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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### Bailouts for Blue States For Bad Shutdown Policies

The White House has proposed a stimulus bailout for Blue States' bad lockdown policies, and has also proposed a \$1.5 billion plan to get kids back into their classrooms, because we are failing our students keeping them from in-classroom learning.

### Migrants from Honduras Enroute to U.S. Border

Large numbers of Hondurans are on the march toward the Mexican-U.S. border. On Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, the large caravan of migrants clashed with Guatemalan police trying to stop the migrants from passing through that country. They're coming for us because they know Biden is now in charge of U.S. immigration policy. The video of the clash in El Florido, Guatemala is just the beginning.

### Speaking Pre-approved Words to Power?

U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is proposing Congress form a truth commission to "rein in" the media, a notion totally antithetical to the First Amendment's freedom of the press.

### Quote to Note

"The problem of racial injustice and economic injustice cannot be solved without a radical redistribution of political and economic power."

--Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Biden Using Stimulus Monies For Public Education

If the Biden Administration wants to fund public education with additional funds, he shouldn't be using a stimulus aid package to do it. Stimulus money should be for fighting the virus, getting vaccines out quickly, and helping to restore our economy, small and large, from all the shutdowns in place.

### There is Good News Regardless of Georgia

Yes, the worst-case scenario happened in the Georgia U.S. Senate run-off elections as both Democrats won

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## Governor Baker Delivers 2021 State of the Commonwealth Address

Governor Charlie Baker delivered his State of the Commonwealth address on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from his office at the Massachusetts State House. Remarks as prepared for delivery:

"Good evening. And thank you for joining me for a very different State of the Commonwealth address.

"In a normal year, I'd be delivering this speech in the House Chamber to members of the House and Senate, the Cabinet, the Governor's Council, and our friends and families.

"But this is not a normal year. So, I'm sharing my thoughts with you from my office here in the State House.

"Tonight's address is just one more example of a gathering — a ritual of coming together — that's been put on hold by the pandemic.

"But better days are coming. And like you, Lieutenant Governor Polito and I are looking forward to being able to join with family, friends and colleagues. Because as we all know, there's so much joy in being together.

"2020 was a year like no other. The pandemic changed everything. And it was much more than just the worst public health crisis of the last hundred years. It came with economic



calamity. Severe job loss. Business closures. Anxiety. Fear. Civil unrest. Riots. Racial injustice. Isolation. Death. And Loss.

"COVID turned everyone's life upside down. And did so in a way that oftentimes crippled our ability to share our fears and our loss with those we love.

"Like many others who have family members in senior living, I went over 100 days last spring without being able to see my dad. It was awful. At the same time, my best friend lost his mom to COVID. That was so much worse.

"Over the past year, thousands have lost their lives and thousands more have been hospitalized. And we all worry

that our loved ones could be next — but because of COVID, we can't visit or hug them.

"Back then, our mission was — and still is — clear and compelling. Do the best we can to protect the health and well-being of everyone, keep our economy as open as possible and keep our kids in school.

"And as the federal vaccine distribution program kicks into high gear over the next few months, anyone who wants a vaccine will be able to get one at a site near them. And we can start to put this pandemic behind us.

"And while COVID returned this fall with a vengeance, here in Massachusetts, we are seeing our way through it. Our entire health care community, while stretched, has the gear it needs to take care of patients, and far more knowledge about what works and what doesn't than they did ten months ago. While we still have challenges, our testing infrastructure is far more robust than it was in the spring. Our employers have adopted the guidance we issued to keep their employees and customers safe.

"And schools remain open, despite the continued presence of COVID.

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## Mayor Walsh Announces UPDATES ON BOSTON'S REOPENING PLAN

*Boston to Return to Step One of Phase Three  
Of the Reopening Massachusetts Plan  
As COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination Efforts are Expanded*

As Boston's COVID-19 numbers trend modestly downward and Massachusetts continues to expand access to vaccination against COVID-19, Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced on January 26<sup>th</sup> the City of Boston will return to Step One of Phase Three of the Reopening Massachusetts plan on February 1, 2021.

"I want to thank everyone who continues to do their part to protect our city," said Mayor Walsh. "While there has been some improvement in recent weeks, it's still vital that everyone remains vigilant. Wear your masks. Avoid gatherings. Wash your hands and disinfect surfaces. Think about the simple steps you can take on a daily basis to protect yourself and your loved ones."

As of January 17, 2021, the City was averaging 415.6 COVID-19 positive cases per day, down from a high of 590.4 in mid-January, and the City's positivity rate was at 7.2 percent, down from a high of 8.9 percent in early January. For more information on COVID-19 cases per neighborhood, visit: [www.bphc.org](http://www.bphc.org).

Given the improvement in the number of COVID-19 cases and the City's positivity rate, the City of Boston will return to Step One of Phase Three of the Reopening Massachusetts plan on February 1, 2021. Boston had been in Step One of Phase Three of the Reopening Massachusetts plan since July 6, before returning to a modified Step Two of Phase Two on December 16, 2020. This was done to help reduce the spread

of the virus during and after the holiday period when more people were traveling or gathering with others from outside of their household.

Massachusetts recently announced an extension of the existing 25 percent capacity limits for most businesses through Monday, February 8, 2021. All gatherings and events remain subject to current capacity limits of 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors. The gatherings limit applies to private homes, event venues and public spaces. The state's website has a *list of sectors subject to the extended capacity restrictions*.

The following industries in the City of Boston may reopen on February 1, 2021, at 25 percent capacity:

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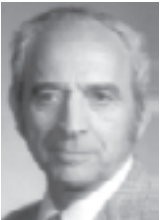
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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



THE ETERNAL FLAME



The whole concept, which reveres the sacrificial fire, the candlelight vigil, and every manner of eternal flame, appears to have been born with Greek Mythology. It all started with Hephaestus, blacksmith of the gods; then the flame passed to Prometheus, one of two brothers who were charged by the gods to create man, and to provide him with the means necessary for his preservation. Zeus became angered when Prometheus tried to trick him, so the mighty one threatened to destroy the human race by withholding fire, and to create other beings in place of humans. Prometheus was so concerned about saving those poor mortals that he went up to Mt. Olympus, stole fire from the gods, and brought it back to mankind in a hollow reed. When this act was discovered, Zeus ordered that Prometheus be seized and chained to a rock high on a mountain. Each day a monstrous eagle tore at his liver, which grew whole again each night.

As man developed his facilities to control the use of flame, the fireside became the center

of family life, and the Greek goddess Hestia was worshipped as the protector of the family hearth and the founder of the family unit. Meanwhile, the reverence, which had developed for Hephaestus in Greece, encouraged the worship of Vulcanus or Vulcan in Rome. Also, after learning about Hestia, the Romans developed their worship of Vesta, goddess of the Roman hearth. She was worshiped by the Romans during ancient times independently of any connection with Greece.

The worship of Vesta goes back to the time when it was difficult but necessary to obtain fire. Then, as well as now, among some primitive tribes, the custom of always keeping a fire alive for use in the community was developed, and even to carry it to new settlements. This custom was preserved in the religion of later Greeks and Romans even after more modern technologies had been developed.

The sacred fire, the source of all Roman life and power, was kept alive in a structure known as the Temple of Vesta, the subject of next week's column.

MBTA and MassDOT Announce Launch of Study Extending Silver Line Service To Everett, Somerville, Cambridge, and Boston

*The Study Follows Recommendations from the Mbtas Focus40 Plan, Everett Transit Action Plan, and the Lower Mystic Regional Working Group To Extend Silver Line Service Throughout the Region*

The MBTA and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) today announced the launch of the *Silver Line Extension Alternatives Analysis* to assess the feasibility, utility, and cost of various alignment and service frequency options for extending Silver Line service to Everett and neighboring communities.

“We’re excited to collaborate with MassDOT on this analysis of Silver Line service,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “Studying the extension of the Silver Line to Everett and beyond is a key objective of Focus40 and an important step in improving service to essential workers and transit-critical populations that live far from the Orange and Blue Lines and rely on bus service to get to work and other destinations.”

“This study builds off years of work and collaboration between the City and the MBTA to improve bus services in Everett,” said City of Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “Extending the Silver Line to Everett will transform our city by unlocking economic opportunity in the Commercial Triangle and along the Broadway corridor and give residents more direct access to jobs, health care, and services in Boston and Cambridge. We are extremely excited to continue to work with the MBTA

and MassDOT to determine the best way to implement rapid bus service in Everett.”

“Many residents of Chelsea are the essential workers who have reliably kept the Commonwealth running during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said City of Chelsea City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. “As an environmental justice community, Chelsea residents deserve fast, dependable transit service. Extending Silver Line service presents an opportunity to enhance transit service for our residents and combat the growing impacts of climate change.”

“In Somerville, we pride ourselves in aligning transportation policy with housing and economic development policy,” said City of Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. “Our advocacy for one-seat mass transit service connecting Logan Airport with Kendall Square via East Somerville is rooted in a firm commitment to addressing current and historic inequities in our City and in our region.”

“Kendall Square and East Cambridge have experienced incredible growth in recent years and more housing and jobs are being added to the area with the redevelopment of parcels along Binney Street, the Volpe site, and North Point,” said City of Cambridge City Manager Louis A. DePasquale. “Improving transit services in the area is crucial to ensure new residents and workers have sustainable and reliable ways to travel to work, home, and other destinations.”

“It’s more important than ever to invest in public transit and ensure that residents of Boston have reliable, safe, and convenient options for traveling throughout the city and the region,” said City of Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh. “We’re excited to work with MassDOT and the MBTA on this study and

to improve transit for Boston residents traveling to jobs, schools, and other destinations throughout the region.”

The study follows recent recommendations by the Lower Mystic Regional Working Group and the Everett Transit Action Plan to extend Silver Line service to Everett and neighboring communities in order to provide service at near rapid-transit levels for those living just beyond the reach of the Orange and Blue Lines.

Existing bus routes serving Chelsea and Everett have maintained some of the highest ridership levels in the system during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the week of January 4, 2021, six of the top 10 bus routes in the MBTA system in terms of ridership recovery served Everett and/or Chelsea.

Recent recommendations by the Kendall Square Mobility Task Force have also called for improving transit services and connections within the area in order to accommodate new growth in housing and jobs in East Cambridge.

The MBTA and MassDOT are working in partnership with the cities of Chelsea, Everett, Somerville, Cambridge, and Boston to determine the potential alternatives and benefits of a Silver Line extension. In addition to convening a Stakeholder Working Group comprised of municipal staff, community members, and elected officials, the project team will conduct an extensive public engagement process throughout the course of the study to gather input from residents, MBTA customers, and other stakeholders. The study is anticipated to be completed in spring 2022.

For more information please visit: [mbta.com/slx](http://mbta.com/slx) or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or Instagram @theMBTA.

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To all interested persons:  
A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Dennis B. Sullivan of Wellesley, 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 Dennis B. Sullivan of Wellesley, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in 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 23, 2021.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)  
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## Remembering FREEWAY



Third Anniversary  
January 31, 2021

*“Always my boy”  
Unconditional Love*

### LETTERS POLICY

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## Annual North End Christmas Fund

### A Huge Success

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic and not being able to hold our Annual Christmas Fund Luncheon, the North End Christmas Fund was able to meet its fundraising goal and send out checks to over 200 families, seniors and children this Christmas Season. “Thanks to the generous donations from the business community, friends, neighbors and

community organizations as well as our local elected officials we were able to help everyone on our list,” stated Chairman Ted Tomasone.

The North End Christmas Fund committee is made up of members of several North End Human Service and non-profit Agencies such as the North End Athletic Association, Nazzaro Center, North End

Against Drugs, North End Waterfront Health, North End Seniors, ABCD – North End/ West End Service Center, and the Ausonia Council Knights of Columbus.

Thank you again to all who contributed to make this year very successful and allow us to help so many people in need. We plan to resume the luncheon in 2021.

## AARP Massachusetts Calls on Governor Baker to Establish Toll-Free Number for COVID-19 Vaccine Registration

Since the start of the pandemic, nearly 95 percent of the deaths from COVID-19 have been among people 50 and older. Residents over age 50 must be prioritized to receive COVID-19 vaccines and the system they access to receive vaccines works efficiently.

Mike Festa, State Director of AARP Massachusetts, and Sandra Harris, State President of AARP Massachusetts, sent this letter to Governor Baker and the Massachusetts Legislature today urging for increased access to information about where, when and how people can sign up for the vaccine.

*“Dear Governor Baker:*

*Since the start of the pandemic, nearly 95 percent of the deaths from COVID-19 have been among people 50 and older. The data clearly show that the older people are the higher risk they face if they contract COVID-19. Given that older individuals are at a greater risk of death from COVID-19, we strongly urge you to ensure that Bay State residents age 50 and older are prioritized to receive a vaccine. These individuals must be given priority access to vaccines, in addition to those individuals receiving care in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.*

*Older Massachusetts residents must be prioritized to receive COVID-19 vaccines - and that the system they access to receive vaccines works, and works efficiently. Individuals need to know where, when and how they can receive the vaccines.*

*We continue to hear from members that they do not know when, where or how to schedule an appointment. This is unacceptable to AARP and should be to all Bay Staters. Massachusetts can and must do better.*

*In many instances, our members cannot access the internet. AARP urges you to immediately*

*establish a dedicated 1-800 number for seniors to call to receive assistance in signing up for a vaccination.*

*We cannot stress enough how eager people are in Massachusetts to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, which offers so much promise for a return to normalcy. There is incredible demand from our members for more information about when, where and how they can get a vaccine. AARP Massachusetts stands ready to work with you and support your efforts to get information to people as quickly as possible.*

*AARP is calling upon your leadership and your proven record of cutting through bureaucracy to benefit those in need. The current system must be fixed as soon as possible. The state's website must be improved. There must be a state run toll-free telephone number to make an appointment for a vaccination.*

*Furthermore, we are also hearing from some older Massachusetts residents about confusion on how to schedule their second shot. The failure to schedule an appointment for the needed follow-up shot when the first shot is administered is causing confusion and delays and may result in some not receiving their second shot.*

*Massachusetts should require uniform standards across the state to ensure that an appointment for the needed follow-up shot be made when individuals receive their first shot, regardless of whether the first shot was administered by a state-run vaccination site or a private site.*

*Thank you for your leadership and dedication to the people of the Commonwealth. AARP stands ready to help.”*

Mike Festa, AARP Massachusetts State Director  
Sandra Harris,  
AARP Massachusetts State President

## Maria “Liberuccia” Savino

NOVEMBER 5, 1919 – JANUARY 24, 2021

Maria “Liberuccia” (DeFuria) Savino of the North End of Boston, on January 24, 2021, at age 101 died, peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones.

Born in Ariano Irpino, Italy in 1919, she immigrated to Boston in 1955 with her husband and four young children. She survived WWII as a young mother of three, while her beloved Jerry was fighting for his country. She lived in two centuries, seeing the newest of medical inventions, the television, computers, and so many new technologies. She liked to call herself a “Nonna moderna” and prided herself on connecting and joking with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was an amazing storyteller, often acting out her tales with flair. She often reminded her family that she was a “fury” to be reckoned with (a play on her maiden name DeFuria). Just under 5 feet tall, she was a force of nature when protecting her loved ones. She leaves an enormous whole in the hearts of each of us. We will be telling your stories for years to come, Nonna.

Beloved wife of the late Jerry Savino. Loving mother of Anna Crugnale and her late husband Giuseppe of Somerville, Nicholas Savino and his wife Kathryne of Stoneham, the late Maria Gentile and her husband Riccardo of Stoneham and the late John Savino of Stoneham. Devoted grandmother of Maria Pia Gentile, Jerry and Marilena



Savino, Rinaldo and Lisa Crugnale, Carla and Karle Schlieff, Marisa and Bill Raczkowski, Rina and Ron Burgey, John Savino, Roberto and Michele Crugnale, Domenic and Julie Savino, Riccardo and Shannon Crugnale, Nicole Savino and Cristina Savino. Cherished great-grandmother of John and Denise Savino, Jerry Savino, Lia Schlieff, Billy Raczkowski, Jessica Crugnale, Gia Raczkowski, Isabella Raczkowski, Elaina Savino, Angelica Schlieff, Liana Crugnale, Nicholas Savino, Julia Crugnale, Joseph Savino, Alyssa Crugnale, Sophia Savino, Brady Crugnale, Ava Savino and Damon Crugnale. Treasured great-great-grandmother of Siena Savino and John Francis Savino. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews in the U.S. and Italy.

The family received visitors on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> in St. Leonard Church, 320 Hanover Street, Boston with a Mass of Christian Burial live streamed through St. Leonard's Facebook page. Services concluded with interment in St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale.

In lieu of flowers, we ask everyone to cherish life and be kind to one another.

Due to Covid restrictions, a larger celebration of her life will take place at a future date.

For online condolences and/or directions, please visit: [www.watermanboston.com](http://www.watermanboston.com)



L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

The Many Lights of Spring

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

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



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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

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THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giaratani

Where Does This

Insane Clown Posse Come From?

What is transpiring down in our Nation’s Capital is mind-blowing. It is starting to look like the makings of a good Netflix series, sort of like *The 4400* and *Jericho* combined, but too unbelievable to be real. Except, it is real! Looking at all the Democrat politicians, they’re going off the cliff from reality and very much in need of some good psych meds to get them back to their base lines.

With so much on the line lately, such as COVID-19, our nuked economy, screwing with small businesses, especially bars and restaurants, oh, and gyms too ... I am not done yet. I want my vaccine like everyone else, but the government bureaucracy can’t even get our willing arms in line for a good shot without coming up with a million excuses.

You know, the last thing any of us need is to be focused on is the impeachment of a President from office who has already left the building. When did our mostly delusional Democrats become the new Insane Clown Posse, wasting time playing payback politics while the fate of America hangs in the balance? Why are Democrat leaders like Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer so insistent on trying to impeach someone who has already been replaced by someone else and happens to also be a Democrat? They should happily move on, but they just can’t seem to do that.

Now, I just saw that our new President after preaching UNITY, UNITY, UNITY has just told CNN that the impeachment of Trump “has to happen.” Why? I thought he sought unity and bringing us together?

I don’t get it. You can’t unify America by pouring gasoline on the raging friction burning across the nation.

Kudos to U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Roberts who won’t soil the reputation of the U.S. Supreme Court and basically told Democrat leaders to count him out because you can’t hold an impeachment trial if there’s no one to impeach. Roberts knows this is all a sham, as is the idea of using the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment against Trump as if he was the ghost of Jefferson Davis I presume. Congrats to Justice Roberts for not wanting to follow the crazed Democrats down a rabbit hole.

Obviously the only way to prevent the former President from running again is to put private citizen Trump on trial, which the Senate under the Constitution cannot do. The Democrats appear bloodthirsty and want to drive a stake through Trump’s political heart. The shameless Democrats are seeking to prevent Trump from ever running for office again.

Oh, this is rich. Now that Roberts has told the Senate to take a hike, the Democrats have selected U.S. Senator Pat Leahy, D-VT, to replace Roberts as trial judge, and yes he will remain a juror, too. Hey, if you’re going to go rogue on the Constitution, do whatever your heart desires, right?

**Bottom line:** Our Founding Fathers must be rolling over in their graves. This travesty taking place right now bears little resemblance to a constitutional democratic republic; we look like a third world Banana Republic instead. Stop clowning around down in Washington, DC.

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# TINO CAPOBIANCO

## Running in 19<sup>th</sup> Suffolk State Rep. Race

by Sal Giarratani

I have known Tino Capobianco for at least 10 years and somehow knew he just loved politics and had it in his blood. He reminded me of me back when I was a young political activist myself. Some people just love politics. When I was in the third grade, Sister Rita Mary asked us students, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” My answer seemed to shock her. I told her I wanted to be the first Italian American Mayor of Boston! She seemed shocked with my answer, but I stuck with it. My favorite politician at that time was James Michael Curley. You have to remember I’m half-Irish, too!

Getting back to Tino, when I heard the news that Speaker Robert DeLeo was giving up his speakership and heading for the private sector, I knew that



Valentino “Tino” Capobianco

Capobianco was definitely a candidate because I just knew he would see this opportunity to enter the political arena for himself as a State Representative.

He recently spoke of his desire to be a voice for his community in Winthrop where he is currently a member of the School Committee, “I have devoted my

entire professional career to make our community and the entire Commonwealth a better place.”

Right out of college he began his public service working with Speaker Robert DeLeo from whom he said he learned so much about connecting government to actual people. Currently, he is Chief of Staff for State Senator Paul Feeney, D-Foxboro. Before that he was an aide to Middlesex Sheriff Peter Kotoujian.

Tino Capobianco to me is the right candidate at the right time to represent the folks living in this House District, which includes Winthrop and parts of Revere. So don’t forget, on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, to vote Tino Capobianco in the Democrat Primary. He is going to be fighting for the people.

# Low Light, Low Maintenance Houseplants

by Melinda Myers

Don’t let a lack of brightly lit windows stop you from gardening indoors. Include some low maintenance, low light houseplants and maintenance strategies to boost your success.

Low maintenance gardening starts with proper plant selection. Match the plant to the growing conditions and your gardening style.

ZZ plant is a favorite low light, low maintenance plant. You will see it in hotels and shopping malls where light and care are often limited. Avoid overwatering that can lead to root rot and death of this plant.

You will need to do a bit of searching to find a few of the newer ZZ plant varieties. Zenzi is compact with curled leaves while Raven has dark purple black foliage that contrasts nicely with green and chartreuse leaves of nearby plants.

Peace lily is another popular low light plant found in a variety of public places. It requires moist soil to thrive, making it the perfect plant for those that tend to overwater. Increase your success by mixing organic Wild Valley Farms’ *wool pellets* ([wildvalleyfarms.com](http://wildvalleyfarms.com)) into the potting mix. This sustainable soil additive retains moisture, reducing watering by up to 25 percent. It also adds air space, improving the growing conditions for all indoor plants and helps reduce the risk of overwatering.

Pothos and philodendron are traditional low light favorites. New cultivars provide a fresh look to these indoor beauties.

Neon pothos has vibrant neon green foliage sure to brighten any spot in your home. Pearls and Jade has smaller cream and green variegated leaves. It is slower growing but just as tough as other pothos. Show off their trailing habit in a hanging basket, container displayed on a shelf, or set upon a pedestal.

You’ll find a variety of philodendrons for your indoor garden. Brasil has dark green heart-shaped leaves with a golden stripe down the middle. Brandi, another trailing philodendron, has olive green heart-shaped leaves with silver splashing. These can be allowed to trail or trained up onto a trellis.



Aglaonema ‘Siam Red’ (Red Chinese Evergreen) is a popular low light plant that can brighten up any space with its beautiful foliage.

(Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)

Golden Goddess has larger chartreuse leaves that make a dramatic statement in a home or office. When small, it is great for desks and tabletops, but you will need to transition it to a floor plant as it climbs its support, growing up to six feet tall. Or add a subtle touch of orange with Prince of Orange. The new leaves of this shrubby philodendron emerge a coppery orange and eventually age to green. It grows 24 or more inches tall.

The name says it all. Cast iron plant is tough and tolerant of low light and benign neglect. Individual long strappy leaves sprout from the ground to create a mass of greenery. This growth habit has made it a popular groundcover in milder climates. Variegated varieties with splashed or striping can be difficult to find but add to its beauty.

New varieties of Chinese evergreen have found their way into many garden centers. Their green leaves may have silver highlights like those of Calypso. Cecila and Golden Bay. Or add a bit of red to your indoor garden with be Red Gold and Ruby Ray Chinese evergreen.

Low light indoor plants allow you to add greenery where you once thought it was not possible. Their added beauty will help lift your spirits, reduce stress, and increase focus while improving your indoor air quality.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening 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 was commissioned by Wild Valley Farms or her expertise to write this article. Myers’ web site is: [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

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Docket No. MI20C0692CA

In the Matter of  
EMANUELE SANTOS ALMEIDA-PANCINI  
CITATION ON  
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Emanuele Santos Almeida-Pancini of North Reading, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Emanuele Almeida Pancini.

### 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 22, 2021. 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 25, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run Date: 01/29/2021

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Docket No. MI21P0067EA

Estate of  
SYLVIA GOOD CLINE  
Also Known As  
SYLVIA G. CLINE

Date of Death: October 18, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Sherrill P. Cline of Sudbury, 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 Sherrill P. Cline of Sudbury, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in 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 09, 2021.

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

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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 12, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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Docket No. MI21P0241EA

Estate of  
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HELEN ROTCH GARFIELD

Date of Death: September 15, 2020

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FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by William B. Perkins 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 William B. Perkins of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in 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 23, 2021.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
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# Saint William of Dijon

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

William was born in the family castle on San Giuglio Island, Lake Orta, Novara, Piedmont, northern Italy in the year 962. He was the fourth son of Count Robert of Volpiano. He was born during a battle in which his father defended the island against Emperor Otto. When the island was lost, the Emperor became William's sponsor and patron.

He began his education at the Benedictine Abbey at Locadio at the age of seven. In 987, he became a monk at the Abbey of Cluny. William was an ardent proponent of the Cluniac reform, and he founded (1001-03) the Abbey of Fruttaria in Lombardy with the help of his brothers and of his uncle, King Arduin of Italy. Among other monasteries, William reformed Mont Saint-Michel.

He reorganized St. Sernin Abbey on the Rhone, was ordained in 990, named abbot of St. Benignus



at Dijon, and built the Abbey into a great center of spirituality, education, and culture, and the mother monastery of some forty monasteries in Burgundy, Lorraine, Normandy, and Northern Italy. William was noted for his zeal for the Church, his tender concern for the poor, his resolve and lack of intimidation when dealing with the politically powerful. He traveled widely, spreading the Cluniac reform.

By the time of his death William headed 40 monasteries, and in all the houses reformed by him, he had attempted to establish a tradition of learning. He also promoted the spread of Romanesque architecture in France, and rebuilt the abbey church of Saint-Bénigne.

He died on January 1, 1032, at Fe'camp Monastery in Normandy which he had rebuilt. His feast day is celebrated on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

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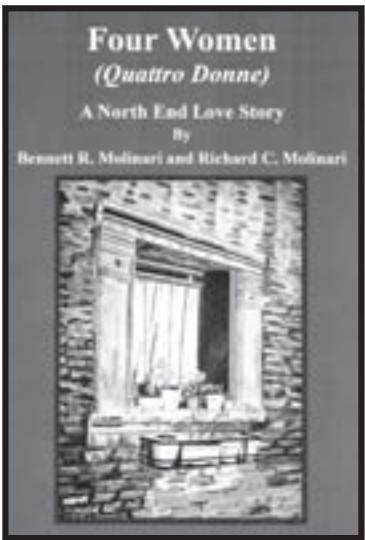
subtitle, A North End Love Story

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

### CHAPTER 39 The Morning After (continued)

Mornings in Kingston were always filled with activity. Everyone was under one roof: Grandma and her daughters, their husbands, children and of course Uncle Tino, unpredictable as a late summer storm. Now there was Pietro, quiet and brokenhearted, trying to recover from the events of Sunday. Carla had returned to Boston with her brothers and father, who were more determined than ever to keep her apart from Pietro. The women were in the kitchen preparing breakfast. Slowly, everyone emerged from their rooms, gathering around the table for breakfast. When Grandma noticed Pietro wasn't among us, she sent Mom to inform him, breakfast was ready. It was more a summons than a request. Grandma was determined to have her way. We were all to be at the breakfast table and continue our vacation as if nothing had happened. It would be Grandma and Grandma alone, who would come up with the plan to solve the family crisis.

Mom climbed the steps to the room we shared with Pietro. She knocked on the door, with no response, waited a moment, knocked again, still no response. Finally, nervously, Mom opened the door to find Pietro lying on his lower bunk, staring at the sagging mattress over his head. "Pietro, what are you doing? Mama would like you to join us for breakfast." Still there was no response. "Pietro, you are not responding, are you sick? Mama wants you down for breakfast." Mom repeated. Finally, Pietro responded, "Cousin Carmela, I should never have come to America. My life has been turned upside down. I feel my insides twisted into knots. I want to cry, but I can't. I am so confused. I don't want to live anymore." Mom, with both concern and passion in her voice, responded, "Pietro, what do you mean, not wanting to live anymore? You are a young man and



have your entire life ahead of you." Before Mom could speak another word, Pietro turned on his side in the direction of Mom, looking straight into her eyes, said, "Cousin Carmela, I love Carla. I discovered a love I've never known, and that love has been ripped away from me. My family is against us, her family is against us, and when my parents in Italy discover what has happened, they will never forgive me. What is there to live for?" Mom, seeing the depths of his despair, became increasingly concerned. She knew she must say something but could not find the words. Quietly, she shut the door behind her and sat at the foot of Pietro's bed, where he had returned to lying on his back, staring at the mattress above him. "Pietro, I am going to speak to you like a cousin, like a sister, and most of all like your friend. You must listen to me. I know everything has grown dark for you. Love can be a wonderful thing and a terrible thing. When everything is going right, it fills your heart with joy like nothing else can, but when things go wrong, when love is ignored and torn from you, it's like a death, leaving you empty and in despair." Pietro remained unresponsive, acting as if he didn't hear Mom's words, yet Mom continued.

"Pietro, you must listen to me. You and Carla love each other. I don't know how to solve this

problem, what words to say, what action to perform, but the love that you and Carla have for each other cannot be denied and will not be denied. You must trust me. I pray to God that He will guide us as we try to make right this impossible situation." Pietro, sensing the sincerity of Mom's words, once again turned in her direction. Reaching up to Mom, he grasped her hands. With a voice filled with emotion, he said, "Thank you cousin. I know you want to help, but the situation is impossible. I feel I am being torn in two, as if God and my family are pulling me in one direction, and Carla is pulling in the opposite." Mom, squeezing Pietro's hands as hard as she could, quietly whispered, "Pietro, God wants only the best for you and so does your family, if it is Carla that you are meant to be with, in one way or another, it will happen. I promise you, it will come to be. Clean yourself up, come down to breakfast, the family is waiting for you. We won't say a word to anyone about what we spoke of." "Not even to your mother and sisters," Pietro whispered. "Only to God" was Mom's response. With that, Mom left the room. Pietro following several minutes later. Mom's words seem to comfort Pietro, offering the reassurance, someone was on his side.

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; and BarnesandNoble.com.

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Mel Gibson, Walton Goggins and Marianne Jean-Baptiste star in *Fatman*, a film that proves, “revenge never takes a holiday.” To save his declining business, Chris Cringle (Gibson), also known as Santa Claus, is forced into a partnership with the U.S. military. Making matters worse, Chris gets locked into a deadly battle of wits against a highly skilled assassin (Goggins), hired by a precocious 12-year-old, after receiving a lump of coal in his stocking. ‘Tis the season for *Fatman* to get even, in the action-comedy that keeps on giving ... time to celebrate ho-ho-ho!

**SNOWPIERCER: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON (2-Blu-ray) Warner Bros. Home Ent.**

Set more than seven years after the world has become a frozen wasteland, *Snowpiercer* centers on the remnants of humanity who inhabit a perpetually moving train, with 1,001 cars, that circles the globe. Class warfare, social injustice and the politics of survival play out in this riveting television adaptation based on the graphic-novel series and film from Oscar-winner Bong Joon (*Parasite*). *Snowpiercer* stars Jennifer Connelly and Daveed Diggs. Jam-packed with secrets, plot twists — all taking place on ten quick “ride on the rails” excitement!

**THE COURT JESTER (Blu-ray) Paramount Presents/Paramount Home Ent.**

Danny Kaye earned a Golden Globe nomination for Best Actor — Comedy or Musical for his leading role in this comic farce, *Court Jester*. Paramount Presents celebrates the films 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beloved madcap musical that makes its Blu-ray debut, in a re-mastered transfer from the original film negatives. In this swashbuckling comic farce, Kaye is kind-hearted entertainer, Hawkins, who disguises himself as the legendary king of jesters, Giacomo. Hawkins infiltrates the court of an evil villain (Basil Rathbone), but when a sorceress hypnotizes him, royal chaos ensues. Alternating identities at the snap of a finger, between sword-play and wordplay, Kaye’s comic genius shines through. The stellar supporting cast includes Glynis Johns, Angela Lansbury, Mildred Natwick, Cecil Parker, and John Carradine.

**BREACH (Blu-ray) Saban Films + Paramount Home Ent.**

Bruce Willis stars as Clay, a hardened mechanic selected to maintain an interstellar ark, leaving Earth from a catastrophic plague, in the thrilling Sci-Fi action movie — *Breach*. Bound for a new planet, Clay and his small crew are responsible for the safety of the last surviving humans. But when a teammate is brutally murdered, the crew discovers a terrifying new threat, a vicious, shape-shifting alien creature whose goal is to wipe out the human race before they reach their new home. Hunted by their invisible enemy, Clay must find a way to

fight what they cannot even see and protect mankind from total extinction, as he discovers deep in space — they are not alone!

**MEAN MAN: THE STORY OF CHRIS HOLMES (Blu-ray) Cleopatra Ent.**

*Mean Man: The Story of Chris Holmes* is based on an iconic guitar player who has lived a life of extreme highs and lows. After losing the publishing rights of his own songs and combating dangerous addictions, the legendary W.A.S.P. guitarist is shown starting over from scratch, while living at his mother-in-law’s in Cannes, France. He is now ready, with his wife Catherine-Sarah, to take on Europe with his brand new band, billed as *Mean Man*, as both the main guitarist, and lead singer. As we follow him along, he meets many fans and proves that he is still the showman he was as a young and famous rockstar. This musical journey draws parallel stories of the rise, fall and rebirth of Holmes, with archives, live performances, interviews and behind-the-scenes footage.

**QUEEN OF HEARTS: AUDREY FLACK (DVD) Film Movement**

At 88-years-old, Audrey Flack holds a unique place in the history of contemporary art in America. Her roles as a feminist, rebel, mother, painter, sculptor and teacher, resulted in a frequent controversial 40-year career, evolved from abstract expressionism in the 1950s to photorealism in the 1970s. One of the first women ever included in the famed ‘Janson’s History of Art,’ she continues to create, explore, and inspire with her unique style and indomitable spirit. *Queen of Hearts* follows Flack as she takes her work in a brand new direction and reveals her long-term struggles as the mother of a child with autism. Flack has something deep and genuine to communicate to the world. She is a provocateur and a rebel, an example and an inspiration.

**LOVE STORY (Blu-ray) Paramount Presents/Paramount Home Ent.**

Newly restored for its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, *Love Story*, one of the most romantic movies of all time, is still as impactful as ever. Nominated for seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture, and based on Erich Segal’s bestselling novel that defined a generation, it’s a timeless, unmatched tale from the heart. Making this anniversary issue hit home even harder, is the Boston local touch, as the main characters are Harvard students ... Oliver (Ryan O’Neal) and Jennifer (Ali MacGraw) come from opposite backgrounds, but they share a chemistry they cannot deny — and a love they cannot ignore. Despite Oliver’s wealthy father threatening to disown him, the young couple marries and begins to build their new lives together. But fate has other plans, and soon Oliver and Jennifer face a crisis only the strongest of loves can endure. If you’re looking for a classic, heartwarming movie to watch on Valentine’s Day ... I would strongly recommend *Love Story*.

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

by Sal Giarratani

**AS A FORMER POLICE OFFICER**

The attack on the Capitol on January 6<sup>th</sup> following a Trump rally down the street at the National Mall was horrible. I call it a riot by thugs, the Left is calling it an insurrection. Whatever. So many things remain unexplained. I have seen some of the video capturing what was happening inside the building where Capitol Police seemed to have lost control.

Things didn’t get any better until the (D.C.) Metropolitan Police Department showed up. The Capitol never should have been penetrated so easily. I think former NYPD and former Boston Police Commissioner William Bratton is right about the need to set up some kind of 911-like commission to figure out what went wrong and how to keep that from ever happening again.

**CONGRATS TO REVERE COUNCILORS**

Recently, members of the Revere City Council unanimously voted City Councilor Tony Zambuto to serve as City Council President for the upcoming year, and unanimously voted City Councilor Gerry Visconti as the Council’s Vice President. Kudos to both councilors on their leadership appointments. Both are good guys and I know them both. I did some campaign work for Gerry when he ran for city council and was glad to see him win in 2019, which thanks to the COVID virus seems like a million years ago, right?

**IT’S ONLY JUST BEGINNING, FOLKS**

U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley, only hours after the Biden Administration took over, was

already calling for “a radical restructuring of the architecture of American society” whatever that means. It is going to be a long four years.

**SAYING GOODBYE TO CHINA ROMA**

It was sad seeing Revere’s China Roma Restaurant close its doors after so many years of providing the best in Chinese food, both take out and eat in. I can’t tell you how many times I pigged out there with friends from Eastie. Gonna miss it.

The place is gone. The signs were removed. I hear a new Peruvian restaurant will be opening up there soon. Best of luck to them.

**WHAT A 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR MEANS TO ME**

As I drive around East Boston and see all the renovations going on in three-story residential structures, I always think that fourth floor additions are nothing but pure profits for developers. Like icing on a cake. What do readers say out there?

**NEW CANDIDATE RUNNING IN 19<sup>TH</sup> SUFFOLK REP. RACE**

Richard Fucilo, Jr., has just announced he is running for the 19<sup>th</sup> Suffolk House seat just vacated by former Speaker Robert DeLeo. His candidacy now makes it six candidates getting geared up for the upcoming primary election in the Winthrop-Revere race.

**POST-JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> FOOTNOTE**

“Similar to a football game, we just lost the ball in Washington. We are still in the game unless we walk off the field. We not only can still win the game, but we must win the game for the next generation. it’s our civic duty to hold the line. It’s also our patriotic duty to take the needed actions to preserve liberties and leave this country better than we found it.” Thanks for all you do Adam Lange!

**THE DERSHOW PODCAST**

Check out the new Dershow Podcast hosted by retired Harvard Law School professor Alan Dershowitz.

**BEST WISHES TO WMEX RADIO**

The new WMEX returned to the radio airwaves May 18<sup>th</sup>, and just celebrated its 8-month birthday. Glad to see 1510 back on the radio again.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given by Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after February 13, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

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<b>2005 AUDI A4</b> Vin #WAUDF68E55A521992	<b>2006 NISSAN MURANO</b> Vin #JN8AZ08W16W506241

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

Signed  
Todisco Services, Inc.  
Run dates: 01/29, 02/05, 02/12/2021

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...**

Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu just celebrated her 36<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Also, Happy Birthday to Jimmy Jay over on WMEX 1510 on the AM dial. Best radio DJ ever. He’s the hippest cat you ever did see. There you have it. Now you know.

**CHECK OUT EASTBOSTON.COM**

If you’re from Eastie, you need to check out Frank Conte’s *EastBoston.com* online for all the latest news you need to know.

Frank and I have known each other since the early eighties when we were both writers for the old *East Boston Community News* when it was located on Meridian Street a few doors up from the courthouse. Laura White was the paper’s editor back in those days when there was no shortage of East Boston newspapers.

Frank is one of the good guys in the media, a true journalist who speaks truth to power.

**REMEMBERING DAVID RUFFIN**



I always loved listening or watching The Temptations sing their great Motown hits. A few years ago at one of the North End Feasts I got to talk with David Edwards when The Temptations played their music on Hanover Street. He’s a great lead singer for this group, but it was David Ruffin who was the group’s first lead singer. If David was still with us, he would have been 80 years old on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Time certainly flies by. Every time I hear “My Girl” it is still David Ruffin singing and strutting on stage doing that classic from 1965.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given by Stanley Service, Inc. 3430 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will auction the following vehicles **February 12, 2021** on the website <http://sta.ibidsmart.com>. The auction will end at 1:00 pm and buyer registration is required. Those that do not sell at auction will be sold on or after February 12, 2021 by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

<b>2010 NISSAN SENTRA</b> VIN # 3N1AB6AP6AL650827	<b>2007 BMW 750Li</b> VIN # WBAHN83577D775670
<b>1998 MERCEDES E CLASS</b> VIN # WDBJF65FXWA468855	<b>2005 NISSAN ALTIMA</b> VIN # 1N4AL11D55C396036
<b>2002 HONDA ACCORD</b> VIN # JHMCFF66462C000539	<b>2008 FORD TAURUS</b> VIN # 1FAHP27WX8G155815
<b>1999 CHEVROLET CAVALIER</b> VIN # 1G1JF5241X7302276	<b>2011 GMC ARCADIA</b> VIN # 1GKKRPED7BJ357549

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

Signed  
Bill Blinstrub, Owner  
Run dates: 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 2021



# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



I love to talk about the things I remember from my childhood. My grandparents, (Nanna and Babbononno), my parents, and my uncles all survived the Depression of the 1930s. Fortunately, they didn't suffer because they had jobs that, in spite of the economy, didn't disappear. Babbononno was a carpenter/furniture maker by day and a musician at night. Uncle Paul had learned the printing trade in high school and worked through the Depression. Oh, by the way, he was a musician, too. Uncle Nick became a musician like his older brother and father, and worked through the worst of times. Uncle Gino, the youngest went to work at the Chelsea Navy Yard after graduating high school and played music at night like his father and brothers. My father graduated from East Boston High School's machine shop program in 1929, and went to work for an iron works company. He too, was a musician at night, playing bass violin and tuba.

Thinking of the iron works. I passed the new Seville Building on Meridian Street just before Christmas, and remembered that Dad helped put up the super structure of the Seville Theater when it was being built in the late '20s. There is a synagogue on Beacon Street in Brookline that once had a six-point star on the top of its dome. That star is called the Star of David. Dad, at his job with the same iron works, had no fear of heights, and climbed atop the dome of the building and fastened the star at the highest point. It was a hot summer's day and the star burned his hands. This event kept him on the sidelines for a couple of weeks, but years later, his Jewish musician friends called that religious marker, Johnny Christie's "Star of David."

Not long after he recuperated, Dad left the iron works to concentrate strictly on music.

As I said, the men in my family did well during the Depression, but were super cautious about spending, just in case. Dad and Uncle Nick went on the road with the big bands, the swing band of the 1930s, while Babbononno, Uncle Paul, and Uncle Gino stayed home and worked at their day jobs and played music, locally, at night. Those were the days before DJs and all social functions had live music.

Years later, when I observed the members of my family conducting their daily routines, I discovered that they still had what was called a "Depression Mentality." As an example, one day when I was about ten, Babbononno sat on a chair with another chair facing him. On the other chair was a sheet of wood that was his mini table. On it, my grandfather was cutting up a rectangular chunk of compressed tobacco. It was called a plug and Babbononno, once he cut up the plug into small pieces, intended to smoke them in his pipe. The tobacco was named Edgeworth and could be purchased in plug form

(compressed tobacco) or ground up for immediate use in a pipe. When I asked Babbononno why he was chopping up the tobacco plug rather than buying a ready cut pouch of Edgeworth, he replied that the plug was cheaper, and he saved money.

Nanna and my mother hunted for bargains, a carryover from the dark days of the 1930s.

There was a kosher slaughterhouse on Lewis Street near Maverick Station. Even though East Boston's Jewish population had all but disappeared, the establishment still survived. Jewish grandmothers and mothers, who wanted their chicken's slaughtered kosher-style, came back to Eastie on a weekly basis. Italian women had discovered the place, and remembering fresh killed chickens in the old country, picked their chickens, and argued the price, and then had them slaughtered. Nanna was one of these Italian women who frequented the Lewis Street slaughterhouse.

With me by her side, she entered the establishment, picked her chickens, argued the price with the salesperson, then had the birds prepared for her to take home. I now know that she argued the price in Italian and the salesperson argued in Yiddish. I don't know how they understood each other, but I guess they did. Nanna always got her price, an amount that fit into her budget. My grandmother couldn't read and write in either Italian or English, but she knew her numbers better than most and could figure her spending right to the penny.

Whether it was food, clothing, anything for the house, there were never a lot of extras, but what they had was always of good quality. Babbononno used to say that good quality lasted longer, and as a result things were cheaper in the long run. I would discover, years later, that my grandfather was right again.

One day during WWII, I watched Nanna as she sat at her Singer sewing machine, pumping the footplate that allowed the mechanism to operate. She was reversing the collar and cuffs of one of Babbononno's white dress shirts. They had become frayed and reversing them would give the shirt new life for a period of time ... money saved.

Being the first-born male in an Italian family, I grew up as a young prince, and loved it. At thirteen, I went to work at the Seville Theater, a job I would keep from 1952 through 1962. When I first started, I lied about my age, but they kept me on, anyway, a story for another time, but Dad was afraid that my young age and immaturity would cause me to spend every dollar I made. I wanted a new one-button roll-collar Zoot suit that corresponded to the style of the day. I also needed a new raincoat. I was going to buy the two garments with the money I saved from my salary at the Seville, but Dad, with his Depression mentality, made sure I bought the raincoat first

and the suit later. To him, this was the sensible way of doing things.

My grandparents and parents never splurged. Dad needed a car because he was a musician, but always bought something sensible and slightly used. He often said that he was in the low-priced three category. This meant that he would only buy a Chevy, Ford, or Plymouth a couple of years old, and that is what he did most of his early life. Only later when disposable income was in abundance did my father ever buy a new car. I once talked him into buying a Cadillac. A year later it was stolen and he told me that it was God's will that it disappear due to his trying to show off.

Those days seem so long ago, and they are part of the distant past. We've never come close to those troubled times of the '30s that molded the mentality of so many Americans. I don't know if this is good or bad, but some of us old folks can remember the way our parents and grandparents thought things out to survive. They must have been right, because we survived, thank God. They lived through the Spanish flu epidemic of the early 1900s, and I wonder what they would have to say about the COVID-19 virus we are now experiencing a hundred years later???

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI21P0107EA  
Estate of  
JUDITH BROWN  
Date of Death: December 03, 2019  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Mark R. Brown of Woburn, 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 **Mark R. Brown of Woburn, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the **Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of February 11, 2021.**  
This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a **deadline** by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 15, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 01/29/2021



by  
**Marianna  
Bisignano**



Wintertime is the perfect time to indulge in a delicious *Gatto di Patate* or Italian Potato Cake. The name *Gatto*, derived from the French word "gateau," translates to "cake." This savory dish is said to have originated centuries ago in Southern Italy from French cooks working in the homes of noble families. This tasty *tortino*, made from boiled riced potatoes and a combination of breadcrumbs, butter, eggs, cheeses, and Italian ham or prosciutto, is one you'll rarely find in Italian American restaurants. However, many people of Neapolitan backgrounds have maintained it as part of their own home cooking. Traditional Neapolitan style has always been to serve *Gatto di Patate* as a *primi* or first course. Yet, I assure you it is equally as pleasing when served as a *contorni* or side dish!

I learned to make *Gatto di Patate* using an old family recipe that had specific instructions for molding it in a springform pan, and suggested using only the freshest ingredients available. It recommended homemade breadcrumbs, parsley that was fresh not dried, cheeses to be fresh and freshly grated, and as for the potatoes, it read "russet always works best." Every time I've ever made this recipe, the results have been amazing. With a soft and stringy inside and a golden crusted outside, it's the perfect blend of taste and texture. I guarantee that once you try this succulent Italian Potato Cake, you too are going to find it simply irresistible!

**ITALIAN POTATO CAKE**  
*Gatto di Patate*



- 3 pounds potatoes (yukon or russet), peeled and cut in half  
12 tablespoons butter  
4 ounces parmesan cheese, freshly grated  
2 ounces pecorino cheese, freshly grated  
1/2 pound prosciutto, chopped into bite size pieces
- 3 large eggs, beaten salt and pepper  
1/3 cup chopped fresh parsley  
3/4 pound fresh mozzarella, chopped  
4-5 tablespoons olive oil  
Breadcrumbs made fresh from Italian bread

Place potatoes in a large stockpot, fill with water and allow to come to a boil. Salt and cook until tender. Drain potatoes and put them through a potato ricer over a large mixing bowl. Place 8 tablespoons butter into the hot potatoes and mix well. Add the parmesan and pecorino cheeses, prosciutto, eggs, and parsley. Blend all ingredients together and season lightly with salt and pepper.

In a medium bowl, toss together the mozzarella with the olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Set aside and preheat oven to 375°.

With the remaining butter, grease the bottom and sides of a 9-inch springform pan. Coat bottom and sides completely with breadcrumbs. Spread 1/2 of the potato mixture in the bottom and up the sides of the pan, being careful not to remove the breadcrumb coating.

Evenly layer the mozzarella over the potato mixture. Now cover the mozzarella with the remaining potato mixture. Sprinkle generously with breadcrumbs, and place pieces of the remaining 4 tablespoons of butter evenly over the top/breadcrumbs.

Place the *Gatto di Patate* in the oven and bake at 375° for 40 to 50 minutes, or until golden on top. Cool for 20-25 minutes, unfold sides of pan, slice and serve.

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


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# THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

## Blockbusting and the Fall of the Cities

Blockbusting did not last long, relatively speaking, and there were outcries about its practices as early as 1962, but its effect on cities has proven hard to fully shake off.

It started soon after WWII when growing middle-class families discovered the possibility of life beyond the city limits in the suburbs. However, many chose to still remain in the cities for the professional opportunities while others chose to maintain their family home from generations past.

On the other hand, many lower-income families, (disproportionately black and Latino thanks to segregation and lack of opportunity) were priced out of the more affluent city zones. However, talks of desegregation combined with the increasing suburban sprawl (as middle-class families grew larger) gave unscrupulous real estate agents the perfect storm to flip neighborhoods. The plan: scare white families out of middle-class urban areas in cities like Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit, and Baltimore (among the cities hardest hit by the practice) by suggesting, sometimes with visual evidence, that demographics in their neighborhood were changing. Sometimes word-of-mouth would suffice, but in extreme cases, realtors would pay blacks to pace around a block and sometimes bring their children along as proof that whole families were moving in. This, realtors would remind reluctant homeowners, would decrease the price of their property. If they sold below market, they could get the property off their hands before the situation got worse. Many white families took the bait, starting off the phenomena of white-flight, in which many of the holdovers finally took that flight to the suburbs.

The blacks and Latinos, I cannot stress enough, were the real victims of this scam. Because many of them were denied traditional bank loans, realtors would sell them properties at a cost they knew the buyers could never afford via land installment contracts. Through these contracts, the buyers would pay the seller directly and not receive legal title to the property until the loan was paid off. A lot of these homes resulted in being foreclosed and sold again, repeating the cycle. This was part of the plan and the destruction of the cities collateral.

It cannot be denied that racism was a motivating force for many of the owners who originally sold their house in fear. To be fair, however, many thought of it simply in terms of economics rather than bigotry. In the end result, however they may have felt about new demographics moving in, was a depreciation of the neighborhood, taking an opportunity to sell, they figured, was the best recourse.

Be that as it may, by the late '60s entire neighborhoods had been transformed. Here in Boston, the Jewish population which once dominated

Mattapan had practically disappeared from that neighborhood by 1970. Jews, Italians, and Germans were leaving Dorchester and Roslindale in droves into the 70s and early 80s.

So drastic was the economic effect of blockbusting in the cities that in 1968 the Fair Housing Act outlawed many of its tactics, effectively outlawing the practice. Some of the measures were indeed severe. Realtors were "discouraged" to mention evolving demographics when offering to buy a property, documentation of the movements of neighborhoods was also discouraged (in some cases even posting For Sale signs was prohibited) for fear this would give way to speculation that the block was shifting, and door-to-door salesmanship was cracked down on.

Still, many realtors found work arounds and blockbusting did not begin to subside until the mid-'80s.

Forty years later, the legacy of blockbusting can be seen in many ways. Short-term effects included racial animosity between the new residents and the white residents who did remain (many of which were senior citizens too old and with too few options for finding a new home), the depletion of once strong family neighborhoods (the new residents seldom lasted



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and the Senate is now controlled by the Democrats. However, next-door South Carolina now has a new Lieutenant Governor in Mark Robinson, He's a member of the NRA and his quick rise in politics is fantastic. He went from being a factory worker, to speaking in 2018 before the Greensboro City Council, to being elected as Lt. Governor of his state. All within three years' time. He's someone to keep an eye on.

### End Quote

"If you want to erase Donald Trump from the (Republican) party, you're going to get erased."

— U.S. Senator

Lindsay Graham, R-SC

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI21C0004CA  
In the Matter of  
CYNTHIA ANN PIOTTE  
CITATION ON  
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Cynthia Ann Pottie of Billerica, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Cynthia Ann Pearson.

### 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 12, 2021. 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 15, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run Date: 01/29/2021

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI21C0005CA  
In the Matter of  
EZRA LOEY-REYES  
CITATION ON  
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Ezra Loevy-Reyes of Natick, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Ezra Hawke.

### 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 12, 2021. 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 15, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run Date: 01/29/2021

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court South  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000  
Docket No. MI21P0026EA  
Estate of  
LILLIAN EZER GREENE  
Also Known As  
LILLIAN E. GREENE  
Date of Death: June 02, 2020  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Marjorie G. Millyard of Dover, MA, Petitioner Bank of America, N.A. of Boston, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Marjorie G. Millyard of Dover, MA, Bank of America, N.A. of Boston, 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: 01/29/2021

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division

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

Docket No. MI20P5877EA

Estate of  
DEBORAH LOUISE LEVY  
Date of Death: October 15, 2020  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Julia L. Robinowitz of Dallas, TX, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Julia L. Robinowitz of Dallas, TX 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: 01/29/2021

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
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Docket No. MI20P5849EA

Estate of  
DAVID D. JACKSON  
Also Known As  
DAVID DREW JACKSON  
Date of Death: November 01, 2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Diane McGovern of North Andover, 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 Diane McGovern of North Andover, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in 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, 2021.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM  
PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 13, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 01/29/2021

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Pat's Towing, 50 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell or junk the following vehicles on or after February 6, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

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2001 PREMIUM HD102  
UTILITY TRAILER  
VIN # 5B5HD10241H000702

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VIN # 1YVHP80CX85M47791

2005 NISSAN MURANO  
VIN # JN8AZ08W15W404632

2002 HONDA ACCORD  
VIN # 1HGCG66552A141966

2005 PONTIAC G6  
VIN # 1G2ZG528154115360

2013 FORD FUSION  
VIN # 3FA6P0H94DR331653

2002 FORD ECONOLINE E250  
VIN # 1FTNE24L82HB50188

2003 HONDA ACCORD  
VIN # JHMCM56633C042089

2013 NISSAN ALTIMA  
VIN # 1N4AL3AP4DC200351

Vehicles are being stored at 142 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed  
Pat's Towing  
Run dates: 01/22, 01/29, 02/05/2021

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division

Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
East Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI21P0119EA

Estate of  
DENNIS JOSEPH MCCRORY  
Also Known As  
DENNIS J. MCCRORY  
Date of Death: July 24, 2020  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Jane O. McCrory of Newton Center, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Jane O. McCrory of Newton Center, 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: 01/29/2021

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
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Docket No. MI20P5241EA

Estate of  
MARGARET ANN PERENICK  
Also Known As  
PEG PERENICK

Date of Death: September 30, 2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kimberley Perenick of Winchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Kimberley Perenick of Winchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in 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 22, 2021.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM  
PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 25, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 01/29/2021



LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
  
Docket No. MI21P0198EA  
  
Estate of  
DAVID J. MULLEN  
Date of Death: November 24, 2020  
  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Sarah E. Mullen of Baltimore, MD requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that Sarah E. Mullen of Baltimore, MD 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 18, 2021.

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

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 21, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 01/29/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court South  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000  
  
Docket No. MI21P0192EA  
  
Estate of  
AUGUSTA G. BAUM  
Also Known As  
AUGUSTA GALLAGHER BAUM  
Date of Death: November 26, 2020  
  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Dwight G. Baum of Acton, 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 Dwight G. Baum of Acton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in 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 23, 2021.

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

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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 26, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 01/29/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
Notice is hereby given by Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after February 6, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.  
  
2003 FORD F-250  
Vin #1FTNW21S23EC12471  
  
2012 FORD F-150  
Vin #1FTFW1ET5CFA06962  
  
2009 BMW 335i  
Vin #WBAWC73569E067782  
  
2002 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO  
Vin #2G1WW12E629100595  
  
2010 HONDA PILOT  
Vin #5FN9F3H2XAB015312  
  
Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed by appointment only.  
  
Signed  
Todisco Services, Inc.  
Run dates: 01/22, 01/29, 02/05/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Notice is hereby given by Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 539A, that on February 4, 2021 at 10AM, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:  
  
2004 NISSAN SENTRA, SILVER  
Vin: 3N1CB51D94L886059  
Glen P. Richards  
6 Alpena Ave.  
Woburn, MA 01801  
  
2007 MERCEDES BENZ ML350, SILVER  
Vin: 4JGBB86E37A267475  
Sylvain Joseph  
86 Long Hill Dr.  
Leominster, MA 01453  
  
1996 TOYOTA COROLLA, RED  
Vin: 2T1BA02E5TC122037  
Angela L. Lucas  
200 Leisure Ln., Apt. 116  
Stoneham, MA 02180  
  
2008 BUICK LUCERNE, RED  
Vin: 1G4HP57288U140316  
Lisa M. Tango  
242 Mountain Ave., Apt. 1  
Revere, MA 02151  
  
2007 CHEVROLET IMPALA, GRAY  
Vin: 2G1WB58N779224456  
Margaret L. Donlon  
43 Dudley St.  
Arlington, MA 02476  
  
1999 AUDI A4, SILVER  
Vin: WAUGB28D8XA308255  
Victor V. Alves  
645 Fellsway West #2  
Medford, MA 02155  
Run dates: 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, 2021

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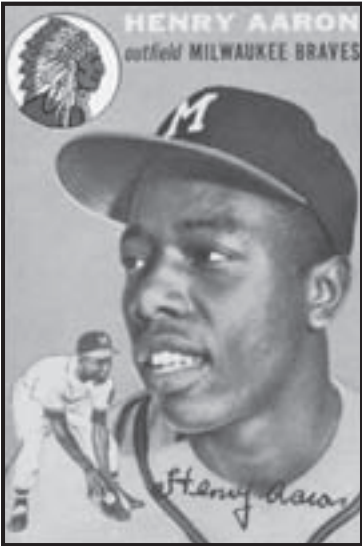
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
East Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
  
Docket No. MI21P0041EA  
  
Estate of  
ROBERT D. PARISE  
Also Known As  
ROBERT PARISE  
Date of Death: August 11, 2020  
  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Michele Kilduff of Woburn, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
Michele Kilduff of Woburn, 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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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani

Hank Aaron  
Has Left the Ballpark



1954 Topps Hammerin' Hank Aaron rookie baseball card.

As I read of the passing of Hank Aaron, I thought back to my younger days growing up in lower Roxbury living in between Northampton and Dudley Stations where life was what you made of it. None of the kids I hung out with had a lot but we had each other and we all had watchful parents too who instilled values into our thick skulls at times.

I can remember walking down Lenox Street to Tremont Street where we caught the streetcar into Boylston Station and switched over to another streetcar for Kenmore to go see the Red Sox at Fenway Park. With cheap bleacher ticket prices, we would do this about twenty

times a season and could still have some loot left over for tonic and popcorn.

We were always playing baseball or softball all the time and collecting plenty of baseball cards, too. We all had our favorite players. Our favorite team was the Red Sox even though they were pretty pathetic growing up in those years of exile between their glory years of past and what was to be.

Back then the three biggest players were Willie Mays, Mickey Mantle and Hank Aaron. Oh, and coming up fast behind them was Frank Robinson. With the recent passing of "Hammerin' Hank," all four have now left us for that sandlot in the sky and maybe playing a team of real angels, too.

When I think of Aaron, I still consider him the King of HRs with his 755. I don't care if Barry Bonds has the new record with 762. Actually, I think Aaron just got five more homers added to his lifetime number from his one-year in 1952, when he played in the Negro League before being called up by the then Boston Braves in 1952.

You know the night Hank Aaron broke the Babe's 714 HR record, I was watching that game on TV and rooting for Aaron to hit Home Run #715 and I was not disappointed. The game took place on the night of April 8, 1974, I was 25 years old. On his third trip to the plate against Al Downing of the Dodgers at exactly 9:06 p.m., he smashed a fastball out



Sal Giaratani wearing his Atlanta Braves baseball cap in Hank Aaron's honor. (Photo by Anthony Moulaison)

deep. Bill Buckner made a great leap to catch it, but it sailed overhead for Home Run #715 and passed the great Bambino. It would be years later that I learned of all the hate mail and threats Aaron received as he inched closer and closer to the Babe's one time record.

Thinking back to that night in April 1974, I now understand the significance of those words by Vin Sully as that 715<sup>th</sup> homer sailed into baseball history, "What a marvelous moment for Atlanta and the state of Georgia. What a marvelous moment for the country and the world. A black man is getting a standing ovation in the deep South for breaking a record of an all-time baseball idol."

I feel lucky still that during my youth growing up in the South End and Roxbury, I didn't have white friends and black friends. I had friends and we always had each other's backs too. Which is why it still bothers me to still see all this racial tension out there tearing at our nation's seams. You know, Dr. King was and remains right; it is always about character and not color. Maybe someday we can get this right. It starts with each of us reaching deep into ourselves.

My generation, born after WWII, after Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color line, sadly did live through those dark days of segregation during the Civil Rights era. My generation isn't excused from pushing America forward into a world where skin color becomes an irrelevance in our shared humanity. Not just at the ballpark but everywhere we gather. In the end, we all play for the same team in this life of ours that passes by so quickly.

Oh, getting back to Hank Aaron. He still holds the all-time records in RBI with 2,297, in extra base hits with 1,477, total bases 6,856 and is fourth in hits with 3,771. No wonder he got into the Hall of Fame on his first try.

One final note. Weeks before he passed at 86, he received the COVID-19 vaccine because he did not want African Americans to hesitant taking the vaccine to know he wouldn't be taking it if it was unsafe. He said, "It is just a small thing that could help zillions of people in this country."

End Quote

"The perfect runner leaves no track."

— Chinese philosopher Lao-Tzu

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
  
Docket No. MI17P2171GD  
  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED  
PERSON PURSUANT TO  
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
  
In the matter of  
ANWAR PERVEZ  
of Arlington, MA  
  
RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

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

The Petitioner requests that David K. Levine of Shirley, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in 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 19, 2021.

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

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 22, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 01/29/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
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Docket No. MI17P2171GD  
  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED  
PERSON PURSUANT TO  
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
  
In the matter of  
ANWAR PERVEZ  
of Arlington, MA  
  
RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Rezbul H. Chowdhury of Arlington, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Anwar Pervez is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Rezbul H. Chowdhury of Arlington, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of February 10, 2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.  
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 13, 2021  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 01/29/2021



Boxing





Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Tony Licata  
New Orlean’s Boxer Fought Monzon For The Title



Tony Licata

February 10, 1952 in New Orleans. His mother was Chinese and his father was Italian. Tony’s uncle was Ralph Chong a well known middleweight who fought mostly during the 1930s and was good enough to take on such names as Billy Conn (twice), Ken Overlin, and Solly Krieger.

After a very brief career Tony turned pro and in 1969 made his debut defeating Bernie Bennett by TKO in two rounds. Licata quickly ran his record to 10 and 0 and then faced his first real test when he took on veteran Iron Mike Pusateri. He proved worthy of the step up by winning a ten round decision.

Two fights later he would be held to a draw by the slick Luis Vinales, but Tony would come back to score a decisive win in their rematch. Under the care of the very capable Bill Gore Licata would gradually face more experienced competition while not being put in too deeply. Gore had trained Tony’s uncle Ralph as well as Willie Pep.

In his 24th fight he took on Johnny Coiley in New Orleans, one of the fights I wrote about in my previous column. Up to that point in his career Tony’s fights had been held in Louisiana or Florida. The rematch with Coiley in Boston was his chance to get exposure in the Northeast.

Licata proved to be popular with the Boston fans. He was a very smooth boxer with lightening fast combinations and accurate punches that carried power. He would fight three more times in Boston over the next two years culminating in a fight with former great middleweight champion Emile Griffith in 1974.

The fight with Griffith was held at the Boston Garden and was an outstanding fight. Tony started off fast but in the middle rounds Griffith began scoring heavily to the body. It looked as if those body shots were really slowing Machine Gun Tony down and the question became whether or not he would have enough left in him to last the twelve rounds. That doubt was removed during the last three rounds of the fight when Licata not only showed he was going to stay in the fight to the end, but came on strong to land heavily on Emile and pull out the win. This was a major victory that really put the Tony on the map.

There was some talk of fight between Licata and another young middleweight prospect fighting out of Brockton by the name of Marvin Hagler. Marvin was still in the early days if his career so the fight never materialized.

As much of a draw as Tony was, he never fought in Boston again. After the win over Griffith he traveled around and continued adding up wins. With victories over Gene Wells, Willie Warren, and Vinnie Curto, Licata was ranked number five in the world by Ring Magazine. He had become a contender.



Licata vs Monzon

Last week I wrote about the fight between Tony Licata and John Coiley and the tragic consequences for John. Mismanagement left to a young life being ruined. This week I thought I would recap Tony Licata’s career.

Tony Licata was born on

a fight in Milan, Italy in the meantime. It was an odd decision, but maybe they thought a warm-up fight was in order. It wasn’t a wise move as Licata was dropped on his way to losing a ten decision to Ramon Mendez. One month later they fought again, this time in New Orleans with Tony coming away with the decision. The victory salvaged his chance of facing Monzon.

The fight took place on June 30, 1975 at Madison Square Garden. It was a co featured live attraction sharing billing with the Victor Galindez vs Jorge Ahumada light heavyweight title fight along with the closed circuit televised bout between Joe Bugner and Muhammad Ali. Eddie Futch was now training Licata. Bill Gore had passed away that same year.



Licata Lands a Jab On Monzon

Licata out on a game and impressive performance taking the best the champion could dish out while firing back with said right hands of his own. He just wasn’t in the same league as Monzon. Who was at that time? In the ninth round Tony took a bettering but still managed to land some solid shots on the Champion. Tony came out gamely for the tenth round but was dropped by a series of hard punches. He got to his feet and did his best to get back into the fight. He was dropped again and badly hurt when the referee wisely stopped the bout. Tony had nothing to be ashamed of. He did his best against a legendary champion.

Should Licata have been put in with the champion at that point in his career? I believe Tony had gotten as good as he was going to get. Unfortunately, getting a title shot at that time didn’t mean a huge payday. Licata walked away with more glory than money. He took some awful shots which could take a toll on him in the future. The question now was whether or not he should continue with his career.

The decision was made to continue on. Licata’s next fight took place nine months later in Paris when he was stopped in the 9th round in a fight against Jean Mateo. He was dropped three times in the round.

Tony fought again a month later stopping Jose Luis Duran in 10 rounds. His biggest wins in the next few years were over Mike Rossman and Mike Nixon. All told, in his seventeen fights after Monzon Licata won eleven times while losing five bouts and having one draw. He was stopped five times. He took a terrible beating from future champ Alan Minter who stopped him in six rounds. He retired after losing to Tony Chiaverini in 1980.

Tony Licata was a very good fighter. However, being very good was not enough back then when you fought the top echelon of fighters. When he fought Monzon he had gone as far as he could. The seventeen fights he had after that must have taken a toll on him. It’s hard to walk away from boxing, but it was clear after the Monzon fight he would never become champion, and without a title there would be no big money. If Tony had quit then it would have been the wise thing to do. The beating he took from Minter never should have happened. It is sad to watch.

Even though Tony was much better managed than John Coiley, he still took too much punishment over the course of his career. In 2008 Tony Licata died of a heart attack at the age of 56. He will always be remembered by Boston fight fans from the 70s as a class act.

Correction: In last week’s column I stated Tony Licata had a loss on his record when he fought John Coiley. He was undefeated at the time.

**THE COOZ STARS IN GOTHAM** — If there was any doubt that Bob Cousy would be a star those thoughts of negativity were erased at Madison Square Garden in New York City on January 21, 1954.

The occasion was the fourth All-Star Game for the NBA that attracted some 16,427 fans to the historic arena 67 years ago to see the league’s best battle it out head to head in the latest annual version of Boston sports executive Walter Brown’s incarnation of a winter sports classic. That had it’s origins in 1951.

And battle it out they did. With just seconds remaining in the game the East held a slim 84-82 lead. But then the West’s George Mikan was fouled. Living up to his designation as the league’s first superstar, the center for the Minneapolis Lakers calmly sank both free throws to send the game into overtime.

It was then that one Robert Joseph Cousy took over the proceedings. Having scored only 10 points during the span of the 48-minutes of regulation time, the former Holy Cross standout who was born and raised in New York City came out firing, scoring 10 of the East’s 14 points in overtime to pace a final 98-93 victory over the West. This was the last time both teams failed to break the 100 point mark in an NBA All-Star Game.

When it was all over Cousy had played 34 minutes — the most of any player on the Eastern Conference roster. A significant component of his 20 points was his performance from the charity stripe where he had converted all eight of his free throw attempts. He also captured 11 rebounds and dished off for four assists.

For his outstanding play, especially in the overtime session, he was named the game’s MVP.

**HOCKEY EAST’S ENHANCED ESTEEM** — As we all know Hockey East is one of the best college hockey leagues in America. Never was that more evident than on the eve of the current NHL season when a record 79 former Hockey East players were spread across the rosters of the 31 National Hockey League clubs.

It was the ninth straight year that Hockey East led all college conferences in terms of having the most former players on NHL rosters. It is a number that has steadily grown. Back in 2011, Hockey East had 44 former players on NHL opening night rosters.

As play began in mid January, every National Hockey League team had at least one former Hockey East player on its roster. Boston University led with 17 former players now seeing action in the NHL ranks while Boston College had 15 and UMass-Amherst had 10. Maine, Northeastern and Providence had six players each in the NHL while UNH had five. UMass-Lowell was next with four while UConn, Merrimack and Vermont each had one. In addition, seven players who played for Notre Dame when that school was in Hockey East are in the NHL.

**IT’S TAMPA’S TIME** — Yes, even in this challenging time of uncertainty, a bright beacon of positive light shines across a certain portion of the southern landscape. That would be in Tampa, Florida where the sports spotlight once again focuses its golden beams for a third time in just a few short months.

Recall, it was back on October 9<sup>th</sup> when the Tampa Bay Lightning won the Stanley Cup by defeating the Dallas Stars 2-0 in Game Six at Rogers Arena in Edmonton with no fans on hand because of Covid-19 restrictions.

Just a few weeks later on October 27<sup>th</sup> the Tampa Bay Rays made it to the World Series where they lost in six games to the Los Angeles Dodgers in Arlington, Texas — a neutral site chosen by MLB and turned into a modified bubble location in order to minimize the risk of Covid-19 transmissions.

Although the Rays lost the World Series, they provided one of the most exciting comebacks in World Series history, winning Game Four by scoring two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning for an exciting 8-7 victory — and hopefully putting to rest the argument in favor of seven-inning games.

And now come the Buccaneers, piloted by NFL G.O.A.T. (Greatest of All Time) quarterback Tom Brady, leading a team that was 7-5 at one point and now is preparing to play in the Super Bowl against the Kansas City Chiefs. That’s three pro sports teams representing a single metropolitan region advancing to the championship stage in just a four month span. Some sports headline writers have renamed Tampa Bay “Tompabay” in Brady’s honor.

As if that isn’t enough, there remains the possibility of a fourth Tampa Bay team advancing to a championship final. That’s because the Toronto Raptors of the NBA, who normally play their home games in that Canadian city, are currently playing the home portion of their 2020-2021 schedule at Amalie Arena in Tampa because of Covid-19 travel restrictions north of the border.

The Raptors won the 2019 NBA Championship defeating Orlando, Philadelphia and Milwaukee in the playoffs before facing Golden State in the NBA Finals. Toronto captured the crown by winning the series in six games. Harvard grad Jeremy Lin, much admired by fans in the Boston area, was a member of that team in a reserve capacity.

Last year (2019-2020) the Raptors finished the regular season with a 53-19 mark — second best in the Eastern Conference, just behind conference leader Milwaukee and five games ahead of the third place Boston Celtics. They then lost to the Celtics in a second round playoff series that went the full seven games in the Orlando bubble.

This season Toronto has had a bit of a rough start, owning a 7-10 record through January 25<sup>th</sup>. But it is a 72-game schedule so there are many opportunities left for improvement. And if they make the playoffs then it is a whole new season then anything can happen. But whatever happens, the championship lights will still be shining brightly down by Tampa Bay.