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## Blue Trellis Lights

Shine Once Again

by Matt Conti, NorthEndWaterfront.com



A small group of Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) gather for the lighting under the trellis.

(Photo by Matt Conti, NorthEndWaterfront.com)

Despite the ongoing pandemic, the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department continued the tradition of the annual lighting of the park's signature trellis on Monday night November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Park goers will also get to listen to a holiday soundtrack as they walk under the trellis. This year represents the 18<sup>th</sup> year the trellis will feature the iconic display.

There was no party with local officials, just a few volunteers to flip the switch. FOCCP President Joanne Hayes-Rines said, "We thought this year during COVID-19 was especially important to bring the winter lights to the park. With the new audio, it's quite an experience!" In contrast, Faneuil Hall Marketplace has canceled its annual Blink show and holiday tree.

The holiday display is located at 110 Atlantic Avenue on Boston's historic waterfront. The trellis is 260 feet long and illuminated with 50,000 blue lights along with 14 decorated trees. Enjoy the display throughout the winter season until Patriot's Day in April 2021.

## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### What's with the Fake News Media?

Lately, instead of the media being the bulwark of our democracy, it has become a servant to those in power be they Democrat or Republican selling us whatever it is they agree to sell us.

Since the 2016 election when Donald Trump upset the elitist applecart, they have tried endlessly to remove Trump from the Oval Office to no avail, but it looks like they may have finally succeeded.

Joe Biden now stands at the podium with a banner behind him stating "The Office of President-Elect" as if such a government office actually existed and tells the American people that since Trump keeps fighting the vote count and won't transition with him that millions will die from COVID-19. The mantra continues: "Biden GOOD - Trump BAD."

For the sake of the integrity of our elections, we need to know if the election was REALLY WON FAIR AND SQUARE, don't we?

### End Quote

"Could we all be living a more crazier life if we tried, tried really hard?"

— Anon



## Happy Thanksgiving

Gratitude unlocks  
the fullness of life.  
It turns what we have  
into enough, and more.  
It turns denial into acceptance,  
chaos to order, confusion to clarity.  
It can turn a meal into a feast,  
a house into a home,  
a stranger into a friend.  
— Melody Beattie

## Mayor's Office of Public Service and Community Outreach Giving Thanks Contest

The 'Giving Thanks' contest is a fun, creative, and safe way to celebrate Thanksgiving. Show OPS how you give thanks to your loved ones. Email your thank you notes, pictures, or videos to [publicservice@boston.gov](mailto:publicservice@boston.gov) to enter for a chance to win a prize. **The deadline for submissions is Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## MBTA Transit Police To Offer Face Masks to Riders

The MBTA announced that Transit Police officers would begin offering face masks to transit riders in need of a face covering. This effort is part of the T's [Ride Safer](#) campaign to educate riders and shift behavior to the new way of riding on the T during the pandemic.

Boston-based New Balance recently provided the MBTA with 100,000 of the athletic brand's general-use face masks for riders.

"Transit Police are happy to have the resources available to assist passengers in need of a face covering," said MBTA Transit Police Chief Kenneth Green. "As our region enters a second phase of the pandemic, it is more important now to be properly wearing a face covering when you are outside the confines of your home, and especially while you are traveling on public transit."

"Wearing a face covering is one of the most effective ways to combat the virus, and we appreciate the help of Transit Police in offering face masks to our riders," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak. "I'd like to again thank New Balance for



their contribution and promoting public health on transit. Ride Safer is a shared responsibility between the MBTA and our riding public, and we ask that riders do their part by wearing face coverings while within the MBTA system and distancing while on public transit."

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Baker-Polito Administration strengthened its Executive Order requiring people to wear face coverings in public places to require anyone older than 5 years of age to wear a face covering in public, including public transit, regardless of their distance from others.

The revised Executive Order authorizes Transit Police to enforce the order onboard MBTA vehicles and within the

system by issuing a civil fine up to \$300 per violation.

Ride Safer consists of three components: providing face masks to riders in need at key stations during peak travel times; signage and messaging to promote the importance of keeping a safe distance and wearing face coverings while on the T; and the Ride Safer webpage at [mbta.com/RideSafer](http://mbta.com/RideSafer) that provides travel tips and a behind-the-scenes look at the MBTA's expanded efforts to clean and disinfect stations and vehicles.

Joining Transit Police in offering face masks to riders are Transit Ambassadors and MBTA Customer Service Agents. Face masks are now available from 6:30-9:00 a.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at Charles/MGH, Downtown Crossing, Forest Hills, Hynes Convention Center, Maverick, Orient Heights, Park Street, and Quincy Center Stations.

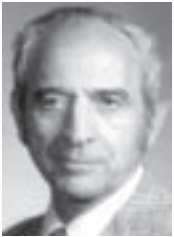
For more information, please visit [mbta.com/RideSafer](http://mbta.com/RideSafer) or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or Instagram @theMBTA.



# Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



THE GOLDEN GUERNSEYS



**Hercules and Cacus by Baccio Bandinelli, Piazza della Signoria, Florence**

The next in our series on the celebrated trials of Hercules involved King Geryon, a giant of a man who dwelt on the Island of Erythia. He was the owner of a herd of prized red cattle.

The herd was constantly guarded by a shepherd and a two-headed dog named Orthrus. The tenth labor demanded of Hercules was to bring the red cattle back to the City of Tiryns.

The outward journey of Hercules took him to the Strait of Gibraltar. This is where he erected pillars on both the European and African sides of the strait, to show how far he traveled. Tourists to this area are still told about the journey of Hercules and are shown the two peaked rocks, which flank the entrance to the straight. One legend claims that these were barriers, built to keep sea monsters out of the Mediterranean, while another story tells us that both continents were joined at that point and Hercules dug the channel to provide access to the open sea. Stories go on to tell how Hercules, wearied because of the bright sun and intense heat, drew his bow against Helios himself. The sun god, admiring the boldness of this demigod, loaned him an enormous golden cup to use as a boat. Hercules used this as a craft to sail into the Atlantic and along the coast of Spain to the Island of Erythia.

Taking up a position on a mountainside near the grazing cattle, the hero waited for the guard dog to attack him. Hercules clubbed the dog to death and then killed the shepherd in the same manner. Having overcome all obstacles to the removal of the cattle,

Hercules was about to make off with them when he was rushed by the king himself. The monarch, being no match for the Greek strongman, was quickly dispatched. Hercules then brought his prized cattle to the nearby port on the mainland, returned the boat to Helios, and headed back to Greece on foot.

After passing through southern Spain, the hero came to a region that is now called Marseilles. This is where he was attacked by two bandits who tried to steal the cattle. He killed both of them, but was then attacked by a larger force. A fierce battle raged and the wounded Hercules fell to his knees. He would have been killed had not Zeus caused a shower of stones to fall near him. While still on his knees, Hercules used these stones to fight off his attackers until they retreated. We are told that the stones still litter the plains west of Marseilles.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **TODISCO TOWING OF 94 CONDOR STREET, EAST BOSTON, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A that they will sell the following vehicles.

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

**2008 JEEP LIBERTY**  
Vin #1J8GP58K48W262862

*The above vehicles will be sold at public auction at*

**TODISCO TOWING**  
**94 Condor Street, E. Boston**  
**DECEMBER 5, 2020**  
**at 9:00 AM**  
Run dates: 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 2020

Hercules continued his homeward journey by a route that led down the peninsula of Italy. He rested at spot we now call Rome. Unknown to Hercules, this was the abode of Cacus, a fire-eating giant and son of Vulcan, who stole some cattle while the strongman slept. The cattle were dragged backwards by their tails into the giant's cave. Supposedly, this was done to confuse or foil any rescue effort. The entrance to the cave was then closed by using a rock so huge that twenty oxen were unable to move it. As Hercules was passing the cave with the balance of his mooing herd, one of the stolen cows mooed in answer. He quickly removed the stone from the cave entrance and, after a fierce struggle, slew Cacus with his club. The inhabitants of that area paid the Greek hero every honor for freeing them of this monster. The homeward journey of Hercules was completed without further incident, the cattle were delivered, and the tenth labor was satisfactorily concluded.

Whenever you visit Florence, Italy, be sure to spend a few minutes at the entrance to the Palazzo Vecchio. A copy of Michelangelo's David stands on the left side (the original is in the Accademia di Belle Arti) while the right side displays a sculptured masterpiece by Bandinelli (1546 A.D.) showing Hercules as he is about to club Cacus to death.

**NEXT WEEK:**  
*The Apples of the Hesperides*

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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 11, 2020 at 10AM**, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

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Charlestown, MA 02129

**2008 CHEVROLET EQUINOX, GRAY**  
Vin: 2CNDL53F886310336  
Catherine A. O'Brien  
4 Ledgewood Dr.  
Burlington, MA 01803

**2013 NISSAN ALTIMA, BLACK**  
Vin: 1N4AL3AP9DN409962  
Milagros Suazo-Cruz  
40 Corey St.  
Charlestown, MA 02129

**2006 COTC UTILITY TRAILER, BLACK**  
Vin: 4YMUL06176V092290  
Anderson D. Guerra  
1438 Eastern Ave.  
Malden, MA 02148

**1997 TOYOTA TACOMA, BLACK**  
Vin: JT4UN24D4V0047101  
Michaelene Albright  
115 Kearsage Mntn Rd., #17  
Warner, NH 03278

**2014 BMW x1, BLACK**  
Vin: WBAVM1C58EVW48782  
Sangyong Cho  
77 Trowbridge St., Apt. 71  
Cambridge, MA 02138

**2005 CADILLAC CTS, BLUE**  
Vin: 1GD6DP567X5019603  
Karim J. Clark  
477 Crescent St.  
Brockton, MA 02302

Run dates: 11/27, 12/04, 12/11, 2020

## ABCD Urges Struggling Elders, Families to Apply for Fuel Assistance

As Pandemic Surges, Winter Cold Descends  
HHS Releases Federal LIHEAP Funds as COVID-19, Unemployment Expand Need in Low-Income Neighborhoods

As the COVID-19 pandemic surges and cold temperatures descend on the region, ABCD encourages low-income individuals and families who are struggling to get by to apply for home heating fuel assistance.

ABCD administers the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for income-eligible residents in Boston, Brookline, Newton and seven communities north of Boston: Malden, Medford, Everett, Melrose, Stoneham, Winchester and Woburn. Last year ABCD provided fuel assistance **to more than 25,000 households**.

This year the need for heating assistance is greater than ever as COVID-19 continues to take a huge toll on low-income neighborhoods and communities of color where long-standing health disparities make residents highly vulnerable to the virus and where escalating unemployment has led to mounting distress.

The federal Department of Health & Human Services released \$3.36 billion to fund LIHEAP nationwide. Massachusetts received \$123 million — up about \$9 million from last year. Federal CARES Act funding designated for fuel assistance increases the Massachusetts allocation to \$150 million.

Right now the maximum fuel assistance benefit is \$600, with benefits scheduled to be increased soon. Last year the maximum benefit was \$1,140.

“We thank our Congressional delegation for their tireless advocacy for fuel assistance and appreciate the work of HHS in getting the funds released as bitter cold descends on America's northern tier,” said ABCD President/CEO John J. Drew.

Drew noted that the upcoming winter holds harsh challenges for low-income, working families. “With COVID-19 surging and no sign of Congress passing a second sweeping virus relief bill that would keep unemployed workers and small businesses afloat and make it possible for struggling families to survive, the elders and families served by ABCD face a desperate situation,” he said.

ABCD's Fuel Assistance Program opened for applications on November 1<sup>st</sup> and takes applications through April 30<sup>th</sup>. There is a wide range of eligibility based on income and number of household members. Read the guidelines at: **[bostonabcd.org/fuel-assistance](https://bostonabcd.org/fuel-assistance)**.

For example, a family living at or below the federal poverty level of \$26,200 for a family of four would receive the maximum fuel assistance benefit of \$600. A person living alone at or below the federal poverty level of \$12,760 would receive that same benefit.

But those with incomes above poverty level are also eligible. Years ago the state expanded eligibility levels in order to keep

those slightly above poverty from slipping through the cracks. For example, under the current benefit levels, a family of four earning 60 percent of the state's median income or \$75,200 can receive \$430 in fuel assistance. A single person earning \$39,105 also receives \$430.

As noted earlier, those benefit levels are expected to rise significantly in the near future. ABCD pays the household's fuel vendor directly.

**For ABCD Fuel Assistance information, call 617-357-6012, visit: [bostonabcd.org/fuel-assistance](https://bostonabcd.org/fuel-assistance), or contact an ABCD neighborhood center. Locations can be found on the ABCD website homepage: [bostonabcd.org](https://bostonabcd.org).**

If you live outside of the ABCD service areas in Boston and Mystic Valley, call the statewide number, **800-632-8175**, to be directed to the community action program providing fuel assistance in your area.

**Fuel Assistance Boosts Health, Safety, Energy Efficiency**

Home heating assistance is vital to keeping disadvantaged individuals, elders, and families healthy by preventing hypothermia and subsequent hospitalization. And it keeps them safe; too many would otherwise opt for dangerous alternatives such as space heaters or ovens.

ABCD also offers qualifying families a comprehensive range of energy services to keep families warm, safe, and healthy including repair and replacement of inoperable or highly inefficient heating systems, utility discounts, weatherization, programs to improve energy conservation, and much more.

**Donations Gratefully Accepted**

ABCD is grateful for any private donations to home heating fuel assistance or the ABCD COVID RELIEF NOW campaign. Donations can stop a family from turning to dangerous heating substitutes, prevent illness, and dramatically improve the quality of life. To donate, please call 617-348-6559, email: [give@bostonabcd.org](mailto:give@bostonabcd.org) or visit: [bostonabcd.org/donate](https://bostonabcd.org/donate).

**About ABCD**

ABCD (Action for Boston Community Development) is a nonprofit community action organization that provides low-income residents in the Boston and Mystic Valley areas with the tools, support, and resources they need to transition from poverty to stability and from stability to success. Each year, ABCD serves more than 100,000 individuals, elders and families through a broad range of innovative initiatives as well as long-established, proven programs and services. For more than 50 years, ABCD has been deeply rooted in each neighborhood we serve, empowering individuals and families and supporting them in their quest to live with dignity and achieve their highest potential.

For more details, please visit **[bostonabcd.org](https://bostonabcd.org)**.



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**OUR POLICY:** *To help preserve the ideals and sacred traditions of this our adopted country the United States of America: To revere its laws and inspire others to respect and obey them: To strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty: In all ways to aid in making this country greater and better than we found it.*

## Gardening Gifts that Provide Years of Enjoyment

by Melinda Myers



**Bird cage planters add whimsy to outdoor or indoor décor while providing a unique place to display air plants, seasonal plants and more.**

*(Photo courtesy of Gardener's Supply Co.)*

plant stands, and lighting features. Terrariums are still popular, creating a decorative means for providing the moisture and humidity tropical plants need. Copper and rot resistant mango wood terrariums ([gardeners.com](http://gardeners.com)) add a new and decorative twist to this traditional growing system.

Plant stands allow your favorite indoor gardener to maximize any available space. Shelves filled with greenery help improve indoor air quality, reduce stress, and can elevate one's mood. New modern metal plant stand designs add a modern vibe to the indoor garden display.

When space is at a premium, give the gift of vertical gardening accessories. Birdcage planters provide a unique way to display tropical or seasonal flowers. Lower them to tabletop level to use as a centerpiece or decorative element in seasonal indoor displays.

Don't overlook the cooks in your life that may be intrigued by moving their garden indoors. Keep them stocked with fresh herbs and vegetables. Increase their growing space and needed light with a gift of energy efficient LED grow lights in an attractive stand like the Oslo customizable LED Grow Lights. For those with very limited space, consider an organic kitchen caddy planter kit. A windowsill or countertop herb garden is a great way for anyone to add garden-fresh flavor to winter meals.

Make gardening a fun and accessible experience with the help of a deep seat kneeler that when flipped over, converts. Or add storage and mobility with a Deluxe Tractor Scoot with Bucket Basket. The handle allows you to easily take your tools and garden scoot with you to every corner of your landscape.

And don't forget the stocking stuffers. Who doesn't need extra plant tags, ties and gloves? Consider replacing the stocking with a colorful Tubtrug. These flexible lightweight tubs are perfect for harvesting garden produce, collecting weeds or transporting anything from one space to another.

The gift of gardening provides lifelong benefits. Supporting family and friends with useful tools and equipment can increase their gardening enjoyment and success. And don't forget to add a few of your favorite garden related items to your gift list. You'll eliminate the stress and guesswork for the giver and you both will appreciate a gift that provides years of function, beauty and memories.

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

## Judge Joseph V. Ferrino

May He Rest in Peace



Judge Joseph Vincent Ferrino, Sr. passed away peacefully on November 22, 2020 in Boston, Massachusetts.

Born in 1926 in Boston, MA, he was a child of Sicilian parents who immigrated to the Boston area via Ellis Island around 1910. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife of over 60 years, Marie A. ("Jeanette") Ferrino, his brother, Peter J. Ferrino, MD, and his sister, Annette M. Nazzaro. He is survived by his four children: Joseph V. Ferrino, Jr. of Winthrop, MA, Joanne F. Zahrobsky and her husband Colonel Joseph R. Zahrobsky, USAF (Ret.), of Tampa, FL, Paula J. Fosa of Winthrop, and Richard H. Ferrino and his wife Rhonda K. Ferrino of Winthrop. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Judge Ferrino was a World War II veteran, a Boston area attorney, a district court justice, a veterans organization leader, a patriotic organization founder, a beacon in the Italian American community, and a volunteer for hundreds of community causes and organizations.

A graduate of Boston University Law in 1951, Judge Ferrino returned to his roots to open a one-man practice in a brownstone law office in East Boston. There he served clients and became involved in several national causes until, in 1971, the Governor of Massachusetts appointed him a judge in the East Boston District Court. In 1976, he was promoted to presiding justice of that court. Over the ensuing 25 years, Judge Ferrino stewarded his court into a unique community asset — a multi-dimensional community court complete with a totally unique in-court community medical clinic and a Boy Scout coeducational Explorer Post. In addition, he also initiated Law Day in the Massachusetts courts. In 1989 the president of the Massachusetts Bar Association presented him their Public Service Award, calling his court "unparalleled in the state." In addition to his court responsibilities, Judge Ferrino was a member of the Massachusetts, North Suffolk, and Boston Bar Associations. He sat on the Executive Committee of the International Association of Jurists, the Governor's Task Force on Juvenile Justice, and the Judicial Committee on Courthouses and Facilities. He also served as President of the Justinian Law Society and was recently named "Honorary Dean". His academic lecture and advising resume included Harvard University, the National Judicial College, the Massachusetts Bar Association, the University of Massachusetts, Brandeis University, Salem State University and numerous others. Many of these activities resulted in published scholarly work.

Beyond his legal career, however, Judge Ferrino lived a remarkable life in many other diverse fields. He entered the Merchant Marines and then later, enlisted in the U.S. Navy for the last 24 months of World War II. After the war ended, he attended college at the University of Alabama, and Boston University for law school. But he never lost his connection with veterans. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, the Italian American War Veterans, the East Boston Veterans Council, and most notably, the American Veterans — commonly known as the AMVETS. There, he commanded its local post, served as its Massachusetts Judge Advocate, co-wrote the national constitution and by-laws, and commanded its Northeast District. He went on to serve as its

National Judge Advocate and its representative to international veterans councils in The Hague and Geneva. Finally, in 1968, he was elected its 25<sup>th</sup> National Commander and served in Washington, DC for a year.

He was also fiercely patriotic. Judge Ferrino founded the Bay State Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. It became a major focus of his energies, particularly after retirement from the bench in 1991, and he served in multiple offices, including president. His work in building the group from scratch ultimately provided

hundreds of young people an immersive U.S. policy and education experience at the Freedoms Foundation national education center in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania even as his local chapter served Massachusetts as a cornerstone organization in public affairs and traditions.

Judge Ferrino's role in the Italian American community was legendary. Over the decades he served in every leadership role in the Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts. He was instrumental in building the cultural center in Cambridge, MA. In 1998, working closely with the governor, he was instrumental in establishing the annual October Italian Heritage Month in Massachusetts. He maintained active membership in a plethora of Italian American organizations his entire life. He also worked closely with the Italian Consulate in Boston, hosting and supporting a number of consuls general and their work in Massachusetts and New England.

Judge Ferrino also served in numerous other leadership and advisory capacities. At various times he co-chaired the 1987/1988 East Boston and Winthrop Bicentennial Committee, the Trinity Neighborhood House, the Boston Bicentennial and the Boston Jubilee. He incorporated and advised the East Boston and North Suffolk Mental Health Clinics. He served as president of the East Boston Chamber of Commerce, the East Boston Kiwanis Club, and the East Boston Social Centers, Inc. He sat on the Boards of the YMCA Armed Services, Huntington General Hospital, Trinity House Camps, Inc., and the Board of Trustees of the Boston Public Library. He served as Scoutmaster of Troop 15, and sat on the Executive Board of the Boston Council of the Boy Scouts. And he copublished the East Boston Leader.

Judge Ferrino's U.S. and International awards and decorations were myriad. He was knighted by the President of the Italian Republic as Commendatore dell'Ordine della Stella della solidarietà italiana (A Commander of the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity). In May 2016, Freedoms Foundation presented him its highest national award, the "Spirit of '76" medal and, in 2018, the Massachusetts State House of Representatives honored him for his "collective body of work" on the Italian Heritage Month Committee. In 1989 he was honored with a Grand Knighthood in the Order of Saint Michael the Archangel of the Massachusetts Italian American Police Officers Association. He held awards and recognition from every level of the Massachusetts Bar and countless other organizations.

Arrangements are being made through Caggiano Funeral Home of Winthrop, MA. In view of the national health emergency, memorial and interment services will be held privately for the immediate family only. A retrospective public celebration of life is contemplated for some later date when safety can be assured. Friends wishing to make a memorial gesture are encouraged to donate to the American Diabetes Association.

## Domenic A. LoRusso

Domenic A. LoRusso of Revere formerly of the North End, passed away after a brief illness on Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Beloved son of Salvatore "Sammy" LoRusso of the North End of Boston and the late Hazel "Dottie" (Campbell) LoRusso. Dear brother of Celia Plagenza and her husband Joseph of East Boston, Karen Cavallo and her husband Carmen of Revere, Suzanne Hemstapat and her husband Mac of Thailand, Thomas LoRusso and his wife Janice of Brockton, Phyllis LoRusso of Revere, Doreen McWade and her husband Charles of Winthrop,

and John LaRusso and his wife Allison of Boylston. Also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

At the family's request all services are private. Domenic's remains will be laid to rest with his beloved mother Dottie at Woodlawn Cemetery Columbarium. For further information, please visit: [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

Arrangements by Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston, MA 02128.



# L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

## Advent and Anticipating the Light

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

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



Every year, I 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 on November 29<sup>th</sup> this year, stretches across the four weeks prior to Christmas. The meaning 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 for the Christmas festivities while still allowing me to revel in the unique delights of Advent.

During Advent, I also pause 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 fruit-studded 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](mailto:adicenso89@gmail.com).

# THINKING OUT LOUD



by Sal Giaratani

## Thanksgiving and COVID

There is no way will we ever forget how much COVID-19 has affected us, and the whole world for that matter. In Boston, there are no in-person concerts, parades, sporting events, etc.

It messed up Halloween for the kids. It has been messing up education for them too since last March. Now, COVID is trying to dampen Thanksgiving, too. Listen to all these politicians sounding like Mussolini with all their executive orders from on high.

Don’t think big this year. Stay home, don’t travel and have no more than 10 people inside your house. Make sure they’re all relatives, too. Make sure there is a mask mandate in your home and remember everyone needs to sit six-feet apart at the dining table. Oh, but enjoy the day.

No wonder profits are up for Big Pharma, never mind the race for the vaccine, think of all those anti-depressants flying from behind the pharmacy counter. When people aren’t scaring themselves to death, they’re fighting each other over a roll of toilet paper.

Already we are hearing from the Democrats that another

lockdown could arrive in a matter of two months and whatever small shops haven’t already closed for good, our elected officials will get another chance at doing so for whoever survived the first wave of closings.

Hey, if you’re reading this on Thanksgiving Day, I will be with family members, probably over 10 of us. We will stay smart. My niece purchased one of those tall outdoor restaurant heaters we are seeing everywhere now, and I hear the forecast will be a dry day with temperatures about 45 or so. Great day to watch a high school football game, but there won’t be any of them playing this year!

I will most likely enjoy being around family, having fun and getting my fill of turkey and all the fixings. Oh, and I love the white meat by the way. Am I still allowed to say that anymore? Also, I can’t wait to dig my teeth into a great piece of sweet potato pie for dessert.

Listen, everyone, have a good Thanksgiving. Take care of yourself and family. Forget about all the politics. Thanksgiving matters for everyone. We all matter equally.

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Docket No. MI20P5058EA  
Estate of  
**MATTHEW J. PINTABONE**  
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**MATTHEW PINTABONE**  
Date of Death: September 24, 2020

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Matthew J. Pintabone of Waltham, MA, Anthony Pintabone of Waltham, MA and Deven Pintabone of Waltham, 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 **Anthony Pintabone of Waltham, MA, Matthew J. Pintabone of Waltham, MA and Deven Pintabone of Waltham, 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 11, 2020.

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

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 13, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/27/2020

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Estate of  
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**CLINTON J. LAVIN**  
Date of Death: December 18, 2016

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Clint J. Lavin of Framingham, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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## Thanksgiving Turkeys and Meals Bring Cheer to the ABCD North End/West End NSC

Thanksgiving looks different for everyone in 2020, and the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) is no exception! The center missed having its annual turkey feast with all the trimmings, including visits from elected officials wanting to visit with and give gifts to their constituents. However, it still strove to provide a special holiday experience for all who knocked on its doors for Thanksgiving meal staples or other assistance.

This year, staff from City Councilor Lydia Edwards' office donated some much-needed gift cards for the purchase of turkeys and other holiday staples and necessities. Additionally, the center gratefully acknowledges compassionate annual donations from Steven Colarusso of Antonio's Cucina Italiana in the West End; Al and Maryann Giorgio of La Famiglia Giorgio's; and the team at Church on the Hill, including President Paul Logiudice, Vice President Janet Forbes, Reverend Kevin Baxter, and Mary Guarino, for turkey donations, which made North End and West End turkey distributions possible. Robin Sidell of North Street Grille organized a drive to sell blankets and generously gave the proceeds to purchase holiday gift cards. The Third Secular Franciscan Order generously donated \$250 to support the West End Food Pantry.

The NE/WE NSC was the grateful recipient of 36 heavy Thanksgiving boxes from the Star Market the Hub on Causeway. The dinners were complete with turkeys, potatoes, stuffing, cranberry, and gravy, which the center gave to residents of the Ausonia Apartments and Casa Maria Apartments of the North End. Melissa Persechini-Soares, Senior Project Coordinator, of Sandborn Head & Associates and her team created festive Thanksgiving totes filled with typical holiday sides. Last but not least, the Beacon Hill Civic Association (BHCA), Boston Barber & Tattoo Company, Strada 234, and West End Place organized food drives to stock the center's food pantry shelves. Thanks to all mentioned and many more, no one who came to the center's doors went without a bountiful feast for Thanksgiving! It was the NE/WE NSC's goal to give each senior or family in need a gift card or turkey, and thanks to its charitable supporters, it could.

The need for turkeys and holiday help is ever increasing as the pandemic continues into the end of this year and the start of the next, and many older adults and families facing isolation and financial insecurity. Winter has settled in abruptly with snow even in October this year, and real-feel temperatures in the twenties and thirties, so more than ever, the center remains especially appreciative to elected officials, businesses, and donors for their support. Without them, none of this would have been possible. Those who are interested to receive assistance for the upcoming December holidays may contact the NE/WE NSC at 617-523-8125. New clients must sign up for a free ABCD membership. *Happy Thanksgiving to all!*



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## North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) Hosted Livestreamed Virtual Student Cabaret Showcase



The cast of NEMPAC's Music Theatre Troupe: Virtual Cabaret Showcase

The North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) hosted their Music Theatre Troupe's Virtual Cabaret Showcase livestreamed to families on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Since its first production in 2012, The Music Theatre Troupe has been one of NEMPAC's key programs for students to enhance their acting, singing, and dancing skills. This year's cast comprised of 18 students in grades 3 – 8, many returning from last spring's production of *Frozen JR*, a show that had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. This Fall, as a way to include more students and still perform excerpts from *Frozen*, they put together an hour long showcase of students singing solos, duets, group songs, scenes, and monologues from some of today's most popular musicals including *Beetlejuice*, *The Addams Family*, *Mary Poppins*, *Shrek*, *Matilda*, and MORE!

Led by Educational Programs Director, Allie Meek-Carufel as the director, the artistic team comprised of Music Director Alexandra Dietrich, Production Manager and Video Editor Sarah Rogers, and Costume Designer Shannon Fitzgerald. Students rehearsed once or twice a week since the middle of September and will return to start rehearsals for the spring 2021 production in February.

Students or parents of children or teens interested in learning more about Music Theatre Troupe Spring 2021 production should visit the NEMPAC website at [www.nempacboston.org](http://www.nempacboston.org) or contact [ameek@nempacboston.org](mailto:ameek@nempacboston.org)

### About NEMPAC:

The North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) is a 501(c)(3) community music school and a professional performing arts center with a strong focus on serving the North End/Waterfront and surrounding neighborhoods of Boston by making quality music and arts programming accessible for all.

As a music school, NEMPAC reaches over a 1,400 students per week, offering music education programs across several art disciplines including dance, movement, and theatre. As a highly-respected performing arts center, NEMPAC presents public concerts and professional performance projects each year involving hundreds of local Boston artists.





# Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

H a p p y Thanksgiving to all. This year Thanksgiving will be like none other. Smaller gatherings and smaller turkeys, and if you live in Boston, neighbors may report you for eating turkey with friends!!! (Pilgrims didn't have this problem). Here's a request from Mayor Marty Walsh who is citing rising positive coronavirus test results and CDC recommendations, he urges Boston residents to: Eat Thanksgiving dinner outside (Ouch what if it's 30 deg. that day???), limit guest list (You might as well eat alone!!!), not to sing (Who sings on Thanksgiving???), no word on if they are setting up a hotline to report indoor turkey eaters or people singing. Is humming permissible? Some people are betting Marty Walsh will be eating Thanksgiving dinner inside with a large group, and will probably sing. It's being reported some politicians aren't practicing what they preach! ... Kelley Square Pub in East Boston will be open for patrons that want to enjoy eating a professionally cooked turkey with all the trimmings by a chef in a friendly family atmosphere! Kelley's also has a variety menu for those who don't eat turkey,

and a great cream cheese pie to finish off a delightful meal. Bon Appetite! ... Esposito Bakery in Revere is permanently closing. A new bakery is moving into the spot. The family behind the popular bakery is not going anywhere. The Saugus and Danvers locations will remain open ... Cut out blocks of cement at the beginning may mean the DCR has began installing parking meters for 1,075 parking spaces along Revere Beach. Parking will cost \$ 1.50 per hour. This is a state project that the city has no control over. The entire landscape is changing and out of it will rise many more apartment buildings and dollar stores. The taxes will keep City Hall happy, but at what expense? Meanwhile cars will take to parking on Ocean Avenue and side streets ... Jeveli's Restaurant and Terminal J Lounge closed recently due to lack of business. They will hibernate like many other Boston restaurants chose to do. They may reopen in the better weather of 2021 when, and if, things do improve. According to reports, business has been slow and there is no customer traffic from the airport and less traffic from regular crowds, all due to COVID-19 and the shutdowns ... So many restaurants have taken

a beating. Numbers of reported coronavirus cases caused from dining in restaurants is low, but Governor Charlie Baker chose to zero in on them causing many fine restaurants to go bankrupt ... Ingleside Park in Winthrop was set on fire recently. Juvenile vandals are responsible for the arson. It appears they completely destroyed the playground ... Is anyone out there interested in learning that notorious Boston mob figure Howie Winter and colleague of Whitey Bulger is dead at age 91? ... Lots of pro and con on whether a person should take the new vaccine from Pfizer that protects against COVID-19. CDC boasts it is 95 percent effective, but what are the side effects? ... Massachusetts is devastated, as are all blue states. The Boston Marriott Copley Place has terminated 230 employees. That is almost half of the full staffing level. The shutdowns have seriously affected all the hotels in town and this type of termination is expected to continue at other hotels ... Massport intends to lay-off 25 percent of its 1,300 employees. Some will be offered voluntary retirements, others offered buyouts, others will be furloughed, and the rest will face termination and layoffs ... *Till next time. Stay healthy!*

# Blessed Josefa Naval Girbés

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Josefa Naval Girbés was born on December 11, 1820 in Algemesi, near Valencia, Spain, the eldest of six children of Vincenzo and Josefa Girbés. She attended the school of a close neighbor and learned needlework in addition to the core educational framework. She received the sacrament of Confirmation and First Communion at the age of eight and nine.



After her mother's death when she was 13, Josepha helped her father raise her younger siblings. For the next several years, she received spiritual direction from the parish priest and her love for Jesus and His Blessed Mother grew steadily. Through the influence of her spiritual director, her commitment to God grew, and at age 18, she consecrated herself to the Lord with the vow of perpetual chastity. Josepha dedicated herself to a life of holiness and service to Church and neighbor. She formed an informal school in her own home, and invited young girls and women to take embroidery instruction. During the needlework classes, Josepha taught her students how to pray, contemplation, the evangelical virtues, and basic catechism. She read to them from the Bible and they engaged in spiritual conversations. She also prepared children for their First Holy Communion. Josepha eventually became a secular Carmelite, entering the Third Order Secular of Our Lady

of Mount Carmel and St. Teresa of Jesus.

Josefa began to feel chronic pains in 1891 due to a heart condition and was in great pain as a result of it. She died on February 24, 1893, after a long illness related to her heart. Her last request was granted: to be buried in the brown tunic and white mantle of the Carmelite habit.

For those living in the secular world, Blessed Josepha is a wonderful role model because she herself lived in the secular world, and well understood its distractions and attachments. Despite these allurements, she chose to follow God's will in all the ordinary circumstances of daily life. She loved God, cultivated a deep interior life, and showed her love for others by generously giving of herself.

The Feast Day of Blessed Josefa Naval Girbés is held on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

## COMMONWEALTH SHAKESPEARE COMPANY ANNOUNCES SECOND OFFERING OF

### The Actor's Craft

with Amy Ryan and Jason Butler Harner on Beatrice and Benedick  
Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

Commonwealth Shakespeare Company (CSC) is very pleased to continue its online series *The Actor's Craft* with acclaimed actors **Amy Ryan** and **Jason Butler Harner** exploring the roles of Beatrice and Benedick, the couple at the center of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. The event, hosted by CSC Founding Artistic Director **Steven Maler**. *The Actor's Craft* series explores the creative process with accomplished guest actors who have developed

their own in-depth relationships with the works of Shakespeare, facing and conquering the complexity of some of his most towering characters. Each event in the series includes readings of passages from a play, interspersed with lively and provocative discussion of how each actor brings his or her own personality and world view to the interpretation of the character. *The Actor's Craft* is one of three series of online programs under CSC's *PlayOn@CSC*

initiative, which also includes the *Shakespeare Reimagined* film series (in partnership with the Coolidge Corner Theatre) and *Tempest Talks*, both slated for 2021.

*Much Ado About Nothing* is one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies. Beatrice and Benedick are two fiery and independent adversaries who gradually come to realize what the audience knows from the beginning, as the couple's turbulent relationship turns into love. It's very much a modern love story, as the characters attempt to navigate issues of strength vs. vulnerability, independence vs. connection.

The event is free of charge, but advance registration is required and a donation of \$10 per event is suggested. A VIP post-show virtual reception with the artists is available with a donation of \$100. (Reception is limited to the first 25 participants to sign up.) After sign-up, the patron will receive a link to view the event.

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Each year a fabulous luncheon is held at Filippo's Restaurant and with the generosity of the Frattaroli Family, a fantastic raffle and many donations, we raise approximately \$15,000. For the last several years more than 200 checks per year have been distributed to those who need our help.

As you can imagine, due to COVID-19, we are unable to hold our annual luncheon, however the need is anticipated to be greater than ever!

We are asking our friends and neighbors to make a contribution of any kind to help support this great institution and carry on the tradition started by Uncle Fred more than 40 years ago.

Donations made out to the North End Christmas Fund can be mailed to:

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**Thank you in advance for your generous, continued support of the families and seniors of our beloved neighborhood and may you and your families have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season.**



Introducing a new book by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari, lifelong residents of the North End, entitled:

## Four Women “Quattro Donne”

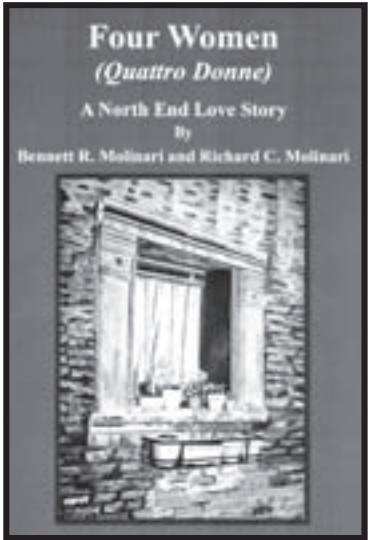
subtitle, *A North End Love Story*

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

### Blueberry Picking (continued)

Once we got into the field, we began singing. Because of the bright sunny day, Pietro wanted to sing the Neapolitan classic “O Sole Mio,” but Mom would have no part of it, as she went into a rendition of, “By The Beautiful Sea” with Auntie Angie and Auntie Stella joining in. Pietro liked the sound of the song and began singing it in broken English, which was fun to hear, prompting all of us to sing in broken English. As we sang, Mom, Auntie Stella and Auntie Angie continued to gather blueberries in their aprons as they would have done in Avellino just a generation ago, while the rest of us ran from bush to bush picking them clean, eating as many blueberries as we placed in our buckets. We were cutting through the field like locusts, within an hour, our buckets were filled.

Mom decided we should take a break, so we spread out a blanket under an old Maple tree, growing at the edge of the field near Mr. Baker’s house. While Mom was spreading out the blanket, we were to have lunch on, she began doing her imitation of Patty Andrews, singing the “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy.” Auntie Angie and Auntie Stella quickly joined in, together they began singing and dancing like the Andrews



Sisters, standing shoulder to shoulder, clapping their hands and swinging their hips to the Jive Rhythm. Pietro grabbed Grace and began dancing with her, while the rest of us jumped up and down making a lot of noise. The raucous we were making attracted Mr. Baker’s attention, who first began to shout at us, and then set off a blast from his BB Gun. None of us were frightened, but we decided we should clear out, for we picked the place clean. So, we pretended to be frightened, shouting, “Mr. Baker don’t shoot, we’re leaving!” As we got back on the road, Pietro turned toward Mom and jokingly said, “I guess he didn’t like your singing.” Mom threw a fistful of blueberries at Pietro, some

of which he snatched from the air and stuffed in his mouth, causing Mom to laugh. She turned to Pietro and said, “I know a monkey back in Boston that does the same trick.” So, she threw another fistful at Pietro, once again, he snatched some out of the air and stuffed them in his mouth. This caused Auntie Angie to shout, “Stop! Mama will kill us if we don’t bring home enough blueberries to make her pies and preserves!” Mom stopped horsing around, and Pietro began to sing, “By the sea, by the sea, by the beautiful sea,” setting off a chain reaction that ended at Grandma’s porch.

Grandma was on the porch and greeted us in her apron, mixing bowl in hand. When she caught sight of us, she began to laugh, shouting out, “You look like Neapolitan Scugnizzil!” Pietro jumped up on to the porch, twirled Grandma in a circle while singing his American song. The sadness that had accompanied him from Boston seemed to have slipped away, if only for a while, in the relaxed setting of sun and beach. Grandma continued to do a little dance on her own. After a few quick steps, she stopped, reassumed her position as matriarch of the family, and said, “*Tutti in cucina* (Everyone into the kitchen.) We’re making blueberry pies and preserves.”

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

## Sal G. Guest on the Bob Katzen Baby Boomer & Gen X Radio & Online Show

This past Sunday evening, *Post-Gazette* columnist Sal Giarratani made a guest appearance by phone on the *Bob Katzen Baby Boomer & Gen X Radio & Online Show* on *WMEX 1510 AM* on the radio dial, he shared two topics, his career as a newspaper writer for 35 years with the *Post-Gazette*, and his unknown to many, music career.

Back in the day, said Sal on air, he was the drummer in a rock & soul band out of Roxbury in the late ’60s. The band’s name was The SilentSirs. Sal explained the name came from the title of a Dean Martin movie called *The Silencers* in which Martin played a private eye named Matt Helm.

The band hung around together for a few years, had

a name in Roxbury and performed gigs inside Roxbury and out of town, too. The music from the British Invasion was big at the time and since the band came out of Roxbury, how could they not do Motown and the Philly Sound, too.

As Sal joked on air, “the group dressed much better than they played music. They did have a following and many times when Sal returns back to his old neighborhood, there are older folk who still remember the music they played and the energy they brought to the stage.”

If you get a chance, you should try listening to the new *WMEX 1510 AM The Bob Katzen Show* airs Sundays at 6:00 p.m., where you can travel

back into time to remember when music was the lifeblood of those wild and crazy baby boomers.

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In the Matter of  
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A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Toben Erwin Greatsinger of Framingham, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Toben Erwin Brinigar.

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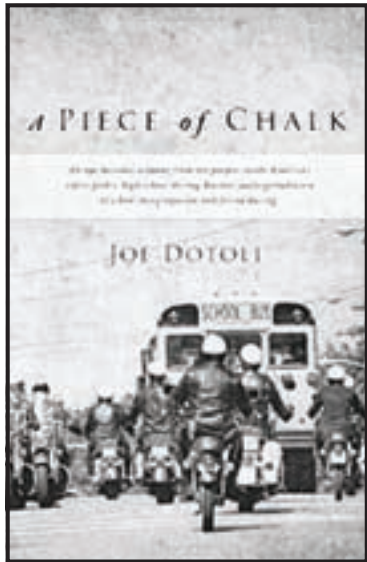
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Date: November 06, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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This book was dedicated to “all the teachers of Boston who performed valiantly on the front lines of school desegregation armed only with — a piece of chalk.”  
— Joe Dotoli



As a member of the English High School of Boston’s alumni group, I was able to speak with a former Boston English teacher who arrived at the school shortly after I graduated there in 1966. He showed up with his piece of chalk a few years later and had a very interesting career teaching at this hallowed school, which was the first public high school in America opening in 1821.

This year, the school celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary and has gone through good times and bad, but it also went through much turmoil during the busing era, too. The school is a survivor and is still plugging away trying to educate many young people today and insist in them the love of learning.

Mike Thomas, who heads the school’s alumni group and who is hard at work as we speak on the upcoming 200<sup>th</sup> celebration gave me a copy of this book written by Joe Dotoli, the then young teacher, now a bit older and retired in Rhode Island. The book, as I mentioned, is called *A Piece of Chalk*, and was published in 2015, by Mill City Publishing.

I read all the time. I love good books. This is a great book and easy read. It’s like the author is actually talking with you. I read this book pretty quickly because the story was so much a part of my younger days as a news reporter covering some

## A PIECE OF CHALK

By Joe Dotoli

Reviewed by  
Sal Giarratani,  
EHS Class of ’66

of the darkest days in recent Boston history.

Dotoli arrived at the school in 1967 as a science teacher and his years there spanned the court-ordered desegregation of the entire school system and the subsequent forced busing crisis in the ’70s. His personal retrospective of interviews with his former colleagues and students provided such a human element to all the stories, headlines, and TV images of that time in Boston’s political history.

In the book’s forward written by Natalie Jacobson anchor and reporter at WCVB-TV for a number of years, she talked of speaking with Judge W. Arthur Garrity who told her, “Education is not the issue before the court,” and she responds in the forward “Here we had a problem, a lesser quality education to blacks and the fix had nothing to do with solving it.”

As I flowed through the pages of this book, all those past images still in my head came forward. I could see old Boston in too much turmoil again, and see the middle-class flight from the city only make the demographics even worse.

Reading the perspective from an eyewitness inside the classroom at English High only humanized all the damage taking place, all the hatred sowed, and somehow how much of the hope that never extinguished. Teachers survived, students survived, Boston survived, English High survived, but all that pain seemed so needless and marred forever the lives of all who lived through those times, gone but never forgotten ugliness.

Anyone who lived through those times will find this book filled with fascinating insight and those too young, a look at part of Boston’s history and will hopefully learn from it. I didn’t find it depressing, but rather hopeful that there were so many heroes in the classrooms whose only interests were educating young people for their future that lay ahead.

Mattéo Gallo

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**SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE:  
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*Saturday Night Live*, a topical comedy sketch show, made its debut on NBC. Created by Canadian-born comedy writer Lorne Michaels, it went on to become a renowned launch pad for generational talent and unforgettable characters to become the longest-running, highest-rated show on late-night television. The first five years (1975-1980) of *Saturday Night Live* featured some of the most beloved cast members of all time, including Chevy Chase, John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Garrett Morris, Bill Murray, Gilda Radner, Jane Curtin, and Laraine Newman, and they set the stage for some of the most hilarious television comedy American audiences had ever seen. Now, the best of the original cast is available unlike ever before. *TimeLife* brings together the very best episodes from the first five seasons with *Saturday Night Live: The Early Years*, A hilarity-packed 12-disc/33 episode collection featuring the “Not Ready for Prime Time Players,” iconic characters, legendary hosts as George Carlin, Lily Tomlin, Steve Martin and Richard Pryor. Please note - this set is only available via direct response or Online at *TimeLife.com/SaturdayNight* – not available in retail stores.

**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG  
(Blu-ray + DVD + Digital)  
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Enjoy one of the year’s biggest blockbusters, in this limited-collector’s-edition Blu-ray, with exclusive new artwork and bonus mini-poster collectible cards. The world needed a hero, we got a hedgehog. Powered with incredible speed, *Sonic The Hedgehog* (voiced by Ben Schwartz), a/k/a The Blue Blur, embraces his new home on Earth. That is, until he accidentally knocks out the power grid and sparks the attention of

super-uncool Dr. Robotnik (Jim Carrey). Now it’s super-villain vs. super-sonic: in an all-out race across the globe to stop Robotnik from using Sonic’s unique power for world domination. Sonic teams up with The Donut Lord, a/k/a Sheriff Tom Wachowski (James Marsden), to save the planet in this live-action comedy that’s fun for the whole family.

**BUDDY GAMES  
(DVD + Digital)  
Paramount Home Ent.**

Josh Duhamel stars in this wild and hilarious, no-holds-barred comedy. After six lifelong friends have a five-year falling out, Bob (Duhamel), a/k/a “The Bobfather,” reunites his pals for the *Buddy Games*, an insane competition of absurd physical and mental challenges with the chance to win a \$150,000 pot. Now, all bets are off, as the determined dudes fight, claw, and party for the big bucks in this star-studded bro-fest featuring Dax Shepard, Olivia Munn and Kevin Dillon.

**THE KILLING FLOOR  
(Blu-ray)  
Film Movement Classics**

*Killing Floor* is an historical dramas about union organizing. The feature film explores a little-known true story of an African-American migrant and his struggle to help build an interracial union in the Chicago Stockyards. Based on actual characters and events, tracing ethnic and class conflicts seething in the city’s giant slaughterhouses, when management efforts to divide the workforce, fuel racial tensions that erupt in the deadly Chicago Race Riot of 1919. Damien Leake stars as Frank Custer, a young black sharecropper from Mississippi who lands a job on “the killing floor” of a meatpacking plant – one of tens of thousands of southern blacks who journeyed to the industrial north during World War I, hoping for more racial equality. Frank finally succeeds in bringing his wife Mattie (Alfre Woodard) and family up north, but when he decides to support the union cause, his best friends from the South, distrustful of the white-led union, turn against him.

**MUTINY (DVD)  
VCI Ent.**

*Mutiny* is re-mastered from the original 35mm film to 4K, in Technicolor. During the War of 1812, the United States, in need of gold, arranges with a French group to lend the government \$10 million in bullion. To bring the gold here, an American ship must break through the British blockade. A young captain accepts the dangerous assignment, and after several narrow escapes, the ship finally reaches France. No sooner is the gold aboard the American ship that the crew mutinies and sets the captain adrift, giving him a slim chance to reach shore. The captain survives, returns with the American Navy and recaptures his vessel. A British warship arrives on the scene and is successfully torpedoes by an American volunteer in an untried submarine made for a two-man crew. The mission is successful, and the gold reaches America.

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

by Sal Giarratani

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
TO ALL**



**Folks in Norwood see wild turkeys all the time, but never as big as this one sitting on the grass across from my daughter’s place where Grandpa recently stopped by for a quick outdoor visit.**

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

This year, Thanksgiving will feel a little weird, but I hope everyone will do the best they can to enjoy, hopefully not by yourself, but with a limited number of family members surrounding you; of course from a safe distance. As usual, I will have my sweet potato pie, another Giarratani time honored dessert. No more creamed whatever that I used to eat. Oh, just remember, creamed onions, ugh!

**WU CAMPAIGNED AT  
“LAKE MORRISSEY”  
RECENTLY AFTER THE  
RAIN STOPPED**

City Councilor and mayoral candidate Michelle Wu took her campaign over to Morrissey Boulevard last week while it was flooded by heavy rain and then a subsequent high tide to highlight the negative impact climate change has had on this road in Dorchester. However, I always thought the flooding here had more to do with bad engineering with the road design and less to do with the changing climate.

For as long as I can remember, Morrissey Boulevard has flooded as in the days of Noah’s Ark. Does it show the effects of man-made climate change or show poor engineering long ago when this road was laid out in Dorchester? The jury is still out on this. Yes, there is climate change and always has been but, remember, we had dinosaurs roaming the planet once and then the Ice Age arrived and the climate turned much colder, too cold for those large creatures. None of those reptiles drove cars using fossil fuels while they themselves turned into fossils.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO  
THE NEW WMEX RADIO**

I just love the music on the all new *WMEX 1510* on the AM dial just like back in the old days. So glad it is back and who says you can’t go home again on the radio? The station just celebrated its sixth month birthday on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. I hope it stays around forever.

Did anyone hear me recently on the air at *Whim-x*. I won a “MEX” sweater by being the correct caller and answering the question correctly. My sweater is in the mail. When it arrives I’ll show you what it looks like.

**ANOTHER RESTAURANT  
GOES INTO HIBERNATION**

Jeveli’s Restaurant recently went into hibernation for the



**Jeveli’s is a lonely restaurant waiting to wake up come springtime.**

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

winter due to the economic strain that the COVID pandemic has placed on small businesses with the economic slowdown levied by our elected officials only making matters worse for all.

We can only hope that Jeveli’s Restaurant, around since 1924, will indeed reopen in the spring. Small neighborhood businesses are under constant threat of bankruptcy. I can’t wait for this restaurant to reopen so I can order my cheeseburger, steak fries, and Irish coffee again.

**WHERE COULD LYNCH  
FIT IN THE BIDEN  
ADMINISTRATION?**

There’s some increasing chatter about whether U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch might be a choice for Postmaster General in President-elect Joe Biden’s administration.

A top job at the U.S. Postal Service would make sense. Lynch, who was elected to Congress in 2001, has been a longtime advocate for the Postal Service, and many of his family members have worked there. And Lynch’s background as a union worker and labor attorney also fit the job leading the agency.

You could only imagine how many potential candidates might be out there ready to run for the District 8 House seat. However, with Speaker Nancy Pelosi nervous about losing Democrat control of the House, he could be pressured by top Democrats to stay put in the eighth congressional district.

We shall see if this news rumor has any legs. Lynch, by the way, was elected to his current House seat back on Tuesday, September 11, 2001 forever known as 9-11.

I still remember talking with him the night before at a political rally in Dorchester about 12 hours before the world changed forever when those planes were used as bombs taking out the World Trade Center and killing almost 3,000 innocent lives that morning in New York City, The Pentagon and Shanksville PA.

That rally in Adams Village was the last pre-9-11 political rally of our lifetime. Nothing’s been the same since that day.

Steve Lynch and I have been friends and political allies for almost 30 years now. I wish him the best always.

**THE EMERALD SOCIETY &  
BOSTON POLICE SUPPORTS  
GOFUNDME PAGE**

You may have heard on the news, Boston Police Officer Alfredo Araujo was involved in a very serious motor vehicle accident while off duty two weeks ago. Officer Araujo is still hospitalized with very serious injuries. He has two small children at home, and this accident will seriously impair his ability to care for his family. A GoFundMe campaign has been started by

his fellow officers, and I would ask readers of this column if they could make a contribution to this account if at all possible, and to keep Officer Araujo and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

The link to the campaign is: [www.gofundme.com/f/the-alfredo-araujo-family-fund](http://www.gofundme.com/f/the-alfredo-araujo-family-fund)  
**NON-PROFIT FRESH TRUCK  
IN EAST BOSTON**



**This bus stops in East Boston  
twice weekly**

Fresh Truck coordinator Steve James from Eagle Hill wanted to help families start every day with good food access to live a healthy lifestyle. In East Boston and other nearby communities he brings together volunteers, those in the community looking to purchase healthy produce and partners in the community. I myself have made purchases of fruits and veggies, all fresh and all inexpensively priced too. It arrives in East Boston two days a week. It’s in Maverick Square on Mondays from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Tuesdays from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Kennedy School Eagle Hill.

Fresh Truck looks like a green school bus but it is really a mobile market stocked with over 30 fruits and vegetables. Food insecurity has doubled in Massachusetts due to COVID-19 and so the more food options the better for individuals and families bringing food closer to the people who need it.

Thank you to Fresh Truck for what you do. It is most appreciated by the community at large.

**THE DOOR MAY BE CLOSED  
BUT ...**



**A closed door to a wide open  
house?**

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

On Prescott Street in East Boston, one can see yet another old house getting demolished for yet another new housing start. It keeps happening all over the neighborhood.

**THE OOPS DEPARTMENT  
NEEDS TO TELL YOU**

In a news story I wrote last week on the Veterans Day observation held in the city of Quincy, there was a glaring error in the photo caption showing the Colonial Marines flag displayed in the window of Carmella’s down in the Point in East Boston. I incorrectly stated that owner Clark Moulasion was a retired Marine. I meant to say his dad Clark Moulasion, Sr. was a Marine combat veteran during the Korean War. From now on I’ll be calling Clark “Junior” to remember which Clark is which. The Marine flag is displayed at the shop in


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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Back in the day, the week after Thanksgiving brought the musicians in my family into the Christmas season, and that was our busiest time of the year. Up until the '70s, most music was live. DJ's were just coming into vogue and there was a reason why. Many of the older musicians refused or couldn't play the music the younger people liked to listen and dance to. They came up with every reason in the book as to the negatives attached to, especially, Rock and Roll, but whether they couldn't feel it or understand it they didn't want to play it. Most of the rock groups couldn't play the traditional dance music and the compromise was to hire a DJ.

Dad, Uncles Nick and Paul played mainly society music, working with the dance bands of Boston. If I was not playing steady somewhere, I would let it be known that I was available and the work rolled in. Back then, there were Christmas parties day and night up until December 24<sup>th</sup>.

For many years, Dad played at Santa's Enchanted Village at Jordan Marsh. New York had Macys and Gimbals, but Boston had Filenes and Jordan Marsh. Jordan's, as most Bostonians called the long gone department store, each Christmas season would have Santa Claus stationed in their Enchanted Village, and during the afternoons of the Christmas season, had a trio dressed in Tyrolean costumes playing for the kids and their parents. Dad was the bass player with the trio. Danny Cavicchio played accordion and Charlie Opper was on violin. They were quite a site dressed with lederhosen (Swiss leather short pants with suspenders), knee length stockings and Tyrolean Alpine hats.

Most businesses had Christmas parties for their employees and they all had live entertainment. The bands that serviced the parties were hired during the day for a two or three hour time interval, and there might be two or three to play on any given day. Dad and Uncle Nick would hire chauffer driven cars to take them from one job to another. Parking in downtown Boston has never been easy, and with jobs being spaced close together, being let off in front of a building was a lot easier (and cheaper) than hunting for a parking space.

I was teaching school in Boston beginning in the early '60s, but was able to book in the late afternoon Christmas parties in downtown. I really never worked with Dad as we played the same instrument,

bass violin, but many times, I worked with Uncle Nick who played tenor sax and often led the small groups that played throughout the city. The nights were just as busy during the Christmas season. There were many parties held in the function rooms of Boston hotels and private clubs. Organizations like the K of C, the VFW, Masons, Sons of Italy, Elks, Moose, Lions, Odd Fellows, and dozens more all held parties in their buildings usually in the suburbs, which made it easier on the parking situation, as most had their own parking lots.

If all of us were playing and finished early, we would head to our house where Mom and Babbononno would be waiting with a pot of coffee and something to eat in case we hadn't eaten on the job. Babbononno was long retired from the music business, but lived it again through the stories the men in his family told about playing with the different bands we had worked with. He knew that we played what might be called the American songbook. All of the musicians who played these single engagements never used any written music. Whatever tune it was ... was memorized. Most of the top men in Boston had at least 1000 or more songs they could play from memory. If we played a set of, let's say 6 songs, all we had to know was the key for each, and as the leader would segue from one to the other, he would hold up a series of fingers to indicate what the new key was ... one finger for the key of F, two for B flat, three for E flat, 4 for A flat, an arched thumb and index finger for the key of C and an index finger pointing down for the key of G. These were the most common keys and most of the dance tunes, the fox trots, waltzes, polkas, etc ... were written in these keys.

Quite often, Dad and Uncle Nick would talk about the men in the bands they were working with that day or/and night. Babbononno could often identify with the names. If it was a multi-generational family in music, he most likely knew their fathers or uncles especially if they were Italian. Italians, Jews and African Americans dominated the music business back in the day. There were, of course, people from every other ethnic group, but the main body of commercial musicians were from those three backgrounds.

During some of those years, I was working the night club scene, which meant that I couldn't play the parties that my Dad and Uncles played. More often than not, parties

were held at the night clubs by social or business groups which kind of put things on an equal level. As we headed into the 1970s, I met Dean Saluti and we became fast friends. He was in graduate school at the time, and to earn tuition and living expenses, was working as a bar tender at Lucifer's, one of three nightclubs located in the same building called the Kenmore Club in Kenmore Square. Uncle Nick knew the owner and I often would meet my uncle at Lucifer's for a last call drink. Chances were that we finished at either midnight or 1:00 a.m., and the club closed at 2:00. Once the club closed, Dean, Uncle Nick and I would head to Chinatown for a bite to eat before going home. Dean would tell stories about what happened in the club that night and who some of the people were that frequented the place, and Uncle Nick and I would talk about the jobs we had played and how the people were into the spirit of the season.

Dad wasn't interested in "hanging out" after a late job, and would head home, so he wasn't part of the late night scene. Aunt Dorothy (Uncle Nick's wife) had retired and was living in Florida. As soon as the holidays were over, Uncle Nick would head south for a couple of weeks and then, maybe a week-end a month, until he retired. When he did retire, he headed to Florida and Aunt Dorothy, permanently.

Today, it's a toss-up as to whether a Christmas party has live entertainment or a DJ. When I speak to full-time musicians (and there are only a few of them), they tell me how difficult it is to make a living at their craft. Most of the luckier ones learned another trade and work days and have made music an avocation. With the Covid Virus still with us, I don't know what this year's Christmas season will be like. I guess I was one of these luckier ones back in the day, I taught public school during the day and played music at night. Now, in my old age, I've retired from teaching and music but spend my leisure time writing this column. The old days were quite adventuresome, and I was on top of my game. Oh yeah, another thing, I was young and that made all of the difference.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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Italians are bound by so many beautiful traditions, most of which are always accompanied by amazingly delicious foods. Holidays in particular have specific dishes, desserts and rituals associated with them, which vary from region to region. The Christmas season in Italy is absolutely the most magnificent time of the year. It is represented by elaborate embellishments throughout the regions as well as exquisitely decorated pastries and desserts. You'll find Italian cookies and sweet breads wrapped in cellophane and tied with delicately made satin or velvet bows. Fried pastries are on display covered in mounds of confectioners' sugar alongside beautifully molded puddings and layered cakes.

In the weeks leading up to *La Vigilia* (Christmas Eve) and *Natale* (Christmas) one of my favorite traditions was baking "Christmas Cookies" with my Nonna. We'd make a variety of Italian cookies and then meticulously arrange them in trays. After wrapping and decorating each one, we'd hand them out to family and friends as a way to spread warmth and cheer. I had my favorites and of course, Nonna had hers. If there is one thing that stands out in my mind the most, it would have to be how much she loved maraschino cherries. It seemed like Nonna put them in almost every cookie she possibly could! As the holiday season begins, I am sharing a delicious recipe that dates back many, many years. Nonna referred to these as her "Cherry Cuts". However, I am going to call them "Nonna Mary's Maraschino Cherry Slices". These cookies are baked as loaves, but only once. They are a soft sliced cookie, not a twice baked biscotti, and they make a beautiful addition to any Christmas Cookie tray. I share this recipe with much love and hope you enjoy them as much as my Nonna Mary did.

NONNA MARY'S MARASCHINO CHERRY SLICES  
*Fette di ciliegia al maraschino di Nonna Mary*



- 5 cups flour

5 teaspoons baking powder

6 eggs

2 cups sugar

1 cup butter-flavored Shortening (Crisco)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1 cup walnuts, chopped

1 cup of maraschino cherries, drained (reserve the liquid) and chopped

Preheat the oven to 350°. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper, set aside.

In a medium bowl, sift together flour and baking powder, set aside. In a large mixing bowl mix eggs, sugar, Crisco, vanilla and beat until creamy. Gradually add the flour mixture and mix together well. Blend in the cherries and walnuts and knead together well. Set dough aside in a cool place for 30 minutes. Divide dough into 4-6 pieces and roll into loaves. Place 2 loaves on each cookie sheet spread apart and flatten to approximately 2-inches wide and half an inch tall. Bake approximately 15 to 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from the oven and cool completely before icing.

- Icing**

4-6 cups confectioners' sugar

2-4 tablespoons butter, softened
- Reserved cherry juice

4-5 maraschino cherries, chopped finely

In a mixing bowl combine softened butter, confectioner's sugar and beat together. Gradually add cherry juice while mixing until icing is a medium thick consistency. Blend in chopped cherries and mix well. With an icing spatula, ice loaves and let dry completely before slicing. Cut the loaves using a serrated knife on an angle into 1 to 1 1/2 inch slices.

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• **Talk of Many Things** (Continued from Page 8)

memory of his dad’s service to his country.

**Buying the Right Mask**

Last week while at Target over in Revere, I was looking at masks where all the adult masks were stacked and some older lady told me to check out child masks. She said they fit adults real tight. So I did as she said and she was correct. Snug as a rug. They even come with those adjusters too for an even closer fit. Three for ten bucks. Great buy and they look good too.

**New Radio Find  
In the A.M. on AM**

If you are like me, you like a little dose of the Kuhnerman on WRKO but sometimes he can drift off and start babbling too. At those times I start searching on the AM dial for something else. Sometimes it just might be a little further up the dial to Bob Bittner on the Memories Station WJIB AM 740 or, like last week, I traveled slightly further to my new-found evening station, 77 WABC NYC on 770. I caught up with *Bernie & Sid in the Morning*, two good conservative co-hosts with a sense of humor. Now I flip back and forth depending on the topics being discussed.

**When it Comes Out  
I’m Taking It**

Someone I work with and I were talking about the news how three different BIG PHARMA companies are all just about ready to unveil their COVID-19 vaccines and he wondered how is it possible that three companies each working alone are this close to disseminating the vaccine to folks and thought this news seemed suspicious to him. He said he wouldn’t be taking it, it might be bad. I also heard a caller on a conservative radio show say the deep state wants us to take it so that we become impotent. I kid you not. It’s all about the New World Order and the Great Reset to depopulate the world. Hey, speaking about impotency, I’m 72 years old, and nothing works the way it used to anymore, anyways.

These are indeed strange times and as you can see more and more of us don’t trust our government leaders any longer. I don’t trust them either but America is going through a bad patch of life at the moment. No wonder so many people see everything happening as sinister.

However, when the vaccine comes out, I will be in that line as I was as a child when the

polio vaccine first came out when I was in the first grade. I just rolled up my shirt sleeve, closed my eyes and got jabbed. I remember a few years later when they came out with the oral vaccine, I got in line and drank from that Dixie cup, too.

However, back in the good old days my parents and everyone I knew trusted our government leaders but those trusting days are gone, but so too is that Polio Epidemic from back in the ’50s that scared the hell out of everyone.

**More Mail From Inbox**

I don’t know whether you’ve seen this yet Sal, but they’re now going after Ronald Reagan in an attempt to discredit his legacy. It’s becoming more popular for the current generation of progressives to look at past historical figures that they dislike and put them through a revisionist lens, invariably making them look bad. In the *New York Times* review of *The Reagan’s on Showtime*, the reviewer writes: “ ... the material that grabs you may have less to do with the inherent biases of tax cuts and anti-drug campaigns and more to do with calibrating the extent to which Nancy Reagan and her astrologer Joan Quigley were in charge of our federal government for eight years, (and) the series doesn’t really go into it, but the sense of disbelief and panic among a large swath of Americans when Reagan defeated Jimmy Carter in 1980 was very similar, in all but degree, to the reaction many felt on election night in 2016.”

I was a teenager at the time, but my recollection is that the 1980 election wasn’t even close. I just looked it up, Reagan won 489 electoral votes and carried 44 states. Carter won 49 electoral votes and carried 6 states and DC. That’s a landslide. Also, it was the first time in almost 100 years that a Republican candidate defeated an incumbent Democrat.

Progressives have so much hatred for the unquestioned success of freedom, democracy, and capitalism that they now feel compelled to go after any historical figure that played a role in its development.

*Sean F. Flaherty, Charlestown*  
*Response:* You’re right on target, Sean!

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI20D2383DR  
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY  
PUBLICATION AND MAILING  
PAXIA BAUTISTA  
vs.  
JUAN F. BAUTISTA

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Paxia Bautista, 978 Worcester St., Apt. 206, Wellesley, MA 02482, your answer, if any, on or before **December 31, 2020**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 19, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/27/2020

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI20D2811DR  
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY  
PUBLICATION AND MAILING  
ELLA GANTHIER aka ELLA FRANCOIS  
vs.  
JIMMY GANTHIER

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Ella Ganthier, 205 Hurley St., Cambridge, MA 02141, your answer, if any, on or before **January 04, 2021**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 16, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/27/2020

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI20P3906EA  
Estate of  
YOSHIKO ITO  
Date of Death: June 21, 2020  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Takayoshi Ito of Hillsboro, OR.**

**Takayoshi Ito of Hillsboro, OR** 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: 11/27/2020

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI20P5217EA  
Estate of  
CARMELO MIGLIORE  
Date of Death: July 20, 2020  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

**Brandon Migliore of Somerville, 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: 11/27/2020

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI20P5235EA  
Estate of  
JAMES WILLIAM MORLEY  
Also Known As  
JAMES W. MORLEY  
Date of Death: September 27, 2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **John F. Morley of Medford, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **John F. Morley of Medford, 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, 2020.

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

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 19, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/27/2020

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court South  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000  
Docket No. MI20P5078EA  
Estate of  
EUGENE J. DELANEY  
Date of Death: May 10, 2019  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Mary Ellen Cheverie of Sanford, ME** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Mary Ellen Cheverie of Sanford, ME** 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 08, 2020.

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

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 10, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/27/2020

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court South  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000  
Docket No. MI20P5232EA  
Estate of  
OLIVE FAYE SCHIPELLITE  
Also Known As  
OLIVE F. SCHIPELLITE  
FAYE SCHIPELLITE

Date of Death: September 27, 2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Roger Schipellite of West Ossipee, NH** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Roger Schipellite of West Ossipee, NH** 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, 2020.

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

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 19, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/27/2020

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI20P5227EA  
Estate of  
JAMES W. BRINE, JR.  
Date of Death: May 19, 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 **Joseph W. Brine of Littleton, 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 **Joseph W. Brine of Littleton, 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, 2020.

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

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

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 19, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/27/2020

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given by **TODISCO TOWING OF 94 CONDOR STREET, EAST BOSTON, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A that they will sell the following vehicles.

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

- 2003 HONDA ACCORD**  
Vin #1HGCM56683A119053
- 2005 CHEVROLET MALIBU**  
Vin #2G1WF52E659349524
- 2005 FORD FREESTAR**  
Vin #2FMDZ52255BA10704
- 2020 TAOTAO PONY 50**  
Vin #L9NTCBAE7L1009367
- 2006 VOLVO VNL**  
Vin #4V4NC93TH76N431129

*The above vehicles will be sold at public auction at*

**TODISCO TOWING**  
**94 Condor Street, E. Boston**  
**DECEMBER 12, 2020**  
at **9:00 AM**  
Run dates: 11/27, 12/04, 12/11, 2020



LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI20P5036EA  
Estate of  
**ROBERT J. KRUEGER**  
Date of Death: September 11, 2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Peter M. Anderson of West Roxbury, 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 **Peter M. Anderson of West Roxbury, 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 04, 2020.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 06, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/27/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court South  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000  
Docket No. MI20P5237EA  
Estate of  
**CHARLES HAMPARIAN**  
Date of Death: March 26, 2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Charles P. Hamparian of Belchertown, 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 **Charles P. Hamparian of Belchertown, 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, 2020.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 19, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/27/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI20P5101EA  
Estate of  
**RAY J. MARTINEZ**  
Date of Death: April 11, 2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Donna R. Martinez of North Reading, 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 **Donna R. Martinez of North Reading, 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 10, 2020.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 12, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/27/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI20P5269EA  
Estate of  
**ARTURO MANCINI**  
Date of Death: May 02, 2020  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Silvana Attardo of Waltham, 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 **Silvana Attardo of Waltham, 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 21, 2020.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 23, 2020  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/27/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court South  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000  
Docket No. MI20P4282EA  
Estate of  
**GEORGE J. RIZZO**  
Date of Death: December 25, 2019  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Robert C. Wickham of Natick, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Robert C. Wickham of Natick, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
Run date: 11/27/2020

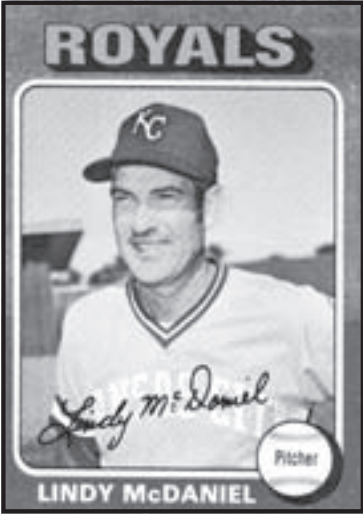
LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI20P5046EA  
Estate of  
**GEORGE THOMAS SCHLEHUBER**  
Date of Death: March 23, 2020  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Laurie Marshall of Reading, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Laurie Marshall of Reading, 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: 11/27/2020

EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



**Lindy McDaniel  
Ace Relief Pitcher  
Remembered**

Growing up I collected baseball cards of all kinds; TOPPS, Flair, and when Post cereal started putting cards on the back of cereal boxes, my brother started eating lots of Post cereals just to cut the boxes apart. I just heard that Lindy McDaniel who pitched for 21 seasons and was a great relief artist who played on some horrible teams has passed away at 84. He passed at an urgent care facility from COVID-19 according to his family.

He pitched for five teams and the two longest stints with the Cardinals and Yankees and in an era before closers, he did both closing and long relief. McDaniel was 19 years old when he began with the Cardinals in 1955 and by 1957, found himself in the starting rotation. That

season he won 15 games with a devastating sinker-ball.

However, his success as a starter was short-lived and in 1959, headed to the bullpen. He added more pitches and could throw both sidearm and over handed, too and his bullpen career took off. He led the

National League in saves with 16 in 1959, and again the following year with 27. In 1959, he was named to the All-Star team, The *Sporting News* named him baseball's top fireman that season. Over his final 16 seasons, he started a mere 15 times.

In a 1961 interview with a *New York Times* sportswriter, he stated, "When I threw with that sidearm motion, I didn't get enough speed to strike out batters ... As a sidearmer I had a sinker, curve, forkball, and slider. As an overhand, I have a fastball, curve, forkball and changeup curve."

He was traded to the Cubs after the '62 season and in his first year won 13 games and saved 22 games. Another good season for him was 1966 with the Giants, winning 10 games in relief and having a 2.66 ERA. In 1968, he joined the Yankees and spent six seasons there, but these weren't the power clubs of the '50s and early '60s with most of their stars fading fast.

In his last season in pinstripes, he was 12-6 with a 2.68 ERA for a team that was sub .500. He ended out his career with the Kansas City Royals for two seasons.

Here's some good stuff from 1968, he retired 32 consecutive batters over four games and the same year pitched seven perfect innings in relief in a 19 inning game against the eventual World Series champs that season.

His career stats, 141-119 win-loss record, with 174 saves. However, only once in his long career did his teams finish as high as second place. And he never made it to postseason.

Outside of baseball, he was ordained by the Church of Christ and more recently was an elder of the Levon Church of Christ near Dallas.

I will be saying a prayer for him. He was one of my baseball heroes growing up. He had one cool name too that always reminded me of Charles Lindberg another childhood hero.

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Docket No. MI20P5048EA  
Estate of  
**MARY EVELYN HANNA**  
Also Known As  
**MARY HANNA**  
Date of Death: September 28, 2020  
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **David R. Hanna of Newton, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**David R. Hanna of Newton, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
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**ANNA TRINGALE**  
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**ANNA A. TRINGALE**  
Date of Death: September 16, 2020  
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Boxing



Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

Remembering Willie Pep in Photos

All-Time Great Featherweight Champ

Passed Away on Thanksgiving Day in 2006



A common sight, Willie raising his hand in victory



Pep lands a right on Saddler



Willie headed for the gym



Trainer Al Gore with the Champ



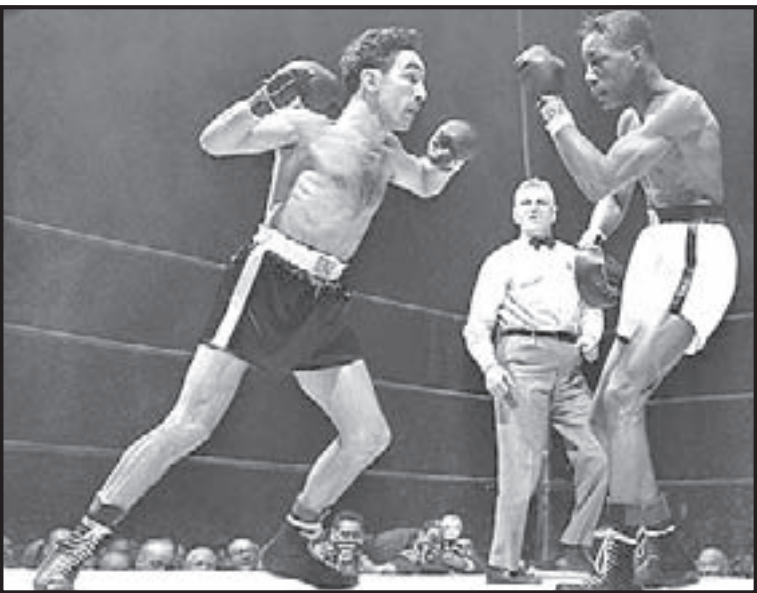
Willie Pep



Getting into shape





Jack Dempsey, Willie Pep, and Mickey Walker celebrate Dempsey's birthday in 1965



Willie regaining the Title from Sandy Saddler

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



A NOTABLE PASSING — It was given just a brief mention in the Boston media, but when Minneapolis *Star-Tribune* sports columnist Sid Hartman passed away recently at age 100. It certainly was a major loss that was felt across the landscape of professional athletics and big-time college sports.

That's because he was still writing on a regular basis for the *Star-Tribune*, a routine that saw him produce three columns a week through most of the year, an output that increased to four in a seven-day span during football season.

Hartman wrote his first story in 1945. Many would say he had written "countless" ones since that time. But someone was taking notice. When his regular column was published on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday back in March, the *Star-Tribune* noted that he had 21,149 bylines over the course of his 75-year career in print journalism. His last column — on the Minnesota Vikings — was published on the day he died (October 18<sup>th</sup>).

"I followed the advice that if you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your life," Hartman wrote in his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday column. "Even at 100, I can still say I love what I do."

He was also a co-host of a sports talk radio show for more than 40 years on WCCO, one of the most powerful stations in the Midwest. At the time of his passing, he was the longest active member of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Hartman's son noted that while his father did not die from the current virus, he was affected by it. "I want to make it clear. He didn't die from COVID," Chad Hartman told the *Star-Tribune*. "But COVID took away the enjoyment of his life by making him stay home. It took away the chance to see the people he liked. It took away his zest — not being able to go to four or five different places every day."

The current NBA Champions are the Los Angeles Lakers. According to his autobiography, in 1947 Hartman wrote a check for \$15,000 to the owner of the Detroit Gems of the National Basketball League for the franchise. The Gems soon became the Minneapolis Lakers, a team that won one NBL championship and five NBA titles before moving to Los Angeles in 1960. Hartman remained affiliated with the franchise in an unofficial capacity until 1957, even while writing several times a week for the *Star-Tribune*.

As the digital age arrived, Hartman continued to use a large classic tape recorder at press conferences and to keep the records of his numerous media contacts in a voluminous paperbound notebook. However, he used a desktop computer at the office and had a Twitter account through the *Star-Tribune*.

Born in Minneapolis in 1920, Hartman most enjoyed covering the various teams at the University of Minnesota, an institution he never attended since he dropped out of high school after the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

But way back when, at a time when expectations and standards were different, he was able to secure an internship at a local paper. The rest, as they say, is history. His first stories on the Golden Gophers appeared in 1945.

We know Sid was not from New England but we thought we would share some of the details of his amazing life with you. After all, how many people do you know who are not only still living at age 100 but are continuing to remain active in their career, all the while enjoying what they do?

Not many. That is why the life of Sid Hartman is so interesting and inspirational.

UNNECESSARY PRESSURE — There was joy in New York the night of the NHL Draft when the Rangers proceeded to select teenager Alexis Lafreniere as the number 1 pick overall.

But then came the unfortunate buildup surrounding the Quebec native, who was 18 on the night he was chosen.

"Prince Alexis" proclaimed a huge headline on the back page (the first sports page) of the *New York Post*, stating in slightly smaller type that he is "Next in Line for Rangers Royalty."

The glowing tributes continued on the inside pages where Lafreniere was highlighted in headlines as "Broadway's Newest Star" with the accompanying article describing him as "the crown jewel of the 2020 draft."

All this for a young man who has never played one minute in the NHL or any of its top affiliates in the minors.

What he does have is a very impressive resume from his time performing for Rimouski Oceanic in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

During the 2019-2020 season, the left wing put up 112 points on 35 goals, plus 77 assists across 52-games.

The unfortunate aspect about these media expectations is that Lafreniere can't just come to the Rangers and gradually grow into the role of an NHL star. Rather, he will be expected to be one right out of the box, from Opening Night forward, leading the Rangers to a glory they have not experienced in recent times.

We remember when former Bruins GM Peter Chiarelli first set eyes on David Pastrnak at a Bruins summer prospects camp.

"I like what I see," said Chiarelli that day. But Chiarelli wasn't afraid to send him to Providence to gain more experience. Pastrnak later rejoined the Bruins as a member of the regular roster and continued on the path that led him to becoming the star player that he is today (one with a six-year, \$40 million contract signed in 2017).

We are not saying that Lafreniere should be sent to the minors. We do say that he should be allowed to grow into his game without all the outside pressure being placed on him at the outset — before he even skates one stride in the NHL.