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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

According to Recent Polling, Moving Trucks are Being Booked in MA

According to recent polling, some 25 percent of Bay Staters say they are considering a move out of state. For Republican voters, the number is more than 50 percent and for independent voters, the number is pretty high; some 47 percent of this voting block wants to leave.

Oregon Shantytown Off the Rails

Homeless folks have erected a ramshackle encampment on a no man's land across from the Willamette River in Portland, creating an eyesore for a nearby upscale area who don't know what to do about this encampment. The encampment has been forming across from luxury condos for about six years now.

However, it is unclear if the city, county, state, or the federal government controls the property. It could also be private land. However, it now looks like the Union Pacific might actually own the property in question. The railroad now says it tries to enforce trespassing laws but the boundary separating its land from public property looks like "a legal gray area."

According the *New York Post*, a KOIN news crew recently visited the site, where they observed garbage strewn along the blighted shore.

A woman who identified herself as Paula told the outlet that she has been living near the Daimler Truck North America headquarters "off and on about a year-and-a-half."

"I have anxiety issues and I think I have personality disorders too, that I'm dealing with. I think that's what's kept me out here so long," she said, adding that she is addicted to meth.

"There's a few shelters I like. They would have been great, except for the 'no drugs' thing. That sucks. I don't think drugs are my problem," she told KOIN. "I think my problem is I have no place to wash my hair and go to the bathroom."

Broccoli, Now Superfood

A new study shows your mother was always right about eating your greens. Broccoli contains molecules.

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One Boston Day 2023



Governor Maura Healey and Mayor Michelle Wu amongst other local leaders and loved ones of the Marathon Bombing victims attended a private wreath-laying ceremony at the two sports on Boylston Street where the bombs exploded 10 years ago on that dreadful day of April 15, 2013. A ceremony was held at the marathon finish line where the Boston City Singers choir performed "Amazing Grace" and "America the Beautiful" with members of the Boston Pops. Church bells also rang and a special emblem marking 10 years since the bombings was unveiled.

(Photo by Gerri Palladino)

Opening Day at the Swan Boats





Members of the Paget Family — Launched in 1877 by shipbuilder Robert Paget, the Swan Boats continue to be owned and operated by the Paget family

Mayor Wu enjoying the inaugural ride!

The Swan Boats opened on April 15th marking the beginning of the 2023 season.

Mayor Michelle Wu, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and the Paget family hosted the first ride of the season on the popular boats at the Boston Public Garden lagoon.

This year marks the 146th season for the beloved and iconic symbol of Boston and the Public Garden.

For more information, please visit boston.gov/swan-boats.

(Photos by Gerri Palladino)

Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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

HADRIAN

HIS PERSONAL LIFE

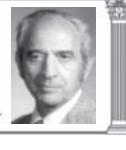
Hadrian was quite tall and was elegant in appearance. His hair was curled by artificial means and he wore a full beard to cover some birthmarks on his face. He rode and walked a great deal and kept fit by using arms, the javelin, and by hunting. He was many things in one person: austere and genial, dignified and playful, sluggish and yet quick to act, miserly but yet generous, deceitful but yet honest, cruel but yet merciful, and in all matters and at all times, he was changeable.

His vigilance was not confined to the military, but was extended to his private household and to those of his friends as well. Private agents were used for this purpose and it was conducted so skillfully that the persons involved were never aware of it. This habit of probing into the affairs of his friends coupled with his notorious passion for males and adulteries with married women are listed among his most grievous faults.

Hadrian often visited the public baths and bathed with the commoners. One day, he observed an old soldier who was scratching his back against the forced to rub each other.

constructed fine buildings in many cities of the Empire: in Rome, he furnished public entertainment which was of unbounded extravagance. He gave rare spices to the people in honor of his mother-in-law, and at one time even spread costly perfumes in the theater in honor of Trajan. Plays were presented in the theaters, wild beast fights were held in the circus, and he even produced public exhibitions of ancient Greek (Pyrrhic) dances. He was responsible for restoring many public buildings but insisted that the original dedication be preserved. One of his most noteworthy projects was the relocation of the Colossus of Nero while keeping it upright at all times. As many as twenty elephants were used during this project. When the relocation was completed, Nero's features were removed and the statue was dedicated to the Sun.

> **NEXT WEEK:** Hadrian, His Military Life



Others who tried this trick later were called out of the pool and

He gave public games and

Gardening Gifts for Any Occasion

by Melinda Myers

Look to the garden when struggling to find the best gift for Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays, or other occasions. A gift of plants, seeds, or gardening tools and accessories provides months and years of beauty and enjoyment.

With so many options it is easy to match the gardening gift to the recipient and your budget. Plants are always a great choice for gardening enthusiasts. Small, more affordable plants are fun for gardeners to tend, nurture, and watch grow. Giving larger plants or unique varieties provide a gift the recipient may be reluctant to purchase for themselves.

Do-it-yourself gardening gifts are good choices for both beginners and experienced gardeners who like the process as well as the results. An attractive container, some seeds or plants, and potting mix is a good place to start. Consider giving a selfwatering pot to increase success and reduce maintenance. Add some plant tags you purchase or put your artistic talents to work creating your own.

Those who like to cook and garden will appreciate gifts that help them grow their own fresh herbs. Plants and seeds are always a good choice. Combine these with containers like the Provence self-watering planter that is compact and spill-proof for indoors. An elevated garden like the VegTrug® herb planter or the VegTrug® Self-Watering Herb Planter Box is a great way to grow, tend and harvest herbs in a sunny spot on the patio, deck, or balcony.

For those that like to garden outdoors, containers, stakes, trellises, and tools are always welcome gifts. A tool caddy that holds pruners, plant tags, and other small garden accessories is an easy way to store and transport hand tools to the garden. Consider a cart like the Mobile Tool Storage Caddy that allows easy transporting of longhandled tools, space for hand tools, and a basket for other supplies.

Make gardening more

Boston Planning & Development Agency Approves ...

A roman marble statu of

marble wall. When asked the

reasons why, the veteran re-

plied that he did not own a slave

to rub him. The man was soon

presented with some slaves and

the cost of their maintenance.

Emperor Hadrian

RFP TO REDEVELOP **AUSTIN STREET LOTS**

The BPDA Board of Directors approved a Request for Proposals (RFP) to redevelop the BPDA-owned **Austin Street Parking Lots** in Charlestown. This site was identified as a high-priority opportunity site for community planning in the City's 2022 land audit. Some of the key goals for the Lots outlined in the RFP and PLAN: Charlestown's emerging recommendations include: affordable housing, open space with sports fields, pedestrian and bike connections, public realm contributions, retail spaces and ground floor activation, and artist spaces. These goals were developed as part of a robust community process that included several community visioning sessions, building off the engagement for PLAN: Charlestown. Proposals

should prioritize neighborhood services, retail, restaurants, athletic uses, and community spaces within the ground floor activation. Based on community surveys and discussions, proposals must also provide affordability across multiple income levels. The successful proposer will be required to apply to the Boston Housing Authority through a separate RFP for Project-Based Voucher Section 8 Assistance for 100 units for this project. Like all BPDA-owned parcels in the City of Boston, the selected development team will be required to meet the BPDA's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion evaluation criterion, and outline commitments to including Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBEs) in all aspects of their development process. The RFP will be issued in the coming weeks.

units to 16-rental units. The two approved IDP units will also

425 BORDER STREET

The Board also approved an

update to a previously approved

project at 425 Border Street to

change the units from condo-

miniums to rental units. DHN

425 Border St. LLC is propos-

ing a change to the previously

approved Small Project located

at 425 Border Street, East

Boston, changing the 16-condo

EAST BOSTON

be converted to rentals. Learn more at bostonplans. org, and follow us on Twitter @BostonPlans.

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. MI23C0331CA In the Matter of **BRUCE ANDREW DEMOS CITATION ON**

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Bruce Andrew Demos of Medford, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Jocelyn

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 May 09, 2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court Date: April 11, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 04/21/2023

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ket No. MI23P1953B

Estate of **GERRIT W. ZWART** Also Known As **GERRIT ZWART**

Date of Death: December 22, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Gretchen Zwart of Mashpee, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Gretchen Zwart of Mashpee, 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: 04/21/2023



This all-in-one basket, stool, and seat, the Bamboo Garden Stool and Basket Combo, allows gardeners to carry tools, plants, and veggies or turn it over to sit on for weeding or planting.

> (Photo courtesy of Gardener's Supply Company/gardeners.com)

accessible with a gift of a kneeler, kneeling pad, or garden bench. Protecting joints and making kneeling and reaching into the garden easier reduces fatigue and extends the time and enjoyment of gardening. The Bamboo Garden Bench and Basket offer dual functions, allowing gardeners to sit and weed or easily carry their harvest from the garden to the house.

Vegetable and flower gardeners will appreciate a harvest basket like the Garden Hod. Hods were originally used by Maine clam diggers to hold and rinse their catch. The oil-finished pine-and-maple frame and foodgrade vinyl-covered mesh of the Garden Hod lets you rinse dirt and debris from your veggies right in the garden.

Help your gift recipient bring in the birds with gifts of bird feeders and birdbaths. Adding these items to their landscape can help increase the number and variety of winged visitors. Bird watching and gardening provide enjoyment while also boosting our spirit and mood.

Consider adding the gift of time. Help assemble, place, or plant the gardening gift. Spending time together makes any gift more special and enjoyable for you both.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening and Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardener's Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her website is www. MelindaMyers.com.

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 May 06, 2023 beginning at 9:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

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OUR POLICY: To help preserve the ideals and sacred traditions of this our adopted country the United States of America: To revere its laws and inspire others to respect and obey them: To strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty: In all ways to aid in making this country greater and better than we found it.

Francesco "Frank" Gioioso

Francesco "Frank" Gioioso, age 80, passed away with God and his family by his side on April 12, 2023, at his home in Walpole, Massachusetts after a brief, but courageous battle with cancer.

Frank was born on February 16, 1943 to the late Pelino and Giovanna (D'Amore) Gioioso in the small hamlet of Viano in Filetto, Italy. In 1958, Frank immigrated to the United States and joined his family who had established roots in Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Beloved husband of Carmela M. "Lina" Gioioso. Loving father of Dr. Cristina Gioioso-

Datta, and her husband Dr. Rupak Datta, of Woodbridge, Connecticut, Gianna Gioioso of Dedham, Dr. Valeria Gioioso of San Diego, California, and Francesco Biagio Gioioso of Norfolk. Cherished Nonno of Kavi, Chiara, and Cali Datta. Doting Son-in-law of Giovanna and the late Armando D'Ambrosio of Winthrop. Caring brother of Giuseppe Gioioso of Braintree, Maria DiNanno of Norwood, and Elena Adgate of Braintree as well as the late Luigi Gioioso, Enrico Gioioso, Tommaso Gioioso, Filomena Colasante, and Mario Gioioso. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

Frank's early years were a balance of education and work. In 1962, Pelino, Frank, and four of his brothers established the family company, P. Gioioso & Sons, Inc. The ambitious young entrepreneur was eager to support the company in the role of Treasurer and General Manager. Frank would go on to seek higher education, earning his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering in 1969, and subsequently his Master's Degree in 1971 in Structural Engineering, both from Northeastern University, of which he was extremely proud. Frank was a member of UCANE and NUCA, holding various office positions and receiving numerous awards. He used the skills and knowledge he gained over the years in the field and at school to continue to grow the family business, eventually becoming CEO, a position he held until his passing.

Frank moved to Braintree in 1976, where he ultimately met the love of his life, Carmela "Lina" D'Ambrosio. The couple would be wed on June 21, 1981 in Saint John the Evangelist Church in Winthrop, Massachusetts. Frank and Lina began making memories and started their family in Braintree before moving to their family home in Walpole, Massachusetts on March 19, 1987. Frank supervised the home's construction from the day it was framed through its many renovations and expansions.

Steps outside the home, Frank was an avid gardener. He would spend hours tending to his garden where he grew zucchini, eggplant, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, butternut squash, and strawberries among many other delicious fruits and vegetables that the family enjoyed. While the fruits of one's labor are always the sweetest, Frank would never turn down an opportunity to have a meal at his favorite restaurant: the Chateau in Norwood.

Life was not all work and Frank enjoyed many hobbies. Never forgetting his Italian heritage, Frank was an active member of the Dante Alighieri Society and The Pirandello Lyceum and frequently attended their events as well as other dance nights, operas, and ballets. He was a dedicated fan of the New England Patriots and the New England Revolution, supporting them through as many games he could as a season ticket holder for the two teams. Evenings at home were spent doing Sudoku, dancing to old Italian songs, and flipping between Danny Kaye movies and watching the news. On vacation, he could be found relaxing in a Jacuzzi or playing tennis with his kids. He was a proud Republican and would follow all political happenings, both nationally and locally, as he supported many candidates in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Frank lived many of the values of his culture; he was dedicated, courageous, kind, family oriented and charitable. He was a devout Catholic, attending Blessed Sacrament Church in Walpole for 36 years. He worked hard every day of his life and never retired, always wanting to build a better life for his family, friends, and those who worked for him. Frank was generous, supporting innumerable charities and helping those less fortunate than him without hesitation. Most of all, Frank cherished his family, especially his beautiful wife Lina and his four wonderful children.

Relatives and Friends held visitation on Sunday, April $16^{\rm th}$, in the James H. Delaney & Son Funeral Home, Walpole. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Blessed Sacrament Church, Walpole on Monday, April $17^{\rm th}$. Interment at Saint Francis Cemetery Walpole.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Frank's name may be made to either Italian Home for Children https://www.italianhome.org/or Tunnels to Towers Foundation https://t2t.org/donate/ in order to celebrate Frank's charitable spirit

Antonio "Totonno" Guarino

Antonio "Totonno" Guarino, 87, a lifelong resident of Boston's North End, passed away peacefully on April 19, 2023.

He was born in Montefalcione, Avellino, Italy, a son of the late Carmine and Assunta (D'Amore) Guarino. Totonno was a longtime member of Local Laborers #22. He was a devout Catholic and a member of St. Leonard Church, avid wine maker and cured his own cold cuts.

He will be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, Nonno and hanging out with his friends at Café Dello Sport. Treasured husband of 60 years to the late Anna (Ciampa) Guarino. Beloved father of Assunta D'Alelio and her husband Ignazio of Saugus, Tonia Guarino and her



husband Emidio Magno of Wakefield, Carmine Guarino of Boston. Cherished grandfather of Christian A. Guarino, Anna G. Magno, Luigi A. Magno and Antonio E. Magno. Dear brother of the late Teresa D'Andrea and Gaetano "Guy" Guarino and his surviving wife Cathy. Also survived by loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will receive visitors on Friday, April 21, 2023 from 9:30am to 10:30am in St. Leonard Church, 320 Hanover St., Boston with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 10:30am in the church. Entombment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, 302 Elm St., Everett, MA 02149. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Leonard Church, 320 Hanover St., Boston, MA 02113.

Henry D. Vara, Jr.

Henry D. Vara, Jr. of Holbrook, formerly of West Newton and Ft. Lauderdale, Fl, passed away peacefully at age 86, on April 18. Born in Brookline, He graduated from The Michael Driscoll Elementary School, where he maintained his friendship with his classmates prior his passing. Henry attended Boston University and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

His entrepreneurial spirit was established as a young man. He began investing in real estate and development as the owner of Rocky Point and Crescent Park amusement parks in Rhode Island. He developed an interest in media by founding several Television and radio stations across the country, among them KKCO, an NBC affiliate in Boulder, Colorado, WJTC in Pensacola, FL, WRCC in Ft. Myers, WKGR in West Palm Beach, FL., KSKI in Vail, Colorado.

Henry was the President of The Boston Charitable Society. He was the owner of the famed Studio54 in New York City, The Kenmore Club, Jacques in Boston's Bay Village, Clubs in New Hampshire, Texas, and California. At one time, he owned the most liquor Licenses in the City of Boston. He owned and operated Crown and

Anchor Motor Inn in Provincetown, Mill Hill Club in West Yarmouth, MaryAnn's in Brighton, Beacon Hill Pub, and Fathers 1-4. He loved antique automobiles, including a rare 1937 Packard Super 8, only Ten in the world. But with all his entrepreneurial projects, Henry was about family and endearing long lasting friendships.

Beloved husband of Patricia Nee and the late Virgina "Gini" (Gangi) Vara. Dear son of the late Henry Dante Vara and Angelina Riccio Vara. Devoted father of Holli Pauline Vara and her husband Tom Donnelly, Henry Dante Vara III, Christian Dante Vara and his wife Ellen and the late Lisa Ann Vara. Cherished grandfather of Lisa and Zachary McAuliffe, Nicholas, Mitchell, Jack-Henry, Scott-Christian, Eliza, and Isabel Vara. Dear brother of the late Carmine A. Vara. Dear brother-in-law of Louis P. Gangi and his wife Vincenza M., and Lawrence P. Gangi and his wife, Jesse.

Visiting will be at The Burke and Blackington Funeral Home, 1479 Washington St., Friday, 3-7 pm. A funeral Mass of Christian Burial at St. Bernard's Church, 1523 Washington St., West Newton, on Saturday, April 22 at 11:00. Interment at Newton Cemetery. Remembrances may be made to Shrinerschildrens.org.

Lina (Palermo) Fazzolari

May She Rest in Peace

Lina (Palermo) Fazzolari, of Peabody formerly of East Boston and Revere passed away peacefully in the company of her loving family on April 15, 2023.

Beloved wife of Vincenzo Fazzolari for 53 years.

Cherished daughter of the late Adolfo and Maria Teresa Palermo. Loving mother of Melina Prestia and her late husband Tommaso and Giuseppe (Joe) Fazzolari and his wife Diana.

Dear sister of Rosa Coluccio and her late husband Vincenzo, Adele Scrivo and her husband Salvatore and the late Vincenzo Palermo and his surviving spouse Marianna, the late Pasquale (Patsy) Palermo and the late Adolfo (Dodo) Palermo and his surviving spouse Darsie.

Devoted sister in law to Caterina Loccisano of Italy, and Rosa Capogreco and her husband Antonio of Australia. Loving and cherished Nonna to Rocco, Ariana,

Vincenzo P, Vincenzo F and Giulianna.

Lina is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Lina enjoyed spending time with her family especially her children and grandchildren. She was especially devoted to her husband, a tremendous source of strength and love throughout her life.

Lina enjoyed reading the *Post-Gazette* from cover to cover which she eagerly awaited every week. She loved reading "Nanna & Babbononno" and his stories of growing up in East Boston. The *Post-Gazette* connected

her to her roots. As a young Italian immigrant at the age of 12, she settled in East Boston with her family and extended family. Bringing over the traditions of her hometown in Calabria, she preserved her Italian culture by cooking and baking Calabrese food

She loved watching cooking shows with her son in law and discuss what to make at their next meal. She was her daughter's biggest cheerleader and her son and daughter in law's forever strength. She loved keeping in touch with her

and sharing it with everyone she could.

cousins. Lina was always smiling with a positive attitude delivering kind words of inspiration, despite living with many of her own life challenges, which she refused to let bring her down.

She was a special lady with a huge heart, always thinking of others and doing what she could, to make others happy. Whether sending care packages to her family in Italy or preparing special dishes for her grandchildren, it was always driven with heart and soul.

Lina will deeply be missed by everyone, yet her spirit will always remain with her family, friends and all that were touched by Lina's kindness.

Relatives and friends held visitation at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, Peabody on Wednesday April 19, 2023. A funeral mass in Lina's memory was celebrated on April 20, 2023 in Our Lady of the Assumption Church 17 Grove St. Lynnfield. Entombment Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Audrey J. (Esposito) Fuccillo

Audrey J. (Esposito) Fuccillo of Peabody, formerly of Everett, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on April 12, at 79 years of age

Beloved wife of over 53 years to Ronald P. Fuccillo Sr. Devoted mother of Andrèa Fuccillo, Celicia D'Amico (Fuccillo) and husband, Salvatore Sr., Ronald P. Fuccillo Jr., and wife, Janeen, and Robert S.G. Fuccillo Sr., and wife, Jenny. Dear sister of Carolyn Holloway. Cherished grandmother of Ronald III, Celeste, and Gianna Fuccillo, Salvatore D'Amico Jr., Robert Fuccillo Jr., and Reese Fuccillo. Also survived



by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Audrey's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home - North Shore Chapel, 10 Chestnut Street, Peabody, on Friday, April 21st, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., before leaving in procession to St. Adelaide's Church, Peabody, for a Funeral Mass celebrating Audrey's life at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Audrey's name toOur Lady of Fatima Shrine - Xaverian Missionaries, The Celia Fuccillo Pilgrimage, 101 Summer Street, Holliston, MA 01746.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

The Sweets of Spring

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



The Food Network now regularly runs a competition show with the no-nonsense title of Spring Baking Championship. An early commercial for this program began with a voiceover narration asking: "So, what exactly is spring baking?" followed by images of people decorating cupcakes to resemble flowers. The question struck a chord with me because, while I am an avid baker who makes treats all year long, I particularly associate baking with the season of autumn. The cool weather and dusky nights seem appropriate for an evening spent in the honeyed glow of a kitchen, feeling the warmth radiating from the oven. Moreover, fall offers a bounty of ingredients suitable for baking, from tart apples to juicy pears to sharp, spicy ginger. However, autumn is far from my thoughts as I enjoy the beautiful springtime. Everything gets me excited, from the days when the thermometer reaches upwards of seventy degrees to the buds growing bigger and greener on the tips of tree branches. I am also getting excited for the new baking opportunities spring offers. Fresh, seasonal ingredients and inspiration from Italy make for a valuable and fun baking experience during the spring.

• Citrus: Spring is a wonderful time to use up the last of the citrus fruits left over from winter. Moreover, citrus is a staple in Italian cooking, due to the abundant lemon and orange groves that dot the landscape of southern Italy and the islands. The zest of lemons (limone) and oranges (arancia) flavored the many Italian desserts lining the tables of bridal showers and weddings I remember all my life,

to the waffle-like biscuits known as *pizzelle*. I love to use citrus in recipes like creamy lemon bars and orange-scented cakes. For Easter, I made a classic Italian ricotta pie accentuated by both lemon and orange peels. In short, citrus desserts are a great way to bid goodbye to the cold weather and welcome spring!

• Tropical: As the days get warmer and the summer is so near I can practically smell sunscreen and sand, my mind wanders to the flavors of the tropics. I happen to love banana bread, a trait I inherited from my father. Moist, spongy banana breads are an easy recipe to make and offer a quick, healthy breakfast or snack option. One of my other favorite desserts has to be pineapple upside down cake. An impressive finale to any spring meal, these cakes blend the delectable taste of pineapple along with a sweet caramelized topping. Of course, on days when you feel that only an all-inclusive plethora of tropical fruits will satiate your desire for summer, try baking up a Hummingbird Cake. This recipe incorporates bananas, pineapples and coconut, finished off with a velvety cream cheese frosting! You could also take a cue from the Italians and snack on kiwi fruit whenever you want a taste of the tropics. A perennially popular fruit there, Italy produces more kiwis than any other country!

• Strawberries: Strawberries are a harbinger of spring. Whenever I see these ruby-red gems lining the produce shelves of supermarkets, I know that spring has arrived. I love baking with strawberries because of their versatility. My mother once made a strawberry and white chocolate tiramisu for my from soft-baked, glazed cookies, father's birthday, a summery

twist on a classic Italian dessert. Strawberries are also delectable on cakes, pies, cheesecakes, and quick breads. When I went to Italy, I remained impressed at all the innovative uses for strawberries (fragole) in Italian desserts. Italians often drizzle strawberry sauces over baked custards known as panna cotta, or else serve the strawberries in tall, elegant glasses marinated with balsamic vinegar for a savory-sweet contrast. As an essential crop of spring, do not be afraid to experiment with strawberries, as they nearly always guarantee a foolproof dessert!

• Rhubarb: Rhubarb is my new favorite spring ingredient with which to bake. An odd, red stalk that resembles celery, cooked rhubarb tastes like a cross between a strawberry and an apple. Its tartness perfectly blends with sweet desserts. I have found so many rhubarb recipes that I would like to try, ranging from strawberry-rhubarb pies to rhubarb chutneys served over lemon-ricotta pancakes — my mother and I once made this latter recipe, and we could not get enough! My favorite rhubarb recipe, however, is one for a moist rhubarb cake with a cinnamon crumb topping that my father-in-law gave me. I prepare this cake for my May Day celebrations now.

Baking in the springtime is a wonderful experience. Using seasonal ingredients connects us to Mother Earth, which is now blossoming with new life. Sweet desserts made with citrus, tropical fruits, strawberries and rhubarb can serve as lovely finishes to picnics and open-air dinners spent luxuriating in the beautiful spring weather and in the company of nature. Moreover, spring baking offers us the opportunity to engage in the recipes of our Italian ancestors, honoring the food of our heritage, and applying our own innovation and creativity to it. This spring, head to the market and pick up the freshest ingredients available ... and from there, happy baking!

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.

by Sal Giarratani

Does Forced Treatment Really Work in Long Haul?

As someone who worked for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health Police in the Metro Boston area for 40 years, retiring ten years ago later this month, I feel really bad for the parents' living with the nightmare of their adult children's chronic mental health issues, and feeling so helpless.

What so many parents are still going through happens over and over. Aging parents just don't know what to do or who to call. Adult children have the right to refuse treatment even if they really need it and there's little a parent can do. Since 1975, when the state psychiatric facilities instituted a new reform called "deinstitutionalization," facilities unlocked their inpatient units and told everyone that the backwards were no more and people were released to the families, streets, or wherever. This new found freedom, I believe made life worse. In 1982. the state created a new reform. This was called "communitybased care," except there wasn't nearly enough care to be found in the community.

I am not too sure that giving judges the power to force somebody into outpatient care is really the answer. Some say it is better than the status quo, but is it really?

Today, the reforms of the seventies and eighties have proven to be not nearly the panacea many thought they would be. We see the evidence all around us in the streets of our communities: homelessness, drug addiction, and mental illness.

Parents agonize with adult children who constantly use revolving doors, short stays here and short stay there, and many times without any real medical continuum.

For some 34 years, I worked as a mental health counselor (6 years) and 28 years as a DMH police officer. I was there when the reforms came into being. I saw what went before, I then saw what became, and at times. I wondered about all the

disruption. I used to see many patients remain in locked units for I thought too long, and then I saw what happened when psych care went in the wrong direction, too. Too many were discharged with little out there available for them to use in the real world.

People have to just want to get better. You can't force anyone to get better. Many do get better with meds and therapy.

Acute care is also an ongoing issue with too few acute beds out there. We don't spend nearly enough on treating the mentally ill or chronic care. Simply put, we still don't treat mental illness as a real illness. Until we find real equity between mental and physical illnesses, the problems of the many that fall through the cracks will only multiply.

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Docket No. 10W-0945WD **SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION** MANUEL HERRERA, Plaintiff

SANDRA LOPEZ. Defendant

To the above named Defendant: A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, seeking a Modification. You are required to serve upon Manuel

Herrera - plaintiff - whose address is 277 River St., Waltham, MA 02453, your answer on or before May 17, 2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Woburn.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Woburn, this 5th day of April 2023.

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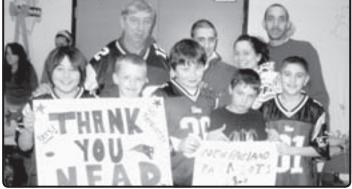
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NEAA Baseball

— Opening Day —

NEAA Baseball Opening Day will be held on Saturday, April 29th. I would like to invite you to celebrate another great season with us.

There will be 6 games played that day as outlined on the 2023 Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	Visitor	Home	Location
29-Apr	Saturday	10:00 AM	Phillies	Rays	Puopolo Park Bocce Side
29-Apr	Saturday	10:00 AM	Orioles	Blue Jays	Langone Field
29-Apr	Saturday	12:00 PM	Rockies	Athletics	Puopolo Park Bocce Side
29-Apr	Saturday	12:00 PM	Angels	Padres	Langone Field
29-Apr	Saturday	2:00 PM	Cubs	Marlins	Langone Field
29-Apr	Saturday	4:30 PM	Tigers	Cardinals	Langone Field

First Pitch Ceremony:

At 1:45 p.m. the NEAA will be having our First Pitch Ceremony - **Honoring Mr. Alfredo Vilar:** Alfredo was a COACH, UMPIRE, DIRECTOR, and MENTOR for over 25 years with the NEAA. Al also worked at the Nazzaro Center and currently works at City Hall in the Boston Transportation Department!

Come and join us in honoring and celebrating Mr. Alfredo Vilar!

Festivities throughout the day:

We will be having Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Donuts, Muffins, Munchkins, and other goodies starting at 10:00 a,m. We will have a BBQ starting at 11:30 a.m. This is for all ages 4-18, even if you are not playing this day. so please come and enjoy.

We plan to have a Face Painter and Balloon Artist, the Boston Police Ice Cream Truck will make an appearance and give out free ice cream!

We will have a table from MassDOT with information on the Sumner Tunnel Closure.

We are hoping for a couple more surprises for the kids that we have not yet confirmed but will let you know if they come about!

Thanks and I hope to see you all on Opening Day

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SAFE DIGGING PRACTICES

In recognition of April as Dig Safe Awareness Month, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) is joining with other states and utility companies around the country to remind excavators, contractors, and residents to be vigilant of utility lines when digging and call 811 before starting any outdoor digging projects. 811 is the line for Dig Safe, a nonprofit organization that notifies gas, electric, telephone, and cable companies about the intended digging project. At no cost to the excavator, professional locators visit the requested dig site to mark the approximate locations of underground utility lines with flags, spray paint, or both.

"We encourage all of our residents, especially those engaged in active construction, to be wary of utility lines buried in the ground," said DPU Acting Chair Cecile Fraser. "Utility lines can be found on public and private property, deep in the ground or just inches from the surface. Calling 811 is the best way to ensure a line won't be hit when commencing a new project this year."

State law requires calling 811 at least three days before digging is to start. Accidentally striking an underground utility line can result in serious personal injury, property damage, and costly service disruptions for many. Additionally, failure to follow the provisions of the law and regulations can result in fines.

Excavations are the leading cause of damage to underground utility infrastructure. In 2022, there were 1,061 excavation-related damages to utility infrastructure in Massachusetts. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. Examples of digging projects that require a call to 811 include:

- Installing a mailbox or fence;
- Building a deck;
- Installing a pool; and,
- Planting trees and shrubs.

For more information about 811 and safe digging practices, the public is encouraged to visit https://www.mass.gov/dig-safe or www.digsafe.com.



ABCD NORTH END/WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER (NE/WE NSC)

Pasquetta

The ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) celebrated Pasquetta on Monday, April 12th, 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 leftover foods from the Easter

(L-R): Acting Director ABCD **NEWE NSC Julia Power, City** Councilor Kenzie Bok, and **ABCD Director of Field Opera**tions Josh Young, with West **End seniors**





(L-R): in background ABCD NE/WE NSC Acting Director Julia Power; Jake Werner, Communications Director and Liaison, Office of City Councilor Kenzie Bok; and ABCD Director of Field Operations Josh Young, with City Councilor Kenzie Bok (seated with constituents)

meal. On Pasquetta, everyone is Italian!

"We try to make occasions special for our older adults, especially those who recall celebrating Pasquetta in Italy and others who may live far from family. The conversation flows easily, similar to a typical holiday gathering, and we make sure that there are leftovers to take home. It has been fun for me and my staff to hold monthly events again, as we continue to emerge from the COVID pandemic," enthused Julia Power, Acting Director. "The NE/WE NSC looks forward to more events, especially with the onset of the warmer weather."

Seniors from the North End and West End neighborhoods feasted (not at a picnic but indoors due to the slight chill in the air) on salad; chicken, broccoli, and ziti; eggplant parmigiana, and cannoli's, which was very generously sponsored by the center's friends at La Famiglia Giorgio's on Salem Street. The tables were adorned with bright, bold floral arrangements and chocolates. The offices of Senator Lydia Edwards, City Councilor

Gabriela Coletta, and City Councilor Kenzie Bok were in attendance, all of who brought best wishes and Italian cookies to their constituents. The afternoon was pleasant and joyous, with seniors lingering over coffee long after the tables were cleared!



Behind the scenes in the kitchen



Serving guests at lunch



Volunteer Silke Evans plays the piano for the crowd



Saint Cunegundes

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Saint Cunegundes was born in the year 975. She was the daughter of Siegfried, the first Count of Luxemburg, and Hedwig, his pious wife. Her virtuous parents instilled into their daughter a strong sense of piety. When she was of an age to marry, they chose for her spouse Henry, Duke of Bavaria, who at the death of the Emperor Otto III was named King of the Romans and crowned on June 6, 1002. Queen Cunegundes was crowned at Paderborn on Saint Laurence's day. In 1014, the couple traveled to Rome where they were crowned Holy Roman Emperor and Empress by Pope Benedict VIII.

It is said that she had long wanted to be a nun, and that her marriage to Henry II was a spiritual one. It is accepted that the marriage was purely platonic.

Going once to make a retreat in Hesse, Cunegundes fell dangerously ill, and she made a vow to found a monastery at Kaufungen, in the diocese of Paderborn, if she recovered. This she executed in a stately manner, and gave it to nuns of the Order of Saint Benedict. Before it was finished, Henry died in 1024. She earnestly recommended his soul to the prayers of the empire, and especially to the nuns, and expressed her longing desire to join the Sisters. She had already exhausted her treasures in founding bishoprics and monasteries and in helping the poor, and she had therefore little left to give. But intending to embrace perfect evangelical poverty, to renounce all things in order to serve God without obstacle, she assembled a great number of prelates at the dedication of her church of Kaffungen, on the anniversary day of her husband's death, 1025.

After the Gospel was sung at Mass, she offered on the altar a relic of the true cross, and then, taking off her imperial robes, clothed herself with a poor habit. Her hair was cut off, and the bishop gave her the veil and a ring as a pledge of her fidelity to her heavenly Spouse.

After she was consecrated to God in religion, she seemed to forget entirely that she had been an empress, and served as the least in the house. She prayed and read a great deal, worked with her hands, and took singular pleasure in visiting and comforting the sick. In this way, she passed the last fifteen years of her life.

When her last hour was drawing near, perceiving that they were preparing a cloth fringed with gold to cover her corpse after her death, she ordered it to be taken away; and she could not rest until the promise was given that she would be buried as a poor religious in her habit. She passed away on March 3, 1040. Her body was carried to Bamberg and buried near that of her husband. She was canonized by Pope Innocent III, in 1200. The feast day of Saint Cunegundes is March 3rd. She is the patroness of Luxembourg.

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

William Shakespeare

Shakespeare was the son of John Shakespeare, an alderman and a successful glove maker and Mary Arden, the daughter of an affluent landowning family. He was born in Stratfordupon-Avon, where he was baptized on April 26, 1564. His date of birth is unknown, but is traditionally observed on April 23. He was the third of eight children, and the eldest surviving son.

Shakespeare was probably educated at the King's New School in Stratford. The school would have provided an intensive education in grammar based upon Latin classical

William Shakespeare lived with his family in their house on Henley Street until he turned eighteen. When he was eighteen, Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway, who was twenty-six. Together they had three children. Their first child was Susanna, later followed by twins Hamnet and Judith. Hamnet died when he was just 11 years old.

Shakespeare's first printed works were two long poems, "Venus and Adonis" (1593) and "The Rape of Lucrece" (1594). Shakespeare's reputation was established in London by 1592. During this time, Shakespeare wrote his earliest plays, Henry I and The Two Gentlemen of Verona, and Titus Andronicus,

After the plague epidemic subsided, Shakespeare and other actors who had previously belonged to different companies combined to form the Lord Chamberlain's Men. This new theatre company was under the patronage of the Lord Chamberlain, and Richard Burbage starred as its leading actor. As a member of the troupe, Shakespeare also participated in the company's overall income. For almost twenty years, William Shakespeare was its regular dramatist, producing on average two plays a year. Shakespeare stayed with the Chamberlain's Men, which would later evolve into the King's Men under the patronage of King James I, for the rest of his career. He also became a member of the syndicates which owned the Globe and the Blackfriars Theatre.

Shakespeare combined poetic genius with a practical sense of the theatre. Like all playwrights of the time, he dramatized stories from sources such as Plutarch and Holinshed. He reshaped each plot to create several centers of interest and to show as many sides of a narrative to the audience as possible. This strength of design ensures that a Shakespeare play can survive translation, cutting, and wide interpretation without loss to its core drama.

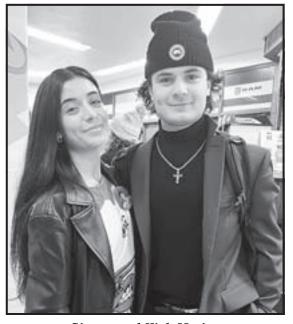
Shakespeare's standard poetic form was blank verse, composed in iambic pentameter. In practice, this meant that his verse was usually unrhymed and consisted of ten syllables to a line, spoken with a stress on every second syllable. Shakespeare combined the two styles throughout his career, with Romeo and Juliet perhaps the best example of the mixing of the styles.

Shakespeare passed away on April 23, 1616 at the age of 52 at Stratford-upon-Avon, England

Shakespeare remains the world's best-selling playwright, with sales of his plays and poetry believed to have achieved in excess of four billion copies in the almost 400 years since his death. He is also the third most translated author in history.

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Gianna and Nick Marino children of Gary Marino

There is a young woman - we will call her Gianna - decided to take a trip to Shreveport, La., to visit her younger brother - we will call him Nick. Nick graduated Lynnfield High School, and has taken a year off before starting college, to play for a semi-pro hockey team. Nick has been living with a family in Shreveport as a guest. This family adores Nick. He is playing for the Shreveport Mudbugs, a team in the NAHL (National Association Hockey League)'s Junior Hockey League, South Division. Nick is a bit younger and smaller than the other league players. However, he is quite talented.

While there, Gianna attended the games Nick was playing in. She had on Nick's Team Jersey, which she had borrowed from her father. At the game one of the sponsors had donated the jerseys of all the Mudbugs team players with their names and numbers attached. They were to be auctioned off after the game: the proceeds to go to finance the team.

At this game there was a young teenager with her mother. She had managed to save up to \$300. doing extra chores, so she could bid on Nick's jersey. Unfortunately, Nick's jersey was sold for \$1,500., far more than any other jersey auctioned off. The teenager was heartbroken.

Gianna happened to be going to the locker room to wait for Nick, when she noticed the teenager sobbing. Gianna asked the mother if she was all right, and her mother informed her of the unsuccessful bid on the jersey. Gianna was very moved by this. She called her father and asked him if it was okay to give the jersey to the teen: he said yes. Gianna asked the teenager to go to the rest room with her. Gianna took off Nick's jersey she was wearing and gave it to



Nick Marino and teenager with his jersey



Gianna Marino on left with teenager

the teenager. Needless to say, the teen was still sobbing, however, joyfully.

This shows you how proud Gianna Marino is of her brother, Nick. And, their father, Gary, is even more proud of both of his children. And let's not forget the Grandfather, Frank Marino, who is overjoyed!

Congratulations to the Marino Family.

SAVE THE DATE: June 17, 2023

Charles River Conservancy

City Splash



City Splash is coming back on June 17, 2023 (rain date June 18, 2023) for our 7th community swim! For safety reasons, there are limited swimming slots (Photo by Enrique Pepen) and they fill up quickly. Follow us on social media or email to learn

the latest event details. Registration expected to open in May. City Splash is a community event that provides the public the rare opportunity to swim in the Charles River and raise awareness to bring river swimming back to Boston! This annual state-sanctioned swim, hosted by the Charles River Conservancy, allows the public to experience the joy of swimming in the Charles River — one of the cleanest urban rivers in the United States! The event is held in a demarcated deep-water area off the Fiedler Dock on the DCR Esplanade in Boston. Due to important safety considerations, swimming in the Charles River is only allowed if a permit is obtained from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (MassDCR) and we work in partnership with MassDCR to obtain a Special Use Permit for this unique event. The CRC has a vision to create a seasonal home for swimming in the Charles, but does not encourage swimming in the Charles outside of permitted events.

Visit https://thecharles.org/city-splash/ for more details.

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FLASHDANCE (4K Ultra HD & Blu-ray) Paramount Home Ent.

Flashdance: This new release on Blu-ray, was originally released on April 15, 1983. Flashdance was a massive hit - becoming the third highestgrossing film of the year in the U.S. — as well as a pop culture sensation. The film was nominated for four Academy Awards and Irene Cara won for her iconic song "Flashdance... What a Feeling." Filled with music, drama, and, of course, dance, Flashdance remains an influential and wildly entertaining cultural touchstone. Jennifer Beals stars as Alex — a fiercely determined 18-year-old with one all-consuming dream to study at the Pittsburgh Conservatory of Dance. Working during the day as a welder and at night as an exotic dancer, she bravely pursues her dream and undertakes an unforgettable journey that reveals the power of her convictions.

IN THE LINE OF DUTY (Blu-ray) 88 Films

In The Line of Duty: Four classic police stories, in a 4-Disc Blu-ray collection box set, from the Golden Age of Hong Kong action. Broke new ground showing women kicking butt as hard as any man! Michelle Yeoh, Cvnthia Rothrock (Cynthia Kahn) star as the toughest cops on the streets, using fists, feet, and guns to take down triads, thieves, and international criminals. Easily the equal of any American action movies from the same era, the In the Line of Duty series are enduring proof of the genius of Hong Kong filmmakers. Beautiful HD restorations of these movies by 88 Films. ROYAL WARRIORS: Returning from her holiday in Japan, Inspector Yip (Michelle Yeoh) foils a daring mid-air rescue of a gangster being returned to Hong Kong for trial. But Inspector Yip needs to watch her back: that gangster has friends. YES, MADAM!: Chicks with kicks! When gangsters murder her friend, Inspector Ng (Michelle Yeoh) is drawn into a deadly search for the men who did it. Just as well, she's got back up from British super cop Carrie Morris (the legendary Cynthia Rothrock). IN THE **LINE OF DUTY III**: How do you top the first two In the Line of Duty films? Easy ... bigger explosions, wilder fights, and even crazier stunts! This time, two Japanese thieves have fled to Hong Kong with a tough J-cop (Cynthia Khan), hot on their heels. It's up to Hong Kong's finest to stop the villains before too much damage is done! IN THE LINE OF DUTY IV: The fourth (and for some fans ... the best) of the In the Line of Duty series, sees the return of Cynthia Kahn as Inspector Yeung. This time she's on the trail of some ruthless international drug dealers, ably assisted by Donnie Yen.

POLICE STORY III: SUPER COP (4K Ultra HD & Blu-ray 88 Films

Police Story III: Super Cop is another adrenaline-pumping, action-packed tour-de-force from Jackie Chan and director

Stanley Tong. In this third installment, Chan reprises his role as maverick detective Chan Ka-Kui, who is recruited by Interpol to infiltrate the operations of a drug lord undercover in a Chinese prison. There, he earns the trust of Panther, a cartel member, by breaking him out of prison. He is paired with Captain Yang (Michelle Yeoh), who plays a tough, butt-kicking mainland Chinese cop. Together they travel to Hong Kong and ioin up with Panther's gang, Ka-Kui is accepted by the gang's leader, but his operation is jeopardized when Ka-Kui's girlfriend accidentally reveals his true identity. The pair is then forced to survive with their wits, courage, and skills during the most dangerous mission of their careers. Featured are a perfect mix of death-defying stunts, fluid modern-style martial arts sequences, and a healthy dose of Chan's trademark comedic flair in Police Story III.

A HANDFUL OF WATER (DVD) IndiePix Films

Jürgen Prochnow stars as Konrad, a cantankerous old man still mourning his wife's death, living alone in a large house with little, but a tropical fish tank for company. At the other end of town, 11-year-old Thurba (Milena Pribek) has other problems: the police are at the door and want to deport and resettle her Yemeni family to Bulgaria. But that only works if all the children are there, so the resourceful young girl jumps from the second floor and runs away to seek shelter and food in Konrad's basement. Unfortunately, and much to his horror, thinking Thurba is a burglar, he accidentally injures her. From there — and despite his initial rejections — the unlikely pair strikes up a tender friendship that will change both of their lives forever. Featuring stellar performances by Prochnow, Pegah Ferydoni, and Milena Pribak in her acting debut, this poignant first feature from director Jakob Zapf is a timely and heartfelt story of courage and compassion.

PILGRIMAGE: THE VOYAGES OF FERNAO MENDES PINTO (DVD) IndiePix Films

Over a span of twenty years, $16^{th}\text{-century Portuguese explorer}$ Fernão Mendes Pinto lived a life of unparalleled adventure while traveling across the continent of Asia as a soldier, merchant, diplomat, pirate, and missionary. Shipwrecked and taken prisoner numerous times, he was one of the first Europeans to visit Japan and was even sentenced to a year of hard labor on the Great Wall of China. Above all, however, he was a highly skilled writer and his controversial memoir, "The Travels of Mendes Pinto," was published posthumously in 1614. Called by many as one of the greatest adventures ever lived, Pilgrimage — adapted from Pinto's writings and featuring songs from the folk musician Fausto Bordalo Dias - details the explorer's legendary journeys at sea and on land in unforgettable fashion.

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

"HELLO MARY LOU, GOODBYE HEART"

While listening to the car radio recently, the deejay began talking about Ricky Nelson, an American singing idol, especially back in the '50s and into the '60s, and he did have a tragically short rebirth in the 80s.

If you were a kid or a teen back in the '50s/'60s, you could never forget *The Adventures* of Ozzie & Harriet, which ran on ABC-TV starting in the late 50s through the mid-60s. At the end of each show, Ricky Nelson would always sing his latest hit on stage. Between his music career and appearing on a weekly TV show with his entire REAL family, he was a constant chart topper.

Turns out, he hated to be called Ricky and on his 21st birthday, he rebranded as Rick Nelson, which was more to his liking. His career continued after the TV show ended, then he started to fade in the music industry. He began a rebirth in the '80s when he made peace with his past dislike for the name Ricky. He began going out performing concerts.

Unfortunately, his comeback didn't last that long as on December 31, 1985, on his way to a New Year's Eve concert in Dallas his plane crashed in De Kalby, Texas. He was only 45 years old when he perished in that plane crash.

Ricky's real name was Eric Hilliard Nelson. His dad Ozzie was a fabulous promoter for him. Dad knew that Ricky sounded so much better than Eric Hilliard Nelson did for a teenage Rock & Roll star. By the way, Ricky was born in New Jersey, and tis the cousin of Willy Nelson.

Had he still been living today, he would have been turning 83 years old on May 8^{th} .

THE NINTH SUFFOLK DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY RACE

The 9th Suffolk District upcoming special primary is a pretty gerrymandered district going from the South End not far from Boston Medical Center, parts of lower Roxbury, the Newmarket District, Mass & Cass, Back Bay, the Polish Triangle in Southie, Edward Everett Square near the giant pear and over to a part of Uphams Corner.

the gate is John Moran, a gay man out of the South End who is endorsed by the LGBTO+ Victory Fund. If elected, he would be the first gay male to win this House seat. I have no problem with gays and lesbians running for public office, but after watching him being interviewed on BNN-TV, I just wonder if he's actually ready for the job of state representative. When questioned about his background and stances on the issues that affect his wouldbe constituents, he basically sounded like some office computer guy as he talked about looking for data-base solutions to the many urban issues in need of solutions. He never showed very much passion for the job nor spoke about what his goals were for his district.

I think voters might want to wait and check out all the candidates running before picking

your choice at your voting site. **CELEBRATING EARTH DAY**

I was still back in college when the first Earth Day celebration was held when I was still only; can you believe it, 22 years old? It has been going on over 50 years now. This weekend on Saturday, April 22nd, Earth Day celebrations will be held at Belle Island Marsh, starting at 9:00 a.m., and also over in Charlestown at Pier 5 in the Navy Yard starting at 12:30 p.m.

TIME TO KICK NADLER AND SCHIFF OVER JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Earlier this week, the House Judiciary Committee's latest on-site in NYC hearing on the out of control crime issue in that city was discussed. Both Rep. Jerry Nadler and Adam Schiff ought to be ashamed of themselves for acting like children.

In the previous House session under Speaker Pelosi, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Green was kicked off all her committee assignments and after watching Nadler and Schiff, it would appear their own reason for sitting on this committee as members of the minority party is to be pains in the ass to Chairman Jim Jordan. Why give them a forum to just be obstinate and condescending? Neither of them deserves to be sitting on this committee.

NEXT ROAR MEETING APRIL 26TH

If you're a conservative or centrist and you're tired of all the liberal bulll, you should check out a relatively new political group up in the Wakefield area. I've been a member for a while now. The group's name is Rescue Our American Republic (ROAR for short). The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m., at the Crystal Community Center in Wakefield.

REMEMBERING CHARLIE THOMAS OF THE DRIFTERS

Charlie Thomas from the Drifters will soon be celebrating his heavenly birthday. He was born on April 27, 1937. He passed away this past January 31st at age 85.

MICHELANGELO DID NOT SCULPTURE PORN

part of Uphams Corner.

The first candidate out of the gate is John Moran, a gay an out of the South End who endorsed by the LGBTQ+ ictory Fund. If elected, he ould be the first gay male to in this House seat. I have no roblem with gays and lesbi-

However, according to a charter school in Tallahassee, it would appear from several of the school parents that this masterpiece is a piece of pornographic substance. The mayor of Florence thought this American reaction was "ridiculous." The principal of that Florida school was forced to resign after some of the six grade parents complained to the school. Some said they were never notified of the subject matter of the lesson plan and a third parent called the statue outright pornographic.

The Italian reaction to what happened to the principal was outrageous. A recent front-page

cartoon in the *Corriere della Sera* newspaper by a leading satirist depicting *David* with his manhood covered by an image of Uncle Sam and the word "Shame."

I do wholeheartedly agree with the museum director in Florence who stated, "To think that David could be pornographic means truly not understanding the contents of the Bible, not understanding Western culture and not understanding Renaissance art."

ANOTHER HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Actor Ward Bond is remembered by many baby boomers, like myself from his days as a wagon train boss on *Wagon Train* from 1957-60. He passed away on November 5, 1960, at age 57, and was immediately replaced on the TV western by veteran actor John McIntyre.

Many people remember Ward from two great movies. He played a cop in Frank Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life* and with John Wayne in John Ford's *The Searchers*.

April 9th, would have been his 120th birthday.

FINALLY, LET'S GO BRANDON

NO, I am not talking about Joe Biden, I am talking about a real life Brandon, newly sworn in Mayor of Chicago Brandon Johnson, who replaced former Mayor Lori Lightfoot. This new guy is so bad, he makes Lightfoot look like Rudy Guiliani.

This past weekend, Chicago turned into a Night of Rage, where lawlessness was seen everywhere, plenty of crime, plenty of violence, and plenty of chaos with the police barely able to keep the city together.

The mayor actually condoned the violence by this out of control mob as if they had the right to strike out in blatant lawlessness. The people of Chicago have only themselves to blame. They voted to replace a terrible mayor with an even more horrible mayor. Don't come crying to anyone about your plight today. You voters there had an opportunity to fix things, but just made them worse.

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by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Last week, I left off with a side trip from San Juan to St. Thomas. We were booked in for a stay at the Gramboco Inn, a small hotel close to the center of the island's capital, Charlotte Amalie. After we were checked in, I called home. Whenever I traveled, Dad would pull me aside and say, "When you arrive, don't forget to call your mother, she worries." Mom would pull me aside and whisper, "When you arrive, don't forget to call your father, he worries." Lastly, Babbononno would pull me aside and say in fractured English, or if you will, Engliano, "Non ju forgetta a calla you mutha e fatha, si preoccupano (they worry)." So, I called home. Only Babbononno was home and I told him that we were now in St. Thomas.

I don't remember the owner's name but she looked like a hippy. After heading to our three bedroom cottage, I discovered that my suitcases were missing, so my next call was to Eastern Airlines. All I had were the clothes on my back and a flight bag with credentials and toiletries. Eastern promised to check out the problem and my friends couldn't help me out . Sal was short and squat, Tom was over six feet and very thin, and I was in the middle at 5' 8" and 160 pounds. We ran into some guys from Boston who occupied the next cottage and one was my size. He lent me a bathing suit, a pair of underwear and a sport shirt. My suitcases were sent to Rio but showed up the next day, and I was back in business.

That first day, we rented motorcycles and drove to one of St. Thomas's most famous beach, Magens Bay. Later, back at the Gramboco Inn, we discovered that the bar was set up with an honor system. You drank what you wanted and paid by putting cash in a cigar box behind the bar. The bar was filled with naval officers, all of whom were stationed at a submarine base located on the island. We met the captain and the staff officers of the U.S.S. Thresher, a submarine that, two months later while on maneuvers, would sink with all the crew members lost. We dined at the Inn that first night and the food was to my liking, roast pork, beans and rice, and plantains.

The next day, we headed for Main Street in the capital, where hundreds of shops were and are located. I bought Italian jewelry for my mother, cigarettes for \$2.10 a carton and 4 quarts of liquor, brands that were not available in the Boston and a box of handmade cigars. Seeing

my suitcases hadn't arrived when we left the Gramboco Inn, I bought myself a couple of shirts and some underwear, a bathing suit and a pair of Bermuda shorts. Sal wasn't buying anything, so I gave him the money to buy his quota in cigarettes, cigars and liquor. With all I bought, I knew that Dad, Babbononno and I would be happy for quite a while once I got home.

That night, we met two very attractive young ladies in the bar. They worked for a trucking company in New York and sounded like truck drivers themselves, but we all headed to a local nightclub that was recommended by the woman who owned the Gramboco Inn. In spite of the expletives the girls used in conversation, we all got along rather well and enjoyed the evening dancing to Latin American music.

The next day was our last in St. Thomas. At breakfast, I was told that my suitcases had arrived and we headed back to Puerto Rico that evening. We returned to the Hotel Normandy and were ready to enjoy the rest of the vacation in San Juan. Seeing gambling was now legal, we headed for the casino at the Caribe Hilton, then the most fashionable hotel in the city. I was not a gambler but had beginner's luck. No matter what I did, I won. I tried black jack and won. I tried roulette and won. Then, Sal and I teamed up at a crap table and we won. Believe it or not, between the two of us, we made \$10,000, a year's pay back then. The next morning, we headed downtown to a local bank, opened accounts, divided the money and had it forwarded to our bank accounts back in Boston. For the remainder of the vacation we headed to local beaches during the day, the best of restaurants in the early evenings and then the hotels that featured the best in Latin music. I think I lost weight dancing the nights away.

Sal knew of a few local clubs that were mostly for the locals and we hit them late at night. Again, we danced, but this time with local girls, not tourists which were the only females we encountered at the big hotels. They were surprised when we told them we were Italian. The way we danced, they assumed we were locals and the way we were treated, I felt like I had found a second home. But the end of the week was coming and it would soon be time to head home.

I called my folks to remind them of the time we would arrive back at Logan on that Sunday night. Sal's folks didn't drive and Dad assured my friend that he would drive him home. Mom would call Tom's parents and relay the arrival information to them so they could pick up their vacationing son, and on that Sunday, we said goodbye to one and all that made us feel like family, not tourists. When we were at the Luis Munoz Marin Airport in San Juan, I looked back at the city of San Juan and told Sal that we had to come back for future vacations. He agreed and over the next few years, we traveled the world during vacation time, Europe, Africa, Latin America and 48 out of the 50 American states, but the one place we returned to more often than naught, was San Juan.

Eventually, the female singer at the Cave, our Boston hang out for Latin music, would move back to Puerto Rico with her family. Gloria Ruiz had promised her husband that when the job at the Cave came to an end, she would be ready to head back to their place of origin. A few years later, the Cave would change bands and Gloria, her husband and two daughters would return to San Juan, and every time Sal and I headed there, we had family. It was the best of all worlds.

Around midnight that Sunday, we landed at Logan. The three of us headed outside and Tom's parents were there waiting for him. Just after they left, I spotted my father's car coming toward us, but he just drove by. On the second time around I signaled, but he just drove by again. When they came around the third time, I walked in front of Dad's car and put my arms up. He finally stopped and helped us put everything in the trunk. We had gotten so tanned, Dad didn't recognize us. Babbononno said we looked like two men who cut sugar cane for a living and Mom couldn't believe how deep our tropical tans were. Sal and I assured my family that we weren't burned to a crisp, and as we looked at each other, we silently assured each other, we had had a great time, something we would repeat many times over the next few years.

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You'll find many dishes on the menus of Italian restaurants in America bearing Italian names, but that doesn't always mean they originated in Italy. For example, the popular Italian American dish known as Chicken Scarpariello or "Shoemaker's Chicken" was reportedly made popular by southern Italians in New York city restaurants. In fact, it remains one of the signature dishes in one of New York's finest eateries. This one pan dish is a sweet, spicy, rich, and tangy combination of chicken, sausage, bell peppers, onions, garlic, vinegar or brine and varied spices. Though it oozes with all the flavors and textures of the old country, it is highly unlikely you'll ever find this dish on the menu at a *trattoria* in Italy. Nonetheless, it is considered "Italian" and much loved in this country!

My Nonna made many different one pan chicken dishes. Chicken Scarpariello may be one she made, though she never referred to it as such which could explain why she made it in a variety of ways. Sometimes, make it with a whole cut up chicken, and other times she'd use boneless, skinless breasts. She often changed the flavor from sweet to spicy depending on who she was serving and varied the spices. Whether you prefer this dish on the spicy side or like it sweet, Chicken Scarpariello or "Shoemaker's Chicken" is a one pan chicken dish your family will surely love. You can serve it over pasta, or as we always preferred, with a loaf of freshly made Italian bread to soak up its delicious sauce!

CHICKEN SCARPARIELLO Pollo Alla Scarpariello



4-5 potatoes, cut into bite sized chunks

1 to 1 ½ cups olive oil

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

3-4 pounds whole cut up chicken; bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs; halved breasts; or $2\frac{1}{2}$ pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs

 $1\ cup\ all\text{-}purpose\ flour\ (if\ using\ boneless,\ skinless\ chicken\ thighs)$

1-pound sweet Italian sausage, cut into bite sized pieces

1-pound hot Italian sausage, cut into bite sized pieces

6 cloves garlic, minced finely

1 ½ sweet onions, sliced

4 large red bell peppers, cleaned and cut into strips

4 hot cherry peppers in vinegar brine, left whole

4 to 5 sweet cherry peppers in vinegar brine, cut in half

2 ½ cups chicken broth

2 ½ cups dry white wine

½ cup vinegar brine from the sweet cherry peppers or red wine vinegar

Oregano or rosemary to taste

Preheat the oven to 350° and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Take potatoes and toss with ¼ cup olive oil, spread on a prepared baking sheet, season with salt and pepper and roast for about 25 to 30 minutes or until cooked, set aside.

Place 1 cup olive oil in a large skillet (if using an electric skillet, set at 350°). Add sausage and cook well on both sides, remove and set aside.

If using boneless, skinless chicken breasts, dredge in flour, and place in skillet. Sauté about 15 minutes or until cooked on each side, remove and set aside.

Add garlic, onions, and red peppers, to the skillet and sauté until almost cooked. Add the wine to deglaze the pan, scraping the brown bits off the bottom and cook for another 5 minutes. Add the chicken broth, vinegar brine or red wine vinegar, sausage, chicken, cherry peppers, rosemary, and oregano, to taste. Mix well, lower heat on skillet to 325° and cook, stirring gently every 5-6 minutes for about 20 minutes, allowing sauce to develop. Add the roasted potatoes to the skillet, toss, and cook for another 10 minutes or until the chicken and sausage is completely cooked. Serve over pasta or with Italian bread!

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Andrés Escobar:

The Tragic Death of a National Hero



After nearly thirty years, the murder of Andrés Escobar still raises ire and defensiveness in Colombia. It is not just about Escobar's status as a soccer legend for Atlético Nacional but also for the timing and circumstances of his death and what it meant not only for Colombia but the global perception of Colombia.

Hearing that their country qualified for the 1994 Fifa World Cup was the best news Colombians had received in years. It had been less than a year since the death of Pablo Escobar (no relation) and his brutal legacy was a stain the country was fighting hard and gallantly to erase. Escobar had tarnished the image of Colombia internationally and the fallout of this was hurting Colombians both financially and emotionally.

But the national love for soccer proved to be Colombia's saving grace. The twenty-sevenyear-old Andrés Escobar, who was not only a soccer icon since 1986, but something of a national hero for his philanthropy (creating opportunities for impoverished youth and working to change the foreign perception of Colombia) was selected among the soccer stars representing his country.

And yet, the ghosts of Colombia's recent past haunted the team. With the death of Pablo Escobar, crime became, if anything, more rampant as the crime lord's control had ceased. New cartels were formed and other forms of racketeering took control of cities like Medellin.

On June 22, 1994, Colombia squared off against the United States at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. The team was visibly worried and knew that the reputation of their homeland rested on their performance. Striker Adolfo Valencia recalled, "We attacked from all angles, but the ball wouldn't go in."

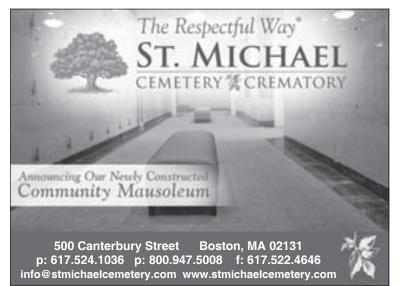
At twenty-two minutes into the game, Escobar stretched out into left field to block a shot from US midfielder John Harkes. In doing so, Escobar grazed the ball, sending it into his own team's net. The own goal gave the US a 1-0 lead and, ultimately, a victory of 2-1.

Escobar was visibly upset. As the announcer shouted 'goal' he laid on his back, then sat up, pensive, visibly crushed. rose and returned to the game without seemingly flinching. Did he know what awaited him back home?

Teammate Alexis Garcia would later believe so, "He had to make a play on the ball and unfortunately it went in. I saw Andrés's face and felt deep pain. It was like a premonition.'

Despite a small chance for redemption four days later when Colombia defeated Switzerland 2-0 at Palo Alto's Stanford Stadium, the United States' loss to Romania disqualified Colombia.

team packing their bags to return home was, "It's a very trying moment, not only because of the error I committed, but also because in these games, our team could not fulfil our expectations."





Devastated, Escobar chose, however, not to stay with relatives in Las Vegas but rather to return home and pick up his life. Back in Medellin, Escobar, perhaps in an effort to forget his pain, went out with some friends on the night of July 2. His friend, Chonto Herrera warned Escobar that going out in public so soon after Colombia's exit from the World Cup was not a good idea as tensions were high in the city. His manager, Francisco Maturana agreed, "I said 'the streets are dangerous. Here conflicts aren't resolved with fists. Andrés, stay at home. But Andrés said 'No, I must show my face to my people'."

That night, Escobar and his friends arrived at El Indio Bar in Medellin and had a few drinks. Some patrons (witness testimonies are shaky) began mocking Escobar for his mistake. The embarrassed soccer player tried to deescalate the situation but his efforts were no match for high tensions and high booze. Splitting from his friends, Escobar left the bar but four men followed him out taunting him. He got in his car but the words escalated, a gun was pulled and six shots were fired into Escobar's back (the shooter shouting 'goal!' after each shot). Despite the arrival of an ambulance Andrés Escobar died less than an hour later.

Witnesses came forward with the license plate of the vehicle from which the killers fled and it was traced to Juan and Pedro Gallón, former associates of Pablo Escobar who were now working for the Pepes cartel. Jhon Jairo Velásquez Vásquez, another Pablo Escobar alumni who would come to be charged with some 300 murders, the Gallóns paid off the prosecutor's office to turn the investigation toward one of their bodyguards who was out that night. In the end, the Gallóns were cleared and Humberto Castro Muñoz ended up confessing to the murder and was sentenced to 43 years in prison, but was released in 2005 due to "good behavior."

The death of Andrés Escobar All Escobar said about his saddened a nation just rising from terror. What seemed a ray of hope ended really as a further plunge into despair. They had lost a beloved national athlete but more; Colombia's fight for its reputation took a step back.

> It would recover and today Colombia attracts many tourists from around the world and has a large global presence. In a fitting shift, as the statue erected in Medellin in his honor in 2002 indicates, the legacy of Andrés Escobar is more about his talent and its tragic end than its social context. Escobar dedicated his life to changing Colombia and this may be the one glimmer of happiness in his tragic story.

If what manager Francisco Maturana said is true, "Our society believed that soccer killed Andrés. Andrés was a soccer player killed by society," Escobar's legacy, at least, has moved beyond that.

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Doing Nothing Equals

Social Security Cuts

According to David McIntosh of the Wall Street Journal, both Joe Biden and Donald Trump seem to agree which is taking the issue of Social Security off the table for the 2024 election. However, McIntosh argues without any changes, the law "requires a huge benefit cut in 10 years — as much as 23 percent — because once the trust fund is depleted, payouts will be limited to whatever funds come in from Social Security payroll taxes." Since benefits are tied to inflation, which has run higher than expected, the fund might go dry even sooner. "The Biden-Trump strategy has been to play "beat the clock," leaving future presidents to deal with the eventual crisis ... doing nothing is the worst Social Security cut.

Teacher Ran Texas "Fight Club"

A substitute teacher in Texas is under investigation after she allegedly turned her classroom

into a catch match and encouraged students as young as 12 to fight. Natally Garcia, 24, was immediately fired after the incident at Kimbrough Middle School.

Shocking footage shows desks pushed into a circle to create a "fight ring," while students 12 and 13 years old duked it out, leaving some battered and bloody.

Officials said Garcia outlined the rules to be followed. One student was told to watch the classroom door and threatened that if students recorded anything on their phones, they would be confiscated by her. Parents were devastated by what was seen on the video.

End Quote

"When the law no longer protects you from the corrupt, but protects the corrupt from you - you know your nation is doomed." — Ayn Rand

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS. First Justice of this Court Date: April 05, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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To all persons interested in the matter of Bielles J. Saint-Fleur, of Somerville, MA in the County of Middlesex. A Petition has been presented by the

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Witness, Maureen H. Monks, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Woburn Massachusetts, this 10th day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Three.

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Estate of **VASSILIOS KARABELAS** Also Known As **VASSILEIOS IOANNIS KARAMPELAS**

Date of Death: March 08, 2023 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Demetra E. Anagnostopoulos of Melrose, MA. a Will has been admitted to informa

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

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Docket No. MI23P1965EA Estate of MICHAEL NEIL WHITNEY

Also Known As MICHAEL N. WHITNEY Date of Death: February 05, 2023 **INFORMAL PROBATE**

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Mark Whitney of Acton, MA, Petitioner Neil Whitney of Maynard, MA

Mark Whitney of Acton, MA, Neil Whitney of Maynard, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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> Docket No. SU23P0782EA Estate of **CORNELIA A. KELLEY** Also Known As

CORNELIA ANN KELLEY Date of Death: January 21, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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Docket No. MI23P1511EA Estate of

BARBARA E. MANZELLI Date of Death: February 18, 2023 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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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 22, 2023 beginning at 9:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

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

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

Docket No. MI23C0211CA In the Matter of

CRYSTAL AGATHA NANYONJO **CITATION ON** PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Crystal Agatha Nanyonio of Framingham, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Crystal Agatha Nanakyeyune

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 28, 2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: March 31, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 04/21/2023

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Thomas Babumba 222 Columbia St. Cambridge, MA 02139

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John A O'Brien 31 St Denis Ave. Medford, MA 02155 Or Perreault Nikolas Alan

1072 US Route 118 Dorchester, NH 03266

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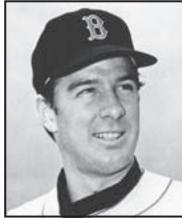
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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Happy Birthday To



Gentleman Jim just turned 81 years old. He was 68-65 with the Sox from 1965-71. But as we all remember, he won the Cy Young Award with the 1967 Impossible Dream team when he went 22-9 with a 3.16 ERA. He was traded to the Milwaukee Braves after the 1971 season, then to the Phillies a year later.

Bearded Powerlifter Wins Women's Event

A bearded pro powerlifter entered a women's competition in Canada smashing a record held by a trans athlete, who was in the arena watching the record be broken by an athlete with a full beard who identified for the competition as a woman.

Avi Silverberg, the head coach for Team Canada Powerlifting for more than 10 years entered the recent Heroes Classic Tournament in Alberta after calling himself a female. Video shows him walking up to the platform still fully bearded and wearing a singlet. He casually benchpressed nearly 370 pounds, beating the women's record by nearly 100 pounds. The previous record had been held by a trans athlete named Anne Andres, who watched "her' record broken.

If anything, Silverberg's victory shows that policies allowing men to access women's sports completely remove all integrity in women's competition.

I Like Gerrit Cole, Chris Sale Not So Much

New York Yankees ace Gerrit Cole started a game on April 10 against the Guardians and didn't

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Docket No. MI23P1790EA

Estate of **WALTER F. CURRAN** Date of Death: February 05, 2023 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Nicole C. Curran of Jamaica Plain, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Nicole C. Curran of Jamaica Plain, 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: 04/21/2023

Pittsburgh Pirates Have A Great Ballpark, Don't They?



A panoramic view of the park from above home plate. The park and the view of the Pittsburgh skyline are absolutely magnificent.



A great destination for kids of all ages.

Photos by Ron Boudreau (who by the way is no relation to Lou Boudreau of the old **Boston Braves**)

The Pittsburgh Pirates have one of the best ballparks in Major League Baseball. Their team may not be great on the field, but the experience of watching baseball there is unbelievable. They even have an area inside the park for the kids to play in before game time, too.

I love Fenway Park, but there really is little left that they can improve on for game experience. For some 30 years now, they have been modernizing the park from the inside out and not much is left, if anything, to make Fenway Park the gem it once was.

look that hot in the first inning.

After seven innings and twenty-one outs later after he showed a very good quality start. Cole struck out three by keeping the pitches low, looking like Derek Lowe pitching for the 2004 World Series-winning Boston Red Sox.

On April 16th, Cole pitched another gem, a 2-0 complete game with 10 strikeouts. He was in-command and in-control this entire game and is now off to a 4-0 start this season.

All Time Mlb Win Streak

In 1916, the NY Giants won 26 games in a row, only to finish 86-66, which actually followed a 17 game win streak earlier in that same season. The 1901 Giants won 26 games in a row that season, but still finished only 52-85 for the season, proving again win streaks are good but not if you only win 26 other games that season.

Tampa Bay Tie Record-Setting Season Start

Tampa Bay won their first 13 games to begin this season, but were finally stopped by the Blue Jays on April 14th due in part to a key error in a four-run fifth inning for the Jays who won the game 6-3.

The Rays 13-0 record matched the 1982 Braves and the 1987 Brewers best start since 1900, trails only the 20-0 start by the 1884 St. Louis Maroons of the old Union Association.

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI23P0710EA

Estate of ARMENE CHORBAJIAN Date of Death: November 13, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE**

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

PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

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

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Probate and Family Court

Docket No. MI23P1865EA Estate of SHOUSHIK FRANKIAN

Date of Death: September 19, 2022 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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

Ara Martirossian of Watertown, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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When Sparring Was a Major Part of Training

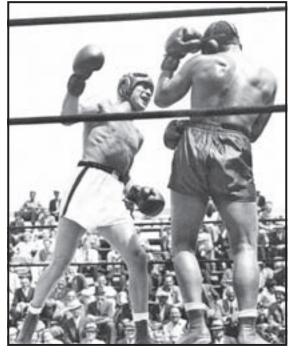
Fighters don't spar a lot today when getting ready for a big fight. They spend more time playing on the punch pads, a poor substitute for being in there on a daily basis trading punches with a serious sparring partner.

For decades, sparring was an integral part of any fighter's training regime. A boxer training for a fight would get in the ring and do a number of rounds every day with a sparring partner, who would do his best to imitate the moves of the upcoming opponent. This work really sharpened the reflexes and timing.

Often times these sparring sessions were open to the press and the public. In fact, writers would watch closely for signs of strengths and weaknesses in the camps of both fighters. They would also keep track of how many rounds the fighters were racking up in training.

These sessions could also add to the mystique and intrigue before a big fight. Often time's stories would come out of the camps telling where a champ had been floored by a sparring partner. Most of the time these stories were false but did play a role in building excitement among the fans.

I don't know why fighters spar so few rounds today compared with the past. Maybe it's because they have so few skills to hone before a big fight.



Max Baer working with Dynamite Jackson for the Braddock Fight



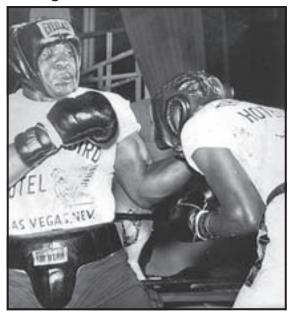
Marvin Hagler (Right) prepping for the Hearns **Fight**



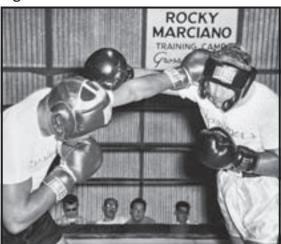
Ezzard Charles (Left) sparring with Al Smith, 1950



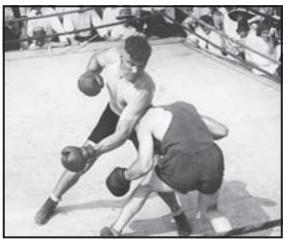
Joe Louis and Lew Tiger Flowers before the **Baer Fight**



Sonny Liston sparring before the Second Ali Fight



Rocky Marciano and Toxie Hall



Jack Dempsey sparring with Terry Keller before the Willard Fight



Young Cassius Clay sparring with reigning

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

As the Bruins and Celtics continued further into the playoffs, things remained upbeat as the so-called second season moved forward in its early stages.

The B's, of course, were coming off of an historic regular season where they won 65 games and amassed the most points (165) in NHL history across the grueling six-month test of fitness and skill.

But then the calendar has flipped and it was New Year's once more — a brand new start in the middle of April. The bar has been set for both teams. Across the media landscape the message has been clear. The Bruins "need" to win the Stanley Cup because of what they accomplished in the regular season. The Celtics need to at least reach the NBA Finals because they did so last season.

Both teams got off on the right foot by winning early which only led to increased expectations.

Bruins head coach Jim Montgomery put it succinctly when he said that "results matter more than process right now." He added that in the early going he has been surprised at the intensity of the playoffs. That intensity will only increase as the playoffs continue.

Veteran Brad Marchand noted that when he stated "We haven't accomplished anything yet. Each game that goes on is going to be harder and harder to win. We need to do better because they (opponents) are going to come out and try really hard the next game and we have got to be ready to match that."

He also admitted that despite his veteran status, he was nervous as the playoffs got under way. "I think everyone was nervous," observed Marchand. "I mean, I was nervous. This is what we have been building for all year. This is why you play hockey. It is for the opportunity to play in the Stanley Cup Playoffs. It is what we've dreamed about since we were kids."

But this case of the nerves has a positive quality to it. "It is a nervous excitement," Marchand explained. "It is an opportunity for us to continue to build upon what we have done all year — trust the process and trust what we've done and what we've built as a group."

And for the Bruins it is a special time of year — especially this particular spring.

"The last month or so we've been waiting for this moment (the playoffs) and it is great that they are here," noted Marchand. "The building is exciting, the city is rocking. Now we just have to focus on each day."

The Celtics were somewhat challenged by Atlanta in their first two playoff games at the Garden. After the C's built up impressive leads on both nights, the Hawks came back to within striking distance before the Green ultimately prevailed.

Head coach Joe Mazzulla and his team left for Atlanta with a pair of victories secured, yet still a bit on edge the way the Celtics played in gaining that advantage. For Atlanta to come back and win the series, the Hawks would have to capture four out of the possible five

remaining games in the first round matchup — with two of those possible contests penciled in for the Hub.

However, the Celtics felt that the Hawks still posed a threat as the series continued. "We did what we were supposed to do," said Derrick White. "We held home court." But he also noted that the real challenge for NBA teams in the postseason is winning on the road. The Celtics will have to win some road games in order to win a series.

What had some media observers concerned about the first two games is how the Hawks were able to come back from significant deficits and make a game of it before the C's pulled away for good. In the series opener, for example, the Celtics held a 30-point lead at the half, the largest postseason halftime lead in the history of the storied franchise. Yet the Hawks were able to come back to within 13 before the Celtics prevailed 113-99.

In Game Two it was more of the same as the C's built a 20-point lead only to see the Hawks crawl back to within nine points on two occasions before the Celtics finally pulled away and won 119-106. The thinking was that the C's were able to withstand the comebacks precisely because they had big leads in the games, rather than advantages of more modest proportions.

Mazzulla himself seemed a bit concerned about the way things unfolded at the Garden. "It is a balanced feeling," he explained as his team left the Hub leading the series by two games. 'But at the same time we have to play better and we know that we can play better."

However, we feel the chances of this particular Hawks team coming back and say forcing a Game Seven are remote. It is true that the series was not won in the first two games, but it certainly set up a steep climb for the Hawks. And remember that the Hawks were a play-in team, defeating Miami in the pre-series playoff to earn their matchup with the Celtics. So it is most likely a move forward to the second round for the Celtics unless there is a collapse of historic proportions.

If the Celtics prevail, they would play the winner of the Philadelphia-Brooklyn series in the second round. If Philadelphia continues on to the second round that would mean that the C's would face a team coached by former Celtics coach Doc Rivers, who led the Green to the 2008 NBA Championship. That would be a very interesting series for many fans.

Of course, none of the current Celtics players were with the team in that era. But many members of the media do remember those days and were already looking forward to Doc's return as the Celtics built up that 2-0 lead over Atlanta. The fact that Philadelphia also had won the first two games of the series with Brooklyn only buoyed their spirits.

Something to look forward to as the upcoming final week of April yields to the merry month of May.



Heavyweight Champ Ingemar Johanson