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101st Anniversary of the Great Molasses Flood in Boston’s North End

by NorthEndWaterfront.com

January 15th is the anniversary of the Great Molasses Flood of 1919 in Boston’s North End. The United States Industrial Alcohol Company constructed a faulty 50-foot high steel tank in 1918 on Commercial Street near where Langone Park is located today. Twenty-one people were killed and another 150 injured when the tank ruptured and exploded.

A huge wave of the syrupy brown liquid moved down Commercial Street at a speed of 35 mph over two blocks destroying all in its path. In today’s dollars, the property damage is estimated at over \$100 million. Purity Distilling Company, a subsidiary of U.S. Industrial Alcohol Company, built the tank, 50 feet high and 90 feet wide.

The tragedy in the densely populated, largely Italian-

American immigrant North End neighborhood at the time, was initially believed to be the result of a terrorist act. Taking advantage of the anti-Italian sentiment at the time, company attorneys for the tank-owner tried to blame sabotage by political anarchists. The resulting investigation and legal hearings — involving 125 lawsuits — was the longest up until then in the history of the Massachusetts court system. It ended in 1926 with a conclusive judgment: the tank had been improperly designed in the first instance and its failure was due entirely to structural weakness, not to a terrorist attack.

A 2016 research study on the Great Molasses Flood of 1919 in Boston’s North End says that January’s cold weather made the molasses extra deadly. The cooling increased the thickness

of the sweet syrup, making it incredibly hard to escape.

The disaster brought nationwide attention to the lack of industrial safety standards. Complaints of cracks and leaks in the tank were literally covered with brown paint by the company that initially said anarchists blew up the tank. Later, a lengthy class action lawsuit brought forward damaging evidence resulting in a settlement of \$600,000 (\$11 million in today’s dollars). Although Purity used the molasses for industrial alcohol, some hypothesize that the tank was overfilled because of the prohibition threat for possible use later to distill rum. Neighborhood folklore has it that you can smell the ill-sweet remains in the summer’s hottest weather. (Sources: Wikipedia, Mass Moments, Wired)

Last year, for the 100th anniversary of the Molasses Flood, there were a number of events in the North End, including a commemoration event with residents and dignitaries form-



Firemen in molasses
(Photo by Leslie Jones, Boston Public Library)
See more at the Boston Public Library’s Flickr gallery.

ing a human circle where the tank once stood. Read more on NorthEndWaterfront.com cover-

age over the years of the flood by searching the tag: Great Molasses Flood.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Deval Patrick Looks to Future and Past

Is Deval Patrick a moderate or a progressive? It depends who you ask, but the former Massachusetts governor says the party should ditch the labels altogether. I think the party is a party of big ideas that work. “And I think, increasingly, I think a moderate seems to be a progressive who actually gets results,” Patrick said during an interview last week. “We’re having a lot of conversations about universal healthcare. We worked on that here. So apparently I’m a moderate because we actually accomplished it, or are accomplishing it. I don’t think any of the labels really work.”

Iranian Missile Attack Pathetic

While the Democrats were off the rails thinking President Trump was about to start World War III, nothing of the sort happened or was ever going to happen.

While Democrats paint a picture of Trump as Dr. Strangelove, our president was acting as smart as a fox making Biden, Warren, and Sanders look like road kill.

Too bad the Democrats are still suffering from that anti-Trump Derangement Disorder. The Democrats up at the House on Capitol Hill are running around carrying their heads in their hands as usual.

Covington Student Gets CNN to Settle Lawsuit

Last week, it was announced that CNN-TV quietly settled a lawsuit on behalf of student Nick Sandman from the Covinton Catholic prep school in Kentucky. Remember when the Fake Media took on those high school students, many wearing MAGA hats, and painted a picture depicting this group of young people

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New Anti-Robocall Laws Protects Consumers

by MAConsumerAffairs

In recent years, robocalls have disturbed, cheated, and scammed constituents, stealing nearly \$1 billion from consumers in 2018 alone. Scam callers may pose as various government agencies or other organizations requesting money, personal information and other data in hopes to steal from or harm the person on the other line.

In December 2019, there were 147.3 million robocalls made to people nationwide per day. Massachusetts consumers alone received 1.6 million spam calls per day. It’s very likely that you have answered a robocall at some point. Robocalls have become not only a consumer nuisance, but also an extremely dangerous practice, as your private information and hard-earned money can potentially end up in the hands of someone with malicious intentions.

The Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation hosted the New England State Symposium on Robocalls with Governor Charlie Baker, Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy, and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Ajit Pai in November 2019. A panel of industry experts led an important discussion on what is being done at the federal, state and local level to combat robocalls.

Just a few days into 2020, the Federal Government signed new anti-robocall legislation

into law, dubbed the TRACED act. The legislation aims to counter robocalls in its mission to protect consumers. While completely ending robocalls will be difficult, here is how the TRACED act protects you from fraud and theft:

- The act requires phone companies to create processes or systems to recognize calls and block them before they can reach you, the consumer. Phone companies must also block calls without charging you extra for these services. Instead of ringing through to your phone, the calls will go straight to voicemail. Some phone companies have already initiated and implement processes to reduce spam calling to consumers.
- While the law has provisions to protect the consumer directly, it also does so indirectly, through its empowerment of the FCC. The FCC is given stronger enforcement ability, allowing an increased financial penalties for robocall abusers. Furthermore, it gives the FCC greater jurisdiction to apprehend scammers and extend the state of limitations by up to four years.
- Finally, the law empowers the Department of Justice to deliver stronger criminal prosecutions to scammers after receiving appropriate evidence from the FCC.

As these new laws and regulations are being implemented, you may still receive scam

calls. Do not share any personal information or money with callers without appropriate verification. Be sure to report any suspicious phone calls to the FCC or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). You can find more information about consumer protection and reporting by visiting the FTC’s consumer information web page <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0259-robocalls>, or the FCC’s consumer guide on robocalls <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/stop-unwanted-robocalls-and-texts>.

If you have additional questions, contact the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation by calling our Consumer Hotline at 617-973-8787, or toll-free in MA at 888-283-3757, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Follow the Office on Facebook and Twitter, @Mass_Consumer.


The Baker-Polito Administration’s Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation along with its five agencies work together to achieve two goals: to protect and empower consumers through advocacy and education, and to ensure a fair playing field for Massachusetts businesses. The Office also oversees the state’s vehicular and customized wheelchair Lemon Laws and Arbitration Programs, Data Breach reporting, Home Improvement Contractor Programs, and the MA Do Not Call Registry.

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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



The War of the Titans

The “Titanomachia,” or War of the Titans, was brought about mainly because of the attitude that Cronus had developed toward his sons and daughters. We remember Cronus as the leader of the Titans who swallowed the first five of his six children at birth because he was warned that he would be overthrown by one of his offspring. Zeus, the sixth child, was not swallowed because a large stone was substituted in his stead. Later Zeus succeeded in getting Cronus to drink a potion which contained a powerful emetic. This caused the stone to become disgorged, and it was followed by the five brothers and sisters of Zeus. Opposition to the rule of the Titans was started by Zeus, who convened a meeting on Mt. Olympus. He announced that anyone who aided him in overthrowing the Titans would be permitted to reign as a god until the end of time.

Styx, a goddess who dwelt in a lofty grotto at the entrance to Hades, was the first to pledge her support of Zeus. She also pledged the support of her four children, whose names were Bia (Force), Cratos (Strength), Nike (Victory), and Zelus (Emulation). Prometheus (the savior of man-



A first century AD head of a Cyclops from the Roman Colosseum

kind) aligned himself with Zeus, as did all of the Olympian gods. All of the Titans except Oceanus supported Cronus. They took their position in the Othrys Mountains of Southern Thessaly and the forces of Zeus occupied Mt. Olympus, about fifty miles to the north. The broad plain between these two mountains became the scene of a gigantic battle which continued for ten years without either side gaining a victory. Finally,

in desperation, Zeus sought the advice of Grandmother Gaea. She advised aid from the Hecatoncheires (hundred-handed monsters) and the Cyclopes whom Cronus had previously imprisoned in the dungeons of Hades. Zeus immediately went to the lower world, slewed the dragon that was guarding these dungeons and released the prisoners.

The liberated Gargantuan creatures stormed onto the plains; their thunder, lightning, and great strength provided just the added power that was necessary to gain a victory for Zeus. Those defeated Titans were then hurled down into Hades and enclosed within walls of brass. The hundred-handed monsters were designated to be their relentless jailers for the rest of time. Atlas, a secondary Titan, was punished by being forced to hold the heavens upon his shoulders for all of eternity.

Contrary to a popular belief, Atlas was not required to hold the earth.

NEXT WEEK:
Atlas, Other Versions

Res Publica

by David Trumbull



Trump Has Our Back

A little more than a year into Trump’s presidency I had dinner with a friend who is the pastor of a church in the Reform tradition, but who came from the Evangelical tradition. I’m a Catholic, so our combined experiences cover most of the Christian experience in America. We were talking about how clueless the media is about Trump and his appeal. My friend noted that the media doesn’t understand why Evangelicals support Trump. I responded, “I can sum it up in one word, ‘Cy’” and my friend responded with, “rus.” We were referring to Cyrus the Great, the Sixth Century B.C. king of Persia who released the Jews from their Babylonian captivity, returned them to their homeland, decreed that the temple in Jerusalem be rebuilt, and provided the money to build it. You can read the account in the Bible, in verses one through eight of the first chapter of the Book of Ezra, as well as several favorable mentions in the Book of Isaiah.

There is no record, not even a hint that Cyrus became a worshipper of the God of the Jews. His policy of religious tolerance was applied across his empire to all religions. He took the golden temple vessels that the Babylonians had seized from the Jerusalem temple and returned them to the Jews, but there is also an account of his paying for the restoration of a Babylonia idol. In short, he seems to have understood that the best way to rule a multi-ethnic empire with many religions was to be the guarantor of freedom to any and all religions. He wasn’t a Jew, but as we say, he had their back. In fact, according to the Bible, he was chosen by God.

Fast forward about 850 years to the Year of Our Lord 313. That’s when the persecuted Christians in the Roman Empire gained their freedom of religion. Emperor Constantine the Great issued the Edict of Milan which, like Cyrus’ policy, established freedom of religion in the Empire for all faiths. In the Eastern Church Constantine is recognized as a saint. In the Western Church he is highly revered, but not officially recognized as a saint. His personal life was hardly saintly, he had his wife and child murdered, and was otherwise cruel when he believed the situation called for cruelty. Perhaps his knowledge that governing the Empire would require ruthless acts was why he delayed Christian Baptism until he was on his deathbed (Baptism washes away all sins). During his life, Constantine was favorable to Christians, but he was not one himself and — he had their back.

In 2012, President Obama pushed for an Obamacare mandate that if enforced in the way he wanted would have forced the closure of Catholic and many Protestant hospitals and schools. It was clearly unconstitutional, but the legal battles alone would likely have been crippling to faith institutions. In response, here in heavily Catholic Boston Cardinal O’Malley urged us to pray:

“Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus. We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; by your grace may we have the courage to defend them for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land. We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

Many people of various religions in American believe that prayer may have been answered on November 8, 2016. Is President Trump my idea of a good example of Christian living? No. He doesn’t have to be one of us to have our back.

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Docket No. MI19P6448EA

Estate of
PAULINE MANN
Date of Death: November 18, 2019

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Gail S. Mann of Belmont, MA.**
Gail S. Mann of Belmont, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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The Trial Court
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Middlesex Division
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Docket No. MI19P5716EA

Estate of
MARINA M. KLUTER
Also Known As
MARINA MARKOS KLUTER
Date of Death: July 17, 2019

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Stephanie K. Rael of Pittsburgh, PA,** Petitioner **Andrew R. Kluter of Alameda, CA,** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Stephanie K. Rael of Pittsburgh, PA, Andrew R. Kluter of Alameda, CA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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In the Matter of
RABAA HUSSEIN ALHADY
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Rabaa Hussein Alhady of Watertown, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Rabaa Hussein Kansour.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 10, 2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, **HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,**
First Justice of this Court
Date: January 13, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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OUR POLICY: To help preserve the ideals and sacred traditions of this our adopted country the United States of America: To revere its laws and inspire others to respect and obey them: To strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty: In all ways to aid in making this country greater and better than we found it.

Adelaide “Smoki” Bacon



Adelaide “Smoki” Bacon of Beacon Hill passed away peacefully of on December 27, 2019, at the age of 91, after a battle with Alzheimers, surrounded by her family.

She was the daughter of the late Alfred L. Ginepra and Ruth D. Burns Ginepra of Brookline, MA and the sister of the late Alfred L. Ginepra, Jr. Smoki was the wife of Ed Bacon from 1957 until his death in 1974, after which she married Dick

Concannon in 1979, to whom she remained married until his death in 2018. Smoki is survived by her two daughters, Brooks Bacon of New York, NY, and Hilary Bacon Gabrieli, and her son-in-law, Christopher Gabrieli of Boston, MA. Smoki also leaves behind five grandchildren, John, Abigail, Pauline, Lilla, and Nicholas Gabrieli of Boston, MA, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Smoki was a fixture of Boston civic life, serving on more than 119 volunteer committees and boards, from the Red Cross to the Urban League to the Boston Symphony Orchestra. As an activist, Smoki stood up for those without power, fighting for civil rights and school desegregation, organizing protests against the Vietnam War, and serving on the fundraising committee for the Equal Rights Amendment. A legendary hostess, Smoki hosted everyone from Bobby Seale to the Queen of England. In the workplace, Smoki overcoming rampant sexism, serving as a scientific illustrator who sketched the conceptual drawings for the forerunner of the internet and helping illustrate the missing minutes of the Watergate tapes.

Smoki was the life of every party, the star of every show, and at the center of every fray. She will be remembered as a fighter, activist, and adoring grandmother who loved playing cards, debating politics, and bringing people together for each of her incredible adventures.

A Memorial Service will be held in the summer. Donations in Smoki’s memory may be made to: Boston Landmarks Orchestra, <https://www.landmarksorchestra.org/donate/donate-now/>, 617-987-2000; or the Every Voice Coalition of students against sexual violence, EveryVoiceMA.org, 617-455-5709.

For online condolences, visit: www.bostonharborsidehome.com

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- Due to space considerations, we request that letters not exceed two double-spaced, type-written pages.
- This newspaper reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar and taste and to limit the number of letters published from any one person or organization.
- Deadline for submission is 12:00 noon on the Monday prior to the Friday on which the writer wishes to have the material published. Submission by the deadline does not guarantee publication.

**Send letter to: Pamela Donnaruma, Editor,
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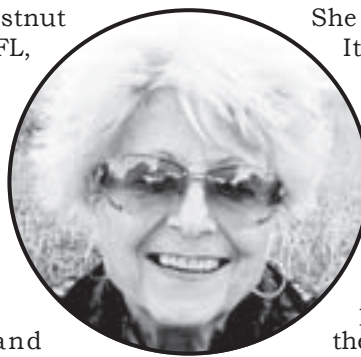
Franca Franzaroli

Franca Franzaroli of Chestnut Hill, MA, and Delray Beach, FL, age 87, Jan. 8, 2020.

Devoted mother of Leo, Richard, Judith, and Susan Locke. Loving grandmother of Juliana Locke, Nathaniel Locke, Joia Locke, and Luca Campbell. She also leaves her long-term companion, Michael Laurano.

Franca was founder and namesake of the successful Boston-based tour company, Donna Franca Tours. Specializing in custom and group travel programs to Italy, the company has been in operation for more than 50 years. Franca served as president until her passing.

For her economic contributions to Italy, Franca was conferred the title of Cavaliere by the President of the Republic of Italy. For her charitable work in the country, she was given the title of Countess of Sant’ Agata.



She was also active in Boston’s Italian-American community and known in the area for her philanthropy, especially in the area of education for young children. Above all, Franca profoundly loved her family.

She will be missed for her contagious smile and endless passion for life. She lived it to the fullest and made an impact on everyone she knew.

Visiting hours were on Tuesday, January 14th, at the Andrew J. Magni & Son Funeral Home, Newton, MA. Funeral Mass was on Wednesday, January 15th at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, Newton, MA. Entombment follow at Newton Cemetery.

Donations in Franca’s name may be made to: Italian Home for Children, 1125 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

Free Estate Planning Workshop

Hosted by the Nazzaro Center

Estate planning is a topic people tend to put off or ignore, but it’s also one of the most important things you’ll ever do. Properly plan-ning your estate helps prepare a secure future for yourself and for generations to come. Together we’ll learn much more about estate planning, including what to consider when creating a will, the benefits of trusts in estate planning, how to reduce estate taxes, and how insurance can help protect your family.

Please join us for our presentation, Preparing Your Estate Plan on Thursday, January 23rd at 12:00 p.m., at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet St., North End, Boston

An estate-planning attorney, Jessica Demmerly from Pabian & Russel, LLC. will be available to answer your questions.

Appetizers and refreshments will be served.

RSVP Zeljka at 617-227-1306 or zeljka.numeric@edwardjones.com, no later than Tuesday, January 21st. You are welcome to bring guests.

Renowned Organist Leonardo Ciampa

To Perform Concert of Italian Organ Music

On Sunday, January 26th, from 3:00-4:00 p.m., at St. Leonard Church, internationally renowned organist Leonardo Ciampa will perform a concert of Italian organ music, showcasing the church’s new pipe organ. Installed last spring by the Peragallo Pipe Organ Company of New Jersey, the organ contains over 1,000 pipes.

Ciampa has played organ recitals in important cathedrals and basilicas in Italy, Austria, Germany, and Switzerland. Last October, he performed a concert of his own compositions at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, the largest church in the Western Hemisphere. Yet of all these concerts, Ciampa’s upcoming performance at St. Leonard has deep meaning for him. He is dedicating the concert in loving memory of his grandparents, Carmine Ciampa (1890-1956) and Maria Ciampa (1893-1981), who joined St. Leonard’s Parish exactly 100 years ago. “My grandparents arrived in Ellis Island in 1920,” Mr. Ciampa explains. “They came directly to Boston and lived on Snow Hill Street. However, my grandfather’s older brother Giuseppe had already been living in that house for 15 years. Giuseppe arrived in the North End back in 1902. He met Maria De Pasquale in Boston and married her in 1905 at St. Leonard Church. The celebrant was Fr. Alphonsus Parziale. They were married and lived on Snow Hill Street. My grandparents moved into that same house in 1920. In 1921, they had a twins, one of whom was Fred Ciampa, who became a famous sportswriter in Boston. Uncle Fred was baptized at St. Leonard. After that my grandparents moved to East Boston, where I was born. However, Giuseppe and Maria remained in the North End and had nine children in that same house. The three youngest were Lina, Evelyn, and Josie Ciampa. They were quite a trio! They were well known throughout the North End. Their entire lives they lived on Snow Hill Street and attended St. Leonard. They were huge fans of mine, attending most of my concerts. I regret only that they did not live to see the stunning restoration of St. Leonard and hear the new organ.”

The meticulous restoration of St. Leonard was spearheaded by Fr. Antonio Nardoanni. He arrived at St. Leonard in 2004, a challenge time in the parish’s



history. The North End parishes had recently been reconfigured, causing much tension. The buildings and grounds were in deplorable condition, with little money in the bank to fix them. Over the course of 15 years, Fr. Antonio raised more than \$6 million, insisting that \$3.5 million of it be used to restore the church interior. The new pipe organ was made possible by the generosity of Carol and Nick Ferreri, and family.

“I was stunned,” Ciampa recalls. “All too often when a church wants to do a quoteunquote ‘restoration,’ they get someone’s cousin to throw some paint around. When I walked into the restored church, I just couldn’t believe it. It was as beautiful as any church I have ever seen in Italy. What an astonishing restoration they carried out, and much of the credit really goes to Fr. Antonio. He really did not want to cut corners on the church interior. We now have a beautiful building that tourists and parishioners alike can walk into and have their jaws drop.” Fr. Nardoanni left St. Leonard at the end of 2019. The new pastor is Fr. Michael Della Penna, who was born and raised in the North End.

Ciampa’s concert will feature six centuries of music by Italian composers — everything from a piece by Andrea Gabrieli written in the 1500s, to a piece by Fabio Pietro Di Tullio composed last August. Ciampa will feature compositions that would have been heard in an Italian church in 1920. Ciampa will also perform a couple of his own compositions, including a fantasy on “Quel Mazzolin de’ Fiori.” “My cousin Lina told me it was my grandmother’s favorite song. So I wrote it in honor of my grandparents. I played it as an encore at a concert at the Basilica of Santa Prassede in Rome. But this will be the first time I perform it in the United States.”

Admission to the concert is free. St. Leonard Church is located on 320 Hanover Street in Boston’s North End, on the corner of Hanover and Prince Streets.

Contact information: Juan Mesa, Director of Music, St. Leonard of Port Maurice Parish, 320 Hanover Street, Boston mesaja@gmail.com 617-523-2110; Leonardo Ciampa, 160 Fremont Street #302, Worcester leonardociampa@gmail.com 617-913-8647.



L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore
Over the Moon!

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Every January, I look forward to a certain kind of dark and still night. During a night like this, a mystical hush infuses the air, as if the whole Earth stands holding its breath, interrupted only by quiet wafts of chilly wind. Gray clouds scuttle across the dusky sky, obscuring the stars. I hear the gurgling of melting snow as it rushes down the drainage system, a sound indicative of the frequent January thaws and the cyclical turning of the year. Indeed, the sensation of the coming spring permeates this night, as only short hours before the sky had been a jewel-like hue of deep blue. However, the sight which makes me shiver with the most awe on this night is the full moon suspended above me. She glows with a pearly white incandescence as she winks from behind the passing clouds, adding to the enigmatic mood of the evening. Seeing such a moon reminds me of all the reasons why this heavenly orb resonates so strongly with me: her mysterious beauty, her link to powerful femininity, even her patronage of my zodiac sign, Cancer. The January moon has always been particularly meaningful for me, as she brims with the energy of the new year and forms an elegant and radiant counterpoint to the dark winter skies. She carries the anticipation of the spring, much in the same way as women-centered January holidays like St. Agnes’s Day. In all of manifestations and stages, the moon has captured the attention of societies worldwide, boasting her own slew of folklore and superstitions.

In part, my love from the moon appears woven into my DNA, a characteristic of my Italian heritage. When I was a child, my dad would fre-

quently sing a catchy pop hit he remembered from his Italian boyhood, whose lyrics intoned: “La luna, la luna, ti porterà fortuna” — meaning “the moon will bring you luck.” Several Roman deities, the majority of them women, presided over the moon. Diana, the forest-dwelling huntress, was associated with the crescent moon, perhaps because it resembled the shape of her bow. The darker side of the moon belonged to the goddess Trivia, most commonly known by her Greek name Hecate, who ruled over witchcraft, crossroads, and all the spooky aspects of night. Finally, the goddess Luna served as the very personification of the moon, and her name lent itself to the Italian name for “moon.” Contemporary Italians still include mentions of the moon in their folklore, especially in the realm of superstition. The most famous Italian moon-related superstition, also repeated frequently in the United States, declares that the full moon exerts an influence over human behavior, encouraging romance but also lunacy. In fact, the word “lunacy” shares the same root as “luna.” Italians also whisper stories of the *lupo mannaro*, or werewolf, who changes into a frightening beast under the full moon. Sundry moon superstitions include cutting one’s hair during a waxing moon, to ensure that it will grow back lusciously as the moon gets bigger, and that pointing at the moon is considered rude and unlucky. These pieces of lore speak to moon’s immense cultural significance.

One January holiday in particular boasts the same sense of magic and mystery I associate with the moon. January 21st is St. Agnes’s Day, or *la Festa di Sant’Agnese*

in Italian, honoring a Roman virgin and martyr killed in the early fourth century. By sheer chance, this year the full moon and St. Agnes’s Day coincide! In Italy, this feast is linked to lambs, possibly because of the similarity between the name *Agnese* and the Italian word for lamb, *agnello*. Every year, the Pope blesses two lambs brought to Rome on January 21st specifically for the feast of St. Agnes. Significantly, sheep begin birthing lambs and commence the process of lactation around the middle of January. Therefore, *la Festa di Sant’Agnese* is one of those January holidays that looks ahead to the promise of spring, that honors rebirth and the new life blossoming under the winter snow. However, in addition to livestock, old St. Agnes’s Day celebrations sparkled with enchantment and secrets. In the England of yore, the eve of St. Agnes’s Day was set apart for romantic divination. Since St. Agnes is the patron of young women, girls would seize this opportunity to perform a plethora of charms in order to dream about their future spouse. These charms involved mysterious activities such ranging from silently walking backwards to bed, baking a cake at night without uttering a word, or repeating a magical rhyme while throwing grain into the soil. The romantic, supernatural nature of St. Agnes’s Day perfectly accentuates the frigid, moonlit nights of January, when the moon illuminates the shadowy skies and hints at the spring to come.

Though she is often eclipsed by the warm and fiery sun, the moon provides us with a unique blend of mystical beauty and starry-eyed magic. She is a prominent figure in folklore and mythology, having long amazed people with her changing faces and powerful nocturnal presence. Wielding the mighty ability to affect tides but gentle enough to form lacy patterns of moonlight through the bare winter tree branches, the moon continues to enjoy her place in superstition, as people still repeat tales of her influence on human behavior. I encourage everyone to take time out of their busy lives to glance at moon in all her splendor — whether she stands as a full white orb, or a glimmering sliver in the sky, or shyly peeks behind slate-colored clouds. One of my favorite moon moments was years ago, when I was driving back home with my mother after visiting my grandmother. As we passed a lake whose waters gleamed like polished glass in the nighttime, we immediately noticed an enormous full moon suspended in the sky, sending her spangles of light flitting across the tranquil waters. This moment reminded me that there is still so much beauty, magic and mystery in our world, which will only continue to be revealed as the winter melts into the renewed life of spring.

Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz is a high school history teacher. She appreciates any comments and suggestions about Italian holidays and folklore at adicenso89@gmail.com.

THINKING
OUT LOUD

by Sal Giaratani

Stop Playing Games with Impeachment

The Democrats are fresh from ramming a clearly unconstitutional impeachment inquiry through the House chambers and writing up two articles of impeachment, one for abuse of power over a phone call and the other for obstruction of Congress, which is even sillier.

For weeks, when the House was rushing everything Trump, U.S. Representative Adam Schiff and U.S. Representative Jerry Nadler were flying faster than the Flash because it was so urgent to get President Trump booted out of office for the sake of our democracy. Then, the articles of impeachment are passed and now Speaker Pelosi has decided to slow everything down to a crawl. She is now more concerned about telling the Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell how to properly put together his Senate Trial so that we can reach the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. She is afraid that if she does hold onto the articles, the GOP led Senate will hold a show trial. Apparently, she has already forgotten the House investigation sham where Trump is considered guilty until proven innocent. Due Process for the Senate but apparently not for the House! Talk about hypocrisy!

I believe that the U.S. Senate should begin by using the same scenario that was used

by the Senate back in 1999, when President Clinton was impeached by the House. Wait for the evidence to show up and if witnesses are needed, call them at that time, but not at the start of the Senate’s proceedings. Speaker Pelosi has no business telling the Senate how to do its job.

As far as I am concerned, this whole thing should be about the process as required by the Constitution and not partisan politics. It is time for Pelosi to turn over the work of the House to the Senate so we can move on with the process. How long can Pelosi hold up the works? Who knows? However, she is making a crass mockery of our form of government when politics replaces the process.

I don’t believe the Senate will find Trump guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors because the House inquiry didn’t find any. Just because you don’t like how President Trump operates doesn’t mean it’s a high crime.

The longer this political game goes on, the better things are looking for the president. His poll numbers are actually rising while the Democrats keep looking pretty badly as we prepare for the upcoming primary season.

Bottom Line: Democrats need to start telling us why any of us should be taking a serious look at any Democrat still in the race. Instead of bashing Trump, candidates need to start telling us why each of them deserves our vote.

Actually, most of us knew from the day following the 2016 presidential election that Democrats would try blaming anyone but themselves for President Trump being sworn in on January 20, 2017.

Trump’s real crime had to be being elected in the first place, which is why the Democrats fell off the cliff and took their sanity along for the ride.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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208 Cambridge Street
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Docket No. MI20P0081EA

Estate of
JUDITH NELL SWASEY
Also Known As
JUDITH N. SWASEY
Date of Death: December 20, 2019

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 Jessica M. Padden of Southern Pines, NC requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that Jessica M. Padden of Southern Pines, NC 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 February 05, 2020.
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: January 08, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/17/2020

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Docket No. MI20P0180EA

Estate of
VALERIE A. BABAR
Also Known As
VALERIE A. PANDOLPH
Date of Death: October 5, 2019

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner David J. Pandolph of Methuen, MA.
David J. Pandolph of Methuen, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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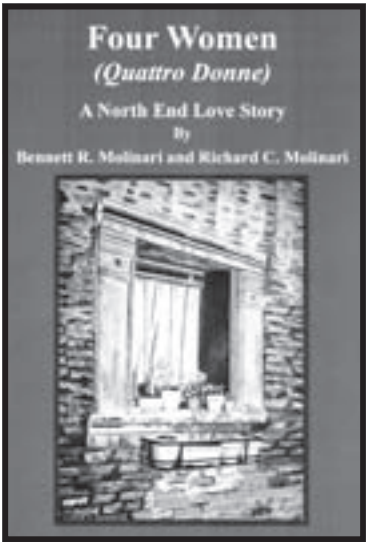
Introducing a new book by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari,
lifelong residents of the North End, entitled:
Four Women “Quattro Donne”
subtitle, **A North End Love Story**

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

East Boston in the 1940s was like the North End, a population totally made up of Italians. It was unlike the North End because of its rural quality. This was the result of the wooden houses as opposed to the red brick tenements found in the North End, and the amazing produce gardens that were a part of every double and triple decker house. The gardens often abutting each other, creating mini farms.

Elena was an earthy woman, rough around the edges, with survival instincts honed out of a need to support her eight children. Her husband, Gaetano, loved tending their garden. He was never able to find a job that paid enough to support the family, leaving it up to resourceful Elena, a true daughter of Naples. The two sisters were opposite in every way. Grandma was petite, reserved in dress and manner. Elena was heavysset with a grease-splattered apron permanently wrapped around her waist. She had an outgoing personality that made her loved by the neighbors. She was courted by politicians who knew for a favor, they could count on Elena to swing neighborhood votes in their direction. She was a favorite of Boston’s legendary Mayor Curly, making it a point to stand curbside with her eight children, whenever he paraded through the neighborhood. She would gesture and shout to the mayor, reassuring him that in an election, she could deliver votes.

Elena had a dog named Skipper, a German Shepherd that wandered into her backyard and never left. Elena never knew its former owner, she figured he must have been a crook because of a peculiar trick that Skipper performed. Whenever Elena took the dog into a grocery store, Skipper would gingerly open his mouth, quickly glance around, making certain he was not being observed, and scoop into his mouth whatever was available. He could even handle eggs without breaking them. At first, Elena scolded the dog and tried



to break him of his habit, but he wouldn’t obey, so she figured, what the hell, he could help feed the family.

Elena and Gaetano lived on Paris Street with their eight children in a rundown house, that seemed on the verge of collapse. The house was a hotbed

of activity with people coming and going. Children, friends, and neighbors came and went throughout the day and into the night. It was the backyard that made the house so amazing. Every inch of their tiny yard was covered with plants. There was a section for tomatoes, another for green beans and peppers in the rear by the fence. You passed into the garden through an enormous arbor of grapes destined to become wine in the autumn. Under the arbor, stood a battered table covered with a checkered red oilcloth surrounded by four or five battered chairs. Food was constantly present. It seemed to magically appear, get devoured by someone or something and again reappear. Crockery pitchers filled with peaches soaked in homemade red wine never seemed to run dry. Old wooden wine barrels scented the garden from vintages of past years. They were piled up aside the house waiting to be filled once again in autumn.

Four Women “Quattro Donne” is available at R. Del Gaudio Gift Shop, 17 North Square, North End, (617-227-5915), adjoining the Paul Revere House; Barbara’s Bestsellers, South Station (857-263-8737); Post-Gazette, 5 Prince Street, North End, (617-227-8929); lulu.com; molinaridesign.net; Amazon.com; BarnesandNoble.com.

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Docket No. MI19D2085DR
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EMILY WILDER
vs.
SEBASTIAN WILDER
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Nancy F. Baskin, Esq., Baskin Kershner & Thorp, LLC, 745 Boylston St., Suite 400, Boston, MA 02116 your answer, if any, on or before February 18, 2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 14, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/17/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Docket No. MI20P0041GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
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PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
In the matter of
LAURA A. DAVIDSON
of Framingham, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Brian D. Davison of Framingham, MA, Cynthia D. Davison of Framingham, MA, in the above captioned matter alleging that **Laura A. Davison** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Brian D. Davison of Framingham, MA, Cynthia D. Davison of Framingham, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **February 04, 2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
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Saint Mechtilde

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Mechtilde also known as Matilda von Hackeborn-Wippa, was born into one of the noblest and most powerful families in Thuringia (German State); in 1240 or 1241. Her sister was the illustrious Abbess Gertrude of Hackeborn. Mottled became a nun at Rodersdorf, Switzerland. She moved to the Helfta monastery in 1258 where her sister served as abbess. As a nun, Mechtilde was soon distinguished for her humility, her fervor, and her extreme amiability and piety which had characterized her from childhood.

She joined the convent and eventually became the headmistress of the convent school. Mechtilde was employed in the convent looking after the library, illuminating scripts, and writing her own texts in Latin. Mechtilde wrote many prayers.

In 1261, the abbess committed to her care a child of five who was destined to shed fame upon the monastery of Helfta. This was Gertrude who in later generations became known as St. Gertrude the Great. Mechthilde and Gertrude of Helfta, became ardent devotees and promoters of Jesus' Heart after it was the Subject of many of their visions.

Mechtilde had a great gift for understanding and writing Latin and became famous for her musical talents. She was gifted with a beautiful voice and was called the "Nightingale of Helfta." Learned Dominicans consulted her on spiritual matters. It may have been from St. Mechtilde that St. Gertrude the Great discovered that the many gifts she possessed were from God.

At the age of 50, Mechtilde went through a spiritual crisis when she learned that two nuns in whom she had especially confided had written of the spiritual favors granted her. After much prayer, she had a vision of Christ holding in His Hand the book of her revelations, and saying: "All this has been committed to writing by My Will and Inspiration; and, therefore you have no cause to be troubled about it." He also told her that He wished this book to be called *The Book of Special Grace*, because it would prove such too many. When she understood that the book would tend to God's Glory, she stopped being troubled, and even corrected the manuscript herself. Some authorities believe that St. Gertrude the Great co-authored it. Immediately after her death, it was made public, and copies were rapidly distributed.

Boccaccio tells how, a few years after the death of Mechtilde, the book of her revelations was brought to Florence and popularized under the title of *La Laude di donna Matelda*. Promoting the devotion to the Divine Mercy of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She May have been the inspiration for the character Matelda in Dante's Purgatorio.

Mechtilde passed away on November 19, and although she was never formally canonized, the Benedictine convents have permission from the Church to celebrate her feast on November 16th.

The Real Christopher Columbus Story

by Carol Delaney, Ph.D.

The following excerpt is taken from Anthropologist Carol Delaney, Ph.D., book *Columbus Quest for Jerusalem*. Part two of a six part series.

PART II
THE VOYAGE

Columbus met Isabella in May 1486. She was clearly taken with him. She, too, was partial to the Franciscans, and was also interested in the recovery of Jerusalem, as her grandfather and uncle had made that pilgrimage. She was quick to agree with Columbus's plan because the Pope had given to Portugal all the land along the coast of Africa [as well as the right to enslave any Muslims or pagans they encountered.] That decree is known as *Romanus Pontifex*.

Isabella submitted Columbus's proposal to a committee for further study. It would be a long wait. During this time, Columbus met Beatriz de Harana. Though the daughter of peasants she was educated and could read and write — qualities that appealed to Columbus. They soon became a couple and in 1488, their son Ferdinand was born.

In 1490, the Commission rejected Columbus's proposal. So did a second commission. Columbus had been waiting six years and thinking about his project for a decade. He decided to go to France and was already on the road when a confidant of the Queen rushed to find him and brought him back telling Isabella she was losing a great opportunity at little cost.

She signed the papers in April 1492, and told the people of Palos to prepare ships for the voyage. As you know these were the *Nina*, the *Pinta*, and the *Santa Maria*.

Once underway Columbus began to keep a diary — very unusual at the time, since not all sailors could write, and even



if they could, they jotted down only wind, direction, and speed. At the beginning of the diary, he recapitulated his understanding of the voyage. He wrote that he hoped to meet the person who "is called the Grand Kahn which means in our Spanish language "King of Kings." To see how the conversion to our Holy Faith might be undertaken because so many times he had asked for men learned in our Holy Faith in order that they might instruct him in it and how the Holy Father had never provided them; and thus so many people were lost, falling into idolatry and accepting false and harmful sects. And you commanded that I should NOT go to the East by way of land. But by the route to the West, by which route we do not know for certain that anyone previously has passed."

The purpose of the voyage was to set up a **trading post** to obtain gold and spices that would finance the crusade. There was absolutely **no intention** of enslaving or killing the people belonging to the greatest empire in the world.

Finally, on August 3, 1492, the small fleet slipped away from Palos into the unknown. Columbus was confident and began to think of himself as Christ-bearer, like his namesake Christopher, carrying the Christian faith across the waters. But the men were afraid

they might run out of food before they reached land and may also run into monstrous races described by Pliny.

Their anxiety increased when the rudder of the *Pinta* came loose on their way to the Canaries. Then there was an eruption of a volcano on the nearby island of Tenerife — Not good omens. But finally, they set out on the unchartered ocean and sailed due West.

Late in September, they were entangled in the Sargasso Sea and saw some birds so they thought they might be approaching land but the crew became anxious and demanded that if they did not find land within three days, they should turn around before they ran out of food. Amazingly, in the next couple of days there were more signs that they were getting close. Late at night on October 11th Rodrigo de Triana, on board the *Pinta* called out, Tierra — Land. They sat out the night in great anticipation.

Their vigil was rewarded. Early morning a veil of mist opened and Columbus and crew "saw an island ... full of green trees and abounding in springs with a large lagoon in the middle." Columbus was relieved: he had crossed the ocean no one thought possible and done so in 33 days — a feat that few sailors in small boats have surpassed — and had instinctively chosen the route that such sailors continue to follow.

October 12th is the date that Columbus wrote in his Diary **but** — he was using the Julian calendar whereas we use the Gregorian which was not adopted until 1582. Between the two is a difference of 10 days.

So, actually our holiday commemorates a day when he was still at sea.

Readers interested in this series may purchase *Columbus and the Quest for Jerusalem* by Carol Delaney at your local book store. If it's sold out, have them order a copy for you from Free Press — a Division of Simon & Schuster.



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Docket No. MI19P5374GD
NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of
Guardian of a Minor
In the interests of
EVA MARIE C. BLEVINE
of Stoneham, MA
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 10/24/2019 by Christina M. Racicot of Stoneham, MA, will be held 02/24/2020 08:30 AM Review Hearing Located 208 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02141
2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
4. **Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
5. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: November 29, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 1/17/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Docket No. MI18P5696EA
Estate of
EVA WALTMAN
Date of Death: March 19, 2018
NOTICE OF
INFORMAL PROBATE
G.L. c. 190B, § 3-306

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on January 14, 2019 that the Petitioner Diana M. Pereira of Plymouth, MA, Jacqueline M. Forbes of Rockport, MA intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a Petition for Informal Probate of a Will, Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve without surety on the bond Diana M. Pereira of Plymouth, MA, Jacqueline M. Forbes of Rockport, MA.

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: 1/17/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI19D4206DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
MARIE ANTONINE BEAUJOUR
vs.
VITAL VE SAINT-JUSTE

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Harvey J. Bazile, Esq., Law Office of Harvey J. Bazile, 741 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144, your answer, if any, on or before February 18, 2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: January 07, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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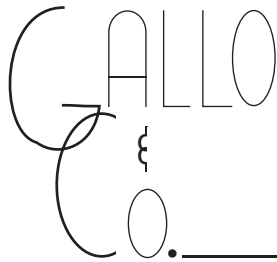
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Pet News
from the Gazette

by Marie Simboli

10 Ways You Can Help Stop Puppy Mills

1. It's all about supply and demand. If you do not buy your puppy from an internet seller or from a pet shop (where puppy-mill puppies are sold), puppy mills will go out of business.
2. Look into shelter adoption first.
3. Don't be an impulse buyer. A puppy might look cute in the window, but once you take it home you could end up with a lot more than you bargained for. With a reputable breeder, you might have to wait for a puppy to be born or to grow old enough to take home, but health guarantees are worth it.
4. If you make a decision to go with a pure-bred, try to stay local. Make sure to check the background and get references for the breeder, and visit the home where the mother dog and her puppies live to you can be sure it is an ethical breeder.
5. Speak out! Tell your friends, family, and social networks about the danger of puppy mills. Education is the best solution for most any wrong.
6. Know your state's dog breeding and selling laws. If you have a puppy from a puppy mill, know how to protect yourself and enforce the laws that are already on the books. Start here:



7. Support and recommend legislation that regulates the breeding and selling of animals.
 8. Support organizations that act as watchdogs over breeders. This can either be with your money, time (volunteering for shelters and rescue groups), or talents (writing letters, organizing events, vaccination programs).
- American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) <http://www.aspc.org/>;
Animal welfare Institute – <http://www.awi.org/>;
Animal defense fund- <http://www.aldf.org/>

9. Write to your state and federal legislators. Tell them you are disturbed by the unethical breeding practice and inhumane treatment of dogs kept in puppy mills. Use your position as a voter to insist on legislation that ensures that dogs and all animals be born and raised in healthy environments
 10. Report incidences. If you know of an unethical or abusive breeder or puppy mill operator in your area, tell your local enforcement agency. Follow up if necessary.
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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300

Docket No. SU19P2757EA

Estate of
LEE PIPER

Date of Death: September 25, 2019

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 **Dianne A. Farley of Boston, 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 **Dianne A. Farley of Boston, 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 February 11, 2020.

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. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 31, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/17/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
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Docket No. MI20P0099EA

Estate of
JOHN J. SULLIVAN, III
Also Known As
JOHN J. SULLIVAN

Date of Death: November 16, 2019

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 **June E. Conway of Waltham, 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 **June E. Conway of Waltham, 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 February 05, 2020.

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: January 08, 2020
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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

**I OPPOSE
BRINGING BACK DRAFT**

I remember when I had to sign up for Selective Service at age 18 back in 1966, while I was still a senior at English High School. Signing up meant you were placed on the draft list. I decided to join the U.S. Air Force right after graduation rather than wait for the U.S. Army to send me my draft notice. I decided if I was forced to take poison, I would choose my own first.

I am hearing all that scary news out there being pushed by the Democrat Left, the Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez wing of the party and all those #NeverTrumpers that Trump wants to restore the Draft which was ended back in 1972 by President Nixon. It isn't coming back. It is fake news by the Democratic Lefty and the Fake Media trying to turn folks against Trump. Trump doesn't support the draft and really is a NO War president unlike many Democrat presidents in the last 50 years.

Sadly, I thought the Volunteer Army would keep endless wars out of need but I was wrong. We still get involved in far too many conflicts. I am tired of endless wars, each taking the place of the previous one. Everything started back in 1991, when President George H. W. Bush orchestrated an effective air campaign, which was followed by "Operation Desert Storm," a 100-hour land war, which expelled Iraqi forces from Kuwait. Today, Americans are still fighting over in the Middle East in what appears to be an endless conflict.

I say bring our troops home and start dealing with America and its needs. Enough is enough or as they say in Italy: BASTA!
TASTE OF EASTIE 2020

Don't forget the date Thursday, January 23rd, starting at 6:00 p.m. That's when the annual Taste of Eastie takes place at the Hilton Boston Logan Airport. Tickets are avail-

able online at: www.tasteofeastie2020.everbrite.com or call 617-669-2544. BE THERE OR STAY HUNGRY!

**PELOSI SAYS
WE SHOULD APOLOGIZE
TO IRAN, SO I DID**

Dear Iran:

I'm sorry that instead of billions in cash as a sign of weakness we are sending bombs as a sign of strength. I'm sorry that we have traitor democrats and citizens like Speaker Pelosi who would turn their back on America and its citizens. Thank You, A REAL AMERICAN

I appreciate A REAL AMERICAN for forwarding on his comments to my column. Good work, keep on keeping on.
OH, POOR BABY DEPARTMENT

Recently, a Babson College staff member got himself suspended and then fired after posting on Facebook that Iran should list 52 American cultural sites it would attack. He said he was disappointed and saddened that Babson has "Decided to abruptly terminate my 15-year relationship with the college just because people willfully misinterpreted a joke I made to my friends on Facebook."

Oh, will someone give this guy a tissue? I can't stand when people try to make themselves the victim. Don't cry me a river of crocodile tears. He saw the whole thing as a matter of free speech. I believe in free discourse, too. However, I don't believe in being stupid either. Next time be more careful using Facebook.

**PARENTS FACING JAIL
OVER CHILD SUPPORT
DON'T NEED APPOINTED
COUNSEL**

Parents facing jail over non-payment of child support don't need a court appointed lawyer at hearings because determining their ability to pay is not a complicated issue, the Department of Revenue argued last week before the Supreme Judicial Court.

I haven't made up my mind on this court argument. What

do you say out there reading about this story, should lawyers be appointed or not?

**SOMETIMES THERE ARE
MOUNTAINS HIGH ENOUGH**

It appears that multi-state climate compact among North-East and Mid-Atlantic states and backed strongly by Governor Baker which would lead to a high gas fee on motorists is not going over that well with the governors of Vermont, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. If they opt out of the compact, the only place hurt will be Massachusetts because Bay Staters will vote with their pedals to the medal for gas stations over the border where this gas fee won't be in play.

Our governor is betting on the wrong horse and he better not try and get this done by avoiding our State Legislature, too.

**MEANWHILE, CHECK OUT
BUCK SEXTON WEEKNITES**

Sexton's conservative talk show airs weeknights starting at 6:00 p.m. and runs until 9:00 p.m. He has great guests. He knows his topics. He has all the facts and doesn't scream at his audience. You learn a lot because he knows a lot. He doesn't take himself too seriously and is not a stiff. He also can make you laugh which we all should do to keep from going whacko from the Crazed Democrats and their Fact News allies. Always keep those shields high and stand with Buck Sexton.

**BEWARE OF STUDENT
DRIVERS ALWAYS**

I was behind a car from a driving school with an obvious student driver at the wheel. If the speed limit is 20 mph, you can bet they are going 9 miles an hour. However, what made me laugh was that the driving school had slapped a bumper sticker on the trunk facing me that read STUDENT DRIVER but it was put on upside down! I hope the teachers teach new drivers better than they can put on a bumper-sticker.

• **News Briefs** (Continued from Page 1)

as a bunch of racists and haters. The media didn't even do its job of obtaining the facts before running with their fake narrative. The student school leader hopefully got a good chunk of change from CNN. Two other media outlets were also sued, *The Washington Post* and *NBC Universal*. I hope that Nick gets a big bite out of them, too.

This is why many folks don't trust the media. The media has

destroyed their credibility by siding with the Fake News Media Complex where one is presumed guilty until proven innocent.

**Still Can't Figure Out
Clyde Lewis and Ground Zero**

On the very evening the missiles were launched from Iran into Iraqi sites, Clyde was talking about a 4.9 earthquake hitting Iran not from a nuclear power facility. He wondered if this was just a coincidence or if Iran

is working with new kinds of weapons that could take down a plane or cause a quake. To date, the only earthquake I have been hearing about was over in Puerto Rico, not Iran. I love listening to all those conspiracy theorists spurt all their tin-hat idea

Hold on to your Patriots caps! According to the *NY Times*, on the night of that missile attack and downing an airliner by mistake, there was indeed a 4.4 magnitude earthquake near a Nuclear Power plant in Iran. Clyde Lewis was likely the first media outlet to mention the quake. Sometimes Clyde can't be figured out but sometimes he is incredibly on the mark, I guess.

Iran did indeed shoot down that Ukrainian airliner killing all on board, but it was an accidental surface to air missile, an unintended consequence of the missile attack. On board were at least 80 Iranian nationals, 63 Canadian citizens, plus other victims from across Europe.

End Quote
"Whether you think you can, or think you can't, you're right!"
— Henry Ford



**PEAKY BLINDERS –
THE OFFICIAL SOUNDTRACK
(3LP-Vinyl)
Ume**

The fifth season of the massively popular BAFTA-winning series *BBC* drama has wrapped up, and fans are aching for their next hit of "Peaky Blinders." *Ume* has responded with the release of the official soundtrack to the series. *BBC's* Birmingham-based flagship gangster drama is centered around Tommy Shelby, his family and their somewhat dubious business practices. All the songs featured in the show have been painstakingly chosen to reflect the feel of the program (the violence, the grit AND the glamour), which was inspired by a real group of gangsters in post WW1 Birmingham.

The soundtrack features a previously unreleased rendition of the show's iconic theme song, "Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds" "Red Right Hand." PJ Harvey recorded the track specifically for the show. Also on the album are Jehnnny Beth's "I'm The Man," and Anna Calvi's season five score, "You're Not God," along with Richard Hawley's (Bob Dylan) "Ballad of A Thin Man" on vinyl for the first time. The contains songs from Nick Cave, "Arctic Monkeys," "The White Stripes," "Royal Blood," "The Last Shadow Puppets," "Queens of the Stone Age," Black Sabbath, David Bowie, Laura Marling, Foals, amongst others. This 3LP sets feature music and key clips of dialogue from all five seasons of the show.

**THE ROOTS –
THINGS FALL APART
(3LP-Vinyl)
Geffen + Urban Legends**

Noting the 20th anniversary of *The Roots'* breakthrough fourth album *Things Fall Apart*, Geffen/Urban Legends has once again made it available. This gem of 2000s alternative hip-hop, was originally released on MCA Records in 1999, and has now been re-mastered and repressed in 3LP vinyl, a standard black and a limited edition crystal-clear. The Philadelphia rap crew, led by MC Tariq "Black Thought" Trotter and drummer Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson, had critical acceptance with their first three albums, 1993s *Organix*, 1995s *Do You Want More?!!!!*?, and 1996s *Illadelph Halflife*, but little mainstream success. They needed a knockout punch of an album — and their platinum-certified; No. 4-charting *Things Fall Apart* was it. The *Roots'* *Things Fall Apart* is the band's magnum opus and legitimized neo-soul and Philly bop as a force to be reckoned with in hip-hop. It catapulted *The Roots* into stardom in the process with their first Grammy win. Regarded as their breakthrough album, *The Roots'* *Things Fall Apart* was recorded during the infamous Soulquarian recordings at Electric Lady Studios resulting in legendary collaborations from the collective. With all-star features from Erykah Badu, Common, Mos Def a.k.a. Yasiin Bey, Jay Dee, DJ Jazzy Jeff, Dice Raw, Eve, Beanie Segal, Jill Scott, Lady B, and Ursula Rucker, *Things Fall Apart* received numerous acco-

lades and awards. The standard configuration features the original album, containing 18 tracks remastered on double vinyl with a third LP of ten bonus tracks curated by Questlove, including a 24-page booklet featuring rare photos, retrospective essays by Black Thought and Questlove and track-by-track liner notes from Questlove.

**ERROLL GARNER:
A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES &
CAMPUS CONCERT (CD)
Octave Remastered Series**

The Octave Re-mastered Series — an historic year-long, 12-album project featuring newly restored and expanded editions of classic Erroll Garner releases from the 1960s and 1970s — continues with the release of *A Night at the Movies* and *Campus Concert*. Each album in the series contains a newly discovered, unreleased bonus track. **A Night at the Movies:** This classic Garner album contains music from some of the last studio sessions of Garner's longest running trio, with Eddie Calhoun (bass) and Kelly Martin (drums). After nearly a decade of touring and recording together, they function here as an uncanny musical unit, deftly navigating Garner's twists and turns. Here are a dozen of his favorite deep cuts from the movies he loved. **Campus Concert:** This is the final live concert album released by Erroll Garner during his lifetime. It showcases the pianist in rare form, flanked by his classic trio and performing for an attentive and receptive audience of mostly young fans. This new edition includes a previously unreleased version of his rarely recorded "La Petite Mambo," as well as fully restored musical introductions from the original masters.

**MARTIN BARRE –
LIVE IN NYC
(DVD + 2CD)
Cleopatra Ent.**

Martin Barre best known as the lead guitarist in Jethro Tull — one of the biggest selling prog bands of all time — brings his famous guitar chops to the Big Apple in this rare concert, capturing his solo band live as they rock thru the classic hits that earned him a reputation as one of the signature axemen of his era. This deluxe collector's edition contains a concert DVD, coupled with two audio CDs of the entire concert, packaged in an eight-panel digi-pak. Barre delivers Tull treasures as "Thick As a Brick," "Locomotive Breath" and "Skating Away," along with songs from Barre's spectacular solo albums.

**THE LION KING -
SOUNDTRACK (CD)
Disney Records**

The Lion King remake marks their return with an all-new soundtrack, consisting of 19 songs with remakes and new songs as, "Circle of Life" and "Hakuna Matata" plus, "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" performed by Elton John, and Beyoncé contributes "Spirit." In addition to those gems are all the original songs performed by the new cast. Hans Zimmer, Elton John and Tim Rice composed the original music for this memorable soundtrack.

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Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



It’s hard to believe, I am now the senior person in the family. I sat with my son John’s father-in-law at Christmas dinner and we talked about the roles we are now expected to play in life. He’s a lot younger than I, and along with his wife, travel the country to visit their other children. It’s a short hop from New York (where they are from) to Boston to visit their daughter, Beth, granddaughter, Lina, son-in-law John, and the rest of us. But, his comments are the same as mine, “We are now the senior citizens.”

Being older than most and with my memory the way it works, I remember as far back as when I was in a high chair. People often ask me how I remember the stories I come up with. I really don’t know the answer; I sit down at my computer when a story is due for my column and it all comes back to me just as if it all happened yesterday. My newest memories are the result of listening to Sal DiDomenico, Sr., several years ago. After family dinners at his Cambridge home, he would sit back, fold his hands across his chest and just observe the two generations of children and grandchildren that were in front of him.

Thinking back to that conversation with Sal and the recent ones with son John’s father-in-law, I did exactly the same thing after Christmas dinner. I sat back with my hands folded across my chest and just observed the younger generations interact. Then I noticed ... son John was the head of his household, Beth, my daughter-in-law was the center of it, and my granddaughter, Lina, was the soul of it. Lina will have a brother or sister within a few months, but more about a new baby later.

As I watched the interactions of the generations, I noticed that Loretta’s brother, my brother-in-law, Mike DeVito was sitting and watching with his hands folded on his chest just as I was doing. Mike and his wife, Lin, never had children of their own, and sons John and Mike were always special. Lina is now the special one. When I mentioned my observation to Mike, he basically said the same thing I was thinking.

According to Lina, brother-in-law Mike is “Uncle Big Mike,” and son Michael is “Uncle Little Mike.” They both love the titles and accept them readily. The only things missing were the food offerings that graced the Christmas table before John and Beth’s home became the holiday meeting location. Beth is American and a mix of ethnicities found in New York. As a result, instead of antipasti, escarole soup, ravioli, sausages, and meatballs, etc ... we started with hors d’oeuvres, no soup, prime rib, mashed potatoes, creamed spinach, mixed veggies, and tossed salad. Dessert consisted mostly of cookies, brownies, and cheesecake. Loretta mixed in a dozen cannoli and that made the dinner a little bit Italian.

When we were back home, Loretta went right to bed and son Michael and I sat at the kitchen table savoring the last cup of coffee of the evening. The conversation included the baby that will be coming our way in a couple of months and then Lina and how advanced she is for a three-year-old. We both agreed that quality time is a cop-out title for not spending enough time with kids. Son John and daughter-in-law Beth have altered their social lives to spend as much time with Lina as possible. Michael then told me that he knew how Loretta and I made changes in our directions in life to deal with both his and son John’s needs and wants.

When Loretta and I were married, I was already in my late 30s and well established as an educator during the day, a musician at night and an actor whenever Hollywood called. After we were married, acting was pushed to a back burner. After the boys came along and I discovered that my wife gave birth to two jocks, music was pushed to just weekends. I wanted to make sure I was there when my boys played basketball and baseball. Then Mike added in, “We always knew when you and Mom were there. You could hear her yelling to us from the stands and we could see you standing at a doorway of a gym or behind home plate quietly watching. Many or most of the kids didn’t have parents who were there, but John and I had a comfort zone with our parents watching. It wasn’t the quality of time; it was the amount of time, and today, we know what it did for us.”

After we headed for bed, I began thinking about my experiences as a youngster, Dad worked day and night. Whenever he could, he was in the stands when I played baseball.

During the summers, when he played the county fairs throughout the northeast, Mom and I were almost always with him. There was always that close connection, a connection I see between son John and granddaughter Lina. He has altered his schedule to accommodate being with Lina as much as possible.

I think John and Michael’s successes in life are due, in part, to parental closeness. I see it in the next generation and hope I am still here when my grandchildren are old enough to realize that their successes are due, in part, to their parents always being there. It’s not the quality time, it’s the amount of time spent that sends kids on their way to success, and I will argue the point.

Oh, not to change the subject, but I have to mention something I experienced recently. Loretta and I were returning things that were duplicate presents or not needed. One of the places we stopped at was Walmart. I wandered around and stopped at their BB gun display. And, sure enough, there was a Daisy Red Ryder lever action rifle sitting

on one of the shelves. Of course, Ralphie of the *A Christmas Story* film immediately came to mind. My mind raced back to when I was his age and wanted a BB gun and was told by Nanna, “Carabina ad aria compressa, ti spavera l’occhio.” Translated, it comes out to what Mom repeated, “BB gun, you’ll shoot your eye out!”

They never did buy me the BB gun, but I saved enough money from birthday and Christmas gifts to buy my own. The cellar became my shooting gallery, and I became quite good at hitting my targets. The box I saw at Walmart hasn’t changed over the years and I wondered how many generations of wood-be cowboys owned one. Of course, there were other gas powered air rifles and pistols on display that have been improved over the years, but that Daisy Red Ryder box was the same in appearance as when I bought my gun in 1948 at the age of 10. I didn’t ask the cost, but I think I paid \$5.99 for the gun back then. Red Ryder was a fictional cowboy in newspaper comic strips that appeared each week from 1938 until 1965.

OK, I read the funnies in the papers and bought comic books, too. I guess I was no different from most kids from East Boston and the North End. (Thank God)

GOD BLESS AMERICA

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
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Docket No. MI20P0092EA

**Estate of
THOMAS H. DUNN, JR.**

Date of Death: December 04, 2019

**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 Catherine A. Murray of Winchester, 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 Catherine A. Murray of Winchester, MA and Henry J. Arsenault of Arlington, 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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**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM
PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**
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**Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.**
Date: January 08, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/17/2020

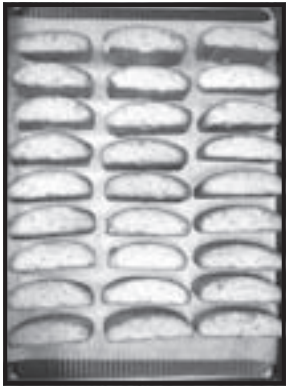


by
**Marianna
Bisignano**



One of Italy’s most famous sweets are biscotti. Plural for biscotto, which means biscuit or cookie, and named “bis” and “cotto” or twice-baked, after their original method of baking. The second bake draws moisture out of the dough, and increases their shelf life. Biscotti were perfect for traveler’s years ago, and known to be a staple of sailors, soldiers, shepherds and fishermen. Legend claims they were even savored by Christopher Columbus on his long voyages at sea. Food historians credit Tuscany for creating the first biscotti, Cantuccini (made with almonds). Today, biscotti appear to be favored more than ever. I can’t think of an Italian coffee bar that doesn’t serve them. Ranging from soft and crunchy, to dry and hard, and plain to flavored, the varieties are endless. Italy’s preferred method of eating the hard, dry biscotti has always been to “dunk” them in a glass of Vin Santo. “Dunking” in coffee is now also widely accepted. Those on the softer side tend to go well with a coffee or cappuccino.

Sifting through my Nonna’s recipes, I found one I remember her making often. It is titled “Italian Biscotti,” and in the upper corner, she wrote “Lovie’s recipe.” She was referring to her older sister, my Zia Nancy. This recipe must have been given to her well over 60 years ago. Flavored with the perfect balance of anise and vanilla, “Zia Nancy Delia’s Italian Biscotti” are crisp on the outside, soft on the inside, and absolutely delicious. Much too soft to dunk, but positively a perfect accompaniment, as my Nonna served them, to a fresh brewed cup of coffee or espresso!



ZIA NANCY DELIA’S ITALIAN BISCOTTI
Biscotti Italiani di Zia Nancy Delia

- 3 eggs

1 ½ cups sugar

½ cup shortening, melted

¼ pound butter (1 stick), melted
- 1 ½ teaspoons anise extract

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

½ cup milk

5 cups all-purpose flour

4 ½ teaspoons baking powder

Preheat oven to 350°. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper and put aside. In a large bowl, beat eggs and sugar until light and fluffy. Add cooled shortening and butter, mix well. Add milk, anise and vanilla extract, beat well. In a medium bowl, sift flour and baking powder together. Take 2 cups of the flour mixture and add to the wet mixture, beat until smooth. On a wooden board, pour remaining flour mixture and make a hole in the middle. Add liquid batter and mix well with your hands, until dough forms. Divide dough into 4 pieces. Roll each section into a log about 1 ½ inches in diameter, and the length of the cookie sheet. Place two logs, spread apart, on each of the prepared cookie sheets. Pat down so they are even in height, and bake at 350° for about 25-30 minutes, until light brown. Remove from oven; slice each log into ¾ inch pieces. Place slices face down on cookie sheets and second bake at 375° for 10 minutes (turning over at the 5-minute mark) or until golden brown. Cool on cookie sheets and store in a cookie tin to retain crispness.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI20C0015CA

**In the Matter of
FLORENCE TERESA STEIN**

**CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Florence Teresa Stein of Wayland, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Florence Teresa Kelly.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 03, 2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

**Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court**
Date: January 03, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 1/17/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI19C1140CA

**In the Matter of
ZOEY MARIE HUTCHINSON**

**CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Zoey Marie Hutchinson of Malden, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Zoey Marie Fortier.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 29, 2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

**Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court**
Date: January 02, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 1/17/2020

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Powerful predators though they may be, bears, like most carnivores, tend to avoid humans and turn aggressive only when they or their young are threatened or they are too injured to hunt their natural prey. Unfortunately, due to their size, strength and intelligence, when bears do attack, the results are often fatal.

Among the worst bear attacks in history, certainly, the worst in Japan, occurred in December of 1915, in the small agrarian village of Sankebetsu, in the island of Hokkaido. Between the 9th and the 14th, a rogue Ussuri brown bear woke up early from hibernation and, with a shortage of food, terrorized a small village resulting in the death of seven farmers.

The incident, perhaps, turned deadlier than it needed to be due to the ignorance of the locals and, in fairness, some bad luck. The bear's haunts started out harmless enough and could even be attributed to normal bear behavior given the circumstances. In mid-November, the bear awoke from sleep and prowled the surrounding area for food. Not finding any in the wintry forest, it wandered into a nearby farm owned by the Ikeda family. Yells from the frightened horse alerted the family, but the bear ran off taking only harvested corn. Finding the farm a secure source of food, the bear returned on November 20th and again made off with corn.

Having now seen the bear, the family's second son Kametarō hired some local gunslingers to stay on watch for the bear's inevitable return. Ten days later, with a snowstorm pending, the bear returned. The watch shot the bear, wounding it and the beast ran off into the forest. The next morning, a small hunting party was assembled and followed the bear's blood stains into the forest until the snow became too heavy. The party assured themselves that having been injured, the bear was now too frightened to return. They could not have been more wrong. The bear was now enraged and too weak to scavenge for food. Unwittingly, the hunting party likely ensured the tragedy that was too come.

On the morning of December 9th, the bear returned and this time the results were horrific. This time, the bear wandered into the Ota family farm where the wife, Abe Mayu, was babysitting a local infant named Hasumi Mikio. The bear attacked the infant, killing it, and then turned toward Mayu. Although the woman threw firewood at the animal, the powerful predator dragged her off into the forest.

It was not until the next day that a search party was organized to track down the bear and recover Mayu. The hunters encountered the bear soon enough and five fired shots at it, but only one managed to hit it and the bear once again escaped with only a bullet wound. The remains of Mayu were found, however. The bear had buried them in the snow

to hide them from other predators and scavengers.

The hunters regrouped that night and returned to the Otter farm expecting the bear to return. Sure enough, the bear reappeared and the one hunter to fire at it missed with the bear once again running off into the wilderness. The group of fifty or so hunters, however, took off in pursuit.

Little did the hunters know, however, that another tragedy was in the making. Instead of heading for the forest, as the hunters presumed and took off for, the bear ran off to a neighboring farm owned by the Miyouke family. News of the massacre at the Ota farm had already reached the Miyouke family but, nonetheless, Yayo, the farmer's wife, remained home along with other mothers and children from the village. She was cooking dinner for the small group that had taken refuge in her cabin while the men hunted the animal when she heard a strange noise coming from outside the cabin. Before she could head out, the bear broke through the window, extinguishing the lantern and throwing the cabin into darkness. Yayo's first instinct was to flee the cabin carrying her son Umekichi but, in the darkness, tripped over her other fleeing son Yujiro. The bear pounced on Yayo and Umekichi but, a lone guard that stood behind to watch the cabin drew the bear's attention away, giving Yayo a chance to escape the cabin with her children. The bear wounded the guard and killed two of the local boys that had taken shelter in the cabin and wounding one other. The bear's final victim in the cabin was a pregnant farmer's wife whose husband was among the hunters tracking the bear upstream.

Meanwhile, the hunting party realized they were not on the bear's trail and turned back toward the settlement. En route, they encountered Yayo who told them of the bear's attack on the Miyouke farm. The hunters hurried back and found the cabin in disarray. They could hear the animal moving inside and proposed setting the place on fire, but Yayo pleaded them not to thinking there may be survivors inside. Agreeing not to set the place ablaze, the hunters, instead, surrounded it with their guns pointed, awaiting the bear's exit. When the bear ambled out, the hunters went into a panic, with guns misfiring, and the animal escaping into the night once more.

The first order of business was searching the cabin for survivors and two children (a boy and a girl), both injured, were rescued. Along with other wounded victims, they were sent to a nearby farm for treatment and other locals simply left the village.

Two locals who were away on business during the attacks, however, Miyoke Yasutarō and Saitō Ishigorō, whose families were among the dead, returned to the village and, speaking to wounded survivors and other

locals began to gain information on the bear's movements. The two men decided to enlist the help of the police. Police Chief Suga, organized a sniper team of sixty men to track down the bear. First, the crew returned to the village and found evidence that the starved bear returned to the by-now abandoned Ota farm, where it devoured the supply of harvest. With a professional team accustomed to combat in rugged terrain, the village set off to hunt the animal in the mountains.

The 13th passed relatively uneventfully, but on the morning of the 14th, two of the snipers, Yamamoto and Ikeda Kamejirō, took off in a solo search for the bear. Yamamoto soon found the animal resting beneath a tree. With two shots, he finally managed to kill the animal.

What caused the bear to act in such a manner? Encounters with wildlife, though sometimes fatal, seldom bring so much carnage. Perhaps it's important to note that details of the incident are scarce as little was recorded of the case for decades. By the time historians and scientists attempted to create a record of the case, most of the villagers who lived during the attacks had since died or couldn't be found. The remains of the bear also have disappeared and brown bears and humans have coexisted with little conflict in Japan since.

Two things, however, seem likely. Naturalists wildly believe that the bear had woken from hibernation early in hunger. A bear's natural prey is always scarce in winter but the area of Sankebetsu proved especially devastating for a predator as heavy deforestation following the Russo-Japanese War had decimated both land and food for the local wildlife. Further, some blame must be put on the villagers who first encountered the bear, wounding the animal and failing to finish it off. Animals are at their most aggressive when wounded and leaving a starved bear to roam around the village with a bullet wound adding to its pain is a sure-fire recipe for tragedy.

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300**

Docket No. SU19C0576CA

**In the Matter of
BRISAS MARIE TRUNCALI**

**CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A **Petition to Change Name of Minor** has been filed by **Brisas Marie Truncali of Boston, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Brisas Maria Flores Truncali**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 23, 2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

**Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.**

Date: January 02, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Run Date: 1/17/2020



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI19P6206EA
Estate of
ROBERT J. TERRY
Date of Death: August 3, 2019
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Regina K. Geehan-Terry of Stoneham, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Regina K. Geehan-Terry of Stoneham, 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: 1/17/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI19P6411EA
Estate of
WILLIAM RANDOLPH OSGOOD
Date of Test: January 29, 2017
**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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

Deborah A. Osgood of Andover, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Run date: 1/17/2020

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 **February 1, 2020 beginning at 10:00 am** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2009 FORD F-150
VIN 1FTPX14V39KC52977

2005 NISSAN MAXIMA
VIN 1N4BA41E85C850493

2005 LEXUS ES 330
VIN JTHBA30G050023630

2010 TOYOTA COROLLA
VIN 2T1BU4EE7AC353934

2006 LINCOLN TOWNCAR
VIN 1LNHM82W06Y638990

2006 TOYOTA CAMRY
VIN 4T1BE32K56U137572

2017 ISUZU NPR
VIN 54DC4W1B1HS066886

2008 SMART FORTWO PASSION
VIN WMEJEJ31X18K150474

2001 HONDA CIVIC
VIN 2HGES16571H586879

2013 CHEVROLET MALIBU
VIN 1G11B5SA2DF188503

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

Signed
Gabriela Estrada, Owner

Run dates: 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2020

**EXPORT ENTERPRISES
TOWING
NOTICE TO OWNERS**

Notice is hereby given under the provisions of (M.G.L. c255 Section 39A) of the sale or disposal of the following motor vehicles to satisfy our garage keeper's lien for towing (M.G.L. c155b Section 6B) storage & expense for holding sale of auction.

Any questions regarding this matter, please contact **Export Towing, 50 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA**, Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Telephone: 781-395-0808

2003 FORD F150
VIN #2FTRX18W33CA98391

2010 TOYOTA COROLLA
VIN #2T1BU4EE6A249371

Run dates: 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 2020

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

Docket No. MI17P4267EA

**Estate of
MARY EVA GIBBONS
Also Known As
MARY E. GIBBONS, MARY E. CHURCH**

Date of Death: October 23, 2016

**CITATION ON PETITION
FOR REMOVAL**

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by **Brian A. Church of Pepperell, MA** requesting that **Elise C. Church of Keene, NH** be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate.

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 the Court before 10:00 a.m. on January 31, 2020.

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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: January 03, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 1/17/2020

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

Docket No. M120P0035EA

Estate of
PATRICIA A. HARLAN
Date of Death: October 31, 2019

**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 **Raymond B. Harlan of Wayland, 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 **Raymond B. Harlan of Wayland, 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 February 04, 2020.
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)**
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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 07, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/17/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
Docket No. SU19P2756EA
Estate of
ROSINA M. CORRENTI
Date of Death January 03, 1996
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
A Petition for **Formal Determination of Heirs** has been filed by **Louis Correnti** of **South Yarmouth, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 11, 2020.
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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UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
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WITNESS, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 07, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/17/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20P0065EA
Estate of
JOAN E. MACDONALD
Date of Death: September 24, 2019
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 **Kristen L. Dowell** of **Waltham, 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 **Kristen L. Dowell** of **Waltham, 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 February 04, 2020.
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UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM
PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 07, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/17/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20P0032EA
Estate of
LAWRENCE F. SIMEONE
Date of Death: December 08, 2019
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 **Linda S. Mielauskas** of **East Hartford, CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Linda S. Mielauskas** of **East Hartford, CT** 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 February 03, 2020.
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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UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM
PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 06, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/17/2020

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:
2008 GMC ENVOY
Vin #1GKDT13S982149426
2011 GMC TERRAIN
Vin #2CTFLXEC6B6430241
2014 CHEVROLET MALIBU
Vin #1G11E5SL0EF233951
2005 DODGE RAM 1500
Vin #1D7HU18NX5J577946
2003 CHEVROLET MALIBU
Vin #1G1NE52J83M741688
2005 TOYOTA SIENNA
Vin #5TDZA23C65S232225
2012 FORD EXPLORER
Vin #1FMHK8D89CGA01294
2015 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE
Vin #1C4RJFAG7FC822286
2007 HONDA CR-V
Vin #JHLE48387C091528
2004 TOYOTA RAV4
Vin #JTEHD20V440027864
2006 BMW 325xi
Vin #WBAVD13596KV00899
1999 SUBARU LEGACY
Vin #4S3BG6857X6651107
2006 HONDA CIVIC
Vin #1HGFA16816L001466
2015 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE
Vin #1C4RJFAG7FC822286
2014 INFINITI Q50
Vin #JN1BV7AR4EM693626
2005 NISSAN SENTRA
Vin #3N1CB51D25L452504
2009 NISSAN ROGUE
Vin #JN8AS58V79W188767
2004 TOYOTA PRIUS
Vin #JTDKB22U240033697
2012 HONDA CIVIC
Vin #2HGFB2F83CH324381
2004 CHEVY 1500 p/u
Vin #1GCEK14K8oRZ233229
The above vehicles will be sold at public auction at
TODISCO TOWING
94 Condor Street, E. Boston
JANUARY 18, 2020
at 9:00 AM
Run dates: 1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 2020

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. MI19P5126GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
In the matter of
RICHARD M. SANTOS
of Framingham, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Ismar Dos Santos Filho** of **Framingham, MA**, in the above captioned matter alleging that **Richard M. Santos** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Ismar Dos Santos Filho** of **Framingham, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **February 03, 2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 06, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/17/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20P0090EA
Estate of
PAUL F. ZILG
Also Known As
PAUL ZILG
Date of Death: September 03, 2019
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 **Barbara J. Wyser** of **Bonita Springs, FL** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Barbara J. Wyser** of **Bonita Springs, FL** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate 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 February 05, 2020.
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: January 08, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/17/2020



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



What is Wrong With Red Sox Ownership?

Earlier this week, the MLB Commissioner's office released its findings in a report of cheating during the 2017 season involving the World Series-winning Houston Astros. Baseball lowered the boom on the Astros, suspending both the team's general manager and manager. Within 24-hours, the owners of the team FIRED both these guys. Then, they started a housekeeping operation.
Days later, Red Sox owners John Henry and Tom Warner released a statement saying that the Red Sox and Alex Cora have mutually agreed to parting ways. No mention of the signal-stealing scandal or any apologies from either side. They seem to be hugging and kissing each other as they parted ways. What an insult this is to Red Sox fans anywhere here or in Puerto Rico.
I expected more from the Red Sox operation. More on this story next week when I am a bit less angry.
Looking at that One Day In Larsen's Career
Back in the 1950s, I was just becoming baseball fan, I kept a close eye on our Red Sox no matter how badly they performed. However, I was closely watching the NY Yankees who always seemed like winners back in those days. My favorite slugger was Mickey Mantle, my favorite starting pitcher Whitey Ford, and my favorite second baseman Bobby Richardson. In fact, I could rattle off the top of my head both teams' starting

lineups and starting rotation.
I remember Don Larsen, who pitched a perfect game against the Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1956 World Series when I was 8 years old. The Yankees acquired Larsen on November 17, 1954, but being only 6 years old at that time, I barely remember it. I do remember the trade between the brand-new Orioles and Yankees involving 17 players; I kid you not. It remains to this day, the largest deal in baseball history.
The Yankees got Darrell Johnson who would end up a Red Sox manager in 1974-1976 including the 1975 Red Sox Pennant winners who lost to the Big Red Machine. The Yankees also received Bob Turley who won the Cy Young in 1958, and was the 1958 World Series MVP, too.
Larsen was 45-34 with a 3.50 ERA in five seasons with the Yankees. He also had a 2.67 ERA in seven World Series games and picked up two rings along the way. The Yankees traded him to the Kansas City Athletics after the '59 season as part of a seven player deal that included the Yankees getting Roger Maris.
Overall, Larsen was 81-91 with a 3.78 ERA in 14 seasons with 7 teams. However, it was that one game in that 1956 World Series when 27 Dodgers came up to bat and 27 Dodgers walked back to the dugout after getting out. A perfect game: no runs, no hits, no runners. No nothing! Forget his other stats; this is the only stat that counted in this one game when he was invincible.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI19P3883EA
Estate of
FLORENCE GLORIA SOTIROS
Also Known As
FLORENCE G. SOTIROS
Date of Death: June 12, 2019
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 **Katherine E. Papadonis** of **London, UK** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Katherine E. Papadonis** of **London, UK** 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 February 07, 2020.
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
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PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 10, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/17/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20P0105EA
Estate of
FERNANDO CAPUA
Date of Death: November 07, 2019
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 **Rosario Capua** of **Tewksbury, 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 **Rosario Capua** of **Tewksbury, 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 February 06, 2020.
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: January 09, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/17/2020

Boxing




Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss

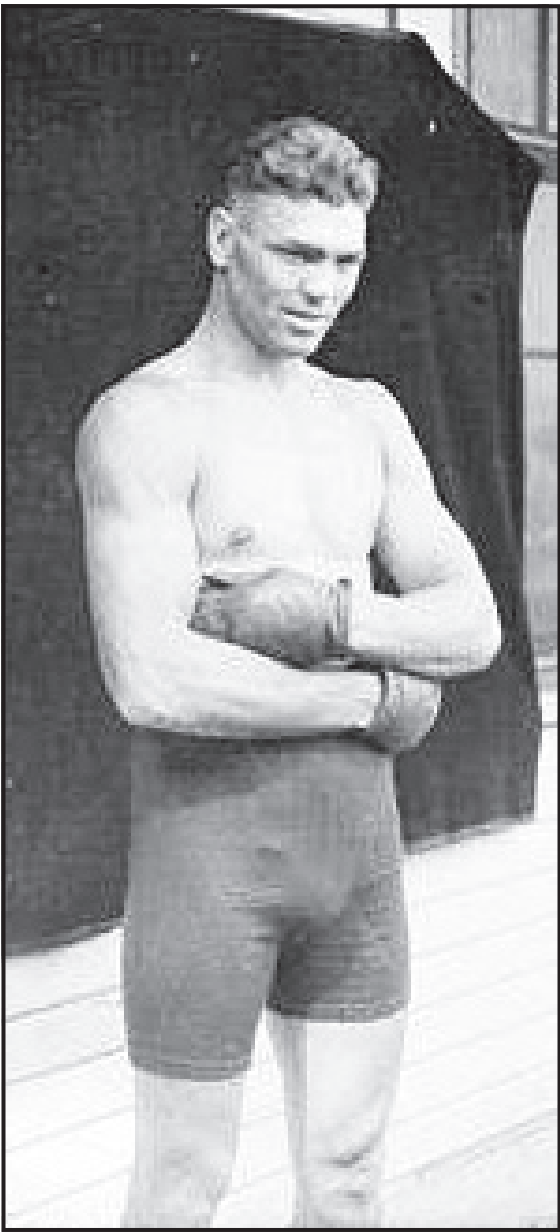


CANDID DEMPSEY

On May 16, 1919, Jack Dempsey arrived in Toledo, Ohio to set up camp to prepare for his upcoming challenge to Jess Willard for the Heavyweight Championship. The fight was scheduled for July 4th. Dempsey’s training headquarters was located on Maumee Bay.

Boxing historian Gregory Speciale recently uncovered a number of candid photos of Jack taken on the days leading up to the fight. Looking at these photos you can see a lean, hungry, and very fit Dempsey as he is spending time at the camp. You can also detect the charisma that would make him one of the biggest celebrities of the 1920s.

As we are now heading into our own Roaring 20s, I wonder if we will ever again see the likes of another Jack Dempsey? I very much doubt it.



EAGLES ARE EXCELLENT — With so much continually going on with professional sports in the Hub, a major athletic achievement in the college basketball ranks was somewhat overlooked earlier in the month.

We refer to the triumph by the Boston College men’s basketball team over defending national champion Virginia 60-53 up at the Heights shortly before the second semester commenced.

The relatively low scoring game was in keeping with Virginia’s defensive strengths — the Cavaliers entered the contest as the top ranked defensive team in the nation.

At one juncture midway through the second half BC actually led by 12 points at 42-30. Then the Cavaliers went on a 20-3 run — including a streak of 10 unanswered points — to take a 50-45 lead with just over five minutes left in the contest.

But then the Eagles went to work on a run of their own — outscoring Virginia 15-3 down the stretch. The go-ahead three point shot was scored by Jared Hamilton with a little more than half a minute to go. He finished with 16 points, one behind teammate Jay Heath who scored 17, including nine on a trio of three pointers.

What sealed the deal was BC’s foul shooting down the stretch. The Eagles were a perfect four for four from the charity stripe in the final half minute as they claimed one of the most significant victories by a Boston College team in quite some time.

And, by the way, those 60 points that the Eagles scored against Virginia in the win were the most a BC team has put up against the Cavaliers since 2011. As of January 14th, BC had a 9-7 overall record and was 3-2 in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

ALL-STAR MEMORIES — It was 63 years ago (January 15, 1957) that the seventh NBA All-Star game in history was played at the original Boston Garden. The East All-Stars defeated the West All-Stars by a 109-97 count in a contest that was witnessed by 11,178 fans.

Three players from the Celtics took part in the game. Bob Cousy was named the Most Valuable Player, scoring 10 points while assisting on seven other baskets and capturing five rebounds.

Bill Sharman provided the highlight of the game in the closing seconds of the first half when he attempted a long 70-foot pass to Cousy that instead wound up going into the basket for two points — there wasn’t a three-point shot way back then.

Current Celtics TV broadcaster Tom Heinsohn also saw action, scoring 12 points and coming away with seven rebounds. Ed Macauley, who had played the six previous seasons in Boston, saw action on the West team as a member of the St. Louis Hawks. He had seven points, five rebounds and three assists. Bob Pettit, one of Macauley’s teammates on the Hawks, led all scorers with 21 points.

Mendy Rudolph and Sid Borgia, who would go on to have

long careers as NBA referees, officiated the game. Legendary Celtics Coach Red Auerbach directed the East All-Stars from the bench.

Seven years later (January 14, 1964) the 14th All-Star Game in the history of the NBA was played at Boston Garden before 13,464 fans.

This time the West won 111-107 with three Celtics players participating for the East team. Bill Russell scored 13 points, grabbed a game-high 21 rebounds and had two assists while teammate Sam Jones had 16 points, four rebounds and three assists.

Tom Heinsohn was in the mix once again with 10 points and three rebounds. The BIG O—Oscar Robertson from the Cincinnati Royals — also played for the East squad, leading all scorers with 26 points and earning MVP honors in the process. Red Auerbach was in charge of the East team once again with Mendy Rudolph and Sid Borgia officiating as they did in 1957.

The West team featured a glittering array of basketball talent. Wilt Chamberlain of the San Francisco Warriors had 19 points and 20 rebounds plus one assist while Bob Pettit from St. Louis had 19 points and 17 rebounds. Jerry West — whose outline later became the official logo of the NBA — had 17 points while Elgin Baylor had 15 tallies and Walt Bellamy added 11.

Interesting, two players who would figure in the one of the most famous plays in the history of the Celtics were members of the East squad — Hal Greer and Chet Walker of Philadelphia.

Some 15 months later — on April 15, 1965 — in the seventh and deciding game of the Eastern Conference Finals against Philadelphia at the Garden, it was Greer who attempted an in-bounds pass to Walker in the closing seconds of the game, only to have it intercepted by John Havlicek who directed the ball to Sam Jones, preserving the 110-109 victory for the C’s.

The radio call of the play by legendary Celtics broadcaster Johnny Most (“Havlicek Stole the Ball”) remains one of the iconic broadcasting moments in the history of the team.

Sadly, this was the last time an NBA All-Star Game was played in the Hub. It’s been 56 years since the NBA All-Stars left Boston’s famed parquet floor at the conclusion of the game on that January day back in 1964.

The 2020 NBA All-Star Game will be held at the United Center in Chicago on February 16th. Last year’s game was in Charlotte. Going forward, the 2021 contest is scheduled for Indianapolis, while in 2022 it will be played in Cleveland, and in 2023 it will move to Salt Lake City.

That means that the earliest the NBA All-Star Game could return to the Hub would be in 2024 — a full 60 years since it was last played on Causeway Street.

When (or whether) the NBA All-Star Game will return is anyone’s guess. But at the minimum you’ll be at least four years older if it does.