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Governor Baker Delivers 2020 State of the Commonwealth Address

On Tuesday, January 21, 2020, Governor Charlie Baker delivered his State of the Commonwealth address from the House Chamber of the Massachusetts State House.

Below is a brief breakdown, the complete State of the Commonwealth Address can be found on line at www.mass.gov/news/governor-baker-delivers-2020-state-of-the-commonwealth-address.

Governor Baker began the Address with vaping, stating “We led the nation in responding to the growing body of evidence concerning this relatively new activity. As the warning signs of sudden illness, injury, and death here in Massachusetts and across the country became clear, we acted.

We proposed to expand the Medicare Savings Program. Starting this month, 40,000 low-income seniors will save

thousands of dollars on their out of pocket drug costs.

“Our economy is booming, our unemployment rate is below 3% and we have more people working than at any time in our history.

“Strong fiscal management and a robust economy have resulted in back to back billion-dollar budget surpluses, which we used to double down on our Rainy Day Fund. Today, that fund balance stands at \$3.5 billion.

“We also cut taxes for working families, and delivered on a promise made to voters 20 years ago to reduce the state income tax rate to 5%.

“Finally, we’ve taken bold action to tackle the opioid crisis, and have shown the rest of the nation the way forward.

“We’ve been able to do all of this by finding common ground, by refusing to engage in the par-



tisan nonsense that consumes so much of our national politics and by putting the people of our Commonwealth first.

“We have to align our health care policies with the nature of illness, and the 21st century hopes and expectations of our residents.

“We’re a national leader on climate policy, but we have to take more decisive action.

“Our economic success means we have to address long-standing issues in transportation and housing.

“We have to continue to reduce the skills gap between people looking for better work and the needs of many of our employers.

“And we must ensure that every child, regardless of who they are or where they live, has access to a high-quality education.

“We’ve maintained access to women’s health services in the face of federal cutbacks.

“A Health Connector that had become a national punch line now stands as a model for every other state, providing affordable health insurance coverage to over 300,000 people.

“We’ve cleaned up the out of control MassHealth program, dramatically.

“Federal disaster relief spending today is almost 10 times higher than it was 30 years ago.

“From fishing and farming to critical public infrastructure and basic necessities like clean drinking water, there’s no dispute that the consequences of climate change are real and potentially devastating.

“We created the first Municipal Vulnerability Program in the country, so local communities would have the ability to address future threats before they occur.

“Massachusetts also leads the nation in procuring clean, renewable energy.

“Tonight, I’m committing the Commonwealth to achieving

an ambitious climate goal: net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

“In addition, the Transportation Climate Initiative will deliver millions of dollars in needed investments in our transportation infrastructure. It’s a critical part in expanding public transportation, transforming our highways and reducing congestion.

“Decades of underinvestment in the T have combined with the skyrocketing growth of our workforce, and 100 million Uber and Lyft rides every year, to put tremendous pressure on every part of our transportation system.

“We were the first Administration in state history to invest more than \$1 billion a year to Build a Better T.

“We’re also the first to fund an unprecedented 5 year, \$8 billion infrastructure modernization program, to improve reliability and add thousands of seats to the system.

“To build on these improvements, we filed an \$18 billion transportation bond bill last year, the largest ever.

“Traffic is also a problem and it’s no longer just at rush hour. Transportation Network Companies provide a valuable service, but they clog our roads and operate with very little oversight.

“The sooner we have access to both the tools and the funding, the sooner we can make our transportation system safer, better and more reliable.

“Five years ago, we made a commitment to significantly increase state investments in affordable, workforce, and transit-oriented housing.

“18 months ago, you passed and we signed the largest housing bond bill in state history.

“We are making progress, but demand is outpacing supply.

“Our current zoning laws aren’t working.

“We say we want to make

Massachusetts more affordable. And yet, thousands of units of desperately needed housing get majority support from their local communities, only to fail to be built because current zoning laws require a supermajority vote.

“For the sake of our communities, our young people, our seniors and our families, let’s find the common ground on housing policy that must be in here somewhere. And let’s get this done.

“To keep our economy strong, we’re focused on two important initiatives.

Lieutenant Governor Polito just spent a year touring the Commonwealth, hearing from local leaders, legislators, private companies and non-profits, as we drafted our economic development plan for this term.

“The finished product is appropriately called “Partnerships for Growth,” because we succeed when we work together. Legislation based on the report will be filed for your consideration next month.

“The second initiative will focus on addressing the persistent skills gap we have, between people looking to work their way up the jobs ladder and the needs and expectations of many of our employers.

“To address this, we’ll launch a \$15 million partnership with our vocational schools to give thousands of people, adults and high schoolers, ‘hands-on’ educational opportunities.

We can lead and represent the very special people of this very special place we call home.

We can focus on progress. Build on what we have. And live up to the ideals, courage and appropriately high expectations of our neighbors.

“Let’s make them, and each other, proud.

“God Bless This Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

“God Bless The United States of America.”

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Trump Getting Ready For New Hampshire Rally

I just heard the Trump Campaign is looking to hold a rally up in New Hampshire the day before the N.H. primary. The rally is most likely to be held on February 10th in Manchester. Details are still incomplete.

Keep an eye online for further details.

Starbucks Pouring Coffee Into Poor Areas

Starbucks says it has a point to prove. There’s more to their brand than selling high-priced lattes to the rich. The Seattle-based coffee is viewed by many as a left-wing company and it is now expanding its effort to put more coffee shops in poor neighborhoods. Starbucks has plans to open or revamp 85 stores across urban neighborhoods. Let the poor drink Starbucks, too, if they can afford the prices to begin with.

I can see it now. Dunkin’ starts advertising, “We serve more poor people than them.”

Bullitt Car Sold for \$3.74 Million

The 1968 Black Ford Mustang GT driven by Steve McQueen in that legendary chase scene in the movie *Bullitt* sold last week for \$3.74 million. Back in the late ‘60s I loved Steve McQueen movies. I saw this movie at a grand movie theater on Tremont Street in the Theatre District.

The chase scene is still the best chase scene I have every seen. The movie was filmed on the hilly roads of San Francisco. One of my all-time favorites. I loved Mustangs back then. This one was a Mustang supped to the max.

I have to watch this movie again real soon.

This is No Movie, This is Real

I know there’s a recent movie out about two Popes


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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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

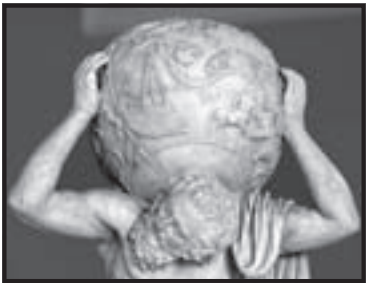


ATLAS, OTHER VERSIONS

Stories about Atlas are told at least three times in tales from mythology. The first one identifies him as a son of the Titan Iapetus. Atlas supported the Titans in their war against the forces of Zeus, and of course we know that the Titans were defeated. As punishment, Atlas was forced to hold the heavens on his shoulders for all eternity.

The second story is quite involved: It starts with three sisters called the Gorgons. They were awful beings, with hair and girdles of snakes, and anyone who gazed upon them was immediately turned to stone. One sister, named Medusa, was mortal, but the other two were immortal. Perseus, a Greek hero, was successful in a mission to cut off Medusa’s head, and was bringing it back to his homeland in a leather bag. After traveling for a full day he came upon the realm of King Atlas. The king was a huge man, who possessed great wealth in herds and land. Most precious to him was a beautiful garden which contained golden fruit, hanging from branches of gold.

Perseus sought only food and a place to rest for the night. Atlas remembered an old proverb about being robbed of his golden apples, so he refused



hospitality to the stranger. Greatly angered, Perseus then held up the Gorgon’s head for Atlas to gaze upon, and this bulk of a king was immediately turned into stone. His hair and beard became wild forests, his arms became the sloping sides of a mountain, and his head became the summit. According to the pleasure of the gods, heavens, with all its stars was then caused to rest upon the shoulders of Atlas.

The third story from mythology concerning Atlas is centered around the celebrated “Labors of Hercules.” His ninth labor was to fetch the golden apples of the Hesperides. These golden apples grew in the sacred garden of Hera, wife of Zeus, and the Hesperides were three daughters of Atlas, who were assigned to cultivate and watch over the garden. The final item, setting the stage for this last

act, was that of Hercules being informed not to enter the sacred garden, but to send Atlas, father of the Hesperides, instead.

Hercules journeyed a great distance and finally came to the sacred garden of Hera. It was located near the spot where Atlas was holding the sky on his shoulders. Remembering the advice that had been given to him, Hercules offered to relieve Atlas of the weight temporarily if he would gather the golden apples from the garden. Atlas agreed, fetched the apples, and returned shortly. Hercules soon discovered that Atlas did not intend to resume his great burden, but instead, offered to deliver the apples himself. Having this great weight on his back prevented Hercules from resorting to any kind of force against Atlas. Through caution and wit, Hercules pretended to agree to the proposal of Atlas, but begged him to hold the sky just long enough to permit a pad to be placed upon his head. The gullible Atlas laid the apples on the ground and took back the sky. As soon as the weight was transferred, Hercules picked up the golden fruit and started his journey home.

NEXT WEEK:
Helios and Sol

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN ALLIANCE

Taps James DiStefano and Frank Mazzaglia To Leadership Roles

At its first meeting in 2020, the Italian American ALLIANCE re-elected **James DiStefano** as **President** and **Frank Mazzaglia** as **Chairman of the Board**.

Marisa Di Pietro will serve as **Secretary** and **Florence Guidara** will serve as **Treasurer**.

Jeannine Camarda was named **Asst. to the Treasurer** and **Dr. Dean Saluti** will take on responsibilities of **Vice President for Special Projects**. In that role, Dr. Saluti will increase the number of organizations affiliated with the ALLIANCE.

Marjorie Cahn was appointed **Liaison Officer**. In her new role, she will represent the ALLIANCE to affiliates and insure that the Italian Alliance

web page becomes the Central Calendar for use by all relevant Italian and affiliate organizations.

CALL TO ALLIANCE MEMBERS TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED WITH THE 2020 ALLIANCE PROGRAM OF WORK

Members invited to join Board Members in the following committees

1. *Education* — working with Commission for Social Justice of The Sons and Daughters of Italy, this Committee will meet with Schools Superintendent and School Committee Members to review textbooks used teach children about Columbus and it will determine whether textbooks and teaching methods about history foster anti-Italian bias.

2. *AMICI – “FRIENDS”* — supporting Italian culture by promoting programs which feature music, dance, drama, and art in cooperation with the Consul General of Italy.

3. *The East Boston Columbus Day Parade Committee Breakfast* — working with Public Officials to make the Breakfast more appropriate to the event.

4. *Increasing the number of ALLIANCE Affiliated Organizations in and beyond Massachusetts.*

5. *Columbus Day Preservation* — working with the Alliance leadership when hostile groups attempt to influence public officials with defamatory misinformation in order to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous People’s day.

WE WELCOME YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OUR WORK SO PLEASE CONTACT *frank-wrote@aol.com* and indicate which Committee you would be interested in joining.

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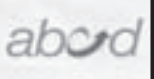



MONDAY-FRIDAY
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM


Celebration of La Befana

Friday, January 24 12:30 PM

ABCD North End/West End
1 Michelangelo Street
Boston, MA 02113

Lunch and small gifts provided by Donato Frattaroli of Il Molo and Taste of the North End, and Nancy Frattaroli of Artu





MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Electronic General Bids for **MPA Contract No. L1399-C1 REHABILITATION OF RUNWAY 9-27, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS**, will be received through the internet using Bid Express until the date and time stated below, and will be posted on www.bidexpress.com immediately after the bid submission deadline.

Electronic bids will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020** immediately after which the electronic bids will be opened and read publicly in a designated room at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909.

No paper copies of bids will be accepted.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 9:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020

The work includes **PAVEMENT MILLING AND REMOVAL, EARTHWORK (EXCAVATION AND EMBANKMENT), HOT MIX ASPHALT PAVING, CRACK REPAIRS, CONDUIT, LIGHT BASE AND LIGHT FIXTURE INSTALLATION, IN-PAVEMENT AND ELEVATED LIGHT ADJUSTMENTS, TOPSOILING AND SEEDING, RUNWAY GROOVING, PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND AIRFIELD GUIDANCE SIGN MODIFICATIONS.**

Bid documents will be made available beginning **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020**

Bid documents for this project may be accessed or downloaded at no cost to potential bidders exclusively through www.bidexpress.com/businesses/27137/home in the listing for this Project.

The estimated contract cost is **FORTY MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,500,000.00).**

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub-bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub-bid amount in the form of a bid bond in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.

Bidders must submit a Buy American Certificate with all bids or offers on AIP funded projects. Bids that are not accompanied by a completed Buy American Certificate must be rejected as nonresponsive.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special Provisions of the Specifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor and/or the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greater.

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of **\$10 MILLION DOLLARS**. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

This contract is subject to a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than **FOUR AND TWO TENTH PERCENT (4.2%)** of the Contract be performed by disadvantaged business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in Article 84 of the General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor’s Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

The General Contractor is required to submit a Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities prior to award of the Contract, and to notify prospective sub-contractors of the requirement for such certification where the sub-contract exceeds \$10,000.

A Contractor having fifty (50) or more employees and his sub-contractors having fifty (50) or more employees who may be awarded a sub-contract of \$50,000 or more will, within one hundred twenty (120) days from the contract commencement, be required to develop a written affirmative action compliance program for each of its establishments.

Compliance Reports - Within thirty (30) days of the award of this Contract the Contractor shall file a compliance report (Standard Form [SF 100]) if:

(a) The Contractor has not submitted a complete compliance report within twelve (12) months preceding the date of award, and

(b) The Contractor is within the definition of “employer” in Paragraph 2c(3) of the instructions included in SF100.

The contractor shall require the sub-contractor on any first tier sub-contracts, irrespective of the dollar amount, to file SF 100 within thirty (30) days after the award of the sub-contracts, if the above two conditions apply. SF 100 will be furnished upon request. SF 100 is normally furnished Contractors annually, based on a mailing list currently maintained by the Joint Reporting Committee. In the event a contractor has not received the form, he may obtain it by writing to the following address:

Joint Reporting Committee
1800 G Street
Washington, DC 20506

Complete information and authorization to view the site may be obtained from the Capital Programs Department Office at the Massachusetts Port Authority. The right is reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals.

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



North End Against Drugs (N.E.A.D.) will host its annual Super Bingo on **Sunday, January 26th**, at the **Nazzaro Center**, 30 North Bennet Street, North End, Boston. Doors will open at 12:00 Noon, Bingo begins at **1:00 p.m.**
The cost will be 3 Cards for \$25, additional Cards are \$5.00 each. There will be 19 Games, plus a COVER-ALL. Each game has a Prize Value of \$50 or more. The Cover All has a Prize Value over \$100. There will be FREE REFRESHMENTS & DOOR PRIZE with each paid admission.

To register see Patricia at the Nazzaro Center or call Olivia at 617-605-6142. Must pay in advance to hold spot and you will get 1 Extra Free Card if paid by January 21st. The event is the Sunday before the Super Bowl and there is no football, it is the bye week! Walk-ins the day of the event are welcome.
All proceeds from the bingo will benefit North End Against Drugs programs, events, and activities for the 2020 program year.
Thank you in advance for your continued support!



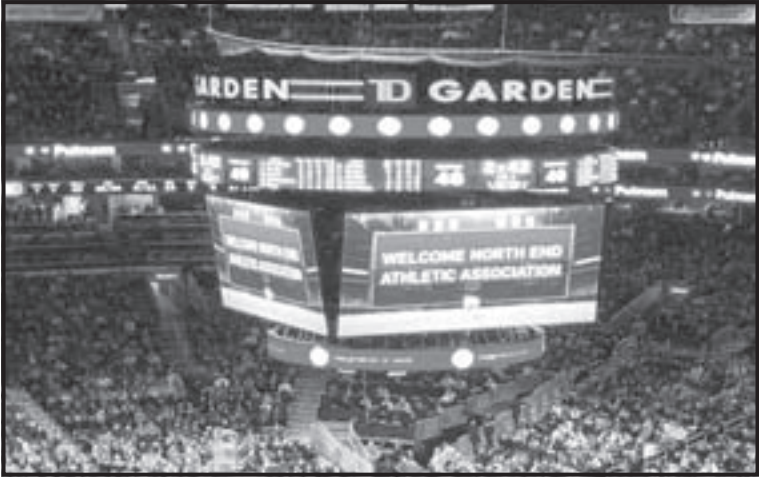
The North End Waterfront Health along with the Nazzaro Center will once again be offering babysitting classes for children ages **11 & up**. Space is limited to 12 students.
Registration will be on Thursday, January 30th, at the health center between 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Classes will run four weeks, starting February 6th, 13th, & 27th, and March 5th. Classes are 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Your child must attend all four classes in order to receive their certificate.

LETTERS POLICY
The Post-Gazette invites its readers to submit Letters to the Editor.

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

Send letter to: Pamela Donnaruma, Editor,
The Post-Gazette, P.O. Box 135, Boston, MA 02113

N.E.A.A. Family Celtics Game



N.E.A.A. Welcome on the TD Garden Score Board



Some of the N.E.A.A. Family members who attended the Celtics Game vs the Pistons on 12/20/19

The North End Athletic Association once again sent 30 family members to the Celtics game on Friday, December 20th. The Celtics won a fantastic game against the Detroit Pistons. The N.E.A.A. continues to provide great, fun family events and activities for their membership and their families. The parents took their children and were able to go at an extremely affordable cost. The N.E.A.A. was welcomed on the big TD Garden Scoreboard by the Boston Celtics which added to the excitement of the evening for the players and their families who attended. Their will be another Celtics basketball game prior to the completion of the 2019/2020 season. More to come!



Kevin Heimlich who plays in the N.E.A.A. Instructional Program

Zoo New England Supports Australian Wildlife Relief and Recovery Efforts

Zoo New England to Donate 50% of Gate Admission Sales

On January 26th, in Support of Zoos Victoria's Bushfire Emergency Wildlife Fund

To show our support, on Sunday, January 26, 2020, which is also Australia Day, Zoo New England will donate 50% of all gate admission sales at Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo to Zoos Victoria's Bushfire Emergency Wildlife Fund. In addition, a private donor has made a generous \$10,000 challenge gift to match all revenue raised at our entry gates on this day. This is a tremendous opportunity for guests to show their support for wildlife both here and abroad and to contribute directly to the life-saving efforts of our counterparts in Australia.
"Australia is rich in biodiversity, and it is heartbreaking to watch the coverage of the fires that are decimating habitats and causing so much destruction for both the humans and animals," said John Linehan, Zoo New England President and CEO. "We want to raise awareness for this ecologically rich part of the world that is home to so many unique animals, as well as support our colleagues who are working on the front lines of the recovery and relief efforts to save species during this ecological crisis."
On Thursday, February 13th, Franklin Park Zoo will host an evening ticketed fundraiser in the Tropical Forest Pavilion. All event proceeds will support Zoos Victoria's Bushfire Emergency Wildlife Fund. Event details will be available soon at www.zoonewengland.org/engage.
In addition, Zoo New England's Conservation Committee is

donating \$2,500 in emergency funding to Zoos Victoria's Bushfire Emergency Wildlife Fund, which is supporting the critical care and long-term recovery of Australian wildlife.
We are only at the beginning of what is certain to be a long and difficult recovery. Zoo New England is dedicated to saving animals in the wild and will continue to support the Australian community and wildlife affected by this disaster.
Franklin Park Zoo is home to a number of animals native to Australia including red kangaroo, emu, Gouldian finch, black swan, tawny frogmouth, laughing kookaburra, spiny stick insect, blue-tongued skink, sulphur crested cockatoo, budgerigar, palm cockatoo, and more.

Critical Type O Blood Shortage: Red Cross Urgently Needs Donors

Donors of All Blood Types are Urged to Give Now And Help Restock Blood Supply

The American Red Cross has extended its urgent call for donors of all blood types to give blood or platelets. With influenza escalating across the country and preventing some donors from giving, and winter weather threatening to cancel blood drives, the Red Cross now has a **critical shortage of type O blood and urgently needs donors to restock the shelves. O so needed**
Currently, the Red Cross has less than a three-day supply of type O blood available for patient emergencies and medical treatments. Type O positive blood is the most transfused blood type and can be given to Rh-positive patients of any blood type. While just 7% of the U.S. population has type O negative blood, it can be transfused to patients with any blood type and is what hospital staff reach for during emergencies when there isn't time to determine a patient's blood type.

Help replenish the blood supply — Every day, the Red Cross must collect nearly 13,000 blood donations and more than 2,600 platelet donations for patients who rely on blood to survive. Shortfalls in donations can cause delays in essential medical care for patients like 12-year-old Dagan Hawkins.
Diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in November, Dagan has required platelet and blood transfusions during his cancer treatments. "There was a time when they needed to have blood products delivered from another hospital because they were unavailable there," said Dustin Hawkins, Dagan's father.
Donors of all blood types — **especially type O** — are urged to give blood or platelets now using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-733-2767, or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Lighting Up Springtime

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



January has gone by quicker than a windswept snowdrift. It seems that just a short while ago, I was cheering the start of a New Year and packing away the last Christmas decorations. This past month has been an unusual mixture of bitter cold spells followed by mild weather, of furiously falling snowflakes and pleasant days filled with the scent of newly-turned soil. I can sense the dueling seasons of winter and spring dancing around me, struggling to maintain their individual grip over these transitional, changeable months. However, February will soon arrive with its bevy of festivals that decidedly welcome the spring. St. Valentine's Day cuts through the snowy monotony in bursts of red and pink, ushering in the season of rebirth through images of hearts and flowers and Cupids. The revelry of Mardi Gras, replete with mysterious masks and colorful beads, promises to chase the ghosts of winter away. I look forward to the joy and gaiety of these holidays. February starts, though, with a less recognized feast that introduces the month, and the season of spring as a whole, with powerful symbolism. This ancient, rustic holiday is known as Candlemas, and its worldwide traditions evoke the spring with anticipation and light.

Candlemas, which occurs on February 2nd, commemorates the date on which the Virgin Mary presented Jesus at the temple, forty days after His birth. The name of the feast derives from the widespread usage of candles during the religious services marking this holiday, which symbolize the light that Jesus metaphorically brings to the world. However,

many of Candlemas's folk customs predate Christianity. The Celts celebrated February 1st as Imbolc, a festival heralding the first day of spring. Imbolc, which some scholars theorize translates to "in the belly," honors the lactation of sheep and the beginning of the birthing season for lambs. This ancient Celtic holiday survives as St. Brigid's Day in modern Ireland, where people light candles, make Crosses out of vegetation, and visit holy wells. Indeed, since it serves as a welcome precursor to spring, Candlemas bursts with quaint customs and superstitions everywhere. European folklore states that a warm and sunny Candlemas portends harsh wintry weather, while a cold and blustery Candlemas promises an early spring. Immigrants from Europe brought these traditions over to America, where they melded into the festival of Groundhog Day. Like Candlemas, Groundhog Day is also celebrated on February 2nd, and it further pays homage to the end of the hibernation period for many animals. An Italian dictum repeats this well-known superstition, proclaiming "*Candelora con sole, tarde primavera*," or "sunny Candlemas, late spring." These practices speak to the universal desire for spring and rebirth, whether it manifests in newborn lambs or candles flickering in the windowsills.

In addition to functioning as a turning point between winter and spring, Candlemas also provides people with an opportunity for celebrations and feasting. Pancakes are the traditional dinner of choice in France, possibly because their round shape and golden color

resemble the spring sun, which is now remaining for a longer time in the sky. Superstition claims that a cook who can flip a pancake with one hand while turning a coin in the other will be blessed with luck. In Mexico, people eat tamales on Candlemas, provided by the person who found the hidden bean in their Epiphany King Cake. Italians honor Candlemas, or *Candelora*, with local festivities and regional customs. Though Candlemas traditions vary across Italy, each honor the arrival of spring and the theme of light breaking through the darkness. In the Sicilian city of Catania, *Candelora* festivals segue into parades held in honor of the town's patron saint, St. Agatha, where people make offerings of large candles that illuminate the dark late winter sky.

The people of Montevergine, a village located in the southern region of Campania, organize candlelit processions which honor gay rights and pray for increased tolerance. Meanwhile, Neapolitans celebrate *Candelora* with large street parties boasting torches and fireworks displays. Indeed, all throughout Italy, a visitor will find homes, churches and town squares illuminated by candles or bonfires on *Candelora*, the flames both providing warmth against the cold February air and reminding people of the light of the coming spring. Candlemas always makes me think of the long walks I would take on my old college campus at the start of the spring semester, propelled by the wind as I took note of the new buds adorning the otherwise bare tree branches. Nowadays, I bake orange cheesecakes on Candlemas, a seasonal recipe whose color and shape resembles mini sunbursts. How exciting it is to greet spring in all its myriad forms!

As winter slowly melts into spring, we should all take a lesson from Candlemas and search for the beacons of light in our own lives. What are the symbolic candles that illuminate our way out of our personal darkness? Which elements of our lives remind us that rebirth and hope are always near, even in the midst of a literal and metaphorical winter? To me, these "candles" include spending time with loved ones, the smell of baked goods wafting through my kitchen, hearty belly laughs, and warm sunsets. These signs remind me that the world holds so much beauty and promise, even when all appears bleak. Candlemas teaches us to look for these signals in nature as well: a frost-encrusted snow-drop flower, the flash of a robin in flight, a night lit with candles. When we hold on to the hope of spring and appreciate the moments our natural world has to offer, we will always hold the beauty of each season inside us — and that knowledge of Mother Earth's endurance will comfort us always.

Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz is a high school history teacher. She appreciates any comments and suggestions about Italian holidays and folklore at adicens089@gmail.com.



Mudville Comes to Boston, Thanks Alex

The news from the Baseball Commissioner Office and the investigation report over electronic cheating by the Houston Astros during the 2017 season, which ended with the Astros winning the World Series has now tainted not only the Astros but also the Red Sox, which still await the findings on the 2018 Red Sox-winning World Series champions. Both of these investigations are linked by one person: Alex Cora, who was the Astros bench coach in 2017, and the Red Sox manager in 2018. Both teams were tied to the hip of Cora.

The electronic sign stealing scandal is almost as bad as the 1919 Black Sox scandal. It harms the integrity of the game and without integrity, what do you have? The owner of the Astros quickly fired the general manager and manager. The Astros are trying to fix the mess the cheating caused the team.

The Red Sox, knowing that Cora was going down with the 2017 Astros antics decided to unload Cora, but did it in the worse way. Instead of demanding his resignation, the two sides "mutually parted ways." Neither side talked about the cheating allegations.

The Red Sox are talking about quickly hiring a new skipper and among those named is bench coach for the last three seasons Ron Roenicke. There is no way they can or should name Roenicke the new manager. Boston Red Sox owners should wait until the report by the com-

missioner's office is released. We need to know if and how Boston's current bench coach is tied up in this scandal. I am not saying he is, but owners should just wait before rushing to name him as the replacement. They should start interviewing candidates quickly though. Before you know it the season will start.

BOTTOM LINE FOR ME

Last Wednesday (January 15th) I read Tom Keegan's *Boston Herald* sports commentary on all things Cora and was quite disappointed with his take on the scandal and how the Red Sox ownership handled it.

According to Keegan, "... the World Series won in 2018, Cora's first season as the club's manager, will be his lasting legacy, his cheating an asterisk, not an eraser." That's Keegan's opinion and he has a right to it. However, for me Cora's real legacy was how tangled up he was in both Houston in 2017 and apparently Boston in 2018. In his public statement, he made no mention of either the scandal of his own making nor an apology to Red Sox Nation who welcomed him into the fold two years ago. He is a big disappointment. I feel sorry for him, not because I am sad, but because he made me so angry doing what he seemed to have done. He is not the victim here, fans are. Cora did himself in along with his garbage can. After all, this garbage never should have happened in the first place.

NOTICE TO TRADE CONTRACTORS REQUEST FOR TRADE CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from **TRADE CONTRACTORS** interested in performing work for **L338-C2, TERMINAL E MODERNIZATION, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**. The Authority is seeking Qualification Statements from Trade Contractors who have a demonstrated experience in the construction and implementation of similar work in terms of scale and complexity as required for the Terminal E - Logan International Airport. In accordance with Massachusetts construction manager at-risk requirements, MGL Chapter 149A Section 8, Qualification Statements are being requested from trade contractors capable of performing the following classes of work: HVAC

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The Authority is implementing this project in accordance with MGL Chapter 149A, Sections 1 thru 13. This selection of trade contractors conforms to MGL Chapter 149A, Section 8, subsections (b) to (k) inclusive. This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be utilized to prequalify trade contractors capable and experienced in the construction of parking garages and terminal buildings. The Authority shall utilize a two-step process including the prequalification of trade contractors based on an evaluation of the Statement of Qualifications received in response to this solicitation, followed by an Invitation to Bidders that will only be issued to the prequalified trade contractors. A Prequalification Committee consisting of four representatives, one each from the Designer and the CM at Risk and two Massport staff. This Prequalification Committee will be conducting a qualifications-based evaluation of submittals received from interested trade contractors in order to identify prequalified trade contractors who will be invited to respond to a written Invitation to Bidders. Please note that the Authority is not utilizing this process to prequalify sub-contractors who are not trade contractors, which shall be done separately in accordance with MGL C149A, Section 8, subsection (j). Qualification Statements shall be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria: (1) Management Experience; (2) Project References including a Public Project Record and (3) Capacity to Complete including a demonstration that the contractor has the financial stability and long-term viability to successfully implement the Project.

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One (1) original and Six (6) copies of a bound document each limited to 20 sheets (40 pages), exclusive of covers and dividers and resumes which shall be limited to one page, shall be printed on both sides of the sheet (8 1/2" x 11") and shall be addressed to Mr. Houssam H. Sleiman, PE, CCM, FCMAA, NAC, Hon. D.Eng., Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs, and received no later than **12:00 Noon on Thursday, February 20, 2020**, at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. Any submittal that exceeds the page limit set here or that is not received in the Capital Programs Department by the above deadline shall be rejected as non-responsive.

Questions regarding this RFQ shall be submitted in writing and directed to cpbidquestions@massport.com with the Project name and number included in the subject line of the email by **5:00 pm Friday, January 31, 2020**.

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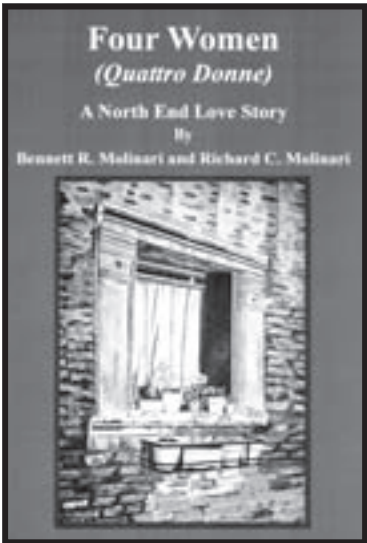
In the next few weeks this column will feature excerpts from this book.

CHAPTER 12
A Bit of Italy

As we wrote earlier, Zia Elena lived as if she never left the farm in Naples. Her door was always open; family, friends and strangers passing through her house, as naturally as walking down the street. There was a sampling of everything growing in her garden, growing in her house. The windowsills were crowded with cuttings from the garden, the kitchen table strewn with food in all stages of preparation. Garlands of garlic were hung everywhere, taralli, circles of cooked dough, looking something like misshapen donuts, were hung from strings by the window near the kitchen sink, constantly removed and replenished to serve the never-ending flow of people passing through her kitchen.

We arrived at Elena’s just in time to hear her telling her daughters Susie and Josie to clean off a space on the kitchen table for her guests. As Grandma entered the house, she made her usual comment, “Elena, la tua casa e’ sempre sporca.” After making her point in Italian, she repeated it in English, “Elena, your house is always dirty.” She would then add, “I have to lift my skirt when I enter it.” It was Grandma’s way of saying hello. Elena would always respond, “Puoi stare a casa tua” (Then stay home.) Once they got through their greetings, they hugged, while Elena reached for a string of taralli and asked Susie to put on a pot of espresso. Grandma and Mom sat at the kitchen table, while the two of us ran into the garden to see what we could catch to bring home as a pet. Pietro appeared overwhelmed. Before he could say *buongiorno*, Elena was kissing him on both cheeks while shoving him into a chair to eat something, and onto several tomatoes that looked as if they were sitting there for ages. They squished as only over ripe tomatoes can squish, causing Grandma to scream. Pietro jumped to his feet, but it was too late, he now was stained on his backside with tomato skins clinging to his linen pants, then dropping to the floor.

“Take them off!” ordered Elena. “Susie will wash them and hang them in the garden to dry. By the time you leave, you will be nice and neat.” Grandma was now



half crazy. “Elena, *sei fuori di testa* (Elena, you are out of your mind!)” She screamed. “Pietro is a gentleman. He’s becoming a priest and you want him running around in his underwear.” “What underwear?” Elena screamed back! “He can wear my husband’s pants.” “But your husband is filthy, he’s a *cafone* (boor!)” Screamed Grandma. Elena, hardly offended by Grandma calling her husband filthy and ignorant, began pulling on Pietro’s belt, motioning to him to remove his trousers. Pietro appeared to be in shock, he seemed unable to speak or move. Grandma came to his rescue by taking him by the hand, bringing him into a little bedroom separated from the kitchen by an old red drape, that looked as if it was hanging there for 100 years. She then yelled out to Mom, “Carmela, find Pietro some clean pants, I

will wash out his trousers.”

Several minutes later, Pietro emerged wearing a pair of Zio Gaetano’s pants, several inches too short and several sizes too large, held up with a rope tied around his waist. He also appeared in his undershirt, Grandma decided to wash out his badly soiled white linen shirt. In a matter of twenty minutes, Pietro was transformed from an Italian gentleman to an Italian peasant. Zia Elena had struck; Pietro was both her welcomed guest and her latest victim. Within minutes of his transformation, we all settled into a banquet that seemed to appear from out of nowhere, while Grandma was scrubbing Pietro’s pants and shirt on a washboard at the kitchen sink. Pietro, for his part, seemed at ease. He was laughing and once again becoming splattered with tomato sauce. All his reserve was gone. He was digging in like the rest of us, nineteen years of fine Roman breeding, suspended in Elena’s kitchen.

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

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Docket No. MI20P0261EA
Estate of
PETER J. MARINELLI
Date of Death: December 24, 2019

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Domenic Marinelli of Wellesley Hills, 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 **Domenic Marinelli of Wellesley Hills, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 14, 2020.
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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 17, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/24/2020

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Docket No. SU19P2864EA
Estate of
VINCENZA RASPA
Date of Death: December 15, 2019

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Born William fitzHerbert in York, William was the son of Herbert of Winchester, chancellor and treasurer of King Henry I. It is believed his mother was Emma, half-sister of King Stephen or possibly daughter of Hunger fitzOdin, who held lands in Dorset. William was born sometime before the 1090s, but the date of birth is unknown.

William seemed destined for great things. His uncle was next in line for the English throne — though a nasty dynastic struggle complicated things. Treasurer of the church in York, England while still young William became a priest and Chaplain to King Stephen.

William was elected Archbishop of York in 1140. His selection was challenged by reformers, especially a group of Cistercians, and William was accused of simony and being unduly influenced by his connections to the royal court. The Vatican investigated, and Pope Innocent cleared him of all charges, and confirmed him as Archbishop on September 26, 1143. However, the charges resurfaced a few years later under Pope Eugene III, a Cistercian; suspended William from his See, and in 1147 removed him as archbishop, replacing him with Henry Murdac, abbot of Fountains. Some of William’s supporters took to the streets to defend him, and during a riot, they attacked and burned the monastery of Fountains. William, however, retired to Winchester, and became a monk, noted for his austerities and active prayer life.

In 1154, in the reign of Pope Anastasius IV, William, it’s believing was poisoned; it’s more likely he died from fever.

Despite all that happened to him, William did not show resentment toward his opponents. Following his death, many miracles were attributed to him. He was canonized 73 years later in 1227 by Pope Honorius III. The feast day of Saint William of York is June 8th.

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Docket No. MI20P0222EA

Estate of
PAUL J. RYAN, JR.
Also Known As
PAUL J. RYAN

Date of Death: December 16, 2019

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kathleen A. Ferguson-Belliveau of North Billerica, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Kathleen A. Ferguson-Belliveau of North Billerica, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 12, 2020.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 15, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/24/2020

The Real Christopher Columbus Story

by Carol Delaney, Ph.D.

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

PART 3 THE LANDING

The crew scrambled ashore, kissed the ground, and thanked God for bringing them safely across the great water. Columbus called it San Salvador for their salvation.

Soon “a multitude of people hastened to the shore astounded and marveling at the sight of the ships.”



Columbus’s impulse towards the people was one of benevolence and friendship motivated by a concern for their conversion.

“I, in order that they would be friendly to us — because I recognized that they were a people who would be better freed and converted to our Holy Faith **by love** than by force — gave them red caps and glass beads and many other small things in which they took so much pleasure and became so much our friends that it was a marvel.”

They “came swimming to the ships.” And brought us parrots and cotton thread and many other things, and they traded them to us.” Then his description of the people, reflecting an almost anthropological attention to detail, comes across as objective, writing what he saw with his own eyes:

“All of them go around naked as their mothers bore them. They are very well formed, with handsome bodies and good faces. Their hair is coarse. Almost like the tail of a horse — and short except for a little in back which they wear long.”

The natives must have been astonished to see such heavily dressed men with beards since they had very little facial hair. Columbus also marveled at their small swift boats that he would soon call by the native name “canoe.”

We now know that they had arrived in the Bahamas, but Columbus imagined they had landed on one of the many islands described by Marco Polo and was eager to find the land of the Grand Khan.

So they continued on, passing islands all “very green with sweet smelling breezes.”

Columbus’s eyes pained him and his descriptions give a sense of the therapeutic value of their beauty.

“I also walked among those trees, which were more beautiful to see than any other thing that has been seen. I do not know where to go first; nor do my eyes grow tired of seeing such beautiful verdure and so different from ours ... and the smell of the flowers or trees that came from the land was so good and soft that it was the sweetest thing in the world.”

He was overwhelmed not only by the beauty of the trees and flowers but also of the fish and the birds and uses the words “marvel” or “marvelous” too many times to count.

He also marveled at the natives’ houses and especially at their “hammocks” which would soon solve the sleeping problems of all sailors.

Columbus also understood that they were not speaking gibberish as so many Europeans attributed to “primitive” peoples but that it was one language and he began to learn some words vowing “that little by little I will progress in understanding and will have this tongue taught to people in my household.”

They headed toward a large island called Cuba which he thought might be Cipango [Japan] and thus thought he would soon reach China because he wrote: “I have decided to go to Quinsay and give Your Highnesses letters to the Grand Khan.”

Columbus noted how generous the natives were and demanded from his men that there be an **exchange** of goods. This would become a common refrain as the sailors were rapacious. But while he had control of them he said: “I did not allow anything to be taken, not even the value of a pin.”

In early December they reached Haiti which he named Hispanola and when those natives came aboard he “ordered that they should be treated courteously because they are the best and most gentle people in the world, and especially because I have much hope in Our Lord that Your Highnesses will make all of them Christians.”

But he was becoming very much annoyed with his sailors when he sent them ashore to explore and compared them unfavorably with the dignity and generosity of the natives. News of his arrival traveled fast and soon he received an invitation from Guacanagari, chief of another area.

On December 24th, they set out in his direction but they arrived last. So they anchored outside the harbor to wait out the night.

The person on watch was careless and before dawn Columbus felt his ship go aground. They were unable to save the ship and he named the place Navidad because it was “born” from the *Santa Maria*.

As soon as Guacanagari saw what happened he sent his people to help unload the ship and had their goods safely stored. Columbus invited him to dinner on the *Nina* but the chief had already ordered a feast for his men and he and Columbus exchanged gifts.

Robert Fuson, one translator of Columbus’s diary wrote:

“Columbus expresses nothing but love and admiration for the Indians. His affection for the young chief Guacanagari, and vice versa is one of the most

touching stories of love, trust, and understanding between men of different races and cultures to come out of this period in history.”

Columbus had equally effusive praise for the islanders:

“I believe that in this world there are no better people or better land. They love their neighbors like

themselves, and they have the sweetest speech in the world and are gentle and always laughing.”

To him, they had already seemed to be natural Christians and he hoped that the friars would be sent to teach them about the faith so they would become true Christians and thus saved.

But his situation was precarious. Martin Minzon, the captain of the *Pinta* had taken off weeks earlier hoping he would be the first one to find gold so they had only the tiny *Nina* left. Some men would have to be left behind while Columbus returned to Spain to get a rescue ship. He wrote in his diary that when he returned he hoped to: “find a barrel of gold that those left behind would have acquired by *exchange*; and that they would have found the gold mine and the spicery, and those things in such quantity that the sovereigns, before three years [are over] will *undertake and prepare to go conquer the Holy Sepulchre: for thus I urged Your Highnesses to spend all the profits this my enterprise on the conquest of Jerusalem.*”

The phrase “for thus I urged” implies that they had already discussed the ultimate goal.

Columbus told the men who would remain to strip the *Santa Maria* and to build some lodgings for themselves and ordered them to “do no harm to the people and to respect chief Guacanagari to whom they owed so much.” Guacanagari held a farewell feast inviting other chiefs to attend.

On January 4, 1493, Columbus said good bye to the chief and the men who would remain. He also took six of the natives, one of whom was a relative to the chief. He said more wanted to come. They were definitely not slaves as many have claimed. On their way they caught up with Pinzon who had captured “four native men and two young girls by force,” and Columbus ordered they be returned to their homes.”

Sometime later they met a very fierce group of natives who attacked them with bows and arrows. These were the *Caribs* and the natives on board were clearly afraid of them. Columbus noticed that their language, hair styles and body ornamentation were different, as was their demeanor,

One scholar believes that “The most advanced concept Columbus offered was that of a cultural region – unified by language and customs” — obviously aware that not all the people he was encountering were the same.

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Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

It's January, people are indoors and everyone is feeling the doldrums of winter ... Good news for Eastie, according to Boston Police crime is down twelve percent ... It's not surprising people are clamoring for rent control in Boston. People voted it out in the nineties, but due to the high cost of rental property families in Boston especially and throughout Massachusetts want the rent control bill back in place. Can't blame renters! It must be hard to come up with the ridiculously high rents apartment buildings are getting. Unless you have a high powered job, it probably takes three jobs to get by. Plus, the government can't continue to dole out Section 8 certificates on our tax payer dime. People have to be able to get along on their own. Of course Housing Development Corporations and Housing Management Companies are against rent control, citing the high cost of construction has driven up costs ... In his State of the City address, Mayor Marty Walsh announced he has a 500 million plan to build new housing for low income and middle class families over the next five years. That plan will include the first city funded rental vouchers issued in the city's history. It will be a city funded Section 8 program that is estimated to reach hundreds of families over the next five years. Boston will commit one hundred million of its own resources by selling Lafayette Garage and a Transfer Tax. The sale is intended to help East Boston, Brighton and Chinatown with low income housing. Why not South Boston or Charlestown, Mr. Mayor??? Why it is it that East Boston always gets the low income housing vouchers???

.... Walsh's speech explains all the building permits given that provided the explosion of new housing construction in East Boston, and without a doubt many of these apartments will be rented to people receiving the new city housing vouchers. Walsh also assured new comers (legal or not) that they are welcome to Boston! To minority councilors and representatives, he said, "I'm on your side." Elected officials must have been ecstatic to hear that. But let's talk about the middle class property owners that are heavily burdened with high real estate taxes in Boston. Many of these people built Boston over the years, and with all the newly added taxes coming into Boston what is the Mayor going to do to lower their property taxes? Who's looking out for them? ... What some Bostonians say about Mayor Walsh! "The Mayor is "rewarding illegal's for breaking the law" by inviting them to Boston! ... The Big Question: With all the amenities, this country, especially Boston, does out. "Is it worth it to work, or just stay home"??? ... Cities and towns have banned supermarkets and businesses from using plastic bags, but for ten cents you can buy a plastic bag at a Supermarket, so what's going on? ... Newly renovated Suculento Restaurant located in Day Square, inside the former Elite Donut Shop is a must try. A combination of American and Latino food, the restaurant serves up a hearty breakfast and a variety lunch. Everything is freshly made to order. There is limited counter and seating space available so the restaurant encourages take-out, but you can also eat inside! ... According to a recent news report Massachusetts came in fourteenth for one of the best states to live. Florida came in first, while New Hampshire came in fourth! ... Cities and towns have to find a better solution when filling street potholes with tar. As quickly as the holes are filled that's as fast as the tar concoction falls out with heavy traffic or a snow storm when plows and trucks go over them! ... Till next time!

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Docket No. MI19P6504EA

Estate of

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Also Known As

MARVIN ALAN STERN

Date of Death: August 21, 2019

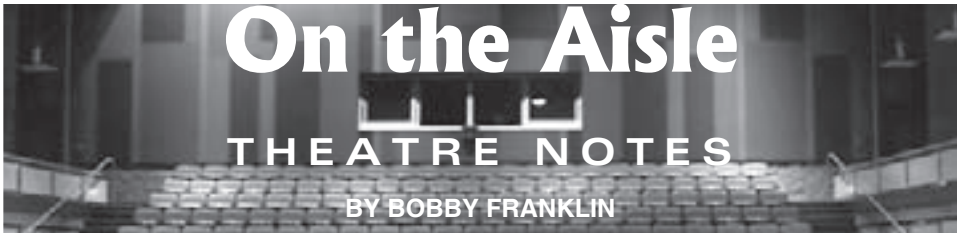
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Bernard T. Loughran, Jr. of Watertown, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Bernard T. Loughran, Jr. of Watertown, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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THE CAKE

Nobody Has the Corner on Self Righteousness

I almost declined the invitation to review *The Cake*, now playing at the Lyric stage in Boston. Many works today are taking on societal issues, and getting people to think about what is going on around them while being more open to listening to the views of others is a good thing. It is healthy when we challenge ourselves and our, very often, deeply held views. It doesn't mean we will necessarily change them, but understanding where others are coming from and why they feel the way they do helps to prevent us from putting up walls between one another and feeling anger. As hard as it is to believe, we can actually get along with people with whom we disagree.

The problem with much theatre that I attend today is that it is self righteous. Instead of posing questions that will make us consider other views, many of the works I see tend to preach, and worse, demand that the audience members fall in line with a particular view point. I have received press packages that are filled with materials that all but tell me what I am supposed to feel about the play and about myself. Frankly, I find this insulting and disrespectful. It is also counterproductive.

This used to be rare, but it is becoming too common today probably due to the polarizing times we live in. One exception to this is Ayad Akhtar's *The Who & The What* that played at The Huntington Theatre in 2017 and dealt with the issues facing a Muslim family living in America. It was thought provoking but not preachy. Mr. Akhtar has said "Advocacy is not art, its advertising." I couldn't agree more.

In *The Cake*, author Bekah Brunstetter takes a similar approach. The play is about a gay couple living in New York, Jen (Chelsea Diehl) and Macy (Kris Sidberry), who have traveled to Jen's original home in North Carolina where they plan to get married. Jen wants the ceremony to take place in the same venue where her parents were wed. Her mother has passed on but it is apparent she is looking for acceptance as she can not know, but does suspect, how her mother would feel about this.

The play opens at Della's Sweets, a bakery run by Della (Karen MacDonald) who was close to Jen's mother and has known Jen since she was little. Della is very excited about having become a contestant on *The Great American Bake Off*, and is describing what it takes to make a good cake. Jen wants Della to bake the wedding cake for her and Macy. Macy arrives at the



shop ahead of her and engages Della in conversation.

At this point it all seems to be very predictable; the dumb and bigoted hick will respond with hate and disgust at the request while the enlightened couple will be both victim and moral superiors to the backwards folks living down south. That is not at all how this plays.

Ms Brunstetter shows empathy for all of the characters and allows that many issues are not that cut and dried. In a twist, Macy turns out to be the self righteous one who has no room for differing views, while Della is willing to face the conflicts she faces with her beliefs. It is refreshing to see a Southern Evangelical treated with respect. And while Della is willing to question herself, Macy is very judgmental and believes "If you don't want to be a bigot you have to think like me."

Jen is the most conflicted as she had been close to Della and was brought up in the same cultural environment. It is clear that Della is a mother figure to her. Having Della bake the cake for the wedding is important to her, but Jen is also understanding, while hurt, when Della makes excuses for not doing so. Della is also feeling pain as she loves Jen. There is a lot of emotional conflict here that spills over into the relationship between Macy, who grew up in New York, and Jen.

Karen MacDonald is perfect as Della, a woman without an inch of hate in her heart but views that are considered backwards, and even hateful, by big city liberals. Tim (Fred Sullivan, Jr.), Della's husband, is a plumber. This is where I felt things could fall apart as the stereotype so often portrayed of white working class men is not usually flattering. While Tim is set in his ways, he is also a decent man who deeply loves Della. He also enjoys mashed potatoes which makes for a very funny scene, but you will have to see the play to find out what that is all about.

The interactions between Macy and Jen as well as between Della and Tim are both insightful into why they believe the things they do and what they believe about others. It is these hard facts back and forth

that occurs between Della and Jen that really digs into the conflicted feelings they both are dealing with as well as a way to start understanding each other.

Chelsea Diehl digs deep down into Jen emotions, those of a woman with a foot in two cultures. Jen does not agree with Della, but she understands her, while Della's moral code precludes her from baking the cake, her heart tells her it is good that the little girl she has always loved has found someone she is in love with. They truly care for each other.

The one fault I found with the play is in the character of Macy. Kris Sidberry gives us a character that is so certain of her beliefs that she has an almost religious fervor about them, and many of us will recognize that person; the take no prisoner true believer. However, by the time the play moves to where the characters are beginning to find common ground it is too little too late for Macy. She has done something particularly cruel that gets brushed off and shouldn't. And though she finds some common ground toward the play's end, her journey there is not fully developed.

The Cake may involve a baker and the choice not to bake a cake for the wedding of a gay couple, but it is not about the right or wrong of making that choice. This is a play about how listening, and more importantly, treating one another with respect is the way to finding a way to understand one another. A way not to react with hate at that which we do not agree. That goes for all people.

This is a sweet play baked with warmth and humor about people being, for the most part, kind and understanding of one another without having to compromise their beliefs. This is not a dig in your heels political diatribe, but rather a thoughtful look at how we are all human, and of how we really can get along. *The Cake* is refreshing and delicious and is certainly worthy of being tasted.

The Cake, directed by Courtney O'Connor, now through February 9th, at The Lyric Stage, Copley Square, Boston

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BEVERLY HILLS COP III
(3-Blu-ray)
Paramount Home Ent.**

Celebrating its 35th anniversary, the action-comedy classic *Beverly Hills Cop* follows Axel Foley (Eddie Murphy), a street-smart cop from Detroit. The heat is on in this fast-paced three-movie collection with brand new bonus features on *Beverly Hills Cop*, including never-before-seen deleted scenes. Tracking down his best friends’ killer in Beverly Hills, Axel smashes through the local barriers in a hilarious, high-speed pursuit of justice. In *Beverly Hills Cop II*, he’s deep undercover investigating a gang of international munitions smugglers. The third installment, *Beverly Hills Cop III*, finds Axel at the center of a roller coaster thrill ride at the Wonderworld Amusement Park! Watch all three and get hooked for the whole ride.

**THE MIRACLE OF THE
LITTLE PRINCE
(DVD)
Film Movement**

The Little Prince is Antoine de Saint-Exupéry’s celebrated philosophical children’s book, and one of the worlds most widely translated literary works. Originally published in 1943, the book’s enigmatic story of an angelic child who befriends a stranded pilot in the North African desert has been debated for years. Translated into more than 375 languages (more than any book but the *Bible*), *The Little Prince* has been embraced across a vast swath of culture, especially by people whose languages and cultures are endangered, and for them, this timeless tale of friendship, alienation, loneliness and eternal life resonates, understood by those who are themselves outcasts and exiles.

**DAVID SUSSKIND ARCHIVE:
INTERVIEW WITH
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(DVD) MVDvisual**

David Susskind’s historical, long and intimate interview with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. originally aired on June 9, 1963. Now restored, this broadcast has not been seen in full since its original airing. Among the subjects discussed were the current state of the American Civil Rights Movement and the then recent events in Birmingham, Alabama. On that Sunday night in June, *WPIX-TV* (NY) cleared this extraordinary interview between Susskind (host of *Open End*) and the Dr. King. *Open End* had recently been removed from the schedule of *WNEW-TV* because of the station management’s reluctance to air discussions regarding race relations in America. *WPIX* picked up the ball, and the rest, became history. Susskind and Dr. King discussed the gamut of racial issues of the day, particularly Dr. King’s disappointment at the speed at which the Kennedy Administration was moving regarding Civil Rights legislation. The interview so rattled the White House, that President Kennedy responded by going on national television to defend his Administration’s positions and

to outline his push for what would later be the Civil and Voter’s Rights Acts.

**WRINKLES THE CLOWN
(DVD)
Magnolia Home Ent.**

It started in late 2014 with a surveillance video uploaded to *YouTube*, depicting a child sleeping peacefully while a man in a clown mask emerges from underneath her bed. The video’s description claims that the clown’s name is Wrinkles, that he lives in Florida, and that he’s been hired by the child’s parents to punish her for misbehaving. After the video went viral, other mysterious videos popped up online, Wrinkles pushing a cart through a parking lot. Waving alongside a busy highway. Holding balloons in front of a suburban home. The unsettling clips launched *Wrinkles the Clown* to Internet infamy. Cryptic stickers with a phone number began to appear on telephone poles and in public restrooms across the state, promising to terrify misbehaving children. Over one million voicemails were left.

**KRYPTON:
THE COMPLETE SECOND &
FINAL SEASON (2-Blu-ray)
Warner Bros. Home Ent.**

As the series’ final season opens, Kandor is under the control of General Dru-Zod, who’s on a ruthless mission to rebuild *Krypton* and secure its future by conquering the universe. Faced with this bleak outlook, Seg-El, the legendary Man of Steel’s grandfather, along with space-and-time traveler Adam Strange, attempts to unite a dispersed group of resisters in an effort to defeat Zod and restore hope to Seg’s beloved home planet. But *DC Super-Villain Brainiac* infiltrates Seg’s world in a very personal way. And trying to bring together Lyla-Zod and Dev-Em as dedicated Rebellion fighters is no easy feat. Ultimately, Seg is destined to confront Zod himself ... as father and son. Meet new characters, including Lobo and Doomsday, and experience thrilling world building in ten new mythology-busting adventures know as *Krypton*.

**MISTER AMERICA (DVD)
Magnolia Home Ent.**

A freshman filmmaker follows Tim Heidecker during the final month of his campaign for district attorney. What begins as a profile of an outsider candidate facing an uphill battle evolves into a study of toxic delusion as Tim’s motivations and controversial past begin to unravel his candidacy. Taking on a popular incumbent has found Tim and his experienced campaign manager outmatched. Low in funds, experience and a connection, Tim hits the streets in an attempt to connect with voters, but has difficulty winning over the community. With word of his campaign spreading, former associates of Tim try to warn the public with stories of bad business deals, strained friendships, and a failed court case in which he found himself accused of murder. With just days until the election and his campaign in free fall, Tim has to confront the unexpected costs of pursuing his dream.

The time has come, the walrus said,
TO TALK OF MANY THINGS
of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giaratani

did not end in 2002. The consequence of that vote is playing out as we speak today in Iraq and consequently around the world,” Kennedy said. “The decision to go into Iraq was, I think, without debate, the worst foreign policy blunder of a generation and I think for any politician, any public servant, your record is your record, and it has to be justified.”

Markey hit back, saying he is proud of his record in Congress, and blamed former President George Bush for lying to lawmakers in the run-up to the war in Iraq.

**REMEMBERING
PHIL ROMANO**

A good friend of mine Phil Romano who I first met down at the counter at Joe Young’s Elite Restaurant in Day Square, East Boston recently passed away. He was one hard working guy and he had many friends who were shocked to hear he had passed.

There will be a memorial Mass on Sunday, January 26th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Winthrop.

**“HOMELESSNESS:
MENTAL HEALTH
RECOVERY MAJOR ISSUES
IN BOSTON AND OTHER
CITIES”**

The above headline was in the *Boston City Paper’s* January 18th issue. A news story inside this paper’s edition spoke to all the work being made by City Councilor Annisssa Essaibi-George who chairs the Council’s Committee on Homelessness, Mental Health, and Recovery.

I attended the first meeting of the Boston City Council’s new session (January 15th) and on the agenda were a number of resolutions and ordinances proposed by various councilor members. Councilor Annisssa Essaibi-George proposed the establishment of an independent Mental Health Commission and the creation of a Special Commission on Ending Family Homelessness. As someone who worked in the mental health

field for over 40 years, I fully support efforts that would deal with the delivery of mental health care to those who need it. I also support dealing with homelessness and the opioid crisis. Often all these issues can be rolled up into one expanding crisis.

We need to not just talk about these issues but put our words into action. Kudos to Annisssa who is ready to tackle these social issues! We can’t just sit back and wait for better times, we have to make things better.

**HALF MOONS
VS. WHOOPIE PIES**

Last week, I stopped by Mike’s Pastry on Hanover Street in the North End looking for a half moon and noticed they were labeled “Brown & Whites.” I mentioned it to the staff. There’s only half moon, nothing else. I laughed and they laughed behind the counter.

Then, somehow, I got onto the subject of whoopie pies because they were on the next tray. I immediately remembered growing up in Roxbury and for a time lived in the projects across the street from The Berwick factory where whoopie pies were made. On the roof of the building was a large billboard that stated, “Home of the Whoopie Pie.” I have no idea where they’re baked today; probably in China, who knows.

Next time I’m in Mike’s I’ll have to try one for old time’s sake. Finally, I just wanted to say, Mike’s has the best counter help. Always pleasant and quick!

**HARBOR CITY CELEBRATES
FIRST BIRTHDAY
WITH PARTY**



**Patty and Dick Pepe with
Pastor Jason Tallent (center)**

It was Happy Birthday time at Harbor City Church this past Sunday, January 19th. The old Winthrop junior high gym was packed with congregants. They even had a birthday cake to share with everyone in attendance.



**Celebrating with a heavenly
cake the end of Year One.**

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Docket No. M120P0190EA

Estate of
LOUISE CHARLOTTE LOWN
Also Known As
LOUISE C. LOWN
Date of Death: November 22, 2019

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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

Bernard Lown of Chestnut Hill, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Docket No. M120C0019CA

In the Matter of
TAMAR LANGER DONATI
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Tamar Langer Donati of Lexington, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Tamar Langer Donat**.

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 05, 2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, **HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS**,
First Justice of this Court
Date: January 09, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 01/24/2020

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



It was a cold January day in the in the mid-1960s, and the phone rang. The man making the call introduced himself as Tony, the manager of Piety Corner Gardens, a complex in Waltham that hosted a restaurant, a nightclub, a function hall, and a men’s bar. He told me that I was recommended by a friend and that he was looking for a trio or quartet to play three nights per week in the nightclub for the dancing customers and could back the entertainers who sang, danced, or told jokes on weekends.

A day later, I met with the man at the complex and he wanted an audition before we talked any further. A couple of days later, on an off night my trio and I played a couple of sets for dancing and listening. Tony liked what he heard, and we later talked about a contract. I discussed it with my musicians, and a couple of weeks later we were advertised as the new house band. It was a union contract and Uncle Nick, then the vice president of the musicians’ union, became involved. We were all set to go within a two-week period and that first weekend, we played for dancing and backed a female singer, a tap dancer, and a comedian.

I did not like the way the manager treated his help. He was rude, crude, and vulgar, and those were his best qualities. I did not see this side of him leveled at me until one night about a half hour after we started playing. My piano player was as white as a ghost and began shaking. He evidently was coming down with the flu and really couldn’t function.

On the next break, I called home looking for Dad. Babbononno answered and I explained my problem. Dad, fortunately, hadn’t left for work yet and told me he had a pianist who was free that night, and would immediately call him. Within minutes, Dad called me back (I was in a phone booth). His pianist was on his way. I knew the man and felt confident that he could play all my selections and cut the show with ease.

The minute I returned to the nightclub, I sent my pianist home. I then found the manager and explained the problem and how it would be handled. Once the pianist arrived, which was fifteen minutes late, there was no problem. He cut everything at sight. At quitting time, the manager came over to us, screamed at the pianist for arriving late, yelled at me, and then fired the band. Always the gentleman and businessman, I tried to reason with the man,

but to no avail. We packed up and headed out leaving the dancers with no music except the recorded background elevator music the restaurant used on off nights. This also meant that the entertainers had no background music for the rest of the weekend.

The next day, I called Uncle Nick and told him of the situation. He told me to wait until he was at work on Monday and could review the contract. I later received a call from him telling me that the manager didn’t sign my contract. It was signed by the owner of Piety Corner Gardens, a man named Steve Santamaria. Uncle Nick assured me that the union would handle things from there, and let me know the results.

Later that day, I received a call from Mr. Santamaria. He told me that he wanted my group to return to his club that week. I said, “No, my men and I won’t work for your manager,” and I explained why. He cut me short stating that the manager was his nephew and he had fired him, knowing all the while how he treated the help. I guess his treatment of us was the last straw. That afternoon, I dropped in to the restaurant to meet the owner. We shook hands and conversed for an hour. When I returned home, I called my musicians and told them that we were returning to Piety Corner Gardens and working for the owner, not the manager. I later called Uncle Nick and thanked him for his involvement.

By the night we were to begin, my pianist was back in good health and all went well from that point on. We were to play for dancing only on Thursday nights. A petition that separated the restaurant and the nightclub was kept open and the folks in the dining room danced among the dancers in the nightclub. Once the dining room closed, many of the diners were seated in the nightclub and stayed to listen and dance to our music.

On that next night, a Friday, a new show was to begin. All of the entertainers arrived late due to a snowstorm and there was no time for a rehearsal, not even a talk through.

We backed an Englishman named Clive Baldwin, who sang and sounded like Al Jolson. He was followed by a tap dancer named Lucky Lewis and then a comedian named Teddy English, one of the funniest comedians I had ever heard. All the entertainment progressed as if it was completely rehearsed.

On the following weekend, a Spanish singer from Madrid

was the entertainer. (I don’t remember his name) He arrived late (another snowstorm) and we had to cut his show without ever seeing the music ahead of time. It went so well that the Spaniard asked us to go on the road with him. Mr. Santamaria overheard the offer and told the singer that the band was under contract and under no circumstances were we going to leave. Later that night, Mr. Santamaria called me to his office and told me that he was going to raise our salaries hoping that we wouldn’t leave. A handshake was the new contract. What I didn’t tell him was that none of us could travel. All of the musicians had day jobs, and I was teaching at Hyde Park High School at that point in time. Music was my avocation. Teaching was my profession, and I wasn’t about to change things.

We were actually there for a year or two cutting shows on weekends and playing for dancing. When I was called by one of the Hollywood studios and had to fly to the west coast, Dad took my place and became quite friendly with Mr. Santamaria. They were both golfers, and belonged to a brotherhood I still can’t understand. After that second year, Mr. Santamaria changed his venue. We were replaced by a group called the Kopy Kats, that were a show in themselves and could also play for dancing. My band was moved to the first part of the week, playing for dancing on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights.

This new agreement was perfect for me and my band. We were now able to freelance on weekends, something that made us more money than playing at the club.

Unfortunately, it all came to an end as the boss’s son locked up one night and fell asleep at the wheel on his way home. He was killed and his father was never the same. Within months Piety Corner Gardens closed, and would never open again. It was a great time in my life with a sad ending. Everyone I’ve mentioned is gone now but I thought you might enjoy the story.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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MILES AUSTIN FITZPATRICK
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A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Miles Austin Fitzpatrick of Malden, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Miles Austin Cabral-Pini.

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 31, 2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court
Date: January 02, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 01/24/2020



by
Marianna
Bisignano



Sicily prides itself on its amazing street foods, and one of the most popular is the sfincione (or sfinciuni in dialect) of Palermo! Taking its name from the Latin word “spongia” meaning sponge, this thick spongy crusted pizza bread is absolutely amazing. Made with caciocavallo cheese, a rich tomato, onion and anchovy sauce, seasoned with oregano, and topped off with freshly made breadcrumbs, sfincione are extremely sought after. Throughout the streets of Palermo you’ll find sfinciunaro (street vendors that sell sfincione) almost everywhere. If you don’t find them, you will certainly hear them as they ride by in their three-wheeled motor vehicles shouting phrases to attract patrons to their sfincione carts. Street vendors sell a significant amount of sfincione. However, it’s told that some of the best tasting are made from the bakeries in Palermo or better yet, homemade.

My family came from Sicily, so growing up sfincione was the only pizza that I knew of. Thin crusted pepperoni and cheese never existed in my world. There are a few different ways to make sfincione. I’m sharing my favorite, which is almost identical to how my Nonna made hers. Though it’s a bit of a process to put together, trust me, the end result will make it completely worth it. After all, how could anything possibly compare to a slice of Sicily!

SICILIAN SFINCIONE
Sfincione Siciliano

Sauce: ¼ cup olive oil 3 ½ large sweet onions, sliced thin 1 (2 ounce) containers of anchovies in oil	2 (6 ounce) cans tomato paste 3 (28 ounce) cans san marzano whole tomatoes, crushed by hand 1 ½-2 teaspoons Sicilian oregano (or oregano)
Dough: (or 2 pounds store bought) 3 ¼-4 cups 00 flour 1 packages of yeast (2 ¼ teaspoons)	2 tablespoons olive oil 1 tablespoons sugar 1 ½ teaspoons salt 1 ½ cups warm water (not hot)
Breadcrumbs: (or 2 cups plain seasoned with 2 teaspoons oregano and ½ - ¾ cup pecorino romano cheese) 1 loaf Italian bread ½ - ¾ cup grated pecorino romano cheese	2 teaspoons oregano ¼ cup olive oil ¾ pound caciocavallo cheese (or provolone), diced into small ¼ inch pieces olive oil

Sauce:
In a large saucepan, warm olive oil over medium heat. Add onions, cook until soft. Add anchovies and their oil, cook for about 15 minutes, allowing them to break up and melt into the mixture. Add tomato paste, cook 10 minutes more. Add crushed tomatoes, oregano, and cook for several hours, stirring often. Sauce should be deep red, thick, and sweet to taste, when done. Cool and place aside (can be made a day in advance).

Dough:
Place the yeast and sugar in a medium bowl, pour the warm water over it and whisk until the yeast dissolves. Let stand for 5 to 10 minutes and stir in the salt and olive oil. Add 3 cups of the flour and stir with a wooden spoon until the dough comes together. Mix well and continue to knead by hand or using a dough hook on a mixer, adding additional flour a few tablespoons at a time, until slightly sticky, but not clinging to your hands. Knead for 7-10 minutes until dough has a silky consistency. Put dough into a greased bowl, cover and let rise about 1 ½ hours. Punch down and let rise another 30 minutes. Take the dough and stretch to fit in a generously oiled 13x9x2 pan. Cover and let rise for another 2 hours.

Breadcrumbs:
Slice bread into 1 ½ inch slices. Place on a cookie sheet. Bake at 300° for 30 minutes to dry out. Break dried bread into pieces. Place in food processor and process until crumbly. Mix 2 cups of the crumbs with the oregano and grated cheese. Mix in the olive oil, set aside.

Assemble the Sfincione:
Preheat oven to 425°. Take pan of dough, lightly brush olive oil over the top of the dough. Layer diced caciocavallo cheese evenly over dough, generously layer with sauce and finally, sprinkle breadcrumbs over the top and lightly drizzle with olive oil. Bake 25-30 minutes, or until golden brown on bottom. Slice and serve with a metal spatula.

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

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BYCF Nazzaro Center & N.E.A.D.

Nashoba Valley Snow Tubing Trip

The BCYF Nazzaro Center and North End Against Drugs (N.E.A.D.) will be running a Family Fun Trip to Nashoba Valley Ski Area for an evening of SNOW TUBING for the whole family! Monday, February 17th, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. — that’s 3 hours of tubing! The cost of the trip will be \$20 per person, that will be tubing only. **In order to go tubing the mountain requires you to be either 6 years old or 42 inches tall, NO EXCEPTIONS — their rule!**

All participants who plan on tubing must register in person at the Nazzaro Center, fill out a BCYF Permission Slip, and payment in advance in order to reserve your spot. Space is limited. Parents must also sign the Nashoba Valley Ski Area waiver for their child and/or themselves if they are tubing. Laurie D’Elia or Steven Siciliano will have that.

In order to keep the cost of the trip reasonable and to accommodate the most people, you must provide your own transportation to the mountain. We will all gather at the Tubing Ticket Window at 3:30 p.m., where you will get your tubing ticket.

All children must be accompanied by an adult family mem-

ber; there will not be any BCYF or N.E.A.D. chaperones for your children. However, there will be BCYF and N.E.A.D. staff people there to coordinate the trip at the mountain. Helmets are strongly recommended for safety!

Deadline to sign up is Friday, February 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. To sign up see Laurie D’Elia or Steven Siciliano at the Center.

The cost of this trip is sponsored in part by the Nazzaro Center Council, N.E.A.D., and the North End Athletic Association.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **TODISCO TOWING OF 94 CONDOR STREET, EAST BOSTON, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A that they will sell the following vehicles.
Vehicles are being sold to satisfy their garage keeper’s lien for towing, storage and notices of sale:

2015 HONDA GROM
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VIN #UKBZXJE10DAZ21116

The above vehicles will be sold at public auction at
TODISCO TOWING
94 Condor Street, E. Boston

FEBRUARY 8, 2020
at 9:00 AM
Run dates: 01/24, 01/31, 02/07, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20C0013CA

In the Matter of
WILLIAM ASH

CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **William Ash of Wayland, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **William Joseph Ash**.

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 04, 2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court
Date: January 07, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 01/24/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI19D4242DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING

ANGELA E. PREVILON
aka ANGELA DOUYON PREVILON
vs.
DIEUQUIFAIT PREVILON

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

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Angela E. Previlon aka Angela Douyon Previlon, 7 Temple St., #141, Cambridge, MA 02139**, your answer, if any, on or before **February 18, 2020**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 07, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/24/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI19D1198DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING

MELISSA MORAN
vs.
MICHAEL MORAN

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

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Melissa Moran, 459 Ferry Street, Malden, MA 02148**, your answer, if any, on or before **February 18, 2020**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 07, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/24/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20C0032CA

In the Matter of
NATALIE MARIA MENDONCA

CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Natalie Maria Mendonca of Wilmington, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Natalie Maria Sousa**.

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 05, 2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court
Date: January 08, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 01/24/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI19P4860EA

Estate of
ALICE H. JEFFERSON

Also Known As
ALICE HENRIETTA JEFFERSON

Date of Death: June 04, 2019

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Bernard T. Loughran, Jr. of Watertown, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Bernard T. Loughran, Jr. of Watertown, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

Run date: 01/24/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI19P6194EA

Estate of
JOHN E. MALONEY

Date of Death: October 28, 2019

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **John T. Maloney of Bellingham, 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 **John T. Maloney of Bellingham, MA** and **Susan M. Alarie of Marlborough, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 04, 2020.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM
PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court
Date: January 07, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/24/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI19P6436EA

Estate of
LYDIA PHIPPEN OGILBY

Date of Death: November 01, 2019

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Henry M. Ogilby of Belmont, MA** and **John D. Ogilby of Wayne, PA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Henry M. Ogilby of Belmont, MA** and **John D. Ogilby of Wayne, PA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 10, 2020.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM
PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 13, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/24/2020

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Electronic General Bids for MPA Contract No. L1332-C3A, B-DC AND B-C ROADWAYS, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MA. will be received through the internet using Bid Express until the date and time stated below, and will be posted on www.bidexpress.com immediately after the bid submission deadline.

Electronic bids will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020** immediately after which the electronic bids will be opened and read publicly in a designated room at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909.

No paper copies of bids will be accepted.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 2:00 PM LOCAL TIME ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020.

The work includes **CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SURFACE ARRIVALS ROADWAY AND ELEVATED DEPARTURES ROADWAY FROM TERMINAL B EXIT TO TERMINAL C ENTRANCE. THE WORK SHALL ALSO INCLUDE NEW UTILITIES, UTILITY RELOCATION, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND NEW WAYFINDING SIGNAGE INCLUDING DYNAMIC LED ELECTRONIC SIGNAGE. TRADES INCLUDE CONCRETE, STEEL, DEEP FOUNDATIONS, ELECTRICAL, PAVING.**

Bid documents will be made available beginning **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020**

Bid documents for this project may be accessed or downloaded at no cost to potential bidders exclusively through <https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/27137/home> in the listing for this Project.

The estimated contract cost is **FORTY THREE MILLION (\$43,000,000).**

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub-bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub-bid amount in the form of a bid bond in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special Provisions of the Specifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor and/or the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greater.

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of **\$10,000,000**. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

This contract is subject to a Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than **THREE AND NINE TENTHS PERCENT (3.90%)** of the Contract be performed by minority and women owned business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in Article 84 of the General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor’s Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

The General Contractor is required to submit a Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities prior to award of the Contract, and to notify prospective sub-contractors of the requirement for such certification where the sub-contract exceeds \$10,000.

Complete information and authorization to view the site may be obtained from the Capital Programs Department Office at the Massachusetts Port Authority. The right is reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
LISA S. WIELAND
CEO & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 01/24/2020

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• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

at the same time, but the world also has two Popes in real life. Pope Benedict XVI retired several years ago over health concerns and was replaced by Pope Francis. Pope Benedict was considered a religious conservative and Francis is considered much more of a liberal. Things can only go bad with this situation and recently, the differences showed up again.

Pope Francis is reportedly looking at letting priests get married to address the priest shortage. Pope Benedict just co-wrote a new book reaffirming priestly celibacy. Is celibacy a tradition or a doctrine? Some within the Church think Benedict is trying to impress upon Pope Francis the need to keep things the way they are.

This is probably the reason that Popes usually stay in office until death. No confusion over who's in charge.

Truth be Told Will be Charged

An IRS employee in Andover was charged with allegedly filing hundreds of false tax returns. A 44-year-old Lawrence woman working at the IRS Service

Center in Andover was charged last week with filing more than 500 false tax returns for herself and others, According to federal prosecutors. Jennifer Beth True was charged with wire fraud and aggravated identity theft, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for Massachusetts. If convicted, she could face more than 20 years in prison and a six-figure fine, authorities said.

End Quotes

"Russians appear to be rerunning their 2016 hacking play-book, once again to benefit Donald Trump."

— Hillary Clinton

"We can overcome four years of Donald Trump, but eight years ... will be an absolute disaster."

— Joe Biden

"If ... fears come true, get set for a turbocharged Resistance that will make the last three years look tame."

— Michael Goodwin, New York Post columnist

"The most efficient way to do it, is to do it."

— Amelia Earhart

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI19P6501EA

Estate of

MARIE E. VAN DER KEYL

Also Known As

MARIE EUGINE VANDER KEYL,

MARIE VANDERKEYL,

MARIE VAN DER KEYL

Date of Death: October 17, 2019

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Hans L. Vander Keyl of Stoneham, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Hans L. Vander Keyl of Stoneham, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

Run date: 01/24/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI20P0213EA

Estate of

MARGARET SUSAN CARPENTIERI

Also Known As

SHIRLEY A. BUTLER

Date of Death: December 05, 2019

CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Jane Vannini of Torrington, CT** and **Barbara Denza of Torrington, CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Jane Vannini of Torrington, CT** and **Barbara Denza of Torrington, CT** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 12, 2020.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 15, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/24/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. SU19P0261GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION TO EXPAND
THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

In the Interests of
JOHN TRIEGER
of Boston, MA

RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court Expand the powers of a Guardian.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **February 21, 2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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

Date: January 10, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Run date: 01/24/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., 2 Emery Road, Allston, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **February 1, 2020 beginning at 10:00 am** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2009 FORD F-150

VIN 1FTPX14V39K52977

2005 NISSAN MAXIMA

VIN 1N4BA41E85C850493

2005 LEXUS ES 330

VIN JTHBA30G050023630

2010 TOYOTA COROLLA

VIN 2T1BU4EE7AC353934

2006 LINCOLN TOWNCAR

VIN 1LNHM82W06Y638990

2006 TOYOTA CAMRY

VIN 4T1BE32K56U137572

2017 ISUZU NPR

VIN 54DC4W1B1HS806686

2008 SMART FORTWO PASSION

VIN WMEEJ31X18K150474

2001 HONDA CIVIC

VIN 2HGES16571H586879

2013 CHEVROLET MALIBU

VIN 1G11B5SA2DF188503

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

Signed

Gabriela Estrada, Owner

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

LEGAL NOTICE

EXPORT ENTERPRISES
TOWING

NOTICE TO OWNERS

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

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

2003 FORD F150

VIN #2FTRX18W33CA98391

2010 TOYOTA COROLLA

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI20P0134EA

Estate of

MARY L. CHICOS

Date of Death: September 23, 2019

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kenneth D. Chicos of Belmont, 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 **Kenneth D. Chicos of Belmont, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 07, 2020.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 10, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/24/2020

EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani

Carlos Beltran

Had to Go and Quickly, Too

Retired baseball slugger Carlos Beltran had to go once his name became involved in the Astros 2017 cheating scheme. MLB decided not to punish any players, so Beltran got lucky there. However, how could the owners of the NY Mets possibly keep him on as the new manager? His credibility is lost in the winds of this scandal.

It seems like Alex Cora took lots of people down with him! A sad affair for all concerned. Fans have a right to be angry and they are. I know I am. Let's hope everyone else in baseball learned a valuable lesson here.

Who Can Forget

Tony Conigliaro?

25: *Tony Conigliaro the Documentary*, hosted by Mike Lynch and Joe Malone, premiered at the Lynn Auditorium on January 17th. A large number of Red Sox Nation celebs were present like Rico Petrocelli, Billy Conigliaro, Dan Duquette, Luis Tiant, and Richie Conigliaro.

I couldn't make it to the premiere but will be waiting for it when it comes out in movie theatres. Tony C. was one of a kind and for baby boomers everywhere, he was such a promise unfulfilled when he almost died at home plate from a pitch to his face late one August evening in 1967. He was never the same again but he will always be remembered for the great talent he had and for the tragedy that changed everything in a matter of seconds.

Belated Happy New Year To ...

My good friend Mickey Finn boxing legend and pal of the late Charlie "Keep Punching" Ross.

Mickey loves reading the *Post-Gazette* and is also president emeritus of Ring 4 like the late Charlie Ross was.

Ex-Met Frazier

Going to Texas

Veteran third baseman Todd Frazier and the Rangers have reached an agreement on a \$5 million, one-year deal filling a need at third base for the team. The deal is pending a team physical. Frazier will make \$3.5 million in 2020 and the deal includes a 2021 club option with a \$1.5 million buyout.

Frazier turns 34 next month and spent the past two seasons with the NY Mets. He hit .251 with 21 homers and 67 RBIs in 133 games this past season.

The .243 lifetime hitter also played for the Reds, White Sox, and Yankees in his nine-year career. He was twice an All-Star with the Reds.

Kudos to Jerry Remy

Last week, Jerry Remy received the Judge Emil Fuchs Award for long and meritorious service to baseball at the Boston Baseball Writers dinner. He spoke of his struggles with cancer and depression and the murder conviction of his son. He also said he hopes to continue calling *NESN* games as long as he can! God willing.

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Docket No. MI20P0200EA

Estate of

SHIRLEY ANN BUTLER

Also Known As

SHIRLEY A. BUTLER

Date of Death: December 07, 2019

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Thomas P. Butler of Sandwich, 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 **Thomas P. Butler of Sandwich, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 11, 2020.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 14, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/24/2020

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Docket No. MI20P0137EA

Estate of

PETER JOHN TAYLOR

Also Known As

PETER J. TAYLOR

Date of Death: October 29, 2019

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

The Petitioner requests that **Vann S. Taylor of New York, NY** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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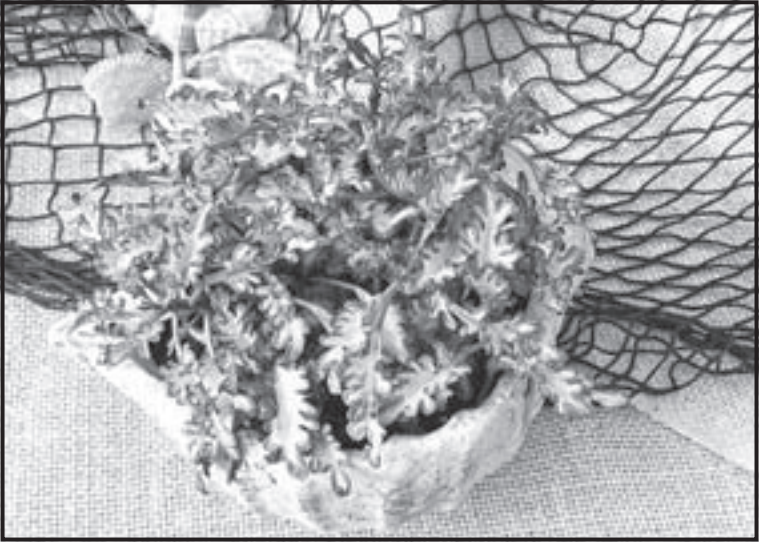
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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 10, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/24/2020

Select a Quality Potting Mix for Gardening Success

by Melinda Myers



Quality potting mixes should be light, fluffy and moist to keep plants, like this coleus, healthy. (Photo by Melinda Myers, LLC)

Improve your indoor and outdoor container gardening success with a quality potting mix. This can be more difficult than it sounds since you can't see or feel the product you are about to buy. Ask your gardening friends for recommendations and once at the garden center, check the package, and compare label information before making a purchase.

You'll find a variety of bags labeled as planting mix, potting mix, container mix and more. Check the label to see what the bag contains and recommendations for its use. Look for mixes; we'll refer to as potting mixes, blended for growing indoor, ornamental and edible plants in containers. They are a mix of organic and inorganic materials that retain moisture while draining well. Some mixes include sand and mineral soil while many are labeled as "soil-less." These lightweight mixes consist of peat moss, sphagnum moss and compost for moisture retention, vermiculite or perlite for drainage but do not contain

mineral soils such as sand or clay.

Potting mixes may be modified to accommodate the needs of certain plants. Orchid mixes often contain more bark for better aeration, cacti and succulent mixes have more sand or perlite for better drainage and African violet potting mix contains more organic matter to create a moist, rich growing medium.

Organic potting mixes are also available if you prefer to know the ingredients are free of pesticides and other contaminants. Check for the word organic and OMRI listed on the bag.

Potting mixes may or may not be sterilized to kill weed seeds and pests. If it doesn't say sterilized, it probably isn't.

As you narrow down your choices, continue checking the label for more details. Potting mixes often contain a "starter charge" of fertilizer. This minimal amount of fertilizer is usually gone after two or three waterings. Some include additional fertilizer that provides small amounts of nutrients

over a longer period of time. The label may say controlled-release, time-release or slow release fertilizer, providing nutrients for the allotment of time specified.

Natural or synthetic wetting agents are often included to reduce the surface tension of water, so it's better able to penetrate and evenly moisten the potting mix. Organic mixes often use yucca extract as a wetting agent.

Potting mixes should be light, fluffy and moist. Avoid bags that are waterlogged and heavy. The mix can break down, become compacted and some of the slow release fertilizer may be pre-released and damage young seedlings when saturated with water.


Moisten the potting mix with warm water before potting your plants. This helps ensure even moisture throughout. If the potting mix becomes overly dry, you may need to do a bit more work to rewet all the mix in the container. Set the pot in a container of warm water and wait for the potting mix to rehydrate. Or water thoroughly, wait 20 minutes and water again. Repeat until you achieve success.

Take the time to do a bit of research before buying your next bag of potting mix. Your efforts will be rewarded with healthy plants, beautiful blooms and a bountiful harvest from your indoor and outdoor potted plants.

Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses How to Grow Anything DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her web site is: www.MelindaMyers.com.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



BRUINS AT THE BREAK — It has been pretty smooth sailing for the Bruins over the past few months as they've sat atop the Atlantic Division for quite some time and have engaged in a spirited competition with the Washington Capitals for the overall lead in the Eastern Conference.

But for now — at least until the last day of January when the B's next drop the puck at Winnipeg on January 31st — things will, to use a maritime term from the age of sail, "stand becalmed" as action ceases across the landscape of Bruins Nation for the extended All-Star break. The next time you'll see the B's in Boston will be on February 4th when they take on Vancouver.

So, in the wake of the Bruins 3-2 victory over the Vegas Golden Knights, as most team members scatter for parts farther afield, we thought it might be a good time to take a brief look at the B's from a statistical point of view before things resume for what will amount to the final stretch drive to the playoffs.

For starters, the Bruins are where they are because of goaltending. They wouldn't be in the top position they are in today without the stalwart performances of Tuukka Rask and Jaroslav Halak in the nets.

Rask has been under a concussion protocol leading up to the break but skated during the morning practice the day of the game against Vegas, meaning he should be ready to go when action commences again after the break.

As for Halak, as a backup, he has been more than equal to the task for most of the season. He's played in 24 games, has a 12-6-6 record to go with a 2.47 goals against average and a .918 save percentage. He's notched three shutouts on the season, one more than Rask.

When he does return, Rask will begin the stretch drive with a 17-4-6 record backed up by a 2.27 goals against average and a .925 save percentage. What it means is that the Bruins have allowed the third fewest goals in the NHL to date — 128.

On the scoring side of the ledger, David Pastrnak continues to lead the NHL in goals with 37. He is fourth in points with 70. Veteran Brad Marchand is fifth in the league in assists with 44.

Pastrnak and Coach Bruce Cassidy will be the only members of the Bruins heading to the All-Star events in St. Louis. We hesitate to use the word "game" anymore since the introduction of what is essentially a mini-tournament format a few years ago.

Before leaving Cassidy took the opportunity to assess his team in a positive way, noting that it is not a halfway break since the Bruins have already played 51 games of the 82-game regular season schedule.

"I think that the state of the team is that we're in a solid position," said Cassidy after the Vegas game. I don't think anything has been given to us. I do believe that there is room for growth for the 60-minute effort from start to finish."

As in all contact sports, the health of the players is of utmost concern. So the news that Rask was skating again was a good sign. "Health wise, were trending well. It looks like Tuukka is going to be fine so that's a very good sign," said Cassidy.

The coach also said it was a good sign to have some younger players who are starting to make their mark. "They are pushing the group. I've always said since I got the job that it would be good to have some of that to keep everyone on their toes in the right way. So that part I like about the team, that we have some depth down there."

Cassidy also cited balanced scoring as a positive, noting the efforts of Charlie Coyle, Jake DeBrusk and Anders Bjork, stating that "you know what I mean — that we can have nine forwards that can all kind of pitch in. That's something that at the start of the year we weren't sure where we would be at — so that's a positive. Now let's see how we do with our full set of forwards and where it leads us."

The coach also indicated that he realized that a number of players will utilize the break as vacation time. He indicated that he's comfortable with that. He said that his message to the team after the victory over Vegas "was pretty brief." Noting that "we did some good things in the first stretch of the season," he stated that he told the players to "enjoy yourself and get away wherever you're going, mentally cleanse yourself. But understand that when we get back, we get back at it pretty quick."

There was also a cautionary note. "Be a professional. By that, you do have to look after yourself in terms of your conditioning. But again, it is more about enjoying it, but be ready to get ramped up in a hurry."

CELTICS CLAIM BIG VICTORY — In what was the most exciting regular season game to date in the 2019-2020 campaign, the Celtics blew away the L.A. Lakers at the Garden, 139-107 on January 20th.

It was the largest margin of victory by a Celtics team over the Lakers since November 27, 1963. The contest had a playoff feel to it. Could this be a preview of the NBA Finals in June?

TIME FOR THE BEANPOT — The 68th annual Beanpot Tournament is upon us with the action set to take place the first two Mondays in February at the TD Garden.

Archrivals Boston College and Boston University will meet in the first game on opening night (February 3rd) at 5:00 p.m., while Northeastern will face Harvard in the night-cap at 8:00 p.m.

The two winners will battle for the trophy in the championship game on February 10th, at 7:30 p.m.

Northeastern will be seeking its third consecutive championship, having won the 2019 and 2018 tournaments. Harvard last won the trophy in 2017 while BC's last championship was in 2016. BU, once a fixture in the winner's circle, has not claimed the title since 2015.

2020 N.E.A.A. Baseball Registration

I know it is January, but in the blink of an eye it will be April and we will be playing baseball. As most, if not all of you, know our fields are undergoing major renovations. We will have two of the most beautiful fields in the city once the work is complete. However, the best case scenario we have for the fields to be usable is late September/early October. Therefore our 2020 season will be played on temporary fields that we will be using for just this spring.

Our Clinic/T-Ball program will run for the nine Saturday's in May and June. This program is for 4-5 years old (age as of April 30, 2020). We will start May 2nd and finish June 27th. The program will start at 9:00 a.m. and end around 10:30 a.m. depending on the youngster's engagement. This season our program will take place on the Greenway. It will be on the parcel of grass that is across the street from Mother Anna's restaurant. It will be a bit more challenging but it should be a fun spot for the kids and get them more "fans" as people walk by.

We will continue to run our minor and major leagues which covers player's age 6-12 (age as of April 30, 2020). Last year our minors were ages 6-8 and majors 9-12. That seems like

the most likely scenario however, I'll have to wait until I get all the registrations before I can make that decision. We have a field in Charlestown called "The Barry" that we will be using. The field has lights, so starting games at 6:00 p.m. shouldn't be an issue. We are also in talks with the city and hillhouse right now to get the fields at the Boston Common for a day or two during the week. I'm hopeful that works out and if it does we will use all three fields. If not The Barry will be our home for all our games. As in the past we will try to stay away from Saturday and Sunday games to not impact family vacation/beach times. **Please register by March 1, 2020**, so we will know how many players we will have and can order uniforms etc.

We will be entering one Dodgers team in the Lou Tompkins All-Star baseball league this season. That team will be a 15 and under team and consist of players ages 13-15. LTA opening day is June 22nd and the championship game is August 9th. This team will also represent us at our 30th annual LaFesta Baseball Exchange with our dear friends from North Adams. More info to come. We also will be having our first travelling girl's soft-

ball team called the North End Execution. This team is run by Chuck Bilikas and has actually begun indoor workouts already. If you have a girl who is interested in softball please sign her up. Chuck's team will probably be for some of our older girls however, any girl who is too old for our minor league and wants to play softball should register and we will figure it out from there based on the amount of girls that sign up.

To register please go to our website neabaseball.org and sign up. We will NOT be doing online payments this year so please make your \$50 check out to the NEAA and drop it off at the Nazzaro Center or mail it to Nazzaro Center, c/o John Romano, 30 North Bennet Street, Boston MA 02113. Late fee of \$20 will be assessed if registration fee not paid by April 1, 2020.

Looking forward to another fun year and a great prep year as we get ready to play on our brand new fields in 2021. Players who play with the NEAA in 2020 will get preference in 2021 when our new fields are open and we get registrations from far and wide.

Thanks,
The Commish
Ralph J. Martignetti