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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Hong Kong Erases Statue Honoring Tiananmen Square Victims

Government officials in Hong Kong have removed a statue memorializing those killed in the June 4, 1989 government massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators in Beijing. This is the latest ongoing crackdown on political dissent anywhere in China.

122K Migrant Kids in 2021

The United States government took in 122,000 unaccompanied migrant children during the 12 months ending September 30th, smashing the previous record of 69,000.

Point and Counterpoint

"My Democratic colleagues in Washington are determined to dramatically reshape our society in a way that leaves our country even more vulnerable to the threats we face."

— U.S. Senator Joe Manchin, D-WV

"Let's be clear: Manchin's excuse is bulls-t."

— U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-MN

What Would Mayor Daley Say?

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot back on July 25th stated, "We're actually seeing a decline in homicides and shootings." At that time, Chicago had more than 300 murders. Now Lightfoot is calling for federal help with all the city violence. The year 2021 saw over 800 murders, the most in more than 25 years' time. Recently, she has stated, "We cannot continue to endure the level of violence that we are now experiencing."

Best Bad Quote in 2021

"Attacks on me quite frankly are attacks on science."

— Dr. Anthony Fauci, June 9th

Rubber Duckies are Crossing Oceans to Get Here

Those old soft rubber duckies are an American original art form, but today nearly all of them float here from

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Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



THE TOMB OF CECILIA METELLA

This week’s Stirpe Nostra was a guest column from Fr. Rocco. Fr. Rocco was born in the Province of Frosinone, Italy. He joined the Don Orione Order when he was 14 years old and was ordained a priest at the age of 28, in Tortona, Piedmont. Fr. Rocco was the Administrator of the Don Orione Home and the Madonna Queen National Shrine, that familiar landmark on the hill in East Boston. It should be mentioned that the title of this column, Stirpe Nostra, was his suggestion.

One of the well-known circular tombs in Rome is that of Cecilia Metella. She is now known as St. Cecilia. The structure is a landmark on the Via Appia and it is still standing, though it has suffered from neglect and violence. The tomb is said to be the oldest Roman building where marble was used. The original cone-shaped roof has been removed and all of the marble facing has been stripped off. Some of the marble has been reused at the Fountain of Trevi.

The Mausoleum is about 70 feet in diameter and 100 feet high. The thick stonewalls leave a little space on the inside for a simple circular room which is open to the sky. The sarcophagus was removed long ago.

Cecilia is said to have been the wife of Valerian, a young man chosen by her father. Immediately after the wedding ceremony, she managed to convince her husband that an angel of God was watching over them and that if her virginity was respected and maintained, God’s love and blessings would come to both. Valerian was convinced and converted to Christianity. These were bad times and an outward display of his new Christian faith soon resulted in his execution. Shortly thereafter, Cecilia chose not to repudiate her faith and she was condemned to death by suffocation in the bathroom of her home. The hot air furnace was loaded with about seven times



Rear of Tomb and Castle

its usual amount of fuel and she remained locked in the room for over twenty-four hours. Cecilia survived the ordeal with little or no ill effects. An official was then sent to behead her. As a novice, he struck with a trembling hand the three blows, which the law at that time allowed, but left her still alive. She remained where she had fallen for two days before death mercifully took her.

St. Cecilia was originally buried in the Catacombs of St. Calixtus. The Church of St. Cecilia was later built over the site of the house in which she was martyred, and in 821 A.D., her body was transferred into that church. The legend of St. Cecilia tells us that as a result of a vision or a dream,

which occurred about 1,500 years after her death, the tomb was reopened. She was found to be lying on her right side as a sleeping maiden and not on her back in the usual death position. The body showed no visible signs of decay and appeared to be in a perfect state of preservation.

The sculptor-architect, Carlo Maderna was commissioned to carve a statue representing her exact position. The body of St. Cecilia now lies in a white marble sarcophagus in the confession beneath the high altar of the Church of St. Cecilia in Trastevere. The statue carved by Maderna is also beneath that altar.

NEXT ISSUE: *The Pyramidal Tomb of Caius Cestius*

Boston City Council District 1 Candidate

Tania Del Rio

Announces Campaign Team
And Year-End Funds Raised



Says she will draw on her leadership background in City Hall and her experience as a BPS mother to fight on behalf of all residents in the District 1 neighborhoods of Charlestown, North End, & East Boston

The campaign to elect Tania Del Rio, the first candidate to announce a bid for Boston City Council District 1, announced her campaign staff hires and year-end fundraising haul.

“I’m so grateful for all the support I’ve received at this point in our campaign,” says Del Rio. “The donations that have come in and volunteers who have already signed up is an exciting example of how important this race is for this district. Let’s keep this momentum going and continue to grow our grassroots movement for bold and accountable leadership for the residents of District 1.”

As she revs up for a competitive electoral race, Del Rio taps a roster of experienced campaign staffers. In the role of Campaign Manager, Del Rio has hired Olivia Roskill, who was the former Campaign Manager for Somerville Councilor At-Large Kristen Strezo. Izzy Klein, a former field organizer for Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, has been chosen as Field Director. Local East Boston resident and professional accountant Josh Schmidt is the campaign Treasurer. Andrea Werner Solozano has joined as a Campaign Fellow and will be helping to manage communications and social media.

In addition, Del Rio has brought on a few veteran political campaign operatives as her general consultants. Brian Muldoon, V.P. of Erikson Communications Group, had served as senior strategist for such historical elections as Rachael Rollins’ Suffolk D.A. race and Julia Mejia’s campaign for Boston City Council At-Large. Also serving as general consultants are Chavez Group partners Doug Chavez


and Eldin L. Villafañe, who previously were senior strategists for such winning campaigns as Boston City At-large Julia Mejia’s first initial campaign and that of the U.S. Senator Ed Markey’s latest race against Joe Kennedy.

This announcement builds on a strong second half of December for Del Rio’s campaign. Since her campaign announcement on December 16th, Del Rio has raised thus far roughly \$27,000, with close to 200 unique donors.

A BPS mom and immigrant, Del Rio currently resides in East Boston with her two children and husband. Prior to announcing her candidacy, Del Rio served as Executive Director of YWCA Cambridge, which provides safe housing for low-income women and emergency shelter units for families. After her campaign announcement, Del Rio resigned from her YWCA post to fully commit to her city council campaign.

Previously, Tania served as the Executive Director of the Boston Mayor Office of Women’s Advancement, under former Mayor Martin J. Walsh. She is most proud of her work to launch the Childcare Entrepreneur Fund, a program that provides funding and technical assistance to family childcare workers, to ensure their well-being and maintain the supply of quality childcare options available to Boston’s families.


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COVID-19 Vaccines & Testing at



Family Vaccine Clinic and Added Weekend Testing

Due to high demand, **NEW Health** will offer two **COVID testing sessions on Saturday, January 8 and again on Saturday, January 15** at their North End site from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., located at 332 Hanover Street, Boston, MA 02113 — entrance on North Bennet Street. Appointments need to be scheduled in advance by calling 617-643-8000.

Testing is available for anyone who is showing symptoms or who was exposed to someone who tested positive, regardless of insurance; the ongoing schedule at the North End and Charlestown locations is noted below.

Vaccines, boosters and third dose vaccines can still be scheduled at regular Primary Care Physician appointments for existing NEW Health patients and at designated times for all Boston residents ages 12 years and older. Boosters are now available for anyone ages 16 and older. **The ongoing appointment schedule is available** at <https://newhealthcenter.org/covid-vaccination-info/>.

Appointments are required and individuals must be registered with Mass General Brigham; individuals interested in making an appointment can reach the dedicated phone lines by calling 617-643-8000 for the North End location and 857-238-1100 for the Charlestown location.

NEW Health is **offering Pfizer vaccinations for children (ages 5 and older), Pfizer boosters for teenagers (ages 16 and older), and both Pfizer and Moderna vaccinations and boosters for adults.** They are also offering a **booster shot to any individual who received Johnson & Johnson vaccine** at least two months prior.

NEW Health continues to offer a third dose of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine to anyone with a weakened immune system, and at least 28 days since the second shot of either vaccine they received initially. **NOTE:** Booster shots are different dosages than third doses.

About NEW Health

As a federally qualified health center and an affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Medical Center, North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) extends its world-renowned healthcare services to people who live and work in and around Boston's North End, Waterfront and Charlestown neighborhoods. NEW Health is committed to improving the quality of health and life for those it serves by providing high quality health care that is consumer oriented, culturally appropriate, neighborhood-based, affordable, and produces positive outcomes.

NEW Health has been serving the North End of Boston and the surrounding community since 1971. In addition to primary care services for all patients, many specialty services are also offered including dental, vision, behavioral health, obstetrics, gynecology, laboratory services and x-ray services. NEW Health is a private, non-profit corporation that is governed by a community-based Board of Directors and licensed by the Department of Public Health. More information at www.newhealthcenter.org, on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Anthony “Cal” Tordiglione May He Rest in Peace

Anthony “Cal” Tordiglione, 79, of Boston’s North End passed away surrounded by his loving family on December 30, 2021.

Cherished son of the late Carmino “Minnie” and Celia (Gaeta) Tordiglione. Beloved husband of Mary Ann (Contardo) Tordiglione. Loving father of Dante A. Tordiglione and his wife Melissa and Carmen M. Tordiglione. Proud papa of Dante, Jr. and Ava Tordiglione. Caring brother of Terri Gassiraro of East Boston. Loving brother-in-law of Annette Amicangelo and the late Richard of Stoneham, Andrew and Teresa Pecci of Somerville, Dr. Leonard and Joanne Contardo of Arlington, and Lisanio and the late Clelia Orlandi of Arlington. Also survived by his loving cousins Anthony and Anna Gaeta of Boston and their family, Joseph, Mary, Anthony,



Maria, and Alexandra Gaeta and Bruce Collias as well as many loving and supportive nieces and nephews.

The family will receive visitors on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the J.S. Waterman-Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial St., Boston. COMPLIMENTARY VALET PARKING AT FRONT DOOR.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 10am in St. Leonard Church, 320 Hanover Street, Boston. To join procession to church, please be at funeral

home by 9:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Anthony’s memory to St. Leonard Church or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Grow Herbs Indoors for Year-round Enjoyment

by Melinda Myers

Add garden fresh flavor to your meals year-round. Grow a few of your favorite herbs indoors, harvest and enjoy.

Select a variety of herbs you and your family enjoy and use for cooking, decoration, or fragrance. Basil, chives, cilantro, oregano, marjoram, mint, parsley, sage, and thyme are some of the easier herbs to grow indoors. Purchase plants or seeds from your local garden center, favorite garden catalog or produce section of the grocery store.

Most herbs need six to eight hours of bright light each day. A south-facing window in winter is best but an east- or west-facing window may be sufficient. Increase success with artificial lights. Set the timer for 14 to 16 hours a day and keep lights 6 to 12" above the plants.

You will find lots of energy efficient and stylish options for just about any space. Sleeker designs like Gardener’s Supply Micro Grow Light Garden can be placed on the kitchen counter or a small table. Furniture grade options like *Bamboo LED Grow Light Garden* (gardeners.com) make it easy to grow herbs in just about any room in the house.

Use a variety of plants to create an attractive display in a large windowsill planter. Combine plants that have the same growing requirements to ensure success.

Or place each herb plant in its own container. A four- to seven-inch pot is a good size when starting with smaller plants. Growing individual plants in their own container allows you to provide the specific watering, care and transplanting they need.

Select containers with drainage holes or reduce maintenance and increase success with self-watering containers like Viva self-watering planters. Just fill the water reservoir that gradually releases water into the soil for the plants to use. You will need to water less often.



Artificial lights ensure herbs receive enough bright light to successfully grow indoors.

(Photo courtesy of Gardener’s Supply Company/gardeners.com)

Fill the container with a well-drained quality potting mix. Many contain a slow-release fertilizer, providing weeks or even several months of nutrients for your plants. Just check the label for details and adjust fertilization as needed.

Water the containers thoroughly whenever the top inch of soil is dry. Pour off excess water so the plant does not sit in the excess and succumb to root rot. Or place pebbles in the tray to elevate the pot above any water that collects in the saucer or tray. This means less work for you and better growing conditions for the plant.

Incorporate a slow-release fertilizer or use a dilute solution of any indoor houseplant fertilizer once the nutrients in the potting mix are

spent. Follow label directions and do not overdo as too much fertilizer can harm your plants.

Begin harvesting most herbs when they reach six to eight inches in height and as needed. Use a sharp pair of garden scissors, snips, or hand pruners. Make cuts above a set of healthy leaves so the remaining plant is neater and tidier in appearance. As the plant grows, you will be able to harvest larger quantities and more often.

Start with a few of your favorite herbs and expand your collection as you gain experience. Soon you will be confident and eager to try more challenging favorites.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” DVD series* and the *Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Gardener’s Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Keep Your Eyes Open for La Befana!

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



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

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

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

of feminine strength and her unique sense of magic. Many scholars believe that the figure of *La Befana* originated from old folk goddesses who oversaw the transition from winter to spring, which intensifies her cultural significance.

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

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

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THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giaratani



Was There Deception Over Benghazi?

The following commentary was originally printed in the Post-Gazette back in May 2014 concerning what many viewed at the time as a government cover-up. Here we are now almost 8 years later and now we are seeing another cover-up in the making up at the U.S. Capitol as to what really happened last January 6, 2021. The Democrats House Select Committee is a farce. It appears the Democrats don't want to know what really happened on that day, they just want to continue beating down on Trump and using the so-called insurrection as a fundraising tool for the 2022 midterm elections. Democrats just love denying the truth and covering up stuff that hurts them politically. Some things never change in the pursuit of their own end.

Liberals in the media such as Richard Cohen recently opined over the Republicans apparently speaking to its anti-Obama base over Benghazi. His expressed frustration over listening on his car radio as some conservative host called the president a "moron." Cohen told his readers, it shocked him and then added, "It is rude. It is crude. It is disrespectful and it is downright nuts."

While addressing the deaths of four Americans at Benghazi, he stated, "These deaths are a serious matter for which bureaucrats blame has already been assessed." Says Cohen, has it really been assessed? C'mon. If it was, would we be here right now?

Liberals are rallying round the White House saying the select committee is nothing more than grist for the GOP fantasy mill because that is what liberals need it to be.

I am no Obama hater. I don't care about where he was born nor did I ever.

I think President Obama is one of the most failed presidents in history. He can't seem to do anything right but speak well. However, being there is far more than being able to throw sentences together.

No one has been brought to justice for what happened on the night of September 11, 2012 nor as time goes by is there any such likelihood.

I still remember the words used by Secretary of State Hill-

ary Clinton at those Senate hearings, "With all due respect, the fact is we had four dead Americans. Was it because of a protest or was it because of guys out for a walk one night who decided that they would go kill some Americans? What difference does it make?"

Liberals stop right there but the rest of her statement is also telling, "It is our job to figure out what happened and ... prevent it from ever happening again, senator."

We need this House Select Committee on Benghazi. What took Speaker John Boehner so long? I hope Democrats will participate on this investigative panel because Benghazi is not about party politics, it is about finding what happened and making sure it won't happen again. Also, we still want those who killed four Americans brought to justice.

It would be nice to know what happened in real time that night of September 11, 2012 in the Situation Room. Could we have done something differently? And what was the whole bogus story about some anti-Muslim film out in California sparking the violence? Was it a fairy tale from the get-go?

I am starting to think that Democrats simply want this story to go away because they might not be able to handle the truth like many Republicans acted likewise back in 1974 during the height of Watergate. It is like blocking your ears and closing your eyes because hiding the truth from oneself is safer.

Both Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi don't want any new information because their minds are made up thank you very much.

We need to connect all the dots and go forward with an open mind and let the facts speak for themselves.

No one should be afraid of searching for the truth. This is not about throwing darts at anyone. It is about airing all the facts and letting the truth come forward.

I hope there wasn't any cover-up and I hope we did all we could in real time that night in 2012. That is the result I would wish to see corroborated by the facts.

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Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

As we ring in the New Year, we don't have a lot to be hopeful for with Joe Biden at the helm ... There are no predictions and promises in 2022 because everything in this country has turned upside down. With millions of immigrants crossing our borders from every country there's no telling where the citizens of the United States will end up ... The new strain of the Omicron virus is spreading like wildfire. Many of those who have been vaccinated and received booster shots are getting sick despite being vaccinated. Almost every household is reportedly sick ... Past events in 2021! Rockland Trust Bank bought out East Boston Savings and took over in November... Director Manny Lopez retired from the East Boston Health Center on August 19th... Soon to be State Senator Lydia Edwards sponsored a 12 weeks paid abortion leave for both men and women in Boston as a member of the

Boston City Council. Edwards also won the Massachusetts Senate special primary election in 2021 ... Charlie Baker asks people to wear masks indoors ... Mainstream media called Annissa Essaibi George a moderate and she didn't like the label ... A Bishop silenced a Cape Cod Priest over criticism of coronavirus vaccines. The Bishop of Fall River has directed a pastor on Cape Cod to Stop commenting on the coronavirus vaccines ... Nearly 3,000 parents have opted out of the new sex education curriculum in the Worcester Public Schools ... Jet Blue had to cancel many flights over the Christmas holidays due to employees coming down with illnesses ... Long time comedian and actress Betty White passed away, just missing her 100th birthday. Betty was practically active till the end, she died peacefully in her sleep ... Maura Healey says there are big challenges ahead in 2022. She hasn't announced her decision to run for governor yet, but every indication points

to her throwing her hat in the ring ... Massachusetts has the third highest minimum wage in America at \$14.25 an hour that began in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on New Year's Day ... One of the best run non-profit organizations in Eastie! East Boston Community Development Corp. E.B.C.D.C. was written up as enhancing the quality of life of low and moderate income residents through economic development in East Boston ... Donald Trump, Jr., and Ivanka Trump have refused to comply with subpoenas issued by the New York Attorney General as part of an investigation into their father's business practices ... Apple is the first company whose net worth has reached three trillion ... Microsoft, which rallied 58 percent in 2021 is now the number two company by market value with a recent cap of \$2.57 trillion, and the only other one above \$2 trillion ... Wall Street climbs in upbeat start to 2022 ... Happy New Year. *Till next time, stay healthy!*

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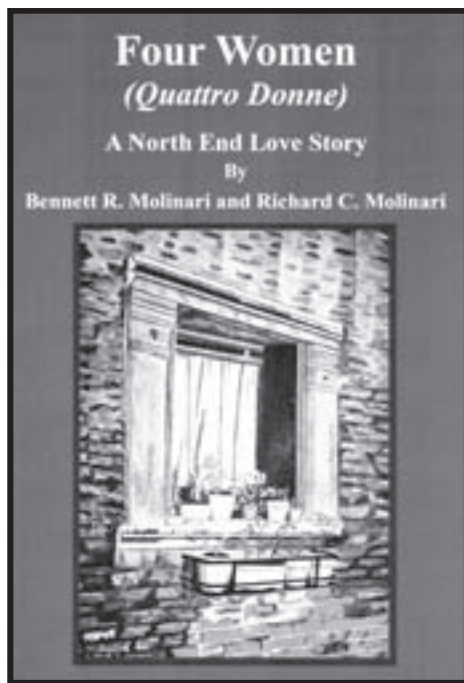
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In the next few weeks this column will feature excerpts from this book.

CHAPTER 67 Enter the Riccis (continued)

Egidio would hear none of it, as he pulled Carla away from the group, attempting to exit. “You are coming home with me. I heard enough from this priest!” He shouted contemptuously. As the Riccis exited the rectory, Pietro attempting to go after Carla, broke away from Mom, still shaken from Frank's charge. Before he could reach Carla, Frank turned, confronted Pietro, punched him in the stomach, causing him to drop to the floor. Frank slammed the door behind him, leaving Pietro in a heap, sobbing uncontrollably. Carla's voice could be heard in the distance calling to Pietro, as Egidio dragged her away. Grandma, frantic at what just happened, rushed to Father Francesco imploring him, “Padre Francesco, cosa dobbiamo fare (what are we to do?)” Auntie Angie, alarmed at the sight of Grandma's anxiety, reached for a glass of wine, holding it in front of Grandma, calmly said, “Mama drink the wine, then we will talk.” Father Francesco, aware of the possible danger to Grandma's well-being from the raw emotions displayed by all sides, took Grandma by the hand and calmly counselled, “Listen to Angie and sit.” He then motioned to Auntie Angie to go to Pietro and comfort him. “Mom and Auntie Stella took their seats on the couch, left and right of Grandma, but only after Auntie Stella made certain Mom was feeling okay. Slowly, Auntie Angie brought Pietro over to the couch he occupied with Carla just minutes before, but this time she sat in Carla's place, wanting to remain close to Pietro to comfort him. Father Francesco returned to his seat, and a blessed silence fell over the room. The storm had passed.

Father Francesco began, “Now we must



least attempt to follow their wishes and trust the judgment of Padre Francesco.” Mom was listening and uneasy with the advice being given by Father Francesco, knowing the depth of love that existed between Carla and Pietro. She was about to say something, but Grandma grabbed her hand, anticipating her thoughts, silencing her. Feeling Father Francesco was giving good advice, she did not want Mom saying anything to the contrary that might confuse Pietro even more. Pietro, seeing the interaction between Mom and Grandma, turned to Mom and implored, “Cousin Carmela, what do you believe I should do?” Mom, aware Grandma wanted Pietro to follow Father Francesco's advice, simply advised, “Listen to Father Francesco, but also listen to your heart.” Grandma then gave Mom one of her looks, knowing Mom's words could be an encouragement to Pietro. “Carmela,” Grandma speaking softly, “His heart tells him to see the wisdom in Padre Francesco's words.” “Yes, Mama,” aware Grandma was diplomatically silencing her, Mom reluctantly responded. “Yes, Mama, Pietro should listen to Father Francesco, he is a wise man.”

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Zygmunt Gorazdowski

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Zygmunt Gorazdowski was born on November 1, 1845 in Sanok, Poland. His father was Szczęśny Gorazdowski and his mother Aleksandra Łazowski. In his childhood, he suffered a lung ailment that became tuberculosis; this did not prevent him from considering the needs of others and offering his help wherever he could.

Zygmunt studied law for two years, but quit to enter the seminary at Lviv, Ukraine. he was Ordained in 1871. He became pastor of the parish of Saint Nicholas in Lviv.

In his parish, Father Zygmunt organized The Affordable Public House and The House for Workers, shelters for the poor, hungry, and homeless. He Built a dormitory for poor students of a teacher's college so they could concentrate on study. Founded The House of the Child Jesus, a shelter for abandoned children and single mothers and their children. He founded a convent for the Sisters of Mercy of Saint Joseph in 1884 so the sisters could help with these organizations; their mission was to work in boarding schools, and to care for the aged and sick. He wrote catechisms and other educational works.

Father Zygmunt died in 1920. Those who knew him called him the “Father of the poor and priest of the homeless”. In 2008 his order had 508 religious in 71 houses in places as far flung as the Democratic Republic of Congo and France; it became part of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin in 1922. It received the papal decree of praise from Pope Pius X on April 1, 1910 and full pontifical approval from Pope Pius XI on August 3, 1937.

He was Canonized on October 23, 2005, by Pope Benedict XVI. The Feast day of Saint Zygmunt Gorazdowski is January 1st.



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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo

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Ciao Bella,

So there we were flipping channels on the tube and we noticed *Chronicle* was about to come on. They were featuring a segment on “Lobster.” Certainly peeked my interest.

In 2013, it all started with a move to Portland, Maine and biomedical undergraduate students Amber Boutiette and Patrick Breeding. They launched a specialty skin care product for extra dry skin including psoriasis and eczema from Lobster! Apparently, Amber suffered from debilitating eczema on her face and eyelids and cheeks. Then in 2017, they worked on a prototype of a product soon to be called Marin’s Soothing Hydration Cream.

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NEAA Goes to the Celtics at TD Garden

Thanks to the North End Athletic Association about 40 members attended the Celtics game this past Sunday, January 2nd versus the Orlando Magic. Although the Celtics needed overtime, the NEAA Group was



Henry Hurley



Martim Garcez

treated to a double rarity, a 50 point game by a Celtic player, Jaylen Brown and a two game winning streak by this years’ team!

Giving thanks to coaches from the NEAA’s recently completed NEAA Fall Soccer League and Friday Night Lights inaugural Flag Football League, the NEAA provided tickets as part of our ongoing commitment to provide tickets to pro sporting events to our members who participate in and support our programs.

Amongst the attendees were Steve Holt who coached the NEAA’s 6 to 8 Year Old Soccer’s The B’s club and took his daughter Sage who attended her first Celtic’s game.

Also in attendance was Martim Garcez whose mom coached the 6 to 8 Year Old Tomasone Club. Lastly, we have Henry Hurley who also attended and played in the NEAA Soccer program on the Black Dog Realty 9 to 12 Year Old Team #1.



Steve and Sage Holt

Food & Drink

- ACROSS**

 1. *Lettuce variety
 5. Drivel
 8. *Café alternative
 11. *Cantina cooker
 12. *Waldorf salad ingredient
 13. Animal trail
 15. Radio knob
 16. Hurry up, acr.
 17. One who accepts the offer
 18. *Anise-flavored spirit
 20. “Happily ____ after”
 21. Operatic solos
 22. ____ Air in L.A.
 23. Hairy vertebrate
 26. Freed
 30. In the past
 31. Small type of drum
 34. *Wine in Italy
 35. Charleston, e.g.
 37. Chow down
 38. a.k.a. honey badger
 39. Wet nurse
 40. Hervé Villechaize on Fantasy Island
 42. Expression of doubt
 43. Founding Father
 45. City in Japan
 47. Shock and ____
 48. Jawaharlal’s last name
 50. *Driest type of sherry
 52. *a.k.a. black treacle
 55. Softly-softly, loris’ cousin
 56. A Flock of Seagulls’ 1982 hit (2 words)
 57. *Cabbage amount
 59. Alexandre Dumas’ “The Black ____”
 60. What seekers do
 61. Consequently
 62. Everything
 63. Temporary craze
 64. Swedish shag rugs

- DOWN**

 1. Physique, informally
 2. Pelvic bones
 3. Spill the beans
 4. Certain fir
 5. *Fusilli or ziti
 6. Same as #39 Across, pl.
 7. Supreme pontiff
 8. Puff
 9. Field worker
 10. Be off base
 12. Capital of Philippines
 13. Be at the helm
 14. *Ballerina-inspired dessert
 19. All worked up
 22. *Granola serving
 23. Téa Leoni’s “____ Secretary”
 24. Old World lizard

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25. Unicellular organism
 26. Stroke on a green
 27. Lithograph, for short
 28. Japan to U.S. in WWII
 29. *Stuffed grapevine leaf
 32. *Flageolet or azuki
 33. *Popular breakfast cereal
 36. *Type of #34 Across
 38. Lion sounds
 40. One little piggy?
 41. Easily available (2 words)
 44. One clean one?

46. *Betty Crocker fruit snack
 48. Waterwheel
 49. Serengeti grazer
 50. Unplayable baseball
 51. It will, contraction
 52. Irk
 53. Like a ghost
 54. Long novel
 55. School support org.
 58. Opposite of don'ts

(Solution on Page 10)

WINTHROP MITE HOLIDAY SHOWDOWN

by Dan Fitzmaurice

(Photos by Winthrop Hockey Program and Sal Giarratani)

The Boston area has often been affectionately referred to as the Hub of Hockey and the small coastal town of Winthrop, MA has long been a big contributor of top local talent. Despite seeing other town programs closing their doors or combining with other organizations to form teams, Winthrop Youth Hockey has seen a resurgence of interest and growth at its lower levels. For the first time in recent years, Winthrop Youth Hockey was able to form two Mite level teams and with close to one hundred and fifty participants in this year's learn- to-skate and Mite Development programs the future of the organization shines brightly.

Utilizing players from the ages of 6 to 8 years and three days of tryouts last March, WYH established an A and AA Mite team to be entered into the Valley Hockey League and internally known as Mite Gold and Mite Blue. Both teams quickly established themselves within their respective divisions with winning records and positive goal differentials and were growing in skill and ability week after week. With the strong support of the coaching staff and parents, the Mite Gold team was entered into the Boston Bruins Holiday Tournament to be held in Haverhill, MA. Unfortunate news was then delivered that the Tournament

was overbooked, and Winthrop Mite Gold was left without a seating. At the weekly coaches meeting at Cottage Park Yacht Club, Coaches Fitzmaurice, Nalen, O'Brien and Equipment Manager Paquette scrambled to find other tournaments when the idea arose to host an exhibition game between the two Winthrop teams. Head Coach Jay Nalen went to work coordinating with Mite Blue Head Coach Michael DiMento and the organization while raising funds from team parents to turn a simple idea into what became known as the Winthrop Youth Hockey Mite Holiday Showdown which was to be held on December 27, 2021.

With game day upon us, the Larsen Rink was filled with players, family, and friends to much excitement. The skaters

took to the ice for warm-ups and stood proudly like pros on their blue lines to salute the flag during the playing of the National Anthem. The game was kicked off with a ceremonial puck drop by hometown hero and Olympic Hockey legend, Michael Eruzione between his two grandsons Leo and TJ Callinan to much fanfare.

The competition amongst the teams was great, but Mite Blue quickly proved their ranking as an AA team with their skating and stick handling abilities led by players Fritz Paulson, Nickolas Previte and Nicky DePrisco. Playing on a larger than normal ice surface than normal, Mite Gold utilized their slightly larger bench to push back against tired legs in the third period. Uniting the Upton

triplets to the top line and with a strong substitute goalie performance from Jonathan Paquette, they held Mite Blue's advance and recorded their first goal by Cash Upton. Both teams gave it their all in the final few seconds with Cash Upton setting up Liam Fitzmaurice for a one-timer to be beautifully saved at the buzzer by rookie goalie sensation Caleb Skelton.

Before anyone had any opportunity to look up at the scoreboard the final tally had already been wiped clean. Both teams came together at center ice for the handshake line and left the competition on the ice to celebrate as brothers, friends and teammates over pizza and refreshments noting a win for all and a great day for hockey in Winthrop!



Mike Eruzione (center) with grandsons TJ and Leo at ceremonial puck drop



Mike Eruzione (center) with daughter Liegh Ann Callanan, her two boys TJ and Leo, and their uncle Michael Eruzione



L-R, Front row: Leo Callinan #17, Fritz Paulson #20, Caleb Skelton #4, Nickolas Previte #1, Max Hanlon #13; L-R, Second row: Nickolas Diprisco #34, JoJo Shea #21, David Pertrucelli #12, Micheal Dimento #28; L-R: Back row: Coaches Head Coach Mike Dimento, Asst. Coach Mark Paulson, Asst. Coach Joe Hanlon



L-R: Front row: Taha Naim #12, Liam Fitzmaurice #88, Nathan Upton #78, Colin O'Brien #44, TJ Callahan #2; L-R: Second row: Reese Upton #71, Jonathan Paquette #8, James Mazzarella #18, Cash Upton #87, Quinn Nalen #99, Brayden Tinsley #26; L-R: Back Row: Head Coach, Jay Nalen, Asst. Coach Dan Fitzmaurice, Asst. Coach Conor O'Brien, Asst. Coach Mike Upton



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SURGE (Blu-ray) / Filmrise

Joseph is trapped in a soulless job, working in security at a London airport. His life proceeds in an orderly fashion, but in spite of his contact with other people during the course of his job, he seems isolated from his surrounding. The anxiety felt by some passengers when they are patted down before check-in, and the impersonal atmosphere amongst his colleagues both affect him. After a visit to his parents, something snaps inside this loner and another Joseph comes to light: one who takes what he wants, invades others’ personal space, and does not even shy away from criminal acts. Between eruption, escalation and destruction, he undergoes a painful process of self-discovery, the starting point of which is closer than we would like to admit to the actual living and working conditions of many people. Ultimately experiencing what it feels like to be alive.

**BLUES (Blu-ray) /
Film Movement Classics**

In 1990, commissioned by Dave Stewart of Eurhythmics, veteran music film director Robert Mugge and renowned music scholar Robert Palmer ventured deep into the heart of the North Mississippi Hill Country and Mississippi Delta to seek out the best rural blues acts currently working. Starting on Beale Street in Memphis, they headed south to the juke joints, lounges, front porches, and parlors of Holly Springs, Greenville, Clarksdale,

Bentonla, and Lexington. Along the way, they visited celebrated landmarks and documented talented artists cut off from the mainstream of the recording industry. The resulting film *Deep Blues*, expresses reverence for the rich musical history of the region, spotlighting local performers, soon to be world-renowned, thanks in large part to the film, and demonstrating how the blues continues to thrive in new generations of gifted musician. A landmark blues documentary, featuring performances by Booker T., Laury, R.L., Burnside, Jessie Mae Hemphill, Junior Kimbrough, Roosevelt “Booba” Barnes and the Playboys, Big Jack Johnson, Jack Owens with Bud Spires, and Lonnie Pitchford.

**THE DOGS OF WAR (Blu-ray)
/ Film Movement Classics**

Christopher Walken is a brutal mercenary who must fight the ultimate battle — against his own conscience — in this powerful action thriller. *The Dogs of War* is a spectacular adventure that brilliantly captures the glory — and horror — of war. Jamie Shannon (Walker) is a cynical warrior-for-hire who feels truly alive only in the heat of battle, and now he’s about to take on the most challenging assignment of his career: to invade a corrupt African dictatorship and shift control to the “puppet” of a powerful British corporation. To prepare, Shannon masterfully trains and equips a squad of deadly mercenaries with the latest and most destructive tactics and military hardware. But as their explosive assault beings, Shannon finds him embroiled in an internal conflict of his own. The question is: will this be his greatest triumph, or has he sold his soul along with his battle expertise?

**GIALLO ESSENTIALS
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Arrow Video continues its exploration of Italian cult cinema with this volume of *Giallo Essentials*, bringing together three more suspense-filled exemplars of the genre! In Massimo Dallamano’s *What Have They Done to Your Daughters?* (1974), hot-headed Inspector Silvestri (Claudio Cassinelli), and rookie Assistant District Attorney Vittoria Stori (Giovanna Ralli), investigate the apparent suicide of a teenage girl, leading them to a sordid prostitution ring whose abusers occupy the highest echelons of Italian society. Sergio Martino’s *Torso* (1973) helped lay the groundwork for the American Slasher Movie: when a ruthless killer begins to target the female university students of Perugia, Jane (Suzy Kendall) and her friends flee for the peace of the countryside, only to discover that the threat isn’t far behind. Andrea Bianchi’s *Strip Nude for Your Killer* (1975) delivers depravity in droves as ambitious photographer Magda (Edwige Fenech) and her on-off boyfriend, love rat Carlo (Nino Castelnuovo), team up to solve the spate of highly sexualized murders that are rocking a prestigious Milanese fashion house.

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

**KUHNER OUT WITH COVID,
WRKO RATINGS NOSE DIVE**

On Monday morning (December 20th), while driving to work, I put on WRKO to listen to Jeff Kuhner on his weekday morning radio show to find Sandy Shack filling in for him. I knew something must be wrong here. Eventually Kuhnerman contracted the virus and is trying to get better. After Sandy filled in for him that week, the following week, WRKO went with an out of station fill-in host whose name I can’t even remember.

I haven’t been listening to WRKO in the morning since. Jeff Kuhner is the morning ratings guy and without him, many listeners have just turned off the station and are waiting for the “Boston Bulldozer” to return. This past Monday, January 3rd, the Kuhnerman is apparently still on sick leave with an out of town radio host in his morning time slot.

I hope for Jeff’s full recovery and await his return to the airwaves, but I always disagreed with his anti-vaxxing stance. I have been vaxxed, and yes, I got the virus over Thanksgiving, but my symptoms were mild and lasted about four days thanks to having been vaxxed. I urge Kuhner Country to get vaxxed, but I still don’t believe in mandatory vaccination measures. We live in a free society, but if, I were you, I would get vaxxed. However, the choice should be yours to make.

**JIMMY JAY CHATS WITH
MARSHALL THOMPSON**

I usually have Jimmy Jay on my radio dial Sunday afternoons on WMEX because you never know who Jimmy might dial up on the phone. This past Sunday he called Marshall Thompson, a great singer for The Chi-Lites back in my younger days. He’s 79 now. The Chi-Lites are still performing on stage today. One of their biggest hits was “Oh Girl” back in 1972 when I was about to graduate college.

After the phone call ended, of course, Jimmy Jay played “Oh Girl,” and “Have You Seen Her.” The band was Chicago R&B, never to be confused with Motown or the Philly Sound. Marshall calls Vegas home today. No more Chicago winters for him now.

WHO IS THIS JIM POLITO?

This past Monday, once again Jeff Kuhner was still off the air, so I went up the AM dial and found AM 1200, another iHeart radio station, and started listening to Jim Polito. He’s good. He’s a local radio host and he’s a very common sense conservative. I like him. If you like Kuhner, you will enjoy Polito, too.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
JOHN PAUL JONES**

Musician John Paul Jones from Led Zeppelin just turned 76 years old on January 3rd. All these old rockers just keep getting older and older. However, the alternative is always much worse than not getting older!

**87 OCTANE GOING FOR
\$6.05 IN CALIFORNIA**

That’s right. I saw the newspaper photo myself! In California at a Chevron gas station, the price was right there in large lettering \$6.05 per gallon. Thank God our gas pump prices haven’t risen that much ... yet. If we just wait a bit, the price of gas here will only go up. However, around these parts, you can still find okay gas pump prices. Hats off to the “Hatsoff Gas Station” on Washington Street in Jamaica Plain, where this past weekend I filled up there for only \$3.19 per gallon! Good prices are still out there, but you have to search them out.

**DON’T FORGET TO
VOTE JANUARY 11TH**

We have one final election coming up Tuesday, January 11th. It is the special State Senate election to fill the vacant seat of Joe Boncore, who gave up his Senate Seat for the private sector last year. Just one candidate on the ballot, Lydia Edwards is running unopposed in this election. Many say why vote, if there is just one candidate?

I say we should always vote, get used to voting. Every election is important.

There is no such thing as a meaningless election. And remember after this election, we can rest until September for the state primary elections. Rest over these next several months! We deserve it after the endless elections cycle we just completed.

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Teresa Polhemus，执行主任/秘书
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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



When I was a kid in East Boston, the hectic lifestyle my family would lead during the Christmas season would come to an abrupt end. Dad and my uncles Nick and Paul would return to playing music a few evenings during the week and definitely on weekends. Dad would also be back to work days at his day job in the Boston School Department, Uncle Nick was back in his office at the musicians union as the vice president, and Uncle Paul would rejoin the printing company he worked for. Babbononno, long retired, would reconnect with his pals at the storefront clubs in the North End and East Boston. The one exception to Babbononno's activities was the Christmas season of 1958. Just before the holidays arrived that year, Nanna passed away.

During WWII, my grandmother had a heart attack, and after a long stay in the hospital, recuperated to the point she resumed normal but abbreviated activities. During the mid-1950s, she developed breast cancer and after operations that seemed successful, went through the primitive recuperative steps that were necessary for survival. She was often in pain due to radiation treatments and succumbed to the disease after it spread to her lungs late in 1958. The Christmas season of 1958 was not a happy time for us.

During WWII, after Nanna's heart attack, Babbononno sold the big house on Eutaw Street in East Boston as it was too much for my grandmother to handle. They rented an apartment on Princeton Street for a few years, and later moved to Lexington Street, where they were living when Nanna passed away. Babbononno was up there in years and the decision was made for him to move in with us. Backtracking again, when Babbononno sold the house at 70 Eutaw, Dad and Mom rented a third floor walkup at 74 Eutaw, two doors away. The house was and still is attached to number 72 Eutaw. 74 was owned by the parents of a woman Mom had grown up with and her husband was someone Dad had grown up with. The 3rd floor apartment was available and we moved the distance of two houses away from where I was born. We called it the penthouse.

The apartment consisted of four connected rooms, a hallway bathroom and a small room at the end of the hallway near the staircase that brought us to the third floor. That room was occupied by a single brother of

the landlord's wife. When he moved out wanting to try his luck in California, Dad rented the room to be used as either a workshop or a music room. It would serve as both until Babbononno moved in with us early in 1959. My room was a small one just off the kitchen, but when Uncle Gino and Aunt Ninna were married just after WWII, and were just starting out; they couldn't find an apartment and moved in with us. For almost a year, they took over my bedroom and I slept on the couch. When they finally found an apartment, I had my bedroom back. When it was Babbononno's turn to move in, the tools headed for the cellar and the spare room became the bedroom my grandfather would sleep in.

It was difficult at times as I was in college and often studied at the kitchen table. Dad would play almost every night leaving both Mom and Babbononno at home. Mom had a circle of lady friends in the neighborhood and a couple of evenings a week, would tie up with them for tea and gossip. That left Babbononno with me and he developed a curiosity about the things I was studying, especially history, which was one of his favorite subjects. As a result, we had many conversations on the historical developments of the world, but I often met with a couple of East Boston friends that attended college with me. We had an informal study group that was ongoing and I often had to leave Babbononno alone at night. When this happened, I felt sorry for him, as he would sit in front of the TV, which bored him silly, or he would reread one of the Italian newspapers he loved, including this one.

Parking at night became a problem not long after WWII ended, with everyone on the street buying new cars, Dad had to hunt for a parking space when he came home after playing with his band at night. Seeing he had to get up early the next morning, he was often upset if he had to drive around the neighborhood until he could park. By the time the '60s rolled around, things got worse. I was still working at the Seville Theater a couple of nights a week, had just started on a teaching career, was playing music as often as I could, and began taking courses toward a master's degree. One winter's night Dad couldn't find a parking space on our block. It was snowing, and by the time he drove home from his job, it was late due to slow moving traffic. He searched for an hour and

finally found a spot on another street blocks away. He then trudged home in several inches of snow with a bass violin under his arm and snow in his shoes, swearing all the way in two languages, Italian and English.

He told Mom at dinner that next night that he wanted to buy a house with a garage and a driveway somewhere outside the city. My mother was so attached to her East Boston roots she didn't want to move. When the parking problem was repeated, Dad told Mom that he was going to move and he would pay for the Eutaw Street apartment for her and Babbononno. Mom knew he meant what he said and also knew that her place was with her husband. That spring, they bought a house in Belmont. We were familiar with the town as Uncle Gino and Aunt Ninna had built a house there not long after my aunt delivered a set of twins to this world in 1950.

Babbononno didn't want to leave East Boston either, but didn't want to stay alone. He gave in and on Easter weekend of 1961, we left East Boston for Belmont. At first, I couldn't sleep at night ... it was too quiet: no sirens on the streets, no planes landing at Logan after flying directly over the house ... no noise at all, just crickets and birds to entertain us. Mom, Dad and I got to love it, but Babbononno hated it. Back in East Boston, he could go to his clubs and play cards several times during the week. He could also head to Central Square where he could buy the Italian newspapers he read along with the Di Nobili cigars he smoked daily. Belmont Centre, which was a close distance from us, offered nothing Italian back then and Babbononno, as I said, hated it.

Finally, the decision was made after long conversations with my uncles; Babbononno was to head back to East Boston. An apartment was found near Maverick Square and we moved him there. My mother was off the wall one day when I returned home from work. When I asked her what was wrong, she said, "I called your grandfather a while ago and a woman answered with a thick Irish brogue. It turned out to be a neighbor near his age and seeing he was in his mid-90s and she was pushing 90, I told my mother that the most erotic thing that could happen would be them holding hands. Mom had to accept the relationship ... When the woman passed away, Babbononno needed 24/7 assistance, and the family moved him to a nursing home on Saratoga Street. He received the attention he needed and made it to age 99. I hope I've inherited Babbononno's longevity ... who knows?

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by
**Marianna
Bisignano**

In Italy, *Torta dei Sette Vasetti* (Cake of the Seven Jars) is a well-known *ciambella* both for its soft, light and delicious taste, as well as its utter simplicity to prepare. This yogurt-based cake uses 125 mg of yogurt in the recipe, and the yogurt container becomes the "jar" in which you measure the remaining ingredients. Flour, starch, eggs, citrus zest and a sachet of yeast are all that are additionally needed to prepare this *torta* (cake). Made without butter, it is perfect for a traditional Italian breakfast, quick midday snack, or even as a dessert. While the origin of the recipe remains unknown, most Italian families have their own version of this delightful *torta* that can be completely made in less than an hour!

I cannot begin to tell you how many times my Nonna Mary made this cake. It was definitely one you would often find tucked away in her wine cellar just waiting for company to appear! When Nonna initially made this *torta*, she followed the traditional method and used yogurt. However, she eventually replaced the jar of yogurt with an equal amount of ricotta and found this gave the cake a lighter texture and amazing flavor. Nonna sometimes even added chocolate chips, replaced the icing sugar with a glaze, or even stuffed it with fresh whipped cream and strawberries. The possibilities are endless, and you will definitely be grateful to her for this fast, fabulous, and foolproof recipe. The soft light texture and pleasing taste, will make it believable to many that the *Torta Sette Vasetti con Ricotta* came straight from a *pasticceria* in Italy!

SEVEN JARS CAKE WITH RICOTTA
Torta Sette Vasetti con Ricotta



- 1 container yogurt (125 to 141 ml size) **ONLY** the container will be used, **NOT** the yogurt

3 eggs, room temperature

2 jars granulated sugar

zest of 1 organic lemon

1 jar of whole milk ricotta

2 jars '00 or all-purpose flour

1 jar potato starch
- 1 jar sunflower seed or vegetable oil

1 16-gram sachet Italian baking powder with vanilla flavoring (may substitute 2 ½ teaspoons baking powder and 1 teaspoon vanilla)

¼ to ½ cup confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 350°. Take a 22 cm baking pan (I use a *ciambella* pan), grease and flour, set aside. Empty yogurt and wash and dry the container as this will now become your measuring jar (vasetti). Place eggs and 2 jars granulated sugar in medium bowl, beat fluffy and pale yellow. Add lemon zest and 1 jar of ricotta, whisk together. While whisking, slowly add 1 jar of oil. To this mixture, gradually add the 2 jars flour, 1 jar potato starch and mix together well. Finally, add the sachet of baking powder and continue mixing until everything is thoroughly mixed together. Place batter in prepared pan, and even with spatula. Bake for 35-45 minutes or until golden brown and a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Cool and remove from pan. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar, 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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Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI21D2302DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
ROBERT SPENCER, JR.
vs.
BONNIE SPENCER
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce
requesting that the Court grant a divorce for
Irretrievable breakdown.
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been
entered in this matter preventing you from tak-
ing any action which would negatively impact
the current financial status of either party. SEE
Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to
serve upon Robert Spencer, Jr., 217 Walnut
Street, Framingham, MA 01702 your answer,
if any, on or before January 26, 2022. If you fail
to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing
and adjudication of this action. You are also re-
quired to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the
office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 15, 2021
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/07/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Notice is hereby given by D & G Towing and
Auto Repair Services, Inc., 2 Emery Road,
Allston, MA, pursuant to the provisions of
Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A,
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2007 CHEVROLET IMPALA
VIN # 2G1WT58NX79392797
2000 TOYOTA CAMRY
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The Trial Court
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10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI21P6640EA
Estate of
CHARLES M. GANSON, JR.
Date of Death: November 10, 2021
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with
Appointment of Personal Representative
has been filed by John A. Leith of E. Walpole,
MA and Charles F. O'Connell of Braintree,
MA requesting that the Court enter a formal
Decree and Order and for such other relief as
requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that John A.
Leith of East Walpole, MA and Charles F.
O'Connell of Braintree, MA be appointed as
Personal Representative(s) of said estate to
serve Without Surety on the bond in unsu-
pervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the
Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court.
You have a right to object to this proceeding.
To do so, you or your attorney must file a
written appearance and objection at this
Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of
January 27, 2022.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a dead-
line 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 admin-
istration 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 peti-
tion the Court in any matter relating to the
estate, including the distribution of assets
and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 30, 2021
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/07/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court - North
Lowell Justice Center
370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 656-7700
Docket No. MI21D3516DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
ANNET R. DAVIS
vs.
LIVINGSTONE L. WAVAMUNNO
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce
requesting that the Court grant a divorce for
Irretrievable Breakdown.
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been
entered in this matter preventing you from tak-
ing any action which would negatively impact
the current financial status of either party. SEE
Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to
serve upon Annet R. Davis, 384 Old
Connecticut Path, Framingham, MA 01701
your answer, if any, on or before February 09,
2022. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed
to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You
are also required to file a copy of your answer,
if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 22, 2021
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/07/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI21P6612EA
Estate of
PRABHAKAR GUBBALA
Date of Death: June 05, 2021
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above
captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Evita
A. Gubbala of Sharon, PA.
Evita A. Gubbala of Sharon, PA has been
informally appointed as the Personal Repre-
sentative of the estate to serve without surety
on the bond.
The estate is being administered under
informal procedure by the Personal Represen-
tative under the Massachusetts Uniform Pro-
bate 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 ter-
minating or restricting the powers of Personal
Representatives appointed under informal pro-
cedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any,
can be obtained from the Petitioner.
Run date: 01/07/2022

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI21P6479EA
Estate of
VICTOR A. DIFRANCO
Date of Death: November 26, 2020
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above
captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Paul
A. DiZio of Bedford, MA, a Will has been
admitted to informal probate.
Paul A. DiZio of Bedford, MA has been
informally appointed as the Personal Repre-
sentative of the estate to serve without surety
on the bond.
The estate is being administered under
informal procedure by the Personal Represen-
tative under the Massachusetts Uniform Pro-
bate Code without supervision by the Court.
Inventory and accounts are not required to be
filed with the Court, but interested parties are
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overseas. CelebriDucks is one of
the last rubber duck companies
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Message from Number 45
“Oh, no, the vaccines work
but some people are the ones
— the ones who get very sick
and go to the hospital are the
ones that don’t take the vaccine.
But it is still their choice. And
if you take the vaccine, you’re
protected.”
—former President Donald Trump
Wanda Young, R.I.P.
Wanda Young was the lead
singer for The Marvelettes when
they hit the music scene some
60 years ago. The group was
the second all girl group signed
by Motown’s Berry Gordy, Jr.
Motown began in 1959, and
the first girl group signed was
of course the Supremes and,
right after the Marvelettes,
Motown signed Martha and the
Vandellas. “Please, Please Mr.
Postman” was a great hit by
this group but I also remem-
ber “Don’t Mess with Bill,” the
group’s first Motown hit on
December 15, 1961.
Wanda was 78 at her recent
passing and Smokey Robinson
once said of Wanda Young, she
“had this little voice that was
sexy to me.” Another great leg-
end has passed away.
**Now the Media is Gunning
for Babbitt’s Name
and Reputation**
The only person killed dur-
ing the so-called January 6th
“insurrection” last year was
Ashli Babbitt who was shot to

death point blank by a Capitol
Police Officer inside the U.S.
Capitol Building in what many
police officers around the coun-
try thought was a questionable
or bad shoot after viewing the
video of that action. As a retired
police officer myself, I was
troubled by what I saw in the
video but the officer in question
was cleared of any wrongdoing.
Now we are seeing the media
ripping Ashli Babbitt and seem-
ingly trying to tarnish her repu-
tation. Bringing up news about
Babbitt reportedly threatening
her future husband’s longtime
girlfriend while at the time
already married to her first
husband. *The Associated Press*
should be ashamed of itself for
thrashing the only real victim
at the Democrat’s “insurrection
charge.”
Many believe there should be
an investigation on how Ashli
Babbitt died that day, but
don’t look for the Democrats
to do squat. We can only hope
when Republicans retake the
House in 2022, they set up a
Select House Committee on
what really happened January
6, 2021 and how Babbitt died.
End Quote
“A new 911 alternative (in
NYC) for mental illness cases
ignores the key role cops play
in emergencies ... police not
counselors are still the most
qualified first responders for the
mentally ill.”
— Stephen Elde is a senior
fellow at the Manhattan Institute

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Middlesex Division
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI21W1641WD
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
MOSES SENNYONDO, Plaintiff
v.
MAUREEN STEVENS, Defendant
To the above named Defendant:
A Complaint has been presented to this
Court by the Plaintiff, seeking Custody/Support/
Parenting Time.
You are required to serve upon Moses
Sennyondo - plaintiff - whose address is
94 Adam Street, Waltham, MA 02453 your
answer on or before February 08, 2022. If
you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the
hearing and adjudication of this action. You
are also required to file a copy of your answer
in the office of the Register of this Court at
Cambridge.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
Esquire, First Justice of said Court at
Cambridge, this 27th day of December, 2021.
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court
Run date: 01/07/2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
The Probate and Family Court Department
Middlesex, SS Division
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
Lowell Justice Center
370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 656-7700
Docket No. MI00P4294EA
NOTICE
In the Estate of
FRANCES B. STROBEL
To all persons interested in the matter of
Frances B. Strobel Late of North Reading in
the County of Middlesex.
A Petition has been presented in the above-
captioned matter praying to Ratify and
Confirm a Doubtful Act Pursuant to M. G. L.
c. 204 Sec 24.
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERE
TO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE
A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT
AT MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY
TRIAL COURT, 370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor,
Lowell, MA 01852, ON OR BEFORE TEN
O’CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 a.m.)
on January 17, 2022.
Witness, MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of said Court at Cambridge,
Massachusetts, this 17th day of December
in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and
Twenty One.
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/07/2022

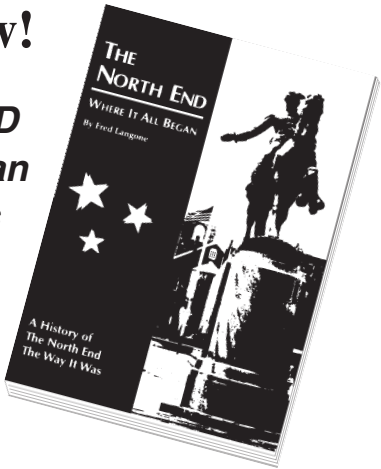


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Docket No. MI16P0543GD

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

In the Interests of
THOMAS FEELEY
of Randolph, MA

RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by DMH c/o Office of General Counsel of Westborough, MA, in the above captioned matter requesting that the court Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **January 18, 2022.** 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: December 20, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/07/2022

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Docket No. MI21P5906PM

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR
OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO
G. L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

In the matter of
DRAKE ANTHONY LUONGO
of Burlington, MA

RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Kate Feeney of Burlington, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Drake Anthony Luongo** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Jill Keenan of Tewksbury, MA, Holly E. Helmer of Baldwinville, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **January 27, 2022.** 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: December 29, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/07/2022

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Docket No. MI21D3912DR

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PHAVENSON SIMON

vs.

CARMEN R. MOLINEAUX SIMON
aka **CARMEN R. MOLINEAUX RODRIGUES**

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Desertion.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Phavenson Simon, 77 Derby St., Somerville, MA 02145** your answer, if any, on or before **February 02, 2022.** If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: December 28, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Docket No. MI21P6670EA

Estate of
HELENA S. RINEY

Date of Death: October 10, 2021

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Susan Riney Miller of Concord, 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 **Susan R. Miller of Concord, 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 January 31, 2022.

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
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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 03, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/07/2022



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Most Boston Red Sox Fans Don't Know or Remember Don Gile But ...

I was recently thinking about a former Red Sox player back from the late '50s and early '60s. His name was Don Gile and, sadly, his career, which looked promising in the minors, never panned out in major league.

Gile was a catcher mostly, but came up in 1959 on a team loaded with backstops (Russ Nixon, Jim "Pag" Pagliaroni, and Bob Tillman). He was born on March 5, 1921, and arrived at Fenway when he was already 38 years old. He stayed with the Sox for one full season and parts of three others between 1959 and 1962. He was used as a catcher from time-to-time, but mostly saw action as a utility



player or late inning replacement at first base.

His lifetime average was only .150; he had 18 hits total and only three home runs to his name. He retired at the end of the 1962 season, in which he hit an incredible .049; that's right, a 0.49 batting average. The writing was obviously on the wall for him or, better still, at home plate.

I do remember him and not for very positive reasons. I also just learned in my research for this column that he was a second

generation Italian American. Every time this player got a hit, he got a standing ovation because it happened so seldom.

Gile, however, is intertwined with the Splendid Splinter. In Gile's last game and last at-bat in the 1962 season, the guy whacked a good home run out of the park. The date of that home run was September 28, 1962, which just happened to be the second anniversary of Ted Williams and his last game and at-bat when he too hit a home run on September 28, 1960. By the way, I was actually sitting over in the right field grandstands with my younger brother during that game.

Gile left the game at 41 years old and I haven't forgotten him, not because he was so bad, but for a short time he wore the uniform of a major league baseball player and he never gave up, right up to his last at-bat when he hit his third home run of his short career. He survived a rough career but never really gave up. In that sense, he was a real baseball player.

And now with that last at-bat of his, his career will forever be tied to that of Ted Williams. One guy batted .406 and the other .049. I don't know which of the two is more challenging, do you?

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Docket No. MI21P6392EA

Estate of
THOMAS J. TOOMEY

Date of Death: November 03, 2021

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Mark Toomey of Harwich, MA.**

Mark Toomey of Harwich, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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Docket No. MI21P5786EA

Estate of
THERESA A. CRESPI
Also Known As
THERESA AGNES CRESPI

Date of Death: August 19, 2021

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Gayle Soma of Natick, MA,** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Gayle Soma of Natick, 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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Rest in Peace GASPAR ORTEGA

Great Welterweight

From the Golden Age of TV Boxing Answers His Final Bell at the Age of 86



The Contender

Gaspar "Indio" Ortega became known as the Friday Night Fighter because of his many appearances on the *Friday Night Fights* during the 1950s and early 1960s. It was a time when many fighters, not just champions, were known by the general public. They were as much celebrities as the Hollywood stars who appeared in the television shows of the time.

Names such as Holly Mims, Henry Hank, George Benton, Gomeo Brennan, and many others made frequent appearances on the weekly boxing programs broadcast across the country. Gaspar was one of the most popular and most often seen. His boxer/puncher style and his talent for slipping punches made him a joy to watch in action. I'm not sure, but Gaspar may have held the record for most Friday Night Fight appearances. If not, he was certainly a contender in that category. He was also a solid contender in the welterweight ranks at a time when being a contender truly meant something.

Gaspar Ortega passed away on December 13, 2021 in Naples, Florida. He was 86 years old.

Originally, Ortega had set out to become a bullfighter in his native Mexico. He later turned to boxing where he made his mark turning pro in 1953. His first year in the ring was spent fighting in Mexico, but by 1954, he was traveling up to Madison Square Garden to fight in the preliminary bout before the main events. He moved from four rounders to six rounders and then had his first big test in 1956 going ten rounds against the very capable and experienced Isaac Logart. Gaspar lost the decision but would come back later that same year and win a rematch by decision.

He would go on to defeat Tony DeMarco in two out of three bouts and also win against the reigning Welterweight Champion Benny Kid Paret in a non-title match. In 1960, Gaspar lost a split decision to an up and coming prospect by the name of Emile Griffith. Griffith would go on to win the title the following year.

By virtue of his split decision loss to Emile and a second win over Paret, Gaspar was given a shot at the champion. The fight was held in Los Angeles where a huge throng of Mexican fans showed up to cheer their hero Indio on. Unfortunately for the challenger, Griffith was a vastly improved fighter and Ortega

was stopped in the 12th round. It would be his only title shot. It was only one of two stoppage losses over a long career.

Gaspar fought often. In 1963, he stepped into the ring twenty-two times. In 1964, he climbed through the ropes an astounding twenty-nine times. He finally retired in 1965 with a record of 176 total fights including 131 wins with 69 knockouts, 39 losses, and 6 draws. In addition to Demarco, Griffith, Paret, and Logart, he also faced Carmen Basilio, Ted Whitfield, Stan Harrington, Nino Benvenuti, Florintino Fernandez, Ralph Dupas, Don Jordan, Kid Gavilan, and Denny Moyer.

In retirement he worked with troubled youths in New Haven, Connecticut where he had settled. His son Mike is a well known and very competent boxing referee. Gaspar was one of the last from a great age of boxing. A time when boxing was



Getting in Shape

a respected sport and everyone knew the participants. He was a class guy and will be dearly missed by those who remember his great career.

*Rest in Peace
Gaspar Indio Ortega*



Gaspar Ortega, right, with Son Mike



Gaspar signing to fight Champion Griffith while Promoter George Parnassus watches



Ortega lands a left on Benny Kid Paret in 1959

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



When certain circumstances arise, they open up opportunities.

That's one way to frame the recent withdrawal of the National Hockey League from its participation in the 2022 Olympics. Now that approximately 150 NHL players and a number of the league's coaches won't be going to China, others will take their places, giving them a chance of a lifetime at an Olympic medal.

Expect both Team USA and Team Canada to have the most extensive revisions since they had been expected to feature squads made up exclusively of NHL players.

Now, Americans playing on European-based pro teams and in the AHL, plus a few college hockey stars (and perhaps a recently retired NHL player or two) will get their opportunity to compete in the Five-Ring Festival.

The first moves, however, involved coaching, with the changes having a number of Boston-themed angles.

Former Boston University mentor David Quinn, who most recently coached the New York Rangers for three seasons before being let go back in May, was named the head coach of Team USA. Quinn had been slated to be an assistant on former Bruins coach Mike Sullivan's Olympic staff. He was elevated to the head job after the NHL withdrawal.

Sullivan, who went on to win two Stanley Cups with Pittsburgh after leaving the B's, will now continue to coach Pittsburgh since the so-called Olympic Break will now become a makeup period for games postponed by COVID-19 protocols.

Quinn, who has previously coached at the international level, said he realized that his taking over came at "a bittersweet moment," since numerous players were looking forward to competing in the Olympics. But he also said he considered it "an incredible honor" to be named the head coach and pledged to do all in his power to put together a quality team.

The NHL's decision not to participate also means that former Bruins player and current Minnesota general manager Bill Guerin, who had been named Team USA GM, also won't be going to China.

Before he took over the Rangers in 2018, Quinn was the head coach at Boston University for five seasons (2013-2018). Following in the footsteps of legendary coach Jack Parker, all Quinn did was lead the Terriers to four NCAA tournament appearances, including a berth in the 2015 Frozen Four championship game.

Providence College won that game at the TD Garden, two days after Quinn's best remembered victory. It came in the

semifinals when the Terriers took down national powerhouse North Dakota, a team that featured 14 NHL draft picks on its roster.

The NHL's decision also had impacts north of the border as Team Canada also is undergoing significant changes. Much like Team USA, an entire new roster featuring non-NHL players must be put together.

In addition, there are coaching changes that have meaning for Boston fans.

The most important one is that Bruins head coach Bruce Cassidy, who had been slated to be an assistant coach with Team Canada, will now lead the Bruins through a number of postponed games that need to be made up. Now in his sixth season as the head coach on Causeway Street, he has accumulated more than 200 victories (and counting).

He has guided the B's to berths in the Stanley Cup Playoffs in each of his five full seasons behind the bench, including the Stanley Cup Final in 2019. In 2020, the Black and Gold won the Presidents' Trophy (most points accumulated during the regular season on the strength of a 44-14-12 record. That year Cassidy was also named the winner of the Jack Adams Award (NHL Coach of the Year) as the B's led the league in points (100), wins (44) and goals against average (2.39).

But while Cassidy won't be going, one of the most familiar coaches in recent Boston Bruins history will. Claude Julien, who was the bench boss on Causeway Street for over nine seasons, will direct Team Canada's fortunes.

A native of Blind River, Ontario, Julien did not have an extensive NHL playing career. It lasted all of 14 games over the course of two seasons with the Quebec Nordiques during the middle of the 1980s.

But the duration of his coaching career has more than made up for the brevity of his time on the ice. Some people (in all sports) are meant to be players. Some are meant to coach. Claude was meant to coach.

He came to a franchise in 2007 that had not captured a Stanley Cup since 1972. He turned the Bruins into champions again, winning the Cup in 2011 by beating Vancouver and coming close against Chicago in the 2013 Stanley Cup Final.

Even though he was dismissed in February 2017, Julien's legacy lives on since Cassidy was on his staff during the 2016-2017 season and had previously coached many of the Bruins for several years as the head mentor in Providence.

Team USA will play China and Team Canada will face Germany in their respective opening games. The Gold Medal Game is scheduled to start at 11:10 p.m. on February 19th.

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