

State Rep. Ron Mariano
Succeeds Robert DeLeo as
Speaker of the Massachusetts
House of Representatives

by Sal Giarratani



Quincy State Representative Ronald Mariano of Quincy was elected Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives with 123 votes one day following Speaker Robert DeLeo stepping down from the role. DeLeo was the longest sitting Speaker in House history and had been a state representative from Winthrop for 30 years.

Mariano, 74, had been a state representative since first elected into his Quincy-Weymouth-Holbrook (3rd Norfolk District) House seat in a special election in 1991 and stated, “It is a true honor to be elected Speaker of the House and to have earned the trust and confidence of my esteemed colleagues.”

In his speech before in the House chambers, he spoke on health care, innovation and his own South Shore roots. He was born and raised in the Quincy Point neighborhood where his immigrant dad earned his living seeking his American dream.

Mariano was elected in a special election in 1991 when the previous State Robert Cerasoli retired from the House.

Prior to that, he was a former Quincy Public School teacher. He also served on the Quincy School Committee for 18 years and was named House Majority Leader in 2011.

Mayor Martin J. Walsh’s COVID-19 Briefing

on Tuesday, January 5, 2021

COVID-19 Cases and Testing Data: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, reported **4,358** new confirmed cases, bringing the total to **375,455** cases. The state reported **60** new deaths, for a total of **12,401** people who have passed away due to COVID-19.

The City of Boston reported **348** new cases, for a total of **42,195** cases, on Tuesday January 5th. The City reported **5** new deaths, bringing the total to **1,025**.

Our latest complete test data is for the week ending December 30th: An average of **4,561** people were tested each day. That’s down compared to the week before. That does not include college testing.

The average number of positive tests each day for Boston residents was **413**. That’s up slightly compared to the week before.

Our current community positivity rate was **8.8%**. That is up from the week before. Dorchester, Hyde Park, East Boston, and Roxbury are the neighborhoods with the highest positivity.

Our case numbers are concerning, and our hospital numbers are higher than we’d like. **93%** of adult Non-Surge ICU Beds are occupied, the highest we’ve seen in a long time.

The Mayor said that he and his team are in constant contact with local hospitals, and that he needs everyone to do their part. This is one of the most serious points of the pandemic so far, he said, and if numbers don’t improve, we’ll have to look at more restrictions. So everyone needs to wear a mask, avoid crowds, and stay six feet apart.

He said: *“Every time you do these things, you could be saving a life. We will beat this thing, if everyone buckles down.”*

Extending the pause to Phase 3 and staying in a modified Phase 2, Step 2 in the City of Boston: In mid-December the Mayor announced that Boston would temporarily pause our reopening, and move back into a modified Phase 2, Step 2 for at least three weeks. This is an effort to slow the spread of the virus, protect hospital capacity, and avoid a more severe shutdown later on. The Mayor said that we are taking

a cautious approach, and doing what’s right for Boston.

Given the high COVID-19 numbers we’re experiencing, Boston is extending this pause for at least ANOTHER THREE WEEKS, UNTIL JANUARY 27TH.

That means that indoor gatherings will stay limited to 10 people, and outdoor gatherings will stay limited to 25 people. These numbers apply to both public and private spaces.

The following activities will remain closed for at least three more weeks:

- Gyms, indoor fitness centers, and health clubs will stay closed for general use. One-on-one personal training sessions are allowed.
- Movie theaters, museums, and aquariums will stay closed.
- Indoor athletic facilities will stay closed, except for youth 18 and under. **This does not apply to college or pro sports.**
- Indoor pools may remain open with safety protocols in place.
- Batting cages, driving ranges, bowling alleys, and rock-climbing will stay closed.
- Sightseeing and organized tours will stay closed.
- Indoor historical sites will stay closed.
- Indoor event spaces will stay closed.
- Indoor and outdoor gaming arcades will stay closed.

The following industries and activities are allowed to stay open:

- Indoor instructional classes for youth can continue, within the 10-person limit.
- Outdoor event spaces can continue within the 25-person limit.
- Outdoor theaters and performance venues can continue to operate, within the 25-person limit.
- Movie and TV production can continue to operate.

Per **State guidance** that went into effect on December 26th, these activities can continue with the following restrictions in place:

- Office spaces can stay open at 25% capacity.
- The Mayor urged employers to allow employees to work from home.
- Indoor dining can continue at 25% capacity, with a 90-minute limit on seating’s. In Boston, bar seating

is prohibited without approval from Boston’s Licensing Board.

- Salons, barbers, and other close contact personal services can stay open at 25% capacity.
- Places of worship can stay open at 25% capacity.
- Retail businesses can stay open at 25% capacity.
- Golf facilities can stay open at 25% capacity.

The complete list can be found at: [Boston.gov/reopening](https://www.boston.gov/reopening).

The Mayor reiterated that this pause is not about targeting specific sectors as the cause of viral spread; this is an effort to reduce overall activity happening outside people’s homes.

He said that in another three weeks, the City of Boston will re-evaluate the situation. If the metrics have moved in the right direction, the City will lift these restrictions. If the metrics get worse, the City will have to put in place more restrictions.

Safety while dining: The Mayor discussed the need for personal safety while indoor dining. He said that the City of Boston continues to monitor the data closely and limit indoor dining capacity to levels the public health experts say are safe.

He thanked local restaurants for following safety protocols, saying that they have been very cooperative. The City continues to support them with small business relief funds, technical support, and outdoor dining programs, and making it easier for them to offer safe pickup and delivery. But, the Mayor said, we need patrons to do their part, too.

Local contact tracing efforts make it clear: even though indoor dining itself isn’t a high risk factor, too many people are going out to dinner with people outside their bubbles, increasing the risk for COVID-19 transmission. He said that sometimes they see other people they know and “table hop,” which has to stop.

He said: *“We can keep local restaurants open ... but only if people follow the public health guidance. So, if you’re indoor dining: only go with people in your bubble; keep your mask on when you’re not eating; and don’t mingle with other tables. It’s not just about your safety*

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Home Depot Recalls Flying Fans

A faulty line of ceiling fans sold by Home Depot has been recalled over blades flying off. More than 190,000 of these fans have been pulled off the shelves after 47 reports of the blades detecting and striking consumers. The distributor of this product stated the issue was an “isolated manufacturing defect” involving a screw that was not “adequately secured.” Consumers were told they should contact them for a free replacement .

End Quote


“Sometimes I get the feeling that the whole world is against me, but sometimes I think the smaller countries are neutral.”

— Anonymous

Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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by Girard A. Plante



THE NETHER WORLDS



Charon Carries Souls Across the River Acheron, which means “River of Pain.”

This week, we will continue with the series of articles that delve into the roots of our Roman Catholic structures and rituals. Our subject is the nether worlds (the land of the dead).

Greek mythology describes “Charon” as the god of the lower world. He personally conducted the souls of the dead by boat across a river called Acheron to the infernal regions. The fare that was charged for this service was at least one obolus, but never more than three. The obolus was a coin of extremely low value, but in order that the ghost might meet this demand, the ancients placed it under the tongue of a deceased person. Among the pre-Christian Romans, the burial of the dead was a most solemn duty. It was incumbent upon anyone who found an unburied body to at least cast earth upon it three times. If funeral rites were not performed, the soul of the dead person was believed to wander homelessly upon the earth forever. When a person was on his deathbed, a near relative caught the last breath in his own mouth. And as soon as death came, the eyes and mouth of the corpse were closed by one of those present. Next

came the “conclamatio,” a cry or recall of the dead, uttering his or her name three times in order to ascertain the fact of death. If there was no answer, then the person was considered officially dead. A similar custom is still observed at the deathbed of a Pope, but with the addition of a good strong whack on the head.

Immediately after death, the body was washed with warm water, anointed with perfumes or spices, and then clothed in a toga or robe of office, if appropriate. Precious ornaments and rings were often added, in addition to the small coin that was placed in the mouth.

Charon is often represented as a stern and robust old man, with flame-like eyes, white bushy hair, and stained clothing, propelling the boat with a long rusty pole. The lower right hand corner of Michelangelo’s “Last Judgment” on the wall of the Sistine Chapel shows a scene of Charon performing his daily duties in a manner that only the great master could portray.

“Elysium” or the “Elysian Plains” (that which we call Heaven) was the place where chaste, moral, righteous, and virtuous people went after death, and where there was complete happiness — paradise

and ideal bliss. Vergil represented Elysium as a region blessed with perpetual spring, beautiful flowers, pleasantly shaded groves, and never-failing fountains.

“Hades” (our Purgatory), with its wide open doors, was in the depths of the earth. It was a place where all dead souls went while awaiting judgment and commitment to the upper or lower world. Hades was often represented as a grove of barren willows, veiled in darkness or clouds, where the sun never shone. The ground was covered with asphodel, a dreary plant of the lily family that was often planted on graves. The entrance to Hades was guarded by a dog named “Cerberus,” a terrible monster with three heads, a tail of three serpents, and a body bristling with vipers. He was friendly to all who entered, but if anyone tried to escape, he would seize that person and hold him fast.

“Tartarus” (our Hell) was a place beneath the earth, as far below Hades as Elysium was above the earth. It was closed by iron gates and occupancy was reserved as the abode of the damned, those people who had incurred the wrath of the gods and, in so doing, became subject to divine vengeance.

Remember, these were very popular beliefs as far back as 500 years before the birth of Jesus Christ. Further evidence to support this faith lies in the countless number of skeletons that have been found still containing the coins that had been placed in their mouths.



John Piazza Jr., and his daughter Eve in front of Santa Rosalia last year.

Becoming a musician can happen at any age, place, event or time. For trumpet player extraordinaire, John Piazza, Jr., those factors contributed to his multi-faceted career. Many more happenings influenced his path towards a lifetime love of music.

While John began playing trumpet without lessons in the sixth grade, he gives credit to a gas station a few doors from his childhood home that he visited most days. “Anthony “Sarge” Funicello, uncle to singer Annette Funicello, owned that gas station and played trumpet in local Big Bands.” John adds, “And he sold me my first trumpet.”

Yet credit for his passion to play the trumpet goes to his dad. “My dad was a trumpet player for the Frankfort Veterans semi-pro softball team (Upstate New York). Members of the Vets band merged with La Banda Rosa, where I really learned how to play trumpet. That band started the original La Banda Rosa.” Most of the musicians were Sicilians, John recalls. “Our family would go to the Italian feasts and I’d see my dad and uncle Tony play in the band.”

La Banda Rosa in Utica was founded in 1905 and is still going.

Still others encouraged John’s passion to play trumpet. Frank Galime, of the Utica Symphony Orchestra, was John’s first formal trumpet teacher. John paid for his own lessons, and then joined the high school band. A high school teacher trained John to play the instrument after being urged by Joe Fanelli that “it’s never too late to start playing an instrument.” He stopped in a music shop in his hometown in Utica, New York, and paid \$100 for his very own trumpet. Sixty dollars was paid in pennies.

Local musicians also proved to be influencers in John’s early beginnings to play trumpet, he says. “Radio personality Danny Fusco made recordings of big band era music. He told me: “You’re going to play the trumpet.” Native Utican and famous guitarist Joe Bonamasso’s grandfather Buda Bonamassa was a trumpet player and taught music, John says.

John’s maternal grandmother was the foundress of Utica’s Santa Rosalia Society. She immigrated from San Giuseppe Japo, Italy. His grandfather came from Partanna Mondello, a beach town that is considered Palermo.

“I started playing for La Banda Rosa (Red Band) at 17. My mother was president of Santa Rosalia Society, and would gather with women in our home to plan various events to hold feasts to feed the poor people of Utica,” John says. The band manager, Sam Puleo, urged him to join.

As a result, John grew up learning and loving his Italian heritage. “I was completely immersed in my Sicilian culture. At 13, I was the youngest member of the Society. Professor Roberto Lalli, a well-known composer and conductor from Italy, trained generations of musicians to play the folseggio European Style. All the instruments and melodies were similar to operas. I couldn’t sleep when practice was scheduled.”

Prior to graduating high school in 1985, John knew he’d focus on a music career. He earned a B.A. in Music Education at the prestigious Crane School of Music in Potsdam, New York. After graduating from Crane, John worked as waiter and substitute teacher. “It was difficult to get a teaching gig in the early 1990s, so I needed in

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Joseph P. Sablone



Joseph P. Sablone, 89, of Revere, born and raised in the Boston's North End, passed away peacefully on January 3, 2021.

Son of the late Enrico and Angelina (Luongo) Sablone. Joe was the manager of Martignetti Liquors for 60 years and co-owner of Fulton Realty with his wife. He enjoyed traveling with his beloved wife of 69 years, Dolores (Caligiuri) Sablone. Joe is the cherished father of Joseph, Jr. and his friend Anthony, Kathleen Cieri and her

husband Frank, and Deborah and Thomas Ludwig; cherished grandfather of Thomas J. Ludwig, Michael Cieri and his wife Kristine, and Erik Cieri and his wife Danielle; great-grandfather of Michael, Christopher, Luke, Ariana and Amelia; brother of Dominic Sablone and Mary Moore and several nieces, nephews and friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister Rose, and his brothers Carlo, Frank, Luigi, and Anthony.

In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to the Italian Home for Children, 1125 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

Due to the current pandemic, funeral services and burial will be private. J.S. Waterman-Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial Street, Boston, MA 02109 is entrusted with his arrangements. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.watermanboston.com.

Angelo J. Paglucca



Angelo J. Paglucca, passed on Saturday, December 26th at the Massachusetts General Hospital, following a long illness, he was 90 years old.

He is the devoted son of the late Michael and Maria Paglucca. The loving brother of Anna Coviello and her late husband Frederick of Hanover, and the late Philomena E. Mullen and her late husband William G., Mary Page, Julia Puzzo, Phylly Paglucca, Angelina Paglucca, Vincenzia Paglucca, Michael, Paglucca, and Alfred Paglucca. He is also survived by his dear sister-in-law Vera Paglucca of East Boston and many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

Angelo was native of East Boston and lifelong resident. He was raised on Liverpool Street, where he remained his entire life. He attended Boston public schools and was an alumnus of East Boston High School, Class of 1946. As a young man, while still in high school and after graduation, he worked for the Box Spring Factory of East Boston. Angelo knew his calling at an early age, and while working his day job, he enrolled in night school to become a hairdresser. He worked for several hair salons, before opening up Angelo's Salon located on Boston Avenue in Somerville. He owned and operated his salon for over 30 years. When Angelo retired, he invested in real estate in East Boston and spent his time managing his properties. Angelo also enjoyed traveling in his retirement, especially to Europe, South America, and the Caribbean. Angelo always loved being with his very large family for holidays, birthdays, or whatever the event was.

Funeral Services and Interment were private. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Interment was at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford, MA.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the America Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023.

To send online condolences please visit: www.vertuccioandsmith.com.

Anthony C. Simboli

April 17, 1929 – December 29, 2020

May He Rest In Peace



Anthony C. Simboli passed away peacefully December 29, 2020. Anthony lived life with passion, determination, resilience and courage. He loved his wife, children and grandchildren, and his work. He enjoyed a competitive tennis match calling the lines closely, with a wink and a smile, a chess match with his grandson, and a vigorous business negotiation.

Most of all, he had a radiant smile that lit up a room, gathered people around him with his humor, humble intelligence, and firmly held opinions offending none. He grew up in the North End of Boston in a five-floor walk-up, which he called the penthouse and believed that life could be shaped by mind over matter. He put this philosophy into action with eternal optimism and a belief that nothing was impossible.

He was privileged to attend Boston College, where he received a B.S. in Chemistry and an M.A. in Philosophy, in the same year, which is still a "college record." He checked books out of the library rather than buying them; he hitch-hiked or walked from the North End to Chestnut Hill to save the trolley fare, and he studied nights and weekends while working at a printing factory, with his father, by placing index cards with his notes along the printing presses.

From Boston College, he joined the Central Intelligence Agency. He lived in Washington D.C. but spent the majority of his time in Japan, just after the Korean War. Prior to leaving for Japan, where he lived at the Yokosuka Naval Base, he married Gloria, the love of his life, to whom he remained devoted to for 69 years.

When he left the CIA, to return to his roots in Boston, he bought a business, a drug store, in Wakefield Center, opening several locations and launching his retail acumen. Following that, he built one of the most well-respected convenience food store businesses in the country. On every major downtown Boston corner – from Harbor Towers to the Jocelyn Clinic and many suburban downtowns, there was a SunnyCorner Farms.

In the 1980s, he sold the company and turned his attention exclusively to real estate development. His first speculative development was to build a 60,000 s.f. office building in Chelsea, in 1983, the first major building in over 100 years and the first after the great fire of 1974. He is credited with turning around the city, where he and his children developed 14 parcels of land, creating not just a vision but a reality of what was possible in a

city where people said commercial development was impossible. His most recent contribution to the city was to relocate the Federal Bureau of Investigation from Boston to Chelsea. The impossible was made possible by his determination, focus, and drive.

He has been a loyal supporter of Boston College and other opportunities to make education accessible and affordable, including the Simboli Family College Award for Chelsea High School graduates, which now numbers more than 150 recipients. He and his wife are committed to medical research and founded a Chair in Asthma Research and established the Asthma Clinical Research Center at the Brigham and Woman's Hospital; established the Simboli Family Fund for Esophageal Cancer Research at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, and supported the Pulmonary Medicine Department at the Mount Auburn Hospital.

Son of the late Pasquale and Mary (Gennazzi) Simboli. He leaves his wife Gloria, daughter Patricia Simboli, son Anthony J. Simboli, his grandchildren A.J., Trevor, and Daisy, and his sister Marie C. Simboli and brother Edward A. Simboli. He was predeceased by his younger brother, Patrick.

He loved life, tackled challenges, and relentlessly loved his family.

Funeral services will be private.

Expressions of sympathy can be made to the Boston College Anthony C. Simboli Scholarship Fund, University Advancement, Cadigan Alumni Center, 140 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.

Anna M. (Gullifa) DiPalma

December 3, 1931 ~ December 30, 2020

Anna M. (Gullifa) DiPalma, 89, of East Boston, passed away unexpectedly.

Beloved mother of the late Robert J. DiPalma Sr. Grandmother of Robert J. DiPalma Jr. and his wife Danielle of Beverly. Great-grandmother of Staci DiPalma of Beverly. Loving aunt of Diane Vaughn, Gail DellaCroce, Geri DellaCroce, Lynne Tranfaglia, Doreeen DeCrescito and Billy Gullifa. Also survived by many grand-nieces and grand-nephews. Beloved cousin of Rhonda Mariano.

Dear friend of Adriana and Lisa Giuliano who were the daughters she never had. Their love and devotion to Anna was immense and was appreciated by her every day.

Anna was well known for her generosity in all things. She had a big heart and loved to cook and had a special attachment to children. She became everyone's "grandma". She would greet you with her brash and tough voice, though beneath it all was the biggest heart and kindest soul. She was adored by her family, friends and anyone who came in contact with her.

Her kitchen table was the core of her home and heart where a fresh pot of coffee was always brewing. You could find someone at any given time at the table sampling her famous



pizzelle or biscotti. Her door was always open, especially to the "landlord" Rafaele and his sons Neffo and Ralph "Ralphy" who she watched grow up as children on Chelsea Street. Within the last few years, she grew a strong affection for the "landord's" grandson Christian. A special bond developed between the two of them. The sparkle in Anna's eyes reappeared when he was born and from that day forward she happily awaited his daily visits.

Anna was genuinely loved by all. A simple, humble woman

who lived her life to her fullest desires; baking, cooking, sharing her boisterous laughter with friends and family, she provided a comfort to everyone who crossed her path. There could never be another "Anna" but a bit of her will always live within us. She taught us to not take life so seriously and to enjoy the present moment. Rest In Peace dear Anna.

Visiting hours were held at Magrath Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. Followed by graveside services in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, MA;

Because of her love for children donations in her memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital would be appreciated.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

A Fresh Start for Two-Faced January

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

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



Perhaps there is no month more maligned in the calendar than January. The thrill of the holiday season has faded into the past, while the cold temperatures and bitter winds remain. Frequent snowstorms and icy blasts interrupt the frigid, gray days. The sky is the gray of dirty cotton balls, with only the palest of afternoon sunlight breaking through the clouds. Yet while it may seem odd to think of spring in the midst of such wintry scenes, signs of the upcoming season also surround us this month. Department store shelves explode in hues of red and pink as they boast Valentine's Day decorations. The green, purple and yellow icing from my Epiphany King Cake — a harbinger of the bright tones of spring — still coast the dish of leftover slices. The sun appears for a longer time in the sky, illuminating the dripping icicles on a still evening. However, as much as I shiver in anticipation at these signs of spring, I am constantly reminded that winter stubbornly persists throughout January. Biting winds and snowdrifts drive me inside warm jackets and sturdy boots. In-season Clementine's and lemons perfume the air with their tartness, while soothing cups of tea provide ultimate comfort. January is a month that follows the two-headed aspect of its namesake Janus, the ancient Roman god of transitions. After all, January encompasses both the frosty beauty of winter and the hope of the imminent spring, teaching us to appreciate both seasons at once.

When one thinks of January, frosty temperatures often come to mind. I imagine days when

the air feels like sharp pinpricks and I want nothing more than to curl up on the couch with a mug of steaming hot chocolate. January's gelid weather has even become etched into folklore — European legend marks January 13th, St. Hilary's Day (or *il Giorno di San Ilario* in Italian), as the coldest day of the year. However, January also gives me ample opportunities to celebrate, to revel in family gatherings where love and laughter form a shield against the arctic blasts outdoors. I have long associated January with parties, as a large number of family birthdays occur throughout the month: my brother's on the 8th, my best friend's on the 13th, my aunt's on the 14th, and my mother-in-law's on the 18th. These January birthday festivities contain all the cakes and gaiety one expects of parties, yet they feel more relaxed since they are now removed from the bustle of the holiday season. Indeed, January does provide us with a welcome respite from the excesses of the previous month. This January, I promise myself that I will focus on the pleasures of winter rather than bemoan the weather. I will binge-watch my favorite television shows while sipping creamy hot chocolate or perfectly spiced tea. I will snack on a juicy Clementine and bake up some goodies featuring seasonal citrus ingredients. I will let snowflakes melt on my tongue like I did when I was a child. Most of all, I hope that everyone will take advantage of January to enjoy the quiet treasures of the oft-defamed winter.

However, as much as January remains firmly enveloped by the trappings of winter, it does

intrigue us with soft whispers of spring. In Italy, no January holiday better introduces the coming spring than the Feast of St. Anthony the Abbot, or *la Festa di Sant'Antonio Abate*, which occurs on the 17th of the month. Because the eponymous fourth-century hermit is the patron saint of domestic animals, many Italians celebrate his feast day by honoring their pets or, if living in an agrarian community, their livestock. In many areas, farmers bring their livestock to the local church for a blessing. I remember watching one such ritual with my father on the Italian channel, my curiosity sparked by the lines of sheep, horses and cows winding their way through the cobbled streets of a medieval town towards the church, where a priest waited to bestow a benediction. This quaint festival reminds me of the nature which starts to blossom under the cold, snowy ground. The first tiny flower seeds are slowly budding beneath the ground, ready to wink hello to the world as the crocuses and snowdrops of February. Sheep begin the process of birthing lambs around this time as well. I know that sooner than I can expect, robins will be hopping among bare tree branches and small green sprouts will peek out of the dirt. In other parts of Italy, people light huge bonfires on the eve of St. Anthony's feast day. These bonfires light up the night sky with their bright orange blaze and warm the bodies and souls of all nearby, mimicking the sun's longer duration as winter cedes the way for spring. I sense the magic of *la Festa di Sant'Antonio Abate* even here, whenever I look up at the pale January twilight and ponder the cycle of the year shifting beneath my feet.

January can be the most exciting of months, bursting with the liminal energy of two seasons. It provides us with the perfect chance to reflect on the beauty and repose of winter, calling us into the tranquility of our homes. Sipping a mug of herbal tea while watching the snow drift, incorporating citrus fruits into desserts, and gathering with family and friends for joyous celebrations that can warm even the chilliest night are wonderful ways to enjoy the winter season. However, January also teaches us to remain forever hopeful for the promise of spring. This anticipation is evident in the Cupids and hearts that decorate store shelves, in the leisurely lengthening of days, and in the folkloristic festivals that honor animals and the natural world. January helps us become attuned to the changing course of the year, and if we always look for the wonders each season offers, we will be instilled with enough hope and optimism to weather the remainder of winter.

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Urban America's Housing Crisis Rolls Over into 2021

As this horrid year of 2020 concludes, I can only hope that 2021 will bring new hope, first, bringing the pandemic to an end, and second and more long-lasting that the City of Boston and its patchwork of vibrant neighborhoods survives the over development in these communities that is bringing the worst of gentrification into all of our lives.

Everywhere I look in East Boston, I see the rush to build, build, build and with every new development comes more negative impact on poor and working people trying to stay put where they live, but things keep getting more unaffordable for those who can least afford higher and higher rental costs. There's an old saying about the economy that a rising tide lifts all boats. That may work for business, but not for individuals and families.

I am a good case in point. During this current year, I was forced to relocate for nearly eight months after losing my long-time apartment in Eagle Hill. I never gave up, but was getting pretty frustrated and longed to be part of East Boston again. I am now settled into my

new Jeffries Point neighborhood and glad to be back home. What happened to me can't always happen for others.

Thank God, East Boston has a strong voice on the Boston City Council with Lydia Edwards. She has become a voice and vote for the working people of this neighborhood.

She seems to be striking a good balance between the wants of developers and the needs of the community's residents.

Personally, I believe that the 13 percent requirement for affordable units in large residential developments is too low. I also don't believe in absolving developers from even this minimal percentage by throwing money into a fund to build affordable units elsewhere.

High-end, high-rise housing is seemingly here to stay, but I believe city government needs to know when to say no, too. I am not against market price housing, but I think Boston should be affordable to people at all levels of the income spectrum. We don't have to wait for a vaccine to keep our neighborhoods vibrant for all. We just need the political will to do it.

• Simple Times (Continued from Page 2)

a graduate degree in music," John says. He applied to UMASS and was granted a full-teaching assistantship, teaching trumpet students from the Minuteman Marching Band. He enrolled at UMASS-Amherst, and opened a trumpet studio to teach students while attending graduate school.

In 1995, John's life changed upon accepting the music director job with Carnival Cruise Lines in the show band. Nearly 30 musicians staffed the ships live music venues. The show band was 11 pieces and played in show bands for the cruises. "That's where I met my wife Catherine, who was a dancer. My immediate connection was to her dad. I ate meals with some of the senior officers and deck officers with Carnival. They were all Italian. My culture follows me wherever I go."

John's travels with Carnival spread across the Atlantic, Pacific, and Caribbean to the Mediterranean — Spain, Italy, and France. "The senior officers at the time were all Italian. That's how I met the Italians. We had an extensive European run with Carnival Cruise as my wife and I were very experienced. And good at what we did," John laughs.

After finishing his 11-year Carnival Cruise Line career, John returned to Utica in 2006 to revive a deteriorating jazz scene after Sal Amico, an Italian elder, passed away. The music culture was rich for decades. "I brought in New York acts to play music. Some musical acts had a connection to Utica, so I invited them in to keep the culture rich."

John's biggest influence playing trumpet was his dad.

Though riddled with cancer never stopped them playing together with La Banda Rosa a final time at the Veterans Day event in 2014. He died the following March. Change arrived again as John looked ahead. "I decided after my dad died I sought another opportunity out of my hometown. I received an urgent e-mail in May 2015 from a roommate at Crane School informing me of a teaching job in Boston. I accepted the position as director of music at Rockland Public Schools on the South Shore."

While playing years earlier for La Banda Rosa in Utica, John and his family took bus trips to Boston to play at the Maria Della Cava. After losing his parents and moving from home, John faced a challenging time as he thought much about the rich culture he lived amidst for decades. Yet that stark reality-check gave new meaning to all the memories from his mother, aunts, grandmother, family and neighbors.

"I started attending the Saint Rosalia Feast in the North End," John continues, "I felt like I was home. I met Frank Mareacia, whom is the Capo Banda of the Lawrence, Massachusetts, Italian American band. We spoke about music and I told him I play trumpet. I play with that band. I feel energized and at home whenever I'm in the North End!"

John, Catherine, and their daughter all play a musical instrument. Catherine is a dance teacher. They reside in Duxbury.

Editor's Note: John's teaching at Rockland is fully remote during the COVID-19 crisis.

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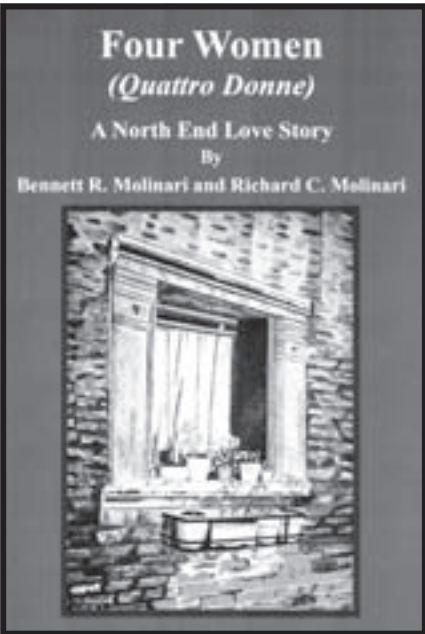
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Introducing a new book by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari,
lifelong residents of the North End, entitled:
Four Women “Quattro Donne”
subtitle, **A North End Love Story**

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

AN UNEXPECTED
ARRIVAL
(continued)

Whenever the girls got into the water, they wanted to play volleyball. It would usually break down to Grace and Mom on one side, Theresa and Auntie Stella on the other. The game would never take place. The moment the girls began playing, one of the boys would invariably grab the beach ball to play a competing game of volleyball, driving the girls crazy. All this, while Grandma stood making her paddle wheels, and Dad floating on by. Every so often, a crab would take flight, and one of the girls would scream, as Charlie couldn't resist tossing them at the women. Ideally, it would be a horseshoe crab, but because they were few and far between, any old crab would do or a blob of seaweed, when nothing else was available. In the meantime, Uncle Jimmy and Uncle Tino remained on their canvas beach chairs, talking and dozing off in the heat of the day. While all this activity was taking place, Pietro tended to stay aloof, stretching himself out on the beach to get sun, attracting the local bathing beauties with his good looks, lean body and Italian accent. Just like in the North End, Pietro became immediately sought after by the girls. All of this, under Mom's watchful eye, wondering to herself, "Will he ever become a priest?" It was late afternoon, Grandma



was busy laying out food on the old army blankets, she and Auntie Angie had shaken clean of sand, arranging the four blankets into one large square. From out of the wicker baskets emerged meatball and sausage sandwiches, stuffed peppers, eggplant parmesan and pizza along with an assortment of cold cuts and fruit. Grandma placed the food in the center of the square as we gathered at the edges, choosing whatever we desired from the selections she had prepared. Auntie Angie, always fastidious, took great care to keep the blankets clear of anything that decided to crawl or alight onto them. While waving her arms over the food, she looked up, gasped for a moment, and let out one of her ominous, "Oh Ohs!" Mom and

Auntie Stella, instinctively knowing trouble was on its way, simultaneously turned in the direction Auntie Angie was staring, and could hardly believe their eyes. Carla was walking along the beach, coming in our direction, and she looked like a million bucks. She was wearing a white floral skirt, cut just below her knees, tied at the waist. It was split up the front, revealing tanned shapely legs. A white scoop blouse, peasant style, rested just off her tanned shoulders, tantalizingly giving the impression, it was about to slip off at any second. Her long auburn hair kept blowing across her face and over her shoulders, and of course, there were those beautiful green eyes. She appeared more goddess than human, a creature of the Aegean, a Circe from the island of the sirens.

Pietro, who had rejoined the guys, was horsing around in the water, unaware of the earthquake about to take place. Pietro was the first of the guys to catch sight of Carla. He reacted as if hit by an electric shock. Seeming to lose all control, he rushed out of the water in her direction, in full view of Mom, Auntie Stella and Auntie Angie, with Grandma looking startled. Carla had arrived unexpectedly, the Ricci brothers and father were close by, and Pietro head over heels in love. Dark clouds had blown in from the sea, we were in for a summer storm.

Four Women “Quattro Donne” A North End Love Story, is available at R. Del Gaudio Gift Shop, 17 North Square North End (617-227-5915), adjoining Paul Revere House; Post-Gazette; Saint Francis Book Store and Gift Shop at Saint Leonard Peace Garden; lulu.com; molinaridesign.net; Amazon.com; and Barnes and Noble.com. Bookshop.org; Barbara's Bestsellers, South Station (857-263-8737); Greetings from Boston, Faneuil Hall.

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December was not only a month filled with giveaways and distributions for seniors but also an opportunity to provide a joyous holiday to the families the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) serves, thanks to Strada 234. Teri Groome organized the donation and brought heavy, overflowing bags of puzzles, dolls, games, sports equipment, plushies, and more for boys and girls of all ages. Local parents received the toys to give to their children in time for Christmas, and the gifts looked cheerful, inviting, and festive under the center's holiday tree. Many recipients work at low-wage jobs to afford Boston's cost of living. They simply do not have the funds in their budget to provide toys and the NE/WE NSC was thrilled to assist them! "Thank you for making it possible for me to pick out toys for my three little ones," one mom enthused. "This has been a hard year for our family, and I am so happy to put some extra surprises under the tree. Please thank them, the donors, for picking out such nice things."

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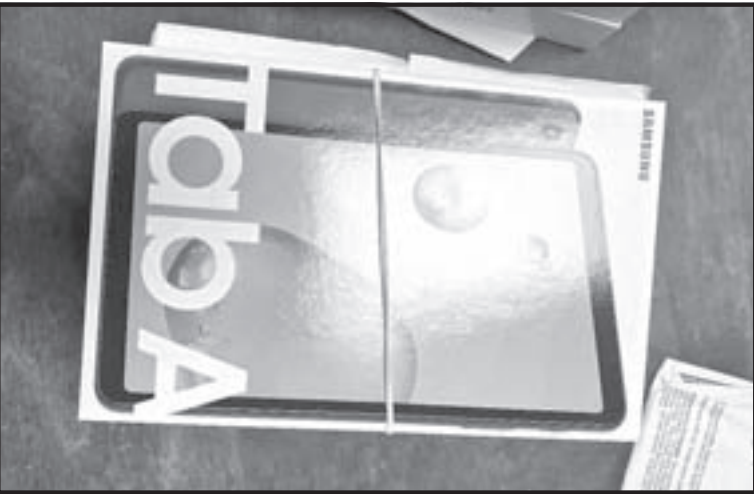
Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

Goodbye to a wicked year and welcome to 2021, a New Year! A fresh start never sounded so good! We're all praying that 2021 is a much better year with health and prosperity ... The Best of 2020 and the worst. *The worst* is a deadly virus contaminating the world. Millions died all over the world! Government shutdowns caused veteran restaurants and small businesses to go out of business. The governor's shutdowns have taken a toll. Thousands have been laid off. ... Many restaurants on the North Shore closed for the winter. Blue Ox Restaurant in Lynn and La Vita Mia Restaurant in Saugus are but just two of the many closing! ... Day Square in East Boston is all but a ghost town with the exception of Spinelli's Pasta and Pastry Shop that keeps the square alive ... The year changed sports as we know it! In a mere 24-hours back in March 2020, Dr. Fauci told a Congressional committee the NBA shouldn't allow fans at games when a NBA star tested positive, and every major sports league shut down. It was the turning point in the pandemic

and one of the most extraordinary days in the history of sports ... Big night for Chinese restaurants wasn't that big after all! ... *The Best*: A tough year turned out to be good for rescue animals ... Some wives learned to appreciate their husbands ... The government is looking to break up Facebook, an unlawful monopoly that is hurting consumers ... Video helped some shut-ins through the pandemic ... Television wasn't spared by the pandemic. There was an abundance of television shows to watch ... The stock market sizzled during the pandemic, with thousands out of work. But will the gains hold up with Joe Biden as president? ... *Coming up in 2021*: Tiny last minute tax changes could be a big deal in 2021. From stimulus checks to early retirement plan withdrawals, there will be some late breaking items that could alter either a 2020 return or how you approach your taxes in the year to come. The new year also brings automatic inflation adjustments that slightly shift tax brackets and some other thresholds With cases surging and winter upon us we're not out of the woods yet. But the arrival of the vaccine and

other key break throughs have brought us into a promising new era ... The coronavirus vaccine came together in record time, and now scientists say the technology has the potential to revolutionize how we fight other diseases ... U.S. surpassing 20 million COVID-19 cases ended the year 2020, as experts warn it'll take months for vaccines to turn the tide ... A problem yet to be resolved! Coughing, sneezing, vomiting! Visibly ill people are still allowed to board a plane. One airline expects its customers to disinfect their seats after they hand out disinfectant material to them as they board. (Many would do that anyway, but expect airlines to disinfect also). Also there is no social distancing and planes are overcrowded. Without health security rules by the Transportation Department air travel will continue to spread COVID ... Last but not least, let's not forget the corrupt 2020 presidential election that stole votes from swing states away from President Trump and padded Joe Biden votes!!! ... So goodbye to a year nobody wants to remember and till next time *Stay Healthy and Happy New Year!*

Age Strong Commission Gets ABCD North End/West End NSC Seniors Online with Free Tablets and Internet Service



The ABCD North End West End/Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) was the grateful recipients of fifteen tablets with three months of complimentary internet service from Age Strong. NE/WE NSC staff set up the tablets with Zoom and assisted clients that needed help in making an email address and creating a password. Some recipients had never used a computer before. One client reported after picking up the tablet for her mother that now her mom is often online! She enjoys YouTube and listening to opera and reading about happenings in the neighborhood with Waterfront News.

Maria Stella Gulla, Director, ABCD North End/West End NSC, says, "We have a few tablets remaining so if you know a senior that would like one, please call the office at 617-523-8125. Our goal in the New Year is to make some videos about cooking or other topics of interest, and seniors can get online to view them with their tablets!" The NE/WE NSC closes with thanks to the Age Strong Commission in making technology accessible for older adults, and extends appreciation in particular to Emily Shea, Age Strong Commissioner; Melissa Carlson, Deputy Commissioner of Programs and Partnerships; Alison Freeman, Director, Area Agency on Aging; and Luis Ottonelli, Program Monitor, for all they do to support the center's work.



School Choice Season Begins for the 2021-22 School Year

Families of Students Entering Grades K0, K1, 6, 7, and 9 May Begin Registering Students for Fall 2021

Boston Public Schools (BPS) began the school registration season for the 2021-22 school year on Tuesday January 5th. BPS offers a variety of options to meet the needs of all families — from dual language schools to develop bilingual learners, to performing arts programming, and much more. We encourage all Boston families to come discover the perfect fit for their children.

During the BPS school choice season, prospective BPS families can learn about their many school choice options and attend interactive virtual school visits and information sessions. The priority registration period for students entering grades K0, K1, 6, 7, and 9 in Fall 2021 runs from January 5th - January 29th. The priority registration period for students entering K2 and all other grades, runs from February 8th - April 5th.

Families are encouraged to pre-register and schedule an appointment to complete the registration process over the phone, to be assisted by a Welcome Services registration specialist. Full details on the BPS registration process

are available at: bostonpublicschools.org/register, including student registration forms and registration document checklists in 10 languages.

"BPS is excited to welcome new students and families into our community, and we are committed to meeting families where they are to ensure this school choice season is as convenient as possible," said BPS Superintendent Brenda Cassellius. "I am proud of the swift work of our Welcome Services team last spring to make the registration process more accessible and safe for our families by providing the option to register for school online and by phone. Our team is ready to welcome our new students and families!"

BPS Welcome Centers are temporarily closed to the public. Last spring, following the closure of BPS schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic, BPS Welcome Services began offering registration services by phone and online. Previously, all BPS families had to visit a Welcome Center to complete the registration process.

BPS is hosting virtual registration information sessions for

families to learn more about the registration process. In addition, all schools are holding virtual School Preview Times throughout January for prospective families to learn more about each school community, meet the school leaders, and ask questions about the schools and the various programs they offer. A sign-up form and list of times for each school is available at: bostonpublicschools.org/schoolpreview.

"Boston Public Schools educators and staff work tirelessly to provide our students with an excellent and equitable education every single day," said Boston School Committee Chairperson Alexandra Oliver-Dávila. "I hope parents and caregivers across the City of Boston take advantage of the convenient, virtual opportunities to explore their BPS options this registration season to help them make the best choice for their family."

Anyone who registers at any time during their designated priority registration period has an equal opportunity of obtaining a seat in the school of their choice.

Families are also encouraged to visit the Discover BPS portal, a school search engine with information about all BPS schools that helps parents and guardians understand which schools their child is eligible to attend. For more information on the school registration process, visit: bostonpublicschools.org/register or call the BPS Welcome Services hotline at 617-635-9046.

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Saint Florian

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

St. Florian was born around 250 AD in the ancient Roman city of Aelium Cetium, in what is today Sankt Pölten, Austria.

Florian was a respected Roman army officer whose responsibilities included commanding a fire brigade. He was undoubtedly highly respected by the authorities.

However, when the Diocletian persecution began, Florian’s legendary “Acts” state that he gave himself up at Lorch to the soldiers of the governor, Aquilinus when they were rounding up Christians.

He would not denounce his faith; therefore the decision was to burn him at the stake. Florian apparently spoke about being consumed by fire as a positive way for him to enter into heaven. So the soldiers instead, tortured him in other ways, including ripping the skin off his body. Finally the soldiers looped a rope around Florian’s neck and pitched him into the River Enns where he drowned.

Florian’s body was recovered and buried by a Christian lady. Later his remains were taken to the Augustinian Abbey of St. Florian near the present day city of Linz, Austria.

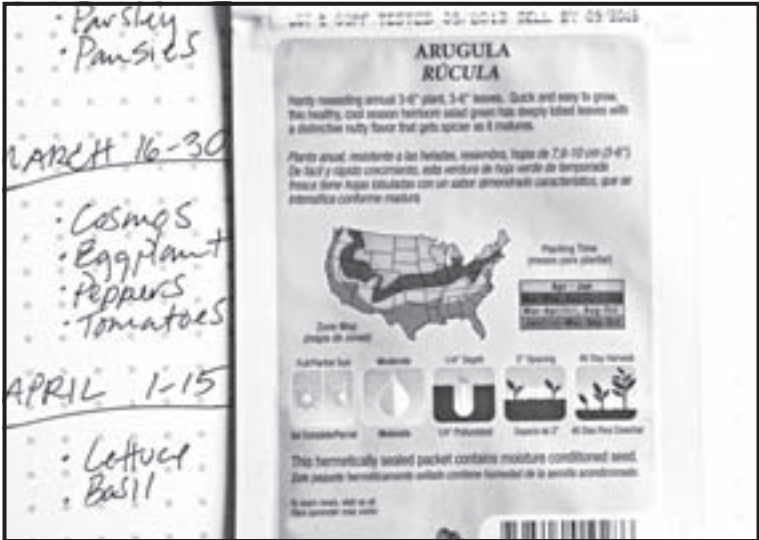
In 1138, King Casimir of Poland and the Bishop of Cracow requested that some of St. Florian’s relics be taken to the city of Cracow. Since that time St. Florian has been considered a patron Saint of Poland, along with his patronage of the city of Linz. There were many miracles reported through his intercession. The Feast Day of Saint Florian is celebrated on May 4th.



Saint Florian is the Patron Saint of Linz, Austria; Kraków, Poland; chimneysweeps; fire-fighters; soap boilers; Upper Austria patron to all things in the prevention of danger from fire.

Save Time and Increase Success By Creating a Garden Calendar

by Melinda Myers



Check the back of the seed packet to determine when to start seeds indoors and when to move the transplants into the garden.

(Photo by MelindaMyers.com)

Ring in the New Year is filled with resolutions that usually involve dieting and exercise. Gardening is a great way to help accomplish those two resolutions, while also improving your mood, reducing blood pressure, managing anger, maintaining flexibility and much more.

So, gather anyone that shares in your gardening efforts and landscape projects. Grab a calendar and make some gardening plans for the year ahead. Consider including a monthly project that you all can share and one that moves you closer to your long-term gardening and landscaping goals.

Start the year right by growing some microgreens. They are quick, easy and require no special equipment. Plus, recent research found that many contain as much as 25 times more nutrients as the leaves of the full-grown plant.

Take some time to inventory your current seed collection. Decide what seeds you want to keep and grow this season and those you want to pass along to gardening friends. You may choose to make seed art with older or improperly stored seeds and invest in fresh seeds that are sure to germinate.

Once you complete your inventory, review new catalogs, and make a list of seeds and plants you want to include this year. Order early for the greatest selection and availability. A recent increase in gardeners means more people shopping for the seeds and plants you want to buy.

While you wait for your seed order to arrive, prepare a space and organize supplies for starting any seeds indoors as needed. Clear a space, check your grow lights, and gather the needed seed starting mix and clean containers. Soak used containers in a one-part bleach

and 9-parts water solution for ten minutes. Then rinse with clear water before reusing them this year.

Once you know what you want to grow, it is time to create a seed starting calendar. Check the catalogue, University Extension recommendations, and back of the packet to determine when you need to start the seeds indoors or out. Include dates for starting seeds indoors and directly in the garden. Note the recommended date for moving transplants into the garden. Add in time as needed to harden off transplants. Gradually introducing plants to the garden environment over a two-week period reduces transplant shock and increases your success.

Mark your calendar for peak harvest times in your region. Make sure to allow sufficient time for harvesting and preserving. Supplement your own harvest with produce from farmer’s markets and pick-your-own farms. Most post expected picking and produce availability dates on their website, so you can plan ahead. As the season begins, confirm picking times and invite family and friends for a harvest and preservation party.

Record all this information on your calendar, garden chart or a spreadsheet to help keep your gardening efforts on track. This will also help you identify the best time to embark on larger landscaping projects or hire a plant sitter when you are away from the garden.

Make this the year you resolve to accomplish your gardening goals in a timely manner. You’ll maximize your harvest, enjoyment, and other gardening benefits.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener’s Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses How to Grow Anything DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Her web site is: www.melindamyers.com

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DREAMLAND (Blu-ray)
Paramount Home Ent.

Margot Robbie stars in this stunning love story set amidst America's struggle during the Great Depression. Eugene Evans (Finn Cole), dreams of escaping his small Texas town when he discovers wounded fugitive bank robber, Allison Wells (Robbie) hiding closer than he could ever imagine. Torn between claiming the bounty for her capture and his growing attraction to the seductive criminal, nothing is as it seems, and Eugene must make a decision that will forever affect the lives of everyone he's ever loved.

WANDER (DVD)
Paramount Home Ent.

Aaron Eckhart, Tommy Lee Jones and Heather Graham star in the edge-of-your-seat thriller *Wander*, following Arthur Bretnik a paranoid private investigator with a troubled past. After Bretnik (Eckhart) is hired to investigate a suspicious death in the town of Wander, he becomes convinced the case is linked to the same "conspiracy cover-up" that caused the death of his daughter.

AFTERGLOW + RAY MEETS HELEN – ALAN RUDOLPH DOUBLE FEATURE (Blu-ray)
Moonstone Ent.

Afterglow: Nick Nolte, Julie Christie, Lara Flynn Boyle and Jonny Lee Miller star in director Alan Rudolph's wry romance about a handyman who wreaks havoc and builds romance in two marriages. Desperate to have a baby, Marianne hires Lucky Mann to remodel a nursery. There's just one problem, Marianne's not pregnant and her husband isn't interested in sex. So what's a handyman to do? **Ray Meets Helen:** In bizarre, unrelated turns of events, Ray (Keith Carradine) and Helen (Sondra Locke) each happen upon large sums of money, which gives them the chance to re-invent themselves. From acclaimed writer/director Alan Rudolph, *Ray Meets Helen* features an all-star supporting cast that includes Keith David, Samantha Mathis and Jennifer Tilly.

WHERE I BELONG (DVD)
Corinth Films

The politics of the Third Reich drove thousands of Austrians into exile. For many, England was the first safe haven. When the war ended, the world, as they knew it had changed forever and many would never return to their homeland. Rosemarie Koschitz is a hard-working young woman like many other of her age in the late 1950s England, and the only person her father — embittered emigré Friedrich Koschitz — has left. While Friedrich tries in vain to reclaim the estate that was taken from them during the war, Rosemarie's life is split between evenings in the dance hall with her friends and the monotonous routine of her job and life with her father. Both of their lives are forever changed, however when Friedrich's old friend, Anton, a charming but married man in his 40's, from the internment camp, appears at the door late one night. His arrival triggers love, loss and longing in this intense period drama.

12 HOUR SHIFT (DVD)
Magnolia-IndiePix Films

Set in a small-town Arkansas hospital in 1999, *12 Hour Shift* follows Mandy (Angela Bettis), a drug-addicted nurse who gets caught in the middle of a black market organ-trading scheme after her ruthless, scheming cousin, Regina (Chloe Farnworth), misplaces a kidney scheduled for delivery that night. Death soon descends on the hospital as a mob boss and an injured convict (David Arquette) terrorizes patients, while Mandy and Regina scramble to replace the lost organ by any means necessary. Nothing is off the table and every patient is at risk as Mandy fights to restore order and appease the ruthless black market bosses.

MY GERMAN FRIEND (DVD)
Corinth Films

After World War II, Argentina became a haven for Jews and Nazis alike. Friedrich and Sulamit are childhood friends; the former the son of a Nazi war criminal, and the latter the daughter of a wealthy, but sickly Jewish marzipan factory owner. Sulamit's father suspects the origins of Friedrich's family but is powerless to stop his daughter from falling in love with the sweet and handsome German boy. Years later, still very close to Sulamit, Friedrich discovers his father's past and cuts himself from the family, and moves to Germany for a scholarship to study politics. Sulamit secures a scholarship to study in Germany as well and reunites with Friedrich, who unbeknownst to her has become deeply involved in revolutionary activities in response to fascist governments around the world. After an arms heist goes wrong, Friedrich disappears, prompting Sulamit to find out what happened to her German friend.

BATWOMAN & THE PANTHER WOMAN: DOUBLE FEATURE (Blu-ray)
VCI Ent.

Batwoman: After the body of a professional wrestler is found off Acapulco's coastline, the victim, by all appearances is believed to have drowned. However, the autopsy reveals a very perplexing and disturbing prognosis, when it's discovered the victim's pineal gland has been surgically drained of all fluid. With this prognosis eerily imitating the findings in the autopsies of murdered victims in Hong Kong and Macao, the police turn the investigation over to Mario Roble, who enlists the help of a beautiful crime fighting luchador (Mexican wrestler), known as Batwoman. Their thorough investigation leads them to an evil neurosurgeon who is using the fluid in his endeavors to genetically engineer a half fish, half man hybrid. **The Panther Women:** In an effort to resurrect the dead leader of their satanic cult, the Panther Women must perform blood sacrifices; these beautiful sirens of Satan perform their life-resurrecting rituals, shedding much innocent blood. However, the accomplishment of their goal is thwarted, after Captain Diaz becomes wise to the evil dealing and quest!

The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giaratani

WORDS TO THE WISE

Back in 2004, when U.S. Rep. Jim DeMint, R-SC, ran for the U.S. Senate and won two times serving from 2005-2013 when he retired to take over the Heritage Foundation. Back during the 2004 campaign, he stated America was witnessing an "eleventh hour crisis in democracy."

He also pointed out clearly, "How can a nation survive when a majority of its citizens, now dependent on government services, no longer have the incentive to restrain the growth of government?"

NEW WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT

Here are two new websites I have discovered recently, *CatholicMilitant.com* and *ChristianNewsJournal.com*. We need all the news sources we can find to go around the mainstream Fake News Media cherry-picking what news we get to hear and see.

JERRY WILLIAMS WAS THE KING OF BOSTON TALK RADIO

I always loved listening to the radio growing up, especially at night with Arnie "Woo-Woo" Gingsberg on his *Night Train Show* on WMEX. I also liked listening to radio talk shows, too. My favorite guy was Jerry Williams also on WMEX.

No one in talk radio history can match Williams. He started in Philly, came to WMEX in Boston, left us for Chicago and returned again back here to WBZ radio, then to WRKO.

Recently, two guys authored *Burning Up the Air*, the definitive biography of Jerry Williams. Alan Tolz and Steve Elman recently appeared on the *Bob Katzen Show* on Sunday, December 27th. Three great hour memories of the way talk radio was born in Boston. It's always hard to describe Williams as either liberal or conservative, he was just Jerry Williams. When I liked what he was saying, I loved him, but when he and I disagreed, I thought he was full of it, too.

I did finally meet up with him over at WROL, the Salem Broadcasting Company, at Marina Bay in Quincy where he amazingly was doing a show about 20 years ago and I got to speak with him and told him I would never forget what he did for his listeners, especially during those dark days of busing when he and Avi Nelson over on WHDH radio kept the lid on Boston.

If you haven't been listening to Bob Katzen on Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m., check him out on WMEX 1510 am and you won't regret it.

SAY A PRAYER FOR FATHER MacDONALD

I met someone during my eight months of exile in Roslindale until I found my new place in Eastie. He was a senior priest at St. John Chrysostom whose name was Father Paul MacDonald. He was ordained back in 1959, and served in many parishes but always called West Roxbury his home.

I would often talk with him either before Mass or right after it ended. He is a really nice

man. I heard he passed after a brief illness. I'm glad to have met him over at St. John's. We meet lots of people in our lives and I thank God I got to meet this priest. I will keep him in my prayers.

K.C. JONES: GREAT PIANO BAR CROONER TOO

On the day that the death of K.C. Jones was announced, WMEX played a recording of Jones made back in 1968 at the Last Hurrah piano bar inside the Parker House Hotel at the corner of School and Tremont Streets. He was a regular there after many games at the Garden down the street. On this particular night he sang, "You'll Never be Happy Until You Find Someone to Love." Someone recorded it and it sounded great; he could have won *American Idol* if it were on back then. Great voice, great player on the parkay, and a great all-around person, too.

BUGS BUNNY TURNED 80 IN JULY BUT ...

I had no idea that Bugs Bunny was born on July 27, 1940, but I just found out the other day and I thought I should wish the Crazy Wabbit a happy birthday on reaching the Big 8-ZERO. It was on that long ago July morning that Bugs had the insouciant foolhardiness and audacity to ask strangers on the street, "What's Up, Doc?"

I hear he appeared in over 150 cartoons for Warner Bros. with that street-smart yet reluctant reserve with that Noo Yawk accent provided by Mel Blanc.

What would have Porky Pig and Daffy Duck done without him?

ILLEGAL ZERO GROWTH POPULATION?

For over at least 20 years the estimate given by our vaulted fake news media keeps repeating that there are 12 million illegal immigrants living in the shadows of America and most of us know that number remains unchanged for a reason, politicians are downplaying this crisis.

Recently, I heard Sabastian Gorka on Newsmax TV being interviewed about the upcoming Georgia U.S. Senate run-offs and the impact of the growing illegal population in our nation, saying there were some 25 million illegals here. I think his numbers are probably more right than not. No way the number stays stagnant for over 20 years.

Gorka is always good. I always saw him on one Fox News show or another and now I hear he has a radio show on America First Radio Network, too.

BOUND TOGETHER AS ONE

"We are one country bound together with a common destiny. We all cherish our ethnic backgrounds but still be every inch an American."

— former Vice President Dan Quayle in 1999

CHECK OUT ...

Check out Michele Malkin *SovereignNation* on NEWSMAX TV weekends. Good show. She's up there with Judge Jeannine Pirro weekends on Fox News. These ladies are tough and tell it like it is.

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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 would return to just playing during the evenings of the midweek and definitely on weekends. Dad would also be back to work days at his 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 societies in both 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 and succumbed to the disease after it spread to her lungs late in 1958. Christmas 1958 was not a happy time.

During WWII, after her heart attack, Babbononno sold the big house on Eutaw Street in East Boston, as it was too much for Nanna 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 Street, Dad and Mom rented a third floor walk-up at 74 Eutaw Street, two doors away. The house was and still is attached to number 72 Eutaw Street. Seventy-four was owned by the parents of a woman Mom had grown up with and her husband was someone Dad had grown up with. They had the 3rd floor apartment available and we moved the distance of two houses away from where I was born.

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, hoping 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 after the war and were just starting out, they moved in with us. For almost a year, they took over my bedroom and I had the living room couch. When they finally found an apartment, I had my bedroom back. When it was Babbononno's turn, 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 of 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 on-going 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, 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 had just started on a teaching career, was playing music as many nights as I could afford, and began taking courses toward a Masters 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, swearing all the way in two languages.

He told Mom at dinner the 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 East Boston she didn't want to move. When the scenario 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 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.

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. We 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 loved along with the Di Nobili cigars he chose to smoke. 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 the matter, she said, "I called your grandfather a while ago and a woman answered. It turned out to be a neighbor near his age and seeing he was in his mid-90s and she 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 ... we did and Babbononno stayed there until the woman passed away and it was time for a nursing home for my grandfather. It had reached a point where he needed 24-7 assistance. He made it to the ripe old age of 99.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



by
**Marianna
Bisignano**

I can't think of anything more comforting on a cold winter day than a steaming *cappuccino* and a freshly baked soft *biscotti*! Derived from the Italian word "*bis*" meaning "twice" and "*cotti*" meaning "cooked," most people hear "biscotti" and immediately think of the twice cooked hard cookies that are best when "dunked in coffee". While these traditional Italian twice baked biscotti may be a tasty accompaniment to your morning coffee, they are not always so appealing to everyone. In fact, many people seem to prefer the softer version that tastes just as delicious, but do not have to be dunked to enjoy!

My Nonna made all kinds of what she referred to as "*biscotti*," ranging from savory to sweet and soft to crunchy. When I think back, it seems she referred to any cookie she made in a log form and sliced, to a *biscotti*! One in particular she made that everyone loved was what she called her "Soft Italian Biscotti". Her recipe for these uses just a few ingredients that you most likely already have on hand. The logs can be baked, iced and sliced, for a soft *biscotti*, or even twice baked for a slightly crisper rendition. "Nonna's Soft Italian Biscotti" are simple yet delicious, and just perfect when paired with a hot cappuccino on a cold winter's day!

NONNA'S SOFT ITALIAN BISCOTTI
Biscotti Morbidi Italiani di Nonna



- Biscotti Dough:**

 - ½ pound butter (2 sticks)
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 2 extra-large or 3 medium eggs
 - ½ cup whole milk
- Icing:**

 - 2 cups confectioners' sugar
 - 3 to 4 tablespoons whole milk
- 2 teaspoons anise extract

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

3 cups all-purpose flour

1 tablespoon baking powder

¼ teaspoon baking soda

1 ½ tablespoons butter, melted

1 ½ teaspoons lemon extract

TO MAKE BISCOTTI: Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside. In a large bowl, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, mix well. Add milk and extracts, blend until combined. In a medium bowl, sift together flour, baking powder and baking soda. Add to creamy mixture, mixing with a wooden spoon or spatula until well blended. Cover with saran wrap and refrigerate dough about 30-45 minutes or until firm enough to form a log.

Preheat the oven to 350°. Put dough on a lightly floured board and divide in half. Gently roll each half into 2 logs approximately 2 inches wide and 12 inches long. Place the logs (two on each baking sheet) spaced apart (dough spreads during baking) on prepared baking sheets and flatten with palms of hands.

For the softest version (this is the version I make), bake for about 16-20 minutes or until light brown. Cool and ice.

For a twice baked slightly crisper version, bake for 10 minutes. Remove baking sheets from the oven and gently cut logs on a diagonal into 1-inch slices. Place slices sides down back on baking sheets and return to 350° oven and bake until slightly golden colored. Turn over to toast evenly on both sides. Cool and ice or leave plain, if desired.

TO MAKE ICING: Place confectioners' sugar in a large mixing bowl. Add milk, butter, extract and beat until smooth. Add additional milk and/or confectioners' sugar, as needed.


Store biscotti in tin cans layered between wax paper.
Marianna Bisignano is a psychologist for the Boston Public Schools and can be reached at nonnasrecipebox@gmail.com

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• **COVID-19 Update** (Continued from Page 1)



PHASE ONE

In order of priority


- Clinical and non-clinical healthcare workers doing direct and COVID-facing care
- Long term care facilities, rest homes and assisted living facilities
- First responders (EMS, Fire, Police)
- Congregate care settings (including corrections and shelters)
- Home-based healthcare workers
- Healthcare workers doing non-COVID-facing care



PHASE TWO

In order of priority

- Individuals with 2+ comorbidities and/or age 75+ (high risk for COVID-19 complications)
- Early education and K-12 workers, transit, grocery, utility, food and agriculture, sanitation, public works and public health workers
- Adults 65+
- Individuals with one comorbidity



PHASE THREE

Vaccine available to general public

December - February

February - April

April - June

Estimated timeframes

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Testing: The Mayor reiterated that testing is one of the City's best tools to slow the spread of COVID-19. There are more than 30 testing sites throughout the city, including mobile sites which are free and open to all, regardless of symptoms. This week they are:

In **Hyde Park**, at Boston Renaissance Charter School. This is a drive-thru only site and you must make an appointment.

In **Roxbury**, at Washington Park Mall. This is a walk-up site and registration is required.

In **Jamaica Plain**, at the Anna Cole Community Center. This is a walk-up site and no appointment or registration are required.

For more info visit: Boston.gov or call 3-1-1.

The Mayor said "If you think may have been exposed — get tested. If you traveled for the holidays — get tested. If it's been a while since your last test — get tested. Get tested regularly. Make it a New Year's Resolution."

Vaccines: The CDC came out with guidelines for the vaccination plan, and each state adapted that plan. Massachusetts created a distribution schedule, prioritizing

highest-risk residents. The full schedule is available at: **Mass.gov**. The City of Boston is following the State's lead and supporting an equitable distribution of vaccines.

Last week, Boston EMT's and residents and staff at long-term care facilities started getting vaccinated. On January 4th the Governor announced that all first responders throughout Massachusetts will begin getting the COVID vaccines starting on January 11th, including EMT's, firefighters, and police officers. There will be about 1,500 slots for Boston's first responders to get vaccinated in partnership with Tufts Medical Center. The Mayor urges everyone to get the vaccine, when your time comes, because it's safe, free, and it's the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones.

2021 State of the City: The Mayor reflected on how ever since the pandemic began, the Boston community has gotten creative to keep our favorite traditions alive.

On Tuesday January 12th =, he will give his annual State of the City address. This year's event will be entirely virtual. He plans to discuss how our city came together to face the challenges of the past year, and he'll lay out our plans for a strong and equitable recovery.

He said that more than ever, this year's State of the City is about the people of Boston.

It's about our shared hopes for the future, and he encourages everyone to tune in.

The 2021 State of the City will begin at 7:30 p.m. It will be broadcast live on our local TV stations and via livestream at: **Boston.gov**.

The Mayor closed with this reflection: *"We've worked incredibly hard over the past year: to care for the sick and the struggling, and to launch a strong recovery. The steps we take in this New Year will be pivotal. So let's keep standing strong. There are many reasons to be hopeful, but that doesn't mean that any of us should let our guard down. If anything, now is a time to double down. 2020 was one of the hardest years in Boston's history, and I believe that 2021 will be our proudest. I thank everyone for doing their part."*

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VIN # 4A3AA46G72E153748
- 2021 YONGFU SCORCH YN50QT
VIN # LL0TCAPR5MG000321
- 2020 YONGFU AMIGO CITI50
VIN # LL01CAPP9LG000044
- 2017 HYUNDAI ACCENT
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- 2020 HONDA CIVIC
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- 2005 NISSAN SENTRA
VIN 3N1CB51D85L565969
- 2003 MERCEDES C CLASS
VIN # WDBRF61J83E013956
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20C0717CA
In the Matter of
JENNIFER MARA FRIZZELL
CITATION ON
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Jennifer Mara Frizzell of Concord, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Jennifer Mara Coty.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 26, 2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
First Justice of this Court
Date: December 29, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run Date: 01/08/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20P5711EA
Estate of
ROBERT L. KEMP
Date of Death: September 25, 2020
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Mary M. Kemp of Concord, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Mary M. Kemp of Concord, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
Run date: 01/08/2021

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Docket No. MI20P5602EA
Estate of
ANTHONY B. ARDAGNA
Also Known As
ANTONINO ARDAGNA
Date of Death: September 29, 2019
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Rose Mary Ardagna of Medford, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Rose Mary Ardagna of Medford, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
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VIN # WBA5B3C51FD540979
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Denver County, Colorado
1437 Bannock Street, Room 230
Denver, CO 80202
Case Number 2020PR434
Division Courtroom
In the Matter of the Estate of:
BARBARA JEAN HOLMES
aka BARBARA HOLMES
BARBARA J. HOLMES
Deceased
Date of Death: September 27, 2020
NOTICE OF HEARING
BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO
§ 15-10-401, C.R.S.
To Laurence Holmes, Jr.
Last Known Address, if any; Boston, MA
A hearing on Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative of Family Member's Estate will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued:
Date: 01/25/2021 Time: 8:00am
Courtroom or Division: Denver Probate Court
Address: 1437 Bannock Street, Room 230, Denver, CO 80202
The hearing will take approximately 2 hours.
Run dates: 01/08, 01/15, 01/22/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20P2323EA
Estate of
CHARLES A. FERRARI
Also Known As
CHARLES AUGUSTUS FERRARI
Date of Death: April 11, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by Dolores P. Agostinelli of Southborough, MA requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.
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 21, 2021.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,
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Date: December 31, 2020
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Docket No. MI20P4359EA
Estate of
GERALD J. CIARDIELLO
Date of Death: August 22, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 20, 2021.
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UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 23, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/08/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

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Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20P5619EA
Estate of
CARL L. MAIOCCO
Date of Death: October 04, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 19, 2021.
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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: December 21, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/08/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN FRENCHMAN'S COVE CONDOMINIUM OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
CASE No. ST-2019-CV00569
Plaintiff
vs.
VIRGINIA C. ALEX, CHRISTOPHE G. ALEX, GEORGE C. ALEX, the known heirs of JAMES C. ALEX, and "JOHN DOE" the unknown heirs of JAMES C. ALEX, Deceased, and all other persons Claiming a right, title, lien, estate or interest In Timeshare Interest Number 0223P04 with Usage of unit on an annual basis within the Platinum Season, in Frenchman's Cove
Condominium St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, Defendants.
ACTION FOR DEBT FORECLOSURE OF LIEN AND BREACH OF CONTRACT SUMMONS
To: "John Doe", the unknown heirs of JAMES C. ALEX
301 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116
Within the time limited by law (see note below) you are hereby required to appear before this Court and answer to a complaint filed against you in this action and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment by default will be taken against you as demanded in the Complaint, for DEBT, FORECLOSURE OF LIEN AND BREACH OF CONTRACT.
Witness my hand and the Seal of this Court this 4th day of November, 2020.
TAMARA CHARLES
Clerk of the Court
Matthew J. Duensing, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Law Offices of Duensing & Casner
9800 Buccaneer Mall, Bld. 2, Suite 9
P.O. Box 6785
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00804
Frenchman's Cove Condominium Owners' Association, Inc.
Law Offices of Duensing & Casner,
P.O. Box 6785,
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00804
NOTE: This defendant, if served personally, is required to file his answer or other defenses with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney within twenty one (21) days after service of this summons, excluding the date of service. The defendant, if served by publication or by personal service outside of the jurisdiction, is required to file his answer or other defense with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the attorney for the plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the completion of the period of publication or personal service outside of the jurisdiction.
Run dates: 12/25/2020, 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20P5670EA
Estate of
JANICE M. BEKKENHUIS
Date of Death: October 11, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 29, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/08/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20P5671EA
Estate of
STEVEN M. KING
Date of Death: December 29, 2019
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

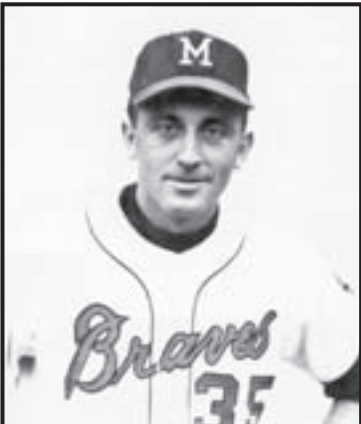
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Katherine M. King of Framingham, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that Katherine M. King of Framingham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 21, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/08/2021

EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Phil Niekro

One More Great Legend Passes in 2020

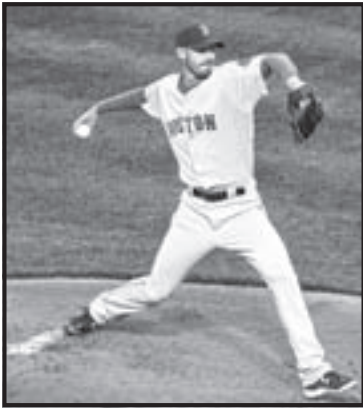
The year 2020 saw six great Baseball Hall of Famers pass away and that was a big number of baseball greats who left us. Then, on the day after Christmas, we lost one more. This was the great knuckleballer Phil Niekro who played from 1964-1987. Career wise, he was 318-274 with a 3.34 lifetime ERA and 3,342 career strikeouts.
He pitched 20 seasons for the Braves, winning 20 games three times. He won 16 games in each of his two seasons with the New York Yankees (1984-85). He won his 300th victory on the final day of the 1984 season with a shutout over the Blue Jays.
He was a five-time All-Star.
R.A. Dickey, a fellow knuckleball pitcher who won the 2012 N.L. Cy Young Award with the Mets tweeted, "So sad, today,

Phil Niekro helped me in a profound way to change the course of my career and life. I was perpetually moved by his kindness, wisdom, and sense of humor. What a man. He will; be missed."

Rangers Sign Japanese Pitcher Kohel Arihara



The Texas Rangers have signed Japanese pitcher Kohel Arihara to a \$6 million, two-year deal. The right-hander spent six years with the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters. The 28-year-old was 8-9 with a 3.46 ERA in 20 starts during the pandemic shortened 2020 season in Japan. He led the Pacific League with three complete games and was second in innings with 132.2. He was the league's Rookie of the Year in 2015, had a career high 15 wins in 2019, and was second in ERA at 2.46 in 24 starts. He is 60-50 with a 3.74 ERA in 129 appearances, including 125 starts.
Happy Birthday Rick Porcello
Former Red Sox starter Rick Porcello from 2015-19 with a 3.72 ERA in eight postseason games. Since his rookie 2009 season, he is seventh in



Rick Porcello

innings, sixth with 150 wins and fifth in starts with 351.
Porcello was an innings guy who gave the bullpen much needed rest at various times with the Sox. He won a Cy Young Award in one of his GOOD years. He had good years followed by BAD years. That was his problem, he was like a yoyo, up and down, good and bad. When he was good he was great, when he was bad, HORRIBLE!
I liked him, but I'm glad he's a NY Mets hurler now. He brings too much drama to take in his Boston time.
Historic Boston Hire
Bianca Smith will be making baseball history with the Boston Red Sox in 2021. She's been hired as a Minor League coach and will be the first black woman to coach baseball at the professional level. She will be primarily working with infielders at the Red Sox Minor League facility in Fort Myers, Florida.

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The Trial Court
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20P5739EA
Estate of
FRANCIS T. CINTOLO
Also Known As
FRANCIS CINTOLO
Date of Death: June 21, 2018
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by David P. Cintolo of Framingham, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that David P. Cintolo of Framingham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 29, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/08/2021

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI20P5736EA
Estate of
MARTIN WEISS
Date of Death: January 08, 2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Robert C. Weiss of Sharon, MA and Barbara G. Murphy of Newton, 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 Robert C. Weiss of Sharon, MA and Barbara G. Murphy of Newton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 24, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 01/08/2021

Boxing





Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Learning from Watching Great Fighters

Boxing fans naturally gravitate towards certain fighters whether it is those currently competing or the many who stepped into the ring over the history of the sport. Some are drawn by the personality or charisma of the boxer, some by a particular style (boxer or slugger). One man's boring fighter can be exciting to someone else.

Often, when becoming a "fan" of a particular fighter a person will look for all of the positives and tend to overlook the drawbacks. It is akin to how we treat friends.



Angelo Dundee tending to Muhammad Ali

Much can be learned from studying great fighters. How beautiful to have the jab of Joe Louis or the footwork of Gene Tunney. It wasn't uncommon when in a boxing gym to see young hopefuls mimicking their favorite fighters. In fact, some greats influence whole generations. While Ali was champion, I noticed more aspiring champs trying to imitate his speed and ability to avoid punches. Not a bad thing to do. Oddly enough, it was during popularity of a fictional fighter that I noticed quite a few young men coming up to the gym trying to be the next "Rocky". This was unfortunate as instead of trying to hone their skills they were hell-bent on proving how much punishment they could take; not a good tactic if you are going to pursue a career in pugilism.

When I was first learning how to box I did my best to copy the styles of fighters I enjoyed watching. This could change from week to week depending on whom I had most recently seen in action. One day I was Joe Frazier moving forward nonstop and throwing punches constantly. The next I might be Bob Foster, holding my left hand down low and trying to snap it as hard I as could quickly followed by a right hand and left hook. Of course, I was no Frazier or Foster or any of the dozens of other fighters I thought I could be like.

Thanks to having a good trainer from whom I learned many things, I was taught early on two great points. First, we have to develop our own



Charley Goldman and Rocky Marciano

style. Boxing is the most individualized sport there is. Sure, there are basics that all fighters have to know, but beyond a certain point each boxer has to shift into a mode that works for him.

The second point was one that has stayed with me to this day when I watch films of fights from over the years. Instead of just admiring the moves of a great boxer, and I certainly do this, try looking for the flaws. Watch closely and think about how you would fight him or how you would advise a boxer you are training to fight him. Attempt to come up with a strategy for defeating Joe Louis, Ali, Marciano, or even the great Sugar Ray Robinson.

Looking at great fighters with a critical eye forces you to look more deeply into the skills of these fighters. It requires putting your enthusiasm on hold for awhile as you do it, but it will make you learn more deeply about what is happening in the ring.

Great trainers do this with their own fighters. They watch for the bad habits so they may correct them. Better to find them before an opponent does. No fighter is perfect and every fighter makes mistakes.

Getting back to what I said about each person having to develop his own style. I believe it was Ray Arcel who once said he learns *from* his fighters. That is the essence of great teaching; learning from your students. A trainer who is not willing to adapt to his charge will fail him.



Ray Arcel (Left) with Tony Zale

When Charley Goldman began training Rocky Marciano he was faced with what seemed like an impossible challenge. He was taking on a heavyweight fighter who was small, starting late, and had short arms. However, Goldman saw something in Rocky. No textbook had been written for how to teach such a fighter, but Goldman learned from Rocky and together they were able to develop a unique style for this very unique fighter. Rocky had natural abilities that were peculiar only to him. The methods that Goldman and Marciano came up with would not have worked with any other fighter. Rocky's natural abilities were astounding, and it took a brilliant teacher like Goldman to see the diamond in the rough and help hone him into a magnificent gem.

Today, most people visiting a boxing gym will think boxing is a one size fits all sport. You will see large groups being taught by a single instructor. It is more an aerobics class than anything resembling instruction in boxing. It's one of the reasons the sport has deteriorated so.

Eddie Futch or Angelo Dundee would never be standing in front of a group of thirty or more people yelling out commands while loud music is blaring. It is silly to think of such a thing as a boxing instruction. It might be a good workout but that is all.

Boxing is a difficult skill that takes a long time to master. It is even tougher because of the individual aspect of it. Unfortunately, it is all but impossible to find a good teacher today.

My advice is to watch the thousands of fights available on YouTube and do so with a critical eye. There is much you can learn on your own if you work at it.

Intervals are interesting. Often they provide a contrast between what has gone before and what fortune will bring in the years ahead. They are the sandwich years — between the years of glory in the past and the years of success that will resume as a team or franchise eventually returns to its winning ways.

It was five decades ago that the Boston Celtics endured such a period. For 13 years the Celtics were at their pinnacle on the parquet, winning 11 NBA championships over the course of that span, including an amazing eight in a row from the 1965-1966 season through the 1968-1969 campaign.

And what happened in the two years during that era when the Celtics did not win it all? They still did well on both occasions. In 1958 they advanced to the NBA Finals before losing to the St. Louis Hawks in six games. The Celtics had defeated St. Louis in the 1957 Finals by two points (125-123) in an exciting game seven that went to double overtime.

The other occasion without a crown came in 1967 when the Green and White advanced to the Eastern Division Finals, losing to the Philadelphia 76ers in five games.

The final game of that series had concluded in a one-sided 140-116 defeat at the hands of Philadelphia, a result that the Celtics recovered from by winning two additional NBA titles in 1968 and 1969.

But then there would come an interval — one very much unlike the glory years of the 1950s and 1960s that were so familiar to the Celtics and their fans. Starting with the 1969-1970 season and extending until they won the title again in 1974, the Celtics went five years until they won a trophy again. During that span there were two consecutive seasons they did not even make the playoffs, something that had not happened in over 20 years.

Into this void, stepped one Paul Douglas Westphal, a high school hoop superstar who grew up in California and went on to attend USC. There he would lead the team to a 24-2 record in the 1970-1971 season and serve as its captain for 1971-1972. Decades later USC would retire his No. 25 collegiate jersey.

Some 3,000 miles away Red Auerbach, the legendary coach of the Celtics took notice. And thus it was that Westphal, who died of brain cancer on January 2 at age 70, was drafted in the first round (10th overall) by Boston in the 1972 NBA draft that was held in April — two months earlier than in the present era.

The college star found it hard to crack the starting lineup of the C's and was utilized most often in a bench role by Coach Auerbach. However, Red had a belief that all substitutes needed to be prepared to play as if they were starters — and conducted his practices with that in mind. Westphal became the embodiment of that principle, seeing action in all 82 regular season games in the final two years of his three seasons with

the team. His time on the court increased every season, going from eight minutes a game in his rookie year to just over 19 minutes per contest in that last third season on Causeway Street.

A shooting guard, Westphal faced stiff competition for a starting position since the Green had veterans Jo Jo White and Don Chaney when he joined the team. In his second season on Causeway Street, the championship drought ended as the C's once again came away with the NBA trophy, defeating the Bucks 102-87 in a seventh and deciding game at Milwaukee on May 12, 1974.

Westphal played 31 minutes in that game and scored 12 points, one of five Boston players to score in double figures that day.

It marked a significant comeback since just days earlier Milwaukee had led the series 3-2, forcing the Celtics to the brink of elimination. But game six was at the Garden and it proved to be the most thrilling contest of the series, won by the Celtics 102-101 in double overtime, a victory that forced game seven.

Following the 1974-1975 season Westphal was traded to the Phoenix Suns, a move that would lead him back to Boston for one of the most remembered games in basketball history. It was in game five of the 1976 NBA Finals, often called "the greatest game ever played," that Westphal distinguished himself as a member of the opposition.

The former Celtics shooting guard scored 25 points for the Suns in that memorable triple overtime contest that was won by the Celtics 128-126 on the parquet. The victory gave the Celtics a 3-2 lead in the series, one they would close out two days later with an 87-80 victory in Phoenix.

Westphal played five seasons for the Suns, averaging over 20 points a game during those seasons in Phoenix. That was followed by a single season in Seattle and three more with the New York Knicks. His number 44 was retired by the Suns.

During his career on the court he was named to five All-Star game rosters. He was selected as a first team NBA All-Star three times.

After his playing days were concluded, Westphal continued in the game as a head coach, including a stint at Pepperdine University in California. He eventually wound up back in the NBA, first as an assistant with Phoenix and later as the head coach for four seasons.

In his first year (1992-1993) as bench boss, the Suns advanced all the way to the NBA Finals before losing to Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls. He also coached an additional two plus seasons in Seattle. Much later, he coached Sacramento for a couple of years. He also worked as a commentator for Fox Sports Net West.

More recently, Westphal was an assistant with the Brooklyn Nets for the 2014-2015 season. He was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield in September 2019.