted as part of a recent order. 1 out of 4 of her 2023 absences, coincidentally occurred on days the council voted on public safety funding issues, and this from a councilor who favored cutting millions from the Boston Police Department budget.

She was absent on September 13th when the council voted to oppose \$85,000 in multiple grants to fund the Boston Regional Intelligence Center, again on October 4th when \$3.4

million in grants were approved for the Police Departments intelligence unit and again on December 13th, when the full body voted 12-0 to approve the long awaited Boston Police Union contract along with the 6-6 vote on a \$13 million dollar counter terrorism grant that would have benefited Boston and surrounding cities and towns.

Last week she was present for the vote regarding Mayor Wu's new planning department, however she abstained and voted present rather than vote for or against it. The ordinance ultimately passed giving Wu the authority to implement a new city planning department.

Of the 13 councilors, At-Large Councilor Julia Mejia tied District 4 Councilor Brian Worrell with having the second most absences, at 6 since last term. Mejia also voted present on the anti-terror grant vote in January.

The councilors are each paid \$115,000 annually. The only councilor of the 13 present members to have a perfect attendance record over the past few years is the At-Large Councilor Erin Murphy.

Democratic Strategist JAMES CARVILLE

Warns of Horrifying Numbers among Young Voters

James Carville, the straight forward, no holds barred, long-time Democratic strategist, known as the "Ragin Cagun" from New Orleans, warned that the Democratic Party's declining numbers among young minority voters is "horrifying" as the 2024 presidential election draws near.

"I've been very vocal about this," the former campaign strategist for President Clinton, said on his Carville's Classroom Podcast last Sunday. "It's horrifying, our numbers among younger voters, particularly younger blacks, younger Latino's ... Younger people of color, particularly males. We're not shedding them, they're leaving in droves," he added.

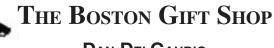
Last year, 66% of black adults leaned or identified as Democratic while 19% said they leaned or were Republican, according to a Gallup poll survey released in February. The 47 percentage points spread is the lowest in 25 years, and down 19% from 2020, when 17% of black adults identified as Democrats and just 11% identified as Republicans. The poll

also found 47% of Hispanics call themselves Democrat and 35% identify as Republicans, where as in 2021, 57% of Hispanics identified as Democrat and 26% said they were Republican.

Both demographics are key Democratic voting blocs that President Biden and his party cannot afford to lose. A USA Today/Suffolk University Poll taken in January showed Biden's support among black voters drop to 63% from 87% in 2020. The same poll showed former President Trump with an edge over Biden with voters under 35 years old (37%-33%) and Hispanic voters (39%-34%).

A March New York Times/Siena College Poll showed Trump ahead of Biden 46% to 40% among self-identified Hispanic voters and 23% support of black registered voters. Carville argued that Democrats must convey the consequences of electing Trump to another White House term. "We're not going to convince the under 30, under 35, that oh we really built a great country for you. They're looking at this job market ... I don't think they're going to buy that line."

Happy Patriots' Day



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Salvatore "Sal" Pinzone

Salvatore "Sal" Pinzone of Waltham, passed away peacefully in the comfort of his own home on Tuesday afternoon April 2, 2024 with family by his side at the age

Born on December 20, 1927 in Filicudi, Italy; son of the late John Pinzone and Angelina (Mandile) Pinzone. Sal came here as a young man, through Ellis Island, worked hard, and became a successful businessman. He always cherished his Italian heritage and the contribution of Italians throughout the world.

Sal was predeceased by his beloved wife of 72 years Anna Marie

(Tofuri) Pinzone on June 2, 2023 and by his sister Gracie Merlino.

Sal is survived by his six children: Donna Pinzone, Jon Pinzone and his partner Lori Lindstrom, Michael Pinzone and his partner Scott Dyer, Debbie Pinzone, Ann Marie Thomas, Salvatore and his wife Angela Pinzone. Sal is also survived by his grandchildren: Maria Wentworth and her husband Charles, Sara Gorgone, Nicole Pinzone, Alyssa Pinzone and her partner Kay Zona, Amanda Thomas, and Benjamin Thomas and by two great-grandsons who he adored, Aiden and Anthony Wentworth.

For 41 years, Sal owned and operated "Sal's Family Restaurant," a Waltham landmark located on Main Street. The family restaurant was the place to go and share a great meal with friends before or after any type of sporting event or movie, school event, or just to relax and enjoy pizza and seafood. He was proud to offer great food at prices people could afford.

His generosity included donating food and time to many organizations throughout his community. He was generous by nature and a benefactor to numerous charitable organizations such as high school sports teams, Sals Pizza sports teams, nursing homes, and social clubs including the Sons of Italy, Bentley College, and was instrumental in many other community events. He was also an active, lifelong member of the Sacred Heart Parish in which he was vital in raising money for the construction of the

Sal was awarded many accolades throughout his life, including the Italian-American community, Italian-American causes devoted to the Italian language and culture. In the City of Waltham, his hometown, because of his great efforts, the city displays the Italian flag next to the American flag during the month of October, which is Italian-American Heritage Month. He was very active in his community in the creation of interfaith programs, which created brotherhood and goodwill throughout our community.

He provided strong leadership in Waltham to collect donations for the creation of a monument dedicated to Christopher Columbus on the Quincentennial of Columbus's discovery of America. Sal was also awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the Consul General Falachi for his great contribution of time and effort to promote a very successful Italian Republic Day.

At the Watertown Sons of Italy Lodge, Sal served as President, was a member and chairman of the Board of Trustees devoting a great deal of energy in maintaining and updating the beautiful Watertown facility. He served as Chairman of the Sons of Italy Italian Culture Committee. He also received the Sons of Italy Golden Lion Award for his immense service to the Watertown Lodge. Sal was instrumental in the creation of the Pirandello Lyceum Society and received the "I Migliori" Award as an Italian Culture Promoter and Business Entrepreneur. He also received a Citation of Appreciation from the Province of Agrigento, Sicily.

Sal was also an avid boater and a lifelong member of Newton Yacht club. His love for boating was passed down to his children and grandchildren. He was very proud to be an American citizen and enjoyed celebrating the Fourth of July every year on his boat at the Esplanade with his family.

Visitation was Wednesday, April 10th in the Mary Catherine Chapel of Brasco & Sons Memorial, Waltham, MA. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday morning April 11th at Sacred Heart Church, Waltham. Burial followed at Mount Feake Cemetery in Waltham, MA.

Donations can be made to the Saint Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN. 38105

Carmela "Millie" (Roberto) DiStefano

May She Rest in Peace

Carmela "Millie" (Roberto) DiStefano, age 100, of Boston's North End, passed away on April 7, 2024.

Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Maria (Muscara) Roberto.

Millie worked for Massachusetts Department of Revenue for over 20 years.

For a hundred years, Millie's courage, strength and wisdom would spread joy and love to all she knew.

She had a heart of gold and was the most extraordinary wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

She was the loving wife of the late Michael DiStefano. Beloved mother of Maria Como and her late husband John of Hooksett, NH, Joanne Deuterio and her husband Ralph of Revere, and the late Joyce DiStefano. Cherished grandmother of Michael A. Tecci and his wife Katherine "Katie", Albert J Tecci and his wife Melissa, John M. Como and his wife Katie, Michele Como; Great-grandmother



of Emilia and Theo Tecci, Xander and Nolan Tecci, and Ace and Cameron Como. Dear sister of the late Mary Roberto, Peter Roberto, Santa Roberto, Josephine Roberto, Nina Ingala, Jennie Contrada, Frank Roberto and Marco Roberto.

The family will receive visitors on Friday, April 12, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in J.S. Waterman Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial Street, Boston

with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 11:00 a.m. in St. Leonard Church 320 Hanover St., Boston. Services will conclude with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, 302 Elm Street, Everett, MA.

In Lieu of flowers, donations in Millie's memory may be made to: American Heart Association, 20 Speen St, Framingham, MA 01701 or Care Dimensions, Ste. B-102, 75 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923

For online condolences and/or directions, please visit: www.watermanboston.com

Sandra M. Puleio

Sandra M Puleio, age 77 passed away on Sunday, April 7, 2024.

Born in Boston she was the daughter of the late Madeline and James (Vincent) Manganiello. Sister of Josephine (Josie) Iovanni, Yola Vocino and Michael Vocino all deceased.

Sandy was an avid reader. Loved her home in Maine where she shared good times with many friends. She was a loving wife, sister, aunt, great-

aunt and friend. She is survived by her husband Anthony (Zibby) of Winthrop, Nephew Carl Iovanni of Boston, Niece Michele Iovanni of East Boston, Nephew Michael and Lucille Iovanni of West Peabody, Nephew Steve (Tito) of Florida,



and Michael Raeburn of New Jersey. Great-aunt to Nicole (Iovanni) and Joe Rodgers of Boxford, Michael and Ashley Iovanni of Stoneham, Greatgreat-aunt to Amelia, Alex, Mikie, and Charlotte. She is also survived by many cousins and loving friends.

The family will receive visitors on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at St. Leonard Church, Boston, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., with a funeral mass following at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Sandra's name to Rotary International to help end polio located at One Rotary Center 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201 or @ https://my.rotary.org/en/donate.

LOU CONTER

The Last Survivor of the USS Arizona Dies at 102 Years Old

by Patti Sartori

The name Lou Conter may not sound familiar, but when his name is spoken it should be done so with reverence. Lou Conter was the final surviving crew member of those aboard the USS Arizona during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941. He passed away April 1, 2024 at 102 years old.

Conter was one of 335 sailors aboard the USS Arizona, who was fortunate enough

to survive the early Sunday morning attack. 1,177 sailors and Marines lost their lives during the surprise Japanese attack, according to the World War II Museum.

Several years later, as a patrol bomber, Conter was shot down off the coast of New Guinea, falling into shark infested waters with his crew. Conter served through WWII and onto Korea. He taught U.S. troops survival, evasion, resistance, and escape skills. He helped establish training bases in Florida and California and in 1965 he went back to Pearl Harbor to author a training



manual for troops heading to Vietnam.

Conter finally retired from the Navy in 1967, as a Lieutenant Commander, before settling in California where he had a lucrative real estate career. Conter believed all he had endured during his Naval Career was just part of the job, and he reiterated the thought with every soldier and airman who took his classes.

Conter was also part of the USS *Arizona* Reunion

Association, allowing him to stay in touch with the last remaining survivors.

When Ken Potts passed away in April, 2023, Conter became the last living survivor aboard the USS Arizona. "They call a lot of us heroes," Conter told a radio station during an interview. "Heroes are the ones right there that day that lost their lives. They gave everything up. We got back to the states. We had kids and grandkids. We are still here. They were lost forever right then and there."

Conter is expect to receive a ceremony with full military honors.

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

It's Spring, Rain or Shine!

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Spring is here, and that means weather as fickle as an Internet trend. Some days boast record warmth and abundant sunshine, laden with the carefree atmosphere and scent of fresh vegetation reminiscent of midsummer. Other days feature brisk breezes that ruffle the delicate new daffodils and tulips, and cool air that calls for a coat. Of course, spring simply would not be spring without the arrival of brief but soaking rain showers. During these rains, people disappear under umbrellas and colorful rubber boots as they splash their way through the day, jumping in and out of puddles. The aftermath of a spring rain is just as magical: the foliage appears greener, birds commence singing again with renewed gusto, and a rainbow may vividly spread its colors across the sky. Nowadays, knowledge of this weather, from atypically humid Easters to spring rainstorms, is always at our disposal due to meteorological reports on television and apps on our smartphones. However, people in older times needed ingenious ways to determine the weather. After all, in agricultural and maritime societies, weather was often a matter of life and death, as it controlled the success of the harvest or the ability to head to the sea and fish. Italy used to be one such agricultural society, and therefore still contains a multitude of weather superstitions and lore. I remember some of these sayings from my childhood, where they formed an indelible part of my Italian cultural heritage. These pieces of weather folklore are often repeated from generation to generation, even in contemporary times, a testament to their ancient power.

Some years ago, I was having dinner with my best friend at a local Thai restaurant. She looked out the window and

gasped, remarking on how amazing the sky appeared. I turned around to a stunning sight: bright pink clouds streaked across the sky like threads of cotton candy, tinged in gold by the setting sun. I told my friend that the weather tomorrow would probably be nice. How did I know this without checking my phone? Well, I had remembered an Italian saying my grandmother often intoned in a singsong voice: "Rosso di sera, buon tempo si spera/Rosso di mattina, la pioggia s'avicina." Roughly translated, this means: "Red at night, good weather awaits/Red at morning, the rain approaches." My grandmother repeated this dictum so often that I consider it an essential staple of my childhood, right alongside Baby-Sitters Club books and my mother's homemade pancakes. Basically, this proverb explains that a sunset with a reddish tone foretells fine weather the following day, while a red-hued sunrise promises a day of rain. I discovered fairly recently that this maxim has a famous English-language counterpart: "Red sky at night, sailors' delight/ Red sky at morning, sailors take warning." Though the red skies proverb dates back thousands of years, it contains some meteorological truth. According to the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Association (NOAA), a red sky at sunset may be caused by the sun illuminating dust particles in the air, indicating a highpressure system that brings good weather. Conversely, the red sky in the morning indicates that the high-pressure system is passing, which may be replaced by a rain-inducing low-pressure system. Our ancestors knew what they were talking about!

Encouraged by the memory of this proverb, I grew inspired to search for other nuggets of Italian weather

Osservatorio Meteorlogico, Agrario, Geologico, a meteorological observatory run by Prof. Don Gian Carlo Raffaeli and hailing back to 1865, compiled a number of popular weather sayings from across the country. Not surprisingly, much of the lore concerns rain — after all, it was important to know when it would rain in order to shelter livestock and control the amount of water the crops received, or exercise care during a fishing voyage. "Cielo a pecorelle acqua a cantinelle" means that rain showers will soon arrive when the clouds resemble a sheep's wool. My mother frequently repeated this proverb whenever we saw such clouds, which bear the scientific name altocumuli. Another superstition that foretold rain stated "quando il gatto si lecca il pelo, viene acqua giú dal cielo" - rain will fall from the sky when a cat cleans its fur! This was also a favorite dictum of my grandmother's, and I always think of it whenever I see my cat washing herself. Not all Italian weather lore talks about rain, however. According to one maxim, "quando la rana canta, il tempo cambio," a croaking frog is indicative of imminent weather changes. "Stelle troppo scintillante vento forte a te davanti" warns that excessively twinkling stars foretell strong winds. Good weather, on the other hand, can be expected following low fog, as evidenced in the proverb "la nebbia bassa buon tempo lascia." Finally, one of my favorite weather sayings happily declares "arcobaleno porta il sereno"— a rainbow after a storm brings calm weather. It reminds me of the joy and reawakening of nature that occurs in the spring, under the brilliant colors of an afternoon rainbow! Weather lore, though no lon-

ger taken as seriously in our days of Doppler radar, continues to vield influence in the realm of cultural treasures and national characteristics. Some pieces of weather lore contain meteorological truths, while others decidedly do not; however, they all demonstrate the importance of weather to societies that depended on the unpredictable nature of farming or fishing. Moreover, weather lore, like all quaint traditions and superstitions, link us to the rich, unending lineage of our ancestors. I associate weather customs with family memories and parts of my childhood, such as my grandmother singing about red skies or my father playfully remarking that, according to stories from his boyhood, rain falling during sunshine meant that the fox was getting married. So, let's cherish all the proverbs about weather that have been passed down from our ancestors, no matter how silly they sound. They are another invaluable part of our heritage and our place in this world, rain or

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.



I Got to Know Dukakis, not a Bad Guy

Northeastern University just celebrated former three-time Governor Michael S. Dukakis yesterday, Thursday, April 11 to speak of the legacy he left behind for all of them who followed him into the Corner Office.

I remember when he first ran for statewide office after holding public office in the Town of Brookline. In 1970, he ran as Bob Quinn's running mate against the incumbent Republican Gov. Frank Sargent. Sargent won and the Duke went back to Brookline.

However, four years later in 1974, he returned and was nominated for governor that year and won easily. He would lose to Ed King in 1978 but would come back in 1982 beating King in the rematch. He won his third term in 1986.

Then this Brookline kid would go national, running for president against the outgoing Vice President George HW Bush. At first it looked like he had the victory sewed up until his campaign started making mistakes along the way to the White House. The first was how he responded to the Willie Horton story and his second was bad optics showing up inside a military tank with a giant tank helmet on making him look like Snoopy.

Up to this time I was still a political opponent of his. He was far too liberal for my way of thinking.

It wasn't until early in the '90s we started showing up at several events and we started talking with each other. We started sharing letters back and forth on public policies and it seemed we agreed more than we disagreed. He went from being a political foe to a personal friend. How that happened I don't know but I realized this life of ours is much too short for nonsense.

The only reason I brought up Dukakis was due to another of Howie Carr's stupid commentaries. When he's good, he's good, but when he's bad, his out loud thoughts should be kept hidden under a rock.

I am sure Dukakis forever regrets that 1988 photo op, which keeps coming back. Howie forever will never let the Duke forget that TANK moment of his.

While Howie Carr will thank him for the memories, I will thank him for those memories. He deserved the praise that Northeastern has bestowed on him. Some people teach because they can't do it. Others like Dukakis taught because they did it too.

Shame on Howie. Like he's perfect, right?



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Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles

Cautions Public to Beware of Deceptive and Mimic Websites

Customers Should Only Use Mass.Gov/RMV for Online RMV Services

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is reminding customers to use only Mass. Gov/RMV for information or to perform many transactions, including when trying to renew a license or registration. While there has been no sharp increase in reports of deceptive and mimic websites to the RMV, this is a busy time of year for customer transactions so the RMV is issuing this reminder to the public about sites which have been created to mislead customers into thinking they have reached the official RMV website.

"We urge everyone to be vigilant when performing transactions or providing information online for RMV-related services. Customers should avoid using any unofficial third-party websites claiming to assist with RMV services, and inform their relatives and friends about this as well," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "On our official website Mass. Gov/RMV, customers can look up how much specific services cost and see which services are available to them at no charge."

To ensure you are accessing the official RMV site, please remember the following:

In Massachusetts, we use the term "Registry of Motor Vehicles" and "RMV," so log-off if the site references the "DMV" or the "Department of Motor Vehicles.'

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At Mass. Gov/RMV, you will never be charged to access Registry forms and information.

At Mass. Gov/RMV, you will never be charged to change your address on file.

The Registry actively posts online about this topic including on X @MassRMV, and a warning regarding third party websites remains featured in the RMV's Driver's Manual.

Reports of fraudulent websites can be directed to the Attorney General's Office at http://www. mass.gov/ago/consumer-resources/consumerassistance/consumer-complaint.html and the Federal Trade Commission: https://www.ftc.gov/.

In addition, customers should beware of text messages or emails which claim to be from MassDOT or the RMV, as these communications often are dangerous phishing scams and not official MassDOT and RMV sources. These fraudulent texts and emails may include links, which do not lead to official MassDOT or RMV websites, and customers should not follow the links nor reply to these messages with personal information.

Customers with additional questions about how to identify and avoid scams can contact the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation by calling the Consumer Hotline at 617-973-8787, or toll-free in Massachusetts at 888-283-3757.

For the latest Registry updates and information, follow the RMV on X @MassRMV.

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Governor Healey Advocates for **Marijuana Pardons**

The Governor's Council approved Governor Maura Healey's plan to pardon people convicted of misdemeanor marijuana charges. The pardons approved will take place immediately, although it will take time to update the individual state criminal records.

"Massachusetts made history today. Thousands of Massachusetts residents will now see their records cleared of this charge, which will help lower barriers they face when seeking housing, education, or a job," Healey, a Democrat said in her statement. Massachusetts joins Rhode Island, Connecticut, Missouri, and Oregon in forgiving low level marijuana offenders. The pardons will apply to all adults convicted prior to March 13, 2024, in state court, for possession of marijuana or a Class D substance. No action will need to be taken in order to have the criminal record updated, according to the Governor.

Healey, the former Massachusetts State Attorney General, believes the pardons are the most sweeping by a governor since President Biden pardoned thousands of people in December, 2023, with federal marijuana possession convictions and encouraged governors to follow suit. Healey's plan will apply to anyone arrested as far back as the 1970s war on drugs and possibly even earlier. Governor Healey reiterated that the pardons are a matter of justice given that thousands of people still have marijuana convictions on their records even though the state of Massachusetts decriminalized possession for personal use in 2008 and legalized recreational marijuana in 2016.

In Loving Memory of

Joseph C. Cataldo

April 12, 2014 - April 12, 2024

It's Been Ten Years Love of my life, I miss you so Always my darling, my tears still flow A constant wish that you were here How much I love you, please hear None on earth can take your place You, my love I will forever embrace Your memory is my keepsake, with which I'll never part God has you in his keeping, I have you in my heart Beautifully loved always and forever,

We all miss you infinitely

Your Loving Wife Annette and Family

Biden Holds Mega Fundraiser in NYC

with Clinton & Obama

by Patti Sartori

Two former Presidents, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama, headlined a re-election campaign fundraiser for Joe Biden, at Radio City Music Hall, in New York City, estimating to bring in \$25 million. Over 5,000 guests attended the event, with donations ranging from \$250 up to \$500,000. For those so inclined to make a \$100,000 donation,

you were invited to take a photo, with all 3 Presidents, by the famous photographer to the stars, Annie Leibovitz.

Stephen Colbert, host of the Late Show, moderated the event. Celebrity musical guests included Queen Latifah, Lizzie, Ben Platt, Cynthia Erick and Lea Michele. "This historic fundraiser is a show of strong

enthusiasm for President Biden and Vice-President Harris and a testament to the unprecedented fundraising machine we have built," said Jeffrey Katzenberg, the Hollywood film mogul who serves as Biden Campaign Co-Chair.

As Biden was rubbing elbows with the Hollywood elite in New York City, former President Trump was 40 miles away on Long Island attending the wake for slain New York Police Officer Jonathon Diller, who was fatally shot this week during a traffic stop in Oueens, by a repeat offender who had 21 prior arrests.

"Such a sad, sad event. Such a horrible thing, and it's happening all too often and we're just not going to let it happen. We need law and order", Trump commented upon leaving the service. It has been reported that President Biden still has not reached out to, or expressed his personal condolences to the slain officer's widow or family.

Patricia A. (Cuoco) Caruso

May She Rest in Peace

atricia A. (Cuoco) Caruso, 71, lifelong resident of Boston's North End, passed away suddenly at her home on March 20, 2024.

She is the beloved daughter of the late James Cuoco and Mary (Cavallo) Cuoco of the North End. Former wife of Anthony A. Caruso of the North End. Loving and devoted mother of Tonya Caruso and Anthony Caruso, both of the North End. Cherished grandmother of Nicholas Caruso and Derek Aquino, both meant the world



to Patricia and she loved them unconditionally. Patricia is also grandmother to her fur grandbabies, Coco Chanel and Gucci. She leaves behind her sisters Mary Jane Paolo of the North End and Veronica Lombardi of Lynn, MA. Patricia is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends, all who will miss her dearly.

A Memorial Mass for Patricia was held on Monday, April 8, 2024 at St. Leonard Church, 320 Hanover Street, Boston, MA 02113.

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

Raphael—His full name was Raffaello Santi but the world knows him simply as Raphael. He was born on April 6,

1483, in the Marche region of Italy. His father was court painter to the ruler of the small but highly cultured city of Urbino.

Raphael's mother Màgia died in 1491 when he was eight, followed on August 1, 1494, by his father, who had already remarried. Raphael was thus orphaned at eleven; his formal guardian became his only paternal uncle, Bartolomeo, a priest.

Raphael seems to have played a role in managing the family workshop. He trained in the workshop of Perugin by

1500. He worked in or for several cities in northern Italy until 1508 when he moved to Rome at the invitation of Pope Julius II, to work on the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican. He was given a series of important commissions there and elsewhere in the city, and began to work as an architect. He was still at the height of his powers at his death in 1520.

Raphael was enormously productive, running an unusually large workshop and, despite his early death at 37, leaving a large body of work.

His career falls naturally into three phases and three styles, first described by Giorgio Vasari: his early years in Umbria, then a period of about four years (1504–1508) absorbing the artistic traditions of Florence, followed by his last hectic and twelve years in Rome, working for two popes and their close associates. Many of his works are found in the Vatican Palace, where the frescoed Raphael Rooms were the central, and the largest, work of his career. The best known work is *The School of Athens* in the Vatican Stanza della Segnatura.

After his early years in Rome, much of his work was executed at his workshop from his drawings, with considerable loss of quality. He was extremely influential in his lifetime, though outside Rome his work was mostly known from his collaborative printmaking.

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

If a poor man needed some clothing, Fidelis would often give the man the clothes right off his back. Complete generosity to others characterized this saint's life. He was born *Mark Roy* or *Rey* in 1577, in Sigmaringen, a town in modernday Germany, then under the Principality of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen. His father's name was John Rey, a Spaniard. He studied law and philosophy at the University of Freiburg.

Mark Rey became a lawyer who constantly upheld the causes of the poor and oppressed people. Nicknamed "the poor man's lawyer," Rey soon grew disgusted with the corruption and injustice he saw among his colleagues. He left his law career to become a priest, joining his brother George as a member of the Capuchin Order. He took the Fideis as his religious name. His wealth was divided between needy seminarians and the

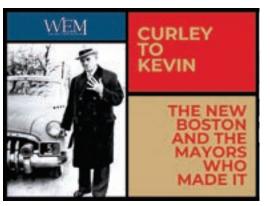


poor. As a follower of Saint Francis of Assisi, Fidelis continued his devotion to the poor and needy. During a severe epidemic in a city where he was guardian of a friary, Fidelis cared for and cured many sick soldier.

Fidelis was appointed head of a group of Capuchins sent to preach against the Calvinists and Zwinglians in Switzerland. Almost certain violence threatened. Those who observed the mission felt that success was more attributable to the prayer of Fidelis during the night than to his sermons and instructions.

Fidelis was accused of opposing the peasants' national aspirations for independence from Austria. While he was preaching at Seewis, to which he had gone against the advice of his friends, a gun was fired at him, but he escaped unharmed. A Protestant offered to shelter Fidelis, but he declined, saying his life was in God's hands. On the road back, he was set upon by a group of armed men and killed.

Fidelis was canonized in 1746. Fifteen years later he was recognized as a martyr. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XIV. Fidelis served also as the head of the Congregation for the Spreading of the Faith. The Feast Day of Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen is April 24.



Thursday, April 25th, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

A lecture by *The West End Museum*'s Executive Director, Sebastian Belfanti, on the political impact of Boston's 20th-century mayors.

Over the course of the 20th century, Boston underwent a major change in political leadership, from the dynamic and populist, but corrupt, James Michael Curley, to New Boston's honest but elite-centric Hynes and Collins. They were followed by Kevin White, who tried to bridge these two leadership styles with a more populist good-government approach. The story of how these shifts changed the political landscape of Boston, reshaped the city, and created "The New Boston" are critical to understanding the city today.

The lecture will be held on line on at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/curley-to-kevin-the-new-boston-and-the-mayors-who-made-it-tickets on

ATTENTION BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION CUSTOMERS

You may have noticed some changes in your most recent bill from Boston Water and Sewer Commission. As of April 1, 2024 BWSC customers will now see three separate line-item charges on their bill, for water, sewer, and stormwater. Now, paying for stormwater separately will lower the sewer rate while showing the charges attributed to stormwater activities for the property. This is a more equitable way to fund improvements for the stormwater system because everyone pays for the service they use. Here are key highlights of the bill:

- Stormwater charge will be \$8.98 per month for each Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) attributed to the property.
- All property owners with more than 400 square feet of impervious area will be billed.
- 60% of residential households will see a reduction in their overall bill.
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Mayor Wu's 2024 Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2024 Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series in partnership with Dunkin'® in parks citywide from April 22 to June 26.

Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hours offer a unique opportunity to speak directly with the mayor and staff from City departments about open space and their neighborhoods. Through these conversations, and a suggestion box at each site, Mayor Wu looks forward to hearing how the City of Boston can improve upon parks, public areas, and City services.

"Every neighborhood and every resident has their own diverse set of concerns that deserve to not only be heard, but to be acknowledged and addressed," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I am excited for all of the conversations and connection that will come from Neighborhood Coffee Hours."

Leadership and staff from the Community Engagement Cabinet will be at each Coffee Hour. Community members will have an opportunity to meet their neighborhood liaisons, who will share updates on each neighborhood, including how many 311 cases have been resolved, streets repaired, as well as the City's investments in housing, local businesses, and the arts. The City is again releasing a Community Input Survey, which provides an opportunity for constituents to ask questions and inform what will be presented during Coffee Hours with the Mayor. Last year, this proved to be a success, allowing constituents to hear directly from the Mayor and City leaders as they addressed concerns and answered constituents' questions at each Coffee Hour event.

"Coffee Hours with the Mayor is an intentional effort to meet community members in the heart of their neighborhoods," said Brianna Millor, Chief of the Community Engagement Cabinet. "I encourage residents, including our youth, seniors, civic organizations, business owners, and local leaders to attend this neighborhood-centered event. Boston 311 will be present to connect residents to essential city services."

Dunkin' will be on-site with freshly brewed Iced Coffee and MUNCHKINS® donut hole treats. Dunkin' will have lawn games and gift card giveaways. Residents at each event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin'. Individuals in attendance will receive a free flowering plant provided by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, while supplies last. Fresh fruit will be provided by Star Market.

"Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hours are vital for community engagement, allowing residents to share their thoughts directly. We're grateful for their participation," noted Ryan Woods, Commissioner of the Parks and Recreation Department. "These events not only foster dialogue but also mark the kickoff for our exciting summer calendar of events. From outdoor concerts to movies to arts and crafts workshops for kids, our programming breathes life into our parks, fulfilling our core mission of creating vibrant spaces for all to enjoy."

All coffee hours will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., weather permitting. Visit boston.gov/coffee-hours for more information and the **full schedule** of Mayor Wu's 2024 Neighborhood Coffee

Wednesday, April 24 Training Field

(Winthrop Square) 55 Winthrop Street,

Charlestown Monday, May 6 Peter's Park

230 Shawmut Avenue South End

Friday, June 7 Elliot Norton Park

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Wednesday, May 29 Noyes Playground 86 Boardman Street

86 Boardman Street East Boston

Friday, May 31
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Tuesday, June 11
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Happy Pasquetta

from the ABCD North End_West End NSC



(L-R): ABCD NE/WE NSC Acting Director Julia Power, Karen D'Amico (Office of Representative Aaron Michlewitz), Jack Imbergamo (Office of City Councilor Gabriela Coletta), City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta, Patrick Lyons (Office of Representative Aaron Michlewitz), and ABCD Vice President, Field Operations and Legislative Affairs Josh Young

A joyous Pasquetta celebration took place at the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) on Monday, April 1st, the day after the Catholic Easter. Pasquetta is often translated to "little Easter," and is a day to relax. It was instituted in the post-war period to create a long weekend, which allows people to have a weekend getaway, or at least a "scampagnata" (jaunt to the countryside). In Italy, picnics are common to consume the



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leftover foods from the Easter meal. On Pasquetta, everyone is Italian!

Seniors from the North End and West End neighborhoods feasted (alas, not at a picnic but indoors due to the cooler temperatures this time of year) on garden salad, chicken florentine,



Volunteer Silke Evans on piano



Yamina Lachmi (Office of Senator Lydia Edwards) giving sweets to constituents

ricotta lasagna, and mini cannoli, which was very generously sponsored by the center's friends at La Famiglia Giorgio's on Salem Street. The tables were adorned with candies and chocolates, and Silke Evans, volunteer, played well-known Easter tunes from the '50s and '60s on the piano. Staff members from Senator Lydia Edwards, State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, and City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta's offices were in attendance, all of who brought best wishes and candy and Italian cannoli and cookies to their constituents. Buona Pasquetta a tutti!







CHET BAKER & JACK SHELDON - IN PERFECT HARMONY: THE LOST ALBUM (CD) Jazz Detective/Elemental

Jazz Detective's Zev Feldman presents In Perfect Harmony: The Lost Album, previously unheard musical treasure. A studio album from 1972 featuring West Coast trumpet icons Chet Baker and Jack Sheldon. Recorded in Tustin, California in 1972 with pianist David Frishberg, bassist Joe Mondragon, drummer Nick Ceroli and guitarist Jack Marshall, the recordings were produced by Jack Marshall and Hank Quinn. The tape comes from the personal archives of the legendary film producer Frank Marshall (Jack Marshall's son) the Indiana Jones and Bourne Identity franchises. The tapes got packed away in our garage on Lido and were never released, until now. After 50 years in storage, we can finally enjoy and celebrate this long, lost gem of an album." Co-produced by Feldman and Marshall, the allanalog recording is mastered by Matthew Lutthans at the Mastering Lab directly from the original master tape reel and manufactured at Memphis Record Pressing. Included is an extensive insert with rare photographs, newly-commissioned liner notes and interviews and testimonials from musicians who were inspired by, and knew and played with Chet Baker and Jack Sheldon. Track listing of the eleven gems has: "This Can't Be Love," "Just Friends," "Too Blue," "But Not for Me," "Historia de un Amor," "Once I Loved," "You Fascinate Me," "When I Fall in Love," "I Cried for You," "I'm Old Fashioned," and "Evil Blues."

SONNY ROLLINS – FREEDOM WEAVER: THE 1959 EUROPEAN TOUR RECORDINGS (3-CD) Resonance Records

Resonance Records presents, a new, fully authorized live collection by tenor master Sonny Rollins, Freedom Weaver: The 1959 European Tour Recordings. Never before issued as a legitimate release, these much-bootlegged sides which feature Rollins, at the height of his early powers, with bassist Henry Grimes and drummers Pete La Roca, Kenny Clarke, and Joe Harris. This stunning package captured at Rollins' concerts and radio and TV appearances in March 1959 succeeds Resonance's first fully authorized music drawn from the Dutch Jazz Archive (NJA), 2020's Rollins in Holland, a widely praised collection of 1967 live dates. The deluxe booklet contains detailed notes by the Grammy-winning writer Bob Blumenthal. In his notes, jazz scholar Blumenthal views the '59 shows as a culminating event for the artist: "It was not until the spring of 1957 ... that he attempted an entire session with just bass and drums in support. The resulting Contemporary Records album Way Out West, promoted as an all-star conclave of Rollins and perennial poll winners Ray Brown and Shelly Manne, became an instant classic, but it was no fluke. Rollins

reveled in the harmonic freedom afforded by the absence of a comping piano or guitar, and in the months that followed produced two additional trio masterpieces, A Night at the Village Vanguard on Blue Note and Freedom Suite on Riverside. This unintended triptych ... defined what came to be Rollins' preferred working format, the one he chose to employ when he made his first European tour in February and March of 1959." Three discs containing a total of 26 tracks, CD3 shines with three lengthy tunes performed in Aix-en-Provence, France ... titled "Woody 'N' You" (15:54) "But Not for Me" (17:39) and "Lady Bird" (18:49) blustery, breathy, baritone.

MAL WALDRON & STEVE LACY THE MIGHTY WARRIORS: LIVE IN ANTWERP (2-CD) Elemental Records

Another great find from the brilliant producer Zev Feldman, Mal Waldron & Steve Lacy: The *Mighty Warriors: Live in Antwerp* features a previously unreleased live concert recording from Waldron and Lacy with Reggie Workman and Andrew Cyrille, in a 2-CD set. The package includes reflections by producer Feldman and acclaimed jazz writer Adam Shatz, as well as the testimonies of the concert's bassist Reggie Workman, and drummer Andrew Cyrille. The booklet also contains interviews with Jane Bunnett, David Virelles, David Liebman, Vijay Iyer, Evan Parker, and Mal Waldron's widow, Hiromi Waldron, as well as never before seen photos from the actual concert. Recorded at the DeSingel Arts Center in Antwerp, Belgium on September 30, 1995. This excellent CD set delivers the goods via six cuts: "What It Is," "Epistrophy," "Longing," "Monk's Dream," "Variation of III," and the "Medley: Snake Out/Variations on a Theme by Cecil Taylor."

YUSEF LATEEF – ATLANTIS LULLABY: THE CONCERT FROM AVIGNON (2-CD) Elemental Records

A sensational find from producer Zev Feldman, Atlantis Lullaby: The Concert in Avignon features the legendary saxophonist and multi-instrumentalist Yusef Lateef with pianist Kenny Barron, bassist Bob Cunningham and drummer Albert "Tootsie" Heath, captured at the Cloitre des Celestins in Avignon, France (1972). This 2-CD official release is from Elemental Music in cooperation with the Yusef Lateef Estate and INA France. Among the highlights are a fantastic flute/ piano duet by Lateef and Barron playing the pianist's beautiful ballad "A Flower," as well as extended readings of the classic, "I'm Getting Sentimental Over You," plus "Yusef's Mood," and Barron's "The Untitled." Sonny Rollins' words regarding Lateef included: "I think his legacy is not just his music, which of course is highly important, but we should also consider his whole legacy as a person. He influenced me to be a better human being. I'm 93-years-old and I'm still trying to be a person like Yusef."

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

UP-COMING EVENTS AT THE EAST BOSTON GREENWAY SOON

Upcoming event on the East Boston Greenway. Sponsored by the Friends of the MaryEllen Greenway:

Join Ramon, owner and farm operator of "Microgreens by The Sea", on April 18, 2024 for a microgreen planting demonstration, live harvesting and samples of tasty microgreens. Adults and children are welcome to participate. Supplies will be provided. Participants will take home a personal kit to grow microgreens at home. In front of the East Boston Library Earth Day Clean Up. Volunteers needed. Saturday, April 20, 2024Meet at the Caboose, Bremen and Marginal Street entrance.

OUOTE TO NOTE

"Reality is the leading cause of stress among those in touch with it"

— Lily Tomlin

MADONNA

TAUNTS WRONG FAN

I remember several years ago Joe Biden did the same thing to a US senator in the audience while speaking at a podium. He told the US senator to stand up because Biden forgot, the politician was wheelchair-bound.

Well, Madonna did the same thing recently when she called out a fan on her Celebration Tour. The "Like a Virgin" singer turned into an idiot. Give her credit, once Madonna saw the fan's wheelchair, she did apologize which is more than Biden did back in the day with that US senator in the audience.

SALON INTERNATIONAL HOPPING AGAIN

The crowds have been back down at Rosa's place since she returned to the shop after her knee surgery. The place is packed with customers once again. Pretty soon I will be going back for my next cut too. Stop by to make your appointment or just call her at 617.567.7386.

70 COMES AWFUL FAST, DOESN'T?

Patti LaBelle at the moment is 79 years old, the R&B legend is still touring. Next month (May 24), Patti will be turning 80. She's a Taurus like me as is Frankie Valli who turns 90 years old the day before my birthday. His is on May 3.

Finally, May 5 will be another heavenly birthday for the Godfather of Soul James Brown.

By the way, I went to the Strand Theatre over in Dorchester for a great concert put on by Tony Wilson, the Young James Brown and friends remembering "The night James Brown saved Boston Concert." The show was held last Friday April 5, the 56th anniversary of Brown showing up at Boston Garden to keep our city calm in the aftermath of Dr. King's killing.

BOTTOM LINE

You know everything is upside down in this world of ours when you hear this last story. It seems a pair of 10-year-olds got themselves arrested for bringing a \$300 gun sale brokered inside their elementary school. The school went into lockdown after a parent called the school to report her daughter alerted her that a classmate had a gun.

The sheriff deputies found a backpack on school grounds with ammo and 74 grams of marijuana belonging to a 10-year-old boy. The gun was located in the backyard of one of the two boys.





by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



I must have been 8 or 9, and was told that Babbononno was going to teach me to read music. My teachers at the Chapman School across the street from where we lived in East Boston had taught us music. When I said this to Babbononno, he laughed. In Italian, he said, "I'm going to teach you Solfeggio, the Italian method every professional musician studies." The Solfeggio method is the European method of musical articulation that does, in fact, prepare a student to understand the melody, harmony and rhythms of a composition. Dad and all my uncles had studied music this way before they ever touched any instruments, so it was Solfeggio for me with Babbononno as my teacher.

I would sit in front of a music stand, read and sing out the notes and beat them out as if I was conducting or leading a band. Babbononno would sit next to me beating out the same rhythms with a ruler, and if I made a mistake, I got the ruler off the knuckles. I tell people that by the time I was 12, I had hands like a fighter, not a musician.

Well, I learned to read music backward and forward. When Babbononno thought I was ready, he told my father that it was time I picked up an instrument. Uncles Paul and Nick thought it might be nice if I learned their instruments, clarinet and sax. I tried and didn't like either one. Babbononno tried to teach me drums. I didn't take to drumming either. Dad had a friend stick an accordion under my chin. That was even worse. From there I tried trombone, piano, violin and guitar. I wasn't comfortable with any instrument, and after a family powwow, it was determined that I wasn't ready to take up an instrument.

When I got to junior high school, I joined the drum and bugle corps. The Boston schools had military drill back then and the Joseph H. Barnes Junior High School had a drum and bugle corps that had a good reputation, and I took up the bugle. Ralph Fucillo, a professional trumpet player that Dad and my uncles knew was the bugle teacher and I had an easy time of it. Mom and Nanna used to discuss how happy Babbononno, my father and uncles were that I was finally involved in music.

When I headed for English High School a few years later, I tried the trumpet. My problem

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was that I was working at the Seville Theater, playing base-ball and didn't really have time to practice my instruments. Finally, making money and playing ball won out and the bugle and trumpet began to gather dust from lack of use.

Dad had given me lessons on the bass violin which interested me at the beginning. But I lost interest when the spring of my senior year of high school rolled around and I made it as a second baseman for a local CYO team as well as the second baseman for an American Legion team. Just around graduation time, I was sitting on the front steps of the house on Eutaw Street in East Boston, and a friend came walking by carrying a bass violin over his left shoulder. I velled out to him and he came across the street to talk and rest a bit. I asked him what he was up to and he indicated that he was selling his bass violin as he had joined the army. He had been playing with a local dance band and stated that they would need a bass player, and why didn't I speak to the leader, also a friend, who lived in the neighborhood. Well, I spoke to the leader and borrowed Dad's bass for a rehearsal that he asked me to attend. From that point on, I was hooked. I loved playing the bass even thought I went home with blisters on a few of my fingers. Dad resumed the bass lessons and I practiced every free minute I had from that point on. I started college that fall and stayed with the neighborhood band enjoying the jobs and the extra money. By the time I finished my freshman year at Boston State (now U. Mass Boston), I knew that I had to go beyond neighborhood musicians to grow musically, so I auditioned for the Ken Reeves Orchestra, made it and became a professional at age 18. Dad was proud, Babbononno was proud, and my uncles couldn't wait until I would be ready to play with them. Mom and Nanna would brag about their son/grandson when they met with the ladies in the neighborhood.

Once I had passed the audition for the Ken Reeves Orchestra, Dad brought me to Lebow Brothers, a local clothier on Washington Street that gave a good discount to members of the musicians' union. I was fitted for my first tuxedo and was on my way.

Because I was now working with people from many parts of the greater Boston

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area, Dad found a car I could afford. Working with the local band in East Boston, I didn't need a car, but now it was a necessity. It was 1958, and I bought a '54 Chevy for \$550. My bass fit inside, and that's all that counted. Babbononno hated cars, but loved to ride in my Chevy because it carried a musician to work several nights a week and he was proud.

During the spring of 1960, it was graduation time. At about that point, I heard from the grapevine that the Boston Civic Symphony was looking for string players. Dad had taught me to play bass using a German classical approach, so I decided to try out. I made it and became a bass player for that orchestra. We rehearsed on Monday evenings in the basement of Boston Latin School. The conductor, Calvin Novak, was strict in terms of wanting things done his way. He was a perfectionist with perfect pitch and you played your part his way or else. Fred Davis, a teacher at the South End Music Center was often a guest artist with the orchestra and I began to study piano with him. I didn't want to become a pianist, I just wanted to learn more about music and thought the piano was the way to go. The following spring, I played a few concerts with the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra. When they were short certain instruments, the music director, Harry Ellis Dickson, would recruit from the Civic Symphony and I was one of the draftees they hired to play bass.

Well, from that point on, I tried everything from symphony to soul, playing in Boston and New York mainly, and enjoyed much of it. I made enough money to pay my way through 2 masters degrees and a doctorate without having to ask anyone for a loan. Because Dad and I both played bass, we seldom worked together. The only occasions were band concerts at Revere Beach or Houghton's Pond during the summer, when he played tuba and I played bass. I did wind up doing a lot of work with Uncle Nick. When Babbononno was still living with us, he would watch me get dressed for a job and have to examine my tux, see if my nails were clean and OK the shine on my shoes before I could exit the door.

Those were the days before DJs and canned music or electronics and they were fun. Much of it is gone now, and for the most part, you can't make a living playing music unless you make it with a symphony orchestra or a traveling rock and roll band. Being a musician is just a sideline today. But, those memories of the old days ... they live on and are stronger than ever.

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I've come across numerous variations in biscotti ingredients, but I was surprised to discover a recipe that was given to my Nonna that involved baking Anise biscotti batter in old metal ice cube trays. Once baked, the biscotti are sliced, placed on a baking sheet and toasted to perfection, resulting in a delightful treat with a delicious anise flavor. I didn't have old ice cube trays, so I used a biscotti pan, but any loaf pan will do. The recipe even says that if you don't want to toast them into biscotti, you can slice and eat them as cake! It's a charming twist on the traditional biscotti-making and results in a light crispy and crunchy treat!

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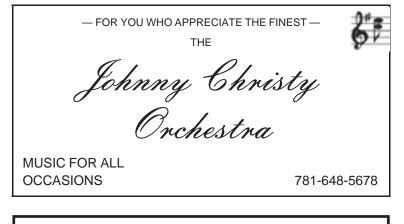
6 eggs 1½ cups sugar 1½ cups oil 3 teaspoons baking powder 3 cups all-purpose flour 2 teaspoons anise extract or desired amount of anise seeds

Preheat the oven to 350° . Grease and flour either 3 old metal ice cube trays, 2 (12 x 5) biscotti pans or 3 loaf pans, and set aside. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, beat the eggs, sugar and oil together until fluffy. Add in the extract or seeds and then the flour and baking powder, mix well.

Distribute the batter among the prepared pans and bake until golden brown (like a cake) and bamboo skewer comes out clean. Slice and eat cake-like or place slices on a baking sheet and toast on each side for about 10 minutes. Cool and enjoy!

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





News Briefs

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ance." The FAA said it was reviewing the recommendations.

Is Floyd Grant Racist?

A Minnesota college scholarship named after George Floyd and only available to black students has sparked a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education. The exclusion of non-black students for the scholarship by North Central University is "insidious discrimination on the basis of race, color and national origin" and violates Title VII of the 1964Civil Rights Act, according to the conservative advocacy group Equal Protection Project of the Legal Insurrection Foundation. The Christian Minneapolis school declined comment.

Fetterman: **Squatters Deserve Nothing**

U.S. Senator John Fetterman, D-PA, recently ripped the idea of "squatters rights" in an interview with the New York Post. "Squatters have no rights, " said Fetterman and he added, "How can you even pretend that this is anything other than you're just breaking the law ... it's wild that if you go away on a long trip, for 30 days, and someone breaks into your home and suddenly they have rights. This is like if somebody stole your car and then held it for 30 days, then somehow you now have some rights?

End Quote

"The free flow of information is the sunlight and water and fertilizer for Democracy."

– Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

Docket No. MI24P1757EA

Estate of PAUL J. SAVINO

Date of Death: November 27, 2023 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Andrea Savino of Methuen, MA

Andrea Savino of Methuen. 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: 04/12/2024

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. MI24P1903EA Estate of SANDRA A. CARRANO Also Known As SANDRA CARRANO Date of Death: March 01, 2024 CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

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

The Petitioner requests that Charles S. Carrano. Jr. of Newton. MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of May 03, 2024.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court

Date: April 05, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 04/12/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Department** Middlesex Division Docket No. 24W0229 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

ELIZABETH PEREZ MARTINEZ Plaintiff(s)

EDIN I MEJIA HERNANDEZ Defendant(s)

To the above named Defendant(s) Edin I Meiia Hernandez

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s) Elizabeth Perez Martinez seeking a Complaint for Custody Support Parenting Time.

You are required to serve upon Elizabeth Perez Martinez or attorney for plaintiff(s) whose address is 256 Market St, #104B Lowell, MA 01852 your answer on or before

16th day of May 2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of this Court at 370 Jackson St., 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852.

Witness, TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, Esq., First Justice of said Court at Lowell, this day of April 4th, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court Run date: 04/12/2024

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Grow Fruit in Containers

by Melinda Myers



Compact varieties of raspberries and other fruit are well suited to being grown in containers and small spaces (Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)

Have fun and enjoy picking fresh fruit right outside vour door thanks to compact varieties you can grow in containers. Just clear some space on your patio, deck, balcony, or front steps that receives at least six hours of sunlight and get busy planting.

Consider starting with strawberries. They provide seasonal interest with their white flowers, red berries, and brilliant fall color. Day-neutral and everbearing strawberries produce fruit throughout the summer and grow well in strawberry pots, containers, and hanging baskets. Place the containers where you can enjoy their beauty and easily harvest and enjoy a few berries on your cereal, as an afternoon snack, or atop your favorite dessert.

Include a few of the relatively new compact berry bushes suited to containers and small spaces. Raspberry Shortcakeâ grows two to three feet tall and wide and is thornless which makes harvesting a breeze. They produce a bumper crop on new plant growth each season.

Baby Cakesâ blackberry is another thornless space-saving berry plant. Like Raspberry Shortcakeâ it grows two to three feet tall and wide and is thornless.

The white flowers and tasty fruit that form on old growth make Baby Cakesâ a nice addition to any outdoor space.

Grow compact blueberries in pots adding pretty flowers, edible fruit, and great fall color to your patio, deck, or balcony. Blueberries prefer moist, welldrained acidic soil that many of us do not have in our gardens but can provide these ideal conditions when growing in containers. You only need one plant to have fruit but growing two will more than double the harvest.

Use narrow and columnar dwarf apples as a living screen or vertical accent. The Urban Appleâ series, Spireâ apples, North PoleÔ, and Sentinel varieties are all suited to growing in containers and small spaces. The trees grow about eight to ten feet tall and only several feet wide. The trunk is loaded with short branches and lots of fruiting spurs for easy harvesting. You will need two different varieties of most apples, including these, for cross-pollination to occur and fruit to develop.

Grow your compact berry bushes in pots 12 to 16 inches in diameter and at least ten inches deep. As the plants grow and mature, move them into larger, 20 to 24" containers. Your columnar apples will appreciate a bigger container

inches of soil are starting to dry. Reduce ongoing maintenance by incorporating an organic moisture-retaining product like Wild Valley Farms wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com) into the potting mix. This sustainable product reduces watering by up to 25% and increases air space for healthier growth. Supplement the nutrients in

that is 20 inches wide and deep.

and fill them with a quality

potting mix. Check soil mois-

ture daily and water thor-

oughly whenever the top few

Use pots with drainage holes

Wild Valley Farms wool pellets as needed with a low nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer and eliminate weekly fertilization. Add the slow-release fertilizer soon after planting and again midseason if needed. Do not fertilize in late summer as that can stimulate late-season growth that can be damaged in winter.

Those gardening in cold climates will need to provide extra winter protection. Insulate the roots by grouping plants together and surrounding them with bales of straw, bags of potting mix, or similar materials. Or move plants to an unheated garage for winter and water whenever the soil is thawed and dry.

Another option is to grow these plants in nursery pots and set them in decorative containers for summer. When winter arrives, move the potted plants out of the decorative containers and sink the nursery pots in a vacant part of the garden. Lift the plants out of the ground in spring and set them back in their decorative containers for the growing season.

As you master these fruit plants, and if space allows, expand your small-scale orchard to include citrus, figs, dwarf cherries, plums, and peaches. You'll enjoy the flowers, shade and of course the tasty fruit.

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 and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Wild Valley Farms for her expertise to write this article. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801

Docket No. MI24P1963EA Estate of JAMES M. O'ROURKE Also Known As JAMES M. O'ROURKE, SR. Date of Death: June 19, 2023

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE To all persons interested in the above

captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner James M. O'Rourke, Jr. of Medford, MA. James M. O'Rourke, Jr. of Medford, 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: 04/12/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Department Middlesex Division** Docket No. 22W1838

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION **DEISY C. MIZHIRUMBAY CHAUCA** Plaintiff(s)

PEDRO L. QUIZHPI CUNGACHI Defendant(s)

To the above named Defendant(s) Pedro L.

Quizhpi Cungachi
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s) Deisy C. Mizhirumbay Chauca seeking a Complaint for Custody Support Parenting Time. Including a Request for Special Findings of Fact and Rulings of Law.

You are required to serve upon Deisy C. Mizhirumbay Chauca or attorney for plaintiff(s) whose address is Geller Benjamin LLp, 90 Canal St., 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02114 your answer on or before 16th day of May 2024.

If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of this Court at 370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor, Lowell, MA

Witness, TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, Esq., First Justice of said Court at Lowell, this day of April 4th, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court Run date: 04/12/2024

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Notice is hereby given by Tody's Service, Inc. of 1354 Washington Street, West Newton, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicle on or after April 20 2024 beginning at 10:00 am by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2013 BMW 328xi VIN # WBA3B3C57DF532216

> Vehicle is being stored at Tody's Service, Inc.

> Signed, David Donahue, President Tody's Service, Inc.

Run dates: 04/05, 04/12, 04/19/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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> 2016 CHEVROLET TAHOE VIN # 1GNSKBKC3GR286364

> > Vehicle is being stored at Tody's Service, Inc.

> > Signed, David Donahue, President Tody's Service. Inc.

Run dates: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after April 20, 2024 beginning at 9:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

> 2012 HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCP3F8XCA014432

2016 TOYOTA COROLLA VIN # 2T1BURHE2GC557235

2014 HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCR2F87EA002729

2008 TOYOTA YARIS VIN # JTDBT923481293161

2011 NISSAN ALTIMA VIN # 1N4AL2AP7BC101868

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

> Signed Todisco Services, Inc.

Run dates: 04/05 04/12, 04/19/2024

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. MI23A1432AD CITATION

NIYAHLEE JOSEFINA LOPEZ

G. L. c. 210, § 6 In the matter o

To any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by Jose David Pagan of Middleton, MA, requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to Niyahlee Josefina Pagan.

If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.

An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3:10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO. YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT WOBURN ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON APRIL 29, 2024.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 27, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run dates: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

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2008 TOYOTA AVALON VIN # 4T1BK36B18U298717

2007 HONDA CIVIC VIN # 2HGFG12637H503512

2005 VOLVO V50

VIN # YV1MJ682852055129

2006 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA VIN # 3VWRT71KX6M036563

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> Signed Todisco Services, Inc. Run dates: 04/12 04/19, 04/26/2024

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. MI24C0227CA

> In the Matter of SHAUDI PARSA FATEMI **CITATION ON**

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Shaudi Parsa Fatemi of Stoneham, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Shaudi Parsa Nabavi.

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 30, 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: April 02, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 04/12/2024

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. MI24P1807EA

Estate of DONNA M. PLANTE Also Known As **DONNA PLANTE**

Date of Death: January 10, 2024

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Robert T. Plante of Medford, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Robert T. Plante of Medford, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 02, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro. Register of Probate Run date: 04/12/2024

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. MI24C0278CA

In the Matter of TANYA GEORGIANNE AUGUSTINE

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Tanya Georgianne Augustine of Somerville, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Tanya Georgianne Rosa Luxemburg Jerome 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 26, 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: April 04, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 04/12/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

Docket No. MI24P1853EA

Estate of **MELANIE A. BAIRD** Date of Death: February 16, 2024 **INFORMAL PROBATE**

PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

Elizabeth B. Hamblin of Newton, MA, James R. Baird of Akron, OH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety

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

Run date: 04/12/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

> Docket No. MI24P1379EA Estate of

MARIAN Y. PAPAZIAN Also Known As
MARIAN HETTIE PAPAZIAN, MARIAN CHLOODIAN PAPAZIAN

Date of Death: October 28, 2023 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Michelle A. Papazian of Chestnut Hill MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Michelle A. Papazian of Chestnut Hill, 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: 04/12/2024

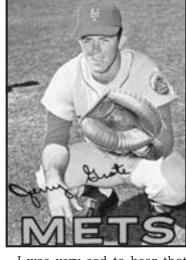


EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



"Miracle Mets" Jerry Grote Dead at 81



I was very sad to hear that Jerry Grote, the starting catcher for the Mets' first World Series championship 1969 team has passed away at Texas Cardiac Arrhythmia Institute in Austin from respiratory failure following a heart procedure at age 81.

Grote was a member of both

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., 2 Emery Road, Allston, MA, pursuant to the provi-sions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicle(s) on or after April 22, 2024 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. The following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as in condition, no keys.

2010 CADILIC CTS VIN # 1G6DG5EG7A0139529 2007 TOYOTA COROLLA VIN # 2T1BR32E67C813335

2004 DODGE DAKOTA VIN # 1D7GG16K74S568528 2007 FORD F150

VIN # 1FTNE14W27DA25738 2008 TOYOTA AVALON VIN # 4T1BK36B48U311055 2020 NISSAN ALTIMA

VIN # 1N4BL4CV0LN310984 2007 FORD FOCUS VIN # 1FAHP37N17W304727

2016 RAM PROMASTER VIN # 3C6TRVAG1GE117980

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

D & G Towing Run dates: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Estate of PHILLIP J. KENNEY Date of Death: September 08, 2023 **INFORMAL PROBATE**

captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Monique J. Kenney of Melrose, MA, a Will

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Monique J. Kenney of Melrose, 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

Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

the Mets' beloved 1969 team and the 1973 club that won the National League pennant, and spent most of his career with the Mets from 1966 until he was traded to the Dodgers during the 1977 season.

He was considered a great defensive catcher and made two All-Star teams in 1968 and 1974, and is the franchise's alltime leader in games played as a catcher. He made his debut with Houston at 20 years old in 1963 and finished up his career with the Dodgers and Royals in 1981.

A San Antonio native, Grote was inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame in 1991 and into the Mets Hall of Fame in 1992.

New England Knockouts Newest Professional Team

e newest professional baseball team in New England is the New England Knockouts. The team is the newest addition to the Frontier League and the franchise unveiled its team logo. The logo pays homage to the team's historic host city of Brockton, the City of Champions.

I Needed More Time to Speak of Larry Lucchino

Next week, I will do my piece on Larry Lucchino. I neede more time to give him and what he did for baseball, the justice it deserves.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street,** Salem, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after April 13, 2024 beginning at 9:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

2009 TOYOTA VENZA VIN # 4T3BK11A89U009957 2003 TOYOTA COROLLA

VIN # 2T1BR32EX3C047247 2013 HONDA FIT

VIN # JHMGE8H55DC069770 Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco Services. Inc. locations, and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed Todisco Services, Inc.

Run dates: 03/29 04/05, 04/12/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI24P1608EA

Estate of ANDREW MANNING, JR. Also Known As ANDREW JOHN MANNING, JR. Date of Death: March 25, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Dana Manning of Chelmsford, MA, Petitioner Andrew Manning, Sr. of Chelmsford, MA.

Dana Manning of Chelmsford, MA, Andrew Manning, Sr. of Chelmsford, 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: 04/12/2024

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

Docket No. MI24P1764EA

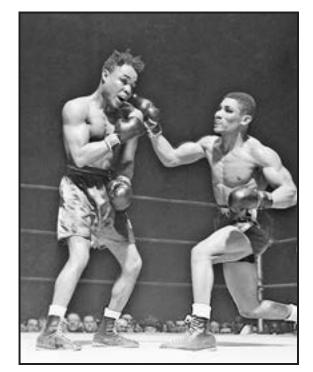
To all persons interested in the above has been admitted to informal probate.

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Boxing Ringside WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

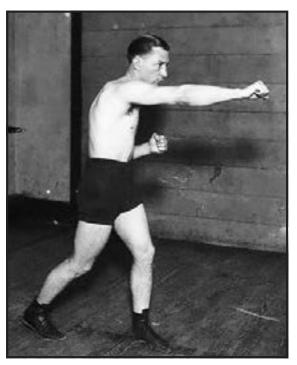
Boxing History: Notable Happenings in Past Aprils



Beau Jack (Left) Defeated Henry Armstrong by Ten Round Decision on April 2, 1943



Jess Willard Took the Heavyweight Title from Jack Johnson in Havana, Cuba on April 15,



Benny Leonard Was Born on April 7, 1896



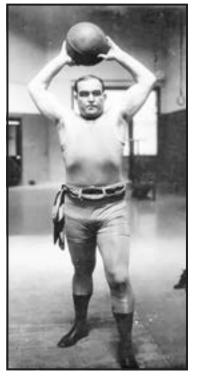
Paul Pender Regained the Middleweight Belt When He Defeated Terry Downes in Boston on April 7, 1962



Sugar Ray Robinson Kayoed Rocky Graziano in The Third Round on April 16, 1952



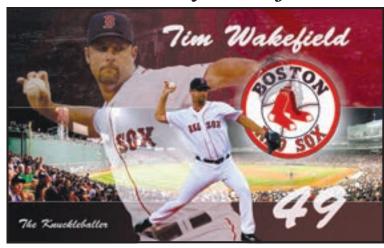
Tony DeMarco Won the Welterweight Title by Kayoing Johnny Saxton On April 1, 1955 ... No Fooling!



James J. Jeffries Was Born on April 15, 1875



Boston Red Sox Heart Warming Tribute to Tim & Stacy Wakefield



Anyone in the Fenway Park stands of the Red Sox home opener on Tuesday, surely viewed the festivities and emotional tributes through tearstreaked eyes. The knuckleballer who was so instrumental to the Red Sox in reversing the curse in 2004, passed away from brain cancer on October 1, 2023. His wife Stacy, passed away five months later, also from cancer. The Red Sox organization announced their home opener scheduled to take place on April 9th would be a fitting day to honor the life and legacy of a man who had been so vital to the heart, soul and core of this organization for so many years. For the remainder of this season, the Red Sox uniforms will bear Tim's former number "49" on a heart patch.

On what is the 20th anniversary season of the Red Sox ending the 86 year world series drought, most of the players from that season gathered to pay homage to the Wakefield couple, as well as the former President of the Boston Red Sox, Larry Lucchino, who passed away on April 2nd, with a moment of silence, video highlights, including Tim & the late Johnny Pesky holding the 2004 World Series Trophy, Lucchino embracing the Wakefield couple when they were awarded the Roberto Clemente award for their work with the Jimmy Fund, his teammates spraying him with champagne after the championship win, and of course Tim and Stacy with their two children, Brianna and Trevor, proudly holding the 2004

World Series Trophy.

Following the National Anthem, the 2004 championship banner was unfurled over the Green Monster and the 2004 season highlights played on the jumbo screen, the ever faithful erupted into a long, loud standing ovation.

Both of the Wakefield children were in attendance for the tribute, emerging from under the championship banner as they proceeded to lead their father's 2004 teammates to the pitcher's mound. Their daughter Brianna threw out the ceremonial first pitch, a knuckleball, to her father's former catcher, Jason Veritek.

"It was emotional, it was really emotional. It was just a beautiful day. I can't really put it into words. Brianna held herself like a champ, and I am proud of the young lady that she is." said the former Red Sox captain, Jason Veritek. Former Red Sox Outfielder Johhny Damon recalled being handed the American League Trophy in '04, following the historic comeback at Yankee Stadium, but immediately turned it over to Wakefield, the pitcher who had given up the infamous walk off home run the previous season, sending their hated rivals to the World Series. "No one deserved the 04' trophy more than Tim Wakefield. He was Mr. Red Sox," said Damon through teary eyes.

After embracing all of their father's teammates, the siblings carried the trophy off the field, just as their father did 20 years ago.

Will BU/BC Face Off in the Men's Collegiate Hockey Championship this Weekend???

The 2023-24 NCAA D1-Men's hockey season is almost at its finale, with 4 teams remaining. The Frozen 4 will be played this weekend in St. Paul, Minnesota, between BC, BU, Denver and Michigan, but only 1 team will ultimately be crowned the 2024 National Champions.

The #1 semi-final game between the BU Terriers and the Denver Pioneers will begin at 5:00 PM, EST, on Thursday, April 11th, while the #2 semi-final game between the BC Eagles and the Michigan Wolverines puck will drop at 8:30 PM, EST. Both games will be broadcast & streamed on ESPN2. The final champion-ship game will be played on Saturday, April 13, 6:00 PM, also broadcast and streamed on ESPN 2.

Two of the three finalists for the HOBEY Award, given annually to the top Collegiate Hockey Player are local guys, Cutler Gauthier, BC and Macklin Celebrini, BU. Both BU and BC are favored, in their respective games, with BC favored to take home the National Championship.

The most avid Beantown hockey fans are anxiously awaiting the outcome of l'hursday night's games and hoping beyond hope to see the battle of Commonwealth Ave and the Green Line, come to life between two of men's collegiate hockey rivals, the BU Terriers and the BC Eagles. The rivalry between these two hockey programs is palpable! They sit just a few miles away from each other and share the same rich history since their inception in 1917-18 and have battled for the Beanpot prize since 1952. Both schools sit in the top class of college hockey. Both programs have won 5 national championships, are tied for 5th place in the nation for trophies, and have both produced numerous Olympians and NHL stars.

It could be said that BC and BU hockey have defined college hockey for decades. Now they find themselves 1 game away from facing off against each other in the National Championship.

We Can Only Hope!!!