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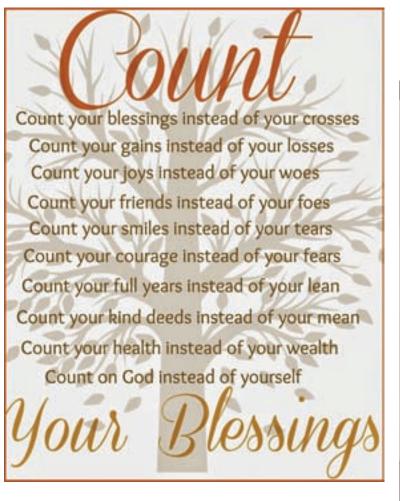
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## **News Briefs**

by Sal Giarratani

## Florida Election Recount Endless Joke?

The going messy story out of Fort Lauderdale in Broward County has turned into a sad joke but in reality, it is much more than a joke because it calls into question the very underpinning of our democrat republic. If we have no confidence in our election system, what are we left with?

Mistakes, protests, and litigation now surround recounting votes in two pivotal elections for Governor and U.S. Senator and brings back the nightmare of the 2000 presidential election. Broward County is a total disgrace and so too is Palm Beach. The Republican Party in Broward County seems on target in slamming Brenda Snipes, Supervisor of Elections for "incompetence and gross mismanagement." County officials were forced to acknowledge that the county counted 22 absentee ballots that had been previously rejected. However, the problem seemed impossible since those ballots were mixed in with 205 legal ballots and Snipes said it would be unfair to throw all those votes out. The integrity of the vote count is now evaporated. Whether the mess is the result of total ignorance or blatant fraud, the whole election process down there is now called into question. At some point firing people must be done. If we can't trust the people responsible for collecting and counting votes, we become no better than Cuban democracy. I think there are some Democrat officials down there who scare me as they count votes using the New Math (Continued on Page 10)

## **East Boston Social Centers**

Celebrates 100 Years of Service to the Community



L-R: Thomas N. O'Brien, Founding Partner, the HYM Investment Group, LLC; Justin Pasquariello, Executive Director, East Boston Social Centers; Martin J. Walsh, Mayor of Boston; Debra Cave, Board President, East Boston Social Centers; Cheryl Fiandaca, Chief Investigative Reporter for the WBZ I-Team; Robert Lewis Jr., Founder and President, The BASE (with Community Activist Award); Debbi White, East Boston Camps Director and Retired, Boston Public Schools; Diane J. Modica, Attorney and Former Boston City Councilor; Charlie Baker, Governor of Massachusetts; and Robert E. Travaglini, President of the Massachusetts Senate from 2003-2007 and Founder of Travaglini, Eisenberg, and Kiley

On November 7, 2018, the East Boston Social Centers celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a "Cruisin' Thorough the Decades" gala at historic Suffolk Downs. The Social Centers impacts nearly 600 diverse community members of all ages in East Boston, Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop on a typical day — and touches tens of thousands each year.

The Social Centers presented the Inaugural Community Activist award to Social Center alumnus Robert Lewis, Jr., Founder and President of The BASE. Robert credits the Social Centers as being an anchor in his young life. Event leadership included Honorary Co-Chairs Martin J. Walsh and Governor Charlie Baker; emcee Cheryl Fiandaca of CBS Boston; and co-chairs Diane J. Modica, Attorney and former City Councilor; Thomas N. O'Brien, Founding Partner and Managing Director of HYM Investment Group and former BRA Director; Robert E. Travaglini, Public Affairs Executive and former Senate President; and Debbi White, Community Leader and former East Boston Camps leader. Ten decade stations presented a photographic history of East Boston and the Social Centers, while Living Legend storytellers

On November 7, 2018, the ast Boston Social Centers Elebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary ith a "Cruisin' Thorough the action. total the story of each decade. Former Senate President Robert E. Travaglini led an exciting live auction.

Thomas N. O'Brien and HYM Investments, LLC, generously provided the space for this event.

Executive Director Justin Pasquariello says, "We are

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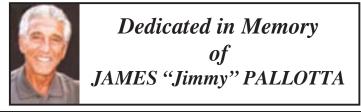
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## CHRISTMAS PARADE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018 - 1:00 P.M.



#### Merry Christmas see santa claus arrive at north end park by helicopter at 1:00 p.m.

In case of bad weather, Parade will be held the next Sunday, December 16th In Association with THE TASTE OF THE NORTH END • THE NAZZARO CENTER NORTH END AGAINST DRUGS • MAYOR'S OFFICE OF ARTS, TOURISM AND SPECIAL EVENTS





by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



## **FAENUS**



Most of our concerns today seem to center around "faenus," which is the Latin term for interest, debt, profit, gain, or financial advantage. In early Greece, the rate of interest on invested capital was not restricted by law, but was left entirely to arrangements between the parties concerned. The average rate was considered quite high, far higher than the rental fee for houses or for land. This was due to the scarcity of ready cash and the difficulty in accumulating any large amount of capital. During the time of Demosthenes (about 300 B.C.), twelve percent was regarded as a rather low rate of interest and higher rates, up to eighteen percent were quite common. In bottomry (insurance on shipping cargo), the ordinary rate of interest at Athens was twenty percent. In the event of failure in the payment of interest due, it was permissible to charge compound interest. Interest was computed and charged by one of two different methods. It was guite usual to agree on the amount of a monthly payment, or by an annual payment based upon a fraction of the principal. Interest was usually paid on the first day of each month, but yearly payments were also possible.

In early Rome, as in Athens, the rate of interest was originally unrestricted, and it was not until after much work was done that a standard rate of eight and one third percent was established. The law limited the interest rate for Roman citizens, but usury (gouging) was quite the common practice where foreigners were concerned.

The exchange of commerce between foreign countries prompted changes in interest payments. Money was no longer lent by the year but by the month, and monthly interest was paid on the first day of each month. Notice of intention to recall a loan was given on the Ides (13<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of the month) and reimbursement took place on the first day of the following month. The regular rate of interest under this system was one percent monthly, or twelve percent per year.

The accumulation of large fortunes in Rome at the end of the Republic lessened the rate of interest that was charged. The chief field for usury was then directed towards the provinces, where the inhabitants were compelled to raise loans at any price because of exorbitant taxes. Justinian, the great Byzantine Emperor, was the one who eventually fixed a permanent interest rate in ordinary investments at six percent, in commercial enterprises at eight percent, and in bottomry (previous unlimited) at twelve percent.

It is certainly a great mystery to me why our ancestors were so concerned about money and interest. All they had to do was to look to their government leadership like we do. If you need more money ... just print it ... how simple can you get?

> **NEXT WEEK:** Even Funerals Have Roots

## **MassDOT Inclement Weather Resources**

MassDOT encourages the public to keep an eye on the forecast, allow extra time if you must travel and if driving, please reduce speeds and give plenty of space to crews which are out plowing and treating the roadways. MassDOT's snow and ice operations will be deployed throughout the Commonwealth as conditions necessitate.

In the worst storms, MassDOT's Highway Division is able to utilize up to 700 personnel to perform snow and ice removal operations on more than 15,000 lane miles of roadway throughout the Commonwealth. This winter, MassDOT will have approximately 3,900 pieces of state and vendor equipment available throughout the duration of winter storms using over 150 depots and storage locations. This includes over 1,400 plow and spreader combos, 2,100 plows, and 460 front-end loaders.

If drivers must go out on the roadways, they are advised to always wear seatbelts, minimize distractions, turn off or put away cell phones, and devote full attention to what is ahead on the road.

For the most up-to-date information on transportation impacts, please follow on Twitter @MBTA, @MBTA\_CR, **@MassDOT**, and **@MassRMV**.

For updates on road and traffic conditions in Massachusetts, drivers can:

• Dial 511 before heading out onto the roadways and select a route to hear real-time conditions.

 Visit www.mass511.com, a website, which provides realtime traffic and incident advisory information, access to traffic cameras, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

• Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

Other important winter driving tips include:

• Clear snow and ice from all windows and lights, even the hood and roof, before driving, (start with the tailpipe).

Leave plenty of room for stopping.

• Remember that the posted speed limits are for dry pavement.

• Use brakes carefully. Brake early. Brake correctly. It takes more time and distance to stop in adverse conditions.

• Bridge decks freeze first. Due to the difference in the exposure to air, the surface condition can be worse on a bridge than on the approach road.

• Exit ramps are an even greater challenge during the winter since they may have received less anti-icing material than the main line.

• Leave room for maintenance vehicles and plows — stay back at least 200 feet and do not pass on the right.

• Seatbelts should be worn at all times — it's the law.

• Most importantly, please remember to slow down.

Please review more information on safe winter driving at www.mass.gov/winter-weather-driving.

To sign up for service alerts for the MBTA: Subway, Bus, Commuter Rail and Ferry service go to *www.mbta.com*.

## **Remembering Michaelina "Lee" Procopio's On the Anniversary of Her 100th Birthday**



year on November 11<sup>th</sup>, to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France at 5:45 a.m., for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which

Day is commemorated every took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning — the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. Lee enjoyed celebrating Veterans Day and their courageous works in her lifetime.





24<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Program for North End Children Only

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING WITH GIFTS FOR **ALL THE NICE BOYS & GIRLS.** 

on Sunday, December 9th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at St. Agrippina's Chapel at 459 Hanover Street

Andrea Sparks and Andy Procopio celebrated their Mother Michaelina "Lee" Procopio's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Veterans Day at Mass at St. Leonard's Church. Michaelina passed away at the age of  $98\frac{1}{2}$ 

Lee was born on the exact day that marked Armistice Day, November 11, 1918. Armistice

Michele Morgan, Rosemary McAuliffe, Andrea Sparks and Andy Procopio gather outside St. Leonard's Church after Mass on Veterans Day.

Rosa Napolí Salon International would like to wish all of her Family, Friends, and Customers a Happy Thanksgiving 85 Lubec Street, East Boston 617-567-7376

#### **PRAYER TO ST. JUDE**

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us.

Say this prayer 9 times a day and by the 8th day your prayers will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. My prayers have been answered. N.C.M. answered.

All who wish to attend please call <u>617-363-2678</u> between November 19 and December 3rd. To confirm you must supply your child's name, age, gender, address and phone number so that we can report to Santa's elves. Please, you must confirm no later than December 3rd. All children 10 and under will receive a picture with Santa and a gift. Children must be present & accompanied by an adult. Also: Face Painting, Balloons, Characters, Gift Bags. Please Bring a Camera! ★ Saint Agrippina's Christmas Program is for <u>North End Residents Only.</u> **"VIVA ST. AGRIPPINA** JUST A MERRY GOOD TIME God Bless America

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## Boston Common Christmas Tree Lighting

Annual Celebration Live on WCVB Channel 5

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and The Honourable Karen Casey, Deputy Premier of Nova Scotia, will celebrate the 77th Annual Tree Lighting on Boston Common on Thursday, November 29th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The celebration is presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, title sponsor The Province of Nova Scotia, Jumbotron sponsor JetBlue, and presenting sponsors Exelon Generation, the Coca-Cola Company, and Bank of America with additional support provided by WCVB Channel 5, Magic 106.7 FM, and the Boston Globe. The holiday lights throughout both parks will light up in sequence shortly before 8:00 p.m. when Mayor Walsh is joined onstage by Deputy Premier Casey, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Santa Claus. The show will close with a pyrotechnic display by Atlas PyroVision.

The holiday decorations throughout Boston Common and the Public Garden include the City of Boston's official 2018 Christmas tree, a 46-foot white spruce tree donated by Ross McKellar and Teresa Simpson from Oxford, Nova Scotia. This marks the first time the annual Christmas tree gift to Boston has come from Cumberland County.

WCVB's Anthony Everett and Shayna Seymour will once again host Channel 5's live broadcast of the event beginning at 7:00 p.m. featuring multi-platinum pop star Andy Grammer, music from Nova Scotia's Hillsburn and Makayla Lynn, local recording artist Phaedra, Willy Wonka from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, the cast of North Shore Music Theater's A Christmas Carol, and the Morning Star Baptist Church Gospel Choir.

The lighting of the trees on the Common is made possible through the generosity of the Egan Family Foundation, the Lynch Foundation, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, John Moriarty & Associates, Berkshire Bank, the Herb Chambers Companies, the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau, and contributions from other individuals and institutions.

The annual holiday display includes the official Christmas tree from Nova Scotia and trees throughout Boston Common. Refreshments and additional support will be provided by promotional sponsors Dunkin' Donuts, Capital One, Xfinity, KIND Snacks, H.P. Hood LLC, Power Crunch Bars, Drake's Cakes, Nature's Path, and an appearance by the L.L. Bean Bootmobile.

This is the 47<sup>th</sup> year that Nova Scotia has given a tree to the people of Boston as thanks for relief efforts following the December 6, 1917, explosion of a munitions ship in Halifax Harbor. Within 24 hours of the disaster a train loaded with supplies and emergency personnel was making its way from Boston to Nova Scotia. For more information please call (617)-635-4505, go to www. boston.gov/parks, or visit us on Facebook. For Boston Common parking information go to www.massconvention.com/bcg.html.

## Frank J. Romano

Frank J. Romano of Malden, formerly of the North End, died peacefully on November 15, 2018, surrounded by his loving family.

Cherished and dearly missed by his wife of 66 years, Mary (DiPrima) Romano, and his children Frank and his wife Sharon of Wilmington, Steven of Malden, Michael and his wife Rose of Burlington- and John

and his wife Patricia of Wilmington, as p.m., in the Boston Harborside Home, well as nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Also survived by his sister Mary of Boston and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by three brothers and four sisters.

Frank proudly served in the Massachusetts National Guard and was a proud member of the Knights 210 Market Street, Lynn, MA 01901.

of Columbus Ausonia Council #1513 in the North End. He was a past president of the St. Stephens Church Holy Name Society, a founding member of the North End Friends of St. Francis House Homeless Shelter, and a long-term volunteer of the ABCD North End/ West End NSC.

The family will receive visitors on Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 4:00 p.m.-8:00

580 Commercial Street, Boston. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in St. Stephen's Church, 401 Hanover Street, Boston, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the All Care Hospice,

## **ZooLights Shine Brightly**

Beginning on Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> Beloved holiday Tradition Returns to Stone Zoo

ZooLights is set to once again dazzle visitors of all ages when it opens for the holiday season on Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. This winter wonderland attracts thousands of visitors each year who get into the holiday spirit by strolling along treelined paths lit by thousands of twinkling lights. New this year, guests will be able to see the Caribbean Coast exhibit festively decorated. Stroll through the beautifully lit Yukon Creek and see black bears, bald eagles, Canada lynx, arctic foxes, and even reindeer!

Guests of all ages will have the opportunity to meet one of Stone Zoo's reindeer up close during the nightly photo opportunities.\* Children will want to make sure they visit with Santa, who awaits their arrival in Santa's Castle. Jolly Old St. Nick will be available for photos through December



24<sup>th</sup>. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, guests can also meet Mrs. Claus, who will be greeting visitors and spreading holiday cheer throughout the Zoo from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

\*Please note: The reindeer photo opportunities are subject to change at any time due to the animals' needs and the weather.

Friday, November 23, 2018 -Monday, December 31, 2018, from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Please note: ZooLights will be closed on December 25<sup>th</sup>. Stone Zoo, 149 Pond Street,

Stoneham, MA 02180

For more information, please visit www.stonezoo.org or call 617-541-LION.

Celebrate World Anteater Day at Franklin Park Zoo

## LETTERS POLICY

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

In celebration of World Anteater Day, visit Jockamo, the giant anteater at his exhibit inside Franklin Park Zoo's Tropical Forest on November 24<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Did you know that giant anteaters have a 2-foot-long tongue that allows them to eat up to 35,000 insects per day? Learn more about anteaters during scheduled animal encounters. There will also be crafts and activities for the kids, and an education station all about anteaters.

Giant anteaters are terrestrial mammals that live in moist tropical forests, dry deciduous forests, as well as swamp, savannah and grassland habitats. Their historic range is from the southern tip of Mexico down to Honduras and south through South America. These striking animals are noted for their distinct coloration and their general coat pattern is predominately brown or grey.

Zoo New England is committed to the conservation of these animals and has supported Anteaters and Highways, through its Quarters for Conservation program.



The Coca-Cola Holiday Caravan

and Santa Visit Franklin Park Zoo

The Coca-Cola Holiday Caravan is coming to Franklin Park Zoo! Look for the illuminating truck as it brings Santa to the Zoo on Saturday, December 8th, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Guests will be able to meet and take a free family photo with Santa.

Warm up inside the Tropical Forest building as you watch some of the animals receive festive enrichment. There will also be a fun craft to take home and an activity at the education station.

For more information, visit www.franklinparkzoo.org or call 617-541-LION. Franklin Park Zoo, One Franklin Park Road, Boston, MA 02121

(Photos courtesy of Zoo New England)

## L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore Advent and the Joy of Waiting

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Every year, I unfailingly hear the same refrain uttered from the lips of exasperated coworkers and family members: "The Christmas season starts earlier and earlier each year!" This nebulous phenomenon is actually known as Christmas creep, and it can be a real pain for those of us who wish to enjoy each season slowly, watching it unfurl naturally. I remember staring in shock at a commercial featuring Santa Claus which aired a few weeks before Halloween, and marveling at the boxes of Christmas lights that stocked store shelves before the last jack-o-lanterns or witches' hats made their way to the storage room. Then, of course, comes Black Friday, the day of long lines snaking out of department stores at the wee hours of the morning and crowds jostling to find the perfect deal. I try to avoid the rampant commercialization of Christmas. My Black Friday tradition involves a refusal to set foot in any store; instead, I spend a quiet day watching television, grading papers or eating sushi with my husband. I prefer to settle into the Christmas season calmly and organically, savoring it with the same appreciation as a cup of velvety eggnog. For this reason, I am especially thankful that the calendar sets aside a special time devoted to *waiting*, a value which too often seems lost in our fast-paced world. This period of reflective spirituality is known as Advent, and it brims with its own fascinating customs and traditions as it patiently ushers in the joyful Christmas holiday.

Advent, which begins a

ing of this deeply significant time period has changed considerably from its medieval roots. In the early days of Christianity, Advent meant spiritual cleansing in preparation for Christmas. It was time set aside for fasting, and vestiges of this practice can be seen in the many European cultures, including the Italian, which serve seafood rather than meat during the traditional Christmas Eve dinner. However, modern Advent celebrations focus more on the delightful anticipation for Christmas. This forms the symbolic crux of the Advent wreath. Every Sunday during Advent, someone lights one of the four candles — three purples, one pink - on the wreath until they all burn radiantly on the last Sunday of the season. These luminous candles cut through the dark nights of winter and reference the reemergence of light at Christmas, religiously through the birth of Jesus, and metaphorically through the slowly lengthening days after the winter solstice. I honor Advent with several quaint family traditions. My husband and I light a candle on our Advent wreath every Sunday, accompanied by the reading of an appropriate Bible verse and the singing of an Advent carol like "O Come Emmanuel." When we visit his parents, we attach a special ornament to an old cloth Advent calendar that they have held for years. On the first Sunday of Advent, I set out my Christmas decorations and begin baking my holiday cookies as well. These customs instill in me a keen eagerness

to remember my father's childhood memories of a Christmas season in Italy. Advent had a rustic and simple charm in his hometown of Sulmona, nestled in the mountains of the Abruzzi region, and every tradition was imbued with a profound sense of holiness. Bagpipe players known as zampognari, decked out in folkloric garb, still descend from the frosty mountain pasture to the haunting tune of their ancient Christmas melodies. They make their way to Rome and stay there until the Italian Christmas season ends on the holiday of the Epiphany. Throughout Advent, presepi, the quintessential Italian Christmas decoration, begin to appear throughout the whole country. Presepi, or Nativity scenes, adorn private homes, city plazas, and village squares, sometimes with live actors portraying the members of the Holy Family. These Nativities form such an indispensable part of Italian Christmas celebrations in part because they were created by the country's beloved patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi. My father always remembered with great love and nostalgia the enormous presepio he helped construct in his town church, replete with moss and running water. Finally, Advent signals the arrival of the ubiquitous Christmas markets in Italy. These enchanting bazaars grace nearly every Italian city, with the most famous located in Piazza Navona in Rome. Stalls burst with Christmas ornaments, toys and edible treats, all to the soundtrack of performers and musicians entertaining the shoppers. Tourists line up to try famous fruitstudded Christmas breads like panettone and panforte. These markets are just one of many customs which add to the magical charm of an Italian Advent, a season which excitedly awaits the arrival of Christmas while also commemorating the spirituality of the holiday.

I realize that it can be all too easy — and frustrating — to get caught up in the frenzied rush which frequently characterizes the holiday season. The incessant drone of commercials and the overwhelming surge of people in a crowded mall can either propel us to buy more and more material goods, or rather hide away home. However, by honoring Advent, we give ourselves a reprieve from the holiday turmoil. This period shines with the themes of anticipation, light and the humble pleasures of a Christmas season spent with loved ones. It is a time for waiting, for shivering with the hope that soon light will break through the dark winter evenings and that the world will unite with love and joy. This Advent, always be sure to focus on the real pleasures of the holiday — all which is symbolic, communal, spiritual - rather than the commercialism, and always keep faithfully anticipating the light to come. Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz is a high school history teacher. She appreciates any comments and suggestions about Italian holidays and folklore at adicenso89@gmail.com.



## Bar Shooter Kills 12

AUSTIN, TX - Another horrible and senseless act of violence after another. Last year when I was down in South Austin, I watched the cable news describing an act of terrorism in Manhattan as a crazed driver plowed down a sidewalk on a busy street killing a number of innocent folks. It was Day One of my 2018 Texas trip, in late October. A week later (November 5<sup>th</sup>) there was another shooting about 140 miles south of Austin in Sutherland Springs, a suburb of San Antonio. A shooter opened fire in a church sanctuary on a Sunday morning. More innocent people killed by gunfire.

Here I am back in Austin and just before I left Boston, there was a horrific shooting at a synagogue in Pittsburgh called the Tree of Life. More dead! Two days ago (November 7<sup>th</sup>) I awake to TV voices talking about a massacre at a bar 40-miles west of Los Angeles. Another crazed shooter! More dead! This last shooter killed himself after killing 12, including a deputy sheriff, who tried to stop him from killing more.

Oh before I forget, there was a small news story in the *Austin American Statesman*, the big daily newspaper down here, on the vandalism of a Jewish food truck. Here in Downtown Austin on Congress Avenue, there are plenty of food trucks dotting this main thoroughfare from Lady Bird Lake to the State Capitol.

It seems that while the owner

of the food truck was away, vandals broke into his truck and caused great damage and left an Iron Cross and many coins on the front seat. Sounds like another senseless hate crime to most.

America, as of late, has been consumed in lots of division. No one talks to each other anymore. People scream both right and left, but mostly left. We have grown too intolerant of each other.

ANTIFA is one of those divisive groups that spread hatred and violence always in the name of being antifascist. In the latest news, they surrounded Tucker Carlson's home in D.C. while his wife is home alone. Surrounded by a screaming mob, the cops are called to break things up. This is not an act of civility. This is an act of domestic terrorism but the Fake News Media gave TV viewers nothing but crickets.

It is time for America to begin healing. Constant violence, constant name-calling, and constant death must end, and the end will begin when all of us demand it to end. We do not need partisan politics we need unity politics. There is always more that unites us than divides us. We all have to find the strength to do what is right. The solution is all of us working together to right things, or all we will get is more of the same. We can't just sit by idly and watch things go from bad to worse. We have the power to change it if we have the courage to do so.



little over a week from now, on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, this year, stretches across the four weeks prior to Christmas. The meanfor the Christmas festivities while still allowing me to revel in the unique delights of Advent. During Advent, I also pause

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## A Little Christmas with the CALAMARI SISTERS

Created by Jay Falzone, Stephen Smith, and Dan Lavender Limited Three Week Run December 6 - December 23, 2018 at the Regent Theatre in Arlington, MA



Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the kitchen.

Prepare yourselves for a brand new, outrageously funny, allsinging, all-dancing, all-cooking extravaganza as the Calamari Sisters take the stage for *A Little Christmas with the Calamari Sisters*.

The show is full of holiday favorites like "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree," "Home For The Holidays," "Put A Little Love In Your Heart," and of course, "Dominic The Italian Christmas Donkey"! Join those brassy, sassy sisters as they sing, dance, and cook their way through this holiday extravaganza!

## ABOUT THE CALAMARI SISTERS

**DELPHINE CALAMARI** was born in Bay Ridge, NY, the eldest daughter of Rocco and Vittoria Calamari. By age seven, she was assisting her grandmother cater every major event at the legendary Rigatoni Lodge of the Brooklyn Federation of Italian-American Societies. Her love for meat began soon there after, and within a few years she was known throughout the borough as "that Italian girl that can tell you which butcher a sausage comes from with her eyes closed." By the time Delphine was a young woman, it was widely believed that unless you served Delphine's meatballs at your wedding reception, your marriage would be doomed and you would never conceive a son to carry on your family name. In addition to cooking, Delphine has always been interested in the arts, singing countless duets with her sister, Carmela, at St. Lawrence of the Roasted Martyrs Church and Convent. Their nativity of cold meats and dairy was always a huge crowd pleaser at Christmastime. Also, as a young girl, Delphine attended Miss FloFlo's School of Dance for Bigger Girls, where she excelled until she was asked to leave due to an unfortunate fight with a fellow dancer, Tula Mercantelli, over a piece of Easter pie. Today, Tula is carrying her third illegitimate child by a third father, and it serves her right. Undaunted, Delphine was Founder and President of the Pasta and Meat Club at St. Lady of the Divine Pain High School, as well as unofficial Cookie Maker for the Drama Club, where she also landed such roles as Nurse Flinn in One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest, the Kit Kat Club Janitor in Cabaret, and Rusty Charlie in Guys and Dolls. Upon graduating, she was fired from several restaurant jobs for forcing patrons to eat after they were

full. Jobless, she teamed up with her sister, Carmela, and founded the borough-famous Calamari Sisters' Catering Company. They soon became well-known for their song-and-dance-andcooking routines, being hired by such notable public figures as Ed Koch, Hoda Kotb, and Nancy Harrigan. Knowing that the next natural step for them was television, when the opportunity presented itself, they grabbed it. Four years ago, their Uncle JoJo accidentally went swimming without taking off his cement block, and left them a large inheritance, which they used to finance their public access cable TV show, MANGIA ITALIANO. Delphine wishes to thank her family for all of their support (except her Aunt Viola, go to hell), especially Uncle Geno for being in the right place at the right time when this kitchen set fell off the back of that truck! Delphine sends much love to all of her fans, and invites them to mangia, MANGIA!

CARMELLA CALAMARI lightest daughter of Rocco and Vittoria Calamari, weighing 15 pounds at birth. Carmela began turning heads with her cooking from a very young age, combining a lemonade stand with a kissing booth at the age of eight. After being promptly shut down by her uncle, and several of her customers mysteriously disappearing, she turned her attention to more conventional outlets and began competing in the Bay Ridge pageant circuit. While qualified, Carmela was crowned Miss Salami of Bay Ridge, first runner-up Miss Wooden Spoon of Bay Ridge, and Miss Congeniality for Miss Stuck Pig of Bay Ridge; always wowing the crowd with some extraordinary new and unusual talent. It was while competing for the famous Miss Macaroni of Greater Brooklyn when Carmela was allegedly caught feeding one of the judge's minestrone soup out of her Gucci knock-off pump. Although never conclusively proven, she was disqualified from any and all future Italian pageants in all five boroughs. Never one to accept defeat, Carmela dove into helping her sister, Delphine, and their grandmother cater events at the Rigatoni Lodge, becoming the fastest cake frost-er in all of Brooklyn. In addition, she became the darling of the St. Lady of the Divine Pain High School's Drama Club, playing such roles as Effie in Dreamgirls, Eliza Doolittle in My Fairy Lady,

and Mary in The Secret Garden. After graduation, Carmela attended DeVry University for a vear and a half before pursuing her dream of a life in the show biz. She came close to her big break when she was cast as Kathy Bates butt double, but the MPAA deemed the scene "of questionable taste," and Carmela's film debut was never seen. However, when her sister, Delphine, suggested they start a singing-dancing-cooking business together, Carmela knew it was the perfect marriage of her two favorite things: cooking and performing, and so Calamari Sisters' Catering Company was born. Achieving neighborhood attention for their unusual catering style incorporating song-and-dance routines, she always knew that she needed a medium that would allow more people to experience her unique caliber of entertainment. Public access cable was the answer!! She became the star of MANGIA ITALIANO! Carmela wishes to thank her Uncle JoJo for never making good on his bets, and her devoted fans for their countless letters, pictures (both G-rated and otherwise), and articles of clothing (both laundered and otherwise) the past four years. Carmela wishes to leave you with a quote: "Dreams are like butterflies. Don't let them go 'cause they won't come back. So hold onto them tight even if kills the butterfly."

#### Cooking With The Calamari Sisters.

New York *Newsday* called *The Calamari Sisters* "delight-ful and absolutely delicious."

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## **Pet News** . . . from the Gazette

by Marie Simboli

Celebrating Thanksgiving with your Dog



Honorees with Italian Heritage Month Committee members Sal Bramante, Treasurer OIH Month Committee, Lino Rullo, Co-Founder OIH Month Committee, Marisa Di Pietro, Secretary OIH Month Committee, Richard Vita, President OIH Month Committee, Debbie Di Masi, Honoree Sal Di Masi, Francine Gannon accepting for Robert Travaglini, Honoree Speaker Robert DeLeo, M. Gioconda Motta, C.A.S.I.T., Joe Motta, Frank Mazzaglia, Chairman, OIH Month Committee, and Domenic Amara, President Pirandello Lyceum



Honorees were given a Certificate of Honor Award by the MA Legislative Italian American Caucus and the October Italian Heritage Month Committee as Co-Sponsors of the 1999 legislation creating October Italian Heritage Month Committee of Massachusetts Inc. L-R: Giuseppe Giangregorio, honoree Sal DiMasi, Francine Gannon accepting for Robert Travaglini, honoree Speaker Robert DeLeo, and IHM President Richard Vita.





The Thanksgiving holiday is traditionally a time for families to gather together and enjoy each other's company while partaking in a sumptuous feast. Although the day can be busy and hectic, don't forget to include your furry family member. If you have invited a lot of company you may be tempted to put your dog in another room. While that may be okay for a short time while everyone gets settled, don't leave your pup isolated all day. Dogs are social creatures, and they can become stressed if kept away from the fun and festivities.

**Family Introductions:** Is your dog meeting some of your family members or friends for the first time? Not all people know how to approach a dog they have never met. Depending on your dog's age and personality, let your guests know the best way to approach him or her.

Children can run the gamut from being overly excited and possibly aggressive toward your dog to, at the other extreme, being fearful of him or her. Be prepared to put everyone at ease, including your dog, for a happy and mutually satisfying experience.

**Dog-Friendly Activities:** There are many ways to include your dog in the day's activities. Are family members watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on television? This is the perfect opportunity for them to curl up with your pup, which will give him or her some quiet time on a lucky family member's lap. There are active family members throwing the football around in the yard? Have a Nylabone go? Active oddball or flying disk on hand to toss around with your pooch so he or she can join in the fun. No matter what games you play with your dog, they will help rid him or her of excess energy. And a tired dog is well-behaved dog. Delectable Delights: Thanksgiving is also known as Turkey Day, and food plays a major part in the celebration. Let visiting family members know which human foods are inappropriate for your dog but also invite them to give him or her a healthy treats or bits of kibble that you've put aside just for him or her. The aroma wafting into the dining area from the kitchen can be just as enticing to your dog as it is to your guests. Guess who's going to follow the scent? Safety can be a concern if your pup is underfoot while food is being prepared and brought to the dining table. This would be a good time for a family member not involved in kitchen duty to spend quality time with your pup; lap time, going for a walk, playing, or taking dog photos. Chances are, if your dog is the focus of someone's attention, he or she will be too distracted to slip into the kitchen.

Welcome Distractions: Of course, if your pup is a chow hound, he may not be able to resist the sights and sounds of food being prepared or served. Entice him to stay put and out of the line of foot traffic by giving him or her a chew toy, which can entertain him or her before or during the Thanksgiving feast. Let him or her know that he or she is being a good dog and that the chew toy is his or her reward. You can even give him or her a holiday-themed chew toy, such as the Nylabone Turkey & Cranberry-favored Dura Chew, designed to be long lasting for powerful chewers. Get him or her Nylabone's Dental Chew holiday two-pack, made for powerful chewers, and you'll be ready for Christmas dinner too! This two pack comes with a red Turkey& Cranberry-Flavored Dental Dinosaur and a green Peppermint-Flavored Dental Dinosaur.

Whether your dog dines at the same time that you do or another time altogether, you can make him or her dinner a special Thanksgiving feast by adding extra treat.

**After-Dinner Traditions:** What is your family's afterdinner tradition? Coffee and conversation? Viewing the big football game on television? Watching a Christmas classic like *It's a Wonderful Life*? Hopefully your pup will be all tuckered out by now and ready for a nap, but if he or she isn't, bring out a favorite toy that will keep him or her busy.

Representative Michael Moran, Representative-Elect Tom Vitolo, Representative Dan Ryan, Honoree Sal DiMasi, Francine Gannon accepting for Robert Travaglini, Speaker Robert DeLeo, Representative John Mahoney, Representative Paul Donato, and Senator Sal DiDomenico

The Massachusetts Legislative Italian American Caucus & October as Italian Heritage Month Committee hosted a special program and reception honoring Speaker Robert DeLeo, Sal DiMasi, and Robert Travaglini, the co-sponsors of the 1999 legislation establishing October as Italian Heritage Month, signed by Governor A. Paul Cellucci.

The reception was held at the UMass Club on Wednesday, November 14, 2018. Attorney Richard Vita, Senator Sal Di Domenico, Senator Joe Boncore, Representative Paul Donato, and Representative Adrian Madaro presented the awards. Francine Gannon accepted the award for Robert Travaglini as he was out of state and unable to attend.

The honorees and presenters expressed pride for their Italian American heritage and vowed support of Christopher Columbus Day and the Italian culture that has been so important in the shaping of the United States.



Gizella DiPaola, SVP, Senior Retail Banking Officer, Eagle Bank, Mira Giangregorio-Firicano and Michele Motta-Dardano

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Going for walk with your dog after dinner can be a good way for both of you to burn off some of those holiday calories from earlier in the day.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving with family and friends and your pup, too!

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#### • East Boston Social Centers (Continued from Page 1)

thrilled to recognize our outstanding alumnus Robert Lewis, Jr. as we celebrate this milestone anniversary. We look forward to announcing a vision for a future where all children in East Boston enter Kindergarten ready to learn and in which community members are joyful and thriving. This event embodies the East Boston Social Centers motto "when all give, all gain" because we could not have done this without the support of countless community members, stakeholders and leaders."

The East Boston Social Centers set an ambitious goal of raising \$500,000 through the Cruisin' Through the Decades gala and are still taking donations to reach that goal.

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Living Legends of the 70s - John Forbes, Jr., Salvatore LaMattina, and Johnny Pizzi



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Honoree Robert Lewis, Jr. with Governor Charlie Baker



Councilor Lydia Edwards with Honoree Robert Lewis, Jr.



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#### **DRAGNET: COLLECTOR'S EDITION** (Blu-ray) Shout! Factory

Many 'seniors' will likely remember this opening line for the television police drama; Dragnet that first aired in the 1950s ... "This is the city." Dan Aykroyd appears as the namesake nephew of Detective Sergeant Joe Friday, originally played by actor Joe Webb, and his sidekick is Tom Hanks as the footloose, wisecracking Pep Streebek. Aykroyd is at his comedic best as the nephew of Friday. Like his uncle, he's a blue-suited by-the-rules cop who reluctantly joins forces with Streebek to rescue the City of Angels from the machinations of a power-mad Reverend and corrupt Police Commissioners. And those are "just the facts" of this hysterically funny actioncomedy! A comedy that pays homage to the police dramas of yesteryear!

#### THE SOUND OF MUSIC LIVE (Blu-ray) **Shout! Studios**

The world's most popular musical, Rodgers and Hammerstein's The Sound of Music, comes brilliantly to life in this ambitious, live-broadcast production from BAFTAnominated director Coky Giedroyc! The spectacular Kara Tointon delivers a "mesmerizing performance and incredible vocal talents" as Maria, the tomboyish nun who reluctantly becomes the governess for seven children living in the shadow of their stern widower father (Julian Ovenden). Along with her required duties, Maria brings love, music and excitement back into the children's lives ... and also eventually begins to have an effect on their father. But just when things are looking up, the rise of Nazism and the looming threat of war darken their future. Supported by Katherine Kelly as Baroness Elsa Schraeder and Alexander Armstrong as Max Detweiler, The Sound Of Music Live is an enchanting experience that will remain with you long after the last curtain call. Since this show debuted on Broadway in 1959, its music has etched in our minds the classic and unforgettable songs as, "The Sound of Music," "Edelweiss," "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" and "My Favorite Things." **GLASTONBURY FAYRE: 1971** 

#### THE TRUE SPIRIT OF **GLASTONBURY** (Blu-ray) MVDvisual + Odeon Ent.

In the summer of 1971, the Glastonbury legend was born when the organizers decided to try and create a festival that would be a forerunner for an 'alternative and utopian society.' The festival encompassed Midsummer's Day, and in true medieval tradition, the area of Worthy Farm, Pilton was given over to music, dance, poetry, theatre, spontaneous entertainment and nudity. Aspiring director Nic Roeg took his film crew to the second Glastonbury festival and recorded the people, the music and their summer of love. The music of Terry Reid, Family, Melanie, Fairport Convention, Traffic, Linda Lewis and Arthur Brown are part of the legend of Glastonbury Fayre, but the real stars of this film are the festival goers, organizers Arabella Churchill and Andrew Kerr, and the first appearance of the pyramid stage. Unseen for over thirty years since its cinema release, Glastonbury Fayre has been digitally restored to create a unique record of a visionary music festival by one of Britain's greatest film directors.

## **MEMORIES OF ME** (Blu-ray)

#### **MVD** Marquee Collection Billy Crystal and Alan King will

keep you in stitches in director Henry Winkler's heartwarming comedy about a feuding father and son who discover that love is a family trait. Roger Ebert of Siskel & Ebert considered the script for Memories of Me, by Crystal and Oscar-winner Eric Roth, to be well written, well directed, smart and tender. They say, like father, like son, but for Abe (King) and Abbie (Crystal) Polin, nothing could be further from the truth. Abe is king of the Hollywood extras. As an actor he's an expert at being a face in the crowd. His son Abbie is a respected New York heart surgeon who's always felt like a bit player in his father's life. When Abbie suffers a mild heart attack, he decides it's time to mend family ties ... or break them altogether. So he heads out to Hollywood, where his efforts at reconciliation lead to hilarious consequences.



The Ogunquit Playhouse Announces the Cast and Creative Team for the Holiday Production of

## ELF THE MUSICAL

at the Musical Hall

The Music Hall and the Ogunquit Playhouse are thrilled to announce the cast and creative team of Elf The Musical, on stage November 28th - December 16th at The Music Hall in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Based on the beloved film, Elf The Musical is the hilarious tale of Buddy, a young orphan child who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag

of gifts and is transported back to the North Pole and raised as one of Santa's elves. Eventually Buddy's enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to embark on a journey to New York City to find his birth father, discover his true identity, and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

The Ogunquit Playhouse production is helmed by Broadway director/choreographer Connor Gallagher and features an all-new set designed exclusively for the Ogunquit production at The Music Hall by acclaimed scenic designer Jason Sherwood. Leading the professional cast are New York and Broadway veterans Steven Booth as Buddy the Elf, Diana Huey as Jovie, Jen Cody as Deb, Lothair Eaton as the Macy's Manager, Annie Edgerton as Emily Hobbs, Blake Hammond as Santa, Philip Paul Kelly as Mr. Greenway, and Christopher Russo as Walter Hobbs. The role of Michael will be played by Calvin Middleton.

Steven Booth stars as Buddy. Mr. Booth recently starred as Charlie in the first National Tour of Kinky Boots, and as Richie in the first National Tour of Happy Days. On Broadway he has performed in School of Rock, Glory Days, and Avenue Q, and for regional theatres has performed in the Signature Theatre's production of Glory Days, Avenue Q at the Wynn Las Vegas Theatre, Capitol Repertory's Edges, North Shore Music Theatre's Three Musketeers, and Coeur d'Alene Summer Theatre's Pippin.

Diana Huey co-stars as Jovie. Ms. Huey most recently starred in the first National Tour of The Little Mermaid as Ariel. She has performed in numerous New York and Regional productions including Girlstar, Jasper in Deadland, James and the Giant Peach, Spring Awakening, Avenue Q, Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along-Blog, Rent, Mame, and Signature Theatre's Miss Saigon for which she won the Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Lead Actress.

Portraying Deb is Jen Cody. Ms. Cody has starred in numerous Broadway productions including A Christmas Story, Shrek, Pajama Game, Taboo, Urinetown the Musical, Seussical the Musical, Disney's Beauty and the



Beast, Grease, and CATS. Off-Broadway her credits include Cleopatra, The Wild Party, Judith of Bethulia, and Henry and Mudge. In film her voice can be heard in many animated films, including her Annie Awardwinning role as Charlotte La Bouff in Disney's The Princess and the Frog. On television she has performed in CBS's Instinct,

Bull, Unforgettable, and Blue Bloods, and provided voiceover work for Shrek Live, American Dad, Phineas and Ferb, and Mickey and the Roadster Racers among many others. Ms. Cody was last seen on the Ogunquit Playhouse stage in 2012's Damn Yankees, 2009's All Shook Up, 2006's Cinderella, and was the Choreographer for the 2016 and 2015 smash-hit Million Dollar Quartet.

Lothair Eaton joins the cast as the Macy's Manager. Off-Broadway Mr. Eaton starred in the original company of Nunsense A-Men, and in the UK Tour of 5 Guys Named Moe. In Regional theatres he has starred in Trav'lin 1930's Harlem Musical, When Pigs Fly, Sunday In The Park With George, and Show Boat. Additionally, he starred as Papa the Old Steam Train in the Germany, Las Vegas, New Zealand and UK Tour of Starlight Express.

Portraying Emily Hobbs is Annie Edgerton. Ms. Edgerton has starred as Rosie in Mamma Mia! on Broadway as well as in the first two National Tours. She has also performed on Broadway in Kinky Boots, and in numerous Regional and Off-Broadway productions including Flu Me to the Moon, Comedy of Errors, King Lear, Les Miserables, Legally Blonde, Babes in Toyland, Showboat, and Betrayal, among others.

Blake Hammond joins the cast of Elf The Musical as Santa. On Broadway he has performed in numerous productions including Sister Act, Elf The Musical, Billy Elliot, Disney's The Lion King, Hairspray, The Music Man, Kiss Me Kate, and On the Town, and Off-Broadway in When Pigs Fly, Carnival, and Do Re Mi. Mr. Hammond has also starred in the National Tours of Something Rotten, Cinderella, The Addams Family, and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Mr. Hammond was most recently seen on the Ogunquit Playhouse stage as Harry in 2018's Grumpy Old Men the Musical. Additionally he has performed at the Playhouse in 2015's Sister Act and 2009's Guys and Dolls.

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Boston Herald has editorialized

against the ban once again.

The Retailers Association of

Massachusetts calls the ban

"not pro-consumer." PALEZE!

I can't believe all the con-

week's paper

As I put this column together, I am going to attend the 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **TOPPER RETURNS** (Blu-ray) MVDvisual + VCI Ent.

Cosmo Topper (Roland Young) is the man who knows the ways of spooks better than anyone, is up to his moustache in mystery. When a beautiful heiress-to-be (Joan Blondell) becomes the target of an unknown killer, things start jumping. Topper tries to find her killer in an eerie old house, filled with trap doors, secret passages and plenty of eccentric characters. Topper soon finds himself as "Suspect # 1," but with the help of his ghostly collaborator, he tries to unmask the real killer. This was the last film (1941) in the hilarious Topper series which began in the late 1930s based on Thome Smith's famous characters.

## TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

## of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

### by Sal Giarratani

The sky ain't gonna fall when shoppers go shopping. As Gloria Gainer once sang, "I (you and me) will survive."

About five years back, on a trip to Austin, I found out they have a plastic bag ban and it is business as usual for merchants, supermarkets and shoppers. I shop with bags I carry in my car all the time. If I forget a bag, sturdy bags are for sale for a quarter. Pure over-reaction!

#### EAST BOSTON SHINES AT **BOSTON SENIORITY** MAGAZINE

As I browsed through the November issue of Boston Seniority, I came upon photos of Raffaela Pizzi and Adeline Carino talking about how great it is to live in Boston. I am still wondering why the magazine needed to tell everyone reading the piece how old all those making comments were. Remember age is just a number.

#### **DAVID SONDRAS MEMOIRS**

Recently I read that former City Councilor David Sondras just released his memoir. It chronicles his years on the council back in the early '80s. God almighty has it really been that long? It was a great reality show in the Council Chambers when Scondras and Dapper O'Neil did battle with each other over something or another. They were not two peas in anyone's pod. I miss that kind of action.



by John Christoforo



A Nostalgic Remembrance

football game. I am a graduate



It's holiday time again, but things have changed for us in terms of celebrating. In the past, I had combined my family with that of my second cousin, Ralph Pepe, and we celebrated Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter as one extended family. This, of course, was before his kids were married and had their own kids, and before my sons were on their own.

The way it stands now is that his family is rather large and the families of his children's spouses are included in the mix, which makes the crowd too big. To add to this, my son John likes to entertain the family on holidays at his home. That way his in-laws, parents and brother can get together for a day. At times, my daughterin-law insists that she, John and granddaughter, Lina, head to New York to spend holidays with her parents on Long Island, and off they go. Add to the mix that son Michael's schedule often doesn't coincide with the holidays, and he can't get home in time to celebrate. As a result of all of this, the old days are gone. I wish they weren't but times have changed.

When I was a youngster, holidays, like Sunday dinners, were held at my grandparent's home with three generations of family sitting at the dining room table for three to four hours. This is Thanksgiving week, so let me illustrate what it was like for us when I was growing up.

First let me say, "Thanksgiving is an American holiday.' Babbononno had read American history and knew the significance of the last Thursday in November. Nanna couldn't read, but had heard the stories of the Pilgrims, the Indians and survival in the early 1600s. Her kids, my mother and her brothers, were Americans and Nanna wanted them to celebrate the American holidays. Therefore, the Contini family celebrated Thanksgiving. Nanna would go to the slaughterhouse near Maverick Square, pick out her turkey, bargain for it the same way she did for her chickens during the rest of the year and buy all of the dinner add on's while walking home. This meant that, in the center of the dining room table a roast turkey would sit, filled with southern Italian egg stuffing. Next to the turkey would be a dishes of sweet potatoes, corn bread, an assortment of greens, cranberry sauce and a tureen of gravy (not ours — theirs). Oh, I forgot, a container filled with apple cider to wash all of this down was ever present.

for show. When we all finally sat down at the dinner table, the first course was escarole soup with tiny meatballs and pastina or Ordos mixed in. The second course was Nanna's homemade ravioli. She made the dough and the ricotta mix herself nothing was pre anything for her. The ravioli were accompanied by hot and sweet sausages, a never ending supply of meatballs, and a dish containing the meats that gave her red gravy its flavor: chunks of beef, pork ribs, a bit of lamb, and the herbs that made her gravy unique. Alongside of these dishes were large plates containing stuffed mushrooms, stuffed artichokes, slices of egg plant, and sautéed greens. Later, she would bring out a mixed salad as this was served after the main courses. Dishes of sliced scali bread were within reach as well as bottles of home-made wine for the adults and soda for us kids. Once the main part of the meal was over, dishes of fruit and nuts were placed on the table, including lots of hot chestnuts. These were accompanied by after dinner liqueurs and both Italian and American coffee. Dessert, consisting of pastries, cakes and pies would come later in the day or early evening, not right after the main meal.

In reality, this assortment of

American holiday food was just

Years later, I discovered that the turkey and American fixin's could have been made out of plastic, as no one ever touched them and no one would have ever known. They were for show ... American food for an American holiday.

The family back then consisted of Nanna, Babbononno, Mom, Dad, me, Mom's brothers, their wives and their children, so it was basically, the immediate family. At times, my grandparents would invite other relatives to join us, or single friends who would be alone at holiday time.

Once in a while, musicians or band leaders (Americans) that my uncles or father were tied in with would show up and the turkey would actually be cut up and served. We kids would watch as these Americans bit into their turkey parts, buttered their mashed potatoes and sipped the apple jack, and feel sorry for them eating American food rather than Nanna's Italian creations. But, we never said anything. They were adults, we were kids, and we knew better.

of Boston English High School, America's oldest public high school (1821) and still wear my English High ring out of love and respect. Back in the midfifties, I would join my friends and head for Harvard Stadium and watch the annual game. This tradition continued through the early sixties, but came to an end due to military obligations and family commitments.

Dad had been one of the coaches for East Boston High School's football team from 1942 through the 1948 season, and we would compare notes once I returned from the English Latin game. I would tell him about my game and he would reminisce about the Thanksgiving Day Eastie Southie games from the past. Dad's first love in sports was football and he had wished I played the game just as he did when he was young. My sport was, and still is, baseball. I can't get enough of it and you must know how I feel seeing the Sox won the World Series again.

I'm writing this a few days before the actual holiday and don't know what to expect to see on the dinner table at my son John's place. I know, seeing his wife is American, I won't taste the escarole soup, the ravioli, the meatballs and sausages, etc. ... but the important part is that we will all be together as a family and that is more important than the ethnicity of the food. So, from the descendents of Mike and Jenny Contini (Nanna and Babbononno), a very happy Thanksgiving to all of you for 2018!

To answer the questions of a few readers: Yes, my book is still available. It is a set of 18 short stories about growing up in East Boston and attending English High in the mid 1950s. If you would like a signed copy of True Short Stories, send a check for \$20.00 made out to me and address it to Beagsley Publishing Co., Box 342, Arlington, MA 02476. I will take care of the rest.

#### HAPPY THANKSGIVING and MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA

## Recipes from the Homeland by Vita Orlando Sinopoli

MEATBALLS

cheese

clove

1 tablespoon grated Romano

1/8 teaspoon garlic powder

or one small chopped garlic

- 1 pound ground beef
- (or ground turkey) 1/2 cup Italian-style bread
- crumbs
- 2 slightly beaten eggs

Place ground beef or turkey, prepared breadcrumbs, and slightly beaten eggs in a bowl. Mix ingredients thoroughly. Shape meatballs by taking a full tablespoon of mixture and rolling it in the palm of your hands into a ball shape. Place each meatball on a lightly greased baking tray. Bake in a preheated 350°F oven for about 15 to 20 minutes.\*

Remove from baking tray to separate meatballs from excess oil. Makes about twelve to fifteen meatballs, depending on the size preferred.

\*To microwave: Place meatballs on a microwave-proof platter and cook for five minutes, then turn and continue cooking for five to eight more minutes.

NOTE: The aroma of frying meatballs filled the air in most North End apartments every Sunday morning. My brother and I waited for Mama to start frying her meatballs so that we could enjoy one before the noontime meal.

My recipe evolved from watching my mother prepare her bread crumbs for the meatballs. Most families had a special technique to acquire their desired taste. When I prepare my meatballs, I add one tablespoon of grated Romano cheese and one-eighth teaspoon of garlic powder (or one small chopped garlic clove) to the flavored bread crumbs. These additions give me the taste and aroma of the meatballs I remember enjoying in my childhood.

## St. Joseph Calasanz, Sch.P.

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Joseph was born at the Castle of Calasanz near Peralta de Calasanz in the Kingdom of Aragon, on September 11, 1557, the youngest of eight children. His parents were Pedro de Calasanz y de Mur, the town mayor, and María Gastón y de Sala. He had two sisters. His parents gave him a good education at home and then at the elementary school of Peralta. In 1569, he was sent for classical studies to a college in Estadilla run by the Trinitarian friars. At the age of 14, he determined that he wanted to become a priest.



Although his family initially did not support his religious calling, Calasanz was eventually ordained as a priest in 1583 and subsequently became vicar general of Tremp. Later he relinquished much of his inheritance, resigned his vicariate, and went to Rome (1592), where he worked for the education of poor children. In November 1597, he opened Europe's first free school for poor children.

After other priests joined him, they eventually expanded their headquarters. Increasing student enrollment necessitated a move in 1602, and after a crippling accident, Joseph was assisted by Popes Clement VIII and Paul V, who in 1617, recognized his community as a religious congregation. In 1621, the congregation, which was spreading throughout Italy, became papally approved as a religious order, with Joseph as superior.

Joseph was friends with Galileo Galilei, and the Piarists supported Galileo's heliocentric system against other religious orders (namely the Jesuits). Joseph and the Piarists also met with significant political backlash from a number of Italy's powerful families over



As a young adult, I was often late for Thanksgiving dinner as I attended the English-Latin



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## LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI18C0608CA In the Matter of CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL DURDEN

#### CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Christopher Michael Durden of Burlington, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Christopher Micheal Luddy

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of November 30 2018. 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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court Date: November 1, 2018

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 11/23/18 the order's unwavering belief in the value of education for the poor.

Even worse, members of his own order began to campaign against him. As a result, Joseph's work was stopped, and the members of his order became part of the regular diocese. In spite of all this, Joseph protected his persecutors from the angry comments of others. He never lost hope that one day his religious order would be restored and poor children would be served through it. On August 25, 1648, Joseph died in Rome. Twenty years later, Pope Clement IX completely restored the order. He was Canonized on July 16, 1767 by Pope Clement XIII. The Feast of Saint Joseph Calasanz is celebrated on August 25th.



## THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

## The Places We Remember

My grandfather, Guerino DiCenso, died on September 16, 1998 after a two-year battle with failing kidneys. Earlier that spring city officials finished tearing down what was left of the old Boston Garden. The first loss was far more piercing, of course. Together, however, the death of the man with whom I spent many summer afternoons during my youth and taught me how to play chess, and the demise of the arena where I first saw the Ringling Brothers seemed to mark the end of an era. The world I grew up in was ending.

Few things are more fragile than the worlds of our childhood; the finest china is preserved with care but we cannot help but let the places of our memories slip away. These worlds have the homes we knew, the streets we played in, the people we remember, and the things we loved. These worlds remain frozen in our minds long after they evaporate from our lives.

For me this place was Boston in the 1980s, specifically it was Wrentham Street; a close nit neighborhood in a vibrant city. Boston is an old city that, though it has changed a lot in the last three decades, parts of it resist change. Dorchester, its largest borough, is in many ways the same neighborhood I left twenty-five years ago.

Dorchester has long been a tight, gritty neighborhood. Boston's immigrants and working class turned it into a community. The Irish were the first comers; most of them part of the exodus leaving the Emerald Isle after the potato famine. By the late nineteenth-century, they were joined by Eastern Europeans, Poles, Jews, and Italians. Boston's Black population had long had an established community in Dorchester, particularly west of Dorchester Avenue.

By the mid-sixties, propelled

by the blockbusting craze and, later, by busing, the demographics began to change significantly. The Irish maintained a strong presence, but by the mid to late '80s, the Polish community had been largely reduced to remnant outposts near South Bay and, toward the end of the Reagan years, the Italian and Jewish communities had largely disappeared. Throughout the '90s, Dorchester became a predominantly Black and Latino neighborhood with the Irish residents making up the largest European demographic.

Blockbusting took a hefty toll on Dorchester as it did to the surrounding neighborhoods of Mattapan and Hyde Park a decade earlier. Many struggling Black families were duped into buying homes they could not afford and fell prey to unscrupulous realtors (much like the ones who sold them the homes in the first place) who offered them a chance to sell their homes well below market value to avoid foreclosure.

Poverty and resentment being two of the most fertile grounds for crime, Dorchester became one of the most dangerous neighborhoods in Boston after Mattapan, Roxbury, and Hyde Park.

My family left the neighborhood in January of 1992 and it continued to deteriorate for almost a decade. Then, within the last ten years, Dorchester, much like the boroughs of Jamaica Plain and the South End as well as the city of Somerville, underwent a startling face-lift. Developers, entrepreneurs, students (many from U-Mass Boston) and professionals came to the area, collectively transforming it into a desirable and increasingly white-collared neighborhood.

Grateful though I am for the care allotted to crumbling infrastructure, the revitalization of business, and the reduction of



crime, I cannot help harboring certain resentment toward the gentrification of my old neighborhood. Gentrification has become an increasingly stigmatized word and not entirely without justification. It is a process that often comes with disregard for the culture that made an area a community, long before it was prime real estate. A neighborhood's blue-collar roots, its diversity of various sorts (social, ethnic, religious, economic, etc.) seldom stands a chance; less so its character.

Fortunately, thanks largely to Boston's pride in identity, Dorchester, more so than surrounding areas, has maintained a lot of its multi-facet aspects and, in many areas, diversity has only increased. The last fifteen years saw a rise in new arrivals from Southeast Asia making the old blocks their homes, bringing with them their cuisines, shops, and language. Educational opportunities are attracting immigrants from Eastern Europe and many members of the Gay community have discovered the advantages of the Neponset area.

In hindsight, I grew up in Dorchester at an ideal time in its history. Redlining had been outlawed, the more intense racial conflicts had come to an end, with Dorchester consequently becoming a modular example of a diverse neighborhood, and, above all, Dorchester was a community in the truest sense of the word. Your block was your family and your block raised you.

Even the best things come to an end, however, and Dorchester hit a decade-long nadir soon after my family left. Now it has come back to life, but not the way its community remembers.

This new series will be a tribute to that brief moment in time when Dorchester was all that it could be and lucky was the child who called the place home.

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created by Democrat hacks trying to redo election results. It certainly looks like that to me. *There Are No Veterans for* 

## War Anywhere

This year, for the second year in a row, I participated in the somber celebration of Veterans Day in Austin, Texas. This year was especially significant as it was the Centennial of the ending of World War I. As I stood on the grounds of the State Capitol in Austin, five World War I veterans were given the highest military medal presented by the consul general of France. The steps of the State Capitol were lined with veterans young and old from every branch of the armed forces.

Texas always takes care of its veterans and the people of Austin salute them and line the parade route. As I read the *Boston Herald* on November 12<sup>th</sup>, I noticed the photo of the Veterans for Peace who marched in their own parade following the official parade. As a veteran I found that sad. Down in Austin, Texas, all veterans get to march in the parade. It is inclusive and all veterans get to take part in this somber ceremony honoring all who serve their country. If Austin can do it, why can't Boston? Take the politics out of honoring all who serve. Sacrificing your life is not about putting politics above nation.

**Democrat Politics in Georgia** As of last Friday, the governor's race is still being questioned by Democrat Stacy Abrams and all the usual Democrat suspects. Now, they are claiming that the race was not fair. Hillary Clinton, of course, is one of the characters who does not like the idea of losing.

The Republican candidate Brian Kemp is ahead by 60,000 votes and Abrams refuses to concede. She would need to find 18,000 votes just to trigger a recount. It's not going to happen. However, the longer she waits, the more she keeps her name out there for a future race. To me, she's nothing more than a sore loser.

#### End Quote

"It ain't over until the fat lady sings, but its long past that song by now in both Georgia and Florida."

- Anonymous



## MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. AP1222-C4, FY19-20 MISCELLANEOUS BRIDGE AND TUNNEL REPAIRS – TERM CONTRACT, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018, immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 11:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018.

The work includes VARIOUS BRIDGE REPAIRS AT LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND IN SOUTH BOSTON FOR A TWO YEAR TERM WHICH INCLUDES: REPAIRS TO ROADWAY GRATES, UTILITY COVERS AND PROVIDING, PLACING, MAINTAINING & REMOVING EMERGENCY ROADWAY PLATES; REPLACEMENT OF STRIP SEALS, COMPRESSION TYPE SEALS, JOINT SEALS AT CONRAC AND ASPHALTIC PLUG JOINTS; REPAIR OF BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT; REPAIRS TO CRACKS IN BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT; REPAIRS TO ROADWAY STRUCTURES; CLEANING AND PAINTING MISCELLANEOUS STEEL; REMOVALS OF CONCRETE; REPAIR OF CONCRETE; REPAIR OF CONCRETE OVERLAY; AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS REPAIRS AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER.

Bid documents will be made available beginning THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018.

Bid Documents in electronic format may be obtained free of charge at the Authority's Capital Programs Department Office, together with any addenda or amendments, which the Authority may issue and a printed copy of the Proposal form.

The estimated contract cost is \$1,000,000.

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub-bids are required, each must be accompanied by a



## Open House

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WHERE: 25 Parmenter St. (North End Library)

TIME: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

#### East Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI18P5412EA Estate of

JOHN DORAMAJIAN

Date of Death September 3, 2018

#### INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Carol A. Megna of Woburn, MA.

Carol A. Megna of Woburn, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. Run date: 11/23/18 deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub-bid amount, in the form of a bid bond, or cash, or a certified check, or a treasurer's or a cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Massachusetts Port Authority in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.

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

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of **\$1,000,000**. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in the Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action article of Division I, General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor's Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

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

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

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY JOHN P. PRANCKEVICIUS ACTING CEO & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 11/23/2018

#### LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI18P5603EA

Estate of JOYCE L. ROBSHAM Date of Death October 20, 2018 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 Patricia E. Davis of Charlestown, 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 Patricia E. Davis of Charlestown, 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 December 17, 2018.

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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 19, 2018

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 11/23/2018

## 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 December 3. 2018 at 10AM, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale

> 2004 NISSAN MAXIMA, BLUE Vin: 1N4BA41E84C876381 Acquilina Macedo 37 Mt. Everett St. Boston, MA 02125

2011 CHEVROLET 1500, BLACK Vin: 3GCPKSE36BG239834 Silvana Checca Box 888 Medford, MA 02155

> 1996 BUICK REGAL, RED Vin: 2G4WB52K6T1522376 Jackline Achan 33 Magoun Ave., #2 Medford, MA 02155

2008 PONTIAC G6, SILVER Vin: 1G2ZF57B784150951 Belle Services Inc. Box 120400 Boston, MA 02112

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141

LEGAL NOTICE

(617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI18P5481EA

Estate of MARIE ANNA MULA Also Known As MARIE A. MULA

Date of Death September 20, 2008 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Lynnann Laughlin of Carlisle, 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 Lynnann Laughlin of Carlisle, 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 December 12, 2018.

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

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 14, 2018 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 11/23/2018

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** 

The Trial Court

Middlesex Probate and Family Court

208 Cambridge Street

Cambridge, MA 02141

(617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI18P5493EA

Estate of

THOMAS JOSEPH McGINNIS

Also Known As

THOMAS J. McGINNIS

Date of Death July 24, 2017

CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with

Appointment of Personal Representative

has been filed by Alexander Laboy of Lowell.

MA requesting that the Court enter a formal

Decree and Order and for such other relief as

Laboy of Lowell, MA be appointed as Personal

Representative(s) of said estate to serve With-

The Petitioner requests that Alexander

To all interested persons

requested in the Petition.

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## **EXTRA** Innings

by Sal Giarratani

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** 

The Trial Court

**Probate and Family Court** 

Middlesex Division

208 Cambridge Street East Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI18P5558EA

Estate of

DONNA CALLAGHAN

Also Known As

DONATA CALLAGHAN

Date of Death October 18, 2018

**INFORMAL PROBATE** 

PUBLICATION NOTICE

tioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Clara

DiStefano of Newton, MA, a Will has been

Clara DiStefano of Newton, MA has been

The estate is being administered under

informal procedure by the Personal Repre-sentative 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 ter-

minating or restricting the powers of Personal

Representatives appointed under informal pro-

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

Run date: 11/23/18

can be obtained from the Petitioner

informally appointed as the Personal Repre-

sentative of the estate to serve without surety

admitted to informal probate.

on the bond.

To all persons interested in the above cap-

#### Cora was Robbed

How could Red Sox Manager Alex Cora not be named AL Manager of the Year for leading the Red Sox to a 108-54 record and slamming through the Yankees, Astros, and Dodgers to become the 2018 World Series Champions? Hey, I know the manager of the Oakland A's did a great job, too, but Cora should of been seen as not only the best AL manager but the best MLB manager this past season.

#### New England Fans In Texas Still Love Their Patriots

My great-niece Helen has a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher who came from Topsfield and he is still a super Boston sports fan. His name is Bill Crowley. He flies a New England Patriots flag outside his house and has banners hanging in his garage/ man cave, too.

#### Next Week

Let's talk about the Cy Young Award winners



Here is Bill Crowley holding his very own Patriots' helmet. It maybe Longhorn Country in Austin, but it is definitely Patriots Country at the Crowley family home.

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## **EXPORT ENTERPRISES** TOWING

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

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

**1996 TOYOTA COROLLA** VIN #1NXBA02E2TZ487435 2003 FORD EXPIDITION

VIN #1FMFU18L03LB06479 2006 VW JETTA VIN #3VWSG71K66M700055

2000 HONDA ACCORD VIN #1HGCG1654YA074336

2006 CHEVY EXPRESS VIN #1GCGG25V461249141 2012 NISSAN ROGUE

VIN #JN8AS5MV8CW716152 Run dates: 11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 2018

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI14P0348GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR **RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN** OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

> In the Interests of **JAMIE L. PAQUETTE** of Framingham, MA RESPONDENT

Incapacitated Person/Protected Person To the named Respondent and all other nterested persons, a petition has been filed by Victor T. Sloan of Uxbridge, MA in the above

Accept the Resignation of the Guardian. The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator

captioned matter requesting that the court:

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** 

LEGAL NOTICE

Middlesex Division 208 Cambridge Street East Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI18P5520EA Estate of

JUDITH BORTON NEUMAN Date of Death April 20, 2018 **INFORMAL PROBATE** PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

Elizabeth N. Rose of Natick, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Repre-sentative 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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## out Surety on the bond in an unsupervised **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 December 5, 2018.

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)

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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR. First Justice of this Court. Date: November 8, 2018

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should be allowed to resign: or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of December 6, 2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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## SUGAR RAY ROBINSON

Lost Title for Last Time in 1960, Kept Fighting Till 1965

By any measurement, Sugar Ray Robinson had a remarkable career. The man who has been called the greatest fighter pound for pound who ever laced on a pair of gloves had a total of 201 professional fights. Out of that number he lost only 19 times with 6 draws and 1 bout being ruled a no contest. As amazing as that record is, it is even more astounding when you consider that 12 of those 19 losses came after he lost the title to Paul Pender. Now, add in the fact that 5 of those defeats came in 1965, the last year of his career when the great champion was 45 years old.

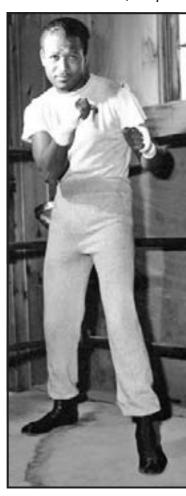


## Ray in his 201<sup>st</sup> and last fight, against Joey Archer.

In 1965 alone Robinson fought 12 times. He finished his career being very active, fighting twice a month on five occasions in just that one year. That's amazing for a man of his age at the time. In that last year he also won more fights than he lost, posting 8 victories.

After losing the title by split decision to Pender in January of 1960, Robinson fought Pender again six months later, losing another split decision. Six months after that he would challenge Gene Fullmer for a version of the Middleweight Title in a bout that resulted in a draw. Just three months after that he would lose a decision to Fullmer. Remember, Robinson was doing all of this while he was forty years old.

In the 48 fights Robinson had after losing the crown to Pender five were against current, former, or future world champions. Out of those five he lost four decisions and had



Sugar Ray Robinson

an age where quantity trumps the quality of opposition, these "experts" love to play the numbers game. They will say things like "How great could Robinson have been? He lost 19 times." What garbage.

The number of wins a boxer has is less important than the quality of his opposition. But, in Robinson's case, his record boasts both items. Robinson won his first 40 fights before losing a decision to Jake LaMotta. He had defeated LaMotta the previous year. After that loss he went on to have 90 straight fights without a loss, including 3 more wins over LaMotta. His final victory against LaMotta included winning the Middleweight Crown. He also won the Welterweight Title by defeating Tommy Bell.

Robinson, who began his career in 1940, would not taste defeat again until he lost the title to Randy Turpin in 1951. At that point in his career Robinson had a record of 129 wins against 1 loss and 2 draws. He regained the title from Turpin two months later. There's the quantity. As far as quality goes just look at his record. Robinson was fighting in an era that was dominated by great fighters, and he was competing in the division that had the largest number of them. What he accomplished was nothing short of phenomenal.

Getting back to Robinson's post champion years, he never became an "opponent". Up until his final fight he was campaigning for another shot at the title. In has last fight he took on leading contender Joey Archer. Archer won a ten round decision over Robinson and just two fights later lost a split deci-



Ray dusts of the gloves for another comeback.

sion to Emile Griffith in a title fight. Even to the end and at the age of 45, Sugar Ray Robinson was in the mix of title contenders.

If Robinson had retired after losing the crown to Pender, his record would stand at 143 wins, 7 losses, and 2 draws. He was only stopped once and that was in his challenge to win the Light Heavyweight Championship from Joey Maxim. In that fight Robinson collapsed from the heat and dehydration.

It is a sad commentary that a great a fighter like Sugar Ray Robinson should have his reputation questioned today, but that is the age we live in. Robinson's achievements will never be matched. The Sugar Ray of 1965 would have been able to handle today's top middleweights. The younger Robinson would have destroyed them.

The next time you hear a "boxing expert" questioning Robinson's abilities, just smile and walk away. That person wouldn't know a left jab from a right cross.



Where just a night earlier there was euphoria, now there was a glum, somber feeling permeating the air.

Just a scant 24 hours before, the fully inflated Celtics balloon had ascended to great heights but now it lay in tatters on the rough, tough ground — a deflation that occurs when some NBA teams are brought back to the hard reality of the 82-game regular season schedule.

For it was on Friday at the Garden that the Celtics seem to break out of the somewhat uninspiring shell that they have been in for the opening weeks of the young season and instead put on display all the dazzle, glitter and power that followers of the Green and White had expected from the outset.

And what a display it was with Kyrie Irving leading the way with an impressive 43 points as the C's overpowered the Toronto Raptors to claim an impressive 123-116 overtime victory. It was a good as it gets in the long and winding regular season and definitely the contest to remember since the games began to count back on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Although it was only the middle of November, one could envision this being a preview of the Eastern Conference Finals next spring as the Celtics really came alive in crunch time and propelled themselves to victory.

It was the night Irving went on an impressive tear, displaying all the reasons he was brought to the Celtics from Cleveland last year — those 43 points on the night, including 19 in the crucial fourth quarter and four more in the overtime session. All this against the Raptors — the team that is leading the Eastern Conference.

Yes, sir, it was a night the Celtics appeared to be the team that all those preseason prognosticators said they would be — a squad contending for the Eastern Conference title and perhaps a berth in the NBA Finals.

But there was another game the next night — a contest against the Utah Jazz — a Western Conference team on an East Coast swing that arrived in Boston just before one in the morning on Saturday following a Friday night setback against Philadelphia.

To be kind, this was a very different game, a matchup in which the Celtics really did not seem like the team that had taken the floor only 24 hours earlier.

The 98-86 setback (at one point Utah led by 22 points) was such a contrast that coach Brad Stevens cleared his bench with about eight minutes remaining in the game and went with substitutes, perhaps sending a message to those who had played the greater portion of the contest.

Asked by a media member at his postgame press conference if there could be a "confidence issue" among some players, Stevens offered this explanation:

"I think there's something there with that. I think there's a lot of things it could be. But at the end of the day you build confidence by doing hard things over and over and over because that's your focus. That's your intent. Your job is your focus. You perform every assignment. You do it physically. You do it tough. And then all of a sudden the ball goes in."

Stevens cited something he learned from a veteran coach in Indiana, one who had coached small college teams for 34 years. The phrase was The Game Honors Toughness. "And boy is that true," stated Stevens. "I would say that if we're struggling with the ball going in the hole then we should just lock in to what we need to do better and that'll take care of itself."

The coach has said a number of times that "we're still figuring out who we want to be." It seems thus far this has produced the current we're-one-team-one-night-and-another-team-the-next-night show. The result is a team around .500. Not bad but far enough below expectations to cause some concern.

That can't continue or it will be a very different season than those throughout Celtics Nation had in mind when the action commenced just a little over a month ago.

**IN MEMORIAM** — Remembering legendary hockey coach Bob Johnson on the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his passing (November 26, 1991). Known as "Badger Bob" to all in the hockey community, he was the head coach at the University of Wisconsin for seven years, winning three NCAA Division 1 National Championships during that span.

He was also the head coach of the Pittsburgh Penguins for one season. But what a season it was as the Pens captured the 1991 Stanley Cup. Johnson died of brain cancer later that year but his Pens continued their successful ways, repeating as Cup champions in 1992. The spirit of Johnson continued to be with the team. On June 12, 2009, exactly 19 years to the day of Johnson's hiring in 1990, the Pens won their third Stanley Cup, a fitting conclusion to the 2008-2009 season that saw the Pens use Johnson's signature phrase "It's a Great Day for Hockey" as a marketing slogan that year. And there's more. It was 26 years to the day after his hiring that Pittsburgh won its fourth Stanley Cup on June 12, 2016. So you see there's a Bob Johnson angle to all four of Pittsburgh's successful Stanley Cup campaigns.

one draw.

Today, it is not uncommon to hear the "experts" demean Robinson's incredible talent. In

## Columbus Day Committee's Annual Santa Skate Toy Drive

Join Santa and his North End elves at the Steriti Rink on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy skating, holiday music & caroling, face painting, refreshments, and a try your luck at a raffle. Please bring an unwrapped toy for a child (13 and younger). Santa and his friends will be available for photos!



The festivities are brought to you by the North End Columbus Day Celebration Committee, with special thanks to the Department of Conservation and Recreation, The Boston Bruins, State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, State Senator Joe

Boncore, and Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards. Plus, just to make sure no one forgets, the phrase "It's a Great Day for Hockey" remains on display at the Pens home rink.

**FIVE RINGS GO WANTING** — There was a time when cities around the world lined up with hopes of winning the rights to host the Olympics.

No longer! Calgary recently became the latest community to say no to the Olympics as voters in that Canadian city dashed potential plans to pursue a bid for the 2026 Winter Games.

Ironically, if Calgary had remained in the running, it might have had a good shot at the Games. Calgary was the host of the 1988 Winter Olympics and 85 percent of those venues are still in place. Still, the estimated cost was \$5.1 billion Canadian dollars. Switzerland and Austria had dropped out earlier in the process and the nation of Turkey was also eliminated. That leaves just Stockholm in Sweden and Italy's Milan region in the running for 2026. Beijing, China will host the 2022 Winter Olympics.