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Speaker Robert DeLeo Resigns



By now *Post-Gazette* readers are aware that Robert A. DeLeo, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, stepped down from his post this week to take a position at his alma mater, Northeastern University.

Speaker DeLeo leaves with a long record of public service to the largely Italian-American communities where the *Post-Gazette* circulates. He retires after 12 years as Speaker, by far the longest tenure of many men in that position, and with a record of service in elected office going back to the mid-1970s. In the tough arena of Massachusetts politics that is quite an accomplishment, and is a testimony to his dedication to the people of this Commonwealth. We, at the *Post-Gazette* wish him success in his future endeavors.

— David Trumbull (*Res Publica*)

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Rose Unplugged Well Spoken

Recently, Howie Carr took time off from his WRKO radio show. On December 21st, his fill-in was Rose Unplugged, a great conservative radio host. On that particular day, she talked about the big hit small retail and restaurateurs are taking from the hands of it seems blue state governors and mayors.

She mentioned verifiable facts that between 2010 and 2018, the middle-class business economy grew more than three times that of the entire economic growth during that period. Thanks to the pandemic and the way government officials at the state and local level have been disseminating any of those great economic numbers prior to 2018.

As Rose pointed out on the show, it is as if there is a desire to destroy the middle-class economy. She surmises after all, if you want socialism, you must get rid of the middle-class. She gives much food for thought.

Remember Chad & Jeremy?

Chad Stuart from the Chad & Jeremy duo, part of the British Invasion back in the 1960s, passed away on December 21st at age 79. Baby Boomers

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SOME RELIGIOUS ORIGINS



The most prominent feature of the ruins that where once the Temple of Vesta is the hearth (seen here in the foreground).

Once upon a time in Heliopolis, there was an Egyptian priest-historian named Manetho. Sometime between 283 and 246 B.C., he was commissioned by King Ptolemy to complete an account of the history and religion of Egypt that went back to 4400 B.C. It takes only seconds to calculate that it is 529 years since Christopher Columbus took his wild trip, and that Manetho’s history went back more than eight times that length of time. His original manuscripts are long gone, but many extracts of his work has been preserved.

Much weight is now given to his history, since his sources were the early archives and sacred books of Egypt, their most authentic records. Hieroglyphics on existing monuments give much corroborative evidence of the truth in his statements. Through his

work, we are told that as early as 4,000 years before the birth of Jesus Christ, the Egyptians believed in a form of life after death, a ghost, and memorial services to the deceased, the concept of a soul, a guardian angel, a lower world, and cosmic gods. They even sculptured statues of their gods and dedicated temples to them. Finally, each of their principal gods was accompanied by associated gods that were grouped in “Triads.” If you check the word triad in your dictionary, you’ll find “Trinity” given as one of the definitions.

Hopefully, having made this point of origin, we can now advance to the discussion of succeeding nations and cultures with much more appreciation for the influences upon their religious beliefs.

There appears to be little doubt regarding the Egyptian influence upon some of the

religious beliefs of ancient Greece and Rome, and that these civilizations, in turn, greatly influenced ours. The description of their “Elysian Fields, Hades and Tartarus” is certainly more than a chance similarity when compared with our Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell. We are also told of the tribes of savage hunters who wandered through the dense forests on the hills of ancient Rome. From these tribes came “Vates,” a soothsayer or prophet, and from the name Vates came “Vaticanus,” for the name of the hill that was made a kind of sacred spot 1,000 years before St. Peter was born.

Most exciting to me is the treatment of fire, or the candle, in religious ceremonies. Vesta was the Roman goddess of the hearth, similar to the Greek goddess Hestia. The worship of Vesta goes back to the time when it was difficult but necessary to obtain fire. Then, as well as now among some primitive tribes, they developed the custom of always keeping a fire alive for the use of the community, and even to carry it to new settlements. This custom was preserved in the religion of later Greeks and Romans even after more modern technologies had been developed.

The sacred fire, the source of all Roman life and power, was kept alive in a structure known as the Temple of Vesta, and it was constantly tended by a group of virgin priestesses that were known as the Vestals. They resided near the temple in the Forum Romanum. The whole concept goes back into antiquity where the vestals represented the daughters of the primitive tribal chief, and they kept alive the state fire in their father’s hut.

The public worship of this goddess was maintained in the Temple of Vesta, but her private worship was preserved in every domestic hearth. After she was recognized as a personal deity, it then became necessary to have her attendants live in guarded seclusion in a structure we now call “The House of the Vestal Virgins” or “Atrium Vestae.” These attendants have been compared with the nuns of the Roman Catholic Church, and the Atrium Vestae has been called their convent. There was a close resemblance in their vow of chastity, the cutting of their hair, and in the manner of their dress.

Tradition tells us that the first temple to Vesta was built by King Numa Pompilius, the successor to Romulus and the first of the Sabine Kings of Rome. He introduced the worship of this goddess, and devoted to her a space of ground just in front of his own dwelling house. It is also interesting to note that at this time in history, about 700 B.C., the king was the high priest, and in this office, he was known as “Pontifex Maximus” or “Pontiff.”

NEXT ISSUE:
The Nether Worlds

New Year Traditions
from Around the World

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Every culture has its traditional way of ushering in the New Year, all have in common, hope for better times ahead. Let’s explore some of these traditions and possibly add one or two to our own.



In **Spain**, with 12 seconds remaining until the New Year, people eat 12 green grapes to bring good luck in the coming year.

The **Japanese**, just before midnight on New Year’s Eve, eat soba noodles. The long noodle denotes the crossing from one year to the next. Since it’s an easily cut noodle, it signifies a letting go of the past year’s regrets — a cutting-off and fresh start for the New Year.

The **French** usually ring in the New Year with a huge feast, known as *le réveillon de la Saint-Sylvestre*. The meal is full of traditional delicacies including foie gras, oysters, lobster and escargot. And, like in the U.S., champagne is the drink of choice.

The **Italians** love lentils for their coin-like shape, symbolizing luck and prosperity. A New Year’s Eve dinner usually features lentils to bring on luck in the coming year.

Australians celebrate the New Year with midnight fireworks in cities and towns throughout the country. Firework displays are launched off bridges, such as the Sydney Harbor Bridge, from jetties along the beaches, and on river banks.

Filipinos celebrates the New Year by serving 12 round fruits. The round shape symbolizes coins, which represent prosperity and wealth for each month of the upcoming year.

The **Irish** have a tradition of banging bread against the walls of their houses on New Year’s

Eve. The idea is to chase away evil spirits and welcome good luck. It also ensures that the coming year will be filled with an abundance of bread and other food.

In **Brazil**, particular foods are eaten to invite good luck for the coming year. Seven is the lucky number on New Year’s Eve, so seven pomegranate seeds are eaten to keep the purse full, and seven grapes ensure abundance in all areas of life.

The **Greeks** ring in the new year by eating *vasilopita*, a sweet yeast bread. Eaten at midnight, the bread is made in honor of Greece’s revered St. Basil. A coin is baked into the bread and the person whose slice contains the coin is in for a year filled with good fortune.

A ritual, observed in **Scotland**, is first footing. This involves selecting a tall, dark man to be the first person of the year to cross a home’s threshold. On his visit, he carries ceremonial gifts — a lump of coal, salt, a piece of shortbread and/or black bun, and a dram of whisky — which brings luck and prosperity for the coming year.

We hope you have enjoyed this abbreviated trip around the world. It is obvious no matter the culture; we all face the New Year with hope for a prosperous year ahead.

Wishing our readers Prosperity and Blessings in the New Year.

Happy New Year!



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Sophie A. (DeFeo) Mercadante

Sophie A. (DeFeo) Mercadante of Boston's North End passed away on December 29, 2020.

She is the loving daughter of the late Raffaele and Maria (Carifio) DeFeo. Beloved wife of the late Joseph "Pino" Mercadante. Adored mother of Ralph Mercadante of the North End. Cherished grandmother of Unique Mercadante Payne and Joseph Mercadante. Dear sister of Anthony DeFeo and his partner Robyn Olson. Longtime friend of Louise "Lu Lu" D'Ambra of the North End. Also survived by niece Renee DeFeo, nephew Raffael DeFeo, loving cousins and friends.

Due to the current pandemic situation, all services will be private. Entombment will be held in St. Michael Community Mausoleum, Roslindale.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Sophie's memory may be made to: St. Leonard Church, 320 Hanover Street, Boston, MA 02113.

For online condolence, please visit: www.watermanboston.com

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Eagle Bank Donation Helps ABCD North End/West End NSC Meals and Social Services

The ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) extends its deepest appreciation to its friends at Eagle Bank for the generous donation of \$2,500 to support the center's meal program and social services. Gisella di Paola, Vice President Business Development Officer and NE/WE NSC Advisory Board member, facilitated the donation. Many of the NE/WE NSC's seniors use the branch in the North End on Hanover Street. In pre-COVID times, Eagle Bank staff members were familiar faces at the drop-in center to donate sweets for a party or present a workshop on budgeting, financial goals, or scams. The NE/WE NSC looks forward to having Eagle Bank visit again once the pandemic is behind us.



ABCD NE/WE NSC Advisory Board Member accepting a donation from Eagle Bank Vice President Business Development Officer Gisella di Paola

ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center Distributions Make the Holidays Merry and Bright

Buone Feste! December was a time filled with holiday distributions for the seniors and families that the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) serves. Although sadly due to COVID-19 there was no December holiday party, staff strove to create feelings of joy and delight in some surprises during this unprecedented year. Thanks to collaboration with the Greater Boston Food Bank, Lovin' Spoonfuls, and donors such as the Beacon Hill Civic Association, Strada 234, The Third Order Franciscan Secular, and West End Place, the "elves" at the NE/WE NSC organized heavy bags of food, with items such as pasta, tuna, raisins, nuts, cereal, soups, self-stable milk, and so forth, for seniors in the North End and West End apartment buildings. This month included deliveries of food to the Casa Maria Apartments in the North End along with the Amy Lowell Apartments, Blackstone Apartments, and West End Place in the West End. (The NE/WE NSC rotates food bag and individually packaged meal deliveries among all the buildings each month.) Bountiful produce donations from the St. John School (grown in their own garden!) and St. Joseph Society rounded out the bags with a touch of green and crunch. NE/WE NSC staff tucked in sweet holiday greeting cards made by St. John School students into the bags.

Luigi Natale brought Star Market gift cards on behalf of Senator Joe Boncore, who sent his best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season. The center additionally thanks Robin Sidell of North Street Grille for the generous check to purchase holiday gift cards. The drop-in center was cozy, warm, and festive as clients came by staggered appointments to get their gifts, and the Christmas tree glittered in the corner, snowed in by cheerful presents donated by Strada 234 for local



Heavy food bag distributions for North End and West End buildings

families and picked up in time for the Christmas holiday.

Happy Holidays and wishing you all health, happiness, peace, and joy in 2021! The NE/WE NSC has many exciting initiatives planned for the year ahead. Stay tuned!



Luigi Natale brings gift cards on behalf of Senator Joe Boncore

Gift of Produce grown in St. John School's own garden. (L-R): Karen Shea, Teacher, and Claire Cassidy, Principal



A donation of gift cards from Robin Sidell of North Street Grille



Produce donated by St. Joseph's Society



Blackstone Apartments staff receive food bags

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Check Your Stockings for La Befana!

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

Note: **L'Anno Bello** is reprinting articles that were written before the Coronavirus pandemic. Obviously, advice on gatherings and reunions contained within are not applicable to this current time when social distancing (and mask wearing!) is the best practice. Please read these articles as a testament to the joy and love that imbues Italian celebrations — and as suggestions for ways to spend time in the future once this pandemic is finally over.



If we were only to take a quick glance around us, the Christmas season appears to basically have finished. Scraggly trees stand forlornly next to dumpsters and dusty ornaments once again occupy shelf space in the closet. Dwindling leftovers and stale cookie crumbs speak of the great holiday feasts the previous week. However, according to both religious and folkloric calendars, we are still in the midst of the Christmas season! Christmas lasts for twelve days, up until January 6th, which is the feast of the Epiphany. In Italy, the Epiphany, or *la Epifania*, is a significant holiday with traditions that equal those of Christmas Eve. An ancient feast day, the Epiphany honors the visit of the Three Magi to Baby Jesus. On the eve of this holiday, Italian children excitedly head to sleep, knowing that in the morning they will find their stockings full of presents from *La Befana*, Italy's premiere gift-bringer. Along with the arrival of *La Befana*, the Epiphany also ushers in the Carnival season, a joyous time of mischief which paves the way for spring. With its appealing imagery of magical witches and playful silliness, the Italian Epiphany bursts with unique and fascinating customs.

Nowadays, Italian children will receive presents on Christmas from *Babbo Natale*, or Santa Claus. However, *La Befana* has still retained her status as Italy's most famous folk figure and favorite gift-bringer. Who exactly, then, is this mysterious character? *La Befana*, whose name derives from a corruption of the word "Epifania," is

a fairy-like witch who, like her male counterpart, drops presents in the stockings of good children while leaving behind coal for the naughty. She is typically depicted as an old woman in raggedy clothes mounted on a broomstick. A well-known legend explains *La Befana's* connection to the Biblical story of the Epiphany. According to this folktale, *La Befana* was sweeping her house when the Three Magi approached her, inviting her to accompany them on their way to find Baby Jesus. *La Befana* initially declined, saying she was too busy with her cleaning. However, she later changed her mind and hopped on her broomstick, flying through the sky in an effort to find the Magi. Unfortunately, she was never able to locate them, and still soars through the air with her broom to this day, depositing presents for children as she continues to search for Baby Jesus and the Magi. When I was a little girl, I was frightened of *La Befana*, whose stern and haggard countenance formed a sharp divide to the jolly and merry-faced Santa Claus. My apprehension was amplified by the haunting traditional melody my grandmother sang, which intoned: "*La Befana vien di notte/Con le scarpe tutte rotte/Col vestito a la Romana/Viva, viva La Befana!*" (Translation: "*La Befana comes at night/With her shoes all broken/Dressed in the Roman style/Long live La Befana!*"). However, I now love *La Befana* for her powerful symbolism of feminine strength and her unique sense of magic. Many scholars believe that the figure of *La Befana* originated

from old folk goddesses who oversaw the transition from winter to spring, which intensifies her cultural significance.

As a matter of fact, the Epiphany as a whole functions as a threshold to the arrival of spring. The winter solstice has already passed, and the hours of sunlight slowly lengthen. The sapphire-blue skies and golden sunsets of these mid-winter evenings instill in me an excitement over the turning of the yearly cycle. Though we can of course expect more months of snow and cold, the promise of spring now unfolds quietly before us. The Epiphany ends the Christmas season, as is evident in an Italian dictum which proclaims: "*La Epifania tutte le feste le porta via*" ("The Epiphany sweeps all the feasts away"). However, the Epiphany does introduce another season, that of Carnival. Carnival, the precursor to Lent and Easter, extends from the Epiphany to Mardi Gras, or the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. As such, Carnival serves as a spring festival, a herald to the still far-off festival of Easter. All over the world, people bake King Cakes on Twelfth Night, or the eve of the Epiphany. King Cakes are bread made specifically for the Epiphany and Carnival season, with variations differing worldwide. In France, King Cakes contain a flaky crust and an almond frangipane filling. Spanish King Cakes are adorned with candied fruit. Louisiana-style King Cakes are ring-shaped, with a cinnamon-sugar swirl inside and a colorful topping. I make this kind of King Cake every Twelfth Night, decorating it with the traditional Carnival colors of green, purple, and yellow. I follow the folk custom of hiding a chickpea inside the cake — whoever finds it will receive good luck in the coming year! With such a cheerful dessert promising good times ahead, the revelry of Carnival can officially begin!

Though the Twelve Days of Christmas are nearing their close, the celebrations do not have to end. The Epiphany provides us with ample ways to bring more festivity into our life. We honor the arrival of *La Befana*, the magical witch who fills children's stockings with presents under the cover night, who symbolizes the ancient strength and power of women while also ushering the change of the seasons. We can celebrate Carnival, that long welcome to spring that fills our days with color and laughter. As the Christmas season yields to the bright new days of January, we should always maintain our childlike wonder and our love for the magic and mysteries of Mother Earth inside us. So let us get ready for *La Befana*, for she lights our way to a joyful season of hope and promise!

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THINKING OUT LOUD



by Sal Giaratani

About Time Puerto Rico Becomes 51st State

As someone who grew up working-class, blue-collar, Catholic, and Democrat in the fifties and sixties, I always supported Democrat policies and politics. It was after all the party of workers, right? My heroes in college were leaders like Bobby Kennedy and Hubert Humphrey. My instincts remain working-class no matter what I call myself today.

I am a second generation American with ancestors from Sicily and Ireland. I have always been proud of my forebears and my dual ethnicities. Over time both sides of my family line assimilated into America. Today, I have Irish, Sicilian, African American, and Puerto Rican relatives.

I also no longer see myself as a Democrat. This past summer, I registered as "unenrolled" and glad I did. I did not switch to be a Republican, because they also leave much to be desired.

It is in this vein I write about the island of Puerto Rico. Growing up with family in Rio Piedras, P.R., on my Irish side, I had an Aunt Blanca who married my Uncle Joe Harrington from Charlestown and I had four Puerto Rican Irish first cousins.

Whether I was a Democrat, Republican, liberal, or conservative, I always believed that Puerto Rico should be given statehood because the Commonwealth status always seemed to place the island's peoples floating in midair. I feel stronger than ever that Puerto Rico should become our 51st state.

Puerto Rico was the spoils of war back in 1898, in the Spanish American War and

has remained so since. America does not have colonies and that is what commonwealth status has made many citizens of the island see.

I may be the only conservative I know who supports Puerto Rico becoming a state, giving the people there full rights as U.S. citizens. I know many Republicans oppose the idea because they see those numbers like 52 percent of the island's population on Medicaid. Some political folks just calculate that it would mean two more Democrats in the U.S. Senate and at least one possibly two new House members.

Both parties seem to stereotype Puerto Ricans. Republicans seem reluctant to go after their votes and Democrats think they own Puerto Ricans. Both sides are wrong. For decades, especially over the past nearly 60 years, millions upon millions of Puerto Ricans have moved to the states for better economic opportunity. Commonwealth status forced many to move north into Florida and beyond. Democrats have been masters at getting people to identify as Democrats. Republicans need to show folks it is in their best economic interests to back their candidates. No political party has a right to think they own the Puerto Rican vote.

This past November a non-binding referendum was held in Puerto Rico and 52.24 percent of voters supported statehood with 47.66 percent rejecting statehood. The people have spoken. Congress needs to accept or reject Puerto Rico statehood now, no more hearings or task forces studying the idea.

Happy New Year!

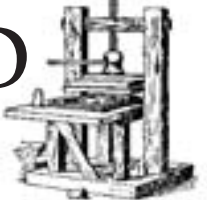
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Four Women “Quattro Donne”

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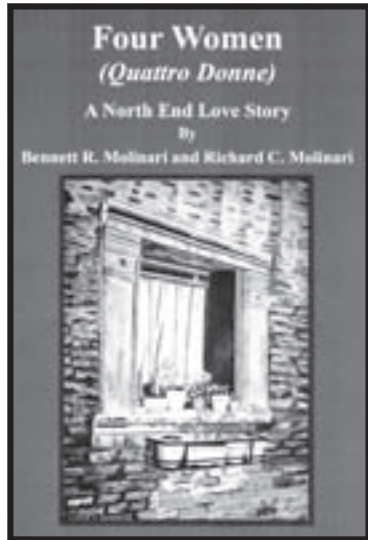
In the next few weeks this column will feature excerpts from this book.

CHAPTER 37

An Unexpected Arrival

Sunday morning broke hot and humid. It was the type of day that would be unbearable in the North End, driving its residents to the street for relief, but in Kingston there was relief, the ocean beckoned invitingly to overheated vacationers. We returned from Mass and planned to head to the beach, where we would remain until sunset. Before Mass, Grandma prepared what she considered to be beach food, consisting of sausage and meatball sandwiches, leftovers from the previous day, reconstituted with fresh tomato sauce, and whatever else she could stick between two slices of bread. We would only be gone for an afternoon at the beach, but she seemed to prepare for a week's stay. Auntie Angie, exasperated at Grandma's version of beach food, knowing better than to say anything, kept making motions in Mom's direction, expressing with her hands, we were going to look like *cafoni* at the beach. Auntie Stella, picking up on Auntie Angie's sign language, shot out, "She's always concerned with what other people think. I don't give a crap!" Mom could care less, she was planning to have a good time on the beach and was determined Pietro and the kids should also have a good time. We made a beeline to the beach, staked out a spot near the water, safe from the incoming tide, where we could remain undisturbed for the day while Dad, Uncle Jimmy and Uncle Tino roamed slowly behind, bringing up the rear of our little march to the sea.

Within minutes after arriving, old army blankets, left over from Uncle Jimmy's military days, were spread over the sand. These thread-bare blankets,



that survived the trenches of France during World War I, were a constant fixture at picnics and beach outings for well over three decades. Grandma, in some uncanny way, was able to turn our little encampment on the beach into her dining room, with bags of food strategically placed at various corners of the blankets, holding them in place from the refreshing sea breeze. We had these old collapsible, wooden beach chairs, made of red and blue striped canvas, strung between unfinished wooden frames. They were placed on either side of the blankets, not to obstruct the view of the water. It would be minutes until Uncle Tino and Uncle Jimmy took up permanent residence on the chairs, while Dad headed to the ocean where he would float for hours on end, eliciting the same remarks from Auntie Angie to Mom, "Carmela, aren't you nervous your husband might float out to sea?" This would be followed by Mom's familiar response, she would jokingly say, "Let him float away."

For a while, Mom, Auntie Stella and Auntie Angie sat in a huddle deeply engrossed in

conversation. Auntie Angie was wearing her typical swimsuit, black and white with a little skirt. Auntie Stella and Mom were more daring, both wore more fashionable one-piece bathing suits, Auntie Angie frowned on. As for Grandma, she just wore a short apron that came just below her knees, about as far as she would go in beachwear. Grandma continued to fuss with the food on the army blankets until Mom, concerned she was not having a good time, took her by the arm, together they walked to the water's edge, where Grandma waded into the water up to her ankles. She moved a little deeper into the water, where she began splashing, rotating her hands one over the other, like the paddle wheel of a riverboat. This was her version of swimming. She then wiped salt water on her legs and arms, believing it was good for arthritis. Mom agreed, responding by rubbing salt water on the back of Grandma's neck and then on herself, to hopefully fend off the possibility of any arthritis entering her body. The moment we grandchildren spotted Grandma in the water, we flocked around her and began teasing her, pretending to splash her. Grandma, knowing we would never splash her, but going along with the charade, uttered some angry sounding words in Italian, laughing all the time she said them. Charlie, predictably, searched out some sea creature, preferably multi-legged, and pretended to toss it in Grandma's direction, prompting Grandma to yell out, "Carmela, make Charlie stop!" Mom shouted to Charlie, "Don't frighten your Grandma!" Charlie dropped the creature back into the sea, and Grandma returned to her paddle wheel.

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terfront through the trail of interactive ice sculptures this New Year's Eve. Come and see some of your seasonal favorites and some new designs hosted by Boston's waterfront properties.

Please follow our Covid-19 safety guidelines when participating in the Ice Sculpture Stroll.

- Stay home if you feel sick.
- Do not participate if you have shown signs or symptoms for 14 days or exposure to sick individuals in the past 14 days.
- Do not participate if you have traveled outside of Massachusetts in the last 14 days with the exceptions of VT and HI.
- Face mask required for guests years old 5 and up.
- Maintain 6ft social distancing when waiting to take photos and gathering near sculptures.
- Visit the sculptures with your household only, in groups of 6 or less
- Avoid physical contact with others.
- Guests are encouraged to visit another sculpture if there



are more than 25 people waiting in line.

Participate in the **Waterfront Ice Sculpture Stroll Selfie Contest** and enter to win a staycation prize package for two! Prizes include restaurant gift cards, tickets to the Greenway Carousel, a family four pack to the Boston Harbor Islands, and a #BundleupBoston swag kit.

HOW TO ENTER:

Post a selfie on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram with one of our qualifying New Years Eve on the Waterfront ice sculptures.

Tag @BostonHarborNow to enter.

Add the partner location of the photos.

You may enter as many times as you wish. One entry per unique photo. All three criteria must be met to qualify as a valid entry. Winners will be drawn at random during the first full week

of January and notified via social media channels. Follow @BostonHarborNow to ensure our winner notification DMs shows up in your inbox. Prizes have no cash value and can be used during 2021. Boston Harbor Now reserves the right to disqualify entries that fail to meet contest rules and criteria.

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COMMENTARY

Is it Time for a New Political Party?

by Sal Giarratani

I have been talking with many frustrated voters livid with the Democrats but not that happy with Republicans either. Many of these voters really don't see much of a difference between Chuck Schumer and Mitch McConnell. To these voters, both of them are part of the Deep State ruling aristocracy, which is why McConnell has already moved on to Biden entering the White House.

The 2020 Presidential election results have called into question the integrity of our electoral process. Without believing that our elections are free and fair, how can we believe in our constitutional democratic republic form of government?

At the moment, our nation has been ripped apart by fundamental questions such as the idea that we are the government and that our elected work for us. We are living through, say many, the worst of times and many wonder where things will go from this point on.

One friend of mine told me point blank that Biden will never be anything other than an illegitimate president. Polls show that close to half the nation seems to be thinking like him.

Many wonder if it is time for a new party to replace the weak-kneed Republican Party with a new political party representing the some 74 million voters who voted for Trump this year. Trump voters are less Republican and more Trump when it comes to their politics. Remember, the Republicans came into being when the Whig party became irrelevant in national politics and things seem to be repeating here with Republicans now going irrelevant. We shall see, we shall see.

Felice Anna Nuovo!

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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo



The New Year 2021
Beauty Advice



Ciao Bella,
I as well as all of you Glamazons are welcoming the New Year! Just don't get too excited. We are still wearing our masks well into 2021. And many of us aren't going to be able to get the vaccine until mid-year. Celebrations, parties, and large gatherings are far and few between. However, there is a light at the end of the tunnel for 2021 that this Pandemic will take its leave. We can only pray and look forward to a bright future.

Have any of you noticed that ads for lipstick are on the up? The only lipstick worth investing in these days is one that will not rub off into your mask. "Lip Ink" is one brand to look into. Mask proof and water proof.

Watch your make up ... eye make-up especially! If you haven't used it, toss it for it can cause infection. Just purchase new and exciting mascara and shadows! Also foundation, if any kind of odor, trash it. Check creams etc. for dates and odor. The length of time not using

your products can be hazardous to your health.

Time at home is Spa time. My life has always been busy. However, even before my retirement I have made time to smell the roses. I've spoken to many people these days that have praised some of the perks of this pandemic. One was that they were able to stay home and enjoy their solitude. Before COVID they were running around from place to place. Lunch plans to dinner plans. From museum date to theatre date.

Time for that leisurely bath or shower. There are so many scents and routines to choose from. Remember to exfoliate your skin and you'll be baby soft as a couch potato should be! My husband likes using a wash cloth, but I like my Moroccan mitt to scrub it all off; great for circulation!

So as all of us march into the New Year, be kind to one another as well as yourself. Take care of your well-being. Live, laugh, and love every day!
Happy New Year!

Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!
— Mary N. DiZazzo-Trumbull

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Pet News
from the Gazette

by Marie Simboli

7 Tips for your Dog's Anxiety on New Year's Eve

The year has raced by us, yet again, and is now coming to an end. As you plan your New Year's parties limited to how many guests so you can be safe and yet have a good time, take into account your pets. It may be a joyous night for you, but for your little guy or little girl, it may be a night of anxiety. Much like the fourth of July, New Year's Eve is full of loud noises that may stress out not only your dogs but cats too. Here are a few ways you can help keep your animals calm and safe this year.

Confine your pets: For animals that are crate trained, it provides a sense of security for them. Let them hide in their crate for the night and cover it with a towel or blanket for extra protection. If your pet is not crate trained, putting them in a crate may scare them further. Put them in a room where they cannot hurt themselves or damage your things.

Turn on the Radio or TV: Turning on the TV or radio will not only help muffle the sound, but the constant noise will help distract him or her. Soothing music will help the most, but turn on the radio or TV a few hours before the festivities begin so your dog can associate the noise with peace and comfort.

Give them exercise: Earlier in the day, make sure to give



your dog's enough exercise to wear them out. If the dogs have less energy, the less they'll be prone to panic during the fireworks.

Distract them with toys or a treat: Distract your dog or cat by giving them something fun to do. Either give them their favorite treat so they can associate the noise with positive things or give them their favorite toy or a Kong filled with peanut butter to keep them busy,

Speak with your veterinarian: If you have a cat or dog that is overly anxious, let them help you. The coming holiday will only heighten your pet's nerves.

Leave the neighborhood: If you live on a particularly loud street and don't have much

planned, consider going somewhere quiet and peaceful for the night.

Keep Calm: It is important to keep calm during the festivities to not over excite your pet. If you're having guests over, keep the party away from them as people tend to get excited around dogs and cats, which can create more stress. Don't forget to pet them and talk to them in a soothing tone.

Good Luck, and Happy New Year to my pooch friends, my readers and especially to all our nurses and doctors and Military service who have kept us Safe during this difficult time.

*Remember it's all about
"Unconditional Love"*

A Brief History Of
THE FRIENDS OF THE NORTH END

by Victor Passacantilli

One summer evening in 1972 while at work in the Blue Front Restaurant on Hanover Street, Mario Siciliano dropped by to say hello. He began to reminisce about our boyhood and lamented the fact that he doesn't get to see his North End friends often enough. It was a stark reckoning of how quickly our lives had changed. It seemed that our cherished boyhood had lasted so long and suddenly it morphed into something much different i.e. adulthood. The kids on the corner have become husbands and fathers dealing with responsibilities quite different from the care free ongoings of our youth. Yet, I thought, why can't we continue our friendship "off the corner." That is when I decided to plan an informal get together dinner. A couple of months later in November of 1972, 20 plus boyhood friends and teammates met at the Aquarium Restaurant on Commercial Street. That dinner turned out to be such a memorable time that I decided to attempt it again in 1973. A committee was formed and with that the Friends of the North End evolved, a fraternal organization poised to celebrate its 49th annual reunion in September of 2021. An annual reunion that started out with 20 plus boyhood friends and grew to 232 attendees several years ago!

Over the years FONE (Friends Of The North End) has transformed itself from a social group to a community minded fraternity providing ongoing

support to many worthy North End organizations such as: the North End Athletic Association, North End Against Drugs, the Nazzaro Center, the North End Music and Performing Arts Center, Saint Leonard's Church, The Friends of the North End Library, The North End Christmas Fund, The North End Historical Society and ABCD North End/West End NSC.

In 1976, we initiated a Man of the Year Award. At our reunions we honored those individuals who gave of their time and effort to keep us engaged with wholesome activities and competitive sports. Over the next several years those recipients included John "Mr. D" Dexter, Anthony "Tony" Segadelli, Seymour Petrillo, Joseph "Dom Di Magg" Campochiaro, John "DA" De Amato, "Uncle" Fred Corangelo and Santo Marino.

Then in a less formal manner we started to recognize other North Enders who gave of their time freely and gladly organizing activities and programs for the kids our North End. People like Teddy Tomasone, Louie Cavagnaro, Mario Di Leo, Steve Paterna, Billy Faria and Freddy Sarno were thus recognized.

In 1978 Franny Segadelli, a founding member, encouraged FONE to start a college scholarship program for aspirant North End boys and girls. FONE raised funds through raffles and donations and awarded those scholarships for several years to deserving North End boys and girls. Our first recipient,

Carl Sutera, was a guest at our 45th reunion where he spoke sincerely of his gratitude to FONE for assisting him financially during his first year at Northeastern University.

Special recognition is given to our founding members: Michael Annunziata, Charles Coppola, Dennis Di Gangi, Ronald P. Fuccillo, James Freni, Vincent Lauretano, Ralph Masciulli, Victor Passacantilli, John Repucci, Francis Segadelli, and Samuel Viscione, and special thanks goes out to Arthur "Sonny" Lauretano for helping to sustain the Friends of the North End.

Our fraternity has remained a vibrant and vital organization giving back to the neighborhood we all still cling to and love.

Forty-eight years have passed since our inception and first reunion and many things have changed in our lives over those years yet one thing remains constant. It is an unbreakable and somewhat sacred bond that weaves us all together as proud North Enders.

I look forward to celebrating our 49th reunion in September of 2021, to reminisce about OUR North End and to relive a boyhood that is beloved by us and surely envied by others.

In the meanwhile, I, Sammy and Sonny wish you and your families a safe, happy and healthy Christmas season and a 2021 that will bring us all back to a place of comfort and happiness.

*Long live OUR North End,
Victor Passacantilli*

Over \$3,600 Raised for Winter Hats & Gloves FOR ST. FRANCIS HOUSE

by John Romano



The North End Friends of St. Francis House extend a big thank you to all who donated to this year's winter hat and glove drive for the St. Francis House Homeless Shelter. Just over \$3,600 raised, the most ever!

John Romano will be delivering a second shipment of items to the shelter — 252 hats, 180 scarves, two dozen pairs of gloves, one dozen earmuffs, and 50 hand-knit hats. When added to the first shipment two weeks ago, a total 444 pairs of gloves, 482 hats, 180 scarves and 12 pairs of earmuffs will have been donated. That's almost 1,000 items!



Winter Care for Houseplants

by Melinda Myers

Holidays are filled with new plants and decorations that often find our houseplants relegated to any out of the way available space. Be sure to keep your houseplants looking their best with proper winter care.

Make sure houseplants receive sufficient light now and throughout the winter. The shorter, often gray days of winter mean less light reaches our plants. Start by moving plants to the sunniest available window. A south-facing window is usually best, but if it is obstructed by trees, awnings or shears it may be no better than an unobstructed window facing another direction.

If brightly lit locations are limited in your home, try rotating plants between high and low light areas. Switching plants every few weeks usually keeps them growing healthy. Give the pots a turn every few weeks to ensure each side of the plant has time facing the light. This encourages even growth and discourages stems stretching toward the light.

Consider supplementing natural light with artificial light when light is limited. Newer styles that clip onto pots, are mounted on the wall, or tucked into furniture grade stands make them attractive and easier to use. And now LED plant lights are more affordable, longer lasting and use less energy.

Humidity is the other winter stress. Many of our houseplants are tropical and require higher humidity than our homes provide. As we turn up the heat, the humidity declines.

Boost the humidity around your plants by displaying them together. As one plant loses



Moon Valley Pilea is a moisture-loving plant that prefers high humidity but will tolerate average home humidity.

(Photo by MelindaMyers.com)

moisture, the others will benefit. Add a gravel tray for additional humidity. Fill a tray or saucer with pebbles and water. Then set the plant on the pebbles elevated above the water. As the water evaporates, it increases humidity around the plant.

Adjust your watering schedule to fit the conditions in your home. Always water thoroughly but only as needed. Use your finger to check the soil moisture below the soil surface. Water moisture-loving plants, like Moon Valley Pilea, when the top few inches are barely moist. Allow the top few inches of soil to dry for cacti and succulents. And always pour off excess water that collects in the saucer. Or use gravel trays to capture the excess water, eliminating this task.

Most houseplants do fine in the same temperatures we prefer. They do not tolerate drafts

of hot air from heat vents or cold air from windows and doors. Move plants as needed to avoid drafty locations.

Never trap houseplants between the curtain or blinds and the window. The temperature can be significantly colder, resulting in injury and even death of some plants. Place plants on a table near the window or windowsill extension, leaving room to close the window coverings at night.

Wait until spring to fertilize. Plants do not need as many nutrients when their growth is limited by less-than-ideal winter conditions. As the outdoor growing conditions improve with longer days and brighter light, so do those indoors.

You will be rewarded with healthier, more attractive plants when giving them the care they need this winter. And as you tend your indoor garden, you will help fight the winter blues.

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ELBOW – ASLEEP IN THE BACK + CAST OF THOUSANDS (Vinyl)
Polydor/UMC

Elbow fans will now have cause for celebration as Polydor Records has released two of the band’s first three studio albums on vinyl. The heavyweight vinyl pressings cover debut, *Asleep in the Back*, and their follow-up, *Cast of Thousands*, both have been repressed and restocked to stores. *Asleep in the Back* was the album that introduced elbow to the world. Produced by Ben Hillier, and containing the singles; “Newborn,” “Any Day Now,” “Red,” and “Powder Blue,” it established the band with the UK public and led to Mercury Award and Brit Award nominations. The album closes with perennial fan favorite “Scattered Black and Whites,” recently revisited by the band in lockdown for their elbowrooms sessions. *Cast of Thousands* was recorded at legendary Liverpool’s legendary Parr Street Studios, with Ben Hillier again at the helm, introduced cover stars Elle and Bo to the world, their life-size statues causing traffic jams when sighted next to the motorway during festival dates to promote the album. Taking its title from the vocal contributions of the Glastonbury crowd to “Grace Under Pressure,” recorded in a landmark performance on “The Other Stage” in 2002. The album artwork features the names of all those who contacted the band to say, “yes, I was there and singing.” An early indicator of Elbow’s power to produce inclusive, uplifting moments, *Cast of Thousands* also features “Fugitive Motel” — another track featured during the recent Elbowrooms recordings.

SHANIA TWAIN – THE WOMAN IN ME: Diamond Edition (Vinyl)
Mercury Nashville/UMC

International icon Shania Twain, celebrates the 25th anniversary of her Grammy-winning breakthrough album with *The Woman in Me: Diamond Edition*, a newly remastered version of the genre-busting, multi-platinum album. Also included are previously unreleased tracks, live recordings, and mixes that trace the evolution of an album that changed the way country music sounded. Eight of the 12 songs from *The Woman in Me* appeared on *Billboard*’s country singles chart, with four — “Any Man of Mine,” “(If You’re Not in It for Love) I’m Outta Here!” “You Win My Love” and “No One Needs to Know” — reach No. 1. “Any Man of Mine” also gave Shania her first Top 40 crossover hit. *The Woman in Me* won a Grammy for Best Country Album in 1996, and later was ranked No. 8 on CMT’s list of 40 Greatest Country Albums. The album made Shania the sixth best-selling female artist in country music. A 48-page booklet includes liner notes from Twain. Add to those impressive credits, 100 million albums sold worldwide, by the only female artist to have three consecutive albums certified Diamond by the Recording Industry Association. Filling out

the track list are, “Home Ain’t Where His Heart Is (Anymore),” “Whose Bed Have Your Boots Been Under?,” “The Woman In Me (Needs The Man In You),” “Is There Life After Love?,” “If It Don’t Take Two,” “Raining On Our Love,” “Leaving Is The Only Way Out,” and “God Bless The Child.”

THE OFFSPRING – CONSPIRACY OF ONE (Vinyl)
Round Hill Records/UMC

To commemorate its 20th anniversary, *Conspiracy of One*, the sixth album by punk rock trailblazers the Offspring, will once again be available on vinyl — the first time since its release in 2000. The deluxe version of *Conspiracy of One* is pressed to yellow and red splatter vinyl, which includes spot gloss on the cover and a custom turntable slipmat featuring the Offspring’s flaming skull silhouette logo. Featured is the anthemic, sub-three-minute blast bonus track “Huck It,” which was used to soundtrack various skateboard stunts. *Conspiracy of One*, the first Offspring album of the 21st Century, was the fourth album from the game-changing punk group to be certified Platinum. The album is best known for its lead single, “Original Prankster,” a song that broke the Billboard Top 100 and hit Number 2 on the U.S. Alternative Airplay charts. The album’s follow-up single, “Want You Bad,” was featured in the film *American Pie 2*. Captured is both the Offspring’s trademark locomotive pop-punk “Come Out Swinging,” “All Along,” and their genre crossing experiments the bridge of mid-tempo “Special Delivery.”

IGGY AND THE STOOGES – FROM KO TO CHAOS (7 CD + 1 DVD)
Skydog International

When the riotous, confrontational “last ever” Iggy & the Stooges gig *Metallic KO* was issued in 1976, on the French indie Skydog label, it heralded the punk movement and cemented Iggy’s position in it. Iggy’s career then took off, and a lengthy liaison between Skydog and Iggy Pop continued, with releases through and beyond the Stooges reunion 29 years later. This collection has all of the Skydog label’s Iggy releases, remastered, in a clamshell box set containing seven CDs and a DVD — a fitting tribute to the label’s punk pioneer boss Marc Zermati, who passed away in June. Zermati started Skydog in 1973, arguably Europe’s first independent rock label, and in the same year that *Metallic KO* was released he organized the “First Punk Festival” in Mont de Marsan. Alongside *Metallic KO* the box includes the two *Metallic KO* source tape gigs, pitch-corrected after a tape speed fault was discovered; two collections of live and studio rare songs; unusual Iggy acoustic shows on DVD; a studio acoustic CD and the Stooges long-awaited 2003 live reunion in Tokyo. The 48-page booklet has notes by Paul Trynka, the Iggy Pop “Open Up and Bleed” biographer, and rare and unseen photos.

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 Giaratani

THOUGHT THAT WAS JEFF KATZ

Anyone who has been a conservative talk radio fan knows who Jeff Kuhner is. A few days before Christmas, I was listening to the *Glenn Beck Show* over at 1200AM when I heard a familiar voice on Beck’s show. The host that morning was none other than Jeff Katz who is still remembered here in Boston. He was the WRKO conservative host of its weekday morning show pre-Kuhnerman. When Katz departed Boston radio, I was glad to see another Jeff take his place. The Kuhnerman has been a great addition to conservative radio talk. However, I always wondered what happened to Katz and now I find out he’s down in Virginia.

Wouldn’t it be nice to get Katz back to Boston again? With two good conservative AM stations, one might think there’s a place for the return of the *Jeff Katz Show* giving Boston two of the best Jeff’s in conservative talk radio.

IS VOTER FRAUD A NON-ISSUE TO YOU?

I recently read something by Janai Nelson, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund that I wanted to share with you, “To witness the alarming desperate attempts to cast doubt on this election and to elevate the non-issue of voter fraud is creating such dangerous conditions in our democracy.”

Everyone has the right to his or her own opinion about the recent Presidential election. My position has been clear, I think there were too many irregularities in a number of key battleground states. I cannot say for certain that President Trump lost the election fair and square. I am not alone. Half of America today seems to believe there was some level of voting inconsistencies to call into question the accuracy of Biden’s victory.

How many Americans will view Biden as an illegitimate president when sworn into office on January 20th.

Now, Democrats want us all to put the election results behind us and start singing “Kumbaya” with each other. Not gonna happen!

FACETS YOU NEED TO KNOW

A gal pal of mine told me something recently and I thought it worth sharing with you. Did you know that women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men actually spend thinking!

There you have it.

WHY ARE VOTING TABULATIONS ONLINE?

Weren’t we all told over and over again that our election system was safe and secure because nothing is online? The fake media kept saying that over the past couple of years when folks were question hacking possibilities. Now it turns out that the election night vote counting was indeed online. Dominion technology Smartmatic software was online and possibly open to hackers and manipulation.

TWO BOOKS TO CHECK OUT

I read all the time; all kinds of books. Recently, I came upon two older books that I just started reading. *DESTINY: Step into Your Purpose* by Bishop T.D. Jakes (2015) and *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer (1996).

Bishop Jakes talks about our purpose, our destiny; why we are here. It’s sort of a self-help guide to tank the right steps on the road to our destiny. Krakauer writes about the sad saga of a stubborn and idealistic young man trying to find his destiny.

If you like good books, these both will do the trick for you.

SAUVIGNON BLECCH?

Headline: Alabama — Illegal winery found in Rainsville Waste Water Treatment Plant in Rainsville, Alabama. I wonder if the aroma of this wine improves with age!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Happy Birthday to U.S. Senator Ted Cruz, R-Texas, who just turned the Big Five-0

MERRY CHRISTMAS, BUDDY

I received a nice Christmas card from Buddy Mangini who’s been in a nursing home in Stoneham. Anyone who has known Buddy over the years, knows what he has done for the East Boston community. He has always been there for all of us and I thought it might be nice to let him know we love him and all that he has done for us.

Yes, Christmas has passed, but there’s always time to connect with someone just because it is the right thing to do and will also help you feel better. He is at the Bear Hill Nursing, 11 North Street, Stoneham, MA 02180.

MOMMY’S STILL KISSING SANTA CLAUS AND ...

My mother loved listening to little Jimmy Boyd singing “I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus.” She wore down that 75 rpm on the record player from playing it over and over again.

Oh, speaking of Christmas songs; did you notice that almost no radio station played any version of “Baby, It’s Cold Outside” this holiday season? One station that played it was WMEX 1510AM. The station played a great Dean Martin version. I guess WMEX is not part of the Cancel Culture like all the other stations subscribed to this year.

THESE BURGER KING EMPLOYEES ARE TRULY ESSENTIAL

How can I let this Christmas season go by without showing my appreciation for the whole gang down at the Burger King in the Heights? It is a great place to start your mornings with a good cup of coffee and friends arguing politics with *Morning Joe* or *Fox & Friends*, and of course those essential workers behind the counter who can’t forget our names no matter how much they might try. Just kidding!?

END QUOTE

“The spoken word is a word to the wind, and the written word is a political sin.”
— James Michael Curley, 1943

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MARY BUCARIA
Date of Death: September 14, 2019

CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by **Nancy J.B. Nichols of Rutland, MA** requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent’s real estate at a private sale.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 15, 2021.

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

Witness, **HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.**
Date: December 11, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 01/01/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
Middlesex Probate and Family Court South
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI20P5382EA

Estate of
JOAO A. SILVA
Date of Death: September 24, 2020

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Liyuan Yang of Newton, MA.**
Liyuan Yang of Newton, 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: 01/01/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court North
Lowell Justice Center
370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 656-7700

Docket No. MI20P5719EA

Estate of
EDNA SARAH ALBERT
Also Known As
EDNA S. ALBERT, EDNA ALBERT
Date of Death: April 18, 2020

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Michael S. Albert of Ashland, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Michael S. Albert of Ashland, 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: 01/01/2021

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



HAPPY NEW YEAR ... EVERYONE!!! (Buon Anno o Felice Capo d'Anno)

Things are quite different this year. We stayed home last night. For the past 21 years, Loretta and I have been getting together with our friends to celebrate New Year's Eve.

Early on, I would drop her off at the Algonquin Club to tie up with Dean Saluti and his wife, Margie Cahn, and our gang of friends, and then I'd head to work. Being a musician, New Year's Eve was a big deal. After work, I would return to the Algonquin for last call.

I began playing professionally in 1958, 63 years ago. After Dean and Margie were married on New Year's Eve, I made the decision not to work on that night any longer and celebrate with my wife and friends. I have not regretted my decision. But, this year the coronavirus has changed things. We're all playing it safe by staying home.

I grew up in a home where my grandfather, father, and uncles were professional musicians and played with their bands several nights per week, and in some cases, every night and during the day on Saturdays and Sundays. Babbononno played guitar with a Neapolitan band that played Italian pop music and drums with the Italian Marine Band for parades and concerts on American holidays.

Dad played bass and tuba and Uncles Nick and Paul (sax players) played with whatever bandleader called and booked them for a particular night. These men in my family were among the best performers in Boston and always worked. Their type of work was classified as "general business." They had around 1,000 tunes memorized and could play any type of a function, including weddings, dances, parties, Christenings, Bar Mitzvahs, and all types of ethnic music, especially Italian and Jewish. After teaching me the bass, Dad finally told me I was ready to turn professional when I was in my second year of college and I became a 3rd generation musician in the family.

Uncle Nick, was the vice president of the union for about 25 years, and introduced me to the bandleaders and bookers. This enabled me to get my foot in the door, but I had to prove myself from that point on. I guess I held my own because I had a great career and paid my own way through college and graduate school and have afforded my family some of the extras in life.

My first New Year's Eve job with older musicians was in 1959. I had been working with

local East Boston musicians around my age, late teens-early twenties. Dad was in partners with Ray Digg, a local bandleader who often led a big band and played at the Ocean View, a ballroom located at the beginning of Revere Beach. On December 31 of 1959, Ray was booked to play at the Sons of Italy on Trenton Street in East Boston. He had several other jobs on that night and had Dad leading one of them. I took Dad's place playing with Ray. Living on Eutaw Street, I was able to walk to work with my bass violin under my arm. When I arrived at the Sons of Italy function hall, I saw the stage set up for a dozen musicians. When they began to arrive, I felt a little intimidated as I was the kid. Most of Ray's musicians were older and among the best in Boston.

Ray brought the bass parts over to my music stand and told me to relax and do my best. The music he played was popular dance music and I knew most of the tunes by heart, which made things a bit easier but the intimidation didn't dissipate until we were well into the first set and I held my own with the more seasoned musicians.

Back in the day, we bass players didn't have amplification and the strings were made of catgut, not steel like today. To be heard, I had to play harder than I did with small groups, and my fingers began to develop blisters under the calluses. As I continued, the blisters became blood blisters and my fingers were sore.

At about a quarter to one, someone walked up to the stage and spoke to Ray Digg who nodded in the affirmative. He then turned toward the musicians and said, "They want us to play another half hour." Everyone was happy as the money was great for New Year's Eve. Everyone was happy except me. Some of the blood blisters had broken, and my fingers were bleeding on my strings. Just before 1:30 a.m., the same man came up to the stage and spoke to Ray again. With a smile, he told us we were going to play until 2:00 a.m. Just when I thought my fingers couldn't play another note, Dad walked in the front door. His job ended at the scheduled time and he headed for the Sons of Italy.

He gave one glance in my direction and without saying anything, took my place and finished the night for me as the band's bass player. I had held my own, but my fingers told me that I was still a novice musician.

Within the year, my fingers developed calluses that went almost down to the bone. Not long after, I bought a bass amplifier and changed to steel strings. This combination made playing a bass a lot easier, and about a year after that, I bought a bass guitar, which simplified things even more.

Dean Saluti and I were reminiscing about our New Year Eves just recently, lamenting about having to forego the event this year due to the coronavirus. Hopefully, by New Year's Eve, December 31, 2021, things will be back to normal and we can resume our annual celebration.

New Year's Day was like Christmas for the Christoforo and Contini families. We would head to Nanna and Babbononno's for a holiday dinner. Nanna and Mom would prepare the usual Sunday dinner, but knowing most of the men in the family had worked the night before till the wee hours, would serve the first course an hour or two later than usual. At dinner, Dad and my uncles would talk about their experiences the night before and pass out hats and noisemakers to all at the table. Just before we began to eat, Babbononno would lift his wine glass and wish the entire family a Buon Anno. As we took that first sip, someone would yell out, "Salute, cent' anni." And, we would dive into the first course.

Well, things are a bit different this year, but I pray they will return to normal very soon.

The way things have evolved, I'm now the senior member in my family and in my crowd of friends. I don't know if being the oldest is good or bad, but I'm stuck with it and am happy that my family and closest friends are in good health.

So, let me close by wishing all of you again, a SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! GOD BLESS AMERICA

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
Middlesex Probate and Family Court South
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. M120P5324EA
Estate of
LILLIAN MADDEN
Date of Death: July 22, 2020
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Janice Camuso of Reading, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Janice Camuso of Reading, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
Run date: 01/01/2021



by
Marianna
Bisignano

In Italy, New Year's Eve or December 31st is known as *La Festa di San Silvestro*. Though not a public holiday, it is a time the whole country gathers to ring in the New Year with various festivities. The most well-known exhibition of *La Festa di San Silvestro* occurs in Rome's *Piazza del Popolo*. Family and friends typically gather in the public square for an evening of dancing, drinking, and merriment. The evening concludes with welcoming in the New Year with an elaborate midnight fireworks display. In other parts of Italy, celebrations for *La Festa di San Silvestro* include additional firework displays, concerts, and parties. In southern Italy, you'll even find customs such as throwing your old things out of the window at midnight, which represent "out with the old and in with the new," still in existence!

After midnight, it is customary for Italians to eat lentils, as they are known to represent luck and prosperity, along with *cotechino*, a spicy pork sausage; the pork symbolizes prosperity and wealth. Each New Year's Day, in the hopes of a better year ahead, my family followed this tradition and either a plain or "Spicy Pork Sausage and Lentil Soup" would be served. The following recipe is one of my favorites. It is easy to make and just perfect when served alongside warm freshly baked Italian bread.

Felice Anno Nuovo!

SPICY PORK SAUSAGE and LENTIL SOUP *Salsiccia di Maiale Picante e Zuppa di Lenticchie*



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| 4 cloves garlic | 1 (14 1/2-ounce) can diced tomatoes |
| 4-6 ounces pancetta | 1-pound lentils, soaked and washed |
| 1-pound hot Italian sausage, removed from casing | 12 cups chicken stock/broth |
| 1/4 cup olive oil | 1 cup uncooked ditallini pasta |
| 1 large onion, finely chopped | 1 cup grated parmigiana reggiano cheese |
| 3-4 carrots, peeled and chopped | Salt and pepper, to taste |
| 3-4 celery stalks, chopped | |

In a food processor, pulse the garlic and pancetta until you get a smooth pastata. Heat oil in a large stockpot over a medium flame, add garlic and pancetta pastata, and cook for 5-6 minutes. Take sausage meat (that has been removed from its casing) and chop it into bite-sized pieces, add it to the pastata and cook, stirring frequently until lightly browned. Add onion, carrots, and celery and cook until tender, about 5 to 10 minutes. Add the entire can of tomatoes with juice, simmer, stirring occasionally for 10-12 minutes. Add the lentils, mix well. Add the broth, stir and raise heat just a bit and allow it to come to a boil. Lower heat, cover and simmer until lentils are cooked, about a half hour. Add pasta and cook just until al dente. Season with salt and pepper. Ladle the soup into bowls, sprinkle with grated cheese, and serve immediately.

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

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J.F.K. Assassinated, What Else Do I Have to Say?



The Kennedys on the day a nation mourned



Lee Harvey Oswald



Officer J.D. Tippit

Three events will haunt current overlapping generations, the attack on Pearl Harbor, the assassination of John F. Kennedy, and the attacks on September 11, 2001. One parallel between the two is eerily similar; those who lived through the tragedies remember the day in detail, sometimes down to the clothes they were wearing or what they were doing. Nearly twenty years later I can remember the full day of 9/11, and that is one of my connections to those who lived through the day John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

Like 9/11, November 22 1963, started out with little disturbance and, if anything, there was some joy as President Kennedy, our 35th, was driven through downtown Dallas in an open-top Lincoln convertible accompanied by his wife Jacqueline, Texas Governor John Connally and his wife for a ten-mile stretch in which they were greeted by many cheering Americans.

But, as happened before and would happen again, America and the world were about to change forever. At about 12:30 p.m., from the sixth floor of the Texas Book Depository Building, three shots were fired, the president was mortally wounded and Governor Connally badly wounded.

The culprit by now has also earned a place in the national lexicon much like Osama bin Laden. Lee Harvey Oswald, a 24-year-old ex-Marine had long been building suspect allegiances and causing alarm since his discharge from the Marines in 1959. He traveled to and sought citizenship to the Soviet Union at the height of the Cold War. This was denied him and he returned to America in 1962 with a wife and daughter. Once back, in the months leading up to that fateful day, Oswald spent his time practicing for his destiny. Via mail he ordered a .38 revolver and rifle with a telescopic glass and on

April 10 of 1963, he took a shot at, but missed, U.S. Army General Edwin Walker in Dallas. He would pledge his allegiance to Fidel Castro later that month, travelling to Mexico, where he sought to seek passage to Cuba or, once again, to the Soviet Union. When this failed, he returned to Dallas and took a job at the Texas Book Depository Building.

Meanwhile, within half hour of being shot, President Kennedy was pronounced dead at Dallas's Parkland Hospital. On Air Force One, in the presence of Jacqueline Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon Johnson, who was three cars behind Kennedy's, was sworn in as the 36th president. The next day, President Johnson would declare the 25th a national day of mourning.

After firing at the president, Oswald ran from the building and, nearing his home, was confronted by Dallas Police Officer J.D. Tippit, who was informed over the radio that a suspect matching the description was seen in the area. Tippit questioned Oswald and, according to witnesses, the two exchanged words before Oswald fired four shots. Tippit was pronounced dead at Methodist Hospital. Oswald fled into the Texas Theater without paying. The ticket taker informed police of his presence and Oswald was arrested and later charged with the murders of President John F. Kennedy and Officer J.D. Tippit.

The following day, while being moved to a more secure facility by the Dallas Police Department, Oswald was shot and mortally wounded by Jack Ruby who had mingled in the crowd of spectators with a concealed .38.

Ruby was a famous strip club owner in the Dallas area and had something of a shady reputation, but his action made him something of a hero to the grief-stricken nation. Nonetheless, he was charged with murder and, after a trial was originally

sentenced to death. But, in October of 1966, the Texas Court of Appeals reversed the decision on the grounds that Ruby could not have received a fair trial in Dallas. While awaiting a new trial, Ruby died of lung cancer in January of 1967.

In many ways, the assassination of John F. Kennedy was the catalyst for a dark and turbulent decade that, while bringing much progress in technology, science, and equality, also brought much terror and bloodshed. Considering how shattering a conclusion the assassination was to our near two decades of prosperity following the end of WWII, it is shocking to remember that the murder of President Kennedy was only the beginning of a decade that would change the nation forever.

As with 9/11 and, to a lesser degree, with Pearl Harbor, conspiracy theories have abounded through the years. There are, undoubtedly, gaps in the Warren Commission's report and many questions still unanswered but, what interests me is the need or even the want, for this climate of paranoia after a brutal tragedy. Perhaps, it is a way of explaining and coming to terms with something too awful to be as mundane as an ordinary looking kid from New Orleans with an anti-American chip on his shoulder slipped through our national security cracks.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20P5669EA
Estate of
WANDA E. LAWSON
Date of Death: April 21, 2005
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jane E. Lawson of Peterborough, NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that Jane E. Lawson of Peterborough, NH be appointed as personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 19, 2021.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 21, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/01/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20P5578EA
Estate of
PHILIP H. DOHERTY
Date of Death: April 19, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Peter F. Macaulay of Reading, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that Peter F. Macaulay of Reading, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 18, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/01/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20P5657EA
Estate of
ISAIAS D. BRAGA
Date of Death: October 17, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Ernanes P. Braga of Natick, MA and Edna B. Ball of Ashland, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that Ernanes P. Braga of Natick, MA and Edna B. Ball of Ashland, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 21, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/01/2021

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

everywhere will remember this group among many that hit our shores. Their sound was British pop, not exactly folk music but close to it. They had a long list of hits over in the United Kingdom and here in America. Two of their biggest hits and my favorites were "Yesterday's Gone" and "Willow Weep for Me." Both recorded in 1964.

McConnell Thinks The Stimulus Package is What The Country Needs Right Now

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell says "it's not enough but it deals with the emergency." Telling Fox News, "It's directly targeted at exactly what the country needs right now."

The package brokered after a long impasse, Republicans accepted defeat on adding business liability protections and Democrats unable to get massive aid to state and local governments.

Meanwhile, many legislators were concerned about not getting a meaningful opportunity to review the entire 5,000-page bill. U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-Queens/Bronx tweeted, "Members of Congress need to see & read the bills we are expected to vote on. I know it's "controversial" and I get in trouble sharing things like this, but the people of this country deserve to know."

Schumer Tells Biden To do it A-Loan

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer has been urging Joe Biden to use an executive order to by-pass Congress and cancel millions of dollars in student-loan debt.

Schumer says Biden can

undo the debt and forgive \$50,000 of debt once in office, Schumer says to Biden, "You don't need Congress. All you need is the flick of a pen."

Meanwhile, Biden has favored cancelling \$10,000 in student debt per borrower. However, he wants Congress to act to wipe out the debt.

\$4.4 Million Osteen Bailout

Televangelist Joel Osteen and his Lakewood Church in Texas have netted \$4.4 million in bailouts through the Federal COVID-19 relief program, reported the *Houston Business Journal*. The Houston mega church received the forgivable Paycheck Protection Program this past summer.

He's Doing Well at His Job?

According to a recent poll, the numbers are in. Sixty percent of the American people polled believe Joe Biden is doing very well in his new job in the Office of the President-Elect. Talk about fake news. There is no such office out there. This seems to be a creation of those still suffering from Anti-Trump Derangement Disorder. They create a make believe office and then run a poll showing how well Biden is doing in it.

End Quotes

"So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past."

— F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

"We judge intelligence not by knowledge but by imagination."

— Albert Einstein

"Look outward and dream. Look inward and awaken."

— Carl Jung

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Export Enterprises, Inc., 50 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell or junk the following non-titled moped/scooters on or after January 2, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

2019 GEELY COLEMAN 9 SERIES
VIN # LB2G9TAAXK1003735:
Towed per the MSP on 09/09/20:
Last registered owner unknown.

2020 ZHEJIANG RIYA MOTORCYCLE CO.
VIN # LEHTCB131LR801747:
Towed per the MSP on 05/02/20:
Last registered owner unknown.
Vehicles are being stored at 142 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed
Export Enterprises, Inc.

Run dates: 12/18, 12/25, 2020; 1/1/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **TODISCO TOWING OF 94 CONDOR STREET, EAST BOSTON, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A that they will sell the following vehicles.

Vehicles are being sold to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and notices of sale:

2003 FORD EXPLORER
Vin #1FMZU74K03UA54617
The above vehicles will be sold at public auction at

TODISCO TOWING
94 Condor Street, E. Boston
JANUARY 2, 2021
at 9:00 AM
Run dates: 12/18, 12/25, 2020; 1/1/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., 2 Emery Road, Allston, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after January 2, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2015 DODGE CHALLENGER
VIN # 2C3CDZBG8FH715875

2005 FORD FOCUS
VIN # 1FAFP36N55W241766

2016 YONGFU YN50QT-8 SCOOTER
VIN # LL0TCABH4GYC63358
Towed per the BPD on 08/19/20
Last registered owner unknown.

2018 CHICAGO SCOOTER CO.
VIN # L4HCATA11J6000239
Towed per the MSP on 10/01/20
Last registered owner unknown.

2019 YONGFU YN50QT-8
VIN # LL0TCAPH0K5000001
Towed per the BPD on 04/17/20
Last registered owner unknown.

2020 ZHWEKI ZW50QT
VIN # LT4Z1NAA6LZ000176
Towed per the BPD on 04/30/20
Last registered owner unknown.

2019 GENUINE SCOOTERS BUDDY
VIN # RFVPAP5A6K1125352
Towed per the BPD on 08/20/20
Last registered owner unknown.

2019 YONGFU YN50QT-8
VIN # LL0TCAPH0KY48206Y
Towed per the BPD on 08/10/20
Last registered owner unknown.

2019 YONGFU YN50QT-21
VIN # LL0TCAPX8KY680477
Towed per the BPD on 09/23/20
Last registered owner unknown.

2020 YONGFU YN50QT-8
VIN # LL0TCAPH5LY761382
Towed per the BPD on 09/19/20
Last registered owner unknown.

2020 YONGFU TN50QT-8
VIN LL0TCAPH7LG001556
Towed per the MSP on 06/06/20
Last registered owner unknown.

2011 TAIZHOU CITY KAITONG
VIN # LYDTCKPF8B1501597
Towed per the BPD on 05/24/20
Last registered owner unknown.

2006 YAMAHA YZF-R6
VIN # JYARJ12E66A009478
2016 PIAGGIO FLY 50 4V
VIN # ZAPC526BXG7001997

2020 TAOTAO POWERMAX 150
VIN # L9NTCGPG0L1010317

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI20P3542EA

Estate of
PAUL J. LEVINE

Date of Death: May 23, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **David K. Levine of Shirley, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **David K. Levine of Shirley, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 08, 2021.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: December 11, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 01/01/2021

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Docket No. MI20P5635EA

Estate of
RENEE ABRAMSON

Also Known As

RENEE B. ABRAMSON

Date of Death: June 17, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Alexander B. Sarousi of Airmont, NY** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Alexander B. Sarousi of Airmont, NY** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 15, 2021.

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

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

Date: December 18, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 01/01/2021

Celtic Legend
K. C. Jones Dead at 88



By now, we all heard of Basketball Hall of Famer K. C. Jones, the legendary point guard for the Boston Celtics who recently left us at age 88. He was a member of those legendary Celtics days when winning NBA championships was a given. He won eight titles as a player and two more as the team's head coach.

He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1989, played nine seasons in the (11) NBA, all in Boston from 1958-67. He won eight championships, the most except for teammates Bill Russell (11) and Sam Jones (10).

He returned to Boston as an assistant coach in 1977, earning another championship ring and then led the Larry Bird era Celtics to two more championships, 1983-84 and 1985-86. Jones an assistant coach with

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Docket No. MI20P4749EA

Estate of
MICHAEL CARELLA

Also Known As

MICHAELANGELO CARELLA

Date of Death: May 18, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Maria Pomet of Billerica, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Maria Pomet of Billerica, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 20, 2021.

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

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

Date: December 23, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 01/01/2021

EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani

the dreaded LA Lakers in 1972 won his 12th ring.

The Boston Herald's Joe Fitzgerald said of him following news of his passing that "History will remember (Jones) as one of the finest defensive guards, helping the Celtics win championships in each of his first eight seasons."

Daniel Bard
Wins Tony C. Award

Congrats go out to former Red Sox relief pitcher Daniel Bard who was just selected as the winner of the 2020 Tony Conigliaro Award given every year since 1990 to a player who has overcome "adversity through the attributes of spirit, determination, and courage that were trademarks of Tony C."

Bard was selected by the Red Sox right out of college in 2006 and made his MLB debut in 2009. In his first three seasons with the Sox, he seemed great. He had a 2.84 ERA and struck out 213 batters in 197 total innings.

However, in 2012 when the Sox tried to turn him into a starter, he made 10 starts, developed the YIPS, and couldn't find home plate. His ERA immediately jumped to 6.22 that season, he pitched one inning in 2013 and that was the last time he was in baseball until this past 2020 season. Colorado picked him up and he made the most of it with the Rockies. He posted a 3.67 ERA and struck out 27 batters in 24.2 innings. It appears he beat the YIPS, something most pitchers are able to do. After six years, he's a player again with the Rockies for 2021 agreeing to a one-year deal for \$3 million. What a comeback. Good for him.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Pat's Towing, 50 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell or junk the following non-titled moped/scooters on or after January 2, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

2015 TAOTAO CY50-E
VIN # L9NTEACX6F1100010:
Towed per the SHA on 07/14/20:
Last registered owner unknown.

2003 PIAGGIO AND VESPA ET2
VIN # ZAPC161A435001467:
Towed per the SPD on 09/05/20:
Last registered owner unknown.

2016 TAOTAO CY50-E
VIN # L9NTEACX0G1301421:
Towed per the SPD on 09/06/20:
Last registered owner unknown.

2013 ADLY BULLEYE GTC
VIN # RFLDC0517DA005852:
Towed per the SPD on 07/14/20:
Last registered owner unknown.

2012 GENUINE SCOOTERS BUDDY 50
VIN # RFVPAP5A7C1008669:
Towed per the SPD on 08/25/20:
Last registered owner unknown.

2014 TAOTAO ATM50-A
VIN # L9NTEACB3E1172141:
Towed per the SPD on 10/03/19:
Last registered owner unknown.

2020 ZNEN ZN50QT
VIN # L5YACBPZ3L1101956:
Towed per the SHA on 09/16/20:
Last registered owner unknown.

2020 TAOTAO PONY 50
VIN # L9NTCBAAE4L1000707:
Towed per the SPD on 08/07/20:
Last registered owner unknown.

2020 YONGFU BINTELLI
VIN # LL0T6APR1LG000198

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Signed
Pat's Towing

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I Agree with Sean Flaherty

This has been a terrible season for the New England Patriots. I do believe, like Sean Flaherty, that Cam Newton just isn't doing it in this horrible season we need to forget. Cam used to be pretty good in his younger days with the Panthers, but as far as a quarterback this season, it's a big UGH!

As Flaherty pointed out in a great letter in the *Boston Herald*, "... for some reason the Patriots coaching staff continue to insist that he's their guy. I don't get it ... The only way to know is Stidham can play is to get him in games."

Sean and I have been friends and both of us often get our letters printed on the pages of the *Boston Herald*. When it comes to politics, we both are on the same page and now I guess the same is true about the Patriots and Cam Newton, too.

Green with Envy

Check out Dorchester's own Greg Maneikis and Will Weir. They have a new Boston Celtics podcast called *Green with Envy*. Tune-in on Spotify or wherever you get your podcast.

Happy Birthday To ...

Boston Celtics legend Kevin McHale just celebrated his 63rd birthday. Swish around the rim and in there for a big slice of birthday cake. Happy birthday also to All-Star pitcher Steve Carlton who is feeling very patriotic at 76.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN
FRENCHMAN'S COVE CONDOMINIUM
OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

CASE No. ST-2019-CV00569

Plaintiff

vs.

VIRGINIA C. ALEX,
CHRISTOPHE G. ALEX, GEORGE C. ALEX,
the known heirs of JAMES C. ALEX, and
"JOHN DOE" the unknown heirs of
JAMES C. ALEX, Deceased,
and all other persons Claiming a right, title,
lien, estate or interest in Timeshare Interest
Number 0223P04 with Usage of unit on an
annual basis within the Platinum Season, in
Frenchman's Cove
Condominium St. Thomas, United States
Virgin Islands, *Defendants*.

ACTION FOR DEBT FORECLOSURE OF LIEN AND BREACH OF CONTRACT SUMMONS

To: "John Doe", the unknown heirs of
JAMES C. ALEX
301 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116

Within the time limited by law (see note below) you are hereby required to appear before this Court and answer to a complaint filed against you in this action and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment by default will be taken against you as demanded in the Complaint, for **DEBT, FORECLOSURE OF LIEN AND BREACH OF CONTRACT**.

Witness my hand and the Seal of this Court this 4th day of November, 2020.

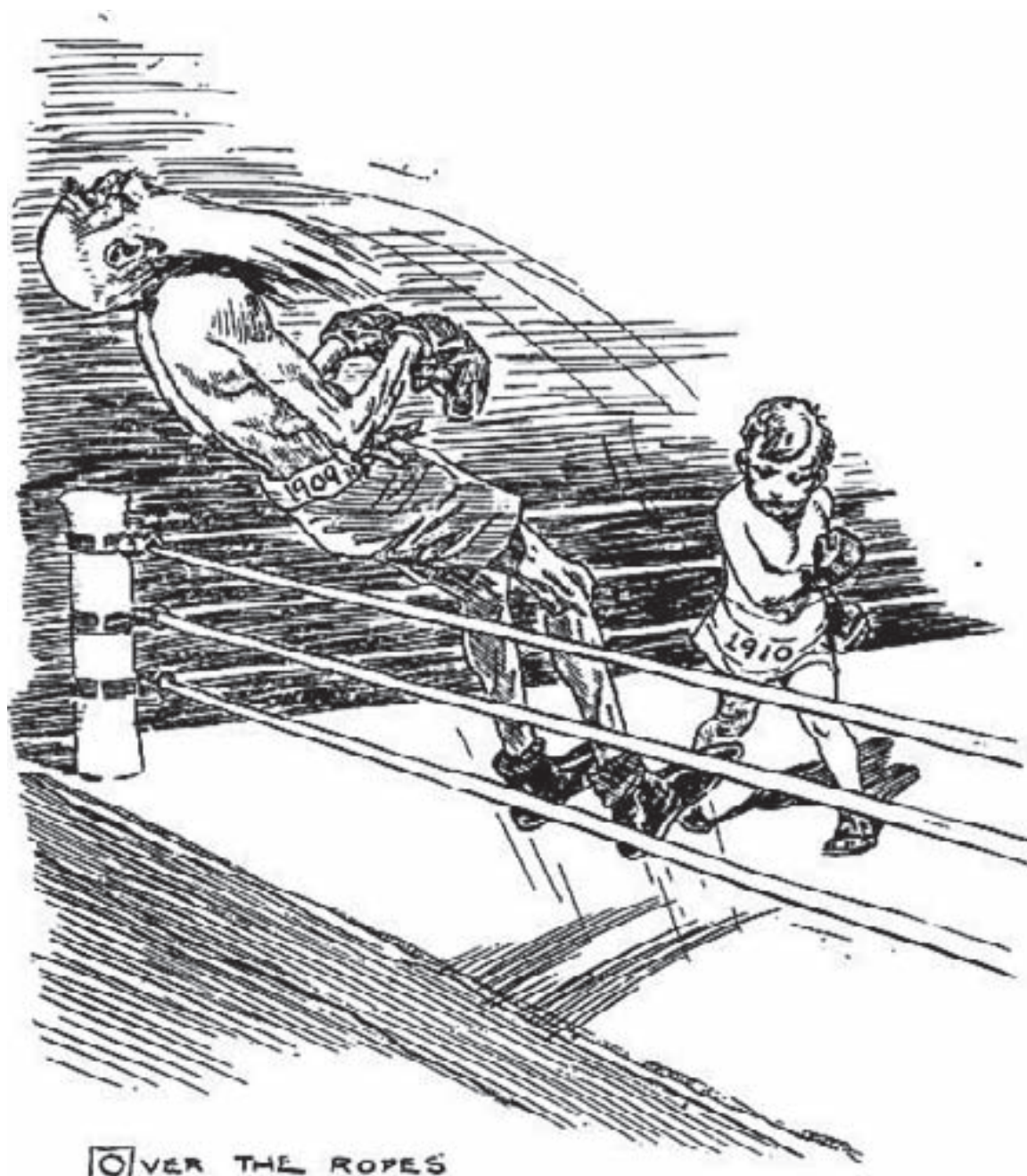
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NOTE: This defendant, if served personally, is required to file his answer or other defenses with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney within twenty one (21) days after service of this summons, excluding the date of service. The defendant, if served by publication or by personal service outside of the jurisdiction, is required to file his answer or other defense with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the attorney for the plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the completion of the period of publication or personal service outside of the jurisdiction.
Run dates: 12/25/2020, 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 2021

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WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

***Happy New Year!*****And What a Year It Has Been****Let's Knock the Virus Out in 2021****And Keep in Mind;****On This New Year's Day****Hindsight will Truly be 2020*****My Best to
All of You!*****HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB**

by Richard Preiss



Well, here we go. Welcome to the 2020-2021 National Hockey League season, a less than four-month dash to the start of the playoffs with the Stanley Cup champion scheduled to be determined in July.

The 2020 portion of the season was very brief — consisting of only one day (December 31st) as those teams that were not invited back to resume the 2019-2020 season last summer were permitted by league executives to get a jump on their preseason training camps.

And with good reason. Remember, those seven teams did not have an organized game or practice since last March. For everyone else — including the Bruins — the report date is January 3rd.

In another of many new scheduling protocols, there will not be any preseason games leading up to the start of the regular season on January 13th. From there it will be only 116 days until the final contests of the campaign are played on May 8th.

The Stanley Cup playoffs will follow and are scheduled to end about the middle of July rather than the middle of June. If there are any delays, they probably will be brief.

That's because NBC, which has the television broadcast rights to the playoffs, also has the broadcast rights to the Summer Olympics that start July 23rd in Japan. Thus, the Stanley Cup champion will have to be determined by July 22nd at the latest. Under the idealized schedule released by the NHL, the playoffs should end by July 9th. That leaves time for extensions should any contests have to be postponed.

The opening of the 56-game season will find the B's in Greater New York where they will take on the Devils in a two-game set (January 14th and 16th), followed by a matchup with the Rangers on January 18th. There is a home opening series at the Garden against the Flyers (January 21st and January 23rd), followed by two games at home against the Penguins (January 26th and January 28th).

There will still be four divisions in the NHL this season. The Bruins, along with the Penguins, Capitals, Flyers, Sabers, Devils, Rangers and Islanders will comprise one division — the group that will be of most interest to local fans.

If you notice, there is not much travel involved. The longest trips west will be to Pittsburgh, Buffalo, and Washington, D.C.

Another interesting scheduling feature is the grouping of the seven Canadian-based teams into the same division. That's because the Canadian federal government has imposed tight restrictions regarding international travel to Canada. Long distance travel will be a must in that division — such as when Vancouver, Edmonton, and Winnipeg go across the country to play Montreal and Toronto.

The result of all of this for Bruins fans is that the B's will not face such traditional rivals as Montreal or Toronto in the regular season. Plus, because

they are not in the same division as the Bruins, Detroit, and Chicago will not be coming to Boston this year.

That means that the only Original Six team coming to Causeway Street this year will be the Rangers. They will visit for a pair of games on March 11th and 13th and then return to the Hub to close out the regular season on May 6th and May 8th.

That's assuming that all teams will play in their respective home buildings this season. That is not a given. If fact, it won't even happen for all teams right away. The San Jose Sharks recently announced that they are temporarily relocating to Arizona because of government imposed restrictions in the San Francisco Bay area.

For several months the NHL has held open the possibility that teams could wind up playing in so-called "hub cities." Those would be sites where a number of designated teams would converge to play their scheduled games. The league has never backed completely away from that concept. Yes, most teams will have their home openers in their individual communities. But the "hub cities" alternative remains a possibility, even if it has been placed on a back burner for the moment.

Wherever they play, it most likely will not be in front of paying customers. Fans won't be allowed to enter the TD Garden for Bruins home games (just as they haven't for Celtics home games). Whether or not things open up a bit as the season progresses is anyone's guess.

Remember, across America there are several sets of regulations in place at any one location at any given time. There are state mandated regulations. In addition, there are also city or regional mandated regulations and league mandated regulations, plus any additional ones put in place by specific teams.

We did read a short reference in the *New York Post* that indicated the Rangers had informed their season ticket holders they would not be allowed into Madison Square Garden through at least February 28th. Whether the policy would or should be modified after that date is anyone's guess.

Meanwhile, another significant issue involving the Bruins as training camp nears is the status of veteran Zdeno Chara. The big defenseman, who will turn 44 this March, has been a mainstay of the B's since his arrival from the Ottawa Senators in 2006.

He is a free agent and could sign with any team at any time. But he also appears committed to Boston as a community and to the Bruins as a team. As the free agent signing period began, Chara indicated that he wanted to keep playing for the B's.

It is not a question of whether Chara could play somewhere in the NHL. Obviously, he could. There are a number of teams that would sign him up for a season or two. But it seems as if he wants to continue playing for the Bruins. For whatever reason, the B's have not been that quick to sign him. A final answer is coming shortly.