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Celebrate October as Italian American Heritage Month



Domenico Ghirardelli

Domenico Ghirardelli February 21, 1817 - January 17, 1894) was the founder of the Ghirardelli Chocolate Company in San Francisco, California



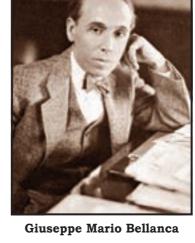
Charles J. Bonaparte

A member of Theodore Roosevelt's Cabinet and founder of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

October as Italian American Heritage Month is celebrated by proclamation of the President and Congress in the United States to honor the achievements and contributions of Italian immigrants and their descendants living in the United States, particularly in the arts, science, and culture. In pre-COVID-19 times, events are held throughout the month celebrating and educating the public about Italian-American history and culture. First celebrated in 1989 to coincide with Columbus Day.

In tribute to all Italian Americans, the U.S. Congress designated the month of October as "Italian-American Heritage and Culture Month."

Each week throughout Ocotober, we will recognize Italian Americans that have made contributions to the United States and around the world.

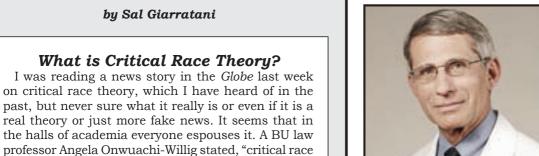


Giuseppe Mario Bellanca (March 19, 1886 - December 26, 1960) was an Italian-American airplane designer and builder who in 1922 built the first enclosed-cabin monoplane in the United States. This aircraft is on display at the National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center.



Geraldine Ferraro

Geraldine Ferraro was the Democratic Party's vice presidential nominee in 1984, running alongside former vice president Walter Mondale; making her the first female vice-presidential nominee representing a major American political party. She was also a journalist, author, and businesswoman.



Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, M.D.



Lou Costello

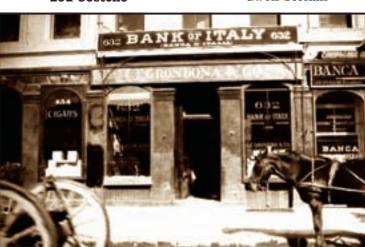


Gwen Stefani



Anthony J. Adducci

Anthony Adducci (1937–2006) - pioneer of the medical device industry in Minnesota; best known for **founding Guidant** Corp. precursor Cardiac Pacemakers, Inc., now part of Boston Scientific, the company that manufactured the world's first lithium batterypowered artificial pacemaker.



Amadeo Giannini originated the concept of branch banking to serve the Italian American community in San Francisco. He founded the Bank of Italy, which later became Bank of America. His bank provided financing to the film industry, including Walt Disney's Snow White, the first full-length animated motion picture made in the U.S.

and racism in our society." According to some critical race theorists, it is a view that shows how institutions uphold white supremacy.

Scholarship on this theory began in the '70s and '80s according to Khiara Bridges in response to "what legal scholars perceived to be the failures of traditional approaches to thinking about race and civil rights." To me, critical race theory is an odious ideology and

theory explains the complexity, the messiness of race

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those who question it will be called systemic racists for sure, because we haven't drank their Kool-Aid yet. Kudos to President Trump, and thanks to him there won't be any tax-funded brainwashing going on in the U.S. government as part of personnel or sensitivity training. Whiteness is not a moral blight and you cannot say that all members of a racial group are complicit in oppression.

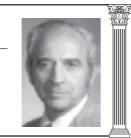
Some of the elites with the Democrat Party such as U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez seem prepared to condone the street-level violence of what they call "peaceful protesters."

I recently read a piece by Christopher Rufo, a contributing editor at City Journal in which he stated, "Absent a strong response the crisis is unlikely to fade away. If married to a concerted political push in Congress or the administrative state, the unchecked riots of the last three months could open the door to a radical transformation of our constitutional system." Amen to that. (Continued on Page 10)

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AENEAS

ancestry...our lineage...our roots.



Aeneas Flees Burning Troy, Federico Barocci, 1598 (Galleria Borghese, Rome, Italy)

Venus, the goddess of love and beauty, fell in love with Anchises, a member of the royal house of Troy. She loved him for his beauty and bore him a son, which was named Aeneas. In spite of repeated warnings by Venus, Anchises continually boasted of her favor until he was struck blind or paralyzed by the lightning of Jupiter, and remained an invalid for the rest of his life. Aeneas grew to young manhood, tending his flocks on Mount Ida. He did not participate in the Trojan War until after those flocks were driven away by Achilles, the greatest of the Greek warriors. This act caused Aeneas to assemble an army to fight in defense of Troy.

Stories tell of Aeneas' withdrawal to Mount Ida after the war. Later, the gods promised him a new home, so he departed from Asia Minor by sea. From this point in time, the adventures of Aeneas are related in the "Aeneid" the last great work of Publius Vergilius Maro, whom we all know as Vergil. He was the great national poet of ancient Rome and the most famous of all Roman poets. The Aeneid, a poem in 12 books was composed between 29 and 19 B.C., being mythological in nature; it was modeled after the Homeric poems. The theme of Aeneid is founded upon the old Roman tradition that Aeneas and his Trojan warriors settled in Italy and founded Rome. Its objective was to praise the and heroes of their ancestors.

The Aeneid begins with Aeneas being driven to the coast of Africa by an ocean storm. There,

in Carthage, he was hospitably received by Dido their queen, who fell in love with him. When Aeneas left Africa, continuing his journey, Dido in great despair, destroyed herself on a funeral pyre. Aeneas eventually landed at Cumae, Italy. Later he descended to the infernal regions where he visited with his father Anchises. This is also where he received a prophetic vision of a magnificent destiny for himself and his followers, but only after many struggles and hardships. Typical of those struggles was a hand-to-hand combat with the warlike king named Turnus, for the hand of Lavina, the daughter of Latinus, king of the Latini (Latins).

Lastly, the reference to Cumae should be explained in a bit more detail at this time. The female counterpart to a prophet was usually called a sibyl. This ancient city was named in honor of the Cumaean sibyl, one of the 10 or 12 most famous of the prophetesses. Roman mythology placed the seat of the Cumaean sibyl in a cavern below the acropolis in that city. In her youth, Cumaea was loved by Apollo, who granted her as many years of life as the grains of sand that she held in her hand. She accepted, but forgot to request the youth to go along with her many years. The famous ceiling of the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican in Rome shows Cumaea, in addition to four other sibyls. Here, Cumaea glories of Rome and to install is shown hoary with age in a a patriotic feeling along with a manner that only the great mas-

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The 100 Most Influential Italian Americans in Massachusetts

Compiled by The Italian American Alliance

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Atty. Robert Popeo, civic and business leader, strong advocate of Italian heritage and culture

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Atty. Philip J. Privitera, President of the Privitera Family Charitable Foundation. National Recording Secretary for the Sons of Italy Foundation, named California Grand Lodge Humanitarian of the Year

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Joseph J. LaRaia

Former Mayor of Quincy

Joseph J. LaRaia, former Mayor of the City of Quincy, age 88, died peacefully, Friday, September 18, 2020, in the comfort of his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Quincy, to the late Joseph and Pauline (Tocchio) LaRaia, he was raised in Quincy Point and was a graduate of Quincy High School, Class of 1950. He served in the U.S. Army as a Private First Class during the Korean conflict. Following his military service, he earned his Bachelor's degree in Finance from Boston College.

Mr. LaRaia's political career began during his senior year at Boston College, when he won the election as Ward Two City Councillor serving the great people of Quincy Point. He was re-elected to that seat twice and served as Council President from 1964-1965. After an unsuccessful bid for councilor at large in 1969, Mr. LaRaia returned to the city council as a councillor at large in 1972. Following his re-election in 1973, Mr. LaRaia launched his campaign for mayor, which culminated in a successful recount victory.

Mayor LaRaia was sworn in during the bicentennial year, as the City of Quincy's twentyeighth mayor on January 5, 1976. Mayor LaRaia was known by all his supporters as "The People's Mayor." He worked hard for the wonderful citizens of Quincy and he took pride in everything he did. Mr. LaRaia lost his re-election bid, but later went on to the city council as a councillor at large in 1979,



serving four terms. Following two unsuccessful bids for mayor in 1987 and 1989, he returned to the city council, appointed in 1993 to a vacant seat which he went on to win, before resigning to accept a position as a city assessor. Mr. LaRaia held elective office for twenty-two years in the city that he loved.

Mayor LaRaia's proudest accomplishments involved initiating the construction of the modern glass City Hall, the North Quincy High School addition, the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater in Merrymount Park, and most of all, taking pride in serving the people of Quincy.

Mr. LaRaia published his political autobiography, A City Under the Influence, in 1979. He was invited to lecture numerous times at Northeastern University government studies.

He was a licensed real estate broker for thirty-five years. He was a franchise owner of Realty World and later went on to own Coddington Realty.

He loved Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, and big band music; he was an avid Patriots fan; he took pride in the Summerfest series which ran for two decades; and most of all, he was fully devoted to his family, especially his grandchildren, actively supporting their many activities and accomplishments.

Beloved husband for fiftyeight years of Louise M. (Salvaggi) LaRaia.

Devoted father of Joseph A. LaRaia and his wife Debra of Plymouth, Lisa M. Stevens and her husband Mark of Braintree, and Robyn E. LaRaia of Weymouth.

Loving grandfather of Justin and Jessica Stevens, Ava LaRaia and Aiden LaRaia.

Dear brother of Robert LaRaia and his wife Terri of Hull, William LaRaia, Q.F.D., Ret. and his wife Diane of Quincy. Dear brother-in-law of Jean and Kenneth Luoni of Weymouth, Denise and Robert Lord of Quincy. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, Quincy, on September 22nd. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Saint Joseph's Church, Quincy, on September 23rd. Interment, with military honors, was at Mount Wollaston Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mr. LaRaia's memory may be made to VNA Hospice & Palliative Care, 199 Rosewood Drive, Suite 180, Danvers, MA 01923.

Ralph A. Moulaison

Ralph A. Moulaison of Peabody, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on September 22, 2020.

Beloved son of the late Clark and Virginia (Salerno) Moulaison.

Loving brother of Michael Moulaison of Marblehead, Clark Moulaison and his wife Carmella of Saugus, Alan Moulaison and his wife Margaret of Peabody, and Nicholas Moulaison of

Also survived by many nieces and nephews; Alan, Anthony, Clark, Nykolette, Stephanie, Erica, Michaela, Nicholas, Matthew, William, Joseph, Sabrina, Richie, and Felicia.

Over the last several months, Ralph courageously fought cancer and devoted the remainder of his life advocating for smoking cessation and

Ralph was born in Revere, Massachusetts. He was a lifelong resident of East Boston



and spent the majority of his life dedicated to the community he grew up in.

Ralph's pride and joy was his role as a mentor and coach. He coached several youth leagues throughout East Boston, including baseball and football. His dedication extended beyond the field as he worked diligently to create long lasting relationships with the players and families. Ralph's love for

sports didn't stop there, as he was a true sports enthusiast, with an immense passion for all Boston sports teams.

Ralph had an undeniable love for animals (especially horses), music, and his favorite television shows, Dirty Jobs and Yellowstone.

His life motto was quite simple: "It is what it is." Ralph had a zest for life and a captivating personality that could fill any room. His love for his family and close friends was truly immeasurable. He will be deeply missed by all. May he rest in peace.

You can still show your support by sending flowers directly to the family, or by planting a memorial tree in the memory of Ralph A. Moulaison.

At the family's request funeral services for Ralph are private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ralph's memory may be made to the Northeast Animal Shelter, 347 Highland Avenue, Salem, MA 01970, 978-745-9888.

ALBERT ANNUNZIATA, Ph.D.

1949 - 2020

Albert L. Annunziata Ph.D., of Boston, passed away at 71 years of age on September 23, 2020. Albert lived his entire life in Boston, where he practiced clinical psychology in a career devoted to health care.

Dr. Al was a kind and generous man, deeply faithful to his Catholic religion, a student of psychology, philosophy, and religion until his last days. He was a compassionate listener, caregiver, and mentor in family and professional

Albert was predeceased by his parents Anita (Fabiano) and Michael A. Annunziata, and survived by devoted siblings Phyllis B. Marks and Michael S. Annunziata, M.D., as well as many treasured nieces and nephews.

Visiting Hours: Albert has specifically requested private funeral services and a Funeral Mass in the near future.

Donations in Albert's memory may be made to St. Anthony's Shrine, 100 Arch Street, Boston, MA 02110.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore October and the Season's Splendor

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.



Every year, I look forward to taking advantage of a crisp, cool weekend day and going apple picking with my family. Everything in our favorite apple farm looks as if it has materialized from a quaint postcard depicting a rustic autumnal scene in New England. Ruby-red apples peek out from under multihued leaves. Corn stalks wave jauntily in the fresh breeze. Pumpkins gleam like bright sunbursts across a vine-studded patch. As I wait in line for a bag of delectable apple cider donuts, I marvel at the signs of fall surrounding me. These signs will only intensify as we enter the month of October. For me, October is the period that best encapsulates what I love about fall. It is the month where I bake apples and pumpkins into everything, from breads to tarts to cakes. It is the month when the carpet of leaves on the ground glows with the same intensity as a fiery sunset. Finally, it is the month of Halloween, when ghosts and witches and black cats adorn doorways, and when winds howl through the dark nights. Over in Italy, October also means feasts of harvest and the last glorious moments of autumn before winter descends on the land. Italians celebrate this month with plenty of proverbs, traditions, and foods, and even introduce the month with a holy day that honors nature itself.

October's very name hearkens to the Italian peninsula. It derives from octo, the Latin root word for "eight." October was indeed the eighth month Italians associate October with soft, golden afternoon sunshine, with days marked by cool breezes and pleasant temperatures that encourage travelers to visit. As October also involves the harvest of late-autumn crops like mushrooms and apples, Italians pay homage to the month's agricultural significance with a bevy of proverbs. The meteorological backbone of these traditional dictums demonstrates the importance of farming in olden Italian culture. One famous maxim states: "Ottobre é bello, ma tieni pronto l'ombrello." This proverb means that while October is beautiful, one should always keep an umbrella at the ready as it also tends to rain during this month. Indeed, October rains always seem to fit with the mood of the month, as the slate-gray skies imbue Halloween decorations with an extra-ominous vibe. However, Italians do not bemoan the rains that periodically interrupt the otherwise serene October weather. Another proverb — "Ottobre piovioso, campo prosperoso," or "rainy October, prosperous countryside" - speaks of the benefits these rain showers have on the harvest. No matter the rain, Italians appreciate October for its overall beautiful climate and the rhythms of the harvest season that sweeps its many fields and villages.

In fact, Italians begin October with a festival that celebrates the natural world. October 4th is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, an immensely important figure in Italian culture. The in the year for ancient Romans thirteenth-century St. Francis, prior to the addition of July or San Francesco as he is known and August to the calendar. to Italians, is not only the patron

saint of the country of Italy but also of animals and the environment. St. Francis was known for his respect for all of God's Creation and his kindness to animals, preaching of God's love to an audience of birds. His hometown of Assisi, a beautiful sunbaked medieval city nestled in the hills of Umbria, springs alive with activity on his feast day, boasting parades, folk dances, open-air markets and regional foods. The highlight of the festival is the blessing of animals to commemorate the cherished nature-loving saint. This tradition of blessing pets has crossed the ocean and is an integral part of Italian-American St. Francis Day customs. I think about St. Francis when I observe the plentiful natural beauty that October has to offer. Squirrels scampering up trees, my cat intensely watching the autumn leaves swirl around in the air, geese flying south in v-formations across a cloudy sky — all of these images fill me with both awe and tranquility. St. Francis's Day teaches us that all of nature, from the loftiest tree to the smallest chattering squirrel, is worthy of respect and admiration. By honoring the natural world around us, we can enrich our understanding of the seasons and our gratitude for life's blessings.

October is a month that practically bursts at the seams with wonder and possibility. The sunset illuminating trees filled with red and orange leaves may lead into darkened days when the plaintive cry of the wind makes us shiver with thoughts of the unknown. Cozy evenings brim with the scent of pumpkin bread baking in the oven and mulled apple cider simmering on the stovetop. Sparkly witch and black cat decorations playfully remind us of the mysteries still left in the world. Yes, October opens autumn in all of its glory, and offers so much to enjoy. By taking our inspiration from Italy's love of the harvest season and the joy of nature embedded in St. Francis's Day celebrations, we can be sure to honor the many pleasures of October. After all, there is no season quite as wonderful

Happy October!

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Democrats and their Media Lackeys Keep Stroking Anger from Base

On Wednesday, September 23rd in Louisville, Kentucky, a Grand Jury in the matter of the death of Breonna Taylor during a no-knock warrant (the police officers told the Grand Jury impaneled they did announced themselves before entering the apartment). The prosecutor called on this panel to decide what, if any, action taken by the police was criminal in nature and the jury found that one of the officers who stormed the doors of her apartment fired his gun into an adjoining apartment and they concluded to indict him on the felony charge of reckless and wanton endangerment.

However, the gunfire that ensued, which was started by the victim's boyfriend, was legally justified they stated, since they were under attack by the boyfriend firing at them and wounding one officer. The Grand Jury believed the police officers acted in self-defense. This was a horrible incident and Taylor is dead, but the police in this instance were not guilty of murder and could not be legally charged with that crime.

Of course, the crowds outside on the street waiting for the jury's findings went into a rage that lasted long into the night and early morning hours of Thursday, September 24th. I believe once again, the rhetoric of social justice politicians and their fake news media cohorts stirred up the pot going into the seating of this Grand Jury and the pot exploded when the findings were made public.

As has been the case lately, the liberal social justice Democrat elected officials couldn't wait to jump on the bandstand. Even our own Boston Mayor Marty Walsh weighed in saying that there must be justice for Taylor, another Black life lost to systemic racism. Another useless sound bite by a politician seemingly pandering to what he thinks wants to be heard. He isn't the only one. Which is why America has been rocked over the summer because emotions and opinions outweigh the facts much too often.

Take the case of a recent fundraising email I received from the Ayanna Pressley for Congress campaign a few hours following the Grand Jury's verdict in the matter. Read the following and tell me, is this the future of America when

politicians appear to feed the flames of unrest and division?

"The Grand Jury in Kentucky brought no charges against the police officers for murdering Breonna Taylor — the only charges brought today were against Brett Hankison for shooting a wall. I am not resigned to this outcome I am resolved. We won't rest. This isn't over.

We must fight back against this flagrant lack of justice or accountability by supporting the organizers and protestors on the ground in Louisville, Kentucky. Being a part of the progressive movement means showing up for our brothers, sisters, and siblings, who are organizing against injustice.

Since our country's inception, black and brown bodies have been profiled, surveilled, policed, lynched, choked, brutalized, and murdered at the hands of police officers. The system isn't broken — the violence and cruelty were intended. It is past time to dismantle this system of criminal injustice.

One of the most meaningful ways you can take action right now is by supporting the protestors and organizers in Louisville who are demanding that their voices be heard and calling for real accountability."

Kudos to Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron for urging the city's community to accept a Grand Jury's decision to clear three officers in the shooting death of Breonna Taylor saying, "There will be celebrities, influencers, and activists who, having never lived in Kentucky, will try to tell us how to feel, suggesting they understand the facts of this case. Let us not give in to their attempts to influence our thinking or capture our emotions."

It is time for all of our leaders at the municipal, state, and national level to help bring people together to understand this moment that we are going through. We don't need voices out there telling people there is no hope of justice in America and that we must go to the streets causing an uproar over everything.

I blame all our so-called leaders both President Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden, for not helping enough to lower the political tension, before the COVID-19 pandemic might actually pale in comparison.



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Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

Columbus Day and enjoy! ... Despite liberals trying to abolish

the three-day Columbus Day holiday, people are determined to celebrate Columbus Day as part of their American heritage ... Eastie to get New Market Place plus! Suffolk Downs has been given the nod to begin building on their 161-acre site. Over the next 20 years, it's expected the powerful privatelyowned new economic hub will include housing for 15,000 people, with some low income housing, hotels, street front retail restaurants, and generate new jobs — a destination that is significant for the future of East Boston and Revere ... Someone of authority needs to extend the state regulation enforced by the Board of Health that mandates a residential building provide heat after September 15th and air conditioning be turned on June 15th. This state rule needs to be put on the ballot and let the voters decide on and off dates. May is always a hot month and the summer is always extended till October 15th. With all the construction on Revere Beach Boulevard, air conditioning was shut off September 24th, leaving many residents at the St. George to live in hot units. With so much dust in the air, some windows were kept shut. Is it more important to enforce a state rule than it is to protect the health and lungs of building residents??? Without air some of the units reach 90 deg. Has the Board of Health taken any of this into consideration??? With so much construction, what should come first, the health of the residents, especially those with breathing and lung conditions, or a government rule??? ... What's with the barrels from one end of Revere Beach Boulevard to another preventing people from parking? Some condo owners are upset that their visitors are having a hard time finding available parking! Most of the parking spaces around the condo complexes are taken up by construction workers leaving visitors searching for a space ... Here's good news! A Pennsylvania federal judge struck down Governor Tom Wolf's orders restricting gatherings and shutting down businesses amid the COVID-19 pandemic as unconstitutional. as lockdown restrictions and business closures continue to be a major source of contention as the pandemic stretches on. Hopefully other federal judges in the United States will follow ... Most major cities run by Democrats (blue collar states) Seattle, New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Minneapolis have lost their glamour and glitz due to Black Lives Matter protestors and

these cities ever come back? I doubt it. Lack of employment, housing, and out of control welfare goodies and poor policing (excluding Boston Police) have brought some of these cities to their knees ... One of the most liberal Supreme Court Justices, Ruth Bader Ginsburg has died at 87 after an 11 year bout with pancreatic cancer. In failing health, she kept a full schedule on the bench. Her death bed wish was to be replaced after the 2020 election (trying to rule from the grave). Trump has already nominated a replacement! Let the fun begin! Democrats don't want a replacement until the election, but Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell made it clear, he intends the Senate will fill Ginsburg's seat while Trump is still president. Meanwhile, Minority Leader Chuck Schumer is against a nomination until the election is over. This should be interesting! If you're planning on going to activities to celebrate Oktoberfest, check out schedules. The biggest 2020 and most beautiful beer festival in the world was cancelled due to COVID-19 in Germany. Boston plans are iffy, too! All events showing 2020 dates need to be verified to confirm changes to the schedule were not made by the organizers after publication due to COVID-19 ... Till next time. Stay healthy!

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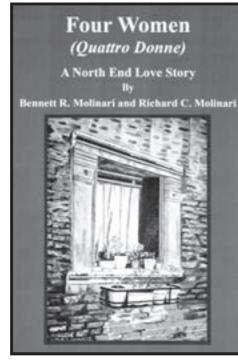
Four Women "Quattro Donne" subtitle, A North End Love Story

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

CHAPTER 30 Vacation Bound

Grandma and the family were planning to leave for Kingston in five days for a two-week vacation, so Mom had to work quickly. She had to convince Pietro to come along with us, aware of the fact, it was the last thing he wanted. His thoughts were of Carla, his love for her and the terrible incident on The H. Mom knew she had to speak to Pietro and she had to do it alone. It was Thursday morning when Mom headed over to the church, knowing Pietro would be there reading his breviary. Before entering the church, she decided to speak with Pasquale, who as usual, was sitting in his

Caddy outside the church, puffing on a Cuban cigar. Pasquale, anticipating mom's question, removed the cigar from his mouth, pointed to the church, cigar in hand, and said, "Pietro is in the church alone and has been there for twenty minutes." Mom thanked Pasquale, quickly walked over to the church, opened the door, and could see Pietro sitting at the shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, eyes cast down as if in a trance. Without saying a word, Mom took a



seat beside him. He hardly acknowledged her presence. Mom asked, "Pietro, how do you feel?" Pietro, without looking up, murmured, "Cousin Carmela, I feel terrible. I lost Carla." Mom reached over to Pietro, took his face in her hands and turned him in her direction. She noticed there were tears on his cheeks. "Pietro, you've been crying. I feel terrible for you." Pietro whispered, "Cousin, I don't know what to do." Still holding his face in her hands,

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North End (617-227-5915), adjoining Paul Revere House; Post-Gazette; Saint Francis

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Amazon.com; BarnesandNoble.com, and Bookshop.org.

Mom offered, "Pietro, let me make a suggestion. The family is planning to go to Kingston for a two-week vacation. Come along with us and allow things to cool down. When you are away from here, things will seem different. You need time to think." Pietro responded, "What is there to think about, I love Carla." "Pietro," Mom insisted, "I'm older than you, and I know what I'm talking about. Mama wants you to come with us to Kingston. Carla will be here when you return, and by then, things may seem clearer to you." Pietro was about to say no, when Mom pleaded with him to come along with the family for two weeks. "If

not for me, do it for Mama. I'm afraid she will become sick worrying about you." Once again, Pietro was about to refuse when Mom said, "Please, do it for Mama." Pietro, seeing Mom so distressed, answered, "Cousin, I will come, but I won't promise to stay for two weeks." Mom stood, wiped the tears from his face with her handkerchief, kissed Pietro on the forehead, and left the church. Waving to Pasquale, she walked home to prepare

www.mass.gov/info-details/ older-drivers. lowing locations:

• **Brockton** (starting Oct. 7th)

- *Greenfield (starting Oct. 14th)
- Lawrence (starting Oct. 7th)
- Martha's Vineyard (starting
- **Nantucket** (starting Oct.7 th) • North Adams (starting Oct. 7th)
- **Pittsfield** (starting Oct. 7th)

Appointment Hours for Customers 75 Years of Age or Older to Additional Locations Through October

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing that it is extending designated Wednesday appointment hours for customers 75 vears of age or older into October and to additional Service Center locations. This new customer service option began successfully in early September at the RMV Service Centers in Danvers, Leominster, New Bedford, South Yarmouth, Springfield, and Watertown, and will continue to be offered on

Wednesdays at these locations

through October. In October, eleven (11) additional Service Centers will begin to dedicate **Wednesdays** (hours vary by location) to customers 75 years of age or older whose driver's license or ID card expire in September and October, including customers whose licenses/IDs were extended from March, April, May, and June and are due to expire soon. This new service option is being offered to provide customers with some flexibility while conducting transactions and to facilitate proper "social-distancing" protocols and procedures to keep customers and staff safe and healthy. Information regarding the new service hours and additional resources for seniors can be found at: https://

Senior hours are by appointment only and will be available beginning in October at the fol-

- **Fall River** (starting Oct. 7th)

- **Plymouth** (starting Oct. 7th)
- **Revere** (starting Oct. 7 th)

Worcester (starting Oct. 7th) *The Greenfield RMV Service Center is scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, October 13th.

Below are the options for seniors to renew by appointment:

- If you are a AAA member, you may make a reservation now to renew your driver's license/ ID at a AAA location. Visit: aaa. com/appointments to schedule your visit.
- If you are not a AAA member, visit: Mass.Gov/RMV to make a reservation to renew at an RMV Service Center. Select the Seniors License Renewal option on the Make/Cancel a Reservation transaction.
- Email the RMV for assistance to renew at MassDOTRMVSeniors@
- dot.state.ma.us email address. Call the RMV at 857-368-8005.

License and ID renewal appointments are also available at other open RMV Service Centers that offer general appointments to the public. Select Renew My Driver's License or Mass ID option on the Make/ Cancel a Reservation at Mass. Gov/RMV to view availability and make a reservation at one of these locations.

The RMV is introducing these service channel alternatives in light of the COVID-19 public health emergency to encourage "social-distancing" in its Service Centers and prioritize other essential in-person needs by appointment-only. All RMV customers are encouraged to visit: www.Mass.Gov/RMV to complete one of over 40 other transactions available online, by mail, or by phone.

For more info on RMV service offerings during COVID-19, visit: www.mass.gov/rmv or https:// www.mass.gov/info-details/ rmv-covid-19-information.



ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo





"Arnica, from the Sunflower Family"

Ciao Bella,

Here we are still in COVID-19 craziness! Should we go out? Should we stay home? The heck with it all! I've been going out when I can. Mostly outdoor dining and wide open spaces.

At least we must all look rested ... unless you're under great stress for one reason or another.

So let's discuss "Arnica," an herb from the Sunflower family.

Dating back to the 1500s, Arnica was used medicinally for healing bruises and injuries. It grows in Siberia, North America, and parts of Europe. Also known as wolfsbane, leopard's bane, and mountain tobacco, used for centuries to treat inflammation and pain.

It is said that a tea made from Arnica can relieve back pain. Arnica saved German writer Goethe's life by easing a very high fever.

In the Spa Room, Arnica is a hero ... because of its antiseptic, anti-inflammatory, and antibacterial properties. Used to calm swelling and bruising after a procedure is done. Also used for stretch marks, rashes, and scars, also to fade dark circles.

Used as a homeopathic remedy, Arnica is found in topical gels, oils, and creams, as well as oral supplements.

So get your spa mode on and dig into some Arnica!

Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!
— Mary N. DiZazzo-Trumbull

Read prior weeks' "All That Zazz" columns at www.allthatzazz. com. Mary is a third-generation cosmetologist. She may be contacted at (978) 470-8183 or mary@mary4nails.com

Lady of Fatima FEAST DAY

On Saturday, October 10th, at 12 noon, a group of locals will gather at the front entrance of Medford City Hall to celebrate the anniversary of our Lady of Fatima. This Catholic Feast day will be celebrated throughout the United States at over 17,200 locations, as well as in many countries around the world. Mrs. Helen Mantini of Medford will be the chairperson of this annual event.

"The celebration will be held in a public area where participants will recite the Catholic prayer, the rosary for peace for all in our country," stated Mrs. Mantini. The public is invited to participate in this yearly celebration, which had been held since 2007. At this gathering, prayers will also be made for the recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.

For more information, please contact Helene Mantini at 781-391-5423.



Blessed Lorenzo Salvi

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Lorenzo Salvi was born in Rome on October 30, 1782, to Antonio Salvi and Marianna Biondi. He studied for the priesthood at the Jesuit-run Collegio Romano in Rome; his classmates included Bartolomeo Alberto Cappellari — future pope — and Gaspar del Bufalo. He was impressed with the solid preaching and the apostolic zeal of Vincent Strambi and soon followed him into the Passionist order.

As Lorenzo entered the Passionists, Napoleon was carrying out his campaign to create a grand new world with France and himself at its center. He saw the Catholic church, particularly the papacy, in his way and he tried to cripple the church and the popes.

Napoleon invaded the Papal States in 1787, then again in 1798, when he declared a Roman Republic and drove Pope Pius VI into exile where he died in 1799. Napoleon also ordered religious orders like the Passionists suppressed, their religious houses closed



and their members sent back to their families or wherever they could find a place for themselves. Most Passionist houses were closed for a year or more at the time.

Not a good time to join the Passionists, you would think, but Lorenzo did.

Lorenzo became a Passionist novice at Monte Argentario in 1801, and made his profession on November 2nd, ordained on December 29, 1805. For seven years, the house and all the religious in it were suppressed

by order of Napoleon. When Lorenzo was able to return to his vocation, The Passionists entered a period of surprising growth after the Napoleonic suppression. Lorenzo, an inspiring preacher and holy priest, was one of those leading the community into a new era

He devoted himself to preaching missions and promoting devotion to the Passion.

He was made the rector of the Passionist motherhouse in Rome (Santi Giovanni e Paolo) but spent much of his time preaching missions; his vicerector was Dominic Barberi. Barbieri noted Salvi's strength and evangelic zeal and so requested permission from the order's superior general to send him to England to preach but such permission was denied.

Salvi passed away at Capranica in Viterbo on June 12, 1856, at the age of 73. He was Beatified on October 1, 1989 by Pope John Paul II. The Feast Day of Blessed Lorenzo Salvi is on June 12th.

• 100 Most Influential Italian Americans in Massachusetts (Continued from Page 2)

William A. Ravenesi, international photographer and film producer

Fran Ippolito Riley, East Boston activist, prime mover for the East Boston Historical Museum, recreations specialist, former Director of the East Boston Harborside School, caregiver and mentor

Carol Rossi, respected activist promoter of many Italian American causes, and former recording secretary of the Sons and Daughters of Italy

Lino Rullo, one of the Founders of October as Italian Heritage Month, board member of the Dante and of the Pirandello Lyceum, philanthropist supporter of many Italian

Joseph Russo, respected activist and former national president of the Sons and Daughters of Italy as well as state president of the Sons and Daughters of Italy

Dr. Dean Saluti, respected activist, professor, president of the Renaissance Lodge, First Vice President of the Pirandello Lyceum

Fred Salvucci, former Massacjusetts Secretary of Transportation, Professor at

the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

David Santulli, founder and executive director of United Plant — an international cross cultural service organization, author, expert of relational diplomacy

Rep. Angelo M. Scaccia, public servant — elected to the Mass House of Representatives since 1981

Joe Sciacca, at WHDH TV Channel 7, and former Editor-in-Chief of the Boston Herald

Former Rep. Emmanuel Serra, Majority Whip House of Representatives

Antonio Sestito, one of the five founders of the Italian American Alliance, chairman of the AMICI Project, and former State President of the Massachusetts Sons and Daughters of Italy

Anthony Simmonelli, President and Chief Executive Officer of BAMSI, a private Social Service Network

Rita Sorrento, chair of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center and former principal of the Dante Alighieri School in East Boston

Dr. Stephen Spinelli, Jr., 14th president of Babson College **Domenic Susi**, President

of the Federation of Italian Organizations and one of the five founders of the Italian American Alliance

Dr. Salvatore Terrasi, director of the Lesley Institute for Trauma Sensitivity, expert in special education, author of books relayed to teaching special need students

Sefatia Romeo-Theken, Mayor of Gloucester

Robert "Ted" Tomasone, former District Court Clerk Magistrate, Somerville, MA

Robert Travaglini, advocate of Italian-American solidarity, business consultant and philanthropist. former president of the Massachusetts State Senate

Bishop Peter J. Uglietto, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Boston and moderator of the Curia

Joan Vennocchi, associate editor and columnist for the *Boston Globe*, shared Pulitzer Prize for MBTA series

Christopher Rigali Walker, chief of staff to the Mayor of Quincy

Ross Zagami, financial adviser, president of Juventus Club of Boston, Sons and Daughters of Italy Benefit Insurance Commissioner



St. Leonard's Parish Dinner

Honoring Volunteers

St. Leonard's Parish held an appreciation meeting on Thursday, September 24th to celebrate and thank all the volunteers who have worked relentlessly to help the community grow over the past years. We gave a special dedication to honor two special lifetime volunteers for their decades of selfless service: Barbara Maldero and Connie Angiulo. Both have been outstanding examples of dedication and generosity.

Barbara Maldero among her many contributions: She introduced the St. Anthony Holy Oil as a way to celebrate the saint and perpetuate his devotion.

She was a member of Catholics of St. Stephens; president of the



Father Mike with Carla Agrippino Gomes

Pastoral Counsel of St. Leonard; began a sewing group at the Center and sent finished items to poor countries in the missions; started "Pennies from Heaven," and sent the money



Anthony Boyd with son Anthony, Jr.



Ralph Martignetti with daughter Trinity, a 7th grader at St. John School

Father Mike honoring Barbara Maldero with a beautiful bouquet of flowers

to the poor and unwed mothers; contributed and continues to contribute money to our Latin American missions; contributed to the book *The World Before Plastic*; headed St. Damian Society for 20 years; and made rolled bandages for the Lepers to use and held fundraisers for the same purpose.

Connie Angiulo among her many contributions: She started

Volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!

and organized the first Spaghetti Supper at St. Leonard's over 35 years ago with about 7 or 8 other women parishioners (among them Barbara Maldero); ran numerous fundraisers every year, by way of local fashion shows, cocktail receptions, and dinners. St. Leonard's yearly Dinner Dance Reunion was held at the Dorothy Quincy Suite; Connie and Elmer Capodilupo chaired the event, it was the largest, with a sell out crowd of 600 people; was a member of the Children of Mary Society; and was quite a stitcher, for many years she made the Baptismal robes for babies being Baptized at St. Leonard's.

All in all, about forty of the volunteers attended the dinner for



Tony Lyons with mom Karelena

an enjoyable evening together. Sal Giarratani said to Father Mike, "this parish meal might have been the first gathering in the community since the pandemic hit us, and it was good to see so many having a great time sharing a meal and some great company."



L-R: Maria Della Porta, Maureen O'Connor, and Barbara Maldero



Father Frederico Cinocca from Milan, Italy, and Michael Della Penna, Pastor of St. Leonard's Parish

(Photos by Sal Giarratani)







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DC'S LEGENDS OF TOMORROW: THE COMPLETE FIFTH SEASON (5-Blu-ray) Warner Bros. Home Ent.

After saving the world in Season Four, DC's Legends of Tomorrow, our misfit heroes are now major celebrities. Some struggle in their new roles as A-listers. Others let fame go to their heads and invite a documentary film crew on board the Waverider for a dangerous mission. While the Legends investigate a new timeline blip, Astra Logue frees some of the world's most notorious villains from Hell who are in a bid for power. Now it's up to Sara Lance, Ray Palmer, shapeshifter Charlie, Zari Tarazi, Ava Sharpe, Nora Darhk, Nate Heywood, Mick Rory and John Constantine to forget about stardom, to forgo fame and stop these reanimated souls (who they quickly dub "Encores") from wreaking havoc on the timeline. Whether it's Rasputin popping out of his coffin and trying to become an immortal tsar, or Marie Antoinette (and her scandalous head) turning the French Revolution into a deadly, non-stop party, or the master of disaster, Genghis

MOST WANTED (Blu-ray) Paramount Home Ent.

Most Wanted was inspired by the gripping true story behind an investigative journalist (Josh Hartnett's) fight to expose the twisted truth behind a heroin bust orchestrated by dirty cops to frame an innocent man. Daniel (Antoine Oliver Pilon), a guy from the wrong side of the tracks, is forced into a dangerous drug deal against his will, and is sentenced to 100 years (technically life) in a Thai prison. As Daniel endures torture and abuse, the journalist must track down the shady undercover cops benefitting off the conspiracy, while also fighting for Daniel's freedom. Also starring Jim Gaffigan.

A TRAMWAY IN JERUSALEM (DVD) Film Movement

The Light Rail Red Line of Jerusalem's tramway connects the city from east to west, from the Palestinian neighborhoods of Shuafat and Beit Hanina to Mount Herzl — a journey that comprises the culturally complex makeup of the city. A Tramway in Jerusalem is a dramedy that hinges on a series of encounters along the line simple, mundane interactions that reveal the diverse mosaic of humanity that exists in the spiritual center of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. There, a skilled oud player weaves a spell on two French tourists, two young women — one Palestinian, one Jewish who bond on the platform, a tired Palestinian worker wrongfully accused of harassment and a group of Hassidic men, chanting a religious chorus together. While traveling across this vibrant city, the small conflicts of everyday life heard in an impressive array of languages including Hebrew, Arabic, French, Italian, Yiddish, German, and Ladino — provide a kernel of hope in a society

so often divided by political boundaries.

RICK AND MORTY: SEASON 4 (Blu-ray) Warner Bros. Home Ent.

America's favorite crazy scientist and his grandson return for more misadventures in this latest season of Adult Swim's hit series Rick and Morty: Season 4. The duo goes on an intergalactic journey across the multi-verse with the awardwinning comedy, featuring all 10 (22-minute) episodes from Season 4 in high definition. Included are: "Edge of Temerity: Rick Die Rick peat," "The Old Man and the Seat," "One Crew Over the Crew coo's Morty," "Claw and Hoarder: Special Rick time's Morty," "Rattle star Ricklactica," "Never Ricking Morty," "Promotyus," "The Vat of Acid Episode," "Childrick of Mort," and "Star Morty Rickturn of the Jerri." Buckle in for disappointment because there are no way these episodes will be good enough for how long you waited. But then again, maybe they will be. It's season four, it's sexy and smooth. Definitely stay buckled in!

MAX RELOAD AND THE NETHER BLASTERS Blu-ray) MVDvisual

When small-town video game store clerk Max Jenkins discovers and plays the only known copy of Nether Dungeon, the legendary lost installment of the Nether Game series, he accidentally unleashes the ancient "Curse of the Ages," turning friends and family into possessed ghouls hell-bent on destroying civilization. It's up to Max and his best friends Reggie and Liz, along with old-school gaming gurus Eugene Wylder and Barton Grabowski to figure out how to beat the dark forces of The Nether before it's GAME OVER for humanity. Featuring Kevin Smith, Lin Shaye, Martin Kove, Jesse Kove and voice talent by Wil Wheaton. Max Reload and The Nether Blasters is a love letter to gaming, retro nostalgia and the wonderfully ridiculous plotlines of 1980s adventure

AMERIKA SQUARE (DVD) Corinth Films

Athens, 2016. Nakos is an unemployed resident of the small neighborhood of Amerika Square, who grows increasingly disgruntled at the influx of migrants coming to Greece. The xenophobic Nakos has few close allies — his parents with whom he lives and childhood friend Billy, the selfless tattoo artist next door in whom Nakos confides his hatred of immigrants. Billy is a lost soul himself who has wittingly and unwittingly impacted countless others through his work as an artist, and finds himself in a life-threatening predicament when faced with an opportunity to help two migrants escape from Athens, when their smuggler is incapacitated by a nefarious act of sabotage by Nakos. The sequence of events as well as the migrants, one of which is a beautiful African singer, Tereza, with whom Billy falls in love, accurately embodies the current refugee crisis capturing headlines in the world today.

The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

STILL WORKING AND APPRECIATED AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

While listening to one of my favorite radio stations, *WATD* 95.9 FM, I heard a brief news report on an elderly man in Utah who was still delivering pizzas for Papa John's at age 89 to help him make ends meet at home. I can't imagine someone his age still hustling for needed extra bucks by driving pizzas to hungry customers.

I guess some big star on TikTok heard about him and called up the man's work place and requested that the man make the delivery. When the man arrived, the TikTok person pays for the pizza and then gives him a \$12,000 tip just to help the man relax for a while.

I am thinking the man is still out there hustling with his pizza deliveries quite happy with that tip he received. See, there is good news out there only if we try hard enough to find it!

SPEAKING OF WATD RADIO ...

Every Thursday evening this radio station airs a program called VETERANS VOICE, a great hour-long program, for and by veterans, keeping everyone in the loop on services, events, and programs available to vets. Listening to this show recently, I found out there was a lot of good information on it. Remember, every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. on 95.9 FM. Check it out. Also, go online to veteransvoicenetwork.org anytime, day or night, to check out everything that should matter to veterans and their families.

RECENT ZOOM MEETING BETWEEN BOSTON PD AND COMMUNITY ENCOURAGING

While much of the Defund the Police narrative is focused on budgets, I believe that the topic of domestic violence, drug abuse, and mental health is one that both sides seem to agree. There is a role for the police on these calls. Who calls 311 for a social worker? You call 911 for the cops to arrive and handle things, especially when it comes to mental health related calls. Often these calls end tragically. No police officer ever wants to shoot anyone let alone someone in a psych crisis, but too often, these kinds of calls can go either way. The cop shows up, the person he was sent to help calms down by the sight of a police uniform, or the person in distress just loses it, and eventually charges at the officer in a threatening way, sometimes armed with a deadly weapon. The officer shoots to protect himself, which is completely

As a police officer working for the Mass. Department of Mental Health for 28 years and as a mental health assistant for the previous six years to that, I was trained in de-escalation tactics and several times that training came in handy in calming down a volatile situation. When this training became required, many thought it was a waste of time, but after going through the training, they were actually glad they took it.

I believe de-escalation training isn't just taking a one-time course, it needs to be part of any continuing training protocol.

FRIENDS OF THE CHARLESTOWN ELDERLY WANTS THE SHOES, BUT NOT YOUR SOCKS



Recently, while down by the Bunker Hill Mall's entrance by Thompson Square, The Friends of the Charlestown Elderly set-up a table for its MIXED SHOE DRIVE. They are looking to help raise funds and are looking for donations of gently worn or new shoes. The shoe drive goes through October. Any questions, please call 617-398-2771.

Once I saved a suicidal person from jumping out of a window. She was sitting on a ledge threatening to go off it, I used my training and was able to calm her down and help her off the ledge. Positive proof this kind of training saves lives and keeps officers safer, too.

It is good to see some back-and-forth between law

enforcement and the community. Good policing needs good community support, it can work in other areas such as domestic violence or addiction-related situations, too. Boston PD under the command of Police Commissioner William Gross is doing all the right things and all Boston citizens are the best for it.

CLASSIC CAR CORNER



This week, rather than a photo of a super classic vintage car, check out this cool hood ornament. Any idea what car this ornament was on the hood? How about the era this hood ornament was popular and standard on this car's make? Email me at sal.giarratani@gmail.com. No looking it up on the Internet, which would make you a cheater and cheaters never win except if you played baseball during the Steroid Era in the 90s and early 2000s.

(Photos by Sal Giarratani)

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Middlesex Division
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Cambridge, MA 02141
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Docket No. MI20P3983EA

Estate of

JUDITH RADER ENGERMAN
Also Known As
JUDITH R. ENGERMAN
Date of Death: November 07, 2019

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Stanley L. Engerman** of **Watertown**, **MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Stanley L. Engerman of Watertown, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 10/02/2020

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Docket No. MI20P3993EA

Estate of SUSAN RUTH KUDER Also Known As SUSAN R. KUDER Date of Death: July 22, 2020

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Judith

K. Hand of Syracuse, NY, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Judith K. Hand of Syracuse, NY has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety

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 pro-

cedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any

can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



It was September 1956, and I was a 17-year-old freshman at Boston State College. It was the first day and a fellow English High graduate, Bob Pesce, picked me up and we headed to the college, which used to be at the intersection of Huntington and Longwood Avenues. The college, which was sold to the state by the City of Boston, went from being called Boston Teacher's College to Boston State College. Bob and I had been selected to be members of the freshman class majoring in Industrial Arts. We wanted to be the future shop teachers in the Boston schools.

Before I left the house, Staff Sergeant Babbononno had to inspect me from my hair down to my suit and tie and the spit shine on my shoes. When he thought I looked presentable, I headed down the three flights of stairs of our third floor Eutaw Street apartment to the street and into Bob's waiting car. We weren't sure what to expect on that first day and discussed our curiosities as he drove west on Storrow Drive toward the Fenway section of Boston. When we entered the lobby of the college, we were directed to an assembly hall and joined up with a couple of other people that we had known from Boston English High.

Not long after we were assembled, one of the deans climbed the steps to the stage and called us to attention. He gave the call letters and numbers each of us would have to respond to, depending on what we were majoring in. Seeing this assembly was for freshmen only, the letter we had to remember was "F." The dean called names followed by things like F1, English majors, F2 Math majors, F3 History majors ... when he got to us, he called, "F20, Industrial Arts majors."

Following instructions, Bob and I headed to a classroom to be registered with all of the other boys and men slated to study Industrial Arts. There were 42 of us who sat in the room we were assigned to. A Mr. Thornton introduced himself as a new teacher who had just arrived from the midwest. He then began calling the names of the students on his list. Coming from the midwest, the most difficult names he probably had to pronounce were Smith, Jones, Brown, or Johnson. Much to his chagrin, the first four names on the list were Gaetano Abruzzese, John Christoforo, Paul Ciccarelli, and Renato Civili. Of course, he butchered them. There were three other Italian surnames on the list that he killed: DePaoli,

La Bollita, and that of my friend, Pesce.

Well, we were told to fill out schedule cards and all types of paperwork that registered us as incoming freshmen. Being Industrial Arts majors and considering the point in time we attended college, the assembly of students was all male. Pesce and I looked around at our future fellow classmates. Some looked quite older than we were, but there were several who looked green behind the ears and we knew that they were recent high school graduates just like the two of us. We discovered a bit later when we had a break, that the older looking of the crowd were actually veterans who were taking advantage of the GI Bill before it ran out for Korean War vets. We kids were 17 or 18, but the vet's ages ranged from the late 20s to the late 30s.

We discussed our forth-coming schedules, which included all of the academic subjects the rest of the freshmen were given, plus all of our shop subjects, which we were told would take place at our shop school, the Parkman School for Teachers of Mechanic Arts. We also found out that the shop school was located on Broadway in South Boston, across from the D Street projects, and we were to commute there one and a half days per week. What we didn't know was that the school was built when Lincoln was president and that it had been condemned a few times, but was still in operation as a training facility for shop teachers.

A day or two later, we began attending Boston State, taking our first academic courses on campus and then heading to South Boston to check out the shops as our schedules indicated.

We were greeted by four men, Mr. Staebner, the director, Mr. Hartnett, who would teach us machine shop, printing, and graphic arts, Mr. Walker who would teach us sheet metal and electricity, and Mr. Ventura who specialized in woodworking and drafting. They gave us the rundown as to which of us would be taking what course at what points in time, and described their shop courses. When I returned home, Babbononno wanted to know what the wood shop looked like and what I learned. I told him we hadn't started yet, and he reminded me that he had taught me how to use hand tools and that I shouldn't have any trouble making things. I assured him that what he taught me would be applied to whatever they gave me as projects, and he felt

relaxed. When Dad came home, Mom had dinner on the table, I had to tell them what my academic studies would be like and they were pleased. The following day, the class and I were in full swing as college freshmen, all 42 of us.

That first year, I saw several of my classmates drop out. Most of them who did were the veterans with only a few who were recent high school grads. By the end of our sophomore or second year, we were down to 21 members of the class, and for the last two years, we remained at that number and called ourselves, "Club 21." (The dropout rate was 50%) When we graduated, I looked into teaching in Boston, took the necessary exams to comply with the rules, but knew that I would wind up on a waiting list. With veteran's preference and disabled veteran's preference in place, I knew I didn't stand a chance regardless of my high scores on the exams I had taken. I was right and applied to several cities and towns around the eastern part of Massachusetts. One of my classmates, Paul Ciccarelli, and I accepted jobs at Tewksbury High School, he in the wood shop and I as the drafting teacher. I stayed there for a year.

At the end of that first year, I met with the administration to discuss a better contract for my second year. They promised me everything I asked for and we shook hands. I was still a little wet behind the ears, and when I started the 2nd year at the same school, everything they promised me was forgotten about, and I didn't have anything in writing ... my fault for being naïve. I started that second year very upset with the school administrators, but more upset with myself, a former street kid from East Boston. I should have known better. But, as luck would have it, two weeks later, I received a call from the director of the Vocational Ed. and Industrial Arts Department of the Boston schools, telling me that he had a job for me. I gave a two-week notice to the Tewksbury School Department, and was gracious enough to supply my own replacement. He was a fellow college classmate who didn't have a job. I then returned to my own city, Boston, and stayed with the Boston Public School Department for the next 43 years.

Unfortunately, I've lost touch with many of my classmates. It is now 60 years later and all of us are retired. Attempts to get all 21 of us together for a reunion never happened, and most of those vets and a few of the guys my age are gone. The last time we had a reunion, about eight classmates showed up. Since then, a couple more have left us, a few don't get around much anymore, and the COVID-19 virus has restricted and isolated us.

I guess I'm one of the lucky ones and don't have any complaints (no one listens anyway), so I will close as usual with, "MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA."

Bisignano

Marianna



Fall is here and pumpkins are showing up just about everywhere! Americans are absolutely obsessed with these orange colored gourds. Aside from carving them and roasting their seeds, Americans will consume almost anything pumpkin flavored. They especially enjoy pumpkin lattes, pies and desserts. Italians enjoy pumpkins almost as much as Americans. However, when it comes to cuisine, they prefer to eat their pumpkins on the savory side. Rarely will you ever find pumpkin in desserts in Italy. Yet, you will see it in dishes such as Tortelli di Zucca, Gnocchi di Zucca, and Risotto alla Zucca.

When in season, my Nonna would take fresh pumpkins, roast them, and then use the pureed flesh to make a variety of delightful dishes and desserts. I loved her pumpkin gnocchi, and the pumpkin bread she made in a coffee can was absolutely amazing. One of my all-time favorite pumpkin recipes she made was "Pumpkin Pie Squares." This recipe was given to my Nonna many years ago, from one of her friends. These layered squares consist of a brown sugar oat crust, a creamy pumpkin pie center, and topped with a crumbly pecan streusel topping. They are extremely easy to make and absolutely delicious to eat. If you like Pumpkin Pie, you are going to absolutely love my Nonna's Pumpkin Pie Squares. They are the perfect Fall dessert and can be served plain, with a dollop of fresh whipped cream, or even alongside a scoop of vanilla bean gelato.

PUMPKIN PIE SQUARES Piazze di Torta di Zucca



Crust:

1 cup all-purpose flour ½ cup rolled oats

Filling:

3/4 cup sugar

15 ounce can organic pure pumpkin

13 ounce can evaporated milk Topping:

½ cup firmly packed brown sugar

½ cup firmly packed brown

½ cup butter, room temperature

2 eggs

1 teaspoon cinnamon

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon ginger 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

½ cup chopped pecans

2 tablespoons butter

Preheat oven to 350° . Mix crust ingredients until crumbly. Press into bottom of ungreased 13 x 9-inch pan. Bake 15 minutes.

Beat filling ingredients at medium speed, until smooth. Pour over crust and bake for 20 minutes.

Mix topping ingredients until crumbly, sprinkle evenly over filling, then bake 25-30 minutes, until firm to touch. Cool, and then cut into 2-inch squares. Refrigerate leftovers.

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



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Maddow Blog On "Peaceful Transfer of Power"

I try to stay informed by reading stuff I might not ever agree with because I want to know what is making the rounds in the media world. Recently, I read the Maddow Blog by MSNBC's Rachael Maddow. Her latest subject was President Trump talking about election fraud. The Fake News Complex immediately started saying that Trump might not leave office if he loses the election. These fakers are so predictable and start talking about dictators, Hitler and Mussolini. Maddow then commented that for some reason Trump brought up Hillary's name and that seemed to confuse poor Rachael.

Maddow seemingly must have forgotten when Hillary Clinton recently went on public record advising Biden to under no circumstances concede the election to TRUMP. I am not surprised she didn't get the president's reference to Hillary, since no one in the Fake News Complex even covered Hillary's advice to *The New Morning Joe Biden*.

Why don't members in the media ask JOE BIDEN if he would honor the election results and accept the peaceful transfer of power, too. They just ask Trump the question when both he and Biden surely worry about the election results as each should.

Oh, do we know if Democrats and their media buddies ever

accepted the peaceful transfer of power back in the 2016 presidential race?

Ain't this the Truth

My mother always used to say, "The older you get, the better you get, unless you are a banana."

— Betty White **Ain't This the Truth, Again**

"I'm not afraid of death. I just don't want to be there when it happens."

— Woody Allen

What About Assange and Snowden?

If you ask me about Julian Assange, WikiLeaks founder or Edward Snowden, I say President Trump should pardon both of them. The Bureaucrat State, a.k.a. Deep State were exposed by both of them and we the people are better for what they accomplished, which is why prosecutors want to throw away the key on them.

I was a college student back in the '60s and '70s and remember Dr. Daniel Ellsberg when he exposed the Johnson Administration for basically lying to America about how the war was going or that it started with a lie about the incident at the Gulf of Tonkin, which seemingly was nothing more than the 1964 version of fake news.

End Quote

"First of all, icicles in hell come to mind. Ain't gonna happen."

— Jeremy Rosner, Democratic pollster on President Trump's chances of getting the Nobel Peace Prize

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Docket No. MI20P4200EA

Estate of

ALEXANDER FERRAZZOLI

Date of Death: August 04, 2020 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Janice Ferrazzoli of Orange, CT, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Janice Ferrazzoli of Orange, CT 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: 10/02/2020

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Docket No. MI20P2981EA Estate of

ELEANOR HAMER
Date of Death: June 04, 2020
INFORMAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Diane E. Hamer** of **Georgetown**, **MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Diane E. Hamer of **Georgetown**, **MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Vehicles are being sold to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and notices of sale:

2004 BUICK LeSABRE

Vin #1G4HP52K944166165 The above vehicles will be sold at public auction at

TODISCO TOWING 94 Condor Street, E. Boston OCTOBER 17, 2020 at 9:00 AM

Run dates: 10/02, 10/09, 10/16, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. SU19P0830EA

Estate of
WILLMA N. SANDRI
Also Known As
WILLMA ANTOINETTE NASH SANDRI
Date of Death: January 05, 2019
INFORMAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Raymond J. Nagem of Medford, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Raymond J. Nagem of Medford, 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 o administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restrict ing 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: 10/02/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI20P4232EA

Estate of
MILDRED PATRICIA O'BRIEN
Date of Death: January 08, 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 Karen P. Hinchey of Wakefield, 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 Karen P. Hinchey of Wakefield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of October 22, 2020.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 24, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 10/02/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
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Docket No. SU20C0278CA
In the Matter of
HUNG VI TRAN
CITATION ON

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has
been filed by Hung Vi Tran of Boston, MA
requesting that the court enter a Decree chang-

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ing their name to Vincent Vi Tran.

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of October 22, 2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 16, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Run Date: 10/02/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Trial Court
The Probate and Family Court Department
Middlesex, SS. Division
208 Cambridge Street
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Docket No. MI20P4124PO NOTICE OF PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF TRUSTEE AND APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR

To all persons interested in The Mary D. latridis Trust, a petition has been presented by Stavros latridis of 159 Merriam Street, Weston, MA, to said Court praying that Asimakis latridis in Boulder, Colorado be removed from the said office and trust as a trustee of said trust and that Some Suitable Person be appointed as his/her successor.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on **October 14th**, **2020**, the return date of this citation.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 16th day of September, 2020.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 10/02/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI20P4189EA
Estate of
JEFFREY L. THOLANDER
Also Known As
JEFF THOLANDER, JEFFREY THOLANDER
Date of Death: June 19, 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 Karen M. Tholander 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 Karen M. Tholander of Framingham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of October 20, 2020.

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

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

Date: September 22, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 10/02/2020

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Docket No. MI20P2702EA
Estate of
MARY MARION KALUSTIAN
Also Known As
MARY M. KALUSTIAN

Date of Death: August 06, 2019 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner James M. Kalustian of Arlington, MA.

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

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Docket No. MI20P1780EA

Estate of PAUL A. PLASSE

Date of Death: October 12, 2019 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Merryl D. Plasse of Lexington, MA, Petitioner Jane M. Jansen of Rehoboth, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Merryl D. Plasse of Lexington, MA, Jane M. Jansen of Rehoboth, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 539A, that on October 13, 2020 at 10AM, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

1999 INTERNATIONAL 4700 BUCKET TRUCK, RED Vin: 1HTSCAAN6XH683546

Christopher J. Colameco 261Ferry Street Marshfield, MA 02050

2004 DODGE STRATUS

Vin: 4B3AG52HX4E134670 Deena M. Mcallister P.O. Box 252 6 S. Hiram Rd. Cornish. ME 04020

2013 FORD FUSION, WHITE

Vin: 3FA6P0HR6DR173350 Sean Murphy 12 Ethelyn Cir. Maynard, MA 01754

2014 FORD FOCUS, SILVER Vin: 1FADP3F21EL308572

Vin: 1FADP3F21EL308572 Jason C. Vieira 193 Middlesex Ave. Medford, MA 02155

2005 ACURA RSX, BLUE Vin: JH4DC54805S013489 Christopher S. Nelson 40 Beaver Brook Rd. Waltham, MA 02452

Run dates: 09/25, 10/02, 10/09, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE

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> 2005 HONDA CBR600RR Vin #JH2PC37075M209580

2015 KAWASAKI Z1000 Vin #JKAZRCG12FA005226

Vin #JKAZRCG12FA005220 2011 YAMAHA YZFR1

Vin #JYARN23E6BA011153 2015 YAMAHA YFZR3

Vin #MH3RH06Y2FK009679

2017 SSR MOTORSPORTS RAZKULL 125 Vin #LY4YJGJ84H8000192

2007 HONDA CIVIC Vin #1HGFA16837L035121

Vin #1HGFA1683/L035121

2005 FREIGHTLINER SPRINTER
Vin #WDYPD644055830091

2013 AUDI A4 Vin #WAUBFAFL0DN012136 2006 CHEVROLET SILVERADO

Vin #1GCHK24U66E247797 2006 FORD FUSION Vin #3FAFP07ZX6R138783

2010 HYUNDAI SONATA Vin #5NPET4AC6AH578766

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2004 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE

Vin #1J4GW48S24C280545

2012 MAZDA MAZDA3 Vin #JM1BL1V88C1624969

The above vehicles will be sold at public auction at

TODISCO TOWING 94 Condor Street, E. Boston OCTOBER 3, 2020

> at **9:00 AM** Run dates: 09/18, 09/25, 10/02, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., 2 Emery Road, Allston, MA,** pursuant to the provisions of
Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section
39A, that they will sell the following vehicles
on or after **October 3, 2020 beginning at 10:00 am** by public or private sale to satisfy
their garage keepers lien for towing, storage,
and notices of sale:

2018 HYUNDAI TUCSON VIN # KM8J3CA43JU667813

2006 NISSAN ALTIMA VIN # 1N4AL11D96N312533

2005 MAZDA TRIBUTE VIN # 4F2YZ96115KM18091

1997 TOYOTA CAMRY VIN # JT2BG22K3V0060868

2001 HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCG66811A141889

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

> Signed D & G Towing Run dates: 09/18, 09/25, 10/02, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Stanley Service, Inc., 3430 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after October 13, 2020 beginning at 9:00 am on the website http://sta.ibidsmart.com. Buyer registration is required. Those that do not sell at auction will be sold on or after October 13, 2020 by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2012 ACURA TL VIN # 19UUA8F26CA007976

2011 NISSAN ALTIMA VIN # 1N4AL2AP7BN507038

2006 YAMAHA XVS650 VIN # JYAVM01E66A097000

2013 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA VIN # 3VWDP7AJ5DM266465

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> Signed Bill Blinstrub, Owner

Run dates: 09/25, 10/02, 10/09, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI19P4953EA

Estate of GILBERT D. BEINHOCKER Date of Death: June 19, 2019 CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Leonard Phillips of Dartmouth, 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 Gregory M. Downey of New Bedford, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond in a supervised 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 October 19, 2020.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: September 21, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 10/02/2020



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Has JBJ Played His Last Game in a Sox Uniform?

Last Thursday, September 24th, Jackie Bradley Jr. may have played his last game in center field at Fenway Park and, oh, how he could hit the ball to the opposite field, too. At home, he batted .262, but on the road a lowly .216. He is now a free agent and who knows where he will land next season, but probably not in center field in front of the Green Monstah for the old home team.

Hall of Famer Gale Sayers Dies at 77

Gale Sayers, the elusive running back for the Chicago Bears, who entered the Pro

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Docket No. MI20P0793EA

Estate of PHYLLIS T. RITVO Date of Death: December 18, 2019 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Frank J. Santangelo of Hanover, MA, Petitioner Ilene M. Horowitz of Orleans, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Frank J. Santangelo of Hanover, MA, Ilene M. Horowitz of Orleans, 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: 10/02/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. SU20P0918GD
NOTICE AND ORDER:

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor In the interests of NANCI O. GUEVARA YANES

of E. Boston, MA Minor NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 05/26/2020 by Jose Vilorio of E. Boston, MA will be held 10/13/2020 02:30 PM Telephonic Hearing

 Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an

adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to

request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be

made immediately by filling out the Application

of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the

application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: September 16, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Run date: 10/02/2020



Football Hall of Fame despite a rather brief career (1965-1971), has died at the age of 77. Nicknamed "The Kansas Comet," considered the best open-field runner in the game. Sayers was a first time ballot Hall of Famer in 1977. He was the essence of a team player and the essence of a great human being.

His friendship with fellow football player Brian Piccolo will always be remembered, which turned into a great and powerful movie *Brian's Song*, about two football players who bonded together through thick and thin, good and bad, happy and sad.

Today, in our present circumstances and racial division, we can remember how interconnected we all are with each other despite all the difference we may have on the surface of things. Back then, we were all human people and all of our lives mattered to all.

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

Docket No. MI20P4181EA
Estate of
LINDA J. VALENTINO
Date of Death: June 16, 2019
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Frank P. Valentino of Belmont, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for

such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that Frank P.
Valentino of Belmont, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve
Without Surety on the bond in an supervised
administration.

ation. 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 October 20, 2020.

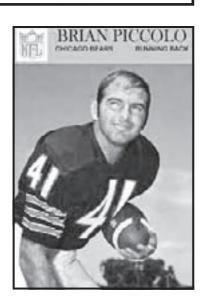
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UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM
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Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 22, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 10/02/2020



Sayers and his dying pal Brian were just two guys who loved and watched out for each other, as we all should, all the time

Their story should inspire all of us to overcome our fears and our biases toward each other. We all are born. We all will die. In between, we should live our lives the way God intended us to live. We have Gale Sayers and Brian Piccolo as an inspiration.

Don't Know About You But ...

So many protests, banners, and political statements by so many of these millionaire football players have transformed NFL games badly. Ratings have plunged 17 percent. Fans just want to enjoy a good game without getting a lecture on how bad we Americans are in our white supremacy. I am boycotting football, basketball, and baseball until they all wise up and just play the game and not games with us.

Next Week

Whatever happened to all the African American baseball players? Some think systemic racism is to blame. I have other ideas as to what is happening today in baseball. If you have any ideas what has been happening, email me your thoughts on this subject at sal.qiarratani@gmail.com.

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Estate of MARYLU C. FARRELL Also Known As MARYLU FARRELL Date of Death: April 13, 2020

Docket No. MI20P2670EA

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Jean A. Tai of Melrose, MA, a Will has been

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admitted to informal probate.

Jean A. Tai of Melrose, 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: 10/02/2020

A Selection of Boxing Art



Robert Riggs: The Brown Bomber, Depiction of the Second Louis/Schmeling Fight



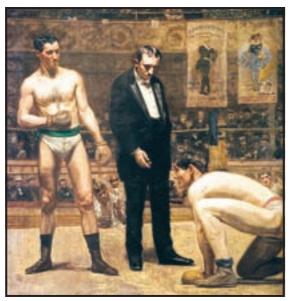
Leroy Neiman: Ali vs Frazier 1, 15th Round



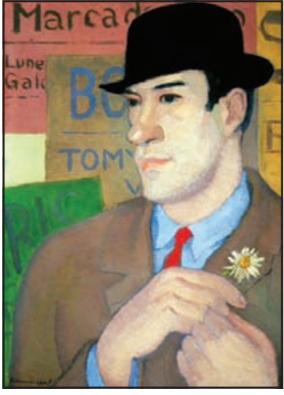
Bob Carson: Beau Jack vs. Ike Williams



George Bellows: Stag at Sharkey's



Thomas Eakins: Taking the Count



Fernando Leal: El Boxeador, Portrait of Tommy Loughran



Leroy Neiman: Boxer



Bob Dylan: Boxing Gym

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss



Sonia Raman

Many people may not have heard of her but some who really count did — in a very big way.

That's because Sonia Raman worked diligently out of the spotlight and the bright glare of Division 1 college basketball for many years, instead focusing her energies on leading other programs at the lower levels to success.

And it paid off in a big way for the veteran MIT head women's basketball coach when she was named an assistant mentor by the NBA's Memphis Grizzlies. Her start date is November 1st.

Raman brings a long and impressive record of accomplishments to her new position as she moves south to join the franchise.

She most recently worked as the head coach at MIT for 12 seasons; a span during which she compiled the most wins in school basketball history. In addition, she led the Engineers to consecutive conference titles in 2018 and 2019.

"We are beyond excited to welcome Sonia to the Memphis Grizzlies," stated Head Coach Taylor Jenkins in a press release. "She has a strong basketball IQ and a strong ability to teach as well as a strong passion for basketball. She is going to be a great addition to our current coaching staff."

Raman will become the 14th female to coach in the NBA and the second to join the staff of the Grizzlies. She follows Niele Ivey, who left this summer to become the head women's basketball coach at the University of Notre Dame (her alma mater).

Although it was emphasized that Raman had an impressive 91-45 record over the past five years at the world-famous Cambridge school, the Engineers did post a somewhat modest 15-12 mark during the 2019-2020 campaign.

However, they did make it all the way to the NEWMAC Conference title game before losing to Smith 70-56 in the league championship matchup back on March 1st.

The setback prevented MIT from achieving a three-peat in title games since it entered the contest as the two-time defending champion.

Raman played four seasons of college basketball at Tufts University, graduating in 1996 with a degree in International Relations. She remained at her alma mater for two additional years as an assistant coach before leaving to join the coaching staff at Wellesley College for six years. She also earned a law degree from Boston College in 2001.

Her longest tenure in the college coaching ranks came at MIT. Over that 12-year span,

some 18 MIT players earned All-Conference awards while four were selected for Rookie of the Year honors.

Consistent with a school that has an excellent academic reputation, 69 of Coach Raman's players also won All-Conference academic awards.

There will be no time to ease into a routine for Raman as she joins the Grizzlies. She will need to jump right in to her responsibilities since the NBA draft is scheduled for November 18th, less than three weeks after she assumes her new duties.

The interlude between the end of the NBA Finals and Draft Night is one of intense preparation for coaching staffs and front office staffers at the various franchises across the NBA. It will be a working welcome in Memphis. We wish you well in the NBA, Coach Raman.

LEAVING 2020 BEHIND —

The NBA is strongly considering moving the start date of next season completely out of 2020 and into the early months of 2021 instead.

Originally, the league had said it hoped to start the new season around Christmas Day but the new start date has now been pushed into 2021, according to a number of reports. Nothing is officially set yet. One date under consideration is Martin Luther King Day (Monday, January 18th in 2021).

But a launch could be pushed even deeper into 2021 — even as late as around March 1st. That's because the NBA is hopeful that current restrictions concerning having fans at games might ease as more time elapses, allowing them to enter arenas once again.

Another factor is whether to have a full 82-game schedule. The deeper into 2021 that Opening Night takes place, the more likely that a summer finish to the playoffs becomes a reality.

Supposedly, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver is not opposed to a summer finish for the NBA Finals. However, there is one potential complication for 2021 — the rescheduled Summer Olympics in Japan, now set for July 23rd - August 8th.

The entire roster for Team USA is slated to be composed of NBA players with the league's international players forming the nucleus for various other national teams as well.

Thus, how the 2021 schedule will affect the participation of NBA players in the Olympics is something that will have to be taken into consideration.

One possibility, of course, is to still have a later start but also have a shorter regular season—say around 70 games. However, that represents a loss of revenue to teams and a reduction in broadcasting opportunities for television.

A compressed schedule — with more back-to-back games on successive nights — is most likely out of the question since players and coaches don't like such scenarios even now and would be very reluctant to accept an increase.

One thing is for sure, the year 2021, will bring its own set of new experiences and new challenges.