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Local Police Officers Graduate from the MPTC Police Academy

On January 16th, the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) Executive Director Robert Ferullo and Plymouth Academy Director Eileen Goodick announced the graduation of 48 police officers from the MPTC Plymouth Police Academy's 75th Recruit Officer Class (ROC). The graduates successfully completed over 20 weeks of intensive, standardized training in all aspects of law enforcement and will now serve as full-time officers representing 27 police agencies across Massachusetts.

"The latest MPTC graduating class represents our investment in the future generation of public safety leaders who are well-prepared to protect and serve their communities and advance public safety across the Commonwealth," said MPTC Executive Director Robert Ferullo (Ret. Police Chief). "I commend their commitment to meeting our statewide professional training standards, which has prepared these officers to provide communities with exceptional policing services by putting into practice

the advanced skills, values, and principles engrained throughout their training."

In a graduation ceremony at the Plymouth Memorial Hall, members of the 75th ROC took an oath and received their badges for service. The new officers represented several police departments and agencies, including Attleboro, Auburn, Barnstable, Bourne, Bridgewater, Brockton, Bunker Hill Community College, Duxbury, Eastham, Emerson College, Foxborough, Harwich, Leominster, Marlborough, Massachusetts Environmental, Middleborough, Milton, Nantucket, Needham, New Bedford, Northeastern University, Pembroke, Plainville, Plymouth, Provincetown, Truro, and Whitman. They join over 300 officers who have graduated from MPTC-operated academies in training year 2023-2024.

As part of the MPTC's commitment to academic excellence and world-class police training, the Recruit Officer Course (ROC) provides over 800 hours of course curriculum designed to prepare student officers for the safe and effective performance of their duties. In keeping with mandates established by the landmark 2020 police reform law, the MPTC curriculum includes de-escalation training based on new use-of-force policies and regulations. Student

training based on best practices related to essential modernday policing needs, including effective communication skills, victim-centered and traumainformed incident response, missing persons and human trafficking investigations, mental health-related emergency response, active shooter and hostile event response, patrol duties, and officer safety and wellness.

Upon successful completion of the Academy, student officers have met all training

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Veterans Pay for Illegals

The Department of Veteran Affairs is helping pay out millions to medical providers who treat illegal immigrants while a backlog of benefit claims from veterans has grown. The VA's Financial Services has been contracted by ICE since 2002 to process reimbursements claims by providers who offer services to detained migrants.

In fiscal 2022, FSC processed \$94.3 million in claims, according to a July 2023 DHS report. Meanwhile, the pile of claims by veterans and their families has grown to 317, 855 according to the VA..

The Great Molasses Flood of 1919 in Boston's North End

Reprinted from the North End Historical Society Newsletter

On January 15, 1919, Commercial Street in Boston's North End was the scene of a flood of catastrophic proportions, which killed twenty-one people, dozens of horses and destroyed property and damaged the steel girders of the Elevated Railway that had trains running above the street. However, it wasn't caused by

officers also receive uniform





Audacy Files for Bankruptcy

Audacy, the radio broadcasting company that owns radio stations including WEEI and Magic 107 has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in the Southern District of a Texas. It is the second largest radio broadcaster in the country and has seen its revenue drop in recent years reflecting a broader decline in advertising spending in the industry. Audacy which used to be named Entercom merged with CBS Radio in 2017.

U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib Named 2023 Antisemite of the Year

StopAntisemitism, a non-profit watchdog group, has named US Rep.Rahida Tlaib as the Anti-Semite of the Year for her comments following the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7.

Trump's Blowout Win in Iowa

Former President Donald Trump coasted to a blowout victory in Iowa to confirm his standing as the overwhelming frontrunner. In the coldest caucus ever, Trump won 51 percent of the vote who more than doubled the tallies of Ron DeSantis and Nikki Haley combined.

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water but by molasses and its devastation has gone on to become part of the city's fascinating history known as the Boston Molasses Flood.

The Purity Distilling Company in Boston's North End was a local producer of alcohol that had a 2.3-million-gallon tank, fifty feet high and ninety feet wide, which was used to store molasses that was used in the production of industrial alcohol. The tank was often filled to capacity with molasses pumped from ships docked on the river and during the year before the disaster there were several obvious cracks and leaks in the tank that not only dripped the sticky molasses that was collected by the local residents for use at home, but which was never addressed by city inspectional officials.

On Wednesday, January 15th, a typical winter day in

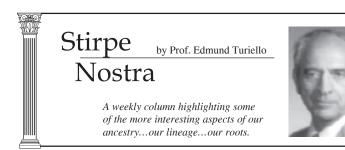
The aftermath of the explosion

Boston, the temperature was below freezing at dawn but by noontime it was unseasonably warm; the molasses tank sides exploded at the height of the day causing a huge wave of sticky molasses ten feet in height that cascaded down fifty feet from the collapsing tank at thirty-five miles per hour flowing down Commercial Street towards the Mystic River, pushing everything in its brown path from humans, dogs and horses to wagons, carriages, buildings and assorted street life towards the edge of the

river, and killing twenty one people and injuring over a hundred.

The incredible devastation took less than a few minutes to wreak utter havoc and sweep everything in its path and it was to bring nationwide attention to the lack of industrial safety standards, especially in the crowded residential neighborhood of the North End. The cleanup of such enormous quantities of molasses, which was literally two to three feet

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SUMMER OPERA

Just a "saltellare, saltellare, e saltare" (hop, skip and jump) behind the famous Roman Colosseum is the well known "Via delle Termine di Caracalla" which skirts the famous seventeen-hundred-year-old bathtub. During the Months of July and August, natives and tourists alike vie for a seat at the opera, magnificently staged under the stars amidst the ruins of this once majestic structure. It was named for Aurelius Antonius Bassianus Caracalla, the eldest son of Emperor Septimius Severus.

Caracalla was born at Lugdunum (Lyons) France in 188 A.D. and was appointed to be his father's co-ruler at the age of thirteen. It is said that even at this tender age, his treacherous nature was revealed through his attempt to murder his father. Severus died in 211 A.D. and was succeeded by his two sons, Geta and Caracalla. They hated each other from early childhood and an attempt to divide the empire between them met with great opposition so Caracalla resolved to get rid of his brother by assassination. After several unsuccessful attempts, Geta was eventually stabbed while seeking protection in his mother's arms.

Caracalla bribed the Praetorian Guard to proclaim himself emperor and to declare Geta an enemy of the State. Any persons who had been connected or associated with Geta including their children were executed. One historian estimated the number of executions to be at least 20,000.

Caracalla maintained his popularity with the soldiers by showering expensive gifts upon them and by pay raises which exceeded 280 million sesterces a year (about 14 million dollars). It is also said that his cruelty and contempt for the people was equal to that of Caligula and Nero. His greed for more money caused him to grant citizenship to all freemen of Rome and then to send them a tax bill.

His greatest folly was in his admiration for Alexander the Great. From the time of his still stands majestically at one early childhood, Caracalla admired Alexander and imitated him wherever and whenever possible. He even organized a



Macedonian-style infantry unit of 16,000 men who were all born in that ancient kingdom and commanded by officers who were given the same names as those who had served under Alexander. He treated the memory of Achilles with the same kind of veneration, even to the point of poisoning his favorite freedman so that he could imitate Achilles in his grief for Patrocles, the great warrior.

His conduct during wars with other nations revealed his cruel and treacherous nature. He called together the young men of one Germanic tribe as if to reward them and then had them surrounded and butchered by his troops. Friendly kings were invited to his camp, then put in chains and their estates confiscated.

Caracalla offended a Prefect of the Praetorian Guard and was assassinated at Edessa, a city in ancient Mesopotamia, in 217 A.D. after a degrading reign of slightly more than six vears.

What seems to be most remarkable about this emperor are the great monuments which he left behind and which characterize the nature of his lavish expenditures. The first of these great monuments is now in ruinous condition and, of course, we know it as "The Baths of Caracalla." The second monument is the triumphal arch dedicated to his father Septimius Severus and which end of the Forum Romanum.

Healey-Driscoll Administration Appoints Ken Brown and Sarah Joseph to Lead Efforts to Connect New Arrivals with Employment

connecting work authorized individuals with jobs in health care and human services, retail, hospitality, and manufacturing The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced the appointment of Ken Brown as Assistant Secretary for Employer Engagement and Employment Outcomes and Sarah Joseph as Director of Community Engagement for the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD).

"Across industries, we have employers who urgently need talent to fill open positions, and we have people arriving in Massachusetts who want to work. Our administration has worked hard to get people work authorizations as quickly as possible, and now we are connecting them with jobs that need to be filled," said Governor Maura Healey. "We are bringing in Ken Brown and Sarah Joseph to drive this work and get this done."

"Ken and Sarah will hit the ground running as we continue our work to reduce the strain placed on communities and our Emergency Assistance program and provide the support that newly arrived families and individuals need in Massachusetts," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "This will take a collective effort, and we look forward to bolstering our efforts to partner with employers and community organizations to unlock these critical employment opportunities we need to urgently achieve."

The Healey-Driscoll Administration has worked with the MassHire Regional Workforce

Administration prioritizing Boards and Careers Centers to assess skills and work readiness for individuals in shelter who have their work authorization. Recently, the Healey-Driscoll Administration also partnered with the Biden Administration to hold two, weeklong clinics to help migrants in Massachusetts with obtaining work authorizations. The clinics were successful, and now nearly 3,000 people have work authorizations in Massachusetts.

> Brown will oversee hiring and job placement for migrants with work authorization. Joseph will oversee local and regional partnerships with stakeholders dedicated to employment outcomes for migrants, refugees, and vulnerable populations, including addressing work supports like language barriers and skill development and providing resources for employers statewide.

> "EOLWD is pleased to welcome Ken and Sarah to deliver employment outcomes and strengthen hiring practices, especially for new arrivals," said Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Lauren Jones. "This work will get more people employed with livable wages, which will help both employers and relieve pressure on our existing shelter system."

About Ken Brown

Ken Brown is a proven leader with experience in both the private sector and state government, managing strategic partnerships, key relationships, and results. In recent years, Brown served as Senior Vice-President of SICPA North America, and Chief of Staff to the Chairman and CEO of Suffolk Construction. Brown also served under the Patrick-Murray Administration as Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office of International Trade and Investment and in the Governor's Office including as Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor for Special Projects to Governor Deval Patrick.

Ken Brown is a graduate of American University in Washington D.C. and holds a Juris Doctor from Boston College School of Law.

About Sarah Joseph

Sarah Joseph is a trained social worker with experience managing human services and resources for immigrants, individuals with disabilities, individuals experiencing mental health trauma, among other populations. Joseph recently worked as an Immigration Court Helpdesk Paralegal, where she provided assistance and legal information to unrepresented respondents in removal proceedings at the Boston Immigration Court, informed respondents appearing before the court on court practices, procedures, and general information about options related to relief and protection from removal, conducts information sessions and legal orientations, and acted as Friend of Court to assist unrepresented respondents and the Court in the administration of Master Calendar Hearings and Individual hearings. Joseph is fluent in English and Haitian Creole.

Joseph graduated from Fairfield University and holds a Master of Social Work degree from Boston College.



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Executive Office of Veterans Services Names Christine Baldini

New Superintendent of Chelsea Veterans Home

The Executive Office of Veterans Services announces the selection of Christine Baldini, LNHA, as the new Superintendent of the Massachusetts Veterans Home at Chelsea. With over 25 years of distinguished service as a senior nursing home leader in the Greater Boston area, Baldini's selection marks a significant milestone for the Massachusetts Veterans Home at Chelsea.

"Christine Baldini's qualifications and dedication to high-quality senior living care made her the ideal candidate," said Secretary Jon Santiago. "I'm thankful for Robert Engell's leadership during this transition marked by several milestones, and I'm confident that Christine's leadership will add to the momentum while creating an environment that fosters opportunity, growth, and world-class excellence in long-term care."

"I am honored to join the Chelsea Veterans Home as the Superintendent," expressed Christine Baldini. "My goal is to continue the legacy of exceptional care and support for our veterans, building on the foundation of excellence established by the Executive Office of Veterans Services. My career has been dedicated to ensuring the well-being of those under my care, and I am eager to continue this mission with the veterans at Chelsea."

The newly constructed Veterans Home at Chelsea, a state-ofthe-art building with 154 private resident rooms, is designed with a strong focus on energy efficiency.

In October, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans Services proudly announced that the Veterans Home at Chelsea (CHE) secured the Department of Public Health (DPH) Licensure and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Certification, officially designating it as a skilled nursing facility.

These critical licensures facilitated the relocation of the initial 20 residents into the new veterans home. Soon after, the Veterans Home underwent and passed its initial State Veterans Home recognition survey by the US Department of Veterans Affairs. The VA Recognition Survey, which determines compliance with VA standards and adherence to all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and relevant professional standards, is a critical component for the new facility to become fully operational and allows for federal reimbursement.

"In the past 90 days, we have successfully navigated licensure and certification by DPH, CMS, and recognition by the VA while completing construction and moving in our first group of veterans before previously expected timelines, which could have gone into 2025," said Robert Engell, Acting Superintendent of Homes and Operations at the Executive Office of Veterans Services. "This remarkable achievement is a testament to our dedicated team's commitment to providing exceptional care and support to our veterans at Chelsea."

"With her extensive experience and dedication to quality care, Christine Baldini is an invaluable addition to the Chelsea Veterans Home family," stated Tommy Lyons, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Veterans Home at Chelsea. "Her appointment signifies our ongoing commitment to elevate the standard of care for our veterans." The Veterans Home at Chelsea is currently in the process of relocating all residents into this cutting-edge facility, with a target of moving all residents into the new home by February 2024.

FRANK M. MARINO

July 28, 1943 / January 13, 2024

Frank M. Marino, died on Saturday, January 13th at the Spaulding Rehabilitation center in Cambridge following a battle with lung cancer. He was 80 years old.

Frank was born in Boston on July 28, 1943 to his late parents, Frank & Frances (Giaimo) Marino. Frank, along with his two brothers, were proudly raised in Boston's North

End. He attended Boston Public Schools and graduated from Charlestown High School, Class of 1961. Frank married the love of his life, Annette (Maniscalco) on February 14, 1965. Frank & Annette settled in East Boston and began their family together. Frank worked his entire working career as a Crane Operator for Local Union # 4, for over 50 years. He assisted in many of the large projects and buildings in the City of Boston. He was a hardworking man for his family whom he was totally devoted to. Frank was very present in his children's lives and was a constant supporter of them. Frank was also a friend to many as he had several circles of friends, particularly his "Friends Of The North End Club," his union friends, his coffee club friends, golf buddies, and many others. Frank was also a very proud grandfather to his grandchildren, whom he was always there for, and they made him very proud. He also stayed active by golfing, going to the gym and playing bocce. Frank truly loved his family, and they all cherished him. Frank will be thought of, loved, and forever remembered.

He is the beloved husband of almost 59 years to Annette (Maniscalco) Marino of Revere. Loving father of Monique Frate and husband Joseph "Joe" of

Stoneham and Gary Marino and his fiancé Michelle Mazza of Lynn. Cherished grandfather of Marisa Frate of Stoneham, Gianna Marino & Nicholas Marino, both of Lynnfield. Treasured brother of Anthony Marino of Middleton and the late Michael Marino. Frank was a member of the Italian American Club in Medford. He is also lovingly survived by several nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

Family and friends attended Visiting Hours on Wednesday, January 17th at the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, Revere, MA. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Church, Revere, MA, followed by interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, MA.

Remembrances may be made in Frank's name to the Spaulding Rehabilitation Center Development Office, 300 First Avenue Charlestown, MA 02129.





About Christine Baldini

As the former Director of Continuing Care at Erickson Senior Living, Brooksby Village, Baldini oversaw the daily operations of a 228-bed continuing care retirement community (CCRC) with a team of over 200 staff members. Her tenure was marked by consecutive years of recognition for excellence, including a deficiency-free Annual Health Care and Life Safety Survey in 2020 and 2022 and a prestigious 5-star Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) rating. Under her leadership, the facility received consistent accolades, including recognition as a U.S. News & World Report Best Nursing Home for five consecutive years.

Christine Baldini holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration focusing on Healthcare Management from New Hampshire College, Manchester, NH. She is licensed by the Board of Registration of Nursing Home Administrators in MA.

Baldini's leadership extends beyond business acumen; she's a people leader dedicated to cultivating a high-performing, collaborative environment. Her expertise in implementing intentional practices for recruitment, retention, and employee engagement underscores her commitment to not only organizational success but also the well-being of the team serving our veterans.

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore The Mystery of Our Magical 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, the way her graceful silver light whispers promises of the changing seasons. 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 her manifestations and stages, the moon has captured the attention of societies worldwide, boasting her own slew of

heritage. When I was a child, my dad would frequently sing a catchy pop hit he remembered from his Italian boyhood, whose lyrics intoned: "La luna, la luna, ti portará 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 the moon's immense cultural significance.

folklore and superstitions. One January holiday in par-In part, my love from the moon ticular boasts the same sense of appears woven into my DNA, magic and mystery I associate a characteristic of my Italian 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. 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 the 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.



Why are BPS Athletics **Treated Like** Second Class Students?

A few weeks back, while reading a news story concerning high school football games being curtailed in White Stadium's new plans I remembered back this summer, city officials announced plans to lease White Stadium to a professional women's soccer team and allow this team to play 20 games there. During the time leased to a private soccer league, football games reportedly would not be allowed to disturb the pristine soil. The soccer league is paying the city to both use and rehab this urban football oasis. The city opened White Stadium, formally known as George Robert White Stadium back in 1949 when I was one years old.

How many successive mayors and city councilors have just stood by like fans in a stand allowing this field to fall into such disrepair? I graduated English High School back in 1966 and already then, I saw this stadium site aging. Here we are 58 years later and now the City comes up with a plan to put White Stadium back together again like Humpty Dumpty. Only this time, city officials have decided to lease out the site to the professional soccer team who then would fix this aging stadium in need of much repair. However, there is a tradeoff here, that I believe does an injustice to our city high schools and schoolboy football athletics. Football seemingly gets kicked into the end zone.

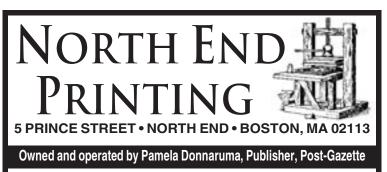
I so agreed with Fatima Ali-Salaam, who chairs the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council, who stated, "They can't just all of a sudden lose access. If we're giving away the rights to use a public facility, that's a problem. You can't put the needs of students behind that of a private team."

As a member of the English High School Association, I urge all members of the alumni, of whom there are many, to start flooding the City Hall office of Dion Irish, the city's chief of operations and while you're at it, also to Mayor Michelle Wu.

Basically, Irish said that football cleats and the texture of the turf apparently do not go together well. There's also \$50 million going into fixing White Stadium between the soccer league and the city but seemingly a professional women's soccer team trumps high school football players.

One last note, while I rarely if ever support anything District 7 City Councilor Tania Fernandez Rodreiguez says or does, she is correct that the neighborhood surrounding the zoo is in the middle of several plans which appear to be piling up on area residents and, like her, I don't like that most of the city's engagement with this community's future. They are mostly only to be on Zoom with little time for actual public testimony. You say something they don't want to hear, they just mute you. They can't mute you in person.

Government is our business. Either we run it or it runs us. I grew up in Roxbury during the 50s and 60s. If you've grown up in Boston, you know how the system works. Usually, it never works that well too often for any of us. Never give up, never, never, never as Winston Churchill once said, "Stand up, speak out and never take NO for an answer."



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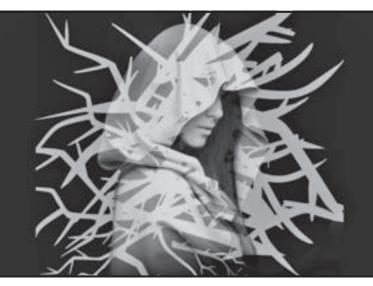
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Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras presents **Bellini's Norma**

Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO), under the direction of Music Director Frederico Cortese, presents Bellini's Norma, an opera famously at Harvard University's Sanders Theater on January 21st at 3:00 p.m.

BYSO, the only youth orchestra in the US to perform full-length operas, will debut their first such performance by famed Italian composer Vincenzo Bellini in this special one-performance-only event.

Led by Cortese, Stage Director Joshua Major and Chorus Master Charles F. Prestinari along with the Boston Youth Symphony, the opera marks the 19th in BYSO's history, which continually highlights the training, understanding and appreciation of the full range of classical repertoire that is



often overlooked in the musical training of young players.

Previous opera performances have included works by Mozart, Puccini, Tchaikovsky and Verdi. This performance of Norma is suitable for children ages 10 and older.

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We especially would like to thank State Representative Adrian Madaro who quickly jumped on board and made things happen to ensure our community was beautifully decorated, welcoming

Foundation for their generous grant of \$10,000. We thank groups such as the East Boston Chamber of Commerce and



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MassDot and appreciate them, for doing their part to add to holiday festivities. Special Acknowledgement to Cappuccio Construction and Cora Operations, Inc, for taking on the wreath portion of the project by purchasing and installing 50 beautiful wreaths throughout our squares.

raffles and to JetBlue for donating round trip tickets and Joe Ruggiero who donated Boston Celtics tickets. We look forward to your support and partnership next year as we ramp up our efforts in 2024.

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Laccetti Foundation

Announces Plans for 2024 The Silvio Laccetti Foundation Announces Plans for a major project: The Pellarin Sun Dial for Union City, NJ



This initiative has many facets and components that complement one another in a grand program to highlight the arts of terrazzo and mosaic and to commemorate the important role of Vicenzo Pellarin in the transfer of technology, expertise and artisans from Italy to the New World.

The Foundation will present the City of Union City with a specially crafted Sun Dial measuring 4 feet in diameter, to be placed in Ellsworth Park The site has particular significance because the family of Vincenzo Pellarin settled in Union City, where his son was physician to the City school system for decades. That family home is situated opposite Ellsworth Park on New York Ave. Dedication is scheduled to coincide with Earth Day 2024 festivities.

The Foundation is actively cooperating with The William Musto Cultural Center of Union City and the Mayor's Office to involve the schools and the general public in various projects relating to the art of terrazzo. For example, students may engage in poster contests, essay writing, independent workshop activities and treasure hunts. This latter activity will uncover various places in the local area that showcase terrazzo workmanship. The Foundation hopes to inspire media coverage of as many activities as possible.

Terrazzo is a mixture of stone, marble, glass and quartz chips mixed into a bonding agent (mortar or special cement) which can be applied to various surfaces ranging from floors -Grand Central Station in NYC has fairly new such flooring - to walls and fixtures in homes and public buildings. The Hollywood Walk of Fame employs terrazzo for its star plaques. The mixing, application, curing and polishing are subtle arts known only to the artisans who to this day are trained in special schools like the Scuola Mosaicisti di Friuli in Spilimbergo, Italy. The Foundation hopes to open a line of communication between this special school and students from New Jersey.

The Silvio Laccetti Foundation is widely known in New Jersey for bestowing its Garibaldi Award to high school students who excel in Italian Studies and community accomplishments. Additionally, the Foundation is globally known for sponsoring three successful environmental WorldCast seminars for high school students across the planet, uniting high schools from the US, Brazil, Australia, Denmark, Ireland and Italy in real-time seminars.

For readers of this article who have memorabilia or life experiences in the terrazzo-mosaics trades and wish to share this with the public, please contact lbarrrera@ucnj.com at the Musto Cultural Center.

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The Grammys



ACROSS

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- 14. That guy 15. Full of emotion (2 words)
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- 5. Aristotle's school
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- 15. Bar ____, ME 20. Rewards, in the olden days
- 22. Pendulum's path

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considered to be his greatest

contribution to mankind) was

the idea of Reverence for Life

(Ehrfurcht vor dem Leben). He

thought that Western civilization

was decaying because it had

abandoned affirmation of life as

His philosophy was expressed

in many ways, but most

famously in founding and

sustaining the Hôpital Albert

Schweitzer in Lambaréné,

French Equatorial Africa (now

Schweitzer was awarded the

Nobel Peace Prize of 1952,

accepting the prize with the

speech, "The Problem of Peace."

With the \$33,000 prize money,

he started the leprosarium at

Lambaréné. From 1952 until his

death he worked against nuclear

tests and nuclear weapons with

Albert Einstein, Otto Hahn, and

Schweitzer passed away

on September 4, 1965 at his

beloved hospital in Lambaréné,

now in independent Gabon.

His grave, on the banks of the

Ogooué River, is marked by a

cross he made himself.

Bertrand Russell.

its ethical foundation.

Gabon).



Albert Schweitzer

ALL THAT ZAZZ by Mary N. DiZazzo Beauty Tips for Winter 2024



How are all my Glamazons doing? Starting to feel dry and flaky? Well I have a few tips for you to look and feel better.

For your lips to feel moisturized and soft, find a couple of lip moisturizers to apply over lipstick or just plain.

For your body, please find an allpurpose nourishment. No added paraffins or wax.

Some kind of cream that will absorb into your skin and soak in leaving a velvety touch.

For your hair, you need to spray a tiny bit of Olive Oil. Brush your hair well, shampoo and style as usual. No hot hair dryers please!

Your nails by now are exploding "a description" my husband uses often.

Cuticles are dry and need to be pushed back. Just use a bit of Olive Oil and use to push back

cuticles. You'll also be nourishing your nails. Give it time and you'll see.

Your welcome for your beatification tips ... anytime.

Happy winter to all my colleagues ... love Mary

Read prior weeks' "All That Zazz" columns at www.allthatzazz.com. Mary is a third-generation cosmetologist. She may be contacted at **mary@mary4nails.com**



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Project Proponent:

BPDA and City of Boston, Environment Department

Project Description:

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) and the City of Boston are building on the climate vulnerability analysis and resilient strategies developed through Climate Ready Boston (2016) and Coastal Resilience Solutions for Downtown and North End (2020). This virtual workshop will introduce the goals and context of the Long Wharf Flood Resilience Planning and Feasibility Study, provide information, seek community input on existing conditions, risks, vulnerabilities and considerations that will inform conceptual design options and strategies to manage flooding on Long Wharf and its surroundings

Language Access services are available at no cost to you. Spanish and Chinese services will be available for this meeting. If you require additional language services, please contact ksenia.acquaviva2@boston.gov no later than January 25th.

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Albert Schweitzer — Philosopher-physician Albert Schweitzer was born in Upper Alsace, Germany on January 14, 1875. He was the son of Adèle and Louis Théophile Schweitzer. He spent his childhood in Gunsbach, also in Alsace, where his father, the local Lutheran-Evangelical pastor of the EPCAAL, taught him how to play music. Schweitzer grew up in this exceptional environment of religious tolerance, and developed the belief that true Christianity should always work towards a unity of faith In 1905, Schweitzer began

> which he had just graduated, and in 1903 his appointment was made permanent.

In 1906, he published Geschichte der Leben-Jesu-Forschung [History of Lifeof-Jesus research]. This book, which established his reputation, was first published in English in 1910 as *The Quest* of the Historical Jesus. Under this title the book became famous in the English-speaking world.

The keynote of Schweitzer's

Saint Giuseppe Maria Tomasi

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Genoveva Torres Morales was born on January 3, 1870 in Almenara, Castille, Spain. She was the youngest of six children. By the age of eight, both her parents and four of her siblings had passed away, leaving Genoveva to care for the home and her brother, José.

and purpose.

his study of medicine at the

University of Strasbourg,

culminating in the degree

of M.D. in 1913. In 1899,

Schweitzer became a deacon

at the church of Saint Nicholas

in Strasbourg. In 1900, with

the completion of his licentiate

in theology, he was ordained

as curate, and that year he

witnessed the Oberammergau

Passion Play. In the following

year he became provisional

Principal of the Theological

College of Saint Thomas, from

When she was 10, she took a special interest in reading spiritual books. Through this pursuit

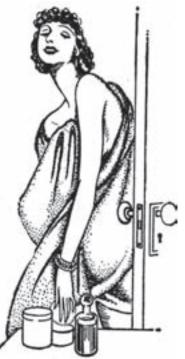


of the Company of the Cross,

under the guidance of Angelita, named "Mother Angela of the Cross," lived an authentically recluse contemplative life when they were not among the poor.

From 1885 to 1894, she lived at the Mercy Home run by the Carmelites of Charity. In the nine years she lived with the sisters and with other children, Angelita deepened her life of piety. She dedicated her free time to writing a detailed spiritual diary that revealed the style and ideal of life she was being called to live.

Mother Angela of the Cross passed away on March 2, 1932 in Seville. She was Canonized by Pope John Paul II on May 4, 2003. The Feast Day of Saint Genoveva Torres Morales is January 5th.



she came to understand that true happiness is doing God's will, and it was for this reason

that each one of us is created. This became her rule of life.

At the age of 13, Genoveva's left leg had to be amputated in order to stop the gangrene. The amputation was done in her home, and since the anesthesia was not sufficient, the pain was excruciating. Throughout her life her leg caused her pain and sickness, and she was forced to use crutches.

On November 1, 1871, at the foot of the Cross, she made a private vow to live the evangelical counsels, and in 1873 she received the call from God that would mark the beginning of her "new mission." During prayer, Genoveva saw an empty cross standing directly in front



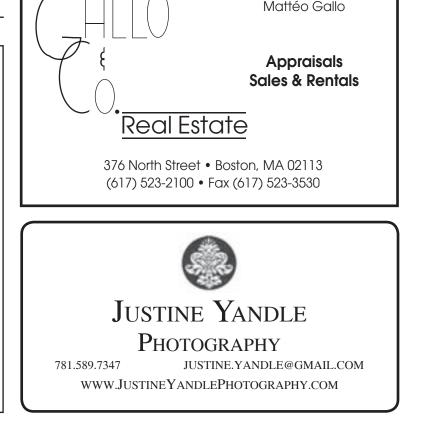
of the one upon which Jesus was hanging. She understood immediately that God was asking her to hang from the empty cross, to be "poor with the poor in order to bring them to Christ."

On August 2, 1875, three other women joined Genoveva now called Angelita. From that day on, they began their visits and gave assistance to the poor day and night. These Sisters

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Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 01/19/2024





SHANIA TWAIN – GREATEST HITS (2LP Vinyl) Mercury Nashville/UMe



Mercury Nashville/UMe has released multiple expanded U.S. and International 2LP vinyl editions of Shania Twain's widely acclaimed November 2004 compilation album Greatest Hits, marking the first time that this record-breaking collection of hits will appear together on vinyl. Digest the countless chart-topping anthems throughout. Shania's discography, Greatest Hits represents so much more than a collection of classics — it's a genre-defining celebration of the queen of country pop. Both the U.S. and International versions have been remastered from the original tapes, and they each now contain two additional tracks: Shania's latest hit, "Giddy Up!" as well as the fan-favorite "Life's About To Get Good." An international version will also be available outside the United States. The difference between the two editions is the international Greatest Hits variant boasts the international mixes of the tracks culled from November 1997s Come On Over, featuring the more pop-oriented production style that dialed back the country instrumentation and added other musical elements such as drum loops, keyboards, and synthesizer, as opposed to the North American/U.S. mixes that were buttressed by acoustic guitars, fiddles, pedalsteel guitar, and electric-guitar rock riffs. Greatest Hits is the perfect showcase for Shania Twain's ongoing progression as an inspirational, empowering singer/songwriter for multiple generations of fans and fellow artists alike, with the balance of the production duties courtesy Robert John "Mutt" Lange. Among the many mega hits to be found on Greatest Hits are the U.S. Country chart No. 1 singles "Any Man Of Mine," "(If You're Not In It For Love) I'm Outta Here!," "You Win My Love," "No One Needs To Know," "You're Still The One," "Love Gets Me Every Time," and "Honey, I'm Home," as well as the Top 10 hits "Man! I Feel Like A Woman!" "That Don't Impress Me Much," "From This Moment On," "Don't Be Stupid (You Know I Love You)," "Come On Over," "I'm Gonna Getcha Good!," "Forever And For Always," and "Party For Two."

The time has come, the walrus said, TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

MYRTLE BEACH VIA EAST SOMERVILLE AND MELROSE

A cousin of mine, Phyllis Ann, just let me know she has moved to South Carolina about 30 minutes from Myrtle Beach and she loves it down there. Several years ago, she and her family moved from Melrose where she spent most of her life growing up. She started her life living in East Somerville on Broadway not far from my family then down on George Street.

She had been thinking of coming back north but instead of heading home, she went a bit further south. Sounds good to me, now I have family to visit down by Myrtle Beach. She sent me a great pic of the beach down near where she lives now. **PUT THIS ON**

YOUR CALENDAR NOW

The next Sacred Heart Parish monthly community dinner will be held on Wednesday, February 7, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. All are welcome, bring a friend.

ANOTHER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED BY SADE

Does anyone out there remember "Cool Operator" by Sade? She just turned 65 years old on January 15. 'Smooth Operator " when it came out in 1984 was her first song and went right to the top of the charts and her career as a singer took off.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS GO OUT TO...

Singing legend Sir Rod Stewart just turned 79 years old on January 10. I was listening to smooth Jazz on 66 Sirius XM who played one of my favorite tunes of his "For Sentimental Reasons." This hit was big when it came out in 2004, now 20 years old. Can you believe it?

STILL TIRED OF VIRTUAL MEETINGS

I get so irritated whenever I see a Boston Planning & Developing newspaper advertisement

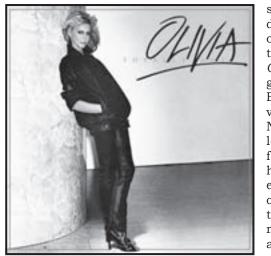


I can see myself sitting at this beach down there getting a great tan as I soak up the heat.

announcing the next upcoming virtual meeting. The latest one I saw was over 425 Medford Street in Charlestown for January 23. Tired, tired, tired I am. Isn't it time to can these virtual meetings and get back to real meetings where people can show up and vent their concerns? Zooming is not the same as showing up in person to actually communicate back and forth with city officials. How do you feel out there? Is it time to bring back real meetings face to face?

You are invited to attend: ABCD's Valentine's Day Party!

OLIVIA NEWTON JOHN – TOTALLY HOT (LP Vinyl) MCA/UMe



student who quite demonstrably comes out of her shell in the hit musical film Grease, 1978s biggest box office hit, British/Australian vocal powerhouse Newton-John released Totally Hot, further refining her embrace of the emerging pop sound of the late 1970s to great effect and much acclaim while at the same time remaining true to her country ballad roots. Totally Hot featured 10 tracks and two big hit singles, "A Little More Love" and "Deeper Than The Night." Hot highlights include the funky horn-driven title track "Totally Hot," the heartfelt ballad "Never Enough," and a truly raucous cover of the 1966 Spencer Davis Group Top Ten hit originally sung by a then-teenage Steve Winwood, "Gimme Some Lovin'." Rounding out the ten tracks are, "Please Don't Keep Me Waiting," "Dancin' Round And Round," "Talk To Me," "Borrowed Time," and "Boats Against The Current."

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MCA/UMe releases both vinyl and CD editions of Olivia Newton-John's smash-hit, tenth studio album, 1978's Totally Hot, a record that further reinforced her status as a surefire international superstar. In celebration of Newton-John's first-ever platinum-certified album's 45th anniversary, Totally Hot returns to vinyl for the first time in decades in two different options, in addition to being made available on CD and on all major digital platforms. Following on the heels of her megastar turn as Sandy Olsson, the Australian transfer

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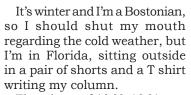
Lunch will be served!

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by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



The winter of 1960-1961 was very cold if I remember correctly. I had graduated college in June of 1960 and began teaching at Boston Tech that September. I was told that it would be a one-year assignment followed by a position at Hyde Park High School replacing a retiring drafting teacher. That sounded good to me, as Hyde Park High was called the "Country Club" back then.

Many of the faculty members were skiers and would head north on weekends right after the first snowfall. I started graduate school right away, and stayed living with my folks to keep the expenses as low as possible. As a result, Babbononno, who lived with my folks, spent a lot of time with me. As February approached, I had a chance to head to Florida during Presidents Week, as we would have that week off from school.

Babbononno had never been to Florida but knew that there were palm and coconut trees wherever you looked, and the winter temperatures in southern Florida were in the 70s and 80s. He advised that I go to Florida and not to a ski resort in New Hampshire where I would freeze to death. He didn't phrase it that way, but I am being polite.

A musician friend invited me to stay with him in a part of Miami called Coconut Grove. I knew that most tourists to Florida dressed at night in that the Miami Beach hotels required suits or sport jackets. I packed appropriately and was on my way just as soon as I left school on the Friday before the vacation week. When I arrived, I rented a car at the airport

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Middlesex Division Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Desitet Na MI24D0146E4 and headed for Coconut Grove. My piano player friend greeted me with open arms but had a problem that I was going have to deal with. It seems that his sister was coming to stay with him without an invitation and he only had one guest room.

I put together a list of Miami Beach hotels that I could afford and tried each of them, but the coming week was the busiest of the year. In desperation, I tried the hotels I couldn't afford (I had a Diner's Club Card). The results were the same ... sold out. Then, I got an idea. I headed to an apartment hotel not on the beach and walked in. I asked a bellhop the manager's name, walked to the front desk, and asked the clerk if I could see him. Of course, the response was, "Whom should I say wishes to speak with him?" I gave the man my name and told him to tell the manager that I was a friend of Jack Kramer who suggested I stay there.

The man at the front desk left for a minute and returned with the manager. I was in a suit and tie and looked professional in spite of my youth. The manager looked me over and then asked how Jack Kramer was. I explained that he was doing so well in business that it prevented him from leaving the Boston-New York corridor. The manager instructed the desk clerk to set me up in a first floor room that they kept vacant most of the time unless there was an emergency. I was all set. The only thing was I had no idea if there was a Jack Kramer in existence. The hotel manager probably didn't know who Jack Kramer was either, but didn't want to make any mistakes, so he played along.

I unpacked and headed across the street to the beach. The sun was hot and the air even hotter. It seems that a heat wave was hitting south Florida to the extent that the water temperature which was usually 70 degrees during the winter was over 80 degrees. I spent a good part of the day in the water and the rest of the time working on a tan. Due to the change of climate and the subsequent loss of appetite, I lost ten pounds over night. When I tried on one of my suits to head out that night, it was quite loose. I went from 168 to 158 pounds. (I wish I was close to that weight now) As a child, I had been to Miami Beach with my folks and Uncle Nick, but this was the first time I was on my own and paying my own way. The next day, I was back on the beach and stopped in front of a young man who looked familiar. He looked at me and yelled out my name. I did the same thing and we shook hands. He was a friend from one of the graduate courses I was taking at Boston State. We spread our blankets out side-by-side and planned a series of activities important to two young Bostonians both on our own for the first time. My friend was staying with relatives who had retired and moved to Miami Beach. After the afternoon at the beach, I headed

back to his relatives house and met the family. They laid out a list of restaurants and nightclubs we should think about to accompany our fun in the sun.

Back then, Miami Beach was one of the most popular resort areas in the country, and during the winter months, it rocked. My friend and I parted company but planned to meet for dinner and the exploration of several clubs one of his cousins put on a list.

That night, I was standing on the corner of Collins Ave and Lincoln Road waiting for my friend to pick me up, and was approached by two young ladies roughly my age. They looked familiar and it turned out that they were from Revere, attended Boston State graduate classes, and were friends of the guy I was waiting for. As a matter of fact, he had asked them to look for us. As a result, we had informal dates for the rest of the week.

This was in the heyday of Miami Beach, as I mentioned before, and every major hotel had a Hollywood name or Vegas act in their main room. That week, I saw some of the greats. Even the second tier hotels had main rooms or cocktail lounges with great entertainment. One place we happened to wander into was a nightclub called Murray Franklin's. The comedian was Freddy Ross from Boston (anyone remember him???) and he was followed by a female ventriloquist. Her dummy spoke with a Jewish accent and they were hilarious. When the act finished, the woman thanked the audience and did so with an Italian accent. When the next act came on, the ventriloquist sat down at the bar. I couldn't resist as curiosity was getting the best of me. I approached her and asked her about the dummy's Jewish accent and her Italian accent. She was Italian from Naples. I asked where she picked up the Jewish accent. It seems that when she arrived in the U.S., she settled in Brooklyn. Anyway, the vacation was a success and when I returned to Boston, my folks were supposed to pick me up at the airport. They drove past me twice,



In Italy, the word ciambella or ciambellone translates to "donut," but it refers to a traditional Italian ring cake rather than the donuts we're familiar with in this country. These cakes vary in recipe from region to region and family to family, but they are typically easy to make using basic pantry ingredients. A donut cake can be enjoyed at just about any time of the day, especially when accompanied by a steaming latte or warm cup of milk.

My Nonna always kept a tray of biscotti and a ciambella tucked away and ready for company, when they came. She made many different cookies and cakes, and most times the ingredients she had on hand determined the recipes she'd create. Many people in this country tend to use overripe bananas to make banana bread. However, I prefer to use them to create an "Italian Banana Donut Cake." This tasty soft and moist banana bread donut cake is perfect when served without icing for breakfast and delicious when iced, as an after-dinner dessert!

ITALIAN BANANA DONUT CAKE Torta Ciambella Italiana Alla Banana



Cake:

- 1 cup (2 sticks margarine)
- ¹/₄ cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup light or dark brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 5 small or 4 large overripe bananas, mashed
- 1 cup full fat sour cream
- 1 ¹/₂ teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking soda

Icing:

- 4 tablespoons or 1/4 cup softened butter
- 4 ounces full fat softened cream cheese
- 1 ¼ cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 ¼ teaspoons vanilla extract
- Preheat oven to 350°.
- Grease and flour a 12-cup ring pan and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, cream together softened margarine and sugars until light and fluffy. Add eggs, beat well and then blend in bananas, sour cream and vanilla, mix together. Sift flour, salt and baking soda together and stir into mixture.

Pour batter into the prepared ring pan and bake for 50 minutes to an hour, or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Cool in pan for about 10 minutes before transferring onto a cake platter. Serve plain or generously drizzle with icing. To make icing, cream together butter, cream cheese, salt and vanilla. Add confectioners' sugar until a thick icing consistency results. Generously drizzle over cake.

Docket No. MI24P0146EA

Estate of JEANNE CARON WINNER Also Know As: JEANNIE WINNER

Date of Death: March 23, 2023

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **William B. Cunningham** of **Cambridge**, **MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

William B. Cunningham of Cambridge, 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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and on the third go round, Babbononno yelled from the back seat, "Atza John, stoppa da carra." It seems that I was so tanned, neither Mom nor Dad recognized me. Oh well ... **GOD BLESS AMERICA**

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Store cake in the refrigerator and serve at room temperature.

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



Tips for Selecting the **Best Tomatoes for Your Garden**

by Melinda Myers



Lizzano is a semi-determinate tomato great for hanging baskets. (Photo courtesy of All-America Selections)

Whether you enjoy tomatoes sliced, sauced, or cooked in ies suited to your growing your favorite recipe, they taste best when grown and harvested from your garden or container. With more than 10,000 varieties available it can be difficult to select the best ones to grow in your garden.

Start by looking for those varieties best suited to the intended use whether for slicing, cooking, preserving, or snacking. Most seed catalogs and websites as well as plant tags and garden centers provide recommendations.

Bite-sized tomatoes are great for salads, relish trays, and snacking. Trailing varieties like Lizzano, Tumbling Tom, Litt'l Bites Cherry, and Red Robin also grow well in hanging baskets and even window boxes.

Paste and sauce tomatoes have meatier fruit making them perfect for sauces, soups, and preserving. Roma is the traditional favorite with an eggshaped fruit that has thick walls and few seeds. The All-America Selections Early Resilience Roma has excellent disease and blossom end rot resistance and does not require staking. Use paste tomatoes during the growing season for sauces, chop and add them to an omelet, can or freeze them for future use.

Grow a few slicing tomatoes to enjoy on sandwiches, grilled, or on their own. Beefsteak and Better Boy are longtime favorites while Iron Lady, Galahad, and the colorful Chef's Choice series are more recent additions to this category.

Perhaps you are looking for an heirloom tomato, one that

Look for tomato varietconditions. Check with your University Extension for a list of recommended varieties for your area. You will also find helpful information on the best time to start tomato seeds indoors and when to place transplants in the garden.

Start enjoying the harvest sooner with fast-maturing tomatoes. These are perfect if you have a short growing season or are just anxious for your first garden-fresh tomato. Early Girl is a longtime favorite, Bush Early Girl produces more fruit on a compact plant, and New Girl produces bigger fruit and has better disease resistance. Glacier, Alaska, and Juliet are a few of the many others to consider. Check the catalog description or plant tag for the number of days to harvest.

Select plants with the growth habit that best works with your

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after February 03, 2024 beginning at 9:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

> 1999 HONDA CR-V VIN # JHLRD186XC049701

1998 NISSAN ALTIMA VIN # 1N4DL01D5WC131898 2012 CHEVROLET EXPRESS VIN # 1GCSGAFX0C1132057

2017 HONDA Hr-V VIN # 3CZRU6H71HM722094 2007 NISSAN ALTIMA VIN # 1N4AL21E67N475740

2008 TOYOTA YARIS

garden space and gardening style. Determinate tomatoes are perfect for small space gardens and containers. They grow a certain height, stop growing, and produce their fruit over a relatively short time. Indeterminate tomatoes continue to grow throughout the season producing flowers and fruit until you prune out the tip or frost kills the plant. Stake or tower the plants to save space, reduce disease and insect problems, and make har-

vesting more convenient. Gather your family and favorite recipes. Make a list of longtime favorites and new tomato varieties to include in this year's garden. Be sure to save some space as you are likely to find a few additional varieties you just can't resist planting this year.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Stanley Service, Inc. 3430 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after January 27 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing storage, and notices of sale:

2006 YAMAHA YZF-R6 VIN # JYARJ12E16A009050 2016 DODGE CHARGER VIN # 2C3CDXHG9GH186627

1999 FORD F-450 VIN # 1FDXF46F1XEB10998

Vehicles are being stored at Stanley Service, Inc., and may be viewed by appointment only. Signed Stanley Service, Inc., Owner

Run dates: 01/12, 01/19, 01/26/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Suffolk Division Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 Docket No. SU24P0070EA Estate of KATHERINE ISABEL TRUE Also Known As **KATHERINE I. TRUE** Date of Death: November 25, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION NOTICE**

• Police Officers Graduate (Continued from Page 1)

requirements to be eligible for Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission certification.

About the Municipal Police **Training Committee:**

The Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) develops and delivers world-class training across the Commonwealth to 24,000 officers at every stage of their careers, ranging from basic training for new officers to mandatory and specialized professional development training. An agency within the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS), MPTC is responsible for the statewide standardization of police training, delivering a modernized training program that aligns with national best practices, public expectations, and legislative mandates put forward by the 2020 police reform law. MPTC operates a network of convenient regional academies and authorizes

independent academies that meet the Agency's standard of excellence.

In addition to municipal officers, MPTC ensures the highest training standards for MBTA Police Officers, Environmental Police Officers, UMass Campus Police Officers, Campus Police Officers, and Deputy Sheriffs performing Police duties and functions.

The MPTC operates Police Academies in Boylston, Haverhill, Holyoke, Lynnfield, Plymouth and Randolph. The MPTC also authorizes full-time academies with the Boston Police Academy, Cambridge Police Academy - Northeastern University, Fitchburg State University Police Program, Lowell Police Academy, MBTA Police Academy, Merrimack College Police Academy, Springfield Police Academy, Worcester Police Academy, Quinsigamond Community College, and the MA National Guard Civilian Academy.

• Molasses Flood (Continued from Page 1)



Tank before it exploded

deep throughout the area before it seeped through the streets, was to take about two weeks and was undertaken by the city of Boston fire department that began by washing the molasses covered cobblestone streets with salt water from fire hoses sunk into the river for weeks, trying to wash away the residue of the sweet but devastating substance.

Previous complaints by North End residents of cracks and steady leaks in the tank, which had been covered with brown paint by the company to obscure the evidence, were brought to the public's attention and a lengthy class action lawsuit brought forward the damaging evidence that resulted

in a settlement to those whose family had been killed.

Today, the site of the molasses tank is now Langone Park and Puopolo Park, two open spaces overlooking the Mystic River that offer many amenities for the community residents. It is said by many North End residents that even to this day, that on warm, humid summer days you can still smell the sweet aroma of molasses during the city's hottest weather.

P.S. You can read the actual words and descriptions of this catastrophe as eyewitnesses by actual North Enders in Anthony Riccio's book Stories, Streets, and Saints. Also you should consider purchasing Stephen Puleo's book the **Dark Tide**.

has been grown for more than 50 years and maintained its original traits and popularity. Cherokee Purple's rich flavor constantly rates high in taste tests. Brandywine, Black Cherry, Chocolate Stripes, Amana Orange, and Black Krim are also gardener favorites.

Coax reluctant veggie eaters of all ages to give tomatoes a try with some of the sweeter varieties like Sunsugar often called the candy of the garden. Consider having a taste test after growing a variety of super sweet tomatoes like Sungold, Super Sweet 100, Suncherry, and Sunrise Bumble Bee.

Boost your success by selecting disease-resistant varieties and growing your tomatoes in full sun and moist welldrained soil. Plant tags, internet sources, and catalog descriptions usually highlight this and other helpful information.

VIN # JTDJT923685139099 2003 FORD E350 VIN # 1FTNE24W73HB99538 2011 FORD FUSION VIN # 3FAHP0JA7BR252973 2006 BMW 330i VIN # WBAVB33516KR78543

2008 FORD F150 VIN # 1FTRF12298KD53380

2007 INFINITI G35 VIN # JNKBV61F57M809964

2010 DODGE JOURNEY VIN # 3D4PG5FV1AT148563

2010 HONDA CIVIC VIN # 2HGFA1F51AH524434

2012 FORD FOCUS VIN # 1FAHP3M24CL436726

2003 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE SPYDER VIN # 4A3AE55H93E108400

> 2007 JEEP COMMANDER VIN # 1J8HG58N37C598954

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

> Signed Todisco Services, Inc.

Run dates: 1/19, 1/26, 2/02/2024

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Anna Couperthwait of Huntington, VT, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Anna Couperthwait of Huntington, VT 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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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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

2005 TOYOTA COROLLA VIN # 1NXBR32E95Z509590

2011 HONDA CIVIC VIN # 2HGFA1F87BH542335

2009 PONTIAC VIBE

2008 NISSAN SENTRA

VIN # 3N1AB61E68L667233 2007 JEEP COMMANDER

VIN # 1J8HG48N77C630878

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

> Signed Todisco Services, Inc.

Run dates: 1/05, 1/12, 1/19/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way

Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI23C1373CA In the Matter of YEVHENII DIOMIDOV CITATION ON

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been

filed by Yevhenii Diomidov of Cambridge, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Jenny Diomidova. 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 30, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 02, 2024 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 01/19/2024

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. SU24P0038EA

Estate of YAN WEI

Date of Death: October 25, 2018 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Yunsheng Wang of Needham, 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 **Yunsheng Wang** of **Needham**, **MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised** administration.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Perfection Towing, 483 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **January 27, 2024** beginning at 10:00 am by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2023 HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCY1F36PA039159 2015 HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCR2F30FA064253

Vehicles are being stored at Perfection Towing and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed Kirk Hacsunda, Manager

Run dates: 01/12, 01/19, 01/26/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **MJS Towing, Inc., 1589 Hyde Park Ave., Hyde Park, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **January 20, 2024 beginning at 10:00 AM** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

> 2011 ACURA TSX VIN # JH4CU2F64BC002083

> 2003 SUZUKI VL800 VIN # JS1VS54A532111100

2007 NISSAN ALTIMA VIN # 1N4BL21E77C190075 2010 HONDA CIVIC

VIN # 2HGFG1B63AH520835 2008 SUBARU OUTBACK

VIN # 4S4BP61C887337255 2008 HONDA ACCORD

VIN # 1HGCP26708A043043 2006 MERCEDES BENZ C350 VIN # WDBRF87H26F761178

2010 BMW 528i VIN # WBANU5C51AC126010

2013 FORD TAURUS VIN # 1FAHP2F80DG232074 2005 VOLVO XC90

VIN # YV1CZ592451187596

2017 KIA SOUL VIN # KNDJN2A27H7886564 Vehicles are being stored at MJS Towing, Inc., and may be viewed by appointment only.

> Signed MJS Towing, Inc. Run dates: 01/05, 01/12, 01/19/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 39A, that on February 03, 2024 at 10AM, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

2016 CHEVROLET EQUINOX, BLACK VIN # 2GNFLFEK3G6251716

2009 CHEVROLET MALIBU, BLUE VIN # 1G1ZG57B594227982 2000 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE, BLACK

VIN # 1J4GW48N5YC374743 2004 VOLKSWAGON JETTA, BROWN VIN # 3VWSA69M94M090280

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI24C0001CA In the Matter of CAITLIN ANN BAKER CITATION ON

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Caitlin Ann Baker of Somerville, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Caitlin Baker Coston.

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 30, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 02, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 01/19/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

Middlesex Division Middlesex Probate and Family Court Lowell Justice Center 370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor Lowell, MA 01852

(978) 656-7700 Docket No. MI23P4089EA

Estate of MARIE MAY PETRICONE Also Known As MARIE M. PETRICONE

Date of Death: March 16, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **David P. Petricone** of **Goffstown**, **NH**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

David P. Petricone of Goffstown, NH 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.

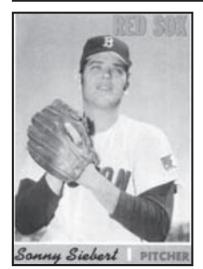
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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI19P2157GD NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Resignation or



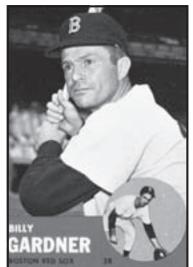
by Sal Giarratani



Happy B-Day to Sonny Siebert

Happy birthday to Red Sox starting pitcher Sonny Siebert who just turned 87 years old. Back in the day, the righthander was always a solid third starter in the rotation. He could always come up when a big win was really needed. Siebert was 140-114 with a 3.21 ERA from 1964-75 and threw a no-hitter for the Indians in 1966. A twotime All-Star, Siebert was with the Sox from 1969-73 and won 57 games. He also hit 12 home runs over his career. Currently, he is the oldest living former Padre and Ranger.

Billy Gardner, RIP



Former Red Sox player Billy Gardner recently passed away at 96. He played 10 seasons in the majors, including 89 games for the Red Sox from 1962-63. He ended up staying with the Sox as a minor league coach and manager and was up in Boston as a third base coach in 1965-66. He eventually managed the Twins from 1981-85 and the Royals in 1987.

Urias Released by Dodgers, Remains Free Agent

Former Dodger pitcher Julio Urias is a free agent. He was released by the team in August following a domestic violence incident. According to authorities in Los Angeles, he did not commit a felony but could be charged with a misdemeanor. MLB is still investigating the situation. URIAS served a 20-game suspension for domestic violence in 2019.

Good Luck to A's Fans

The fans in Oakland will have to suffer through four more seasons with a team that is moving to Las Vegas. The A's in Oakland averaged 10,276 fans in seats per game. Those numbers can only continue to drop. The Oakland team wants out of that city and the fans appear to want them out even sooner if possible.

> Buddy Harrelson Miracle Met Dead at 79



Several years ago, Buddy Harrelson disclosed he had Alzheimer's. Buddy was a member of the Mets' first world series winning team forever to be known as the Miracle Mets. He passed away in hospice care on January 4. The "Miracle" Mets rose from ninth place in 1968 to take out the Orioles in the World Series.

News Briefs

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Footloose in US Says DHS

The Department of Homeland Security admitted "about 85 percent" of migrants apprehended at the southern border and are being released into the United States. DHS Secretary Alejando Mayorkas made the admission at a private meeting with border agents at the overrun Eagle Pass crossing in Texas. The Del Rio sector, where Eagle Hill lies, saw more than 81,000 migrants hand themselves over seeking a new life here in America in October and November alone.

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 16, 2024.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed

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

WITNESS, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 05, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

Run date: 01/19/2024

2007 NISSAN MAXIMA, BROWN VIN # 1N4BA41E97C823497

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> 2009 FORD E-350, BLUE VIN # 1FBNE31L69DA59386

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2011 FORD FOCUS, WHITE VIN # 1FAHP3FN9BW182483

2006 CHEVROLET EQUINOX, RED VIN # 2CNDL23F666199135

Run dates: 01/19, 01/26, 02/02/2024

Petition for Removal of Guardianship of a Minor

In the interests of JAIZAYIAH N. RAMOS of Somerville, MA Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES 1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor filed by Theresa A. Chaisson-Ramos on January 04, 2024 will be held 02/22/2024 08:40 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 10-U Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801. Judge McSweeny Session Courtroom 2

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. 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: January 10, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 01/19/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI24C0020CA In the Matter of GUO YUE CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Guo Yue of Melrose, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Sofia Yueguo Tarmey.

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 07, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 10, 2024 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 01/19/2024

According to ABC sources, the siege on the border has only increased since then, with a monthly record 302,000 migrants encountered with most of them being waved into the country.

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"Forget the calendar. When it comes to media coverage of Donld Trump, it's 2016 all over again...Proving they remain infected by a fast-resistant virus, most members of the self-proclaimed smart set are once again horrified by GOP voters....How can it be that their fellow Americans remain so stupid after they've repeatedly explained Trump's flaws? Why do voters refuse to listen to their media masters?"

- Michael Goodwin NY Post columnist, January 17



The Bigger the Better Three Great Heavyweight Champs Had Their Most Difficulty When Facing Smaller Opponents

The old saying "The bigger they are, the harder they fall" is true when it comes to the careers of Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, and Muhammad Ali. All three champs had some of their most decisive wins over opponents bigger than they were while having some of their toughest fights against those who were smaller.

Jack Dempsey became known as "Jack The Giant Killer" because of his ability to mow down fighters who outweighed him by huge amounts. Yet, the fighters who gave him the most problems were those who were smaller than he was.

Before winning the title, Jack beat 6'4" Carl Morris three times. In their third fight, Morris outweighed Dempsey by at least 35 pounds. Morris was no match for the fast moving and hard punching Mauler.

In a fight that has become one of boxing's most legendary, Dempsey inflicted a brutal beating on champion Jess Willard. Willard stood over 6'5" and outweighed Jack at 245 pounds to 187 pounds, nearly 50 pounds. In the fight, Dempsey was like a lion attacking its prey. Again, he used incredible speed combined with ferocious power to mow down the Pottawatomie Giant.

Dempsey also did well against Luis Angle Firpo who had nearly 25 pounds on him. The fight is best remembered for Dempsey being knocked out of the ring, but other than that exciting moment, it was a pretty one sided affair with Firpo hitting the canvas nine times before being counted out.

Whom did Dempsey have the most difficulty with? It was the fighters smaller than he was or about the same size.

While Jack won a fairly one-sided decision over 175 pound Tommy Gibbons, he not only could not kayo the smaller man, and he was unable to hurt him. Of course, it must be noted Gibbons fought just to survive and go the distance. Given that, Tommy still had the speed and skill set to avoid Jack's vicious blows.



Gene Tunney puts Dempsey on the canvas in their Second Fight

The man who defeated Jack for the title was about the same size as the champion. Gene Tunney had spent most of his career campaigning as a light heavyweight. Fighting at that lower weight he developed more skills than the bigger heavyweights while also having great speed. And while Dempsey was very fast, that quickness wasn't as effective when he was in with an opponent who could match him or out speed him. The bigger guys were a much easier target for him. Even in his winning fight against Jack Sharkey, which took place between the two Tunney fights, Dempsey was taking an awful beating before kayoing Sharkey with a controversial left hook. The two Jacks were pretty even in height and weight.

After winning the title, Joe had some pretty one-sided wins over much larger men. He twice kayoed Abe Simon, who weighed over 250 pounds. He also won two fights with 6'6" Buddy Baer. The first by disqualification and the second via a first round knockout dropping Baer three times.



Walcott drops Louis in their First Fight

As with Dempsey, Joe's toughest fights were with the smaller men. His legendary first fight with Billy Conn was the closest he came to losing the title at that point in his career. And in 1947, Jersey Joe Walcott who was 20 pounds fighter lost a very controversial split decision to the champion.

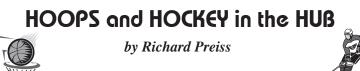
In Joe's ill-fated comeback in 1950 he was beaten by champion Ezzard Charles. Ezzard was over thirty pounds lighter.



Doug Jones lands a Left Hook on Cassius Clay

When it comes to the heavyweights most people seem to think the bigger the better. However, history doesn't bear that out. Muhammad Ali had a relatively easy time beating big men such as Sonny Liston and George Foreman while struggling with the smaller Doug Jones and Jimmy Young. It was the lighter Sonny Banks, Henry Cooper, and Joe Frazier who were the only men to deck him.





Back from an extended trip to Wisconsin for the holidays that encompassed three weeks between the trips out and back plus time with relatives.

This may surprise some people seeing how Buffalo has made the headlines of late because of all the stormy weather but in our two trips through the area we had no problems whatsoever. Both going out and coming back the roads were excellent in that area with the weather cold but clear and dry. It certainly didn't seem like the Buffalo we saw online after we returned with over two feet of snow on the ground plus bitter cold temperatures.

But by and large the trip back was a challenge, especially around Cleveland on the way back with fog, rain, and spray put up by passing tractor trailers. When it was all over it seemed odd that the best part of the trip home was the area around Buffalo — a region that would become snowbound just a few days later.

By the way, the two left lanes on Interstate 80 just south of Chicago could be a training ground for the Daytona 500. We drove in the far right hand lanes but glancing over to our left, it appeared to be a whole different world with high speed vehicles, tailgating, and risky passing maneuvers. In reality, it did not seem that there was a speed limit in those lanes. That certainly was not for us.

After we returned we saw a still photo of the snow-covered New York Thruway near Utica. We found it hard to believe that the highway was the same one we had driven down just some four days earlier.

While we were in Wisconsin we celebrated a "Green Christmas" with no snow on the ground, although a few inches arrived just days later. But all in all, there wasn't any challenging weather during the time we were there.

Athletically, we are not in favor of the outdoor "icebox" football games that often accompany the weather in the northern regions of the U.S. this time of year. We think it takes away from showcasing the true athletic talent that could be much better put on display in geographical areas where playing conditions are more favorable.

If executives were really thinking of the fans, outdoor games would never be scheduled in these areas for this time of year. In addition, you have the possibility of accidents as both fans and people who must work at the games attempt to drive through such conditions.

A STAT THAT MAY STING THE BRUINS — It is there in the standings every day but because the B's are currently in first place in the Eastern Conference, it may go unnoticed. Until it rears its somewhat ugly head near the end of the regular season.

It is the column headed "OTL" in the standings — short for overtime losses. And the Bruins have a bunch — nine to be exact through games of January 16th. That was second to the New York Islanders who had a league-leading 10.

You can look at it as a positive of sorts, even though you lost, the team still earned a point, which it better than a regulation loss. But by not picking up that extra point in overtime, you are losing a precious tally in the standings.

No, it will not determine whether the Bruins will make the playoffs. The Bruins are a quality playoff team. But those OTLs could determine whether the Bruins have an extended playoff run with home ice advantage. Simply put, if the B's had won five or six of those games by this time, those additional points would place them further ahead of both Florida and the New York Rangers two teams that are nipping at the heels of the Bruins for overall leadership in the Eastern Conference.

It is also an odd stat in that some teams do not have many OTLs — perhaps because they have lost many games in regulation without going into OT. For instance, Ottawa, the last place team in the Atlantic Division, did not have a single OTL through January 16th. In the Western Conference, Anaheim had one while San Jose had four.

On the other hand, Edmonton a team with a winning record in the Western Conference, also had only one, proving that by winning most of your games in regulation (and some in OT) you can avoid the possibility of those pesky OTLs.

WOMEN'S BEANPOT AT THE GARDEN — It will be Commonwealth Avenue versus Huntington Avenue at the Garden on January 23rd as Boston University and Northeastern University face off in the first Women's Beanpot Championship game to be held on Causeway Street.

Joe Louis and Muhammad Ali also had the most difficulty with smaller and faster opponents while having it relatively easy with the bigger guys.

On his march to a title shot Joe Louis took out 6'6" Primo Camera who outweighed him by over 60 pounds. Carnera, who fought courageously, was helpless when the fight ended in the 6th round.

Louis also easily handled Max Baer who was taller and heavier than he was. The very hard punching Baer went down in the 4th round and stayed on the canvas for the full count.

It was the smaller Max Schmeling who proved to be a problem for the fast rising Brown Bomber. In their 1936 fight, Schmeling gave Louis a good going over before kayoing him in the 12th round.

Sonny Banks flooring Clay

When it comes to heavyweights, speed counts for a lot. Most heavyweights do not move well. If they retained the skills they have at the heavier weight and could be shrunken down to middleweight they would be far below average. That is why the best heavyweights are the ones who come closest to fighting like the smaller guys.

While Dempsey, Louis, and Ali were given the most trouble by smaller fighters, the three were also dominant in their divisions because they all had great speed and movement.

When it comes to the heavyweights, speed is a major advantage.

BU got to the title game by defeating Boston College, 4-3, in a shootout that followed a scoreless skating overtime. The victory was a season highlight for BU since BC entered the game in first place in the Hockey East standings.

Northeastern also had a challenging game, topping host Harvard 1-0 on a goal by former Harvard player Taze Thompson. She had transferred to Northeastern from Harvard over the summer.

REMEMBERING THE LEADER — He had the voice and many people across North America could identify with it since he was heard in at least 38 states and several Canadian provinces on a clear night.

Yes, it had been nine years since Bob Wilson, the longtime radio voice of the Bruins, died on January 15, 2015. Bob took great pride in never having missed a game during his long career — some 3,000 of them.

He was fortunate to have much of his career coincide with the Bruins broadcasting their games on WBZ-radio, a clear channel station that still reaches across vast swaths of North America at night. But it was a commercial that came to define him. A local bank took pride in paying its depositors high interest rates, ending with Bob proclaiming the words "always the leader."

But over time, those words came to apply to him as well. For many, he was and remains "Always the Leader."